

Texas and the nation will return to *Central Standard Time* at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, October 29**. Turn clocks **back** one hour to regain that lost hour last spring.

Also this safety tip: Be sure to check all smoke alarms and fire extinguishers.



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Town Hall Meeting tonight to conclude Community Assessment

by Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development, WABIC

Area residents are reminded of the Town Hall Meeting at 7:00 p.m. this evening (Thursday) at the Winters Community Center to conclude the week's Community Assessment activities.

The resource team will share their initial summary of public comments and will allow additional time for community input.

Everyone is encouraged to attend so that your feelings about Winters and its future can be

heard. The Directors of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation want to express their appreciation to the resource team who spent their week with us and to all who participated in the listening sessions.

The resource team will spend the next few weeks compiling a report of the assessment. This report will be available to our community in a few weeks.

Alcohol awareness presentation set for Monday, October 30

There will be an alcohol awareness presentation for all parents of WISD students on Monday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the science lab adjacent to the cafeteria. It will be presented by Eli Arriaga who is with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Mr. Arriaga will present infor-

mation on alcohol awareness and the misuse of alcohol by teenagers. He will then follow with a question and answer session. All parents are urged to attend to help curtail the mounting problem in our area with alcohol use by minors.

Sunday, October 29, designated as early voting day

Early voting for the November 7th General Election will be conducted Sunday, October 29, between the hours of noon and 5:00 p.m. at the County Clerk's Office in Ballinger and also at the Runnels County Tax Branch Office in Winters.

Any qualified voter is eligible to vote early.

Early voting in the County See VOTING, page 6

Fourth grade to present musical Monday night

The Winters Elementary School 4th grade will present a Halloween musical on Monday, October 30. The performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The group will perform the program for the elementary student body on Halloween morning, October 31, at 8:30 a.m.

"Sharing and Caring" is the lesson to be learned through a Halloween theme. The students will be decked out in their Trick-or-Treat outfits.

Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend this delightful presentation.

WHS Blizzard cross-country team qualifies for regionals; Lady Blizzards will send two runners

The Blizzard cross-country team and two Lady Blizzard runners will advance to the regional meet on Saturday, November 4 at the University of Texas at Arlington.

The District 9-2A cross-country meet was held at the Coleman Country Club on Monday with Jimmy Rodriguez winning his eighth consecutive meet. Artemio Lopez also medaled finishing in the top ten. The Blizzards placed third, automatically qualifying the team for regionals. The first three placing teams and top ten individual medalists advance to regional competition.

Eula took the team championship with 28 points, Jim Ned was second with 40, while Winters finished with 53 points in third place.

The Lady Blizzards finished fourth, just seven points shy of qualifying for regionals. Cisco won the meet with 43 points, followed by Eula with 73, and Coleman with 77. Winters finished with 84 points.

Marie Llanas and Briana Parramore both medaled for the Lady Blizzards and will join the boys to compete at regionals in Arlington. Llanas placed fourth while Parramore finished tenth. Coach Deb Whittenburg was

We should have danced all night



"RAIN DANCE 2000" on Oct. 14 proved to be more than a rousing good time as more than five inches of rain have fallen on the area in the past week. The event was sponsored by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce and was scheduled to be held at Elm Creeek Reservoir but had to be moved to the Community Center due to rain.



AT LEAST 14 INCHES OF WATER rose over the curb at the northwest corner of Main and West Dale during a rainstorm of Oct. 17. More than two inches of the much needed moisture fell that day with scattered showers almost every day for the past week. Let us give thanks!

Halloween Carnival set for Saturday night, Boo-tique and Trick-or-Treating scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 31

Halloween festivities have been planned for the area beginning this weekend. The Winters Athletic Booster Club will host their annual Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 30. The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor their Boo-tique on Halloween night, Tuesday, October 31. Tuesday has also

been designated as the official "Trick-or-Treat" night.

The carnival will be held at the Activity (yellow) Building on the elementary campus from 7 to 11 p.m. Bingo will begin at 8 p.m.

Some of the booths and activities for the evening include a cakewalk, candle shoot, dart throw, milk can throw, basketball

throw, toilet paper toss, bean bag toss, and haunted house. The TCTA (classroom teachers) will have a variety of concessions available throughout the evening for sale.

Any businesses willing to donate Bingo prizes are asked to contact Donna Pritchard at 743- See HALLOWEEN, page 7

"Make A Difference Day" this Saturday, October 28

The Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and Ladies Auxiliary will host "Make A Difference Day" to be observed nationwide on Saturday, October 28, 2000.

Around 8:00 a.m. join others at the Rock Hotel to finish the hall floor and door frames, put on doors and dispose of trash.

Everyone is needed and we will find a job for anyone willing to spend a little time in helping the Museum. Bring carpenter

tools if you have them, if not just come with lots of energy.

Women who need lighter work can work on Veteran's History Books. Please bring scissors.

Lunch will be served around noon. See you there.

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

WISD to dismiss early on Monday

Winters ISD schools will dismiss early on Monday, October 30, at 1 p.m.

Teachers will use the afternoon as a workday.

Buses will run regular routes.

TIPS will be available beginning at 1 p.m. and will run until 5:30 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Oct. 26-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 4:30 & 6 p.m., Jr. High vs. Jim Ned, There
- 5 p.m., Hale Museum Board
- 7 p.m., Town Hall Meeting, Community Center
- 7:30 JV vs. Jim Ned, There
- Oct. 27-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- 7:30 p.m., Varsity vs. Jim Ned, There
- Oct. 28-7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- 7-11 p.m., Booster Club Halloween Carnival, School Activity Bldg. "Make A Difference Day"
- Oct. 29-2 a.m., Time Change, Fall Back to 1 a.m.
- 8 a.m., Chuckwagon Breakfast, First Baptist Church
- 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m., Assembly of God Revival with Maxwells
- Noon-5 p.m., Early Voting Day, Tax Office, Winters County Clerk's Office, Ballinger
- Oct. 30-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 1 p.m., Early Dismissal at School — TIPS Available thru 5:30 p.m.
- 6 p.m., City Council, City Hall
- 6:30 p.m., 4th Grade Halloween Musical, School Auditorium
- 7 p.m., Assembly of God Revival with Maxwells
- 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary, Post Home
- 7 p.m., Alcohol Awareness Presentation, School Science Lab
- 7:30 p.m., School Board, WISD Administration Bldg.
- Oct. 31-HAPPY HALLOWEEN
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 5-6:30 p.m., Halloween Boo-Tique, Alderman-Cave Parking Lot
- 6 p.m., Costume Contest at Boo-Tique, Alderman-Cave Parking Lot
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Fieldhouse
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- 7 p.m., Assembly of God Revival with Maxwells
- Last Day To Apply For Ballot To Vote By Mail
- Nov. 1-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office
- 7 p.m., Assembly of God Revival with Maxwells
- Nov. 2-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 2 p.m., Brush Feasibility Study Results, A&M Center, San Angelo
- 2-6 p.m., Immunization Clinic, Texas Department of Health
- 6:30 p.m., Emmaus, First United Methodist Church
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center

FBC invites the community to breakfast Sunday

The First Baptist Church of Winters will host a Chuckwagon Breakfast on Sunday, October 29 in the Jones Fellowship Hall.

The brotherhood will serve a meal of scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, beginning at 8 a.m.

The breakfast is in celebration of a Great Day Texas, encouraging Bible study seven days a week.

The entire community is encouraged to attend this free meal and fellowship, then attend Sunday School and church services at First Baptist or the church of their choice.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween



very pleased with both team efforts noting the Blizzards and Lady Blizzards ran extremely well.

Monday's District 9-2A results are as follows:

- Lady Blizzards**
- Marie Llanas, 4th, 13:07*
- Briana Parramore, 10th, 13:36*
- Stacey Sneed, 20th, 14:20
- Macy Hopson, 22nd, 14:22
- Lacey Meyer, 28th, 14:48
- Kirby Hatler, 40th, 15:25
- Priscilla Ontiveros, 43rd, 15:43
- Blizzards**
- Jimmy Rodriguez, 1st, 17:13*
- Artemio Lopez, 10th, 19:15*
- Tony Aguero, 12th, 19:34

See CC RESULTS, page 6

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©2000



These are turbulent times, particularly when it comes to the Middle East. Compounding the uncertainty is the fact that oil and gas prices are already elevated. So, what lies ahead?

Of course, there has always been uncertainty in the Middle East, because it is just an unstable part of the world. If it is not Israel and the Arabs, it has been Iraq or Iran being unreasonable and attacking their neighbor. For some insight, let's study our history for a moment.

Back in the early 1970's, there was some border trouble between Israel and its neighbors. The league of Arab states became unhappy with the support that Israel was getting, particularly from the United States, so they wielded their most potent weapon. In one fell swoop, the oil producing countries cut production by up to 50% and the first Arab Oil Embargo hit like an unwelcome relative at supper time.

What followed was near-disaster for a world accustomed to \$3/barrel oil. Lines at gasoline stations, home heating oil shortages, lowered thermostat settings in homes around the U.S., and a recession driven by rapidly rising energy prices became a reality.

A few years later, a repeat and prices reached nearly \$40 per barrel.

That was 20 years ago and everyone seems to have a little amnesia. A new crisis has erupted, and there are many similarities.

Consumers again became accustomed to low prices and then began to wail against the evil oil companies who had brought this down upon them when prices jumped. There is fear throughout the economy, and people are once again conscious of the importance of energy and its costs.

But, while there are similarities, there are important differences.

Preceding the current crisis in the Middle East was a run-up in prices that already has everybody mad. This didn't happen 20 years ago.

There has been nothing but cooperation with Middle East oil-producing countries up to now. OPEC has even established a mechanism to deal with oil price increases that should moderate spikes. Prior to the embargo in 1972, there was no dialogue with Middle Eastern producers. There was actually much resentment among producers because most of the oil production was controlled by American companies.

Ex-patriot companies only have a marginal role in OPEC production these days, so there is less resentment but also less control for the West.

So, what does all of this mean? Well, interestingly, the recent rise in prices does much to restore oil prices to levels almost equivalent to the 1970's after adjustments for inflation. In other words, if oil had started at \$10 or

less in the early 1970's and been allowed to increase according to the overall inflation rate, prices would be about where they are now (\$30 per barrel or so).

So, even though it may seem that prices are close to being totally out of control, they actually may just be making a normal adjustment. This does not bode well for the near future, as any disruption in oil production in the Middle East due to the most recent conflict could cause a spike in prices to even higher levels.

The good news is that there will be some moderating influences on this. Stay tuned as we discuss those and other issues next time.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY COMPLETIONS

Callahan County

Paragon Oil & Gas, LLC has completed a plug back in the County Regular Field (8 miles SW of Putnam) at an initial rate of 12 BOPD & 3 BWPD in the Caddo (perms 3243-54). Loc. is 330 FNL & 330 FWL of Sec. 4, Blk. 5, SPRR Sur., A-1725.

J.V. Rhyne has completed the Dakota #2 in the County Regular Field (5 miles W of Cross Plains) at an initial rate of 17 BOPD in an unidentified zone (perms 1675-83). Loc. is 1050 FWL & 466 FNL of A. Montgomery Sur. No. 853, A-276.

Coleman County

Delray Oil has completed the Y. Price #3 in the Rachel Field (4 miles SE of Talpa) at an initial rate of 10 BOPD & 30 BWPD in the Gunsight (perms 2252-60). Loc. is 330 FWL & 1264 FNL of Sec. 36, Blk. 1, GH&H Sur., A-1212.

STAKINGS

Callahan County

Heart Land Petroleum has staked the Dickey #1 in the County Regular Field, 3 miles NW of Baird (Depth 2000). Loc. is 1000 FSL & 1000 FWL of Sec. 96, BBB&C Sur.

Paragon Oil & Gas has applied to plug back two wells in the County Regular Field, 8 miles SW of Putnam (Depth 3900). The 3-J's #1 is loc. 330 FNL & 330 FWL of Sec. 4, Blk. 5, SPRR Sur., A-1725. The 3-J's #3 is loc. 350 FNL & 370 FEL of same Sec.

Runnels County

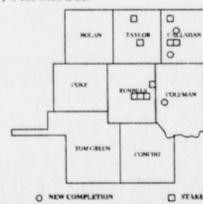
DBO Oil has staked three wells in the Beddo Field, 5 mile NE of Ballinger (Depth 4100). The C.C. Gray #6 is loc. 3747 FEL & 2563 FSL of ETRR Sur. No. 147, A-159. The C.C. Gray #7 is loc. 811 FSL & 3747 FEL of same Sur. The C.C. Gray #8 is loc. 539 FSL & 2578 FEL of same Sur.

Pioneer Energy Corporation has applied to plug back the Snelson #1 in the Leonard Field, 4 miles NW of Talpa (Depth 3795). Loc. is 853 FNL & 566 FWL of ETRR Sur. No. 119, A-148.

Taylor County

R.L. Adkins Corp. has staked the M. Jones #1 in the County Regular Field, 2 miles NE of Tuscola (Depth 4999). Loc. is 365 FNL & 365 FWL of Sec. 21, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur.

TriStar Exploration has staked the W.H. Frazier #1 in the Reddin Field, 5 miles NE of Merkel (Depth 3000). Loc. is 225 FWL & 1463 FSL of Sec. 26, Blk. 17, T&PRR Sur.



ALMOST A PERFECT FIT, thinks 3-year-old Adreanna Lopez, as she tries on some protective wear belonging to the Winters Volunteer Fire Department. Chuck Cravens, left, and Rene Woffenden, along with Chris Ozbrin (not pictured) of the Winters VFD took time out of their busy day to explain fire safety to the Head Start class during Fire Prevention week.

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the area businesses and individuals who donated door prizes for the Fifth Quarter aftergame fellowship last Friday evening.

We would also like to thank those individuals who provided baked goods, sandwiches, and snacks for the students. Thanks to the First United Methodist Church for helping and providing drinks for the event.

In addition, we would like to thank the adults who took the time to supervise and assist with the fellowship. Most of all, thanks to the youth for attending and making the evening so much fun. Over 125 junior high and high schoolers enjoyed door prizes, games, and food. It was encouraging to see our youth enjoy themselves so much.

Gary & Shanna Bear
Youth Ministers
First Baptist Church

Card of Thanks

Thank you to all my friends and family for the many cards, visits, phone calls, flowers, food, etc. while I recover from the surgery I had at Hendricks.

A special heartfelt thanks to my good neighbors who encourage and help me daily.

God bless you.

Melba Jo and Glenn Hoppe, Sr.

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Oct. 30 thru Nov. 3
Subject to change

Monday, Oct. 30: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, and fruit.

Tuesday, Oct. 31: "Witches" stew, "Dracula's" fingers, "Goopy" salad, "Halloween" bread, and "Pumpkin" cake.

Wednesday, Nov. 1: Roast & gravy, potatoes & carrots, tomato salad, roll, and cake.

Thursday, Nov. 2: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, bread, and glorified rice.

Friday, Nov. 3: Mexican cornbread, pinto beans, coleslaw, chips, and cobbler.

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Obituaries

Griff Brown

WINTERS—Griff Brown, 82, died Monday, October 23, 2000, in a local hospital.

He was born February 15, 1918 in Coosa, Georgia. He moved to Runnels County with his family as a child. He married Katty Whitfield on March 23, 1942 in Dalhart.

He owned and operated Winters Construction Company in Winters for many years. He also farmed and ranched in the Winters area. He and his brothers were avid sportsmen and loved to hunt and fish.

Mr. Brown was a past member of the Winters City Council and was a member of the Wingate Masonic Lodge. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Winters.

He was preceded in death by his wife Katty Brown on November 23, 1999.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law Becky and Tim Phillips of Midland; three grandchildren, Katie Gruzins of Irving, Betsy Duewall of Midland, and Mat Phillips of Midland; a great-granddaughter, Maddison Duewall of Midland; one sister Frances McKee of Houston; four brothers, Ernest Brown of Winters, Pyburn Brown of Winters, Gerald Brown of Abilene, and Wesley Brown of Houston.

Family visitation was held Wednesday, October 25, at 5 p.m.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2000, in the First United Methodist Church with Reverend Don Roath officiating. Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be J.M. Nichols, Jerry Riggs, Scott Vause, Clarence Meyer, Jody Busenlehner, Justin Busenlehner, and Tommy Koneczak.

Donato Juan Sanchez

WINTERS—Donato Juan Sanchez, 6 months, died Monday, October 23, 2000, at a local hospital.

He was born March 29, 2000, in San Angelo and lived in Winters all his life.

He is survived by his parents David and Delores Sanchez of Winters; paternal grandparents, Donato, Jr. and Jo Ann Sanchez of Winters; maternal grandparents, Juan M. and Cecilia Vara of Wingate; a brother, David Sanchez, Jr. of Winters; and a sister Damaris N. Sanchez of Winters.

Prayer service was held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, October 25, at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Pedro Sanchez, Jr. officiating.

Services were held at 10 a.m., Thursday, October 26, 2000, at the Winters Christian Fellowship Church with Reverend Anderson officiating. Burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Charles Wayne Kraatz

BRYAN—Charles Wayne Kraatz, 56, died Wednesday, October 18, 2000, at his residence.

He was born May 13, 1944, in Winters.

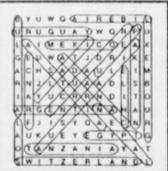
Mr. Kraatz was employed with Bassler-Base & Pumping Unit Services for 10 years. He was a veteran in the Marine Corp during the Vietnam conflict.

Survivors include his mother, Jewell Kraatz of Winters; his wife, Betty Kraatz of Bryan; five sons, Charles L. Kraatz of Bryan, Damon Kraatz and his wife Karen of Bryan, Jimmie Stone, Jr. and his wife Betty of Quincy, Illinois, Kenneth Stone of Bryan, and Morris Stone and his wife Sharon of Parkersburg, West Virginia; two daughters, Melody Tyson of Granfield, Oklahoma, and Judy Stone of Bryan; four brothers, Walter Kraatz of Fort Worth, Joe Kraatz of Mesquite, Ronald Kraatz of Connecticut, and Willie Kraatz of Wilmington, Delaware; three sisters, Christine White of Abilene, Margie Chaney of Brady, and Roslyn Hudgins of Bolinger; twelve grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services were at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 21, at Memorial Funeral Chapel in Bryan. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Roaring Twenties Solution:

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2. Australia
3. Austria
4. Bulgaria
5. Canada
6. Chile
7. Ecuador
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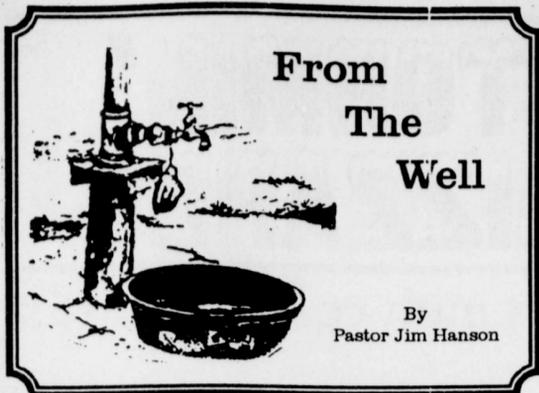
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

Last Sunday, Ramona and I went to church in Hardin, Montana. First American Lutheran Church. A small church in a small town. A beautiful church... simple design. Brick on the outside. White on the inside. With a light oak altar, lectern, and pews. There were 46 folks in church including Ramona and me.

I loved it. So did Ramona.

It was our first church, the place and the people we were called to serve. We were married on June 16, 1954, and we had our first service on July 4. Hot. 105° above. No fans. No air conditioning. The church was full... each one there generating another 98.6 degrees of heat. And since they hadn't had a preacher for some time, I gave them the whole load that Sunday. A 30-minute sermon, communion, the complete liturgy, five hymns, all the readings. The service lasted for 90 minutes! And, the next Sunday they came back for more. But not for 90 minutes. More like 60.

Following services that first Sunday, we all drove up into the Pine Hills, on a long and dusty road. For the first of many dinners. This one was a picnic. Baked chicken, potato salad, beans, Jello, homebaked bread, pie, cake, ice cream Kool-aid, and coffee. We sat in the shade and visited. We soon discovered that at least once a month there would be such a dinner, only at the church. You see, it was before T.V. out there, and before NFL football took over.

They were a wonderful congregation. Small. But committed to Jesus Christ and to each other. When we came there, we were still honeymooners. And when we look back at it, those years were "honeymoon years" in our relationship to the people and the community. So much so that we went out and about, our friends introduced us as "Pastor Jim and Ramona, our former pastor and his wife." Those were honeymoon years. And they were.

But it wasn't that way when I first heard about Hardin, Montana, and the church there. A good friend of mine had served there for just a year and a half, and then resigned... without a call. He said, "It was just too tough." Now my friend was no wimp. He had spent World War II flying B-52s. Many bombing missions over Germany. But for some reason, Howie and the congregation didn't click. And I was on Howie's side.

One night, early January 1954, five or six of us, all seniors at Seminary, were sitting around talking. Drinking coffee. "Shooting the breeze." We were talking about "calls," possible churches that might be "open," and where we might anticipate a call. I came in with something like this, "Well, I know of one congregation that I would never take. The way they treated Howie! They should be without a pastor for at least three years. Maybe they'd learn their lesson."

I had hardly finished my sentence when we heard someone yelling, "Telephone call for Jim Hanson." I got up and went to the phone booth on our floor. I picked up the phone. This is what I remember.

"Is this Jim Hanson?" "Yes, I'm Jim Hanson."

"My name is James Torske. I am chairman of the Call Committee of First American Lutheran Church in Hardin, Montana. I am calling to ask if you could consider a call to serve us."

Silence. Gulp. Gulp. Again. Sweat breaks out. I KNEW. This was more than a call from James Torske. And I knew that if I said "no," I would be in trouble. I knew God was in this transaction. I knew what I had to do. So, I said "I'd be willing to consider it." And we decided that I would take the train out to Hardin, Montana, for the second full weekend in February, and some other items pertaining to the trip. And I hung up. When I came back to the room where we were having our bull session, one of the bulls asked, "Who called?" I replied, "That church I was just talking about." "You mean Hardin, Montana, and they want to call you?" "Yes." Silence. Then one of the guys said, "You know, Jim, that if they call you, you have to go."

Well, I did go. And on Sunday morning... Valentine's Day, I preached my "trial sermon." I Corinthians 13. "The greatest of these is love." And after the worship hour, we had a big dinner. I loved every minute of it. And I just KNEW that if they called me, we would do. The 4+ years we lived there were indeed love years. And the relationships formed there are still alive. And well. On earth. As in heaven.

So, when we went to church last Sunday, it was a homecoming. To be sure a lot of the folks we knew are now in heaven. But, we could still "see" them in their places. And in some cases, their children. And grandchildren. And great-grandchildren.

I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God. For in it, the relationships never end. When we come to worship, no matter in what Christian community, we are all there. "With the angels, and archangels, and all the company of heaven." And Him, for "love never ends." And, "God is love."

Glad it rained? Then let's give thanks.



At 40
Though his hair is getting thinner
And his eyes are growing dimmer
To us he's still a winner

Happy Birthday
We love you,
Teresa, Eric, Bo,
& Matt

Identity of birthday boy is revealed elsewhere in this issue.



TRUMAN DEIKE uses her persuasive skills to sell a ticket to Kobert Paschal for a chance to win a homemade quilt during the Octoberfest sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Church.

Maxwells to be guest evangelists at Assembly of God Church

Pastor Robert Jones of Winters Assembly of God, 304 Wood Street, invites you to hear evangelists Jim and Anita Maxwell Sunday, October 29, through Wednesday, November 1. The Maxwells have been in ministry for 30 years.

Services are scheduled Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Week-day services will be at 7:00 p.m.

Reverend Maxwell had served as pastor at Radiant Assembly of God in Fort Worth. His evangelist ministry includes a revival in Haskell that began in January 1999 and extended to twenty-six weeks. Other extended revivals include: Merkel, Santa Anna, Brownwood, and Jacksboro.

One pastor has said, "I believe that God is using Jim Maxwell to stir faith in churches for the end time revival that is here."

Emmaus to meet

Runnels County Emmaus will meet Thursday, November 2, 2000, at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Winters.

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

WIC to begin nutrition classes

The Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) program will begin nutrition classes on Wednesday, November 1. Classes will be offered twice daily, at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., during regularly scheduled program days.

In Winters, WIC is at the Winters Housing Authority on the first Monday and third Wednesday of each month.

In Ballinger, WIC meets on Tuesday and Friday of every week at their office, 702 Strong Avenue.

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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

Flattery is like chewing gum. Enjoy briefly, but don't swallow it.

Joe Webb of Coleman was a visitor in Hopewell Church on Sunday morning.

Ramona Akins, Carolyn Webb, Juanita Shields, Selma Wilkerson, and Nila Osborne conducted Bible study Monday morning. Leona Matthies was a guest.

Eileen Cartwright carried her dad, Noble Faubion, to his eye doctor during the week.

Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion's weekend visitors were Rodney and Alzi Faubion with son Mark of Fort Worth and Walter Pape of Santa Anna.

Juanita Shields was in Flower Mound and participated in the cancer walk in Dallas on Saturday. Two friends, Sue and Jeanie, joined.

Selma Wilkerson and Melvena Gerhart helped Juanita Shields quilt on her quilt Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Thursday and Friday, Nila and Therin Osborne helped their grandkids on their house repairs in Wingate.

Richard and Brenda Chambliss of Blackwell and Doddie, Micah, and Kalyn Drake of Winters spent Sunday with Pat and Earl Cooper.

Ferris and Ramona Akins of Ballinger attended the Akins reunion in Fredericksburg October 13-16. Around 47 attended.

Tammy and Haley Kazcyk of Winters and Kenny, Saffron, Tana, and Lane Gibbs spent Sunday with Connie and Georgia Gibbs.

Adeline Grissom, Katherine and Luke Grissom spent Sunday afternoon with me. Luke came after his two little kittens.

Hildegard and Calvin Schovajsa of San Angelo came Saturday and did some more work

Hilda Kurtz



on my house. RC, Randall, Darrell, and Keegan Kurtz also dropped by.

Ferris and Ramona Akins, Joe and Carolyn Webb of Coleman, and Selma Wilkerson were Sunday luncheon guests in the home of Melvena and Marvin Gerhart.

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

As far as our rain amounts around Crews, the reports range from 1/10" to 3". Guess who got the 1/10"?

On Sunday, Dale and Linda Duggan prepared a delicious lunch for Elwood and Becky Brown, Sam and Chauncey Mansell, Amy Mansell, Will and Leslie Duggan, and Kyle, Katy, and Kelson Grigsby. Everyone had a good time.

Linda Duggan and Susan Mansell shopped and ate out in Abilene on Monday.

My electricity went out for about an hour Sunday so I did not get all the news.

I had over an inch of rain during Sunday night.

Margie Jacob visited with Evelyn Jacob on Thursday, and they enjoyed playing Skipbo.

Carol Kozelsky treated her husband Mike with a birthday supper out at The Shed on Saturday night. Others present were his daughters Kathryn and Jeanna from College Station, Margie Jacob, and Joe and Dorine Kozelsky. Later they enjoyed birthday cake at home.

Blizzard jackets on sale now

The Class of 2002, junior class parents are selling Blizzard jackets as a fund-raiser for prom and next year's project graduation.

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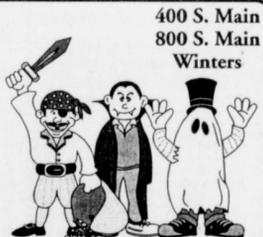
jacket is poplin with a flannel or quilt lining, snap front, ribbed collar, cuffs, and waistband with side slash pockets.

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Fire-breathing Dragons melt cold Blizzards

by Charles Murphy, special to The Winters Enterprise

After a day that brought drizzle and wet conditions, Friday night football conditions were very good.

As the National Anthem ended, Jose Santos and Andrew Medina walked to midfield to represent the Blizzards on the coin toss. Bangs won and deferred until the second half. Winters would receive.

The first possession for the Blizzards began at their own 22 yard line and ended in a 3 and out from that same spot.

Bangs set up shop at their own 42 yard line for their first possession. Six plays later the ball was on the Winters 2 yard line. The Dragons were looking at a 4th and goal so they chose the 18 yard field goal. It was good and Bangs led 3-0 with 6:02 on the first quarter clock.

The Blizzards then set up on their own 28 yard line after Aaron Pritchard's kickoff return. After an illegal procedure penalty and a loss of four, it was 3rd and 19.

While looking for an open receiver, Josh Minzenmayer was hit from all sides and the ball popped out. Bangs recovered in great field position at the Winters 23 yard line. Four plays later Bangs swept right for the six yard score at the 2:26 mark.

The Dragons were in charge at 10-0 and remained so at the end of the first quarter.

The first play of the second quarter was a punt by the Blizzards. Bangs took over on their own 35 yard line. On the second play from scrimmage, the Dragons' quarterback looked to throw. But under pressure from the Blizzards defensive front, the ball fell to the ground. The ball was recovered by a host of Blizzards and the turnover gave the Blue team great field position at the Bangs 29 yard line.

On 3rd and twelve from the 31, a Bangs defensive back stepped in front of an errant pass and rambled 75 yards for another Bangs score. With 9:05 left in the



"NO CATCH" was the call after Wade Parramore #81 was hit in the end zone but was unable to hang on to the pass long enough to please all the officials.

first half, it was Bangs 17, Winters 0, after a successful PAT.

On the next series it appeared the Blizzards would put together a 10-play scoring drive capped off by a touchdown pass from Josh Minzenmayer to Wade Parramore. However, the officials saw it differently and ruled no catch. This drive was highlighted by a 26 yard completion from Minzenmayer to Jeremy Hope on 2nd and nine. Also, on the next play, Jeffery Oats took a handoff and rambled 25 yards to the 15 yard line. After the no-catch call on 2nd and goal from the 4 yard line, the Blizzards produced two more incomplete passes and turned the ball over on downs with 4:39 left in the half.

With 54 seconds remaining, the Blizzards regained possession

at the midfield stripe and went into the patented 2-minute drill. A completion to Hope for nine and a 15 yard run by Minzenmayer put the ball on the Bangs 24 yard line. The half ended there as time ran out on the Blizzards and the score stood at Bangs 17, Winters 0.

To begin the second half, Bangs put together a 13 play drive that ended after a 3rd down quarterback sack by Aaron Pritchard and an unsuccessful 4th and twelve quarterback keeper.

The Blizzards again looked as if they were going to get something done after a 7 yard run by Oats, an 8 yard completion to Pritchard and the big one to Robert Gibbs — a 27 yard completion.

The success ended with a well-

executed option play when Minzenmayer pitched to Chris Yanez. While struggling for more yardage, the ball squirted loose on the home sideline and was recovered by Bangs.

On the next play, Jeffery Oats recovered a Bangs fumble on the Blizzards 43 yard line.

On 1st and ten Minzenmayer dropped back and lofted the ball to Robert Gibbs on a fade route. The Bangs defensive back goes up and comes down with the ball and another Blizzards threat died.

After a 3 and out by the Bangs offense and a 5 yard punt, the Blizzards were set up with a short field again at the Bangs 25 yard line. A penalty set the Blizzards up with 1st and ten at the 28 yard line as the third quarter ended.

An interference penalty moved the ball to the 13 yard line for a 1st and ten for the Blizzards. This threat ended at the 15 with a 4th down sack giving Bangs the ball on downs at their own 15 yard line.

The next play virtually sealed the victory for the Dragons. The Bangs running back took the handoff and rumbled 85 yards for the score. The PAT was good and with 10:40 left in the contest, it was Bangs 24, Winters 0.

The Blizzards, on their next possession, strung together a couple of first downs only to punt on fourth and 20.

Bangs took over at their own 35 yard line. On the first play from scrimmage Chris Yanez recovered a Bangs fumble. The Blizzards again put together three first downs and a 10-play drive that ended on 4th and 16 with an incomplete pass.

The second round of district play ended with Bangs 24, Winters 0. The Blizzards will face the Jim Ned Indians in Tuscola Friday night. Kickoff will be at 7:30.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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| | Winters | Bangs |
| First downs | 10 | 7 |
| Rushing yards | 34-67 | 32-196 |
| Passing yards | 90 | 5 |
| Total yards | 157 | 201 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 15-6-2 | 3-1-0 |
| Punts-Ave. | 3-43 | 2-29 |
| Fumbles-lost | 2-2 | 3-3 |
| Penalties-yards | 7-55 | 7-50 |

SCORING SUMMARY

By Quarters
Winters 0, 0, 0, 0-0
Bangs 10, 7, 0, 7-24

FIRST QUARTER
Bangs
Josh Wood, 18-yd. fieldgoal
Bangs
Bo Ratto 7-yd. run (Josh Wood kick)

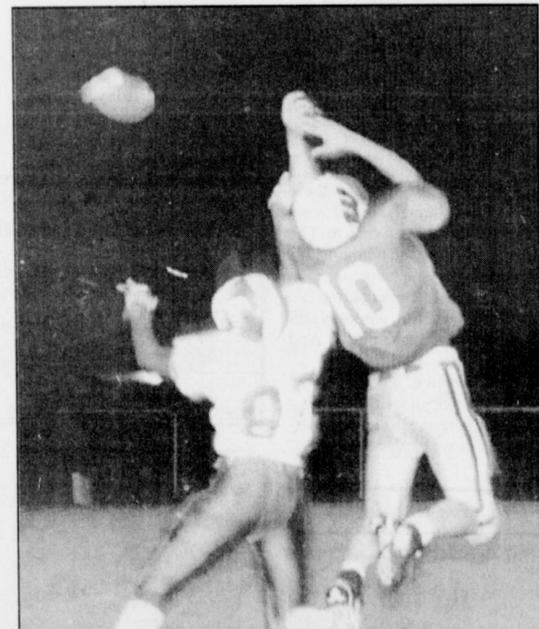
SECOND QUARTER
Bangs
Antwan Mason, 75-yd. interception return (Wood kick)

FOURTH QUARTER
Bangs
Mason 85-yd. run (Wood kick)

District 9-2A

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| | DISTRICT | | SEASON | | | |
| Team | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| Coleman | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Winters | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Cisco | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| Bangs | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Hawley | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Jim Ned | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 |

Last Week's Results: Bangs 24, Winters 0; Hawley 27, Cisco 26; Coleman 23, Jim Ned 7.



AARON PRITCHARD goes high for a good effort to bring down the incomplete pass during varsity action.

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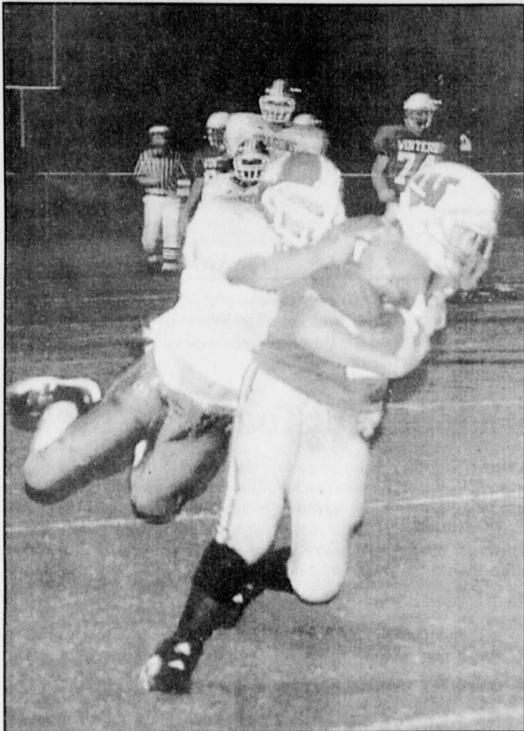
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ON THE FIELD AND IN THE CLASSROOM



A FLYING DRAGON hangs on to Jeremy Hope as the Blizzard carries the ball for a 26-yard gain in the first half of play.

Tracie Morrison awarded by KTXS for photography

Tracie Morrison, editor of "The Glacier," placed second in the 13-17 age division of the KTXS Life in West Texas Photography Contest. Tracie's photograph captured the essence of a grain field and will be featured in the 2001 KTXS calendar.

Miss Morrison accepted her award October 12 at the annual KTXS banquet honoring the winners. "It was exciting because I got to meet Wayne McCormick, and I was interviewed for the news," said

Tracie. Yearbook sponsor Sharon Rice said, "This was really an honor for Tracie because her photograph will be published. I was glad to see that KTXS held a banquet to honor the winners, and I am proud of our yearbook staff members who entered the contest. We look forward to entering next spring."

The yearbook staff thanks the businesses for their continued support and reminds everyone that they will always represent Winters to the best of their ability.



7th grade falls short against Bangs

by Coach Biff White

One more old saying, "We lost the battle but we didn't lose the war." Yes, we lost 19-8 to Bangs but that's o.k. to a coach if you know your team did all they could.

At first it seemed doubtful, falling behind 19-0 at halftime. We made some adjustments at the half but the biggest was the "boyz" decision to fight and not lay down. See 7th FOOTBALL, page 7

8th graders give best effort of season

by Coach Zach Boxell

I was proud of our eighth grade football team last Thursday. We had only 13 players suited up for the showdown against the Bangs Dragons.

The players included Thomas Rice, Jeremy Mendoza, Pete Griffin, Max Harrison, Cody Pritchard, Jacob Bridgeman, Adam Escalona, Aaron Cook, Matthew Gray, Skye Salinas, Jose Hernandez, Scott Bryan, and Jeffrey Martinez.

These players left everything on the field. They played with heart and effort on both sides of the ball. Almost all of the Breezes had to See 8th FOOTBALL, page 7

JV squad slays Dragons 14-0

by Coach Richard Buchanan

The Junior Varsity Blizzards used a swarming defense and a potent offense to defeat the Bangs Dragons 14-0. This win brings the JV district record to 2-0.

The first half saw the Blizzard offense move the ball at will; however, a fumble and costly penalty kept the Blizzards out of the end zone. The score at half was 0-0.

The Blizzards had the ball first See JV FOOTBALL, page 7

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| 7-3 | 8-2 | 4-6 | 3-7 | 6-4 |
| 51-29 | 49-31 | 44-36 | 45-35 | 49-31 |

Winters at Jim Ned
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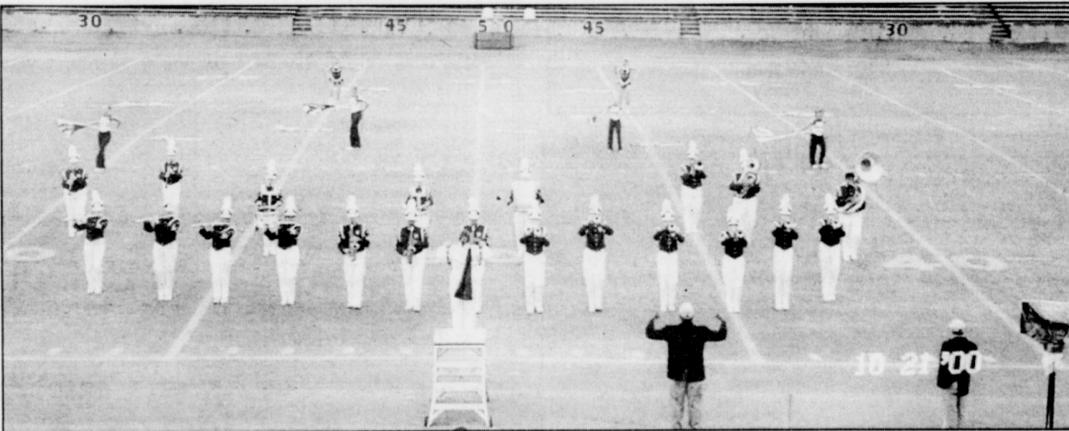
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Board makes plea for financial contributions; new arrivals listed

The Winters Public Library is making a plea to the community for contributions to continue keeping the doors to the library open. Local residents will receive a letter in the next few days asking for financial donations.

According to the letter written by library board president Mike Neal, it takes approximately \$1,000 a month to keep the library open Monday through Thursday from 1 to 6 p.m. That cost includes utilities and the librarian salary.

The City of Winters, Runnels County, and the local Woman's Club provide funds that run the library for almost two months, leaving the other ten months dependent on local fund-raisers. Neal adds that the state is considering legislation that will provide some funding to libraries, but the amount is determined in large on matching local funds.

The Winters Public Library offers a variety of services including the Internet and a recently remodeled children's section complete with puppet stage, game rug, new books and shelving.

During the summer, children ages 2 through 12 enjoy a summer reading program. The adult book section has the latest best sellers in fiction and nonfiction. Many books are in large print. In addition, there is a section of video and audio books.

Tax deductible contributions may be sent to the library at 120 N. Main, Winters.

Recent memorials to the library include: Lucy Kittrel by Barbara Baldwin Pierce, Eunice Polk by Dorothy Long, and Thelma Tubbs by Connie and Jean Gibbs.

New books available are: "Switch" by Sandra Brown, "Bear and the Dragon" by Tom

Clancy, "Encyclopedia of the Horse" by Elwyn Edwards, "Dust to Dust" by Tami Hoag, "Stalker" by Faye Kellerman, "He Chose the Nails-What God Did to Win" by Max Lucado, and "American Quarter Horse an Introduction" by Steven D. Price.

Other new additions include: "Quarter Horse" by Gail Stewart, "Journey" by Danielle Steel (November arrival), "Last Precinct" by Patricia Cornwell (late October arrival), "Temptation" by Jude Deveraux (late October arrival), "What You Wish For" by Fern Michaels (late October arrival), "Whichaway" by Glen Swarthout (late October arrival), and "Wish You Well" by David Baldacci (late October arrival).

No fines through Nov. 30 for past dues at library

Winters Public Library announces that NO FINES will be charged for books, audio tapes, and videos returned to the library by November 30.

The library also reminds everyone that book donations are always welcome and appreciated.

CC RESULTS, cont'd

Jason Esquivel, 15th, 19:45
 Juan Santos, 18th, 20:13
 Tim Fenwick, 24th, 20:38
 Eric Lopez, 25th, 20:50
JV Blazers
 G.G. Hernandez, 34th, 23:33*
 Benji Valles, 37th, 24:00*
JV Lady Blazers
 Stacey Walden, 8th, 15:36*
 Kari Walker, 14th, 16:13
 *denotes medalist

VOTING, continued

Clerk's Office will continue through November 3. Office hours for voting are 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The last day to apply for a ballot to vote by mail is October 31. For further information or to request an application for early voting by mail, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 365-2720.

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| Rocking chair | Wagon made from Coke box |
| Tea cup collection | Bow front curio cabinet |
| Cement deer lawn ornaments | Porch glider |
| Metal lawn chair | Redwood picnic table w/4 benches |
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| Weed eaters (gas & electric) | Truck tool boxes |
| 6" bench grinder | Assorted old tools |
| 2 old lightning rods | Old wooden hub from a wagon wheel |
- Many, many more items too numerous to mention!

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CREATIVE AND CRAFTY HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS, complete with "cowboy" scarecrow adorn the front yard and porch of the home of Joe and Juanita Wilson on Jewel Street. The annual Halloween Carnival will be Saturday night and the Boo-tique, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will be Tuesday evening, along with trick-or-treating.

Incumbent Smith looks for fourth DA term

Democratic incumbent Stephen H. Smith is hoping his track record of twelve successful years as District Attorney for the 119th judicial district will help him win a fourth term on November 7.

"We've run a good office and moved a great number of cases," said Smith. "We have not let things back up. The grand jury meets more often now than it did twelve years ago due to the increasing case load."

Smith continues to say he feels that he's "done a good job" and is "grateful to the law enforcement agencies, especially in Runnels County, which are very active and anxious to do the right thing."

He served as Assistant Tom Green County Attorney from 1985-1986, and Assistant 51st and 119th District Attorney from 1986-1988, before winning the District Attorney election in 1988.

"I've been prosecuting for twenty years," Smith said. "Capital murder, complicated murder, sexual assault of a child — I can try all of those cases successfully."

His opponent is Republican Fred Brigman, who works for Melvin Gray and Associates law firm in San Angelo.

Smith, 46, is a 1976 graduate of Baylor University and a 1979 graduate of Baylor Law School. He served active duty in the United States Air Force from 1980-1985, and was Assistant Staff Judge Advocate. He served as Special Assistant to the U.S. Attorney's Office from 1982-1984.

He is a Lt. Colonel Reservist, in the U.S. Air Force, Goodfellow

AFB Legal Office from 1985 to present. However, he says that his reserve duties have not lessened his effectiveness as District Attorney which, he says, requires much more than a "normal" 40-hour work-week.



I've been very progressive and feel like I've fulfilled my duties and responsibilities," said Smith. "While I may put in 22 days a year at the base during regular office hours, I'm still doing my work downtown. I carry my cell phone with me and I'm available. The only time I don't take calls is when I'm in a court situation."

He established the first District Attorney's Victims' Assistance program in this area, created a full-time juvenile prosecution unit, assisted in formulating plans for local Children's Advocacy Center and established a cooperative program with Angelo State University Psychology Department to provide free counseling services for crime victims.

Attorney Smith also implemented a summer intern program for third-year law school students

and ASU government students, and sought grant funding to create a Family Violence Prosecution Unit to address the growing number of felony domestic abuse cases.

He also initiated the District Attorneys' web page to educate and assist the public in aspects of felony prosecution, including a Most Wanted list, worthless check writers, biographical and geographical information, victim's information and forms, trial information and case dispositions.

Smith is a member of Southland Baptist Church where he has served as Sunday School teacher, deacon, and youth group parent/sponsor. He is a past board member of CASA, Hope House, El Camino Girl Scout Council, and Concho Valley Boy Scout Council. He is a PTA member at Central High School in San Angelo, and past member at Bowie Elementary and Glenn Jr. High.

He has served as a volunteer with the American Heart Association and Christmas in April. He has also served as president and member of the Samaritan Counseling Center Board.

Smith doesn't limit his exposure to just San Angelo. He can often be found attending one of the many area functions including chamber of commerce banquets, the Miles Cotton Festival, the Ballinger Ethnic Festival, and Mayfest of Winters.

"This area is a good place to be and call my home, Smith says proudly.

Stephen Smith has been married for 26 years to Beverly, and they have three children.

Financial Focus

by Bob Wieting

Bonds are long-term obligations

Bonds are long-term debt obligations on which the issuer or borrower promises to pay the purchaser a set rate of interest for a specified period of time. At the end of that time, the face value of the bond is returned to the owner.

Think of a bond as property on which you receive regular rent payments. But, suppose you wish to sell the bond before it matures. That's easy; however, it's important to understand how the value of your bond is determined at the time of sale.

Because the income on a bond remains constant and the interest rates in our economy fluctuate, the only way a bond can remain competitive is by a change in the bond's market value. You might own a high-quality bond that pays nine percent interest. If interest rates rise and new bonds similar to yours now pay ten percent, the market would discount your bond to reflect the new interest rates.

For example, if you invest \$10,000 in a nine percent bond, you receive \$900 annually. Suppose rates rise to ten percent, an investor buying a new bond would receive \$1,000 annual interest on a \$10,000 investment. Why buy a bond for \$10,000 and settle for only \$900 in income? You wouldn't. So, in order to sell your bond, you would receive a discount for it. In this example, an investment of \$9,000, paying \$900 annually, would now offer a competitive ten percent current return, or the current market rate. By selling your bond for \$9,000,

you would receive a competitive market price and have a ready market.

Don't let this example suggest that bonds are always sold at a discount. To the contrary. Using the same example, suppose you buy a \$10,000 bond paying ten percent or \$1,000 annually. If interest rates drop to nine percent, a new investor would receive only \$900 on a \$10,000 investment. Why sell your \$1,000 annual income for the same \$10,000? You wouldn't.

The market would price your bond at about \$11,000 so the current nine percent interest on \$11,000 would offer about the same \$1,000 income as your bond pays. You could probably sell your bond free from penalty at a profit that would include all interest up to the date of the sale.

The pricing of bonds in relation to current interest rates is one of the most difficult concepts for a new investor to understand. This need not be. Simply think of it this way: If your bond is paying more interest than you could get on a new bond, it's worth more than a new bond. If it's paying less interest than you could get on a new bond, it's worth less than a new bond.

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Make your home a friendly haunt to assure safe Halloween fun

Many parents get spooked when pint-sized ghosts and goblins begin their Halloween trick-or-treating expeditions. Make your home ghost-friendly for all those trick-or-treaters for Halloween this Tuesday, October 31. Otherwise, the evening can pose special hazards for young tricksters and scare the daylight out of parents.

"Halloween is a fun holiday for children, but it can be a devilish experience when accidents happen. A little planning will go a long way in preventing holiday hardships," said Jerry Baskerville, M.D., chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Scoot & White Memorial Hospital and Clinic.

If you expect space aliens and princesses to haunt your neighborhood on Halloween night, make sure your yard is free of hazards, he suggested. "With a little foresight, Halloween can be a safe and enjoyable time for both children and parents alike," Dr. Baskerville said.

Tips to consider when planning Halloween fun include:

- Remove obstacles in the yard, such as hoses, sprinklers, lawn furniture and potted plants. Turn your porch light on to let children know they're welcome.

- Keep lighted jack-o'-lanterns or candles away from the steps of the front door. A child's costume could possibly brush against the open flame and catch fire.

- Pets, especially dogs, may become agitated with so many visitors. Keep your pets indoors or out of harm's way for a few hours.

- Treats don't have to be full of sugar and fat. Consider giving healthy treats such as boxes of raisins, prepackaged granola bars and sugar-free bubble gum. Some families give away pencils and colorful erasers for school instead of candy.

Obey traffic rules

Parents should emphasize traffic safety rules before their children's nighttime trek. "In the excitement of Halloween, some

children forget the rules they have learned about crossing streets. Encourage youngsters to remember the traffic rules. Stress that they must obey the traffic lights—even on Halloween," Dr. Baskerville said. These rules include:

- Travel with a group and walk on sidewalks or close to the curb.

- Start trick-or-treating early while it's still light. Give each child a flash light to carry no matter what the lighting.

- Use seat belts and child safety seats while driving. In their excitement to go trick-or-treating, children may forget to buckle up. Parents should not let their children hang on the back of pickup trucks and ride on bumpers.

- Parents should accompany children on their haunting journeys or enlist the aid of a responsible older sibling who can serve as an escort.

- Instruct children to go to only lighted homes and to avoid houses where lights are turned off.

Halloween Carnival plans set by WSL

The Women's Service League met on October 19, 2000 at The Shed in Winters. Fourteen members were present.

Plans were finalized for the pre-game meal and for the Halloween Carnival. WSL will have three booths in the Carnival.

Hostesses for the evening were Stephanie Collins, Christy Lindley, and Carissa Buchanan. They provided wonderful Halloween decorations.

JV FOOTBALL, cont'd

in the second half, and promptly marched 45 yards to the Bangs 17 yard line before turning the ball over on downs.

The Blizzard defense then went to work. In three plays, the Dragons lost 40 yards and were forced to punt from their own end zone. Matt Moreno came off the right end and blocked the punt and J. T. Davis fell on the ball at the 1 yard line. Eric Lopez then followed the block of Mark Moreno into the end zone. Benjie Valles kicked the PAT good and the Blizzards led 7-0.

The defense again held the Dragons to four downs and gave the offense great field position at the Dragons' 40 yard line. On the next play Bangs' free safety intercepted the ball and returned it to Bangs' 43 yard line. The defense again held their own as Yul Gibbs intercepted the ball at our 17 yard line.

Behind the tough running of Eric Lopez and Mark Moreno, the Blizzards marched the ball down the field, and Moreno ran 15 yards for the touchdown. Valles' kick was good and the final score was 14-0.

This was another big district win for the Blizzards. I'm very proud of how hard these kids are playing right now, and we thank all the parents for your support.

Our next game will be this Thursday at Jim Ned.

7th FOOTBALL, cont'd.

It would have been easy to say the Dragons were too big and too fast (this was true of the Bangs 5-1 ball club) but the smaller troop plugged away until David Scates scampered around the end for a 38-yard touchdown run for the Breezes.

Chris Medina led him and got a good block that sprung Scates, so why not do it again for the two points. It worked. This gave our boys a confidence boost and we held Bangs for the first time.

Next, we needed to score in a hurry but Bangs held us on fourth down. The Dragons tried to score again but this time the Breezes put up a gallant goal line defense and kept Bangs out of the end zone.

Justin Fenwick and Johnathan Meyers had some big defensive tackles and Tod Martin had a good ballgame because he had to play against #70, a "big ole' boy," on both offense and defense, but Tod never complained.

This kind of game will help us next week because Jim Ned is going to be another real tough opponent.

Thanks to the fans and parents.

8th FOOTBALL, cont'd.

play offense, defense, and special teams. They never complained, and put forth the best team effort I have seen out of them this season.

The first quarter was a defensive battle. Neither team could find a way to put it in the endzone. In the second quarter, the Dragons struck first with a rushing touchdown, but the PAT was no good.

The Breezes didn't fold as they marched the ball down the field and scored on a toss-sweep pass from Max Harrison to Jose Hernandez. Pete Griffin scored on the two-point conversion off a bootleg keeper. The Breezes led at the half, 8-6.

The second half was another defensive battle. Bangs finally scored in the fourth quarter, again missing on the PAT. The Breezes had another chance to score, but fell short. Bangs won the game 14-8.

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Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor Policy

In light of the recent deluge of Letters to the Editor, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all contributors that while we welcome your letters, we must ask that you limit your writing to no more than 400 words.

Letters to the editor must include a name, address, and phone number for verification. **Letters submitted without signatures will not be published.**

Names will be omitted at the request of the writer provided that a proper signature, phone number, and address are included. Anonymous letters will NOT be published. All letters remain on file for a minimum of four weeks and will not be returned.

Although publication is not assured, those published will be selected on the basis of accuracy, taste, importance and reader interest. The editor reserves the right to edit for length, potentially libelous statements and accuracy of information.

Letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect the opinion of *The Winters Enterprise*.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Jan Bales, editor



Writer wants city government to cut cost of city operations

Dear Editor:

Re: The City of Winters and future economics

In reference to Dr. Aref Hassan's Letter to the Editor in *The Abilene Reporter-News*, October 19 edition — Peace in Winters.

I want to go back to the beginning of my recommendation in a letter to the officials of the City of Winters dated August 17, 2000.

A city is not unlike any other business industry of products and services to the public. If the overhead ever exceeds the market value of its products or services to the public, there are but two ways to meet competition and retain customer satisfaction:

#1 is to offer better quality goods or services

#2 is to cut the overhead cost to stay competitive

I can see no change in either of these alternatives as far as the City of Winters is concerned.

I agree that Winters, Texas, is a good place to live as outlined by Dr. Aref Hassan as City Manager. However, although trained in city management, perhaps he should also consider resource limits in the Winters area.

The majority of the stable tax paying population in Winters is the elderly on set incomes. Every time an increase in services or taxes is imposed on these people, they live on less. And the young (people) are leaving Winters because of the lack of industry. These things should be analyzed very carefully if Winters is to survive.

Higher taxes and cost of city services are not the answers to survival of Winters as a city.

My recommendations to even retain the level of population that supports the city is to make drastic cuts in the cost of city operations.

This was the only method effective in the early to mid-nineties to maintain an economic balance within municipal and state entities to curb inflation in the cost of doing business.

Adding to the present economic slump have been the drought conditions in the area for the past two seasons that will affect economic growth for this year and the year to come. Recovery will take time.

The ideal economic balance would be that all economic indicators remain the same in income and distribution. This is not likely, so we must make concessions. I am asking the Honorable Mayor Dawson McGuffin, City Aldermen, and Dr. Hassan of the City of Winters to consider every aspect for economic balance to stay competitive as a city and sustain our quality of life.

Respectfully,

Bob Cearcy

HALLOWEEN, continued

8296, Melinda Hoppe at 754-4123 or Teresa Davis at 754-5422. Your donation would be greatly appreciated.

Any organization who would like to sponsor a booth for the annual event is also asked to contact Donna, Melinda, or Teresa at the numbers listed above. Many youngsters enjoy all the festivities and booths the carnival has

to offer in this safe and supervised environment. Your participation and sponsorship of a booth would be greatly appreciated.

The Halloween Carnival is one of the major fundraisers of the year for the Booster Club which supports all WHS athletic teams.

The Boo-tique will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Alderman-Cave parking lot on Main Street.

A costume contest is scheduled for 6 p.m. Age divisions are 0 to 5 years of age, 6 to 8 years old, and 10 years old and up.

The chamber and participating area businesses will provide candy and treats for the youngsters. All area youngsters are encouraged to attend and participate in this structured and safe Halloween activity.

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Domestic violence is on the increase; do you need help?

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

No one ever deserves to be hit or threatened. There is assistance available for people who want to escape from a dangerous or violent home.

According to Karen Grant with the Institute of Cognitive Development, Inc. (ICD), of San Angelo, statistics show that violence has increasingly affected society over the past decade and is more likely to do so in the future.

Grant's statistics report:
 • That a woman is abused every 9 seconds in this country

• That battering is the major cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44 in the United States, accounting for more injuries to women than auto accidents, muggings and rapes combined

• That there are more than 3,800 animal shelters in the United States but fewer than 2,000 shelters for victims of domestic violence

• That each year in the United

States, medical costs related to domestic violence total from 3-5 billion dollars

• That when a victim leaves a violent relationship, she is at a 75% greater risk of being killed by her abuser

• That children who grow up in violent homes are likely to be either abusive to their partners or victims of abuse in their future relationships.

If you are in a relationship, does your partner:

Call you ugly names or put you down?

Control what you do, who you see, or where you go?

Destroy your belongings?

Threaten to hurt you, your children or your pets?

Take your money or make you explain how you spend all your money?

Refuse to let you go to school or work?

Shove, slap, hit, kick, or bite

you?

Blame you for the violence?

If you answered "yes" to even one of these questions, you may be in an abusive relationship. If you or someone you love needs help, call the Family Shelter of San Angelo at 655-5774 or (toll free) 1-800-749-8631.

The ICD is a private, non-profit corporation, incorporated in 1977. The family shelter was created in 1979. Two facilities operated under the organization umbrella: the ICD Family Shelter for crime victims of abuse and the ICF/MR living training residence for the mild to moderate adult mentally challenged individuals.

Grant further states, "The mission of our non-profit corporation within this community is to provide residential treatment and training for those who are affected by family violence abuse or those that are mentally challenged.

Remember: There's NO excuse for family violence.

Ask the AG:

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By John Cornyn, Attorney General of Texas

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. I would like to take this opportunity to provide some basic information on domestic violence and how victims can protect themselves.

No one ever deserves to be hit or threatened. There is assistance available for people who want to escape from a dangerous or violent home.

Before you leave

Leaving an abusive home is potentially very dangerous. There are steps that you should take that may reduce the risk of harm. Of course, if you are in imminent danger, you should leave immediately.

If you are considering leaving an abusive home, you should find a safe place for you and your children to go when you leave. Options include a friend or family member's home or a battered women's shelter. Make sure that you keep change for a phone call or a calling card with you, as well as the phone number of the place you intend to go.

You should also find someone who is willing to lend you money should you need to leave quickly. If possible, you should set up your own checking account to allow you access to funds when you leave.

Find a safe place to keep copies of important documents such as insurance information, birth and marriage certificates, health records, social security cards, and financial records. In addition, you should leave a supply of extra clothes and medicine where you can access it in an emergency.

After you leave

Once you have left an abusive situation, there are steps you should take to protect yourself and your children. When you are at home, make sure that all of your doors and windows lock securely. You can request a security check from your local law enforcement agency. Inform your neighbors and landlord that your partner no longer lives with you and that they should call the police if they see him or her near your home.

You should request an unlisted/unpublished telephone number, and never call your partner from that phone. Get caller ID so that you can screen your telephone calls, and keep a log of any telephone calls that he or she makes to your home.

To help protect your children, devise a safety plan for when you are not with them. Inform their school or day care of who is allowed

to pick them up.

At work, inform your security office or your managers about your situation. If possible have someone screen your phone calls and escort you to and from your car or the bus or subway.

Protection

Victims of domestic violence can also file for a protective order. If your spouse or partner violates the protective order, call the police immediately. Law enforcement agencies are notified of all protective orders filed in their jurisdiction. When they receive notification that someone has violated a protective order, they can arrest the person and file charges.

Financial assistance is available to victims of domestic violence. The Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Program, which is administered by my office, can assist with medical and counseling bills that result from domestic violence. Victims can also receive compensation for loss of support and relocation.

Texas Exile, another program administered by my office, is also working to prevent further instances of domestic violence. It is against the law for a person who has been convicted of domestic violence to possess a gun.

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, October 15, 2000, through Saturday, October 21, 2000. Winters Police Officers:
 • received report of an officer down in the 500 block of N. Cryer Street. Responding officers found that a Winters P.D. officer was injured while effecting an arrest on a male subject for failure to identify. The male subject managed to escape custody of the officer, who due to his injuries, was unable to pursue. Responding officer located the escapee at his residence in Winters and he was taken into custody. Mark Allen Mullis was taken to Runnels County Jail and charged with aggravated assault on a public servant, escape causing bodily injury, resisting arrest and failure to identify. The officer was taken to North Runnels Hospital, treated for his injuries and released.

• received a report of a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of S. Rogers Street. A 32-year-old male was observed in the area and was determined to be intoxicated. Neither the alleged suspect or the victim wished to cooperate with officers. The male, Refugio Perez of Winters, was arrested for public intoxication and taken to Runnels County Jail.

• received report of a warrant subject in the 300 block of Willis Street. The subject, Joe Lee Taylor, was located and a warrant for criminal mischief out of Runnels County was confirmed and Mr. Taylor was taken to Runnels County Jail.

• received reports in the Housing Authority. An 18-year-old male of Winters alleged that an 18-year-old male of San Angelo had made threats against him with a firearm. This is under investigation as terroristic threats.

• received report of a runaway in the 600 block of West Dale Street. The 16-year-old female returned voluntarily the following day, but still faces charges for Class B runaway as this is a recurring problem.

• received a report of a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of N. Grant Street. Investigation determined no assault had occurred, but a 14-year-old male had caused damage to an interior wall of his parent's apartment. The male was cited for reckless damage.

• received report of a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of East Dale Street. A 17-year-old male of Winters reported that a 40-year-old male of Winters related to him had assaulted him. Injuries were observed to the younger male. The older male, Jimmy Rodriguez, Sr., was arrested for assault Class A and taken to Runnels County Jail.

• received report of a burglary in the 100 block of Humphrey Street. Between the hours of 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, person(s) unknown entered the residence through a window causing an undetermined amount of damage to the interior of the house. Several items were reportedly taken including a microwave and telephone. Evidence was collected and a possible suspect named. This is under investigation as burglary of a habitation.

• received a report of a fight occurring in the 100 block of N. Grant Street. Investigation revealed that a 46-year-old female of Winters and a 41-year-old female of Winters had assaulted each other after an argument over a mutual friend. Neither party wished to file charges. A separation had already occurred and no further action was taken.

• received report of a burglary in the 600 block of West Dale Street. Investigation revealed that the homeowner's daughter had broken into the house and no burglary had occurred. The daughter, a 16-year-old female, was contacted and found to have been under the influence of alcohol. The female was cited for minor in consumption of alcohol as the parent didn't allow the female to have any alcohol.

• received a report of a stolen vehicle in the 600 block of N. Melwood Street. A male subject of Winters alleged a 1981 Oldsmobile had been taken from his business by a former employee. This is under investigation as unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in the 400 block of N. Main Street. A passenger in the vehicle was known to have a felony warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The subject was removed from the vehicle and identified as Johnny Joe Valles, a fugitive from justice. He was taken to Runnels County Jail.

• received a report of a man with a shotgun attempting to gain entry into a residence in the 500 block of Walnut Street. A 31-year-old male of Winters was located at the residence and a shotgun was found in the male's vehicle, but not on his person. A license check of the male revealed outstanding D.P.S. warrants out of Taylor County totalling \$285. Leslie Jay Smith was arrested for the warrants and taken to Runnels County Jail.

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

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

West Central Texas Council of Governments to host annual meeting, Nov. 9

The 34th Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and General Membership of the West Central Texas Council of Governments is slated for Thursday, November 9, 2000, at the Abilene Civic Center.

Reception begins at 6:30 p.m. with the dinner and meeting immediately following at 7:00. Dinner will be served by CAHOOTS.

George Flickinger, chief meteorologist with KTXS Television in Abilene, will be the keynote speaker. Weather and its various themes — the drought, the mild winters and extreme summers, and the weather's effect on water supplies, the economy, and quality of life — will be of timely and special interest this year.

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- this UT grad Hans won swimming gold in '92
- TXism: "___ like an anvil in a stock tank"
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- TXism: "good ___"
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- TX-based "___ the Bandit II"
- TXism: "a neon ___ idea"

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- TXism: "he ain't no ___"
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- the best in sports
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- TXism for "against"
- TXism: "dull as ___"
- to be human
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- she sang TX Willie Nelson's "Crazy"
- TXism: "a neon ___ idea"
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To the public and Maggie Ortiz, Pursuant to Section 59.044 of the Texas Property Code, notice is hereby given of public sale of the contents of Box 31 of the storage facility located at the northeast corner of North Main and Novice Road in Winters, TX. The storage is held in the name of Maggie Ortiz and the contents will be sold to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien. The sale will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. at the above named location on November 3, 2000. All items will be sold for cash. 11-42(2tc)

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North Runnels County Ministerial Alliance project— Thanksgiving baskets to be given by Community Outreach Center

This year the Ministerial Alliance will be giving away Thanksgiving baskets instead of Christmas baskets. The baskets are intended to feed those, at the beginning of the holidays, who would not ordinarily be able to have a Thanksgiving celebration.

The baskets are limited to one per household. Applications must be received by November 10 to ensure a basket can be reserved for your family.

Baskets may be picked up at the Community Outreach Center/

Food Pantry, 131 N. Church Street, on Monday, November 20, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., or Tuesday, November 21, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Those unable to pick up baskets must be at home from 10:00 a.m. until noon Tuesday morning, November 21.

Applications for baskets may be cut out of this newspaper or picked up during regular business hours at any participating church in town. Please mail to: Community Outreach Center, P.O. Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567.

Thanksgiving Basket Application

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone Number _____
 # of Adults in family _____ # of children _____

Limit one per family. Baskets can be picked up by, or delivered to, the family named above. Please mail to: Community Outreach Center, P.O. Box 211, Winters, TX 79567.

Christmas in April now accepting applications

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

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



EXHIBITING THE CHAMPION SOUTHDOWN EWE recently at the Heart of Texas Fair in Waco was Jessica Pritchard of Winters FFA. In addition, Jessica showed the first and second place 2-tooth Southdown ewes and an eighth place spring ewe lamb. She is the daughter of Steve and Penny Pritchard.

WJLSA elects officers and plans annual barbecue

The Winters Junior Livestock Show Association has elected officers for the 2000-01 year.

Bill Meseley will preside over the organization as president while Terry Kruse serves as vice-president. Ken Slimp is secretary-treasurer and Penny Pritchard will serve as reporter. Once again, Jim West will be in charge of share donations.

The stock show association is currently finalizing plans for their annual barbecue which will be held before the Coleman-Winters football game on Friday, November 3.

The group will serve brisket, beans, potato salad, bread, peach cobbler, and iced tea. All proceeds from the meal will go towards improvements to the stock show facilities.

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Extension News & Views

By Marty Gibbs, Extension Agent-AG

Fall ideal for planting trees and shrubs

Part 1 of 2

Finally, fall is here. The weather is becoming slightly cooler, and gardeners are slowly migrating back outdoors after record-breaking heat this summer. Now is a perfect time to add a new tree or a grouping of shrubs to the landscape.

Or perhaps you have an area in the landscape that needs (re-modeling) or rejuvenating. The fall may be the best season to plant, surpassing even the spring.

Many people prefer January through March for planting, but the fall months of September through December have distinct advantages. Fall planting follows the heat of summer, and precedes a cool winter season. Trees and shrubs planted use this to good advantage.

Plant roots grow anytime the soil temperature is 40 degrees or higher, which may occur all winter in Texas. During the winter months, the root systems of the fall-planted specimens develop and become established. When spring arrives, this expanded root system can support and take advantage of the full surge of spring growth.

Fall planting is the optimum time to plant balled and burlapped trees and shrubs. Balled and burlapped plants have ample time to recover from transplanting and

proliferate roots before spring growth begins. Remember however, all bare root plants, including roses and pecan and fruit trees should be planted in late winter when they are completely dormant.

When buying plants for your landscape, be sure to get healthy, well-grown plants. Always buy from a reputable dealer. Those in the plant selling business year-round depend on repeat customers, and only by selling customers quality plants can there be assurance of future business. Beware of plant bargains.

They can easily turn out to be real headaches. A bargain is no good if it dies. The price tag, especially the cheapest one, is not the best guide to quality.

All plants have growing requirements. Think about the plant's needs before you invest. Is it adapted to your area's soil? Will it grow in sun or shade? Does it need a wet or dry location? Is it cold hardy? Some nurseries have this type of information on tags beside the plant.

Plan before you plant is always a good rule of thumb. Whether you are planting a single plant or an entire landscape, plan first, then plant.

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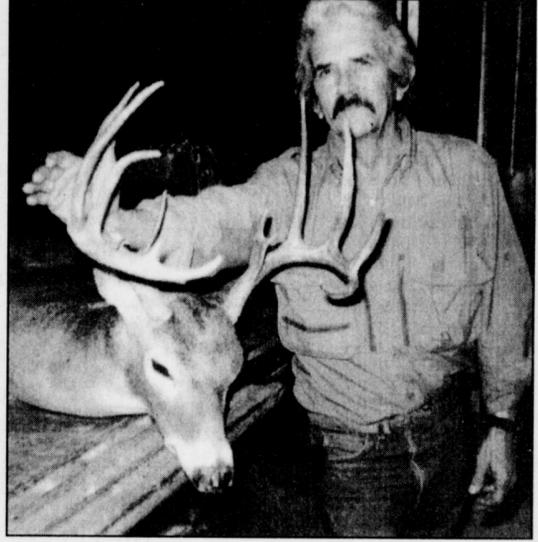
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Clay Ischar, 1st place adult division



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Billy Alexander

Visiting hunters invited to complimentary barbecue dinner on Saturday, November 4

Hunter's Appreciation Dinner—Door prizes and raffle giveaways

Runnels County's visiting hunters will be treated to a barbecue dinner hosted by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, November 4. The event will be held from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Ballinger Community Center near the city park on Crosson Avenue.

The 2000 Hunter's Appreciation Dinner, a tradition in Ballinger, will feature sausage, brisket, beans, potato salad, bread, drink and dessert.

A host of door prizes will be given away during the dinner including a special door prize donated by Wildlife Trophy Taxidermy of a shoulder mount.

In addition, chances will be available for purchase to win a .270 deer rifle, a .22 rifle, a 300 lb. Sweeney Feeder and a Si Smith Hunting Knife/Jimmy Caughron Sheath. These items have been donated by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce and the Big Buck Contest.

Chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Raffle chances may be obtained at the Chamber office on Railroad Avenue or from any member of the Board of Directors.

Local hunters and residents may purchase tickets for the meal at \$5 per person at the chamber office as well. For more information contact the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce at 365-2333 or 365-5611.

Biologist gives hunting forecast for 2000-01

by Ralph Suarez, TPWD Wildlife Biologist, Ballinger, Texas

Deer—I have recently completed all deer census in Runnels County and can report that overall deer numbers are only slightly down from last years counts. We have seen a lower number of fawns born this year and those young deer seem to be in fairly good body condition.

Buck deer seem to have produced antlers that could be described as "average." If landowners have managed their properties in ways to benefit deer, they will normally find larger antlered bucks.

Drought conditions have reduced deer numbers in surrounding counties. Some areas that lacked ground cover due to excessive grazing pressure by domestic livestock may see a big decline in deer numbers and a decline in the quality of antlered bucks found. If conditions remain dry, landowners who want to keep deer in good body condition may consider supplemental feeding strategies.

Dove—Dove hunting this year has been either "feast" or "famine." Those that found doves found them in large numbers, likewise, those areas that have

nothing to attract dove were hard pressed to get a limit of doves.

I found dove concentrated on pastureland that supported good stands of croton or "dove weed" and other native plants. Since we had very few fields that produced grains or even sunflowers, birds have to seek food out in native range-land.

Water is another limiting factor that may provide some good hunting opportunities. I have seen large numbers of white wing dove along the Colorado and Concho Rivers. This is the first year I have seen these dove in such large number in our County. Hunters would be advised to have a white wing dove stamp when hunting mourning in the area or be able to identify white wing doves. There are still good numbers of dove in the area for hunters to take advantage of.

Quail—It looked good early, then it looked bad, and now it looks decent. I have recently observed several coveys of quail that have young birds in them. Dry and hot conditions have made it hard for quail to produce and raise a brood of young quail.

The rainfall we received in

June was apparently enough to make nesting conditions favorable for quail. While it won't be a great year for quail hunting, there should be enough birds to provide some good recreational opportunities.

A major factor for finding quail this year, will be whether there is good ground cover on the range-land to produce feeding cover and plants for producing seeds. If we can get some good rainfall this Fall and Winter and some in the spring, we may make a good quail hatch next year.

Turkey—Hunters this fall may find some mature gobblers to harvest, but don't expect to find large numbers of birds. Dry conditions this year did not allow for turkey to have a good hatch.

I did not see any turkey hens with young this year. Landowners may want to protect turkey hens from being harvested this fall. The last several springs have not been great for turkey production and turkey numbers are beginning to decline. This will be quickly reversed with some good rainfall that will allow for favorable nesting conditions.



Hunter's Camp

With Don Haley

Deer thoughts...

"Well, here they come again," says the big 12-point buck.

"And there seems to be more every year," observes the dainty doe.

"I wonder how they'd like it of we was to all barge into their livin' rooms one day, hollerin' and cussin' and choppin' and shootin'," the buck snorts.

"And they don't fight fair no more, neither," says the buck. "Naw...they're playin' downright dirty now."

"Used to be we could sniff their many hides a mile away, kind of a cross between enchiladas with chili and a barbeque sandwich."

"Now they're dressin' like trees and bathin' in bakin' soda for God's sake."

"And I've even seen some of them yahoos douse themselves all over with what they call 'deer attractant!'"

"Do these bozos even know what that is?"

"It's urine, you idiots!"

"Pure, unadulterated, stale, stinkin' pee in a bottle for cryin' out loud!"

"And this term 'harvest' is really startin' to bother me."

"There's lots of farmers around here and I ain't seen one of 'em yet usin' a .270 to bring in the cotton, ya know what I'm sayin'."

"And this 'success rate' thing sticks in my craw like a sticker to a tow sack."

"They put out corn 'feeders' or

hide out around an oat patch in the dead of winter, waitin' for one of us to come to supper."

"Hey, you wanna bet I could hide outside an HEB or Sonic or Pizza Hut with a .30-06 and a 20X scope and have a pretty successful day too, if ya know what I mean."

"Well, aren't you just Mr. Negative today," counters the doe.

"Oh yea...you'll be might negative too when you hear the latest newflash, Sweetie Pie."

"Used to be the women and children were safe, but not no more, Honey Bunch."

"You might want to familiarize yourself with the term 'antlerless tag.' The ground beneath your dainty little hooves is now a 'deer management area'...comprende!"

"That's scientific talk for 'either sex is fair game,' Baby. Ya know...boom-boom city...antlers or no antlers!"

"So's you best watch your pretty little hindquarters from now on, if ya catch my drift!"

"That means no more starin' with ju-ju eyeballs or prancin' around like the Queen of France, while I'm haulin' like a cattle-prodded greyhound or squattin' like a flattened jackrabbit in a brushpile someplace, if ya savy what I'm gettin' at."

"You think you got problems," says the spike.

"Now they're sayin' I'm infe-

rior, you know, genetically, and that I'll never amount to nothin' and they're gonna be shootin' me on sight faster'n a scaled cat at a hound dog convention!"

"Well...had you rather be totin' around this Jethro Bodine'd sized coat rack on top of your head!," says the big buck.

"It'll be pure luck if I don't end up stuffed tighter'n a Thanksgiving' turkey and hangin' over a fireplace with one 'a them little red Christmas balls on my nose!"

"And that's another thing," wonders the big buck.

"How do they decide what's a trophy anyhow?"

"If the shoe was on the other foot, and we was huntin' them, what would a 'trophy' be?"

"Would it be the tallest one," ponders the buck...or maybe the oldest one..."

"Shhhhhhh...do you hear something?," says the doe.

"...or the one with biggest 4-wheeler...or how about the one with the biggest nose...or the biggest ears," jokes the spike with glee.

"I know," chuckles the big buck, "how about the one with the biggest beer belly..."

"Or, I know..." whispers the doe, "how about the one with THE BIGGEST GUN!!!!!!!"

"Run for your life!!!!!!!"

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Editor's Note: We hope you enjoy this special supplement to our papers. Let us know what you thought of the Hunter's Guide 2000. If you have suggestions, 2000-01 hunting/fishing pictures you would like considered for the 2001 Hunter's Guide, recipes, or story ideas—send them our way. Send items in care of Hunter's Guide, The Winters Enterprise, 104 N. Main, Winters, TX 79567 OR call at (915) 754-4958.

Please support the businesses who proudly sponsored this Hunter's Guide.

FRONT COVER: These are the winners of the 1999 Big Buck Contest. Clay Ischar won the contest with his 16 point, 18" spread buck taken in Runnels County. Second was Maurice Moeller with a 14 point, 14 7/8" spread buck bagged in Concho County. Jay Garrett took third place with a 12 point, 16 3/8" spread buck from Concho County. In the youth division, Jordan Herring captured first place honors with a 9 point, 19" spread buck in Runnels County. Steven Wheeler from Coke County placed second with an 8 point, 15 3/4" spread buck. Billy Alexander brought down this 10 point buck with an impressive 20 3/8" spread in Runnels County.

2000-2001 HUNTING SEASONS CALENDAR

| | | |
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| Dove (tentative) | North Zone | Sept. 1-Oct. 30 |
| Mourning Dove | Central Zone | Sept. 1-Oct. 17 |
| | South Zone | Dec. 26-Jan. 7 |
| | Special South Texas Zone | Sept. 22-Nov. 5 |
| White-winged Dove | | Dec. 26-Jan. 9 |
| Waterfowl (tentative) | | Sept. 23-9 and 10 |
| Teal | | Sept. 15-30 |
| Rail and Gallinule | | Sept. 15-Oct. 20 |
| Alligator | by permit only | Sept. 10-30 |
| Pronghorn Antelope | by permit only | Sept. 30-Oct. 29 |
| White-tailed deer | General: | Oct. 28-29 |
| | *Special Youth Season | Oct. 28-29 |
| | North Texas (200 counties) | Nov. 4-Jan. 7 |
| | Panhandle (6 counties) | Nov. 18-Dec. 3 |
| | South Texas (29 counties) | Nov. 11-Jan. 21 |
| | Edwards Plateau (25 counties) | Jan. 8-21 |
| | Late Antlerless and Spike | Jan. 22-Feb. 4 |
| | South Texas (30 counties) | Jan. 22-Feb. 4 |
| | Late Antlerless and Spike | Jan. 13-21 |
| | Muzzelader (33 counties) | Sept. 30-Oct. 29 |
| | Late Antlerless and Spike | Sept. 30-Oct. 29 |
| Male deer | General: | Nov. 18-Dec. 3 |
| | Panhandle (36 counties) | Nov. 18-Dec. 3 |
| | SW Panhandle (17 counties) | Nov. 25-Dec. 10 |
| | Trans-Pecos (19 counties) | Oct. 1-Feb. 25 |
| | 42 counties | Sept. 1-Aug. 31 |
| | *Special Youth Season | Sept. 23-24 |
| | 50 counties | Oct. 1-Feb. 4, May 1-31 |
| | East Texas (51 counties) | Oct. 21-22 |
| | Panhandle (8 counties) | Dec. 9-24 |
| | Coastal (7 counties) | Nov. 4-Feb. 25 |
| | Statewide (all counties) | Nov. 4-Feb. 25 |
| | Special Youth Season | Oct. 28-29 |
| | Archery: | Sept. 30-Oct. 29 |
| | Fall Season: | Oct. 28-29 |
| | *Special Youth Season | Nov. 4-Jan. 7 |
| | North Texas (119 counties) | Nov. 11-Jan. 21 |
| | South Texas (25 counties) | Nov. 11-Jan. 21 |
| | Brooks, Kennedy & Kleberg counties | Nov. 11-Jan. 21 |
| | Spring Season: | Apr. 7-May 13 |
| | North Texas (129 counties) | Mar. 31-May 6 |
| | South Texas (32 counties) | Apr. 16-29 |
| | Spring Season Only | Nov. 4-Feb. 25 |
| | East Texas (32 counties) | Nov. 11-Feb. 11 |
| | Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr and Willacy counties | Dec. 2-Feb. 11 |
| | Zone A | Dec. 30-Feb. 4 |
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City girl—

"You realize there ain't exactly no bathin' room down here," I explain to my wife.

"Closest thing is a chamber pot by the pot-bellied stove next to where you sleep on the army cots," I clarify as we drive up to the ranch.

"Why do they call the bathroom a chamber pot?" she asks innocently.

"Is that some kind of specialized wilderness commode?" she ponders.

"And you say the bathroom is close to the bedroom and has a heater! That will be nice..."

My wife is not exactly what you would call a "country girl."

Acceleratin' to red lights, squealin' brakes, shoppin' malls, fancy restaurants, spendin' money, curlin' irons, and talkin' on the telephone are more down her alley.

One clue was when she was drivin' so's I could open the gates.

Out in the middle of nowhere, we come upon a split in the ranch road, one goin' on south on the other headin' back northwest.

She stops and looks all around like she's drivin' through downtown Ft. Worth or somethin'.

Then, I swear, she puts on the blinker!

"I'm scared," she says later that afternoon, peerin' at the ladder over the tops of her designer sunglasses.

"Huh...scared...it's just a deer blind!" I tell her.

"It's too high. I'll just wait for you down here. Besides, I'm still mad at you for the chamber pot thing."

"But the whole point of you

comin' along was so's you could see some deer. You can't see no deer from down here."

"But I'm scared..."

So, we sit on a log like two rock squirrels all evenin' long, her readin' a paperback novel and me starin' into the back of an algerita bush.

"There's a deer comin' through the bush yonder," I whisper softly.

"And the cover of that book yore readin' is shinin' like a ten-dollar gold piece."

"What book...this book?" she says out loud to all the world.

All I hear now is a snort, rollin' rocks, a wavin' tail and a glimpse of the rack of the monster buck that had walked right in front of my empty deer stand!

"What was that noise!" she squeals excitedly, layin' her book aside. "See anything!"

Back at the truck the next mornin', she announces she's lost her high-dollar sunglasses.

I trudge all the way back up the mountain, backtrailin', crawlin', rootin' around like a boar hog in a mud hole, siftin' dirt, leaves, grass burrs, and turkey pear through my blooded fingers.

No sunglasses.

About that time, I look up and the monster buck is standin' across the draw, thrashin' the life out of a shinoak bush.

I get me a good rest, raise my rifle...and HONK...HONK.....

.....HONK.....

"I...found...my...sunglasses..." she holler from down below.

"They ... were ... in ... my ... pocket...all...the...time...come...back...I'm scared..."

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Three in one day—



TRENTON GROHMAN, age 10, shot two does (not pictured) and this 9-point buck with a .22-250 rifle all on the same day, November 23, 1999, at Don Davis' place, east of Winters — not bad for this youngster's first successful hunting expedition. Trenton is the son of Freddie and Landa Grohman of Winters.

TP&W general deer harvest recommendations for 2000-2001

by Ralph Suarez, wildlife biologist, Ballinger

Landowners and hunters are reminded that the general deer hunting season in Runnels County will open Saturday, November 4, 2000, and continue through January 7, 2001.

The legal bag limit in Runnels County is 4 deer, no more than 2 bucks. No special permits are required for harvesting antlerless deer, however, both bucks and antlerless deer must be properly tagged with an appropriate tag from a valid hunting license.

Deer populations vary from area to area and even from ranch to ranch. The either sex regulation allows landowners and hunters the flexibility to harvest antlerless deer on his/her property in order to keep deer numbers in balance with available food supply.

It does not automatically mean that a heavy antlerless deer harvest is needed. The recommended harvest rates for both bucks and

antlerless deer, provided by the department, should be used only as a general guideline for harvesting deer.

If more intense management is desired, we suggest that landmanagers survey their own properties. This will allow for a more accurate representation of deer numbers on their ranch. Please note that in most cases the department recommends more antlerless deer to be harvested than bucks.

The recommended guideline for harvesting antlerless deer throughout most of Runnels County is 1 antlerless deer per 150 acres. The recommended harvest rate on bucks is 1 per 500 acres.

For more information concerning harvest rates or wildlife management planning, contact Wildlife Biologist Ralph Suarez at (915)365-2840.

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SPIKES: 5 pts. for each inch of total length of both tines. Tines less than one inch will not disqualify the deer for a spike entry. Weight will only count as a tie breaker.

DEER MANAGEMENT AWARD: 4 doe, 3 doe, 2 doe, and 1 doe. Deer management awards decided by drawings.

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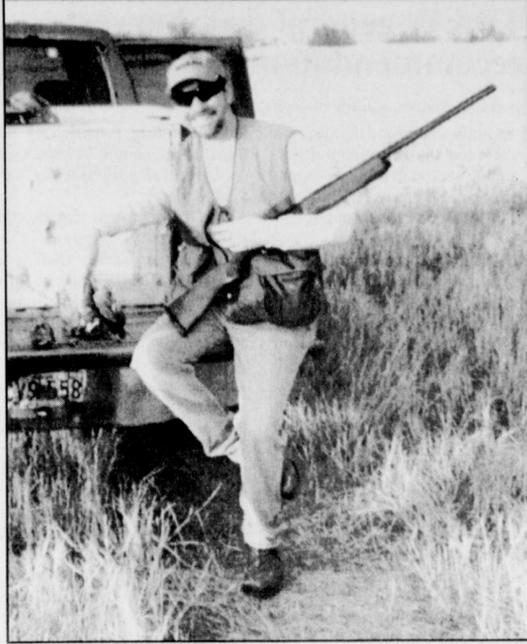
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A WEST TEXAS QUAIL HUNT puts a smile on the face of Hoosier Doug Chapman. Chapman of Noblesville, Indiana, enjoys visiting relatives in Runnels County during hunting season.

Grilled Dove

from the kitchen of George Mostad

Slice 6 jalapeños in half and seed. Cut one small onion into 12 pieces. Slice 12 dove breasts and place one jalapeno half and an onion section in each. Salt and pepper. Wrap in 1/2 slice bacon and secure with toothpick. Grill until bacon is crisp.

Chicken Fried Quail Breasts

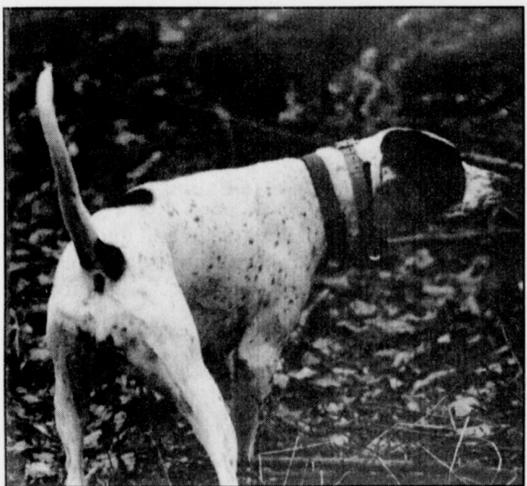
from the kitchen of Nancy Chapman

Mix 1 cup flour, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp Accent, and 1 tsp. pepper until blended. Dip quail breasts in a bowl of buttermilk then dredge in flour mixture. Brown in hot oil. Place on a shallow baking sheet and place in a 350°F oven. Bake 1/2 hour uncovered.

This was one of Uncle Joe's favorite recipes.



QUAIL HUNTING IS FOR THE YOUNG & OLD ALIKE here in West Texas. Doug Chapman (left) of Indiana spends time with nephews (center) Colby Pritchard and Cody Pritchard. The trio hunts CRP land near Wingate in Runnels County.



ON PERFECT POINT is "Deuce", a short hair pointer belonging to a Runnels County quail hunter. Despite the recent drought conditions, quail numbers may be good in areas.



There's a sentence in a pilot's flight manual that goes something like this: "When you enter the cockpit of this aircraft, you become part of a system over which you have control—both in terms of operation and safe handling. You are the only one who can make the system safe or unsafe."

Think about the statement for a moment. The same is true of the shooter, whether a hunter,

target shooter or casual weekend plinker. From the time he picks up a firearm, the shooter becomes a part of a system over which he has complete control. He is the only part of the system that can make a gun safe or unsafe.

Hunting and target shooting are among the safest of all sports, and we can keep them that way if we adopt 10 basic rules of conduct as our resolutions for 2000 and beyond. They're mostly ba-

Take ten for safety

sic common sense.

Here they are:

1. Don't rely on your gun's safety. Treat every gun as if it were loaded and ready to fire.
2. Never cross a fence, climb a tree, or jump a ditch with a loaded gun.
3. Never load or carry a loaded gun until you are ready to use it.
4. Watch your muzzle so the other fellow doesn't have to.
5. Keep guns and ammunition separate and in locked storage.
6. Don't shoot unless absolutely sure of your target and what

is beyond it.

7. Know the range of your gun. Remember, even a .22 rimfire can travel over one mile.

8. Always wear eye and ear protection when shooting.

9. Always be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions. Only carry ammunition of the proper size for the gun you are using.

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Granola

from the kitchen of Trenton Grohman

3 c. rolled oats
3 Tbsp. sunflower seeds
2 Tbsp. sesame seeds
3 Tbsp. walnuts or pecans, chopped
1/3 c. wheat germ
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
6 Tbsp. Canola oil
1/4 c. honey
1/2 c. dried apricots, chopped
1/2 c. dried apples, chopped
3/4 cup golden raisins

Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine first six (6) ingredients in a large bowl. Add oil and honey; toss to coat dry ingredients. Spread mixture in two shallow 9 X 13 baking dishes and bake for 15 minutes, stirring frequently. Allow to cool. Stir dried fruits into cooled granola. Store in airtight covered container in refrigerator. Makes 5 1/2 cups. Serving size: 1/2 cup. Great snack for the deer blind.

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from the kitchen of Nathan Tekell

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"THEY WERE SO CLOSE I could have reached my hand out the blind and grabbed them around the neck," said Colby Pritchard of his "four turkeys in two shots." Dad Johnny said knees were shaking and feathers were flying on the successful hunt in northwest Runnels County.

Uncle Joe...memories of the sportsman

by Deb Pritchard, hunter's guide editor

Not a hunting season rolls around that I don't think about my Uncle Joe. He was an avid quail hunter—the kind you see on TNN on Saturday morning and Sunday night.

He bred and raised bird dogs, pointers to be exact. He made the process an art form—from pup to point, it was a masterpiece.

My husband Johnny and Uncle Joe hit it off immediately and just a year or so after we were married, Johnny had convinced Uncle Joe, my oldest brother Dave, and a family friend Ross Woodard all from that, "I" state Indiana, to come to Texas to hunt quail.

Now these guys travel to hunt birds. They go to Kansas for pheasant, quail, and prairie chickens, South Dakota for pheasant and sharp tail grouse, South Carolina for quail and Missouri for geese. So these guys are serious!

There are lots of things Johnny and I remember about their first hunting excursion to Texas. Johnny was so nervous about having enough "good" hunting lined up for them, because these guys go literally from sunup to sundown.

He remembers the first morning they hit the fields and Uncle Joe eyed up all the cactus, mesquite, and southwest rolling plains and told Johnny he was "crazy—

there weren't any birds down here."

The firing frenzy started shortly thereafter. Of course, Johnny remembers, if all four of them shot at once, Uncle Joe was always the one who got the bird. (And if the truth be known, it wouldn't surprise me one little bit if he wasn't right at least 90% of the time!)

Johnny smiles when he re-

members that they took home nearly 300 quail that year—cleaned, frozen, and packed in ice. That's nearly the legal limit of 15 for each of four hunters over a five day period.

I don't remember with such fond memories because I was eight months pregnant and stood at the sink each night removing buckshot from 50 to 60 birds then rinsed them off to put in baggies and freeze.

But I did get a big kick out of the "Yankee" hunters on their first trip to West Texas though when they thought since they had their boots and hunting pants with protective chaps on, that they could just waltz through the prickly pear patches without a care.

Now mind you, Johnny warned

them to walk around them and NOT through them. But they were the "great American hunters" so they tramped on through. I had to rustle up three pairs of tweezers that first night—and much to my brother's dismay, pick prickly pear needles out of his feet and legs. They were all sitting in my living room with their shoes and socks off, either picking needles out of their boots or their skin.

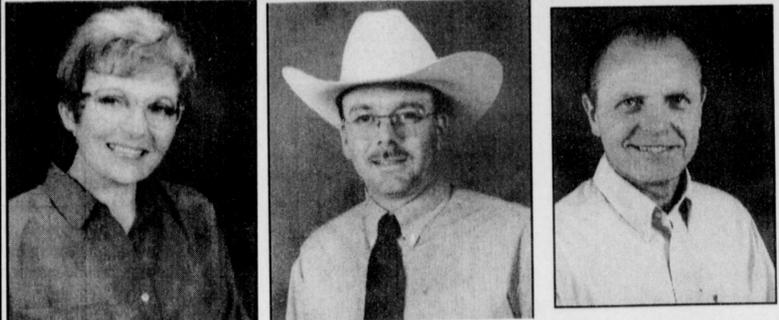
At some point on that trip, Uncle Joe, in his I've got a mouth full of mush voice said, "By gosh everything in Texas will either stick ya, prick ya, or bite ya!" (Referring to mesquite branches, cactus, and rattlesnakes.)

But you know—he kept coming back. In his late fifties at the time, he out walked everyone of the younger guys. They either had sore legs and feet from walking or were just plum tuckered out. Not Uncle Joe—he never complained. He looked the same in the morning as he did that night at the supper table.

Robert Behrens, Ballinger High School Ag. teacher, spent a day with Uncle Joe and the Indiana hunters at his lease in Paint Rock. He trudged up and down the steep hills with the avid sportsmen, covering literally hundreds of acres, trying to keep up

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...everything in Texas will either stick ya, prick ya, or bite ya. Uncle Joe Chapman



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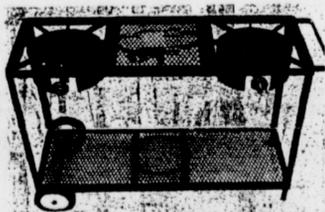


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Tougher penalties set for outlaw hunters

by Lane Pinckney, Runnels County Game Warden

The 76th Texas Legislature put more teeth into the penalties for illegal hunting. The new penalty became effective September 1, 1999.

Prior to then (with a few exceptions) a first offense for illegal hunting was punishable by fine only. Most often the violator was issued a citation and released.

Well, times have changed and hunting has become big business and an economic value to rural areas of Texas. Apparently, enough sportsmen, ranchers, farmers, and landowners convinced our lawmakers to toughen the penalties on unscrupulous hunters.

In the last session of the Legislature, the penalties for hunting

at night, hunting with artificial light, hunting from a public road, hunting without landowner's consent, and failure to retrieve, or waste of game was increased to a Class A misdemeanor and made the second offense enhanceable to a felony.

A person who hunts without the landowner's or his agent's consent, and kills one of the "big four", whitetail, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, or desert big horn sheep, commits a state jail felony first offense. The second offense is enhanceable to a third degree felony.

Class A carries a maximum penalty of \$4000 and/or a year in jail. In addition to these penalties a person found guilty of any of

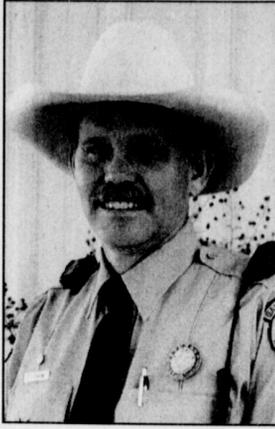
these violations forfeits all personal property used in the commission of the offense and his or her hunting license suspended for up to 5 years.

The violator will also receive a civil restitution bill from the state for any wildlife resource taken in violation. The replacement value for an animal can range from a few dollars for a non-game bird to several thousand dollars for a trophy deer to then thousand dollars for an endangered species.

Clearly the new penalties send a strong message to poachers that it is no longer acceptable to hunt illegally. It's much easier to hunt the right way.



MIKE BELITZ bagged this big 10 point Whitetail buck while chasing two big doe in Runnels County last fall. The mature deer was approximately four years old.



The subtle poacher Daddy and his "dear"—

by Lane Pinckney, Runnels County Game Warden

We all know him, the "sportsman," that would report a road hunter or a night hunter in a heartbeat, but doesn't think twice about using his brother-in-law's deer tag or released a dying bass until a bigger one can be caught so that his bag limit remains legal.

As long as he doesn't do anything flagrant and pays lip service to the law they would never consider themselves game law violators or poachers. Poaching is defined as the illegal take of a wildlife resource and is a violation whether it is killing ten deer a night, failing to cut out the date of kill on a tag, or shooting a few dove ten minutes after shooting hours.

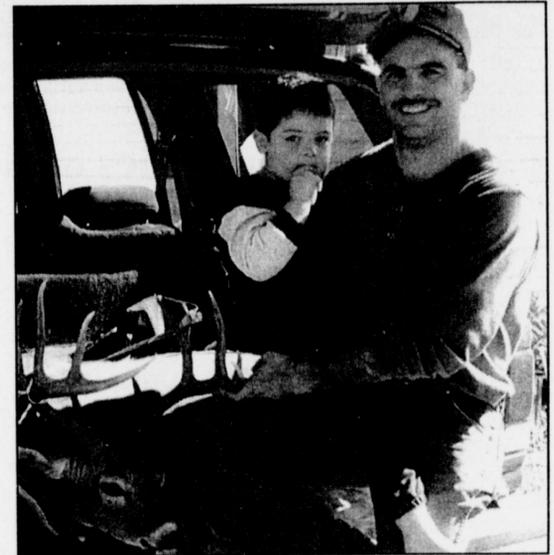
In terms of long range effect there is little difference in a small number of people that flagrantly take more than the legal limit of wildlife resource and a large number of people that occasionally exceed the bag limit. There is another side of the coin, too.

Subtle poaching causes inaccuracy in the data that fish and wildlife agencies use to manage wild-

life resources. So what's the big deal if I use my tag or my friends tag you ask? Improper tagging leads to over bagging and over bagging leads to other violations, both of the written law and the unwritten code of ethics that all hunter should follow.

Subtle poaching destroys the game laws system of intended fairness, for example, a person may hunt a trophy buck all season only to have someone who has already taken his limit shoot him on a borrowed tag. Subtle poaching also creates a "gray area" for game wardens.

Wardens are often faced with trying to distinguish between the person who deliberately fails to cut out his tag so that he may use it again and the person who in his excitement simply forgot to do it. Every sportsman will agree that game laws can't bend without breaking and each one has a specific purpose, whether it is to ensure fair chase, conservation of the resource, or protection of people and property.



KEVIN VEST and son TYLER of Stephenville proudly pose with this 11 pointer, his first deer taken in the 1999 season. Kevin is the son-in-law and Tyler is the grandson of Runnels County residents Randy and Linda Jones.

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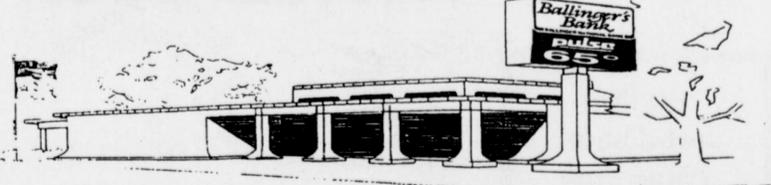
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First Deer—



JENNIFER YATES, 10, killed her first deer on Saturday, November 6, 1999, in Runnels County. She was hunting with her dad Alfred Yates and using a 6 MM Remington. The 5 point buck field dressed at 85 lbs.

Texas decline in firearms accidents reflects national trend

Accidental firearms fatalities in Texas have declined by 47 percent since 1987, according to the National Safety Council. The state's decline has helped contribute to an overall national reduction in accidental fatalities, which are at their lowest level since record keeping began in 1903.

Texas reported 79 fatalities in 1996, the most recent year for state accident totals available from the National Safety Council. In 1987, Texas reported 149 accidental deaths due to firearms.

Thirty-three states showed a decline in fatal firearms accidents, 14 states showed increases and three states had no change in the ten-year comparison. Fourteen states had double-digit declines.

"This significant drop in firearms accidents underscores the importance and effectiveness of numerous firearms safety and education programs that have been in place for many years," said Bob Delfay, president and CEO of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), an industry trade association of manufacturers, distributors and retailers that promotes firearms safety.

"We should recognize the contributions of the nation's 75,000 volunteer hunter safety instructors, NRA instructors, Boy Scout and 4-H instructors, and the many other volunteers who contribute their time to bring safety courses and messages to groups and individuals."

The number of fatal firearms accidents in the nation reached an all-time low of 900 in 1998—the fewest fatalities since record keeping began in 1903.

Accidental fatalities have been declining for many years and this is the first time the national total has dropped below one thousand, according to the safety council's data.

The safety council tracks unintentional-injury deaths due to a variety of causes, including motor vehicle accidents, falls, drowning, fires, choking, and poisoning. Firearms accidents rank lowest among all these categories. The 900 accidental firearms-related fatalities reported by NSC for 1998 compares with 41,200 deaths related to motor vehicle accidents, 16,600 in falls, 4,100 in drowning, 3,700 due to fires or burns, 3,200 due to choking, and 9,000 due to poisoning.

Of the total number of accidental fatalities attributed to firearms in 1998, 700 of these occurred in the home, a decline of 12.5 percent from the previous year, and 200 occurred in public places, a decline of 33 percent.

"This very positive report recognizes the tremendous contributions of volunteer instructors and encourages all of us to redouble our efforts in these proven accident-reduction initiatives," said Delfay.



HANGIN' IN THERE are turkey hunters (l-r) Shane Colburn and Guy Slimp as they clean a tom they bagged earlier in the day on a lease in north Runnels County.

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Current Fishing Conditions for O.H. Ivie Reservoir

| Species | Conditions | Baits | Depths | Location | Other Information |
|------------------------|--------------|---|----------------------|---|--|
| Black Bass | fair to good | plastic worms spinner baits crank baits | 20-30 ft | points weed beds Colorado River | Larger black bass are hanging on points and ridges. Also look for blacks hanging around weed beds and trees. Some nice blacks have moved up into shallow water to feed as water temperatures drop. |
| Smallmouth Bass | poor to fair | plastic worms spinner baits crank baits | 10-20 ft 20-30 ft | points rocky areas ridges | Small mouths will be hanging around rocky ledges, ridges, and shorelines in 10 to 30 ft of water. |
| Crappie | good | minnows | 20-30 ft | river channels | On minnows, at night, fishing under lights. Some nice stringer reported. |
| Channel & Blue Catfish | good | worms live bait stink bait blood bait shad minnows shrimp | | main lake baited holes Concho River Colorado River | Oven bait holes have been productive with some nice stringer of channel cats up to 8lbs being caught. |
| Yellow Catfish | fair | live bait | 0-10 ft 10-20 ft | main lake Concho River Colorado River | On trotlines. |
| White Bass | fair | crank baits minnows | 20-30 ft | main lake | At night, under lights, best bet. A few have been caught trolling. |
| Walleye | poor | | | | No catches reported. |

NEWS: Main access roads into Kennedy and Padgett Park have now been paved to the boat ramps. Road construction continues into Concho Park.



RUSTY JACKSON placed in the youth division of the 2000 KEAN Big Bass Bonanza at Lake O.H. Ivie. Jackson weighed in this 9.19 lbs. largemouth bass.

"Big O's" area hunting and fishing outlook

by Lynn "Big O" Owens

Editor's note: "Big O" is a freelance writer that covers our area. Please check his web page at www.bigosbbq.com

DEER

Ten days ago nobody would have ever dreamed that things would look so good for the opening weekend of gun season for deer. It didn't look this good last spring—hard to believe what a few good days of rain will do.

The number one question is what impact the ongoing drought has had on the deer. By no means have the welcomed rains busted the drought—that's just in case anybody had a mind to think it might. It'll take a lot more.

Last year we had a little more rain than this year and we had some excellent deer taken. The deer also were for the most part carrying plenty of fat. Leaving many of us wondering how this was possible. While it might not have been a banner year for tro-

phy deer, it was still what I would call a little better than average. That leaves us with some hope for this hunting season.

Charlie Brown, an independent oil pumper from Winters who covers lots of miles daily, sees lots of deer. When asked how the deer looked this year, he quickly replied, "corn fed, that's all there's been to eat." He went on to say that quite a few hunters have been feeding year around due to the drought conditions.

One local deer processor said he couldn't believe how fat the deer have been, brought in by bow hunters. He also said the deer horns have been pretty heavy. The cooler temperatures for the opening weekend sure didn't hurt things either. When's the last time the opening day of gun season had a chill on it?

THE GUYS IN GREEN

Many times our local game wardens are chastised for doing

their jobs. Usually by hunters who don't follow the rules and get tickets. Rules are made for reasons and not following them can cost you.

Poachers don't do any of us any good. They take deer illegally for whatever reasons—big racks or simply to do it. The game wardens spend lots of late night hours trying to catch them. Please keep an eye out for any suspicious vehicles cruising the back roads around your hunting lease or land. Don't try to catch them yourselves, call 1-800-792-GAME and let them know.

Speaking of poachers, a couple of young men in their early twenties zipped over from a neighboring county and shot a 9-point buck. They went home and bragged about their trophy and placed an arrow through the bullet wound.

But they made one small mistake and left a trace of evidence

on the landowner's property—a license plate. A quick follow up led local game wardens to file charges on the two braggars. They both received a substantial fine.

These guys in green do a great job. They're just like the rest of us trying to do our jobs the best we can do. They even lock their keys inside their trucks just like us. So, if you happen to run across a game warden standing beside his truck with a big grin, lone him a coat hanger, he'll be glad you did.

FISHING

This is also a great time of year to go fishing. Finding time to hunt and fish can be a chore for sure. Consider yourself fortunate if you get to do both. Hunting in the morning and fishing in the afternoon around here just doesn't get any better.

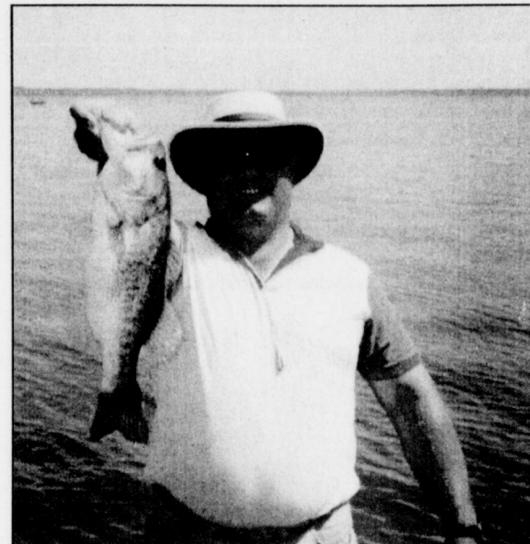
Lake O.H. Ivie has proven itself as one of the top bass fishing lakes in the nation. November has always been one of the best months to fish. Not only for bass but crappie and catfish as well.

The top water fishing can provide plenty of action in almost any part of the lake. Look for grass located near deep water. Rat-L-Traps also work well as surface temperatures begin to drop.

Double-digit bass are more common than ever now. As the bass begin to go into a feeding frenzy before winter, your chances of catching one will be better.

Several crappie fishermen have reported catching slab size crappie during the daylight hours. Which is uncommon on this lake for the last couple of years anyway. Some weighing 2-pounds have been reported. This is the best crappie run we've had in quite sometime. The FM 1929 High Bridge located on the Concho River has been one of the hottest spots lately.

Check with local fishing guides Kevin Bureson or Rick Peoples for a day on Lake Ivie.



SPORTING AN 8 LBS. PLUS largemouth bass from Lake O.H. Ivie this summer was Eddie Jackson. Current fishing reports from the lake show overall fishing to be fair to good.



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Saute one clove of garlic (mashed) in oil. Add venison which has been dipped in egg, milk, and bread crumbs and brown.

Place in a 9 X 13 baking dish. Sprinkle with lemon juice and salt and pepper. (Use fresh lemon.)

Mix 1 cup of chicken broth and 1/2 cup of sherry wine (regular or cooking sherry)

** Note: Add more broth if recipe is increased. Use enough to have 1/2" of liquid in bottom of dish.

Place 1/2 of a thin slice of lemon on each piece. Bake at 350°F for 1/2 to 3/4 hours. DO NOT COVER.



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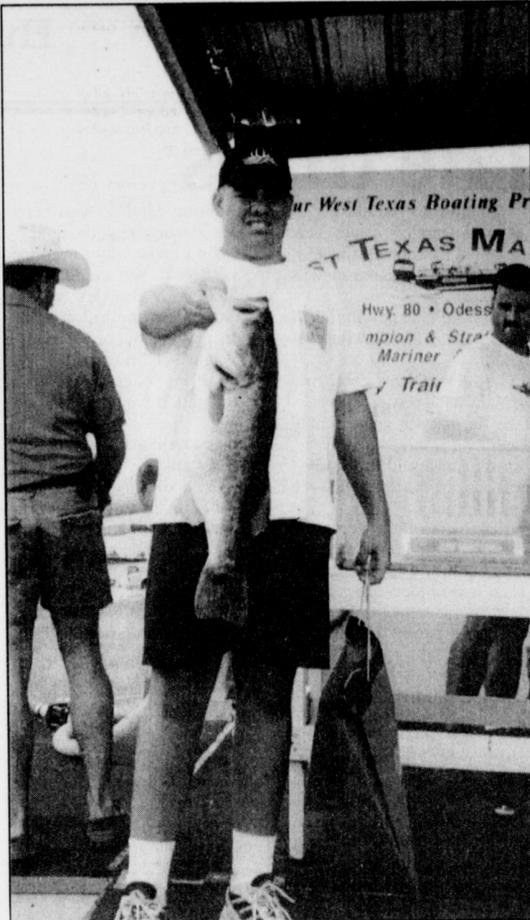
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| Species | Date | Weight | Length | Caught By |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------|---------|---|
| Black Bass | 02/09/00 | 14.59 lbs | | Butch Gayle Plains, Tx |
| Smallmouth Bass | 10/31/95 | 4.55 lbs | 20-3/4" | Rosea Malone Ft. Worth, Tx |
| White Crappie | 03/11/93 | 2 lbs 10 oz | | Nina Brewer Robert Lee, Tx |
| Black Crappie | 02/05/99 | 1.52 lbs | | Ray Cline Lake Ivie, Tx |
| White Bass | 04/01/97 | 2.84 lbs | 19" | Austin Terry San Angelo, Tx |
| Striped Bass (not stocked) | 02/10/95 | 13.25 lbs | | Sam Keel San Angelo, Tx |
| Hybrid Striped Bass (not stocked) | 06/03/00 | 9.11 lbs | | Mike Hayes Brownwood, Tx |
| Walleye | 03/18/99 | 8.15 lbs | | Jim Graham |
| Yellow Cat | 05/30/96 | 68.50 lbs | | Sherman Evans Ranking, Tx |
| Channel Cat | 03/08/00 | 27.45 lbs | | Terry Winchester Ballinger, Tx |
| Blue Cat | 02/21/99 | 29.82 lbs | | Danny Buckner & Richard Mucklry Lockard, Tx |
| Buffalo | 5/22/99 | 24.84 lbs | | Paul Sternadel Lake Ivie/ Apache Hills |
| Blue-Gill Perch | 9/3/98 | .97 lbs | 10-7/8" | Harold Connelly Eden, Tx |



LAKE O.H. IVIE plays host to numerous fishing tournaments throughout the year. Here Samson Jackson displays a 9 lbs. largemouth bass he caught in a tournament last year.

UNCLE JOE, continued

the pace. Finally, tired and give out at the end of the day, he looked at Uncle Joe and the others and said "I see now why those *#%+(# Yankees won the war!"

Uncle Joe always made sure they didn't take an entire covey—"you always leave some to reproduce for next year." And Johnny said his dogs always came first over the quail. He'd rather work on a point or retrieving than take the shot at the quail.

At the end of the day, first thing when he'd come in from hunting, the dogs were taken care of—fed, watered, cactus needles pulled out, and bedded down for the night.

He fed the dogs Snickers candy bars during the day to boost their energy—while he had one or three to boost his energy too. Of course that wasn't on his diet, but he'd say, "You just hush now. You don't have to tell your Aunt Nancy everything you know."

He would have laughed when his younger brother Jack (my dad) Johnny and my brother Dave went quail hunting three years ago. Johnny took them somewhere in Wingate and in the midst of their hunt Johnny and Dave were on one side of a fence while Dad walked the other. They kicked up a covey of quail and as

dad whirled his gun barrel around he stood face to face with an emu.

Dad took off running with the emu snorting after him like a bull while my brother Dave, not one to miss a shot, was just bam, bam, bam at the covey. Johnny was laughing so hard he couldn't see straight.

Dad finally crossed the fence huffing and puffing and looked at Johnny and said "I know they grow everything bigger in Texas—but this is ridiculous. I oughta shoot it and take it back to Indiana and tell 'em THIS is a Texas quail."

Uncle Joe's not made the trip to Texas for four years now. We lost him to cancer in 1996. My brother Dave and Ross and his brother Randy, Uncle Joe's hunting buddy, still make the trip and bring yet even others with them. When we're all sitting around the supper table after a day of hunting there's not a night goes by that someone doesn't say "Ole Joe would have gotten a kick out of that one" or "I bet Uncle Joe got a good laugh out of that one today..."

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Seasoning Rub:
1 Tbsp. black pepper
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1 Tbsp. salt
1/2 tsp. garlic powder

Semi-freeze and slice meat 1/4" thick. Mix marinade and pour over meat. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Drain and pat dry with paper towel. Mix seasoning rub. Sprinkle meat with seasonings and rub into meat. Lay on racks of dehydrator allowing some space between pieces. Allow 10-12 hours or until desired dryness. Store in paper sacks to avoid drawing moisture.

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The dress

"Well, how do you like it?" My wife models a lacy new dress across the room, pirouetting like one of them fashion models on a runway.

"What! Another new dress!," I say, glancing up from my outdoor catalog.

"What'd that thang cost? And how many dang new dresses does it take for one 4th grade school teacher!"

As soon as I said it, I knew I was as cooked as a drumstick at a 4th a' July picnic.

I tried to grab at the words and stuff 'em back inside my big mouth, but they was done gone.

Like a wounded tigress, she turned to face me — hackles raised, teeth barred and nostrils flarin'!

I didn't sense that slightly poutin' look that said her feelin's had been hurt just a little.

Nope, this time she was mad!

"Well, maybe I could sew cotton sacks together to make my clothes," she steams. "That way you would have more to spend on stuff for yourself from those stu-

pid hunting catalogs you keep your head stuck in all the time."

"I don't know why I even try to look decent. You wouldn't notice if Christie Brinkley walked by. Not unless she had a set of antlers growing out of her head."

"Wanna bet," is right there on the tip of my tongue, but I ain't got the guts it would've took to say it.

"If you want to talk about cost, then let's talk cost, starting with you," she begins, layin' the groundwork like a trial lawyer on attack. No...better make that a shark circlin' its victim, smellin' blood in the water.

"What does your hunting lease cost per year?"

"Uh, well, about \$800 or so bu...."

"And that new electric deer feeder, wasn't it about \$300.00? And then there was the new fiberglass deer blind for \$450.00."

"And I seem to remember a bill for 40 sacks of deer corn for \$4.50 per sack."

"What about those new spaceage, camouflage hunting

coveralls? Around \$250 as I recall."

"Of course, you had to have matching waterproof boots to the tune of about \$150."

"Then there was that new rifle and scope for \$900 and a new compound bow for \$400 and then there was new aluminum arrows for about \$200."

"And that's just here in Texas!" "What did it cost to go to Colorado and Wyoming on those elk hunts? \$2,000. . . \$3,000 per trip?"

"What about pickups and gas and motels and tents and lanterns and sleeping bags and shotguns and shells and binoculars and knives and the zillion other little things that cost money?"

"How much does it cost for a non-resident elk license? I seem to remember at least \$350. And how much for a non-resident mule deer license..."

"But honey," I break in, "I was bringin' home meat fer the family and...."

"Meat! How much meat have

you ever brought back? Tell me, how much?"

"Well....none, but I'm a trophy hunter," I fumble.

"If meat is the reason for all this nonsense, stay home and we can buy a herd of cattle for a lot less!"

"And back to this dress thing!" "If you begrudge me something new occasionally, especially to work in, maybe I'll just quit my job and...."

"Honey....Honey," I plead. "Could we just start over? I'm real sorry about the dress."

"Well...maybe," she softens slightly, that little pouty look returnin' to her face.

"So, how do you like my new dress," she pirouettes, holdin' the skirt out with one hand like one of them ballerinas.

"Oh, honey," I exclaim, "it's plum darn beautiful! You look purtier 'n a fine bird dog pointin' a covey in a briar patch."

"Are you shore that one new dress is gonna be enough...."

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Operaton game thief: Texas Wildlife Crime Stoppers

by Lane Pinckney, Runnels County Game Warden

Operation game thief is Texas' Wildlife Crime Stoppers program, offering rewards of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction for a wildlife crime. The program began in 1981 and has been highly successful—responsible for the payment of over \$140,000 in rewards.

Texas as we all know, is a huge state with an ever growing population. Currently, approximately 450 game wardens patrol 254 counties that encompass 262,017

square miles of land and over three million surface acres of water.

Wardens need all the eyes and ears that they can get to assist in the apprehension of the illegal hunter and fisherman. There are numerous examples of the exploitation of our natural resources.

Trophy bucks are killed on midnight runs, then beheaded, leaving the meat behind. Fresh and saltwater fish including white bass, crappie, yellow catfish, red-

fish, flounder, and black drum are being taken in large quantities through the use of illegal nets and shockers. What can you do to help save this problem? Get involved!!!

Alert observation by concerned citizens followed by the immediate reporting of the violation gives the local warden a much needed edge in catching the bad guys. Receiving a tip on illegal activity while it is occurring can make a difference in whether

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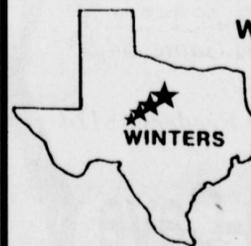
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