Apples of Gold

MONEY—The rich and the poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all. Proverbs 22:2

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-Man and Woman of the Year to be honored at celebration

Chamber of Commerce banquet this Saturday

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet is Saturday, February 3, at the Community Center, starting at 7:00

This will be a night of good food, fun, and fellowship for the entire community.

Highlighting the evening will be the naming of the Man and Woman of the Year. Last year's winners, retired pastor Jim Hanson and Winters Enterprise editor Jean Boles, will be making the pre-

A delicious meal of grilled chicken, wild rice, black-eyed peas, salad, cobbler, tea and coffee will be served by J.C.'s Catering. Entertainment will be provided by Classic Tradition, a barbershop quartet from Abilene.

According to Carolyn Scarborough, Chamber Secretary, there are a few tickets still available which can be purchased at the Chamber office at 118 West Dale or by calling 754-5210, or from any Chamber director including Dale Montgomery, Gail Williams, Saam Geistmann, Jane Bourdo, Ruth Cooper, Rhonda Black, John O'Conor, Aref Hassan, or Janice Pruser.

Advanced tickets are only \$10 each. Tickets at the door will be \$12. Support the Chamber and enjoy a wonderful evening.

Head coach Robin Byrd going to Menard

After an eight-year record of smaller 1A school, Byrd said, "I tor Robin Byrd is leaving Winters to go to Menard.

"I felt like it was time to move on," said Byrd, who led Winters to the playoffs six of his last seven years. Winters is coming off its first losing season since Byrd's first year in 1993. The Blizzards finished 4-7 after a bi-district loss to Goldthwaite, but won three of five district games last season to make the playoffs as a third-place

Byrd sports a career record of 184-80-1 in 22 seasons as a head coach at Wink, Mabank and Palestine Westwood, and was selected from 89 applicants, according to Menard superintendent David Deaver.

When asked why he chose to go from a class 2A school to a classes at Winters, believes he

69-24-1 with the Blizzards, head don't coach 'A's, I coach kids." football coach and athletic direc- He added, "Menard has a good



tradition of being in the playoffs. It's been winning; it's a good pro-

gram." Byrd, who didn't teach any

will be teaching three classes at leave Winters. This community Menard. He says he's certified to teach social studies and says, "it's good to get back in the classroom." He will also coach track

and golf. With a population of around 1,600, Menard is located 75 miles south of Winters on Highway 83. The Yellowjackets missed the playoffs last season for the first time in ten years, and Coach Quinn Conley was reassigned after eleven seasons as head coach. Some sources said the reason for Conley's reassignment was "somewhat political," but Byrd said, "I don't worry about that. I've been fortunate in the places I've been and that hasn't happened to me. I wasn't looking because I was worried about that. That's all just part of the busi-

Byrd continues, "I'm sad to

has shown great support. But I'm excited to go to Menard."

The Board of Trustees of the Winters ISD is expected to accept Byrd's resignation during their regular meeting on February 12, when Byrd will officially begin his duties at Menard. His wife, Sherry, who works as a secretary at Winters Elementary, will remain in Winters and finish out the school year.

Byrd also adds, "I've enjoyed my association with the coaches here at Winters, and I wish them good luck. I'd like to see Coach Lipsey move up to my replacement."

Lipsey, who has coached at Winters since July, 1990, served as Byrd's offensive coordinator for the past eight years, and said he's "definitely interested" in the position.

Council approves \$100 thousand for -including Saturdays **Community Center renovation**

Also approves 180-ft. cell tower to be erected

Using a \$20,000 grant, a attract more use of the Center. \$60,000 loan, and \$20,000 worth of in-kind work, the Winters City Council approved a \$100,000 renovation for the Winters Community Center.

During their regular meeting Monday night, Jan. 29, the Council discussed the renovation project and how to pay for it. The *\$60,000 loan is for 25 years at a 5% interest rate from the U.S. Department of Agriculture — Rural Development and either increased fees or a 1¢ tax increase will repay the loan.

Tommy Russell, Mike Meyer, and Steve Esquivel voted for the renovation. Councilman Jimmy Butler voted against the motion.

Butler stated, "I don't think we should borrow money if we don't know how we're going to pay it back."

Russell and Meyer advocated that the renovations will possibly

Included in the renovations are \$7,000 for bathroom and kitchen area, \$31,500 for heating and cooling, \$13,000 for a vinyl curtain to divide the Center into two areas, \$6,000 for three refrigerators and three stoves, and \$25,000 for front and back arch canopies with brick columns.

Mid-Tex Cellular requested that the City allow them to build a self-supporting digital cell site at the corner of Broadway and Meeks. The 180-foot tower will be located in the northeast corner of the present City Maintenance

Ray Hooker of Mid-Tex Cellular said that this should bring better reception to Winters for cell phone usage. The Councilmen gave City Manager Aref Hassan permission to negotiate a ten-year contract for a \$500 per year lease with Mid-Tex Cellular. Hooker

stated that once the tower arrives, it will take approximately nine weeks to construct.

Jimmy N. Butler asked to purchase the alley that runs east and west, between Lamar and Albert Streets. City Attorney Ken Slimp said that records will have to be checked to see if the alley is closed, and if not closed, an ordinance would have to be approved before being able to sell the property to any adjoining property owners. The Council agreed to pursue the request, with Councilman Butler, son of Jimmy N. Butler, abstaining.

Hassan presented copies of a municipal code which showed bank depositories to be bid at least every five years. The Council had requested that this be done every two years, and it is now time. The Council approved to let bids for bank depository.

In another not-much-discussed

agenda item, the Council approved a personnel policy revision. This revision added Martin Luther King Day as a holiday for city employees. The revision also allows for Mondays and Fridays to become holidays when any holiday falls on a Tuesday or a Thursday. For example: if the 4th of July is on Tuesday, city employees will also get Monday as a holiday.

Councilman Butler also opposed this motion.

To put some finality on the Alderman-Cave water bill discussion, Water Superintendent Jack Davis, Jr. had the water meter in question tested in both Abilene and San Angelo facilities. San Angelo rated it 100% accurate, and Abilene rated it 98% accurate, which was within the limits of the American Waterworks Association. The Council moved to accept these test results as accurate.

Public Library extending hours

The Winters Public Library is adding hours to their schedule. The library will now be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 12 noon in addition to their regular hours of 1p.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Thurs-

Carolyn Scarborough, librarian, says the library will continue to be open on Saturdays for the next few weeks to determine if there is a need in the community for these additional hours.

All facilities will be available on Saturdays. This includes access to all books, audios, videos and computers.

"Come on in and check out our new selections," said Mrs. Scarborough. "And remember, we still offer internet access to our patrons

Egan, Conner named to Weather Modification group

ers, in a special meeting on Tuesday morning, tabled action on two agenda items having to do with the West Central Texas Weather Modification Association.

The items were tabled because of changes being made in the interlocal agreement and the bylaws of the association.

The Commissioners appointed County Judge Marilyn Egan and Randall Conner of Winters as representatives of Runnels County on the board of the West Central

Runnels County Commission- Texas Weather Modification Association.

During the January 30 meeting, Commissioners also approved the submission of an Emergency Shelter Grants Program application by Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. The grant application will be submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. If approved, the grant would assist homeless people in the counties served by Central Texas Opportunities.

See COMMISSIONERS, pg. 2

GRAND CHAMPION SIMMENTAL HEIFER at the Southwestern Exposition & Livestock Show Junior Heifer Show was exhibited by Chris Hoppe of Winters FFA. Hoppe's calf was chosen overall champion of the breed from some 150 Simmental entries in Ft. Worth last weekend. He is a junior at Winters High School and the son of Glenn, Jr. and Melinda Hoppe.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Feb. 1-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH 11:30 a.m, Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center . 2-11:30 a.m, Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 12:25 p.m., Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Science Lab 6:30 p.m., Basketball Seniors/Parents recognized, WHS gym 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco

Feb. 3-10 a.m.-Noon, Winters Public Library Open

7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Community Center Feb. 4-1:30 & 4 p.m., American All-Star Circus, Community Center 2-5 p.m., Adventure into Depression Seminar, FUMC 2-3:30 p.m., Farewell Reception for Mike & Carla Harris, FBC 3-4 p.m., Birthday Celebration for Opal Hunt, Our House

4 p.m., Winters Area Baseball organizational mtg., Scout Hut 5-8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Last Chance CEU Roundup, Ballinger 9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority 11:30 a.m, Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge FSA applications begin for Crop Disaster Program, Ballinger 6-9 a.m., Winters Ministerial Alliance, First Baptist Church 11:30 a.m, Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 3 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum

7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station 7 p.m., American Legion, Legion Hall 7-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office 11:30 a.m, Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office

Feb. 8-10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church 11:30 a.m, Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

Windbreak Trees Arrive at RSWCD

8 p.m., Athletic Booster Club, Field House

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Taylor County

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Pioneer Exploration has staked

the B. Hanks -A- #37 in the

Northwest Hylton Field, 8 miles

S of Nolan (Depth 6500). Loc. is

955 FSL & 838 FWL of Sec. 28,

the Brooks Ranch #3 in the Mul-

berry Canyon Field, 6 miles NE

of Nolan (Depth 5200). Loc. is

330 FEL & 2367 FSL of Sec. 76,

LeClair Operating has staked

the Bettes #1 in the County Regu-

lar Field, 3 miles S of Shep (Depth

4500). Loc. is 330 FNL & 1094

FEL of Sec. 135, Blk. 64, H&TC

E. Mayo has staked one well

and applied to re-enter another 5

miles SE of San Angelo. The

Pecan Station #2 re-entry in the

San Angelo Field (Depth 4900) is

loc. 771 FNL & 10868 FEL of

Washington CSL Sur. No. 103, A-

3940. RULE 36. The Pecan Sta-

tion #3 is staked in the Smith &

Carraway Field (Depth 5300) and

is loc. 467 FNL & 8175 FEL of

Washington CSL Sur. No. 103, A-

staked the Augustine #1 in the

West Kennemer Field, 3 miles

NW of Carlsbad (Depth 6500).

Loc. is 700 FNWL & 700 FSWL

of H. Fey Sur. No. 277, A-187.

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Remuda Operating Co. has

Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur., A-1703.

Ventex Operating has staked

Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-1460.

You may have heard by now that a super-sized oil company has attempted to swindle the State of Texas out of a lot of royalty money!

Why, even the Attorney General of Texas finds the situation dire enough that filing suit is in

But, wait a minute, have we heard the whole story?

Probably not.

Turns out the whole argument is over a dirt road.

It seems that in a large oil field here in Texas straddles a state right-of-way that became a dirt road and then a paved one. The state claims that royalties are owed for the lenght (and width) of the road through the oil field.

The oil company claims that the right-of-way existed when the lease was signed and that no royalty was payable on the mineral rights under the road by contract.

The state has summed up the total production from the field and allocated it to the mineral acreage under the road. The total royalty that would be payable under such an arrangement would be tens of millions of dollars. The suit filed by the Secretary of State is to recover that amount plus in-

It is helpful to consider how these situations are typically handled in the oil field. Some history is in order, first.

The United States is the only country in the world where mineral rights can be privately owned. But, there are certain properties where the mineral rights are held by public agencies, organizations, and governments themselves.

A right-of-way is an example where a government may own the mineral rights. Sometimes, those rights-of-way become roads. But, the minerals owned under the roads are not always paid a royalty. In fact, they can be waived by the government in question, or T&PRR Sur., A-824. The R.E. there can be common law appli- Harris #1A potentialed at 55 cations that preclude payment. (Common law says that someone who does not claim their rights to something that is publically being possessed by another may lose their rights to that something.)

The oil company claims that several of the above apply. They say the state waived their rights, and, even if they didn't, non-payment of royalty has been going on too long in broad daylight (common law application) to only now claim damages.

As you can see, it is a legal dispute that will be settled in court.

As you can also probably see, it is not a simple case of a big bad oil company trying to get away with something. There are in fact two sides to this story, both having some merit.

We will keep you updated on developments surrounding this case. We haven't even touched on why these types of suits are just now being brought, but suffice it to say that, given a little time, an idle attorney can create some feepaying work for themselves if they put their mind to it.

HIGHLIGHTS **OFAREA DRILLING ACTIVITY**

COMPLETIONS

Nolan County

Pioneer Exploration has completed the R.H. Jordan -A- #9 in the Northwest Hylton Field (5 miles SW of Nolan) at an initial rate of 25 BOPD & 275 BWPD in the Cambrian (perfs 5878-5907). Loc. is 330 FNL & 530 FEL of Sec. 20, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-1584.

Runnels County

Thomas Oil & Gas has completed the McNeil #2 in the West Norton Field (2 miles N of Norton) at an initial rate of 580 MCFPD (AOF) in the Fry (perfs 4382-86). Loc. is 847 FEL & 1920 FNL of H&GN Sur. No. 5, A-272.

Taylor County

Tristar Exploration, Inc. has completed two wells in the Reddin Field (5 miles NE of Merkel). The W.H. Frazier #1 potentialed at 46 BOPD & 140 FWPD and is loc. 225 FWL & 1463 FSL of Sec. 26, Blk. 17, BOPD and is loc. 706 FWL & 1010 FNL of Lge. 124, Lot 19, Grimes CSL Sur., A-71.

STAKINGS

Callahan County

Aries Hydro, Inc. has applied to re-enter the P. Moore #1 in the North Cross Plains Field, 4 miles N of Cross Plains (Depth 4000). Loc. is 492 FNL & 3777 FWL of J. Dyson Sur. No. 751, A-126.



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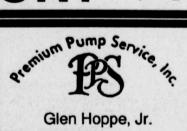
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Tuesday, Feb. 6: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, boiled cabbage, cornbread, dessert. Wednesday, Feb. 7: Chicken & gravy, dressing, broccoli & rice, rolls, cake.

Thursday, Feb. 8: Burritos, Spanish rice, cole slaw, chips. prownies.

Friday, Feb. 9: Ham & gravy, lima beans, mixed greens, cornbread, dessert.



Garter snakes, though reptiles, do not lay eggs. They bear live young.

Correction

A generous contributor's name was inadvertently left off of last week's thank-you from Coach Fowler and the Lady Blizzards and Coach Boxell and the Blizzards regarding the new nameboards.

Credit is given to Wayne's Paint & Body for donating labor to paint the name boards. Dry Manufacturing donated metal for the signs.

We apologize for the oversight. The Winters Enterprise

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Obituaries

Richard P. Menninger

BALLINGER-Richard P. Menninger, 89, died Tuesday, January 23, 2001, at Heritage Oaks Estate in Ballinger.

He was born July 27, 1911, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He married Mary Louise Hern in Newport, Kentucky, on October 6, 1940.

Mr. Menninger owned and operated Alco Dry Cleaners in Marion, Ohio. He was a member of the Methodist Church, Marion Elks Club, and Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Louise Menninger, on November 4, 1997.

Survivors include two daughters, Bonnie J. Steele and husband James of Ballinger and Carole H. Menninger of Katy; a son, Richard S. Menninger and wife Sandra of McKinney; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Friday, January 26, at 3:00 p.m. in the Rains-Seale Chapel in Ballinger, officiated by Reverend Tony King. Arrangements were directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Ballinger Humane Society or Ballinger Carnegie Library.

Zanna Mae Watkins

BALLINGER—Zanna Mae Watkins, 100, died Monday, January 22, 2001, at the Runnels County Rehabilitation Center.

She was born September 4, 1900, in Halletsville. She married John William Watkins on August 11, 1919, in San Saba.

Mrs. Watkins was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John William Watkins, on September 22, 1962.

Survivors include a daughter, Willie Mae Cole of Ballinger; one son, John Wayne Watkins and wife Elois of Carlsbad; seven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchil-

Visitation was held Wednesday, January 24, at 6:00 p.m. at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger. Graveside services were held Thursday, January 25, at 10:00 a.m. at Old Runnels Cemetery near Ballinger, officiated by Reverend Tony King. Arrangements were directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Gloria Pallanez Zertuche

BALLINGER—Gloria Pallanez Zertuche, 63, died January 17, 2001, at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

She was born May 15, 1937, to Juan Pallanez and Cruz Guevara Pallanez in Ballinger.

Mrs. Zertuche was a longtime resident of Ballinger and was employed as a Building Maintenance Aide with the Ballinger ISD for the past ten years. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ballinger and the Guadalupanas in Ballinger.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Ryan Nagel. Survivors include two sons, John Zertuche and Ricky Zertuche, both of Ballinger; four daughters, Rosemary Charlton of Big Spring, Lydia Chavez and husband Jessie of Wichita Falls, Brenda Zertuche and husband Thomas of Llano, and Monique Nagel and husband Shawn of Victoria; a brother, Mike Pallanez of Stephenville; two sisters, Fave Medrano of Ballinger and Josie Cortez of Hobbs, New

Mexico; eleven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Rosary was held Friday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m. at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger. Services were held Saturday, January 20, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ballinger with Father Louis Moeller officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

COMMISSIONERS, continued-

Judge Egan read a thank you note from Jane Jeschke of the Miles Library for the funds provided by the county. Jeschke's note also pointed out the notoriety received by the library for their "trust" policy. There are no library cards, etc. and citizens come in, check out books and return

them when they are finished.

There are also no fines levied. Jeschke invited the Judge and

Commissioners to a ceremony on Friday where Verizon representatives will present a number of children's books.

Commissioners entered into a subdivision regulations workshop following the regular agenda

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Pastor Jim Hanson

I'm thinking of you. I do, often. Every week. Before I write the column. And during it. I try to picture you in my mind...those of you whom I know, and, those whom I don't. I try to think of things that might start a conversation with me. Even if we don't

ever talk about it. You might think about it. And that's enough thanks for me.

But, the reason I am writing this column is because of a book I bought not too long ago. It's written by a friend of mine, who is now pushing 80 years old. But his spirit is ever young. He has pastored, taught at Seminary, led countless retreats and workshops, taken thousands of people on tours to Germany, the Holy Land, the Orient... you name it. The title of the book, however, has nothing to do with any of the above. Rather it is a series of letters. And the title is "I'm

The book was conceived long before Herb wrote it. In 1983, while returning from a trip to Japan and China traveling on a 13-hour flight and very much concerned abut a heart problem, he found in the group travel escort by the name of Barbara...a guardian angel. As she ministered to him, he wondered, "Who gave this woman such a compassionate spirit? Who are this woman's parents?" Twelve years of the Catholic Diocese of San later, he wrote the letters to Barbara's mother, Bonnie.

In that period of time, Herb had heart surgery and an operation for prostate cancer. More than that he experienced the life-giving support of family and friends, a doctor who told him of the healing power of enzymes, joy, and laughter...and drew pictures of healing, calling attention to each step in his recovery. His well became filled with healing images, the healing power of touch and prayer, and above all else, the abiding presence of a loving God.

So, when he heard that Barbara's mother Bonnie had had the same a.m. mass. kind of surgery as he, and that she was not healing quickly...he remembered. The flight. The person who had stayed with him every congratulated the parish on its second of the way. And, "Who are her parents? Who gave her such a spirit? And, in a moment of deep Holy Spirit power, force, and love, the parish to pray and work for he made a commitment to write Bonnie 12 letters, one a day. To pass on to Bonnie what her daughter had done for him. Each letter was a healing for her. And each letter was a healing for him.

I'd love to include several of them in this column. But, there isn't room. So I'll just include most of one. This time. And its title is "Prescription for Laughter."

Thank you for reminding me of our last time together. I forgot how much we laughed until you mentioned the fun. And fun is medicine.

"Today I had a checkup. My doctor and I talk when I have my checkups. Today he told me about a natural medicine deep inside the brain. Before I was born, while I was growing inside my mother, the medicine formed as enzymes in my brain. Enzymes can flood the bloodstream, flow to nerve endings, heal body cells. The key is the thoughts and words we choose.

"The medicine is always present. We can release it with a hearty laugh, a song, a smile, a glad thought, by whistling or humming a favorite tune. Joy sets the medicine flowing. Within seconds, healing pours through the body. Everyone has access to this personal medicine.

"Do you watch the news with amazement, as I do, seeing poor and starving children smile when given the smallest portion of food? Suddenly they are laughing and playing, their faces transformed by their joy. They giggle to get well.

"So it is with you and me today. We laugh, and the medicine cabinet opens inside. Today I prescribe for you and me: have a good laugh, do something joyful. Have fun. Hear a joke. Listen to a song. Hum. Smile. I believe I'm alive because of all the laughter enzymes so often released in me.

"When I was five, I crawled out on the limb of a mulberry tree to get the ripest berries. I discovered I couldn't get down on my own. The fire department came to my rescue. The whole town came out to cheer me

down. That was my first time out on a limb. "You were born with the gift of laughter. The 'ha-ha' in you is older

and stronger than the 'oh-oh.'. Have fun." Thank you, Herb. For thinking of Bonnie. And thinking of us. And causing us to think of the gift of laughter. And the God who gives us "tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people."

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

Texas Midwest Eye Center in Abilene, has joined with North Runnels Hospital and Dr. Mike Bacigalupi to offer cataract surgery in Winters. Patients can now be evaluated, have surgery with complete post-op care, and never leave **Runnels County** Please call North Runnels Hospital to

Dr. Troy Carter, a member of

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Troy L. Carter, M.D.



BISHOP MICHAEL PFEIFER, O.MI. (center right), of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo, and REVEREND DR. OBIOMA DESMOND OBI (center left), of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Winters, met with the church's congregation to discuss the development of a parish mission statement and the development of goals and activities to carry out the parish mission. This was Bishop Pfeifer's first visit in Winters with Father Obi.

Bishop Michael Pfeifer visits Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

by Mike Kozelsky, Parish Press Secretary

Bishop Michael Pfeifer, O.M.I. Angelo, visited Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Winters on Sunday, January 14, 2001. The visit was his first since the arrival of the church's new pastor, the Reverend Dr. Obioma Desmond Obi. Bishop Pfeifer and Father Obi concelebrated the 9:00

During his homily, the Bishop accomplishments and encouraged

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food, fun and fellowship for our

community. The meal will be

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more vocations to religious life. He discussed the long standing shortage of priests and other religious in the church, in general, and in West Texas, in particular. He commented that the presence of "international" priests, such as Father Obi, has been a blessing to the diocese of San Angelo, and he thanked Father Obi for his service. He also commented that the long-term solution is an increase in the number of vocations among Catholics of this diocese.

Following mass, the congregation gathered for a group picture with the Bishop on the lawn of the church. Refreshments were served in the parish hall, followed by a meeting with the Bishop and the Pastoral and Finance Councils, and the Youth Group.

The main message of this meeting was the development of a parish mission statement and the development of goals and activities to carry out the parish mission. The Bishop encouraged the

establishment of an "Agenda for Jesus" in Mount Carmel Parish and asked that each person present answer the question, "What does Jesus ask you to do?"

The Catholic community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel of Winters, and Father Obi wish to express their warm gratitude to Bishop Pfeifer whose pastoral visit was an inspiration. He is wished well in his pastoral and administrative duties in the dio-

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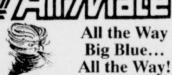
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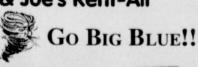
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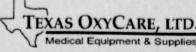


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> **Breakfast** Monday-Feb. 5 **Biscuits** Sausage

Juice Tuesday-Feb. 6 Toast Cereal

Juice Wednesday-Feb. 7 Blueberry Muffins Cereal

Thursday-Feb. 8 Pancakes/Syrup Cereal Juice

Friday-Feb. 9 Cheese Toast Cereal Juice

Lunch Monday-Feb. 5 Pizza Corn

June Peas Chocolate Pudding Tuesday-Feb. 6 Turkey Roast/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Pears

Hot Roll Wednesday-Feb. 7 Taco/Meat/Cheese **Tossed Salad** Red Beans Fruit

Thursday-Feb. 8 Chicken Nuggets/Gravy Mashed Potatoes June Peas Pineapple Chunks Hot Roll

Friday-Feb. 9 BBQ on Bun French Fries **Pickles** Peaches Cookies

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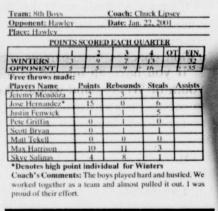
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Winters	5	4	0	12	13	0
Hawley	5	5	0	0	0	0
Jim Ned	4	6	0	9	17	0
Coleman	3	7	0	9	16	0
Bangs	0	9	0	6	18	0

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Eula	5	3	0	17	9	0
Jim Ned	5	3	0	21	6	0
Winters	4	4	0	15	9	0
Coleman	4	4	0	11	11	0
Cisco	2	5	0	13	12	0
Hawley	1	7	0	10	17	0

Basketball '01

Catch the Action



Feb. 1-3—District Tourney, TBA, Jim Ned, 9G Feb. 1-3—District Tourney, TBA, Coleman, 9B

Feb. 2—Cisco*, 5 p.m., Here, JVG, JVB, VG, VB Feb. 2-3—District Tourney,

TBA, Jim Ned, JVG Feb. 2-3—District Tourney, TBA, Coleman, JVB

Feb. 5-Cisco, 5 p.m., Here, (3 games), 7G, 8G Feb. 5—Cisco, 5 p.m., There,

7B, 8B, 9B Feb. 6—Coleman*, 5 p.m., There, JVG, VG,

JVB, VB Feb. 9-Jim Ned*, TBA, There, JVB, VB Feb. 9—Practice Playoff

Game, TBA, VG Feb. 12-Coleman, 5 p.m., Here, 7B, 8B, 9B VG Varsity Girls VB Varsity Boys

JVG Junior Varsity Girls JVB Junior Varsity Boys 9B Freshman Boys 9G Freshman Girls 8G 8th Girls 7G 7th Girls 8B 8th Boys 7B 7th Boys *Denotes District Games



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DANA CLOUGH keeps the dribble low to drive around the Hawley defender during junior varsity action.

ON THE FIELD AND

JOSH MINZENMAYER #14 gets into a shoving match with the

Seniors/Parents to be recognized

The Lady Blizzard and Blizzard basketball

teams will recognize seniors and their parents

before tip-off of each game on Friday night.

Winters will play host to district foe, Cisco.

2001 JR. VARSITY BLIZZARDS

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

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2001 Blizzard Tennis Schedule Varsity & Junior Varsity

Forsan - Varsity & JV

SPRING BREAK

STATE - Austin

Team Tennis - San Angelo

Santa Anna - Varsity & JV

Colorado City - Varsity & JV

DISTRICT - Abilene, ACU

REGIONAL - Stephenville

Big Lake - Varsity & JV

TIME

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TBA

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Lady Blizzard action begins at 6:30 p.m.

OPPONENT

Early

Hamlin

Bangs*

Hawley*

Coleman*

Jim Ned*

Miles

Eula*

Cisco*

Sonora (Scrimmage)

Wall (DH 5 innings)

Loraine Varsity

Loraine Varsity

Coleman Tourney

Wall (DH 5 innings)

DATE

February 16

February 19

February 24

February 26

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April 5-6

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April 23

*Denotes District Games

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Feb. 23-24

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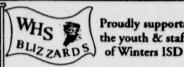
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Hawley player during varsity action.

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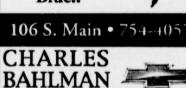
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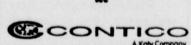
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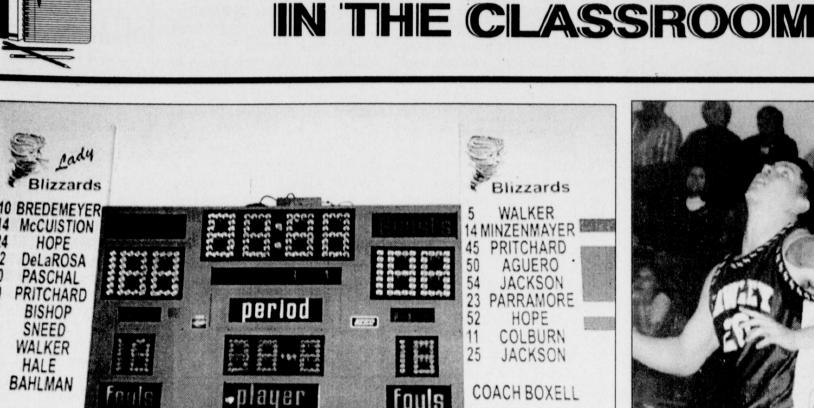
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meeting Sunday afternoon

Winters Area Community Baseball will hold its organizational meeting on Sunday, February 4, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. in the Scout Hut. Officers for 2001 will be elected for Little League and girls softball.

Committees will also be established at this time for these areas: concession stand, umpires, regis-

tration, coaches, team parents, etc. If you have an interest in the youth of Winters and would like to see this organization succeed, please attend this important meet-

If you cannot attend, contact Bob Lindley at 754-4959 after 5 p.m. or Dawn Green at 754-4430 between 5-9:30 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Feb. 8	Sweetwater (Scrim.)		4:30
Feb. 13	Eldorado	There	4:00
Feb. 15	Sweetwater Tourney	There	TBA
Feb. 16	Sonora	Here	4:00
Feb. 17	Sweetwater Tourney	There	TBA
Feb. 23	Sonora	There	4:00
Feb. 27	Eula*	There	4:30
March 1-3	Early Tourney	There	TBA
March 6	Bangs*	Here	4:30
March 9	Hawley*	There	4:30
March 13	OPEN	SPRING E	BREAK
March 16	Cisco*	There	4:30
March 20	Coleman*	Here	4:30
March 23	Jim Ned*	Here	4:30
March 30	Bangs*	There	4:30
April 3	Hawley*	Here	5:00
April 6	Eula*	Here	5:00
April 12	Cisco*	Here -	5:00
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April 12	Cisco*	Here -	5:00
April 17	Coleman*	There	5:00
April 20	Jim Ned*	There	5:00
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Booster Club to make athletic banquet plans

-Meeting set Feb. 7

The Winters Athletic Booster Club will conduct a meeting Wednesday, February 7, at 8 p.m. at the field house. Plans will be made for the athletic banquet.

Parents of all athletes are encouraged to attend.

UTPB counselor to visit local high schools

Edia Hernandez, admissions counselor at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, will be visiting with Winters, Ballinger, and Miles area high schools in February. The purpose of the visit is to offer general information on attending U.T. Permian Basin.

She will be in this area the week of February 12 through 16 with visits also scheduled at Forsan, Water Valley, Grape Creek, Veribest, Paint Rock, Eden, Wall, Bronte, Robert Lee, and Sterling City.

Students ranking in the top ten percent of their class are eligible to apply for the four-year \$14,400 Presidential PLUS and \$7,200 Presidential Scholarships. Students graduating in the top 11-25 percent of their class may qualify for either the UT Merit Scholarship which is worth from \$1,500-\$6,000 or the two-year Freshman Merit Scholarship of \$2,000.

To set up an appointment with Ms. Hernandez, please call (915) 552-2605.

2001 VARSITY BLIZZARDS BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Feb. 16	Sonora (Scrimmage)	There	4:30
Feb. 20	Miles	Here	4:00
Feb. 23	Hamlin (DH)	There	4:00
Feb. 27	Stamford	Here	4:30
March 2	Albany (DH)	There	4:00
March 6	Bangs*	Here	4:00
March 9	Hawley*	There	4:00
March 13	Eula*	There	4:00
March 16	Cisco*	There	4:00
March 20	Coleman*	Here	4:00
March 23	Jim Ned*	Here	4:00
March 27	Miles	There	4:00
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April 3	Hawley*	Here	4:30
April 6	Eula*	Here	4:30
April 12	Cisco*	Here	4:30
April 17	Coleman*	There	4:30
April 20	Jim Ned*	There	4:30
April 24	Colorado City	There	5:30
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2001 BLIZZARD HIGH SCHOOL TRACK SCHEDULE

Relays

Sat., February 24	Jim Ned Relays
Sat., March 3	Roscoe Relays
Sat., March 10	Blizzard Relays
Sat., March 17	Mason Relays
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Sat., March 31	Coleman Relays
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Fri./Sat., May 4-5	State Qualifiers (TBA)
Fri./Sat., May 11-12	STATE- UT Austin

Only a child could say this —

(Science test answers, complete with spelling errors) To collect fumes of sulphur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube.

· When you smell an odorless gas, it's probably carbon

· Respiration is composed of two acts — first is inspiration, and then expiration.

Germinate: to become a naturalized German.



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Happy Valley millionaires still the same people

by Deb Pritchard, assistant editor

Many local folks remember the significance of Super Bowl weekend a year ago-some better than others! And since that weekend, some folks around these parts don't have to watch and dream about "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire"—because they are millionaires!

Exactly one year ago Sunday, the Publisher's Clearing House Prize Patrol knocked on Ginny Jackson's door, backed by glaring lights and cameras, and handed her a poster sized check for \$21 million, a dozen long stemmed roses, and a balloon bouquet, all in Happy Valley, Texas.

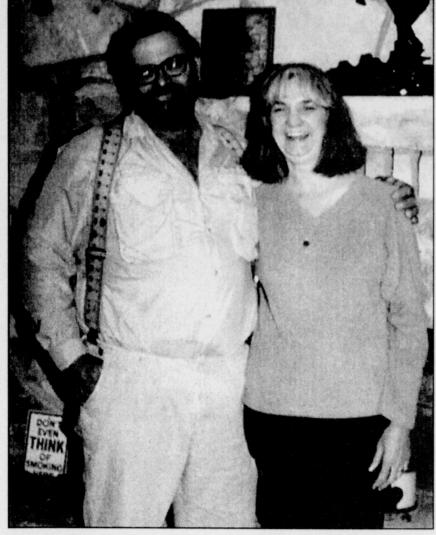
This Super Bowl, Ginny and her husband Calvin, better known in these parts as Cheesy, hosted a "small" gathering of friends and family to watch the game and enjoy a fish fry in celebration of last year's event.

Yes, it was all real last year...and yes, she did receive the \$1 million installment she was promised for the first year. And yes, she will receive \$525,000 every year for the next 30 years. And yes, she will receive a \$7+ million balloon payment at the end of 30 years.

Ginny, a homemaker, and Cheesy, a concrete contractor, say, and I have to agree, they are the same people they were a year ago. Though Cheesy does admit, "you don't have a choice—everything changes...financing, taxes, lawyers, financial advisors...because if you don't ...," he shrugs.

On the other hand, Ginny says, "You get a better attitude—a better outlook on life. You've got more freedom and less stress." She did say Cheesy has developed a new stress since he is the one in charge of the finances, and the headache that goes with it. "I just do the best I can," he said, "and bear it. There's a lot of paperwork involved...people just don't real-

One stress in his life that has been eliminated though is his concrete business. "I gave it to my foreman," said Jackson. "Do I ceived sent in care of the Wingate miss it?," he repeats the question with a hearty laugh. "No, I don't miss it and I< #\$%*> sure don't miss Mondays and Fridays. Mondays because you never knew who was gonna show up (to work) and Fridays because I had to write



go to (San) Angelo every day." "And working 12 hours every

day," adds Ginny. Ginny has learned to enjoy long bubble baths in addition to watching "Days of our Lives", and going to hockey games. However she admits she hasn't gotten used to Cheesy not workingbeing home all day long. "He's on the phone all the time. He's not settled down into retirement life. He hasn't learned how to relax yet...and I'm a lot more relaxed." She does point out though that Jackson "doesn't complain quite as much."

They both agree that the first two months of their new-found wealth was a constant request for money. "Some real wackos came out of the woodwork," said Ginny. "They were weird in their expressions—and I was called a few names I wouldn't repeat!"

Cheesy tells of a letter they re-Baptist Church. "These two sisters were in bad shape (health- the church (Ginny is a member of wise) and wanted us to send them Holy Family Catholic Church in \$50,000 for one and \$20,000 for Abilene), missions, and various the other. Then they'd take out a charities. loan and pay us back. The only problem was, we got the same let-

the checks. I don't miss having to ter from another address in Nevada."

Ginny laughs and shakes her head when she recalls the woman who contacted them from Florida. "She said she knew she was supposed to win the prize though she was out of town on vacation during that (Super Bowl) week and they (the Prize Patrol) couldn't find her. So she said we should send her 1/2 the money because it should be hers!"

A real estate broker wanted to sell their land so they could move to a "more secluded place." Like a wooded homestead in Happy Valley—West Texas—USA isn't secluded! "We heard from every Edward D. Jones broker in Texas and one from Tennesse—wanting to manage our money," said Cheesy.

Ginny is quick to acknowledge that they have had some legit requests from churches, an orphanage in Abilene, even an animal shelter in El Paso. They have shared some of their windfall with

As would be expected, they have enjoyed some luxuries of their own. Remodeling of their home, which was already planned before the multimillion dollar giveaway, "just grew and got bigger." It has been completed including a basement, great room, multipurpose utility room, den/ office, and a three car garage.

Plans have been drawn up for a house "on the coast" where Cheesy enjoys deep sea fishing and Ginny just likes to get away and walk near the ocean. Cheesy recently returned from a fishing expedition in Venezuela. He has purchased a shallow water boat to enhance his fishing expeditions.

Ginny also received a Lincoln Navigator as part of her prize

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at First Methodist Church A seminar, "Adventure into in getting the help they need and

Depression seminar Sunday

Depression," will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday, February 4, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Tony Campbell and the Depression Challenge Team of Fort Worth will be leading the seminar.

According to Don Roath, FUMC pastor, through the outreach of educational seminars in churches of all denominations, the Depression Challenge Team:

 helps people develop an understanding of depression and related conditions,

 helps people who are experiencing depression and related conditions to understand themselves,

· equips family members and friends with knowledge to be understanding,

· identifies the resources that are available to help,

is available to assist people

· assists churches as they develop ongoing programs regarding mental health issues.

Tony Campbell, as an adult, was diagnosed with manic depression and anxiety and panic disorders. Mr. Campbell's life has been an uphill struggle, but he says he wishes to ease the pain for those who suffer as he did, and give hope to all those involved family members, caretakers and sufferers. Mr. Campbell says that he is coming to the church in Winters because "we need to deal with this instead of living in seclu-

First United Methodist Church. There is no charge for the seminar; however, a love offering will be taken. For more information, call 754-5213.

more accessible The public is invited to attend People over the age of 50 this important seminar on Sunday, February 4, at 2:00 p.m. at the

may be the fastest growing population on the Internet, and they are increasingly using Internet resources to search for information on such vital issues as health care.

A new survey shows that Internet access among people with Medicare, who are 65 and older, has skyrocketed from 6.8 percent in 1997 to 21.3 percent in 1999.

One website that averages seven million hits per month for health care information is the new and expanded Medicare website at <www.medicare.gov>.

The award-winning website now includes more features and information tailored to meet the needs of the growing number of older online users, as well as family members and friends who help them make their health care decisions.

The new technologies being used at <www.medicare.gov> will load faster for people who use their telephone lines for access, helping them move quickly through the site.

drove to Manitoba, Canada in Chuck Patterson) is a Nurse Prac-August—their first trip together titioner in Boerne. The Jacksons since they've been married. Gone say neither of Sara's bosses even nearly three weeks, the trip there took about four days before reaching their destination—the home of Scott Chartier, a former semipro hockey player for the San Angelo Outlaws. "We went fishing," said Cheesy.

"He was a real gracious host. I figured he was just a jock that didn't know anything but sports—but he was a real nice person." "With a beautiful little house on the Lake of the Prairies," added Ginny.

The couple then took about two weeks to return home, traveling through the Dakotas, Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado where they visited Ginny's sister in Colorado Springs. "We went to the Olympic training center which was just fantastic," said Ginny. Cheesy really enjoyed a visit to the Air Force Academy.

Still wearing his trademark suspenders, Jackson is noticeably without the gap in his front teeth, but still sports the thick, black rimmed glasses he's had to wear since the third grade. But...he hopes that may not be the case in a few weeks.

scheduled to undergo Lasik® surgery, "a type of clear lens transplant" on his left eye yesterday. If all goes well, he will have the right eye done within a month. "Then I hope I can throw these <#@\$%*> (glasses) away," he chuckles.

Both of the Jacksons say they'd like to pay for the eye surgery to be done on both of their daughters, Sara and Jana, who seem to have inherited Cheesy's bad eyes.

As for the girls, both are employed following college educa-

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package, which she and Cheesy tions. Sara (who is married to know her parents are millionaires.

Jana received her degree from Angelo State University in December and works at a kennel in San Angelo grooming dogs. Jana's friends want to know "if she's gotten her money yet, and how much does she get?"

While the girls will not want for anything in the future, right now says Ginny, "They're not going to be free to not have to earn their own keep. They need to learn to be independent."

The Jacksons would like to go back to Canada and Ginny want to travel to the states she's never been to before. And they still haven't taken the trip to New York City yet, compliments of Publisher's Clearing House.

People recognize who they are now, and Ginny still gets congratulated, a year later. "You don't get put on hold as much," said Ginny, " and people are a lot more friendly."

All in all, the new millionaire status has been good for the Jacksons. "It's nice to drive down the road without having to call ahead for reservations at a According to plans, he was motel...you don't have to ask how much the room costs—because it doesn't matter," said Cheesy. Ginny adds, "If you see something you like—you can have it."

> So while these Happy Valley residents can give meaning to their town's name, life will continue as it has been for the Jacksons. Though they can live "high on the hog", they still seem to prefer to "feed at the same trough" as the rest of us West Tex-

Check it out at the Winters Public Library 120 N. Main 754-4251 Open Mon.-Thurs. 1-6 p.m. Saturday 10-noon

Friendze Stores to help Abilene teacher's wife

Not only is Crockett Elementary teacher Darrell Martin confronted with a change in his present employment, but his wife is needing a stem cell transplant. Receiving the transplant is the only hope that remains for her to

Martin has already experienced the loss of one wife to cancer. Besides helping his wife Maryanne face the surgery, they are confronted with the fact that the insurance he has with the Abilene school district will not cover this procedure.

Highland Church of Christ in Abilene has taken the lead to raise \$115,000 for her as the hospital requires the payment up-front. Many of the members are planning suppers, garage sales and numerous other benefits to help secure the funds.

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Friendze Stores, Inc. of Abilene will also participate by donating a full 15% of all sales on Saturday, February 3, 2001, toward the Maryanne Martin Fund.

Friendze store owner Homer H. Hillis stated that even though he had contributed to the fund personally through Highland Church of Christ, he is "really excited about the Friendze store helping the Martin family and knows the Abilene and surrounding communities will want to participate, also."

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Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

New home is highlight for the Masters family



Santa was late for a friend of mine, but who cares when he brings a new home. Longtime friend and writer, Nancy Robinson Masters, and her husband Bill sent this Christmas newsletter I'd

like to share. HO! HO! HOME! Santa brought Bill and Nancy a new

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address for the new year. Of course, Santa forgot the roof, but hey-not everyone gets a White Christmas in their living room. Which means we'll be living in a motor home at the new address beginning January 20 while we wait for either Rudolph or the roofer to get us in the dry. (Bill says to think of it as wintering over at Padre Island without the Island.) Please change your address records so we won't miss anything you send. (A load of sheetrock would be nice.) Our phone numbers are not supposed to change since the new location is less than a mile from the old. (If those numbers don't work, try BR-549.)

How does the Masters Menag-

erie feel about moving? Check out their comments, along with a few "highlights" from our year just

 Ms. Lampasas, Ms. Dublin, Mr. Oreo Bull, and the Bullbabies: "Longhorns never say good-bye. We're just moooooooving on."

- Streak (Flop) Dog: "Load up in the truck, load up in the

Deaf (Guard) Dog:

-Pup (I Don't Want to Move) Dog: "Roooooof! Roooooof!" Old Ms. Madam (Sausage) Cat: "Shut up and feed me."

— Mr. Cleveland (Plays With Socks) Cat: "You expect me to do WHAT in a box till I adjust?" — Little Girl (Calico) Cat:

"Mouse! Mouse!" - Mr. (12) Pound Cat: "Don't bother me. I'm ignoring you."

God was so good to us this past year we have to pinch ourselves sometimes to believe it! Highlights for Bill included traveling to Tucson where he completed his lighter-than-air balloon pilot rat-

ing, the dedication of the new pavilion at Belle Plaine Cemetery as the Cemetery Association President, a successful year as Squadron Leader for the Big Country Squadron/CAF, and seeing the second story structure of the new house fit perfectly when the crane set it in place. (They said it couldn't be done!)

Highlights for Nancy included expanding her writing markets worldwide, continuing her travels and motivational speaking at schools and conferences, surviving the drought and packing to move. (Follow her on the path to the bath in the garage during "The Great Motor Home Camping Adventure" at her new website, http://NancyRobinsonMasters.com.)

We also had grief, disappointments, and loss. We rejoice that the peace, power, and presence of God filled our hearts even in difficult times. One of the most difficult maneuvers for an F/18 Su-



Charlsie Poe

per Hornet pilot to perform takes place one second before being blasted off the deck of an aircraft carrier. The pilot has to lift both hands up and totally let go. Any attempt to take hold of the controls during takeoff will result in immediate disaster. It requires an act of total trust in those in charge of the power to make a takeoff. We're blasting off in 2001, letting go in total trust of the One who is in control.

"Give to him everlasting glory...the Lord, the All Powerful One who is, and was, and is coming again! Revelation 1:6-8

Letter to the Editor

City manager lauds Associated Beef feedlot

April 1, 2001, will be my ninth anniversary of calling Winters my home, and the people of Winters my only family left for me.

I am pretty sure most of you know now that this family member was born and raised in Afghanistan. Yes, I was born and raised in Chardy (in English it means "four villages"), a fertile valley along the bank of the Kabul

From the time I can remember, we had all kinds of animals on our farm. Seeing good animals, animal pictures and reading good stories about animals always makes me feel good.

In the January 25, 2001, issue of the The Winters Enterprise I noticed the pictures of many happy kids with their well-fed and well-groomed animals. I enjoyed the pictures. Job well done, Enterprise!

Looking at these pictures brought back a lot of my childhood memories. In one section of the paper I noticed a half-page ad for Associated Beef City (ABC) feedlot in Winters. In the ad I read that ABC has a 25,000 head yard capacity, first class feeding operation, all new construction, and excellent facilities.

I have been there several times and have visited with Bill Morgan, manager, and Teelee Vinson, office manager. I have invited them to come to the city hall and have a cup of coffee with me. I have also asked them to join us at the Industrial Corporation, Chamber of Commerce, and Lions

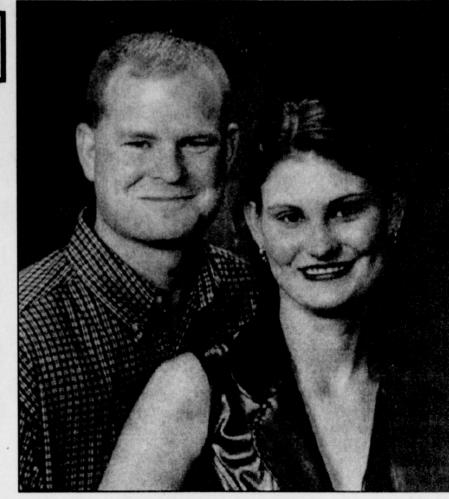
I am a professional of my field and I know where our potentials are. ABC has a great potential for our economy. I have preached this to our elected officials, Industrial Corporation, Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club. Being a former farmer, I consider our local businesses to be like our milk cow. There is not a single cow to milk in ABC feed lot, but surely they drink a lot of water.

Let us keep praying for a fiveinch rain to come in intervals to fill our lakes but does not flood our town. Can you imagine how much our economy will grow if ABC operates in its full capacity? I know one thing for sure — that the city will sell a lot of water to

Therefore, anything my elected officials, the city employees, our civic organizations, our businesses, the community as a whole, The Winters Enterprise, and I can do to accommodate and promote ABC feedlot in Winters, they deserve it. I hope we do not hesitate doing so, as long as it is within our ability, legal jurisdiction, and for the best interest of our community.

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Richard Sealy Bryan & Cassie Ann Huckaby

Huckaby and Bryan announce engagement, December wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Huckaby of Beeville and Mr. and Mrs. Sealy Bryan of Winters are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Cassie Ann Huckaby and Richard Sealy Bryan.

Cassie is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Walker of Wingate and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Huckaby of Winters.

Richard is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bryan of Norton and the late Mr. and Mrs. Grady Kennedy of Ballinger.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of A.C. Jones High School and is currently attending Angelo State University pursuing a degree in Registered Nursing.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1997 graduate of Texas Tech University and is currently employed as a graduate mechanical engineer at CADCO Architects/Engineers, Inc. of Abilene.

The couple will be married December 15, 2001, at the Church of Christ in Ballinger.



Billy Holland & Kathy Jones

Kathy Jones, Billy Holland to marry

Reverend Robert and Barbara Jones of Winters are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kathy Jones, to Billy Holland. Billy is the son of Billie Louise Gerhart of Winters.

Kathy is a 1994 graduate of Winters High School. Billie is a 1992 graduate of Winters High School and is employed by Muellers, Inc. in Ballinger. A May wedding is planned.

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Former Winters resident now serving at earthquake site in India

Although the devastating earthquake in India is thousands of miles from Winters, Texas, one former resident is in the core of the disaster.

Aaron Foster, 28, son of Earl and Susie Foster of Winters, arrived in Ahmedabad, India, Saturday, January 27, as part of Rescue Net, a division of Youth With a Mission, based out of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

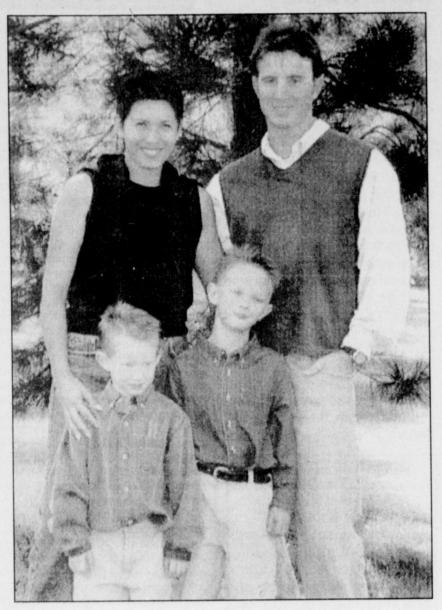
Rescue Net is a faith operated, Christian-based, rapid-deployment training organization which teaches workers how to rescue victims of natural disasters. The group does assessment work and coordinates rescue efforts through all available local agencies in the area needing help.

Via e-mail to his dad, Aaron said that in many disaster situations, some casualties occur because of lack of training by would-be rescuers who die from gas leaks, flooding or electrical shocks.

The younger Foster also said that his organization places great emphasis on providing a safe and secure place for orphans in disaster areas. Foster said that, particularly in Europe, the mafia will quickly gather young girls to sell into prostitution and slavery.

Aaron is currently living on the streets in India and told his father that financial assistance is desperately needed, especially for medical supplies. Anyone wishing to help can send their donations to:

> Earl Foster Rt. 1, Box 139 Winters, Tx. 79567 915/767-3822



Stella & Aaron Foster Elijah & Ethan

where Earl and Susie are members, helps sponsor their son in his missionary endeavors.

Aaron, an Emergency Medical Technician who plans to continue training to become a paramedic,

Christ's Church of Abilene, has been a missionary for the past ten years, including service in Rwanda, Belize, Mexico, Romania, Norway, Sweden, Kenya, Haiti, Uganda and Singapore.

He and his wife, Stella, have two sons, Elijah and Ethan.

First Ag Credit approves \$14.7 million cash distribution

The board of directors of First Ag Credit, Farm Credit Services, recently approved a \$14.7 million capital and cash patronage dividend to its members. Approximately \$9.9 million was in the form of stock retirement effective Dec. 1, 2000, and the remaining \$4.8 million in cash patronage will be paid in early 2001. Stock refunds will be applied automatically to outstanding loan balances or placed in funds held accounts.

"The capital strength of the association built through the hard work and performance of our members and their loans allows for this reduction while still maintaining the necessary capital to provide for the organization's continued growth and stability,' said Terry Dane, the association's chief executive officers.

The agricultural lender provided the stock refund by lowering the amount of stock that borrowers purchase when they obtain their loans. The directors voted to lower the stock requirement to the lesser of 2 percent or \$1,000 of the original loan balance. This stock rate is the lowest allowed by law.

The refund is one benefit the stockholder-approved merger between First Ag Credit, FLCA; Ag Credit of Texas PCA; Wichita Falls PCA; and El Campo PCA/ This consolidation was effective January 1, 2001.

The lowered stock requirement will apply to members of First Ag Credit, FLCA; Wichita Falls PCA; and El Campo PCA. Members of Ag Credit of Texas, PCA, previously had their stock rate lowered to the minimum amount.

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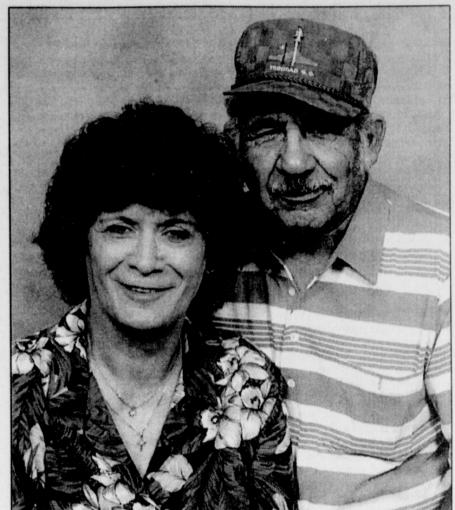
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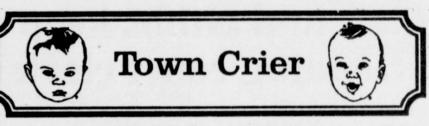


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Mr. & Mrs. Louis DeLaCruz celebrate golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Louis DeLaCruz celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends on Saturday, January 20, 2001. A reception was held in their honor hosted by their children and grandchildren at the Mt. Carmel Catholic Church Fellowship Hall.

Louis married Rosie Cortez on January 18, 1951, in Seguin. Their children include Louis C. DeLaCruz, his wife Alice and daughter Crystal; Fred DeLaCruz, his wife Carolyn and children, Camille and Nathan; Floranda Manson and son Adrian; Albert DeLaCruz and children, Daniel and Kimberly; and Deana Holmes, her husband Jerry and son Chase.



Katie Lynn Rich

Max "Rusty" and Stephanie Rich of Decatur are proud to announce the birth of a daughter.

Katie Lynn Rich was born Wednesday, December 20, 2000, at 12:45 p.m. at Decatur Community Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces The Winters Public Library is and was 19 inches long.

She is welcomed home by a sister, Savanah Nicole Ward, age 2. Grandparents are Elaine Gibbs of Paradise and Bob and Barbara Ward of Decatur.

Great-grandmothers are Leona Rich of Wingate and Barbra Bradish of Bridgeport.



The Girl Scouts were founded under the name the Girl Guides in 1912. The name was changed the following year. Daisy Gordon was the first Girl Guide in the United States.

Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

Any lady who knows everything should be told a thing or two.

Bro. Roy and Mrs. Epperson of Ballinger gave the Hopewell Baptist Church services on Sunday, while Bro. Ferris Akins and wife Ramona of Ballinger were on vacation.

Juanita Shields had her belated Christmas dinner in her home on Tuesday night with 18 present. Her brother-in-law, Jack Shields of Aztec, New Mexico, died and was buried on the 29th in New Mexico.

Joe and Betty Pierce were in Tyler during last where they attended the funeral of brother-inlaw, Lavada Little. Joe's sister of Houston passed away on Monday, and was buried in Brownwood during the week.

We welcome Joe Riley Sims to our community as of this week. He lives in Mrs. Carolyn Webb's home across the highway from Margie Jacob.

Brownwood spent Sunday with Leona and Roy Matthis.

Melvina Gerhart came by for a little visit on Monday.

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to his doctor's appointment in San Angelo on Wednesday. Visiting Noble and Harvey Mae during the week were Bernie and Jeff McCoy of Shreveport, Louisiana and Brenda Tyree of Ballinger.

Vivian Brevard's graveside services were held on the 25th at the Glen Cove Cemetery. Our sympathy goes to her family.

Melvina and Marvin Gerhart went in to Winters and watched grandsons Bryant and Braden Mikeska play basketball on Saturday.

Connie Gibbs was admitted to the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters last Tuesday. He is in Abe and Pat Giles of room 124 and would enjoy cards and letters. Visiting Georgia on Saturday were Lynda and Travis Ford of Rising Star, Doris Wood, Shane Holden, and Amy Ford of

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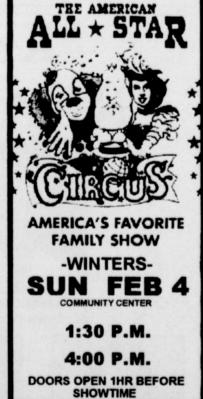
Adeline, Katherine, and Luke Grissom enjoyed eating out for a change on Friday evening.

Daughter Hildegarde of San Angelo was in Winters on Tuesday to take care of some business and do some shopping. We went out to the cemetery and took up the Christmas flowers and placed new on four graves. After enjoying pizza it was time to head home.

The Crews community pot luck dinner will be Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Come one...come all!

Dale and Linda Duggan had a nice visit with Jeff and Bernie McCoy in Abilene this past week. On Monday, Linda Duggan and Becky Brown had supper with Chauncey and Susan Mansell.

Two weeks ago I failed to get a page of news in. I found it on my table and that was when Ruth Pape of Mexico was here visiting friends and spent the day with me. I'm sorry Ruth...guess you missed seeing this in your Enterprise.



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G.H. Lacy, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendre, sentenced to 90 days in county jail probated to 18 months, fined \$200 plus \$235.25 court costs, \$190 hot check fees, \$1,125.38 restitution and 50 hours community service

Samuel Joe Lopez, making alcohol available to a minor, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 90 days in county jail, fined \$235.25 court costs

Samuel Joe Lopez, making alcohol available to a minor, dismissed, convicted in another case

Jeremy Alan Shriver, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendre, sentenced to 30 days in jail, fined \$250.25

Elias A. Arispe Jr., theft of merchandisc by check, pleaded nolo contendre, sentenced to 120 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$150, \$235.25 court costs, \$500 restitution, and 50 hours community service

Beau Allen Hargrave, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 90 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

Tanya Essex, resisting arrest, pleaded nolo contendre, sentenced to 90 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$200 plus \$235.25 court costs and 24 hours community service

Glenn Allen Tischler, driving while intoxicated (subsequent offense), pleaded nolo contendre, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to 18 months, fined \$1,500 plus \$235.25 court costs and 80 hours community service

Clemente Nava Jr., driving while license suspended, pleaded nolo contendre, fined \$200 plus \$210.25 court costs Kevin Bradley Holmstrom, making al-

cohol available to a minor, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 30 days in county jail probated to six months, fined \$750, plus \$235.25 court costs and 24 hours community service

Teresa Arispe, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded nolo con-tendre, sentenced to 30 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$200 plus \$235.25 court costs, \$175 hot check fees, \$231.74 restitution

clerk, and deputy court clerk Saf-

fron Gibbs have been attending

court clerk conferences the past

six months as required by the

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and 50 hours community service Arlan L. Torres, displaying fictitious registration sticker, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 30 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$235.25

court costs and 50 hours community ser-

Lissa Gail Cammack, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 30 days in county jail probated to six months, fined \$200, plus \$235.25

court costs and 24 hours community ser-Juan Manuel Cervantes, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to

90 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service Martin Rocha, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 90

days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$250.25 court costs and 50 hours community service Jeremy Cole Smith, driving while li-

cense suspended, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 30 days in county jail probated to six months, fined \$350, plus \$210.25 court costs

Joe Lee Taylor, criminal mischief, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 30 days in county jail probated to six months, fined \$235.25 court costs, \$672 restitution and 30 hours community service

Randy Joe Islas, driving while license

suspended, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 30 days in county jail probated to six months, fined \$350, plus \$235.25 court costs and 30 hours community service Jimmy D. Martin, theft by check, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 30 days in county jail probated to six months, fined \$235.25 court costs, \$205.05 restitution

and \$40 hot check fees Fabian Ortiz, possession of marijuana, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 30 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$235.25 court costs and 24 hours community service

Don Whitley Lively III, possession of marijuana, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 90 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

Santiago Rodriguez Lucra, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sen-

attending court clerk conferences

Judge Virginia Parr, city court fied court clerks, level 1. They ences, juvenile law, and drug

clerks received information and meeting on January 24, in Odessa.

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Both Parr and Gibbs are certiaging intergenerational differ-prepares and mails nomination

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tenced to 90 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$235.25

Gabriel David Alfaro, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to 18 months, fined \$1,250, plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

Gabriel Hernandez, possession of marijuana, pleaded guilty, placed on deferred adjudication for one year, fined \$500, plus \$235.25 court costs and 30 hours community service

Criminal Cases Filed Jan. 22

Christopher Paul Soto, filed for hunting without landowner's consent Paul Barrett Asbury, filed for driving while intoxicated

Stacy Lynn Jennings, filed on three counts: evading arrest, driving while intoxicated (subsequent offense), and resisting arrest

> **District Court Divorce Cases Filed** Jan. 19

Marvin Miller vs. Linda Miller Jan. 22

Johnathan Cody McCartney and Michelle McCartney **Civil Cases Filed** Jan. 19

Tempest Recovery Services, Inc. vs. Sheila L. Smith and Jay Smith, promis-Jan. 22

Stanley Frank Gruber vs. Patricia Ann Wilde, Elizabeth Ann Wilde Payne, Debra Marie Wilde Land and Janice Lynn Wilde Norsworthy, petition suit

> Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Charges Filed Jan. 24

Sharon D. Beaver, filed for fraudulent use or possession of identifying informa

Criminal Charges Filed

Jan 24 Medea S. Davis, filed for theft by check Doris Jones, filed for theft by check Armanda L. Lugo, filed for theft by

They attended an association

forms and prepares ballots for all

current members in reference to

The clerk association meetings

are held five times a year, in ad-

dition to an annual conference.

This is a legislative year so Parr

and Gibbs will attend the meet-

ings to keep up with new or re-

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vised laws

the board's officer elections.

Municipal judge accepts community service in lieu of court fines

Anyone wishing to perform community service in lieu of a fine in the Winters Municipal Court should contact Judge Virgina Parr at City Hall.

Permission must be obtained from the judge before work is done. Those who have already received permission, have three months from the assigned date to complete the community service.

Community service may be done at Elm Creek Reservoir (Winters Lake) any afternoon or weekend. For more information on this project, call 723-2081.

Community service for any non-profit organization which allows this type of work is also acceptable, with the judge's approval.

EMERGENCY HELP FROM THE **FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHES CLOSET**

For help with food and clothes, the Winters Outreach Center is open from 4:30-7:30 p.m. on Mondays, and from 9:00 a.m.-noon on Wednesdays and Fridays. To apply for assistance, Maudella Reeves is in the Center from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Legal Notices

BID NOTICE

The City of Winters is accepting sealed bids for the performance of depository services for the City's funds. Bids will be accepted at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas 79567, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bid deadline is 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 22, 2001. Bid specifications are available at the City Manager's Office. The City reserves the right to accept and/or r ject any or all bids. 12-5(1tc)

ATTENTION **COX COMMUNICATIONS** SUBSCRIBERS IN WINTERS

Due to increasing vendor and programming costs, we will be making adjustments to the Limited Basic and Expanded Basic prices. Beginning with the March 2001 cable bills, the following monthly service prices will be in effect: Limited Basic service will change from \$10.90 to \$11.45 per month. Expanded Basic Service will increase from \$14.60 to \$15.33 per month. All prices quoted without franchise fees and/or sales tax. Inquiries concerning these changes or any other cable-related issue can be made at the Cox Communications office, 28 West Concho Avenue, San Angelo, or by calling 655-8911.

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Police Beat

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

January 21, 2001, through Saturday, January 27, 2001. Winters Police Officers: *stopped a 1995 Ford passenger car for several traffic violations on S. Main Street. A total of five male occupants were found to be in possession and consuming alcoholic beverages. The males ranged in ages from 14 to 18 years. The driver of the vehicle, a 16-year-old from San Angelo, was issued a citation for driving under the influence of alcohol (a detectable amount). All juvenile passengers were issued citations for minor in possession of alcohol and released into an adult's custody. One 18-year-old, Felix Ponce of San Angelo, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol and taken to Runnels County Jail.

• received a report of a disturbance in the 500 block of W. Parsonage Street. A 19year-old female of Winters and a 26-year-old male of Winters alleged assaulting each other. The male showed an injury to his face and claimed he was defending himself gainst the female. The female stated she did strike the male only after he attacked her. Conflicting stories and a witness for the male who refuted the male's claim of selfdefense led to the arrest of both parties. Martha Perkins and Richard Ochoa were taken to Runnels County Jail and charged with assault causing bodily injury

· observed a 1978 Chevy pickup commit several traffic violations on N. Main Street. The pickup was stopped in the 100 block of N. Grant Street. An odor of alcohol was detected on the driver. The driver was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. Anthony Diaz of Winters was taken to Runnels County Jail and booked for Class A driving while intoxicated.

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• received a report of an accident in the 600 block of E. Truett Street. A 1998 Dodge passenger car driven by Dedrick Lockridge of Winters collided with a 1976 Chevy passenger car which was parked at the time of the accident. Both vehicles sustained severe damage, and Mr. Lockridge received minor injuries to his face. A strong odor of alcohol was detected on Mr. Lockridge who was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. He was taken to Runnels County Jail and booked for driving while intoxicated Class B. Mr. Lockridge's blood alcohol content was nearly

• received a report of burglary in the 300 block of S. Cryer Street. A female of Winters reported that between the hours of 9:00 p.m. Monday and 5:40 a.m. Tuesday person(s) unknown had broken out her car window and taken an undetermined amount of money from her purse. Evidence was found at the scene, and this case is under investigation as burglary of a motor vehicle.

 stopped a 1982 Ford pickup on Roberts Street for several traffic violations. An odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who was offered and passed the field sobriety tasks. The driver, a 44-year-old male of Talpa, was released after a license check revealed the male's driver's license suspended for a previous D.W.I. Charges are pending against the male for driving while license suspended.

 stopped a 1999 Pontiac passenger car after observing it skid through a stop sign nearly striking a patrol car. An odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who exhibited signs of intoxication through slurred incomprehensible speech and slow deliberate movements. The driver was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. Fred Poe of Winters was arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to Runnels County Jail where he provided a blood alcohol specimen over the

• received a report of a man with a gun in the 500 block of Wood Street. The alleged suspect was located on Farrar Street and taken into custody. No gun of any type was located, but an odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. The driver, Howard Ronald Holt of Winters, was arrested for driving while intoxicated 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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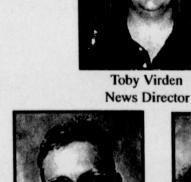


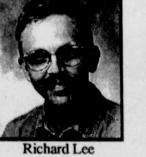
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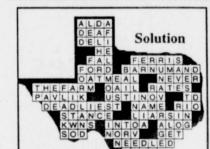


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Terraces are the first line of defense against soil erosion in Runnels County. Few producers are fortunate enough to farm fields flat enough that terraces are not required to stem the tide of top soil loss.

Make it a point to look at cropland fields the next time you are driving around. Chances are the fields you see without terraces need them. Observe also how the fields handle water immediately after a good rain. Water from unterraced fields accumulates rapidly and rushes out of the fields unchecked - taking some of our natrients and rich topsoil with it.

Two lakes near Winters and at least one near Ballinger are now rendered almost useless due to our topsoil washing downstream. Expensive new reservoirs are continually being considered. Some folks think this process of filling up lakes with "silt" is unavoidable. Not so.

Good soil and water stewardship can avoid most of these soil losses and extend the life of lakes. Bare and unprotected soil washes while protected soil does not it is just that simple. Terraces are not the total answer, but they truly are our "first line of defense."

Terraces either hold the water where it falls or releases the ex-

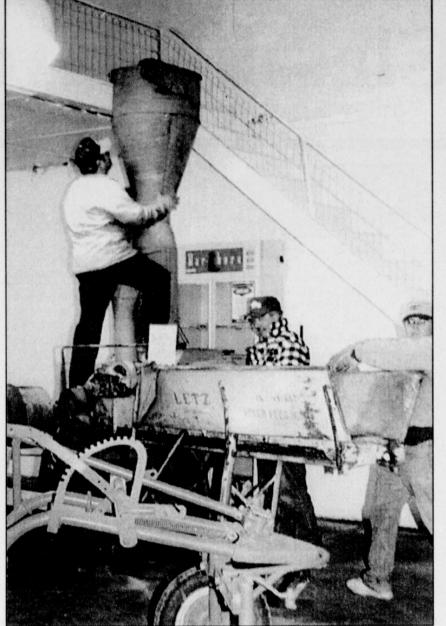
well-designed terrace system built to specifications does this job very well. Look around at the various terrace systems. Notice that very few of the terraces are "up to specs" so to speak.

Most of our terraces are worked down by continual plowing. Some are worked down to the extent that they are barely noticeable. Some are totally plowed out and no longer exist. Next time you see a field with an adequate terrace system take a little time to pat this guy on the back and tell him he is doing a good job.

The main drawback to terraces is they cost money both to build and to maintain. They are a pain to work with big tractors and big equipment. They are also a pain to work with little tractors and little equipment.

All of us need to realize the person who does a good job on a terrace system is truly a good steward and he (or she) cares for the land. He does not tolerate the loss of his topsoil and is willing to do this necessary measure to protect it. In short, he puts taking care of his land first and chasing the dollar second.

For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys cess in a controlled manner. A and hills. Deuteronomy 8:7



TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE WET WEATHER, local farmers (l-r) Dale Duggan, Hank Bourdo and Brett Mikeska wrestle together parts of some of the old equipment on display at the Gus Pruser Agricultural Museum. Several farmers and businessmen are holding work days to help develop the unique displays shown at 221 West Dale.

CHARACTER cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success

Helen Keller

Bobwhite quail notes...

by B.D. Davis, biologist/land manager

The following includes notes about bobwhite quail published by the Bollenbach Chair, Oklahoma State University, and from other sources.

Oklahoma each year claims a key feature in quail reproduc-284,000 acres of native plant tion. communities favorable to bobwhites. Stretching an assumption indicates this brush area enlargement represents the loss of up to 5,680 coveys each year. While some types of brush and associations of brush are essential to maintaining quail life requirements, solid stands of cedar offer little. This is easily considered as much a problem in Texas as in Oklahoma.

Heat

From a bobwhite's perspective,

grazing that scalps the soil of vegetation creates hell on earth. Ground temperatures on overgrazed range reach an average value of 150 to 155 degrees F in the mid-afternoon. Evidence is The encroachment of cedar in mounting that such heat loads are

> The incubation temperature of bobwhite nests is 99 to 100 degrees F. Heat kills embryos in eggs when egg temperature reaches slightly higher levels. A bobwhite has the ability to keep eggs warm. However, she (or he) does not have the ability to keep eggs cool enough when temperatures are much higher than 100 degrees F. Bobwhite hens quit laying when maximum temperatures hold steady in the high nineties and low one hundreds during

Decline

Quail biologists throughout Texas and Oklahoma are hinting at a 20- to 30-year decline in quail numbers. Dale Rollins indicates there are data supporting a decline rate of 5 per cent a year in the ar- overgrazing, drought, aflatoxins, eas in and around Runnels pesticides or just too many folks County. One quail biologist in Florida predicts bobwhites will become extinct in the Southeastern United States by the year

We are fortunate here in the lower Rolling Plains. We are one of the last strongholds for the bobwhite quail. However, we should not take our good fortune for granted. Quail leases in Runnels County are now going for \$5 to \$10 per acre. And folks are driving from what used to be good

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quail hunting in the southeastern states to hunt quail in our part of

No one is quite sure just why the decline. Quail biologists will look off in the distance and mumble such reasons as fire ants, going around destroying habitat. One thing is certain — you and I need to work to keep this explosive "ball of feathers." And like the little boy said "it ain't gona' be easy!"

And the fear and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl in the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. Genesis 9:2

Crop disaster financial assistance available at 60% or 65% of county rate

The Farm Service Agency is accepting applications, beginning February 5, 2001, for the new Crop Disaster Program (CDP), announced Dwaine C. Lange, Chairperson of the Runnels County Committee. The Crop Disaster Program provides financial assistance to farmers who are eligible for compensation for crop losses directly attributed to adverse weather and related conditions.

"Natural disasters are a constant threat to our farmers," said Lange. "This program will help those who suffered losses last year. The sign-up period will begin February 5, and the end of the sign-up period will be announced at a later date, once the program regulations are published in the Federal Register," he said. Producers should be aware that issuance of program payments is pending Federal Register publication

According to Lange, 2000 CDP payments will be calculated at 65 percent of the county rate for insured and non-insured crops. For crops that are insurable in the county, but for which the producer did not purchase insurance, the payment will be calculated at 60 percent of the county rate.

"Funding is not limited for the 2000 CDP, unlike last year," said Lange. "Because it was fully funded, farmers will receive 100 percent of the final calculated payments as soon as program regulations are published-providing their County Office committee has approved their CCC-557 (application), and the producer has provided all the necessary program documentation."

FSA employees will participate in Disaster Assistance training prior to program implementation at the county level to better prepare County Offices to handle the large number of sign-ups ex-

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to provide disaster assistance through the CDP by Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, Pub. L. 106-387.

For more information regarding Crop Disaster Program eligibility and to schedule an appointment to file an application, contact the Runnels County office at 915-365-5757 or visit FSA on the World Wide Web at: http:// www.fsa.usda.gov>.

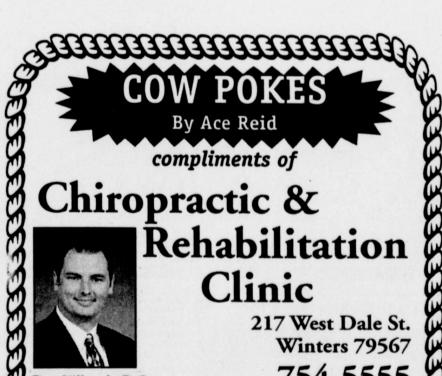
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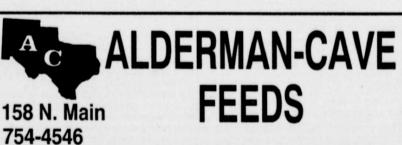




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