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 CONTENTMENT—A merry heart doeth  
 good like a medicine: but a broken  
 spirit drieth the bones.  
*Proverbs 17:22*

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## City Council leaves alley open

During their regular meeting on February 26, the Winters City Council decided to leave an alley open after there was opposition to its closing.

Jimmy N. Butler had asked to purchase the alley that runs east and west between Lamar and Albert streets. To be able to purchase the property, the alley would have to be closed.

Bob and Christie Lindley own the property across the alley, and are opposed to closing the alley because of concerns of accessibility to their property.

Mayor Dawson McGuffin reminded the Council that there had not been opposition to closing an alley and he suggested leaving the alley open.

The Council took no action, leaving the alley open.

Security State Bank won the depository bid for all city funds, over State National Bank and First American Bank, offering better rates on Certificates of Deposit.

The Winters Volunteer Fire See CITY COUNCIL, pg. 2



WINTERS DIGNITARIES IN AUSTIN attending the Texas Midwest Day on Feb. 21 included (l-r) Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development; Winters City Manager Aref Hassan; Assistant Secretary of State and Winters native Geoffrey Connor; Charles Bahlman, President of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation; Steve Esquivel, City Councilman; Henry Cuellar, Secretary of State; Santos Rocho of Contico (John's International); and Bob Jones, pastor of the Winters Assembly of God. Fourteen business leaders from Winters were among approximately 300 persons from this region attending the day-long visit. Please see related story on page 11.

## Judge Egan to head Weather Modification Association

Runnels County Judge Marilyn Egan was elected chairman of the West Central Texas Weather Modification Association at its organizational meeting in Abilene on Friday, February 16, 2001. The Association consists of nine counties — Runnels, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Comanche, Brown, Coleman, and part of Coke County. Representing Runnels County on the Association Board are Judge Egan of Ballinger and Randall Conner of Winters.

The West Central Texas Council of Governments will be the administrator for the project. The Association will perform cloud seeding to enhance rainfall within the area. This is the tenth cloud seeding operation to be organized in Texas, with about one third of the state covered by weather modification programs. Application is being made to the Texas Natural Resource Commission for a permit and license to operate. Plans are to begin cloud seeding around May 1.

The state funds approximately one half of the Association budget, with the participating counties responsible for the balance, based on population, area, and economic activity. The county is providing about one half of the Runnels County allocation, and donations are being taken for the balance. Since the last report, donations have been received from Gene Yocham, Rick Minzenmayer, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jacob, and Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Bredemeyer.

## St. John Women to host World Day of Prayer 2001 on Friday

Christians in over 170 countries around the world will gather on Friday, March 2, in observance of the World Day of Prayer 2001 service.

Begun in 1887 by Presbyterian laywoman Mary Ellen James, World Day of Prayer brings together in informed prayer and prayerful action, international women from a myriad of backgrounds, cultures, and Christian

traditions.

Since 1941, World Day of Prayer has been sponsored in the United States by Church Women, United, a grassroots ecumenical movement of Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian women.

This year's service, written by Christian women of Samoa, focuses on the theme, "Informed

Prayer, Prayerful Action," and is based on the scriptural passage found in Esther 4:1-16.

Everyone is invited to join in the World Day of Prayer 2001 celebration and worship. In Winters, the service will be sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church Women at the church on 1100 West Parsonage, from noon to 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

## Elementary Open House is next Tuesday, March 6

Parents of Winters Elementary students will want to mark their calendars for upcoming events.

The elementary will host an Open House on Tuesday, March 6, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Parents and family are encouraged to visit their child's

classroom.

The Winters Elementary Select Choir will perform for the community on Thursday, March 8. The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Spring portraits will be taken by Wayne Hennington Photography on Monday, March 26.

## L-K Water to consider Runnels Annexation

submitted by Randall Conner, Runnels County Steering Committee

The directors of the Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District will consider a request from representatives of Runnels County to be annexed into the underground water district.

The directors will meet on Wednesday, March 7, 2001, at the district office in Vancourt to consider calling an election for Sat-

urday, May 5.

A petition was presented to the Lipan-Kickapoo Board last year, but the calling of an election was delayed due to a problem in the District enabling legislation.

Rep. Rob Junell of San Angelo is introducing a bill in the current

legislature to allow representation on the Board if Runnels County chooses to join the District.

Currently, the Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District includes parts of Tom Green and Concho counties. This election See WATER, page 2

## Look officer—No Hands!!



...and no coordination as Shelby Gehrels, 8, demonstrates a heel-to-toe walk with "drunk goggles" provided by Department of Public Safety Trooper Richard Treece. Treece visited with Winters Elementary students two weeks ago concerning drug awareness. Students wore the goggles which simulate how a person perceives things if he/she is legally drunk (.08 blood alcohol content). Shelby, a second grader, weaved and wobbled, unable to keep her balance. She is the daughter of Craig and Kelly Gehrels.

## Open house for ag exhibit of Z.I. Hale Museum

The Z.I. Hale Museum of Winters is opening an agricultural museum to exhibit items which depict the unique farm history of this area.

There will be an open house at the Gus Pruser Agricultural Exhibit of the Z.I. Hale Museum on Sunday, March 4, 2001, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The building is located at 219 West Dale, near the main museum and the Rock Hotel Heritage Center.

Featured in the museum is the first patented cotton picker in the United States, built by Mr. Gustav Pruser in 1912 and patented in 1915. Also, there is a truck built in 1920 by Mr. Pruser, a 1905 horse-drawn hearse, and several restored antique tractors, along with numerous other items.

Descendants of Gus and Bertha Pruser will be recognized at 2:15 p.m. during the open house.

Everyone is invited to see this new and interesting museum

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- March 1-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 10:30 a.m., TeleHomecare Program, San Angelo
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- March 2-8:30 a.m., TSTC Jr./Sr. Technology Day, Sweetwater
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon-1 p.m., World Day of Prayer Luncheon, Lutheran Church
- 12:25 p.m., FCA, WISD Science Lab
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- March 3-6 p.m., Revival, First Baptist Church
- March 4-10:45 a.m. & 7 p.m., Revival, First Baptist Church
- 2-4 p.m., Gus Pruser Ag Exhibit Open House
- March 5-9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon & 7 p.m., Revival, First Baptist Church
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- March 6-9 a.m., Winters Ministerial Alliance, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon & 7 p.m., Revival, First Baptist Church
- Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 3 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum, Rock Hotel
- 6:30-7:30 p.m., Elementary School Open House
- 7 p.m., American Legion
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- WISD Final Exams for 3rd and 5th Periods
- March 7-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon & 7 p.m., Revival, First Baptist Church
- 6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office
- WISD Final Exams for 2nd and 4th Periods
- March 8-10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 1-4 p.m., Jr. High and High School Cheerleader Tryouts, Gym
- 7 p.m., Elementary Choir Performance, WHS Auditorium
- WISD Final Exams for 1st Period



## Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©2001



A voice in the wilderness is speaking, but, much like the tree that falls with no one around, is anybody listening?

Several large oil company executives recently met to discuss the direction of the industry. They spoke about the results of their conversations at a press conference afterwards, and many of them echoed the same theme: the business has lost its "maverick ideals".

By this, they mean the oil and gas business was once one where specially-trained people were depended on to do specialized jobs, and this created a unique culture. This culture took chances, treated its employees well, and went its own way in business. But, according to the conference participants, the industry has now let itself become just another business that finds no special value in its specialists or its products.

The result is a business that has alienated potential and current employees by hiring and firing the same people in a span of 18 months, promising a successful career but only providing security between paychecks, and discounting the value of knowledge and experience. Companies have formed mega-companies that have replaced the maverick culture with "a culture of drones and disposable employees", in the words of one participant.

Of course, you should know these major oil company executives are mainly from companies that have not been able to find a suitable merger partner, so that may be coloring their feelings some. But, never-the-less, they have a point.

But, this point will be lost in the roar of others if the leaders of the companies left standing don't take it to heart. There is value in

training, experience, individuality, initiative, and knowledge. This can't be acquired cheaply nor can it be reproduced easily in new employees. It requires some diligence and time, and, yes, it requires some loyalty from all parties. It may be hard to justify on paper on a quarterly basis, but it can show profit at the bottom line over time.

You could argue that the trend towards outsourcing and personnel devaluation is just the evolution of the business toward better profitability that will benefit society as a whole. Yes, you could argue that, but I can't help but feel a little sad to see the old oil business pass us by, and I really believe there is more to maximizing the value of a business.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

Not Available This Week

## Discontinuance of Natural Gas Rule during winter now permanent

The emergency rule established to protect customers this winter was made permanent on February 22, 2001, by the Railroad Commission of Texas. The rule applies to gas utilities and to owners, operators, and managers of master meter systems within the original jurisdiction of the

Railroad Commission. In a statement following the vote Chairman Michael L. Williams said, "Our action protects disadvantaged Texans, especially children and the elderly, when winter temperatures drop towards freezing. We do not want Texas forced to choose between home

heat and other needs this year or in the future."

Williams also said, "In order to address public concerns over the high costs of natural gas, mandatory audits will ease the minds of hard working Texans. A thorough examination will ensure that the price paid by consumers is no greater than allowed by law."

## Children's Health Insurance Program applications available March 6

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) of Texas will be providing applications at the Winters Department of Human Services office at 110 S. Main to enroll children in the insurance program on Tuesday, March 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The process is very simple, the only proof that is required is as follows:

- Income for the last 60 days (paycheck stubs or verification from employer), and
- Proof of daycare fees paid by parent (statement from daycare provider or receipts of payment to daycare), and
- Any child support the parent is paying or receiving.

CHIP is a State of Texas program to provide insurance for children up to their 19th birthday,

and covers pre-existing conditions and special needs children.

Income guidelines for the program are very generous. The most this insurance can cost is \$18 a month to cover all children in the family.

For more information please call Kathy Blueford at People for Progress in Sweetwater (915) 235-8455, extension 21, or 1-800-592-7433.

## CITY COUNCIL, continued

Department requested the closing of the 200 block of Jones street on April 7, 2001. The Hill Country Firemen's Convention will be held here on this date. Pumper races and other activities will be held at this location.

Betty Blackerby was appointed judge for the City election on May 5, 2001.

In correspondence to the Coun-

cil, City Manager Aref Hassan announced that Spring Cleanup Week will be April 21-29.

In other action, the Council voted to hire John Kraatz as part-time animal control officer. He will replace his wife, Wendy, who resigned due to "health reasons." Kraatz had recently been employed in the City Water Department.

Present for Monday night's meeting were Councilmen Steve Esquivel, Mike Meyer, Tommy Russell, Jimmy Butler, and Joe Gerhart, Mayor Dawson McGuffin, City Manager Hassan, and City Attorney Kenneth Slimp.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Big fish catches reader's attention

Congratulations to Mr. O.D. Bradford on his 42-pound bluecat caught out of the old Winters lake February 15, 2001.

My father, the late Frank Mitchell, drowned many a minnow in that old lake.

I think he was probably looking down on Mr. Bradford, cheering him on.

*Gene Mitchell*  
Houston, Texas

### Card of Thanks

To all who extended their love and prayers to the family of Lois West, we thank you.

To Pastor Don Roath, Bobbie Lou Collom, and Mike Meyer, a very big heart-felt thank you. May God bless each and every one of you.

*James L. West*  
*Jim West & family*  
*Jay West & family*

### Local woman to compete in Abilene pageant

The Ms. Texas Senior American Pageant will be Saturday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center.

Mrs. Darlene Sims Gerhart of Winters will be one of 18 contestants. She will be singing "Hats off to Texas," a song she composed as part of the talent competition.

Admission to the entertaining show is free.

### Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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**Monday, Mar. 5:** Lasagna, tossed salad, green beans, garlic bread, blonde brownies.

**Tuesday, Mar. 6:** Hamburger steak w/gravy, rice, green beans, rolls, strawberry shortcake.

**Wednesday, Mar. 7:** Liver & onions, macaroni & tomatoes, fruit salad, rolls, Mexican wedding cake.

**Thursday, Mar. 8:** Burritos, cole slaw, Spanish rice, chips, peaches.

**Friday, Mar. 9:** Hamburgers, chips, pea salad, lettuce, tomato & pickles, cobbler.

## Obituary

### Lois West

**WINTERS**—Lois West, 72, a lifetime resident of Winters, died Wednesday, February 21, 2001, at her home. She was born October 3, 1928, in Winters and graduated from Winters High School in 1946. She married James L. West on April 8, 1950, in San Angelo.

Mrs. West worked at Heidenheimer's, Dry Manufacturing, Winters Senior Citizens Activity Center, and Jedd Manufacturing, which was family-owned until the present. She was a Cub Scout leader and a member of the Winters Ladies Golf Association, the Little League Association, the rodeo association, and the First United Methodist Church. She was honored by the WHS Homecoming Committee as the Coming Home Queen in 1998. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother who always brightened the darkest day.

Survivors include her husband, James West of Winters; two sons, Jim West and Lisa Landers of Winters and Jay and Stephanie West of Abilene; one brother, John B. (Bob) Best of Port Aransas; two sisters, Evelyn Wolfe of Austin and Elizabeth and Bill Kerr, also of Austin; three grandchildren, Jamie West of San Angelo, Amber Dawn Allen of Pasadena, and Savannah West of Abilene.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 23, at the First United Methodist Church in Winters with Reverend Don Roath officiating. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery in Winters, directed by the Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Bunk Bowman, Van Ray Whittenburg, Chuck Bane, Rusty Allen, Rink Polson, and David McCain.

### WATER, continued

will cover all of Runnels County, except the city limits of Winters, Ballinger, Miles, and Rowena. Also, the election will include additional parts of Tom Green and Concho Counties.

With many changes in state water policy proposed in the legislature this year, it is felt by many in this area that we would be better served by being in an underground water district and trying to maintain local control, rather than falling under direct state control.

A steering committee from Runnels County met with Allan Lange, District Manager, to make arrangements for the election. Plans are to hold the election in conjunction with school and other local elections on the first Saturday in May.

For additional information, contact Lanny England, Billy Joe Colburn, or Randall Conner in North Runnels County. In the south part, contact Bob Fuchs or Leroy Pelzel.

## Building your Social Security protection

by Fredi Franki, Social Security manager in San Angelo

This is the time of year when we think about taxes — federal (and state) income taxes, specifically.

Many of us will be spending a great deal of time assuring the accuracy and timeliness of our income tax returns. However, far fewer people will be checking the accuracy and timeliness of their Social Security taxes. That tax may be even more important to your future financial security because the earnings on which they are paid determine the level of your Social Security retirement, disability, or survivor benefits.

More than 6.2 million employers have reported the earnings of the nation's 154 million workers to Social Security. Employers should have provided you with a copy of the report — a W-2 form. (Earnings from self-employment are reported on your federal income tax return.)

When you received your W-2 form, you should have checked to make sure your name and Social

Security number are correct. You should have compared the number and name shown on the W-2 with the information on your Social Security card and reported any discrepancies to your employer and Social Security office right away. Uncredited earnings could adversely affect your future eligibility for benefits, as well as your benefit amount.

You should also take this opportunity to be sure your Social Security earnings record is up-to-date. Now that all workers receive an annual Social Security Statement, checking your earnings is easy. If there is an error in your earnings, you should contact Social Security as soon as possible.

Remember, Social Security is likely to be a major source of income for you in your old age, to your family if you should die or if you become disabled today. More than one out of every six Americans are currently receiving Social Security benefits. It's important that you take the time to protect your investments.

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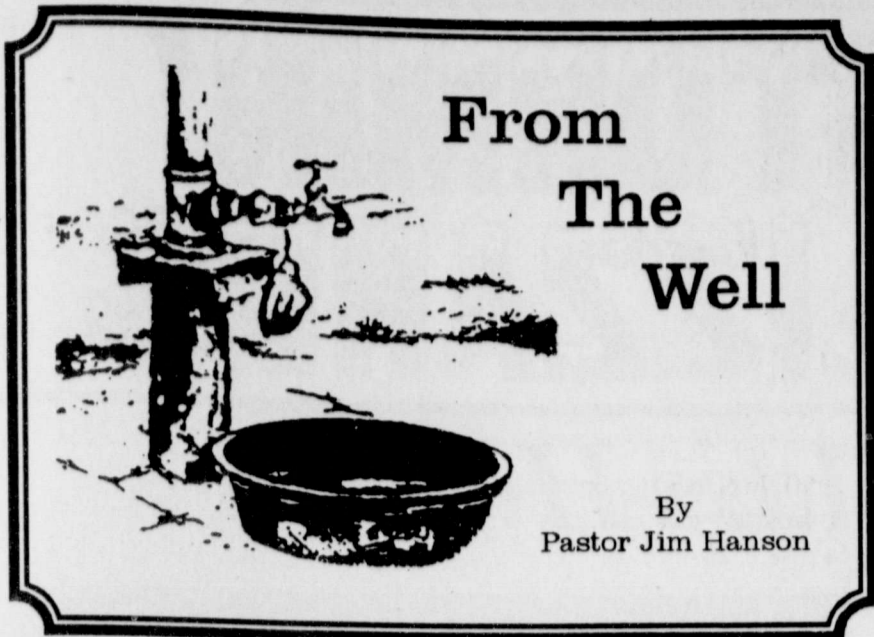
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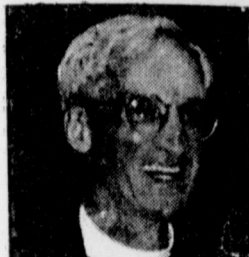
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## From The Well

By  
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

Valentine's Day has come and gone. And I was going to write this column earlier, so it would be more timely. But, after thinking about it, it's not too late. So here goes.

When I was kid, Valentine's Day was a big deal. At school. We'd come, each of us with a sack full of Valentines. Some were homemade; some bought at the dime store. The point was... to give everyone a Valentine, and hopefully when you came home, your sack was as full as when you came. It was not a "dating" kind of thing. It was more like a game for everybody. Of course that was 60 years ago.

When I went shopping for Valentines this year, I was shocked! A goodly number of them were almost pornographic. Or else, "put downs." I finally ended up sending my grandkids "picture postcards." I got so wrapped up in doing it that I forgot to get one for my wife. It wasn't until late that night when I found the one she had for me that I remembered. I was truly sorry... for being such a "sorry husband." But, praise God, Ramona is a loving wife. She forgave me right away.

But, my intention is not to primarily write about Valentines. More rather, romance, dating, and true love. And what I am noticing is that dating has changed since I was a kid. I didn't do a lot of dating. Or kissing, petting, and certainly not "making out." Oh, my hormones were jumping just as much as the other guys, and I had my share of sexual fantasies. But, deep within my mind and heart was the belief that sex before marriage was wrong. It was something to be reserved for the one you loved. It followed the wedding vows. It was not something you "practiced" before marriage. It was God's way. And I've never been sorry. I'm glad we waited.

Then, about a month ago, I read a report written by a mom who is a youth worker. I quote from her: "Our society is full of lots of things that are hazardous to our teens. Alcohol, drugs, smoking, stealing, drunk driving, dating... yes, dating."

"About three years ago, my daughter, then 14, came to me with a book she had just finished reading. She was so excited about it and wanted her dad and me to read it. The book, "I Kissed Dating Goodbye," written by Joshua Harris, discussed the flaws and dangers of our society's dating system. As I read the book, I was struck by the wisdom of this young author.

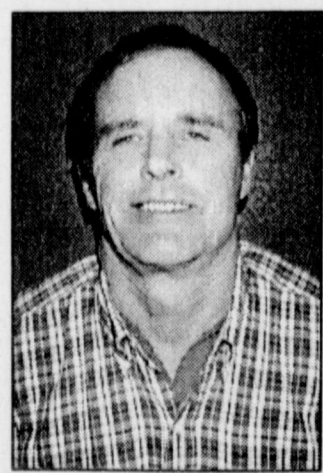
"Dating is really practice for marriage. You would not give a 12-year-old car keys to practice driving until he is old enough to drive. Why let a 15-year-old 'practice for marriage' when he is not old enough to marry? The implied intimacy that comes with dating is very dangerous. When teens are involved in a friendship, the focus is on the way they have in common — sports, music, etc. In dating, however, the focus is on relationship. As the couple gets closer and closer to each other, their ability to maintain their purity is compromised. The question becomes 'How far can we go?' They are flirting with danger. These young, and by nature, immature teens are involved in a spiritual battle God does not want them engaged in. God is not impressed with how much temptation we can resist, but rather how quickly we can run from it.

"Dating is a difficult subject. Our society is geared to being 'paired up.' School dances, 'date movies,' 'talk about who is dating who,' T.V., magazines, songs, movies, and, at the mall, being in a dating relationship is encouraged, pushed, and prevalent."

This mom is right on. Her encouragement: "Wouldn't it be wonderful if our teens heard about the hazards of dating from multiple sources — parents, youth workers, teachers, pastors, friends, media? Wouldn't it be great if our teens were given options to have friends of both sexes where intimacy was not expected or encouraged? Countless hearts have been broken, and countless lives have been destroyed because of this culture's dating game, and the lies that accompany it. But we have Jesus and the truth on our side — we just need to speak it out on love."

Yes. That's why I wrote this column. In my 45 years in ministry, I've seen nothing that comes closer to destroying more teens than "the dating game." It is no game. And I'm so glad that Joshua Harris kissed it goodbye. And I'm happy to recommend for you reading his book "I Kissed Dating Goodbye." You can get it at most any Bible bookstore. It's time we did our teens a favor. And introduce them to a truth that will set them free from this flirting with fire.

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## First Baptist Church to host revival March 3-7

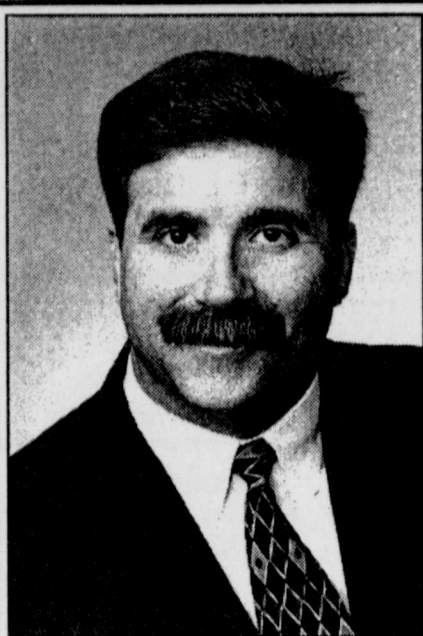
First Baptist Church, corner of Main and Truett, Winters, has set the dates of March 3-7, 2001, for a series of services in revival.

The revival begins Saturday, March 3, at 6:00 p.m. with a steak and trimmings banquet hosted by the Brotherhood. It is free and open to the public. Services on Sunday are at 10:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. On Monday through Wednesday, there will be noon services with free lunch and services again at 7:00 p.m.

Preaching evangelist, Bill Tisdale, has a varied background in the preaching ministry. He is a graduate of the University of Texas and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1955, he and wife Helen accepted appointments as foreign missionaries to the Philippines. In 1970, they returned to Texas where he served as pastor at Casa View Baptist Church, Fort Worth, until



Bill Tisdale  
Evangelist



Fred McNab  
Music Minister

1979 when they were reappointed as missionaries to the Philippines. After returning to Texas in 1982

due to health reasons, Tisdale became pastor of First Baptist Church in Henderson, Texas. In

retirement now, he is in wide demand to preach revivals and evangelistic crusades in the U.S. and around the world. Fred and Helen have four children and nine grandchildren.

Leading music for the revival is Fred McNab, music minister at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, Abilene. Fred is a graduate of the Hardin-Simmons University School of Music and has had a varied career in the music ministry, serving Immanuel Baptist Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and First Baptist Church, Dallas. He is in his second tenure at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church. Fred is married to Dolores Kay, and they have three daughters.

Pastor Barry Taylor and the congregation of First Baptist Church, Winters, cordially invite all to attend. Nursery care will be provided. Call 754-5521 for further information.

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## FBC youth to host Ultimate Frisbee and free pizza event

Youth encouraged to attend Revival

The youth of the First Baptist Church in Winters invites all area high school and junior high students to their Ultimate Frisbee event, this Sunday, March 4.

Ultimate Frisbee will begin at 3 p.m. at the church located on

the corner of North Main and Truett Streets. Free pizza will be served after the games, followed by Revival services at 7 p.m.

All students are encouraged to join in this time of Christian fellowship and fun.

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## Abilene DAV chapter to host mobile service office visit

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Detailed explanations of the full range of benefits available to disabled veterans and their families will be presented at an upcoming Disabled American Veterans (DAV) mobile service office visit.

Like all services provided by the nonprofit DAV, there will be no charge for this 'on-site' counseling and claim filing assistance, which will be hosted by Taylor County Chapter No. 36. It will be presented at the Chapter Home, 2555 N. Grape Street, Abilene, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on March 12, 2001.

A highly trained National Service Officer from the DAV's Waco office will meet with you personally. "This veterans' benefit expert offers you the best counseling and claim filing assistance

you and your family can get," DAV National Adjutant Arthur H. Wilson said in a letter inviting local veterans and their families to visit the mobile service office.

That's important, he said, because "So many disabled veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's so much to know... and so many changes from one year to the next."

Veterans and members of their families need not be DAV or DAV Auxiliary members to take advantage of this free DAV service. They should bring their Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) claim number and Social Security number and any pertinent documentation to the DAV mobile service office location.

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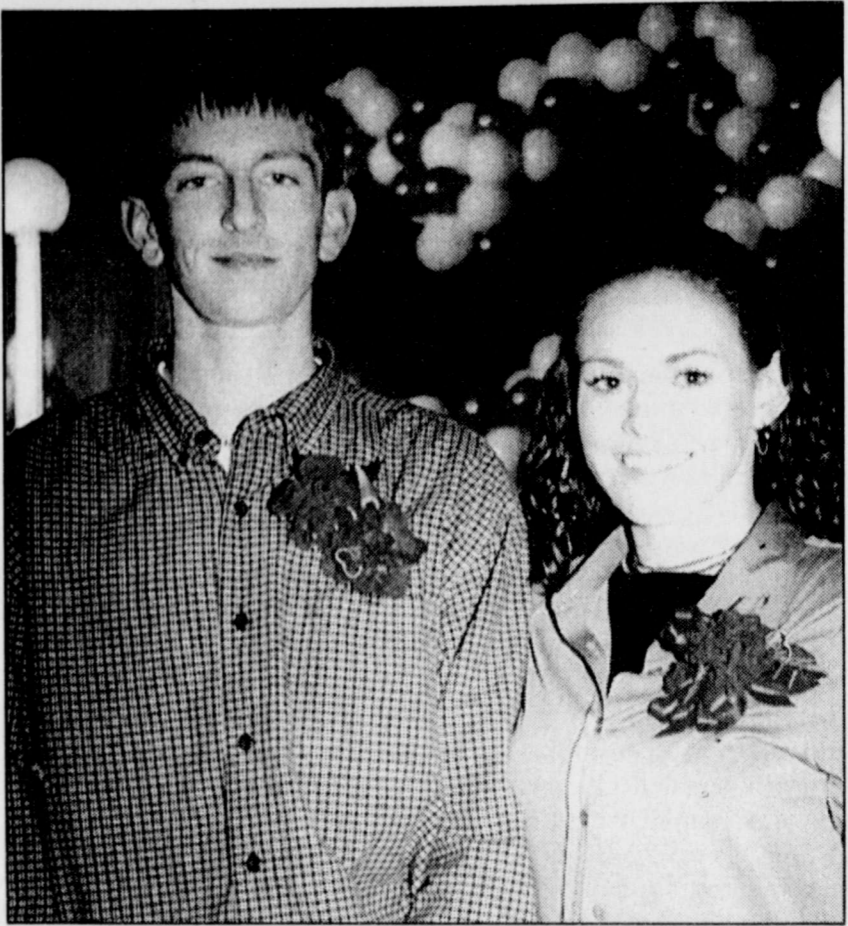
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Thursday-March 8  
Pancakes/Syrup  
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Friday-March 9  
Cheese Toast  
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Tuesday-March 6  
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Pears  
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June Peas  
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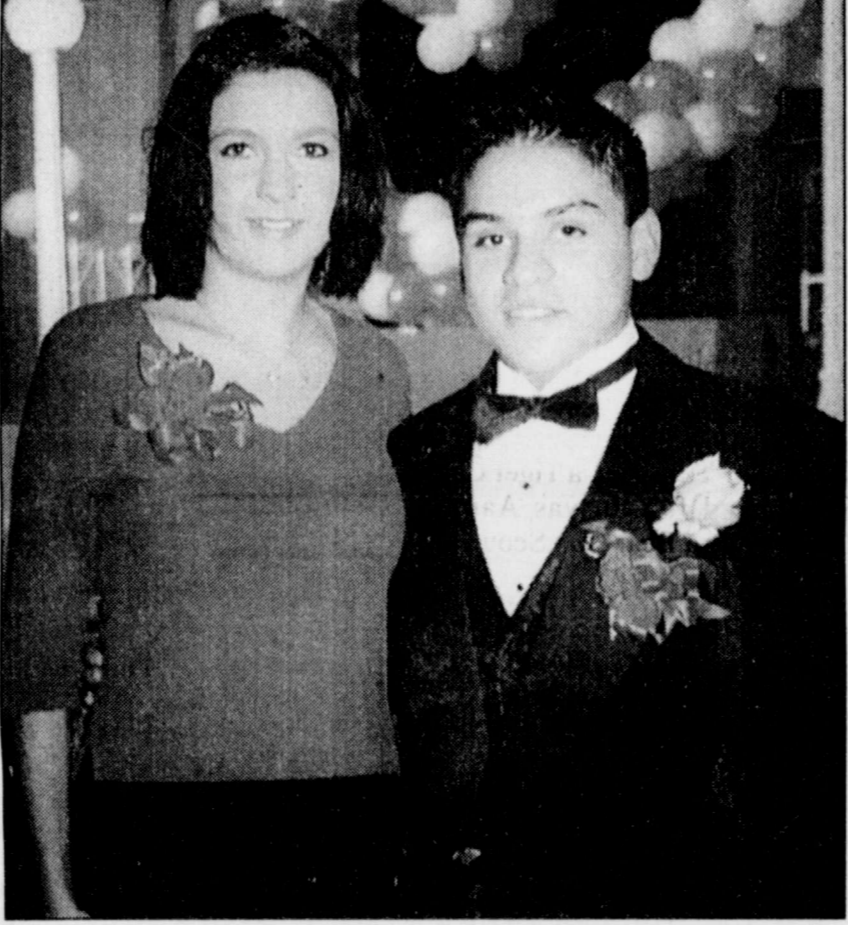
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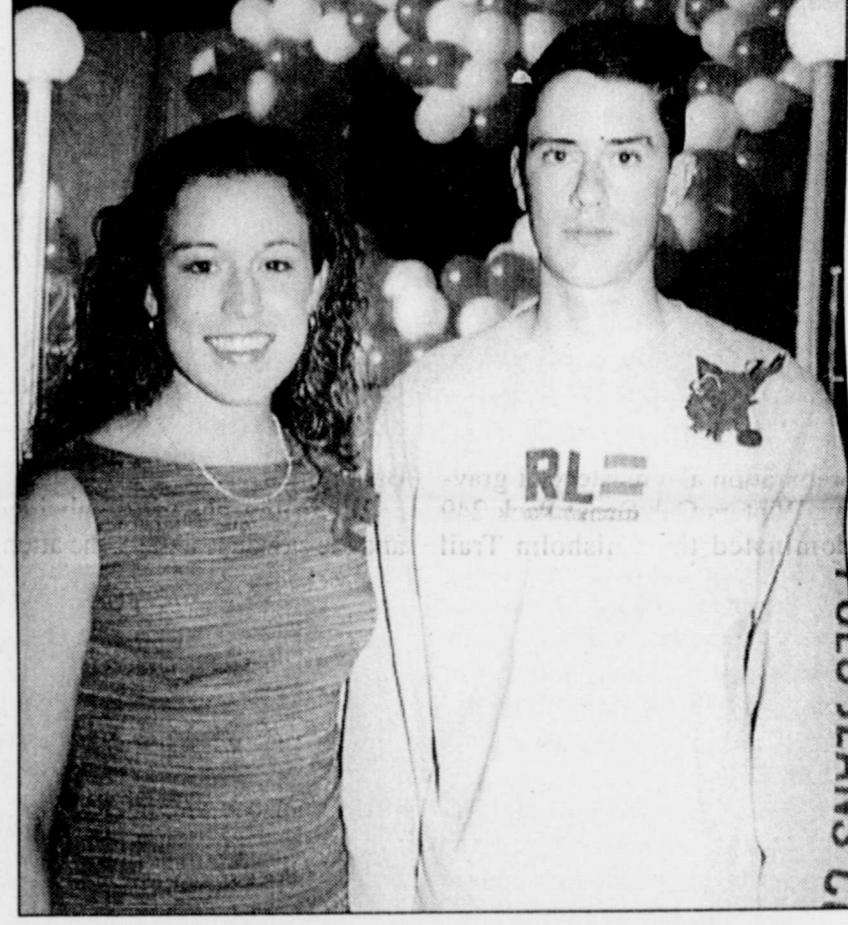
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**Dennis Conner on McMurry Dean's List**

Dennis Conner of Winters has been named to the Dean's List for the 2000 fall semester at McMurry University in Abilene. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled for 12 or more hours and maintain a 3.5 out of a 4.0 grade point average during the semester. Dennis is the son of Randall and Susan Conner.

**Blizzards to open district baseball against Bangs**

The Blizzard varsity baseball team will open their district season on Tuesday, March 6, at the Winters baseball field in the City Park. The Blizzards will host the Bangs Dragons beginning at 4 p.m. Admission to the game is free and all Blizzard fans are encouraged to attend.

**WHS & WJHS track teams open season in Roscoe this weekend**

Winters secondary schools will open their track seasons this weekend with meets in Roscoe. The junior high Breezes will travel to Roscoe on Friday with field events scheduled to begin at 3:45 p.m. Running events are all finals scheduled to start at 6:15 p.m. WHS varsity girls, and JV and varsity boys will compete at the Plowboy Relays on Saturday. Field events begin at 9 a.m. with running prelims set for noon. Running finals will begin at 3:30 p.m. Winters High School will host the Blizzard Relays next Saturday at the Winters Track Complex.

**Softball Scoreboard**

Team: Varsity Softball  
Coach: Ed Pochls  
Date & place of game: February 22, 2001-Winters  
Opponent: Sonora  
Winning pitcher: Eileen Alvarado  
Losing pitcher: Traci Morrison  
Losing catcher: [blank]

by entire team	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	20	12	1
OPPONENT	3	5	3

Coach's comments: I am real proud of the way the Lady Blizzards are playing. They are a very coachable group of young ladies. This was our first game of the year on our home softball field and the whole team would like to compliment the ones that got it ready for play. Great job—the field looked great!

**"What Does It Mean to be Patriotic?"**

Editor's note: The following excerpts were taken from essays submitted by 7th and 8th grade students of Winters Junior High School who participated in the local FFW Patriotism essay contest. Additional writings will be published as space allows in The Enterprise.

Patriotism means to me is that it represents a spirit of a country. It also means freedom of a country. Patriotism is love for one's country. Some people use things to get rid of patriotism, but I think it is there for good and nothing can replace it. — Reynaldo Torres

What does patriotism mean? It means love for one's country and his ability to protect it. We've been a nation for 224 years. America has been in seven wars — Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the War of Vietnam, and the Gulf War. All of those soldiers that fought and died are patriots of this nation. In 1776 on the Fourth of July, Thomas Jefferson and the Continental Congress signed a Declaration of Independence. Those who wrote it and signed it are patriots. — Aaron Cook

Patriotism and being patriotic mean that you love, cherish, respect the allegiance, and fight for your country. There are all kinds of ways that Americans show their patriotism every day. We have freedom of speech and religion among many others. We Americans have always shown our patriotism and must continue. To me, patriotism is this that I have shared and the most important thing of all, believing in God. As long as we trust and have faith in Him, everything will work out for the best. — Christina Perrie

**BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES MARCH 1-MARCH 8, 2001**

- EXTRA-CURRICULAR**  
—Mar. 2, FCA, 12:25 p.m., Science Lab  
—Mar. 6, Elementary School Open House, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
—Mar. 8, Elementary Select Choir Performance, 7 p.m., WHS Auditorium  
—Mar. 8, Cheerleader Tryouts, 1-4 p.m., Gym
- 9 WEEKS FINALS**  
—Mar. 6, 3rd & 5th periods  
—Mar. 7, 2nd & 4th periods  
—Mar. 8, 1st period
- SOFTBALL**  
—Mar. 1-3, Early Tourney, TBA  
—Mar. 6, Bangs, H, 4:30 p.m.
- VARSITY GOLF**  
—Mar. 6, Robert Lee Tour, Girls  
—Mar. 7, Robert Lee Tour, Boys
- VARSITY BASEBALL**  
—Mar. 2, Albany, Doubleheader, T, 4 p.m.  
—Mar. 6, Bangs\*, H, 4 p.m.  
—Mar. 3, Wall Doubleheader/5 innings, H, 11 a.m.  
—Mar. 5, Hawley\*, T, 4 p.m.  
\*Denotes District Play
- VARSITY/JV TENNIS**  
—Mar. 2-3, Team Tennis, San Angelo
- JR. HIGH TENNIS**  
—Mar. 5, Eula, H, 3:30 p.m.
- JUNIOR HIGH TRACK**  
—Mar. 2, at Roscoe 3:45 p.m. Field Events, 6:15 p.m. Running Finals only
- VARSITY/JV TRACK**  
—Mar. 3, Plowboy Relays at Roscoe 9 a.m.- Field Events Noon-Running Prelims 3:30 p.m. Running Finals

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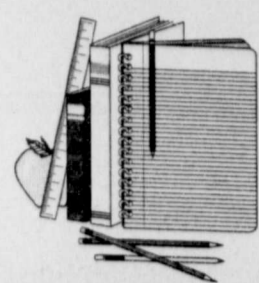
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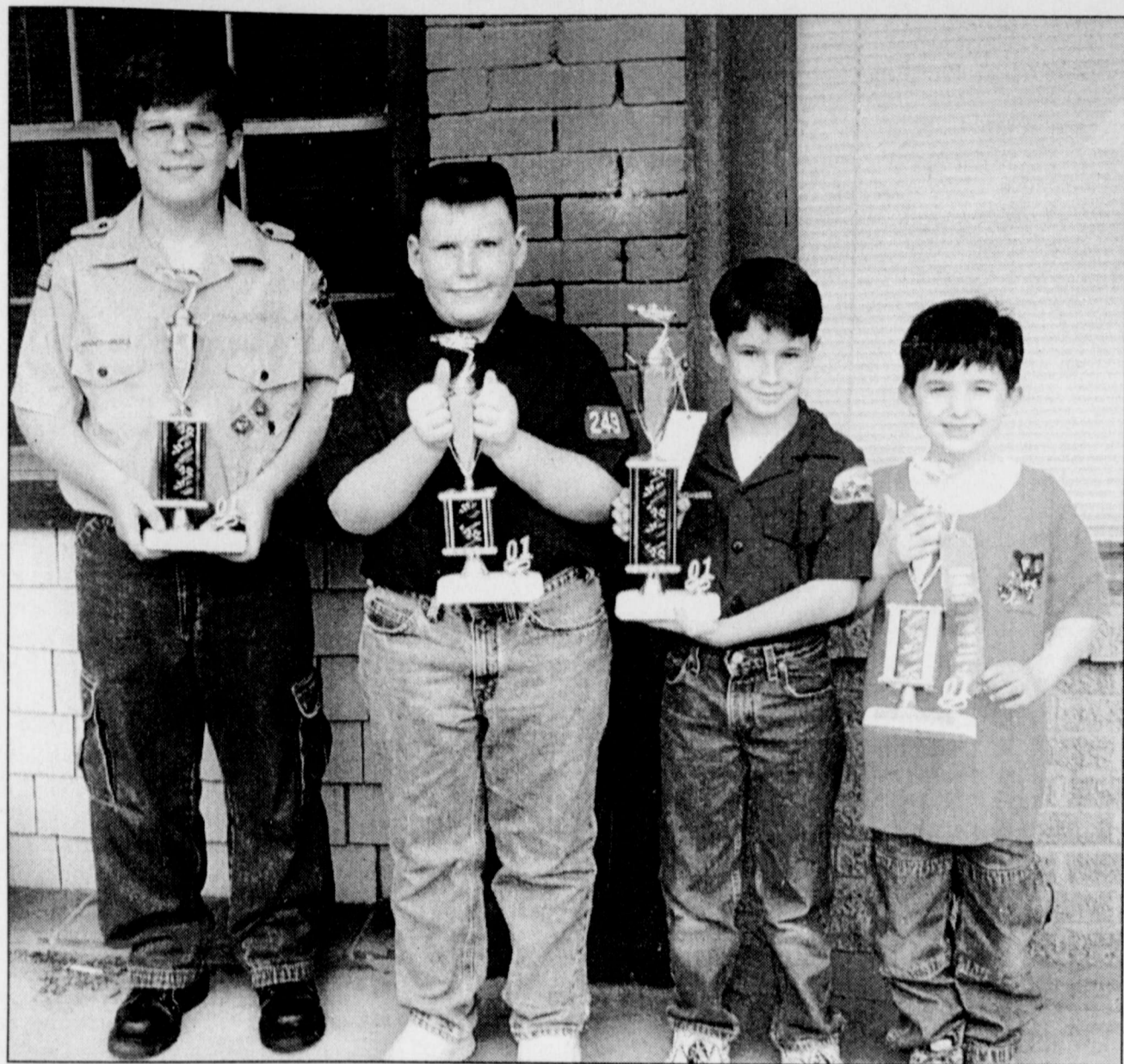
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# ON THE FIELD AND IN THE CLASSROOM



**DOMINATING THE FIELD** at the annual Chisholm Trail Council Pinewood Derby on Feb. 10 were these scouts from Winters Pack 249. Left to right are Kevin Cook, second place; Aaron Grenwolge, fourth place; Jarred Briley, first place; and Kenny Schooler, third place. More than 120 of the best cars from 39 Cub Packs in the West Texas area participated in the event.

## Winters Cub Scouts sweep Abilene's Pinewood Derby

In an astonishing display of preparation and mastery of gravity, Winters Cub Scout Pack 249 dominated the Chisholm Trail Council Pinewood Derby on Saturday, February 10.

Over 120 of the best cars from thirty-nine Cub Packs in the West Texas area met at the National Guard Armory in Abilene for the highly anticipated annual event.

The cars, which several weeks ago were blocks of wood with four axles and wheels, had become finely tuned speed machines. Designs ranged from sleek

wedges to Indy cars and Batmobiles.

When the cheering subsided and the sawdust settled, the attention of all the participants focused on four cars resting on the podium for the Championship Race. A buzz of admiration surged through the crowd as everyone realized that the finalists were all from Winters.

Each a winner in his own age group, the Scouts lined up for the final race. Wolf Cub Jarred Briley's entry was first across the finish line. Second was Kevin

Cook, a Webelos Cub Scout; third was Kenny Schooler, a Tiger Cub Scout; and fourth was Aaron Grenwolge, a Bear Cub Scout.

In addition, Dillon Lindley placed second in the Wolf category, and Matthew Tucker placed second in the Webelos category.

Council representative Dave Coffield said, "such utter domination by the Winters Scouts is truly a tribute to the dedication of the Scouts, leaders, and dads and moms alike."

## Baseball tryouts this Saturday

Baseball tryouts are scheduled for boys who have registered, on Saturday, March 3, at the City Park ball diamonds. The schedule is as follows:  
2-3 p.m.—Registration for all children not signed up  
3-4 p.m.—Tryouts for boys playing 10 & under (birthdays from 8-1-90 to 7-31-92)  
3:30-4:30 p.m.—Registration for all children not signed up  
5-6 p.m.—Tryouts for boys

playing 12 & under (birthdays from 8-1-88 to 7-31-90)  
No registration forms for any age boy or girl will be accepted after Saturday, March 3. If you are interested in playing, but are unable to pay the registration fees at this time, go ahead and sign your child up, and make arrangements to pay later. Forms are available at Bob's Tire & Auto on South Main and Higginbotham Bros. on North Main.

## Winters Elementary Select Choir to present spring show March 8

The Winters Elementary Select Choir will present their spring show on Thursday, March 8. The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The show will offer a variety of upbeat music, choreography, and dancing ranging from country & western to break dancing.

Under the co-direction of Fran Kidwell and Joanie Prado, the choir will travel to Coleman today to perform and to Blackwell,

Abilene, and Lueders next Friday to culminate their 2000-01 choir season.

Two former choir members, Kinsey Airhart and Rachel Davis, will open the show singing two selections. The choir will end the program with their hip-hop version of "I Feel Good."

So if you want to feel good, come on out and watch these young people perform next Thursday evening. Admission is free.



**KELSEA ESQUIVEL**, Winters first grader, masters a between-the-legs pass during a PIPS basketball demonstration. Several of the elementary-age basketball players from Winters performed during halftime of a recent Hardin-Simmons University game in Abilene.

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Riley Ripley  
Abigail Sanchez  
Crystal Sanchez  
Noe Sanchez  
Sterling Sanders  
Cristian Sandoval  
Tyler Smith-Ortiz  
Aureliana Stout  
Naomi Switzer  
Jonathan Tamez

#### SECOND GRADE

Amber Blackshear  
Xylephanie Blackshear  
Kelton Bredemeyer  
Jarred Briley  
Nicco Campos  
Sarah Campos  
Bianca Carrillo  
Wesley Clifton

#### THIRD GRADE

Hayden Bergman  
Maritza Bowden  
Sybil Bridgeman  
Tia Davis  
Jacie Frierson  
Chelsy Lipsey  
Josh Lujano  
Coltyn Pritchard  
Juan Ramirez  
Devon Rodriguez  
Kenneth Reel  
Paige Sanders  
"A-B"  
Lucy Butler

#### FOURTH GRADE

Kevin Bredemeyer  
Julie England  
Sandy Esquivel  
Raphael Gallaway  
Colby Pritchard  
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Sonio Armendariz  
Juana Harrison  
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Aaron Rodriguez  
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Destiny Torres  
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Keegan Kurtz  
Bryant Mikeska  
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## 2001 Boys & Girls Varsity Golf Schedule

March 6 Robert Lee Tournay (Girls)  
March 7 Robert Lee Tournay (Boys)  
March 19\* 1st Round, District Golf Shady Oaks, Clyde  
March 28\* 2nd Round, District Golf Maxwell, Abilene  
April 2\* 3rd Round, District Golf Maxwell, Abilene

## Winters Junior High Breezes Track Schedule 2001

March 2 at Roscoe  
Field Events 3:45 p.m. Running Finals 6:15 p.m.  
March 23 at Wall  
March 29 at Roscoe  
April 7 District Meet at Winters

## ULTIMATE FRISBEE

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## Billy Ray elected director of Texas Locksmith Association

Billy Ray, owner of Bill's Locksmith of Winters, attended the Texas Locksmith Association annual convention in Austin, February 7-11.

He was elected to the board of directors and also editor of the monthly newsletter published by the Locksmith Association.

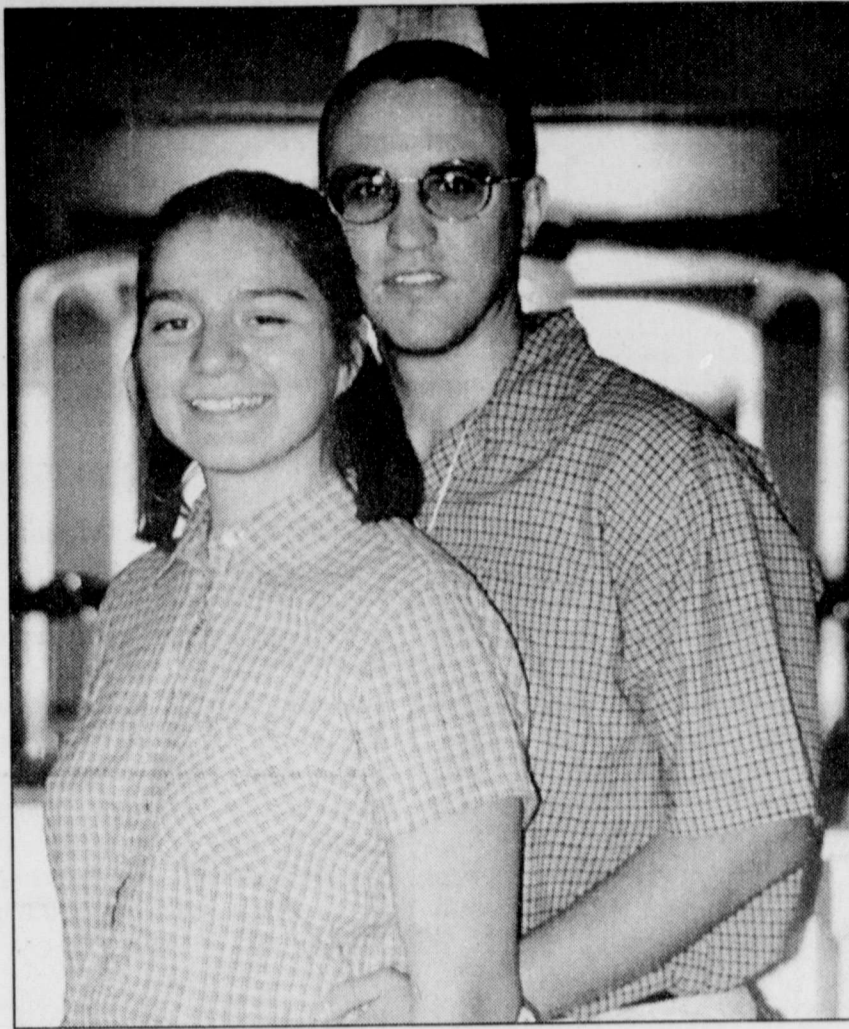
## Municipal judge accepts community service in lieu of court fines

Anyone wishing to perform community service in lieu of a fine in the Winters Municipal Court should contact Judge Virginia 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.



Kathy Torres and Nathan Whitaker

## Torres, Whitaker announce plans to marry in June

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Torres Sr. of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Whitaker of Abilene are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Kathy Torres and Nathan Whitaker.

The couple plans a June 23, 2001, wedding at 3:00 p.m. in Abilene at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Winters High School and a 2000 graduate of Cisco Junior College. She is currently attending Angelo State University where she is an elementary education major.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Cooper High School and a 2000 graduate of Cisco Junior College. He is currently attending Angelo State University where he is a computer science major.

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## Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

## Man of many skills

*Editor's Note: Charlsie wrote this article for The Winters Enterprise in April, 1978, in cooperation with the Texas Heritage Project sponsored by the Texas Historical Foundation and the Texas Historical Commission. With the recent opening of the Gus Pruser Ag. Exhibit, a part of the Z.I. Hale Museum, she thought this a worthy story to share with our readers again.*

The recent successful Industrial Week reminded me of Gustav Adolph Pruser, one of our pioneers, who was an industrial complex within himself.

He developed skills in many lines and was noted as a combination mechanic and farmer, an architect and inventor. But first, last, and always, he was a musician.

A happy man who joked and sang at his work and played the accordion for many social occasions and platform dances. His brother, Fred, accompanied with the violin.

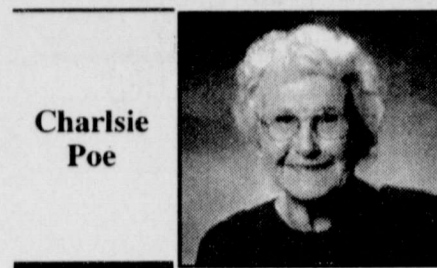
Bertha Armbrrecht became his wife in 1904, on his 28th birthday, and ever after this was a day for celebration with a family dinner, music, and dancing. The party became larger and larger as the eight children were born, grew up, married, and began to bring their families.

Some of Mr. Pruser's favorites were the polkas, "Herr Schmidt" and "Put Your Little Foot." He could dance quite a few fancy steps himself and stayed active until his death at 85.

Pruser began his harvesting career at the age of 15, when he was hired to operate the only steam engine thresher around Keystone, Iowa, where he was born on January 3, 1876. He had been working with machinery since he was 12 on his father's farm and in his uncle's tool shop.

The family moved to Rannels County in 1893, for his father's health and went into the Longhorn cattle business on a Valley Creek farm near Ballinger. In this new grain country, Pruser was unable to forget his threshing experiences.

Financially unable to purchase



Charlsie Poe

a machine, on sale in the Northeastern U.S., he constructed a horse-drawn thresher in 1906, to which he attached a gas engine and toured the country cutting grain for farmers. He studied books on gas engines at night with the dream of building a gas-engine tractor, which he did the following year. He bought a larger thresher in 1914.

Because the machine fed by hand demanded long hard hours and dust infected his lungs, Pruser became ill in 1917 and was forced to stop threshing on a large scale, but continued to harvest his own grain.

Before there were garages and repairmen, and because he knew machinery, Mr. Pruser was kept busy repairing machinery for friends and neighbors. He never charged for his service.

George, the oldest son, recalled that his dad threshed for two months out of each year, coming in at 11 p.m. and leaving again at 4 a.m. Sometimes he threshed for "toll" (grain for pay), and it had to be unloaded at night. "We kids went for weeks at a time without seeing him."

George said that he started out as a water boy, carrying water to the workers in the field. Later on he drove the bundle wagon, worked as pitcher, ran the engine and the thresher. He also did most of the farming until he married in 1929, and his brother, Fritz took over.

Since Mr. Pruser was away from home so much, it became necessary for his wife and children to manage the farming. "We had a bale a day crew with just the family," said Lela Thormeyer, a daughter. "And Mama saw that we picked a bale before we quit, even if it meant working after sundown."

In 1912, Pruser invented and built a cotton picking machine which was patented three years later, valid for 17 years. The idea was premature because the machine was expensive to construct and farmers were unable to invest in it. After the patent ran out, a large company came out with the same basic machine.

Deciding a truck would make a good work tool, Mr. Pruser constructed one from an old car motor and scraps of lumber in 1925. At first it was a flat bed to haul cotton, but later was rebuilt into a grain bed with elevator, auger, and a separate set of gears. It was in use for many years and in 1965 was entered in the Winters 75th Anniversary parade by his sons.

More rewarding was Pruser's architectural ability. "He was happiest when building and never lost his temper with the workers," said George.

In 1922, he designed and built a ten-room, one-and-a-half story home. That is, with the help of the family. Everyone worked, and the children nailed on shingles. They jumped and ran when he called too, he believed in discipline.

Mr. Pruser drew the plans and supervised construction of one of the largest business houses in town in 1927. The following year he was chosen architect and builder for the St. John Lutheran Church. He considered this his most notable achievement.

A leader in community affairs, Mr. Pruser was a school trustee for years and helped build the Parramore school in 1914. He was a charter member of the Lutheran Church established in 1904 and was an active leader. Between the ages of 65 and 74, he and Mrs. Pruser toured 30 states, from California to Maine.

Ever young in spirit and looking to the future, he believed the small car was coming and was the first in this area to buy a Mercedes-Benz.

In the main, the children of the family have stayed with farming, but there are number of nurses and school teachers among the grandchildren.

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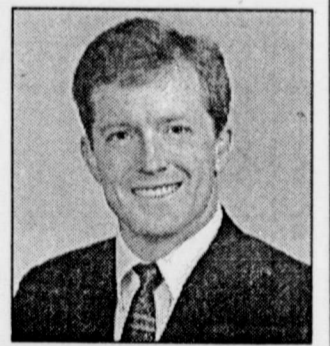
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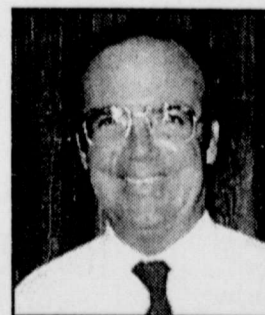
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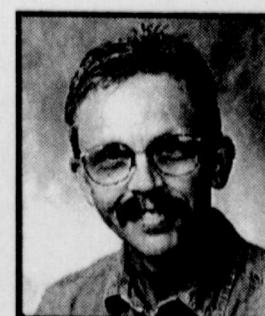
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The College was created in 1982 by the Supreme Court of Texas as a means of recognizing members of the State Bar who voluntarily attain an extraordinary number of continuing legal education credits each year. To

qualify for membership, attorneys must complete 80 hours of continuing legal education (CLE) within a three-year period or 45 hours during the current year. To maintain membership in the College, an attorney must complete at least 30 hours of CLE each year, twice the number of hours required of all lawyers in Texas.

Bobby D. Dyess, Dallas, Chair of the State Bar College Board of Directors, and Robert D. Miller, Big Spring, Annual CLE Seminar and Luncheon Committee Chair, presided over the ceremony.



THESE WEE CARE PRE-SCHOOLERS of the First United Methodist Church enjoyed a field trip and tour of *The Winters Enterprise* office on Feb. 15. The 3 & 4-year-old youngsters especially enjoyed the newspaper's picture of a 42-lb. fish, which they realized weighed more than most of them. Front row, l-r, are Jared Esquivel, Jacob McMinn, Taylor Hooper, Ted Dobbins, and Alyssa Gray. Middle row, l-r, are Missy Calcote, Jordan Frierson, Ashley Guy, Kara Heathcott, Ryan Young, Lukas Kraatz, Sierra Aleman, Christopher Gerhart, and Jaymee Pritchard. Third row, l-r, are Brett Boles, Zachary Schwartz, Ty Black, Ethan Bredemeyer, Charly Lipsey, Tyler Mayo, Rudy Lara, and Daniel Gerhart. During the tour, Jake Dennis's name was drawn as the winner of the Wee Care fundraiser which gave \$100 worth of groceries from IGA Supermarket.

### Letters to the Editor Policy

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.

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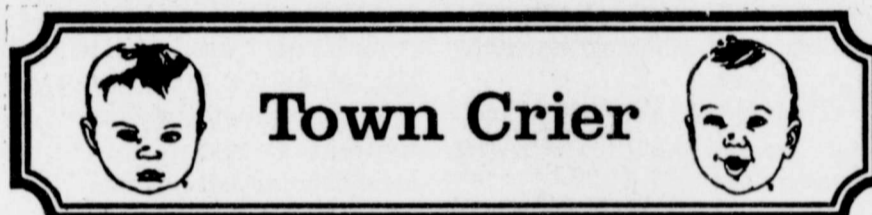
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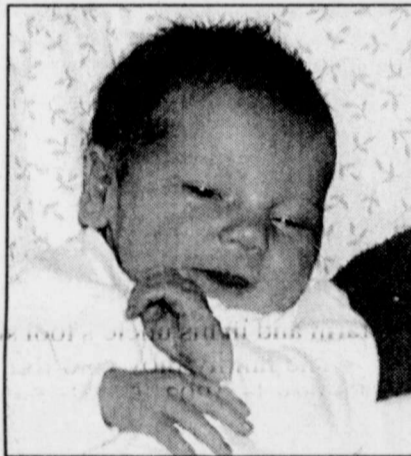
Thank you for your cooperation.

Jean Boles, editor



### Town Crier

#### Lily Renee Bishop



Ricky and Peggy Bishop of Potosi are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Lily Renee. She is welcomed home by her brother Trey.

Lily was born January 24, 2001, at 12:23 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 19 inches long.

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- TXism: "you can write \_\_\_\_\_ ink"
- Fr. explorer of TX: \_\_\_\_\_
- Seur de \_\_\_\_\_ Salle
- degree of many TX professors
- TXism: "got an \_\_\_\_\_ (saw a lot)"
- Corpus Christi TV
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- former river channels in Rio Grande Valley
- Texas flew scout for atomic bomber \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ cable network for many TX singers
- TXism: "homestead-ing cloud nine"
- TX Earle was \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ & Bailey's "Tallest Man in the World"
- Italian POW who painted mural in Castro Co. chapel
- this Zaprunder filmed JFK assassination (init.)
- TXism: "mad \_\_\_\_\_ snakes"
- TXism: "never \_\_\_\_\_ anything in the glow of a neon light"
- "Honest \_\_\_\_\_"
- Mavs '93 acquisition \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "let \_\_\_\_\_ rip!"

**DOWN**

- NYSE symbol for TX-based Burlington Northern, Inc.
- TXism: "play possum"
- TXism: "I'll \_\_\_\_\_ hide to the barn door"
- newspaper in seat of Hemphill Co.
- pecan and pumpkin
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ ducks on a pond"
- Mavs '93 acquisition \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "let \_\_\_\_\_ rip!"
- little shut-eye" (naps)
- TX Holly's "\_\_\_\_\_ On"
- town in NE and TX
- thug \_\_\_\_\_
- words before Paso and Campo
- town in NV and TX
- TXism: "busy as \_\_\_\_\_ armed paper hanger"
- TXism: "he don't \_\_\_\_\_ but burn hay" (bad horse)
- TX Roy Orbison duet "That Lovin' You \_\_\_\_\_"
- arm bone
- stolen goods
- TX Benton directed \_\_\_\_\_ "Kramer"
- TXism: "a real \_\_\_\_\_ burner"
- plant once thought to repel icky pests
- govt. medical program: Medi- \_\_\_\_\_
- axlike tool
- air gun ammo
- Alpine h.s. class
- there's 24 in a \_\_\_\_\_ day (abbr.)
- TXism: "a real \_\_\_\_\_ burner"
- in 1853, King Ranch land cost 2¢ \_\_\_\_\_
- Valley org.: Texas Citrus \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ wood, TX
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ shuck for the pearly gates" (died)
- "Cowpokes" artist Reid
- "yes" so. of border
- TXism: "gave me \_\_\_\_\_ and a dance" (runaround)
- crazy person
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### Hale Museum to raffle computer

The Z.I. Hale Museum is taking donations for chances on a Dell computer to raise funds for the Rock Hotel/Drummer House restoration. The computer has been donated by Cindy Pumphrey of Austin.

Chances are \$10 each, and tickets are available from any museum director.

The computer is a Dell Dimension L600CS with a 600 MHz Intel Celeron, 65 meg SDRAM, 12X DVD, 10 gig IDE hard drive, 3-1/2 drive, data fax modem, 15" color monitor, Quietkey keyboard, speaker kit, Microsoft Works Suite 2001, Norton Anti-Virus, and multi-media card.

The museum is hoping to finish the Rock Hotel in the near future. About \$15,000 is needed to finish the upstairs and \$20,000 for the elevator. The Drummer House also needs considerable work to preserve it.

### Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

*The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.*

The Hopewell Baptist Church hosted their first of the month meeting for the congregation dinner on Sunday. They were also proud to have the following visitors: Hagle and Carolyn Singleton of Austin, Stephanie Webb, granddaughter of Joe and Carolyn Webb, Lindsey Slaughter of Austin, Jack and Virginia Parr, and Chris Shields of Abilene.

The congregation was proud to see Sally Mae Gerhart and Juanita Shields drive their cars for the first time to church services.

Nila and Therin Osborne will be hosts for the first of the month congregation dinner on March 3. The community supper will be a pot luck.

Selma Wilkerson talked on the book of Ester. Present for ladies Bible study were Ramona Akins, Carolyn Webb, Jean Talbott, Nila Osborne, and Leona Matthis.

Visiting with Doris Wood on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Maloey Bryant of Abilene, Robert, Douglas, and Autumn of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. John Hord of Wingate, Bobbie and Larry Calcote of Winters, Jim Calcote and Lucy of Midland, and Aaron Calcote and Zantha of Abilene.

Brenda Chambliss of Oak Creek and daughter Kalene of Winters spent Sunday with Pat and Earl Cooper.

Wilbert and Fairy Alcorn visited with Juanita Shields on Thursday. The Alcorns received 8 tenths of an inch of rain on Saturday.

Hilda Kurtz



Visiting Georgia Gibbs on Sunday were daughter Lynda and Travis Ford of Rising Star, Mark, Tammy, and Haley Kaczyk of Winters. Connie Gibb's sister, Leona and Ralph Morton visited Georgia during the week.

I enjoyed the phone visit with my sister Josephine of California on Saturday. She had just returned from visiting folks in Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Engler from Brownwood took Margie Jacob to Midland on Saturday. While Sharon and Jerry attended a meeting and supper in Odessa, Margie visited with daughter, Brenda Jacob. They also went by to see Blanche Bagwell. Then on Sunday, they all went out to Cecil and Wilma Halfmann's and had dinner with them and their family.

Katy and Kelton Grigsby of Abilene spent Sunday with Linda and Dale Duggan. Linda and Dale spent Sunday afternoon with Susan and Chauncey Mansell. Linda spent Monday doing odd jobs for her Aunt Francis in San Angelo.

Juanita Shields' grandson Chris of Abilene spent the weekend. Juanita got word that a friend, Mrs. Gerrie Coats of Coleman was found Sunday morning. She had died in her sleep.

I'm proud to find 1.2 inches of rain in my gauge.

### Comptroller Rylander starts Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has invited Texas elementary school and middle/junior high school students to send her a drawing depicting "What I Want To Be After College" for a chance to win Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarships sponsored by Belo Corporation, Farmers Insurance Group, Intel Corporation, and Fannie Mae.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest is open to all Texas students enrolled in elementary or middle/junior high school. The

grand prize winner from the elementary school category and the grand prize winner from the middle/junior high school category will each receive a four-year Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarship sponsored by Belo Corporation and Farmers Insurance Group.

This year, a third grand prize, the four-year Intel Math, Science, Engineering, and Technology (IMSET) Scholarship, will be awarded to an elementary or middle/junior high school student whose contest entry depicts a ca-

reer in a technical or scientific field. To be eligible for the Intel Scholarship, contestants must mark a box on the contest entry form to indicate that they want their drawing to be judged in the IMSET category.

Three runners-up in the Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest will receive one-year community college scholarships sponsored by Fannie Mae.

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For complete contest rules and an entry/parental consent form, go to the Texas Tomorrow Fund web site at <[www.texastomorrowfund.org](http://www.texastomorrowfund.org)>. Contest rules and entry forms are also available from local schools and libraries.

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 Robert Flores, assault, dismissed, completed probation in another case  
 Courtney Collom, running a red light (appeal from Winters Municipal Court), dismissed, state's witness unavailable to testify  
 Robert Louis Flores, two counts of driving while license suspended, both dismissed, defendant completed probation in another case  
 Francisco Ortiz, driving while license suspended, dismissed, placed on probation in another case  
 Roy Lee Jonas, assault, dismissed, completed informal pretrial intervention  
 Donald Wallace Bruton, resisting arrest, dismissed, defendant convicted in another case  
 Alejandro Aguirre Ybarra, driving while license suspended, dismissed, provided proof that driver's license suspension was lifted  
 Paul Barrett Asbury, driving while intoxicated, dismissed, defendant completed pretrial diversion

**Criminal Cases Filed**  
**Feb. 16**  
 Jeremiah Lee Hearn, filed for possession of marijuana  
**Feb. 19**  
 Michael Don Ellis, San Angelo, filed for failure to identify — fugitive from justice  
 Jeremiah Hearn, Ballinger, filed for evading arrest  
 Lyle Robert Drake Jr., Odessa, filed for theft of service  
 Erlinda Reyna, Winters, filed on two counts: driving while intoxicated and resisting arrest  
 Luis Manuel Torres, Irving, filed for possession of marijuana

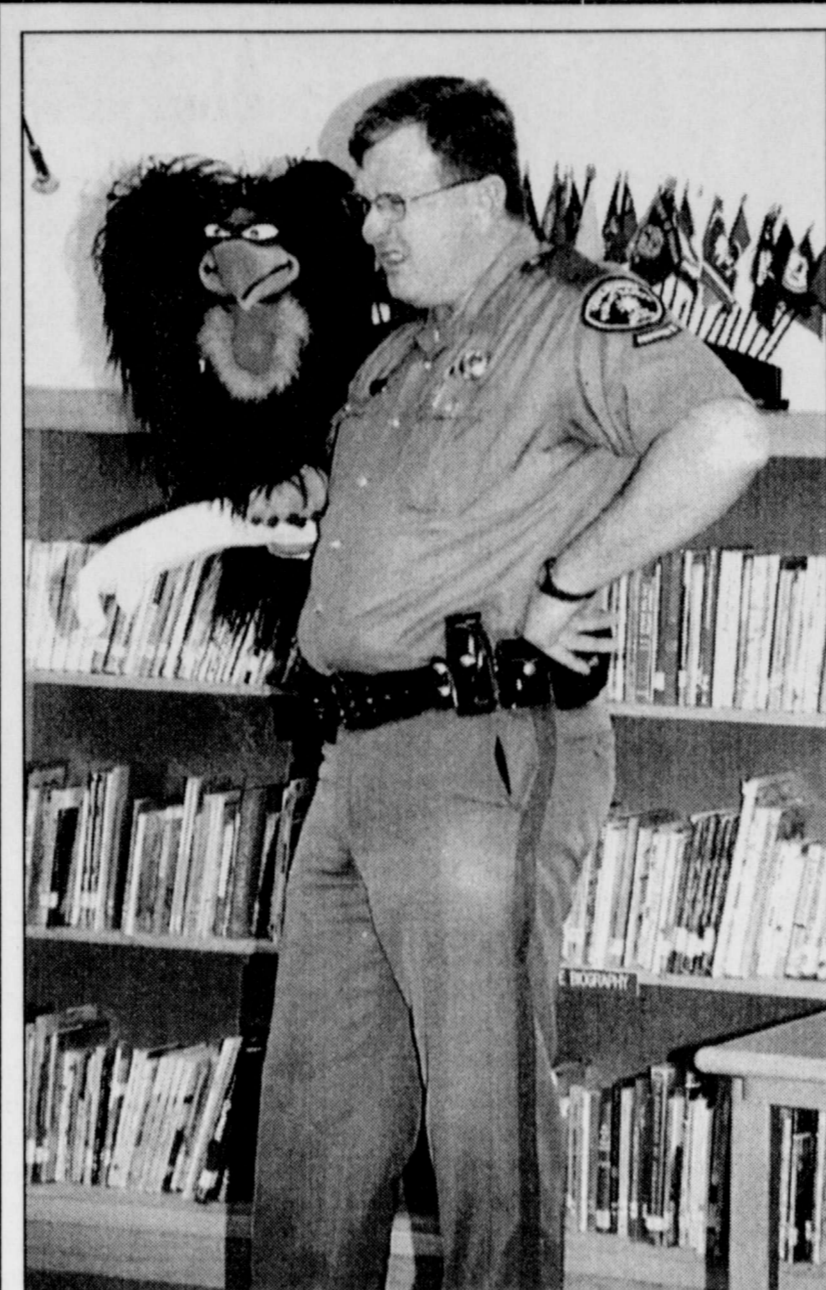
**District Court Civil Cases Filed**  
**Feb. 16**  
 Jose Florencio-Ascen Diaz, Coleman, filed for driving while intoxicated  
**Feb. 20**  
 Steven Cliff Perkins, Comanche, filed for theft of services

**Divorces Granted**  
**Feb. 1**  
 Bobby Wayne Blackwood and Winifred June Blackwood  
**Divorces Filed**  
**Feb. 15**  
 Carmen Aguilera vs. Clinton J. Everhardt  
**Feb. 20**  
 Salvador Rangel vs. Maria L. Hernandez  
**Feb. 22**  
 Margie McCandless vs. Roger McCandless

**Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Criminal Cases Filed**  
**Feb. 11**  
 Natalie Benita Flores, filed for public intoxication  
**Feb. 17**  
 Rodrigo James Reyna, filed for public intoxication  
**Feb. 20**  
 Val Jo Burrows, filed for failure to have life vest on child under 13 — motorboat

**Small Claims Cases Filed**  
**Feb. 21**  
 Charlie Grohman vs. Floyd Geesline, purchase of camper

**NOTHING in the world can take the place of perseverance. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.**  
 Calvin Coolidge



VINCENT THE VULTURE and DPS Trooper Richard Treece discuss all the "ants" in the drug world, such as depress"ants", stimulant"ants", and inhal"ants" with Winters Elementary students two weeks ago. Since the vulture likes to feast on "DEAD" animals, Treece and his pal Vincent used the acronym D.E.A.D. to inform kids that **Drugs End All Dreams.**

## 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, February 18, 2001, through Saturday, February 24, 2001. Winters Police Officers:  
 • received report of a fight in progress outside the Winters Community Center following a dance. A 30-year-old female of Abilene alleged she was assaulted and had the tires slashed on her vehicle by a 27-year-old male also of Abilene. As officers were attempting to control the situation, the male became aggressive and belligerent and had to be handcuffed. The male showed total disregard for the public with his profanity and threatening actions against the officers. Christian Erazo of Abilene was arrested for public intoxication, disorderly conduct, failure to identify, and retaliation against a public servant. He was taken to Runnels County Jail.

• received an anonymous call that a 15-year-old male of Winters was in possession of narcotics at the Winters High School. Officers and school officials contacted the male who surrendered under two ounces of marijuana. The male was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana Class A. The charge is enhanced due to the male possessing the drugs on school property.

• received report of a missing child in the 400 block of North Main. A 32-year-old Winters female reported her 4-year-old son missing from the backyard of her home and had last been seen approximately 20-30 minutes prior to notifying authorities. The Winters Fire Department was called out to assist in the search, and the boy was located a short time later by family friends. It was determined the boy had wandered off and was found unharmed. Further investigation is being done into this matter.

• received a report of a theft in the 200 block of Jones Street. A 53-year-old Winters female reported that person(s) unknown had rifled through her purse and removed a large amount of cash. No witnesses have been located or come forward at this time. This is under investigation as theft Class B.

• received report of an assault in the 200 block of Charles Street. A 41-year-old male of Winters reported being assaulted by a 41-year-old female related to him. Investigation revealed the female had incurred injuries from the male, but the male claimed no injuries. A separation had already occurred and the female was advised on how to pursue charges against the male for assault causing bodily injury.

• received report of a theft in the 600 block of West Dale Street. A male subject of Winters reported finding his bedroom door lock had been broken off and numerous items missing. The male subject stated a 17-year-old female related to him was also missing, along with her 30-year-old male friend. The items were later discovered pawned in Abilene the following day. Charges are pending against the male and female for burglary of a habitation.

• officers observed a male subject walking on South Rogers Street and checked his age due to the curfew ordinance in effect. The male was not in violation of the city curfew ordinance, but was found in possession of alcoholic beverages. The male, an 18-year-old of Winters, was issued a citation for minor in possession of alcoholic beverages and released into his parent's custody.

• officers observed a 1982 Ford pickup parked in the middle of the road on East Pierce Street forcing other vehicles to go around the pickup. A male subject exited the pickup and began walking away. As the officer attempted to contact the male, he began running away yelling for his mother to help him. The officer gave chase and the male initially resisted, stating he wasn't going to jail. Once the male was in custody, a license check revealed the male was suspended for a previous DWI. The male, Anselmo Landeros, Jr. of Winters, was arrested for driving while license suspended and evading arrest and was 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  
 Ballinger Police Department—365-3591  
 Sheriff's Department—365-2121



WINTERS POSTAL EMPLOYEES were recently presented a decorated Priority Mail cake by Lewis Alambar, Officer in Charge, who designated the day as Employee Appreciation Day. Alambar said, "Winters is very fortunate to have these dedicated employees servicing their mail. They go beyond the call of duty." Seated, left to right, are Bobbie Calcote, Peggy Belew and Karen McGallian. Standing, same order, Jerry Sims, Debbie Ballard and Ted Ahrens.

## Outreach Health Services launches TeleHomecare program

Outreach Health Services, a statewide leader in home healthcare, is launching a new TeleHomecare Program for homebound and chronically-ill patients in Abilene and surrounding communities of the Concho Valley.

In addition to the current in-person home care visits, Outreach Health Services can now utilize state-of-the-art computer equipment to monitor patient's health and emotional status in the home. The computer equipment will be demonstrated on Thursday, March 1, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Norma Warrington, 602 E. 26th Street, San Angelo.

For patients, the TeleHomecare Program improves quality of life by offering better access to care, early detection, and intervention. For physicians, it improves outcomes for patient treatments and allows for a better continuum of care.

For more information, contact Meredith Ply, Corporate Communications Director, at 1-800-435-7267, ext. 284, or Letha Green, R.N., San Angelo Branch Supervisor, at 944-3063 or 1-800-508-6574.

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## Extension News & Views

By Rick Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-IPM

### Farmers' silent partners improve soil structure, aeration, and fertility

Worms crawl in, worms crawl out—making nutrients available to crops and improving soil drainage. Earthworms improve soil structure, aeration, and fertility.

In the process of tunneling and feeding, earthworms mix crop residues into the soil, partially decomposing them and making the nutrients available to the crop.

Earthworm casts improve the tilth, or structure, of the soil. Casts may be waste to the earthworm, but they're valuable concentrations of nutrients for crop roots.

In addition to circulating nutrients, earthworms also help circulate water. Earthworm burrows increase infiltration, reducing surface runoff and soil erosion.

#### Underground Farm Aid

When earthworms were added to fields in New Zealand, where they don't naturally exist, the average grass yield doubled.

A ton of earthworms supplies \$35 of fertility and hundreds of dollars of natural tillage.

In a recent experiment on a farm in California, soil with worm castings increased tomato production by 10%, and soil with both worms and castings produced 33% more tomatoes than soil with no amendments.

Earthworm burrows increase water infiltration, and earthworms also increase moisture-holding capacity by increasing water-stable aggregates in the soil. Some burrows have been found to travel as deep as 50" below the soil surface.

#### Bait Your Soil

There are steps growers can take to unearth the benefits of earthworms in their soil.

**Reduce tillage.** The biggest key to increasing earthworm populations is to reduce tillage. Deep and frequent tilling will decimate earthworm populations, reducing their numbers by as much as 90%.

**Avoid Triazine herbicides.** Most herbicides are of low toxicity to earthworms. The exceptions are triazine herbicides such as atrazine and simazine, which are slightly toxic to earthworms.

**Minimize use of ammonium-based fertilizers.** As long as anhydrous ammonia is not applied every year, the use of this fertilizer can help earthworms by increasing crop growth and crop residue. Anhydrous ammonia can kill earthworms that come in contact with it at injection points, but doesn't affect worms just 3-4" away from the injection knives.



WINTERS CITY MAYOR DAWSON MCGUFFIN (front row, center) was among approximately 300 concerned citizens and business leaders from this region who attended the Texas Midwest Day in Austin on February 21. Fourteen delegates from Winters took part in the activities at the State Capitol.

### Winters representatives enjoy "Texas Midwest Day" in Austin

The City of Winters was well represented by fourteen concerned citizens and business leaders who attended the Texas Midwest Day in Austin on February 21.

Approximately 300 community leaders from the Texas Midwest Community Network region converged on the State Capitol to demonstrate the strength of partnering and networking in rural Texas.

The day's events began with

prayer after the 10:00 a.m. roll call in the House. Buffalo soldiers, representing the Texas Forts Trail, presented the colors on the Senate floor by invitation from Senator Troy Fraser (Senate District 24), to bring attention to the importance of the tourism industry in the region.

While visiting the House of Representatives, the Texas Midwest delegation was recognized with a House Resolution authored by Rep. David Counts (House

District 70). A Senate Resolution jointly sponsored by Senator Tom Haywood (Senate District 30), Senator David Sibley (Senate District 22), and Senator Troy Fraser was presented as the group visited the Senate chamber.

Local delegates also attended an Open House at the Governor's Mansion in addition to the "Texas Midwest Tailgate," an evening reception to which all elected officials were invited.

Dignitaries from Winters met with Winters native and present

Assistant Secretary of State Geoffrey Connor, as well as Henry Cuellar, Secretary of State.

The spotlight event was documented by KTXS-TV which aired the special news reports during the evening telecasts.

Attending from Winters were Randall Conner, Aref Hassan, Charles Bahlman, Tommy and Marthiel Russell, Marlene Smith, Randall Boles, Steve Esquivel, Bob Jones, Santos Rocha, Joyce Carberry, Fred and Sherri Garcia, and Dawson McGuffin.

## Stewards of the Soil

By B.D. Davis, Biologist/Land Manager

# Blow and go...

Last Saturday the wind did "blow" and some of our unprotected topsoil was set up to "go" elsewhere. And "go" it did.

One field east of Winters was losing topsoil at such a rate that visibility was reduced along a country road to almost zero. A pickup was observed turning around rather than traveling through the blowing soil. Even while turning around, another vehicle could have come through the wind erosion particles and caused an accident.

Can clean till farming practices cause vehicle accidents? The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) thinks so. According to the ARS, several multi-vehicle accidents

are caused each year with blowing soil the contributing cause.

ARS indicates soil erosion is responsible for the loss of more than 2 billion tons of topsoil each year. Wind erosion contributes approximately 45 percent of these losses. Last Saturday some of our Runnels County fields sadly contributed to these statistics.

Visualize all of our Runnels County topsoil being in a drinking glass. The glass just holds so much. Whenever we allow our soil to erode, we, in effect, pour a little topsoil out of the glass. It is now gone and, for all practical purposes, it is gone forever. The loss is so small it does not seem to amount to much in the short

term. Long term however, if allowed to continue, we will eventually empty the glass.

Standing crop residue is 10 times more effective than clean tillage at preventing both wind and water erosion, according to the ARS. Last Saturday a person could not help but notice the fields that were not blowing. These fields had either standing crop residue or established small grain. However, in any case, they were not losing topsoil to the wind.

We, as agricultural producers, all need to work for and to strive for cutting our topsoil losses to an absolute minimum. To do otherwise steals the heritage from our children and from our grandchild-

dren. Soil losses affect us all—not just farmers and ranchers.

The implementation of some type of conservation tillage may be our best answer at present. Research and experience indicates this method can do a better job at preventing the loss of our precious topsoil than can clean tillage farming practices. It also may be the key to keeping our farmland permanently productive.

Once again they will live under my protection. They will grow crops of grain and be fruitful like a vineyard. Like an evergreen tree I will shelter them: I am the source of all their blessings. Hosea 14:7-8

### Combs reminds livestock producers of Livestock Assistance Program

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminds livestock producers that 239 Texas counties, including Runnels, Coke, Concho, Coleman, Tom Green and Taylor counties, have been approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP).

LAP, administered by FSA, provides direct payments to eligible livestock producers in approved counties who suffered grazing losses due to natural disasters during 2000. Nationwide, \$430 million have been allocated for livestock producers for weather-related losses as part of the farm assistance package passed last October.

For drought-related losses, LAP benefits are available in approved counties where precipitation was 40 percent or more below normal for at least four months and where there was at least a 40 percent loss of available grazing during a 90-day period due to drought during the 2000-crop year.

Eligible producers must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing for three or more consecutive months during 2000 due to a natural disaster. Eligible livestock include beef and dairy cattle, buffalo or beefalo when maintained on same basis as beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine, and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm or ranch.

For more information on LAP, contact the USDA Service Center in these counties. The Runnels County office number is 365-5757.

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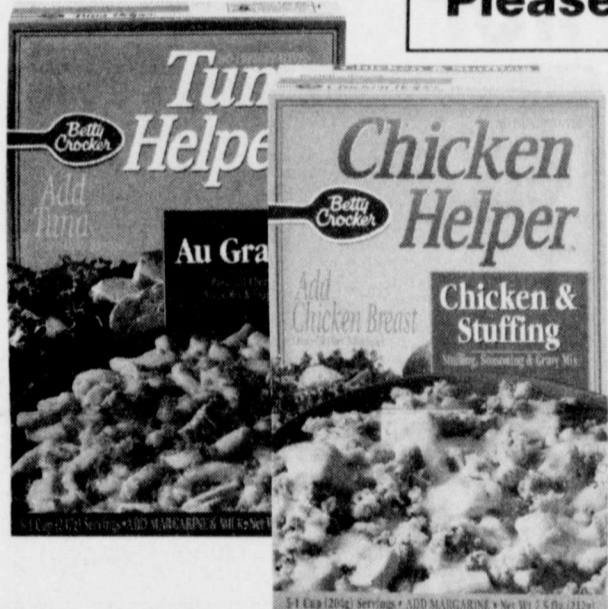
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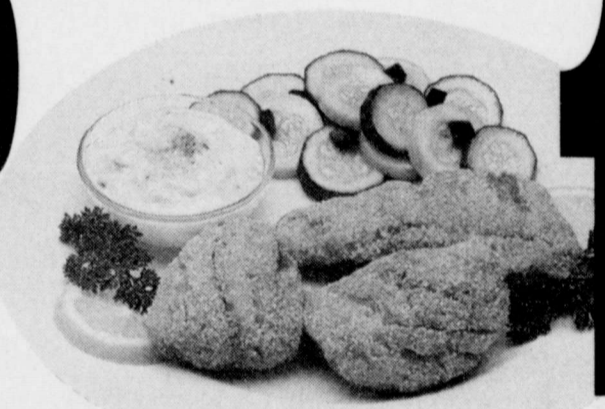
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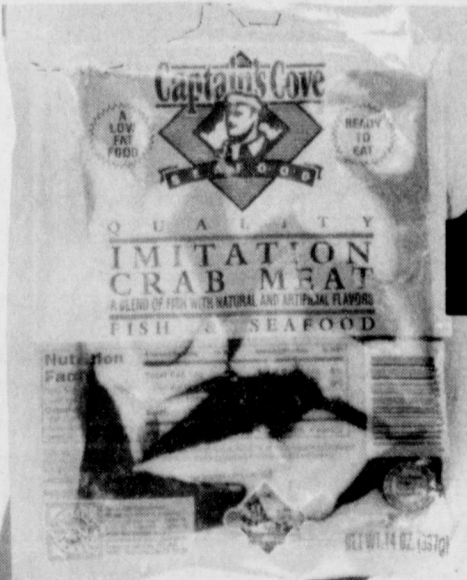
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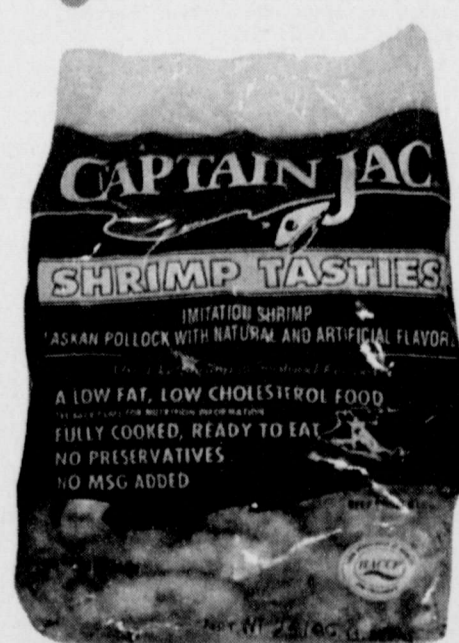
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