

### Apples of Gold

I am only one. But still, I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.  
Edward Everett Hale



Here's wishing you  
a safe & happy  
4th of July.

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AMATEUR ARTISTS, comprised of 5th and 6th grade summer school students, try their hands at painting within the lines of a mural on the south wall of Dollar General. The western scene was sketched at no charge by artist Rick Thane of Tuscola, and the students, under the supervision of teachers Brilla McGee and Landa Grohman, painted over the sketch.

## No outside watering allowed — City goes to Stage III water emergency

Water Superintendent Jack Davis, Jr., told city council members on Monday evening that the Elm Creek Reservoir has eight feet of water. Davis then asked the council to declare Stage III water rationing and a water emergency.

Stage III prohibits any outside watering. This will start July 9, when meters will be read.

Davis explained that by declaring a water emergency, Winters will be put on a list for possible state and federal funding to obtain alternate water sources.

The emergency water status also allows Davis to use water from wells that were drilled last year.

Stage III status also increases water rates for any residence that uses over 8,000 gallons per month, regardless of the number of members in the household. The rate for over 8,000 gallons will be \$5.62 per 1,000 gallons inside the city limits. The rate outside the city limits is \$8.26 per thousand gallons.

For businesses, the new rate is in effect if more than 40,000 gallons of water are used.

North Runnels Water Supply Corporation will be considered a business and because of contract rates, their over 40,000 gallon per month usage rate will increase to  
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## School trustees focus on leadership

Members of the Board of Trustees and Danny Clack, Superintendent of Winters Independent School District, joined local trustees from across the state at the Texas Association of School Boards' (TASB) summer Leadership Institute June 21-23 in San Antonio.

More than 1,800 new and veteran school leaders received in-depth training on every aspect of effective board governance and heard keynote addresses from nationally known experts.

Hot topics covered during the three-day institute included sessions on fast-growth school districts, student discipline and drug testing, parent involvement and the law, teacher recruitment and retention, and effective technology planning and financing.

Other well attended sessions

focused on legislative updates, the Texas Open Meetings Act, school law, and school facilities and student achievement.

In addition, the institute provided new school board members with immediate training following the May elections and offered newly elected board presidents the tools they need to lead effectively.

Attending from Winters were trustees Gary Moore, Cheryl Bryan, Jack Davis, Jr., Bob Prewit, Jerry Sims, and Allen Andrae, and Superintendent Clack. Trustee Larry Walker was unable to attend.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local public school districts in Texas. School board members are the largest group of publicly  
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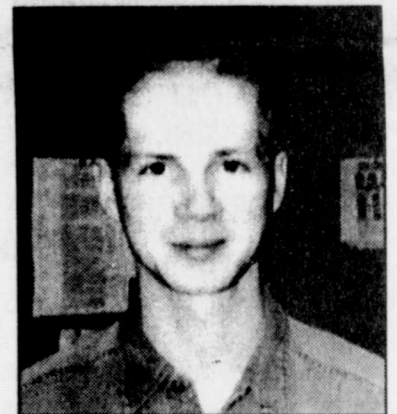
OUT, OVER AND UNDER goes Chris Smith, 11, as he flips off the diving board at the Winters pool. Manager Troylene Lincycumb reported 165 swimmers enjoyed opening day June 18. Water for the pool has been donated by Glenn Hoppe, Jr.

## Council hires new police chief, plans annexations

Following executive session and upon the recommendation of City Manager Aref Hassan, the Winters city council voted Monday evening to hire Brian McGonagill as police chief, effective July 10.

Voting for the new chief were councilmen Mike Meyer, Tommy Russell, and Steve Esquivel and Mayor Dawson McGuffin. Alderman Hank Bourdo left prior to the executive session to attend a meeting in Wingate, and did not vote. Alderman Jimmy Butler was absent from the meeting.

McGonagill, 27, and a native of Kerrville, has been a police officer for the past two years for Angelo State University. He began his law enforcement career in Del Rio, where he served as a patrolman for two and a half years. Then he served five months with the Val Verde  
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## FUMC welcomes new pastor, Georgia Orr

The First United Methodist Church of Winters is pleased to announce the arrival of their new pastor, Georgia Orr.

Mrs. Orr was born to school teachers Ed and Gertrude Willhite in Weatherford. She is the widow of Ray Orr and has a son Eddy Orr, who with his wife Cindy live in Weatherford with their children Thomas, 9, and Emily, 3.

She received her diploma in nursing from Methodist Hospital in Dallas and a bachelor of science in nursing from Texas Christian University and a master of science from Texas Woman's University. She is currently attending a course of study at Perkins Seminary at Southern

Methodist University.

Mrs. Orr taught nursing for 13 years and retired in March 2000



from the Texas Department of Human Services Long Term Care as a nurse surveyor for ten years.

She begins her seventh year in the ministry and previously served as minister of Temple Hall United Methodist Church in Granbury for six years.

She is a Worthy Matron of the Brook Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and was a past mother advisor of Rainbow for Girls.

Her hobbies include genealogy, antique doll reproductions, old movies, and reading.

Reverend Orr says, "I am excited and happy about coming to Winters. I grew up in a small town and have always loved West Texas. I like walking into a store and having people know me and say welcome."

## Enterprise office closed July 4th, Wednesday

So that our employees may share the Independence Day holiday with family and friends, *The Winters Enterprise* will be closed Wednesday, July 4.

The office will be open for regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on both Tuesday and Thursday before and after the holiday. The newspaper will be printed and delivered on schedule as usual.

We wish all a safe and happy holiday, and thank you for your continued patronage.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

June 28-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
5 p.m., Hale Museum  
6 p.m., Coleman PRCA Rodeo, Coleman Rodeo Arena  
June 29-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco  
6 p.m., Project Graduation 2002 Summer Bash Co-Ed Softball  
Tourney, Winters City Park  
8 p.m., Coleman PRCA Rodeo, Coleman Rodeo Arena  
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Tourney, Winters City Park  
5:30 p.m./9:25 p.m., Fireworks Celebration, Ballinger City Lake Park  
8 p.m., Coleman PRCA Rodeo, Coleman Rodeo Arena  
July 1-9:30 a.m., Spanish Sunday School Class, First Baptist Church  
July 2-9 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  
July 3-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
3 p.m., Summer Reading Club, Winters Public Library  
7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church  
7 p.m., American Legion, Legion Hall  
7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station  
July 4-INDEPENDENCE DAY  
Sr. Citizens Center Closed  
*The Winters Enterprise* Closed  
July 5-10 a.m.- Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, Dept. of Health  
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office



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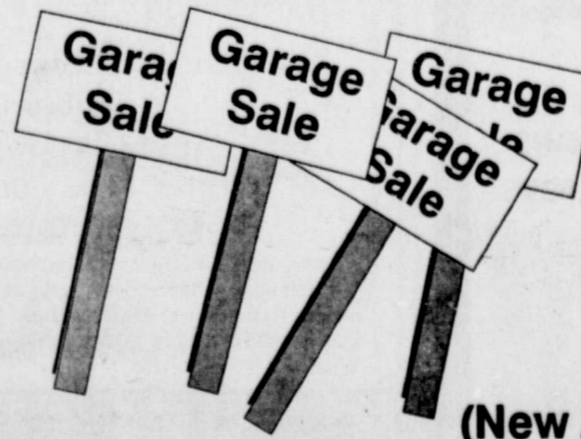
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## Oil Bidness

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An interesting trend is developing in the oil and gas business, and I am not sure what to make of it. As the lines between service companies, publishers, and producing companies blur (due to mergers, consolidations, and electronic commerce strategies), it is getting harder to get unbiased information.

This may sound, at first, as totally contrary to the idea that we are in the "information age". But, while there are now some information sources that were previously inaccessible to a wide audience, there are several others that have been there a long time that may now have a conflict of interest.

Respected print publications have now merged with or acquired internet marketers, information databases, and other service businesses that the publications usually report on. Oh sure, the editors of these publications will say that their editorial content is unaffected by any business combinations of a parent corporation. But, how are we to take a print series on the types of internet services available if the reporting publication owns one of them?

And, how about all those service companies buying production history database companies and everything else in sight? Is there a possibility that all those pieces of the industry owned by one entity would interact in some way to prevent a true, timely, and accurate reporting of data to the database? Case in point: if a given service company owns an interest in a well being drilled and they don't want the information public, does that company's ownership of the data reporting company impact the timeliness of how the data is compiled and displayed for the public domain?

Probably not, but we do wonder, don't we? In days past, individual independent companies owned the rights to the historical well data, the publication, or the auction house. The conflict could never arise, because those companies would be impartial to protect their business by establishing a trust between customer and provider. With cross-ownership, there is no such natural tendency.

Perhaps there is no conflict, but the appearance of a conflict, or even the hint of such a thing, can't help but undermine the perception of objectivity. And, for any publication, there may be true objectivity, but if no one believes there is objectivity then there might as well not be.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

#### COMPLETIONS

#### Taylor County

Tristar Exploration, Inc. has completed the C.L. Reddin Field (5 miles NE of Merkel) at an initial rate of 15 BOPD & 50 BWPD in an unidentified zone (perfs 2506-14). Loc. is 839 FSL & 330 FEL of Sec. 26, Blk. 17, T&PRR Sur., A-284.

#### STAKINGS

#### Callahan County

Hickory Petroleum, Inc. has staked the Burnside-Hurst #3B in the County Regular Field, 4 miles SW of Eula (Depth 1550). Loc. is 390 FWL & 2310 FNL of Sec. 28, BBB&C Sur., A-1811.

Star Production, Inc. has staked the Tatom #1 in the County Regular Field, 5 miles NE of Cottonwood (Depth 2000). Loc. is 330 FNL & 676 FWL of Lavaca CSL Sur. No. 6, A-262.

Watkins Production has staked the Coburn #1 in the County Regular Field, 5 miles W of Cross Plains (Depth 4000). Loc. is 1000 FSL & 509 FEL of G. Eubanks Sur. No. 185, A-161.

#### Coleman County

Delray Oil has staked the L. Smith et ux #1 in the County Regular Field, 1 mile SE of Talpa (Depth 3800). Loc. is 330 FEL & 1615 FNL of Sec. 108, Blk. 9, H.H. Boggs Sur.

#### Concho County

The Pickens Company has staked two wells in the West Millersview Field, 4 miles W of Millersview (Depth 3500). The N. Maria #2 is loc. 1600 FWL & 2571 FSL of Sec. 95, Blk. 71, T&NO Sur., A-497. The Vera #3 is loc. 1120 FNL & 2070 FEL of Sec. 126, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur., A-1760.

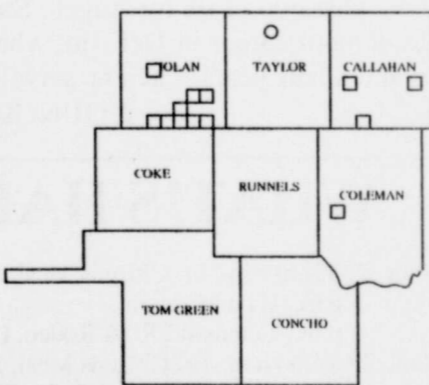
#### Nolan County

L.C.S. Production has staked two wells in the Mulberry Canyon Field, 6 miles NE of Nolan (Depth 3999). The Brooks #1 is loc. 50 FEL & 50 FSL of Sec. 76, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur. The Brooks #2 is loc. 50 FEL & 1888 FSL of same Sec.

Pioneer Exploration has staked five wells in the Northwest Hylton Field, 8 miles S of Nolan (Depth 6500). The B. Hanks -A- #44 is loc. 330 FWL & 2514 FSL of Sec. 28, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur. (RULE 36 and 37). The B. Hanks -A- #45 is loc. 2552 FSL & 1220 FWL of same Sec. (RULE 36 and 37). The B. Hanks -A- #46 is loc. 2984 FNL & 1538 FEL of same Sec. (RULE 36 and 37). The B. Hanks -A- #47 is loc. 2029 FSL & 1505 FEL of same Sec. (RULE 36 and 37). The B. Hanks -A- #48 is loc. 536 FNL & 1112 FWL of same Sec. (RULE 36 and 37).

Texakoma Oil & Gas has staked the Texakoma-Bridford #1 in the Group West Field, 4 miles SE of Marynal (Depth 6500). Loc. is 279 FWL & 2126 FSL of Sec. 103, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-55.

United Operating, LLC has applied to plug back the R. A. Lanier #1 in the Parsons Field, 17 miles S of Sweetwater (Depth 6630). Loc. is 660 FNL & 1980 FEL of Sec. 107, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-53.



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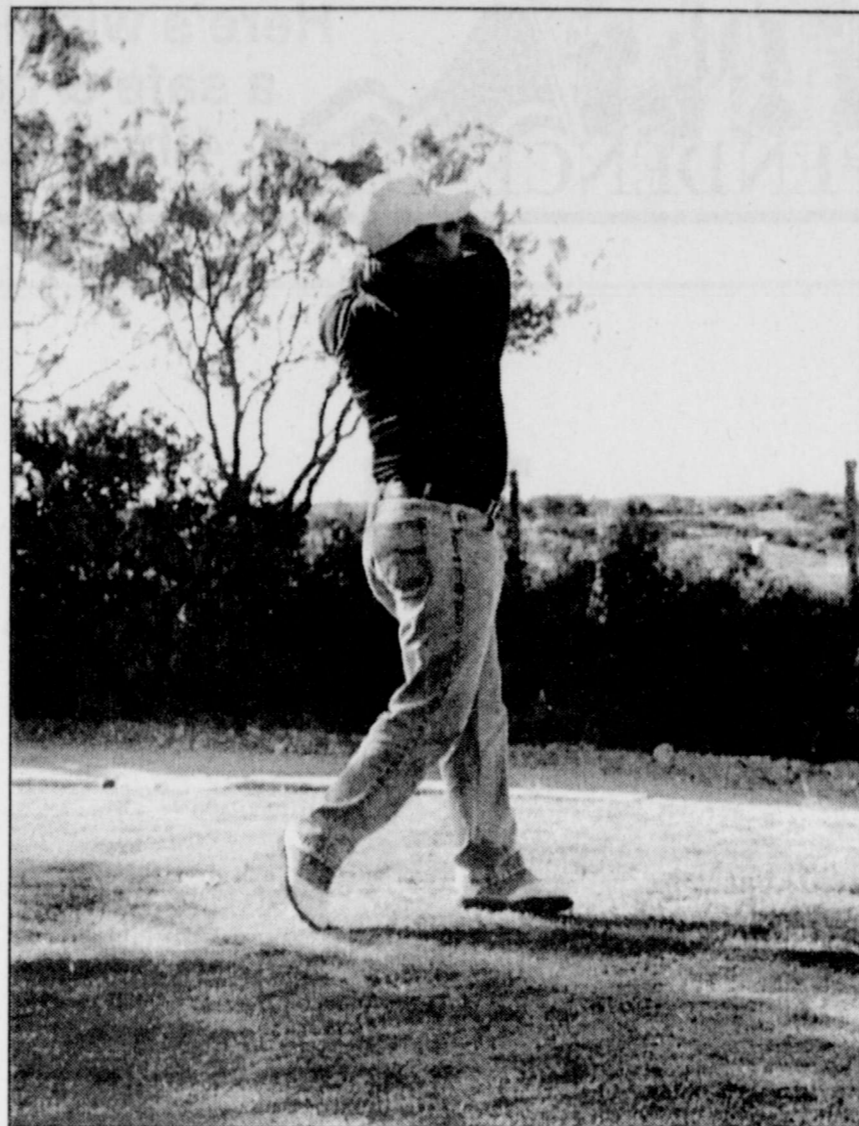
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TIGER WOODS was unable to play in the annual Industrial Golf Tournament, but Omar Martinez, engineer with Dry Manufacturing, shows his technique as he tees off. Hank Bourdo, Winters Country Club president, reports that 45 teams participated in the tournament. Results will be published as they are made available to *The Winters Enterprise*.



ABOUT 100 WORSHIPPERS participated in the 2001 "March for Jesus" as Walter Masters carries the cross during the procession down Main Street.

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ENJOYING THE COOL POOL is this bunch of youngsters at the Winters facility. Hot weather and summer vacation from school combine for a busy time at the pool which is open daily. Women's swim time are scheduled each Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7 p.m., with private parties booked in the evenings. Call 754-4645 for more information.

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## Obituaries

### Paul Davis Pruitt

NORTON—Paul Davis Pruitt, 82, died Monday, June 18, 2001, at 7:15 p.m. in Ballinger.

He was born April 21, 1919, in Coke County to Henry and Estella Davis Pruitt. He married Joyce Roper in Norton on June 20, 1948.

Mr. Pruitt served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a member of the Norton Lions Club, Shriners, and Ballinger Masonic Lodge. He was a board member of the Federal Land Bank for 27 years and a PCA board member. He was a farmer and rancher.

He was preceded in death by a son Brian Pruitt.

He is survived by his wife Joyce Pruitt of Norton; a son, Bruce Pruitt; a brother Curtis Pruitt and wife Hazel of Lamesa; three aunts, Katie McMillian of Ballinger, Ara Hickman of Crane, and Melba Fletcher of New Mexico; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 21, 2001, at the 9th Street Church of Christ with Max Pratt officiating. Burial followed in Norton Cemetery under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger.

### Joe Stanley Blackwell

BRYAN—Joe Stanley Blackwell, 71, formerly of Coleman, died Sunday, June 24, 2001, at a Bryan hospital.

He was born September 18, 1929 in Rockwood and married Patsy Scarborough on March 22, 1957, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mr. Blackwell served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He taught school in Coleman, Cloudcroft, New Mexico, Mozelle, Anson, Winters, and Coahoma. In 1995, he moved to Bryan. Mr. Blackwell was a member of First Baptist Church in Bryan.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Blackwell of Bryan; one son, James Lynn Blackwell of Austin; one daughter, Renee Blackwell of Bryan; one brother, James Burton Blackwell of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and seven nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2001, at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel in Coleman officiated by Reverend Elwin Collum. Burial followed in Coleman Cemetery directed by Stevens Funeral Home.

Family visitation was held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, at Stevens Funeral Home in Coleman.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the St. Joseph's Foundation in Bryan.

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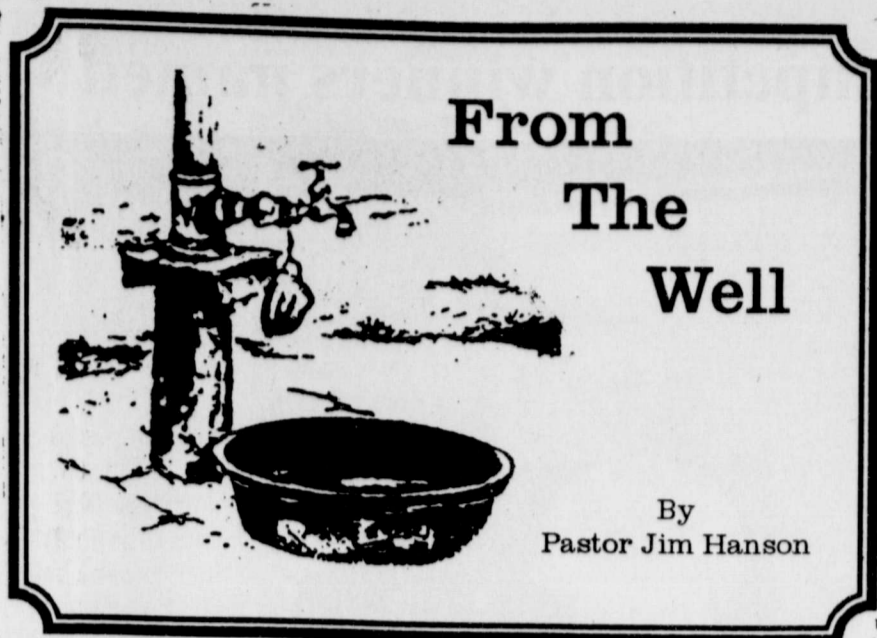
### Surgical & Medical Diseases of the Eye

Dr. Troy Carter, a member of 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 schedule an eye exam and cataract screening today.



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## From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

I write this column the day after Father's Day. Which was a good day for me. All of the children called and wished me a "Happy Father's Day." In fact, one of our sons had his whole family sing it to me. It was great. What made it even more special

was that we are now staying with our youngest son, Timothy, his wife Stephanie, and two children...Joey and Maria. We all went to church together, sat in the same pew, sang the hymns, prayed the prayers, received the Lord's Supper, heard a good sermon.

A new kind of experience for a preacher. We also participated in the baptism of a baby girl. So good to see the chancel of the church filled with parents, two sets of Godparents, and 5 or 6 little cousins. A family affair. I especially enjoyed hearing the "charge" given to the parents:

"In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ." And then the question: "Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?" And the answer: "I do."

So appropriate. For Father's Day. Celebrating the gift of a child. A gift from God. And accepting the obligation to that child and her Creator to bring her up in God's family and to do it God's way. I was reminded of Scott Peck, a world famous psychiatrist, who once told 2000 counselors, "The greatest gift of Western Civilization is that each child would have a father and a mother living with them in their home." And the words of Jesus, "Let the children come unto me, and forbid them not for such belongs the Kingdom of God."

And we had front row seats! On Father's Day...in the Father's House!

Unfortunately Western Civilization has forgotten. Or seems to have forgotten...God's Plan. Remember Dan Quayle? How just about ten years ago he attacked TV's fairy tale version of single motherhood? "Murphy Brown" was the name of the show. He was ridiculed, made fun of, and laughed at by just about every paper and radio and TV reporter.

But, according to the *Wall Street Journal*, Quayle is back. Defending his old position...that "Murphy Brown" is not the way to go, and to promote single motherhood is wrong. In a recent issue of *Newsweek*. And this time around not many are laughing.

The statistics from the latest census are worth contemplating at this time. They show that since Mr. Quayle first raised the issue in his "Murphy Brown" speech, the number of single-mother families has grown by 25%, to 7.5 million. And although there is some good news—teen pregnancies have leveled off, as has the African-American illegitimacy rate—the levels remain quite high.

Years before Quayle gave his attack, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, in 1965, then working as an assistant secretary in the Labor Department, sounded the alarm. "There is one unmistakable lesson in American history: A community that allows a large number of men to grow up in broken homes, dominated by women, never acquiring any stable relationship to male authority, never acquiring any rational expectations about the future—that community asks for and gets chaos...And it is richly deserved." Back then some 23.6% of black children were born out of wedlock. Whites were just 3%. The National Center for Health Statistics reports today the nearly 7 of 10 African American children are illegitimate, with rates for Hispanics and non-Hispanic whites having risen, respectively, to 42% and 22%. This problem crosses racial barriers.

The article ends with this statement. "The real division between the haves and the have-nots in this country is not whether families have money in the bank but whether they have a dad in the home."

Certainly many parents are not single by choice. And many children of these families grow up into fine healthy adults. But something can and must be done. First of all, pray for the fathers in our nation. By name. As many as you know. That they will live up to their obligation to show their children God's plan and God's way. Second, encourage them "Fathers, be Fathers." Do you think for one minute that Our Father in Heaven will not support any effort to help? After all, He is the "one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all."



JUDY BIDDIX talks with a couple of "friends" on the big red trolley during Vacation Bible School at the First United Methodist Church. Judy served as travel agent for the "Luke 1027 Way to Go!" Good Neighbor Tours. Approximately 75 children attended the school.

## Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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**Tuesday, July 3:** Cheeseburger, chips, cookies, and homemade ice cream.

**Wednesday, July 4:** Closed for 4th of July.

**Thursday, July 5:** Mexican cornbread, pinto beans, coleslaw, crackers, and brownie.

**Friday, July 6:** Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, corn, cornbread, and cobbler.

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## Reunion Time

### Brice family numbers over 140 strong at annual reunion held in Winters

For nearly the last 34 years, the Brice family has gathered for a reunion. They began in Ballinger years ago, then moved the event to the Winters Community Center where it has been held for several years. The family met on Father's Day weekend, June 16 & 17, 2001, with 142 attending.

Those attending were: Mary Snow of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Earl Brice, Jack and Earline Moore, Juanita Bradley, and David Moore of Bronte; Nina Harcourt of Galt, California; Billy Brice and Mary L. Brice of Sweetwater; W.A. and Dorothy Henley of Ingram; Jo Ann Lightfoot of Lubbock; J.D. and Harriette Brice and Crystal Stanley of Ennis; Gene Brice and Bessie

Blakeney, Karl and Brenda Breaden and family, Rusty Weidner and family, Amanda Weidner, Sandra Camp and children, Leslie Brice and boys, Eddie Weidner, and Ricky Weidner and family.

In addition were: Horace and Odell McGinnis, David and Scarlette Morgan and children, Greg and Sherrie Johnson and children, and Bodie McGinnis of Mineral Wells; Stephen Blakeney of Pflugerville; Nikkie Stevens of Round Rock; Leon and Maetta Brice and grandchildren; Debbie and Eddie Parker and family of Comanche; Terry Sanders and Bruce Sherrod of Abilene; Beth Brice, Eddie and Ann Bedrick and daughter, Georgia Collier, Judy

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Snowden and nieces, and Luke and Tanya Bedrick of Odessa.

Also were: Patsy Roberson, Dwayne and Vonda Grun and girls of Tuscola; Loy Morris, Dale and Linda Bradley, Darlene Gower and granddaughter of Ballinger; Jim Bob and Cindi Webb and family of Cisco; Anita Wood, and Bob and Oleta Webb of Winters.

Visitors were: Myrtle Nichols of Coleman; Nicole Foster and Jaymi Azbell of Belton; Peter Sikes of Odessa; Cathy Phillips of San Antonio; Cody Calvin of Mineral Wells; Sam Young of Ft. Hood; Tangie Lockeby, Robert Barron, and Angela Schmiedekamp of San Angelo; and Johnny Walker of Winters.

### WATER, continued

\$5.20 per thousand gallons. Davis stated that by pumping three feet of water from the old lake into Elm Creek Reservoir and the use of well water, he hopes to keep the water level constant (at eight feet).

Voting for Stage III were councilmen Hank Bourdo, Tommy Russell, and Mike Meyer, along with Mayor Dawson McGuffin. Councilman Steve Esquivel abstained. Councilman Jimmy Butler was absent from the June 25 meeting.

**TRUSTEES, continued** elected officials in the state. The districts they represent have a combined annual budget of \$25 billion and employ more than 520,000 people.

### Runnels County Retired Teachers elects new officers

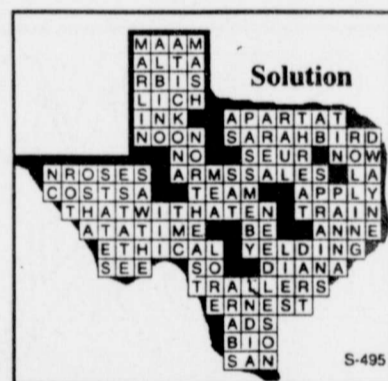
Runnels County Retired Teachers Association met Monday, June 11, at the First Methodist Church in Ballinger. Everyone enjoyed a salad luncheon. Hostesses were Lela May Shelburne, Janet Vaughan, and Gayle Vancil.

After the luncheon they heard from Jeanette Boster of San Angelo, the District Legislative Chairman. She reported on the state of the health insurance and on an increase in the annuity payments starting in October. She encouraged to invite all retiring teachers to join the association.

A short business meeting was conducted by Marthiel Russell. Then, new officers were installed

by JoAnn Patterson. They are: Marthiel Russell, president; Lynda Gottschalk, vice-president; Joyce Krause, second vice-president; Lela May Shelburne, secretary; Linda Blackwell, treasurer; Freddie Gardner, parliamentarian; and Cordelia Yocham, historian.

Members present at the meeting were Linda Blackwell, Virginia Farmer, Reba Nell Gardner, Lynda Gottschalk, Patricia Hambricht, Hortense Joyce, Joyce Krause, Geraldine Lange, Sarah Parker, JoAnn Patterson, Marthiel Russell, Lela May Shelburne, Brenda Tyree, Gayle Vancil, Janet Vaughn, and Cordelia Yocham.



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# Fifty-four attend Shoot-to-Chill Basketball Camp; 2001 competition winners named

Winters' basketball staff hosted the 2001 Shoot-to-Chill Basketball Camp in early June with fifty-four campers participating in the event. Coaches Ken Fowler and Zach Boxell instructed the camp with assistance from WHS grads Josh Minzenmayer and Michelle Paschal.

Results of the camp were as follows:

### Session I

#### Monday

**Hot Shot:** Haley Kaczyk, Jordan Davis, Bryce Mikeska, Cody Fowler, John Smith  
**Dribble KO:** Haley Kaczyk  
**Layups:** Haley Kaczyk, Clent Bryan  
**Sp Dribble:** Devon Shackelford, Bryce Mikeska  
**Freethrows:** Haleigh Edge, Jordan Davis, Clent Bryan

#### Tuesday

**Hot Shot:** Tyler Saucedo, Clent Bryan  
**Dribble KO:** Haley Kaczyk, Abby Guy, Clent Bryan, Cody Fowler  
**Sp Dribble:** Abby Guy, Strait Daniel  
**Knock Out:** Bryce Mikeska, Clent Bryan, Elisha Mata-Lazano, Jordan Davis, Kelsea Esquivel, Abby Guy

#### Wednesday

**Hot Shot:** Abby Guy, Haley Kaczyk, Clent Bryan  
**Freethrows:** Kelsea Esquivel, Strait Daniel

**Campers of the Week:**  
 Haley Kaczyk, Clent Bryan

### Session II

#### Monday

**Hot Shot:** Shelby Walker, Jason Laird, Corey Fenwick  
**Dribble KO:** Hayden Bergman, Susan Sneed, Corey Fenwick, Cassi Mendoza  
**Layups:** Shelby Walker, Braden Mikeska, Corey Fenwick  
**Freethrows:** Shelby Walker, Corey Fenwick  
**3-on-3 Black:** Chelsy Lipsey, Braden Mikeska, Julie England

#### Tuesday

**Hot Shot:** Addison Bergman, Susan Sneed, Julie England, Chelsy Lipsey, Hayden Bergman

**Dribble KO:** Shelby Walker, Chelsy Lipsey, Corey Fenwick, Hayden Bergman

**Layups:** Shelby Walker, Andrea Fuentes, Braden Mikeska  
**Sp Dribble:** Chelsy Lipsey, Corey Fenwick  
**Freethrows:** Addison Bergman, Hayden Bergman

#### Wednesday

**Hot Shot:** Susan Sneed, Corey Fenwick, Addam Ramirez  
**Layups:** Susan Sneed, Corey Fenwick  
**Goose-n-Go:** Sandy Esquivel  
**Knock-Out:** Josh Lujano, Addam Ramirez, Hayden Bergman, Dalton Shackelford

**Camper of the Week:** Corey Fenwick, Shelby Walker

### Session III

#### Monday

**Hot Shot:** Marci Paschal, Kindy Walker, Justin Fenwick  
**Dribble KO:** Erica Lujano, Kat Hatler, Trenton Grohman, Aaron Colburn  
**Layups:** Aaron Colburn, Kindy Walker, Kat Hatler  
**Sp Dribble:** Kindy Walker, Aaron Colburn

**Freethrows:** Marci Paschal, Justin Fenwick

#### Tuesday

**Hot Shot:** Kat Hatler, Stephen Kruse, Bryant Mikeska  
**Dribble KO:** Krystal Gibbens, Bryant Mikeska  
**3 pt. Shooting:** Katy Wilkerson, Aaron Colburn, Jordan Sanchez  
**Knock Out:** Justin Fenwick, Kindy Walker  
**3-on-3:** Luke England, Kendra Esquivel, Justin Fenwick

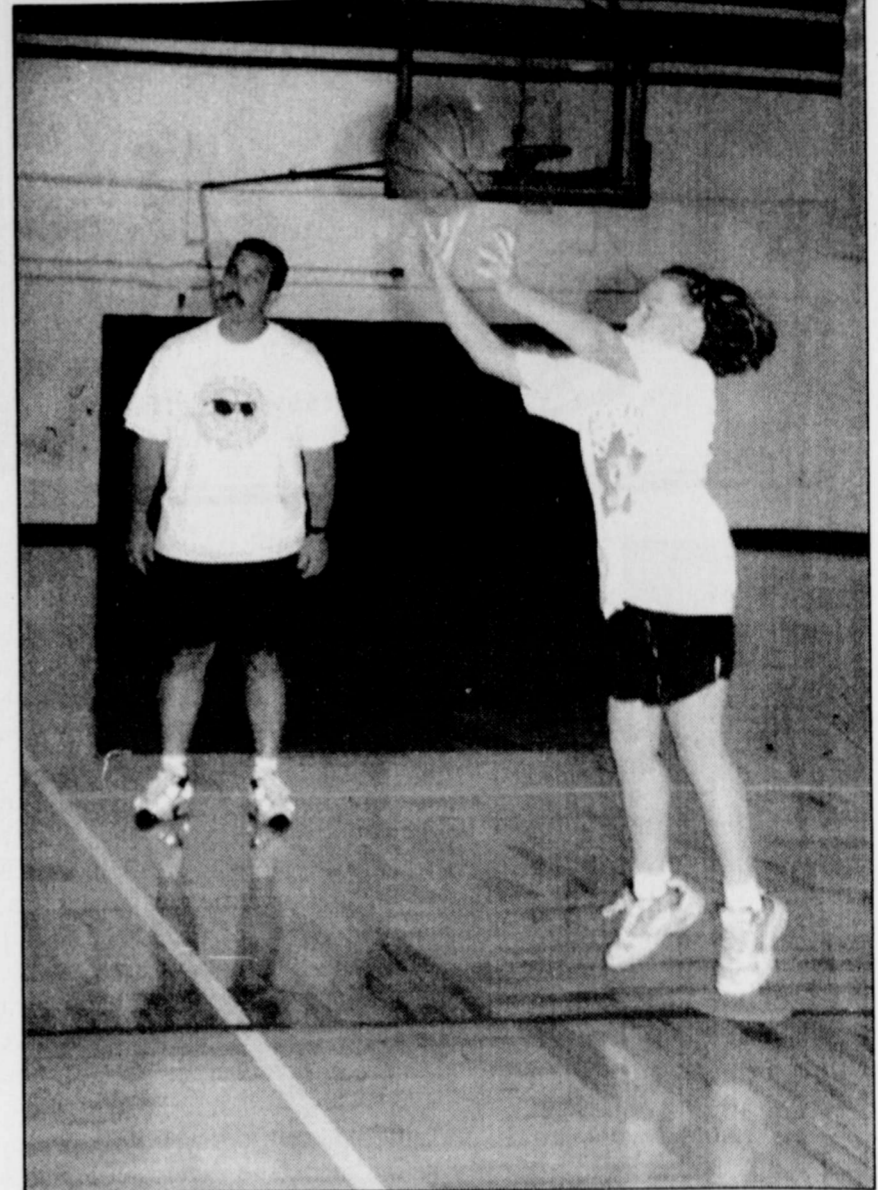
#### Wednesday

**Hot Shot:** Kindy Walker, Rachel Davis, Aaron Colburn  
**Freethrows:** Erica Lujano, Katy Wilkerson, Justin Fenwick  
**Layups:** Kindy Walker, Heath Billups  
**Goose-n-Go:** Krystal Gibbens  
**3-on-3:** Heath Billups, Bridgette Billups, Stephen Kruse

**Camper of the Week:** Kindy Walker, Aaron Colburn



WHS BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH Zach Boxell gives instructions to Shoot-to-Chill Basketball Camp athletes (l-r) Hayden Bergman, Addison Bergman, and Sandy Esquivel.



ADDISON BERGMAN shoots for three while WHS Girls' Basketball Coach Ken Fowler keeps an eye on the basket during shooting drills at the annual Winters basketball camp held earlier this month.

## WHS Class of 1971 to host 30th reunion July 7

The Winters High School Class of 1971 will host their 30th class reunion on Friday and Saturday, July 6 & 7, 2001.

Classmates will gather at the Mt. Carmel Catholic Church Fellowship Hall on Friday for an informal social.

They will tour Winters High School on Saturday morning before returning to the Catholic Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch. There will be an afternoon tour of the Z.I. Hale Museum, The Rock Hotel, and the Gus Pruser Agricultural Exhibit. The class

will enjoy a catered meal from The Shed on Saturday night at the fellowship hall.

Friends from other WHS classes, faculty, and staff are invited and encouraged to join the fun and fellowship of any and all of the weekend's events.

Any member of the class of 1971 who has not received a notice by mail of the reunion plans or for more information, please contact Dane Bishop at 1-800-866-8427 or Freddie Grohman at 754-4383.

## Deike earns diploma from Texas A&M

Diplomas were awarded to approximately 4,650 Texas A&M University graduates during spring commencement exercises in May.

Receiving a bachelor of science in industrial distribution was Mark Lynn Deike.

Mark is the son of Mike Deike of Winters and Mitzi Deike of Veribest.

## Bishop earns degree from Tarleton State

Tarleton State University in Stephenville held its spring commencement exercises on Saturday, May 12, on the campus.

Receiving a bachelor of science in ag. services and development was Page Allen Bishop.

He is the son of Allen and Pat Bishop of Winters.

### Top Honors—



NAMED MOST REPRESENTATIVE GIRL & BOY at Winters Junior High School for the 2000-01 school year were eighth graders Katy Wilkerson and Jacob Bridgeman. Katy is the 14-year-old daughter of Jim and Mary Wilkerson. Jacob is the 13-year-old son of Mark and Yolanda Bridgeman.

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## Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

*It's better to sleep on what you intend to do than to stay awake over what you have done.*



Hilda Kurtz

Hopewell Baptist Church held their end of the month meeting and congregational dinner after Sunday morning services. Chris Shields of Abilene was a visitor.

Pat Cooper is recovering nicely at home after three days in a hospital in San Angelo. Her daughter Dodie and kiddos Killie and Mike Drake of Winters were visitors.

Melvena and Marvin Gerhart and Sue Rosa attended supper in Bronte on Saturday night in the home of Betty and Edd Hart.

Marvin and Melvena Gerhart visited Brenda and Fred Watkins on Thursday night.

Lynda and Travis Ford of Rising Star visited Georgia Gibbs during the week.

Selma Wilkerson attended the Martin Reunion on Sunday in San Angelo with Barbara and Don Reynolds of Abilene.

Sue Rosa and Melvena and Marvin Gerhart attended the square dance and supper in the home of Edd and Betty Hart. Mr. Hart is the square dance caller.

Sue's brother Bill of Alpine and Sue are tearing down the old McDonald home at this time.

Bernie and Jeff McCoy of Arlington, Louisiana were here over the weekend on business. They also visited on Friday night with Nila and Therin Osborne.

Mr. and Mrs. Maloe Bryant of Abilene visited with Doris Wood on Saturday and Frances and Joe Hord on Sunday afternoon.

Mike Boatwright and wife of Merkel visited Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion. Marvin Gerhart came by a while on Sunday morning.

Coleman Foreman was lucky. He received 3/10 inch of rain on Friday night.

Hildegard Schovajsa of San Angelo spent Wednesday with me and carried me to my dentist appointment. Yea, another tooth gone. Two were filled.

After church services and dinner, Coleman Foreman went in to see Lawan at the nursing home in Winters.

Tiffany Prater and Eileen Cartwright were in Dallas last week looking at schools for Tiffany for the fall. While there they

visited Rodney, Alvi and Mark Faubion. They also visited with Lynn and Carol Faubion in Ft. Worth. Later they visited with Jim Webb in Dallas. Tiffany stayed a while with Rodney Faubion and family before starting home.

Linda and Dale Duggan, Ben Brown, Will and Leslie Duggan, and Katie Grigsby were in Abilene on Wednesday after shopping and eating out.

The Duggan's visitors over the weekend were Pat and Christopher Mueller of South Texas.

Bernie and Jeff McCoy and her mother of Abilene came by and had a nice visit with the Duggans over the weekend.

Wanda King is back home after her surgery last Wednesday at Hendrick Hospital. She has had many visitors since her return home. Family and friends have been cooking supper for her and Windell since her return home not to mention all the nice gifts and flowers she has received.

They also moved into a new home, that the family has been working to complete. It has been almost two years since the tragic fire destroyed their home. They want to thank each every one for all the contributions, support, love, and help throughout the past two years.

Kristi Busenlehner and Margie Jacob were in Brownwood last Monday and stopped by to see Sharon Engler and had lunch with her.

Margie Jacob was over to see Evelyn Jacob on Wednesday and played a few games of SkipBo.

On Friday night Margie Jacob treated her daughters, Beverly VanZandt and Carol Kozelsky, to a fish fry at Bo's in Winters.

Saturday Evelyn and Margie Jacob attended Olfen's 100th celebration at Olfen all day. They also participated in the parade on a float by the Michalwicz girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hall picked up Margie Jacob on Sunday night to play dominoes at Selma Wilkerson's.



ONE VERY TALL APRICOT TREE, "gestimated" to be about 40-45 feet tall, has grown in the yard of Joe and Nadine DeLaCruz. Joe says he planted the tree in the mid 1960's, and the tree produced fruit for many years but is beginning to have smaller crops due to age and damage from drought and high winds.



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Sheriff's Department.

He is currently a senior at Angelo State University, majoring in physics. He is single and enjoys teaching martial arts.

Other applicants interviewed were Mark Goetz, Terry Johnson and Toby Virden.

In other action, the council approved the following proposed properties for annexation:

• 1208 W. Dale - Duane and Sondra Petty

• 1114 W. Dale - Louis Collins

• 1109 W. Parsonage - Phyllis DeLaCruz

• 110 Novice Road - Robert Garza

• 108 Jewel - James G. Gonzales

• 305 Roselane - Jimmy A. Taylor

• 714 S. Main - Security State Bank (T. Medford)

• 521 Crews Road - Juan and Maria Ochoa

The first public hearing on the annexation on these properties will be July 30, 2001, at City Hall.

Louis Collins and Robert Garza were present at the June 25 meeting and asked if they were being singled out for annexation. Mayor Dawson McGuffin explained that the council is trying to make the boundaries of the city limits consistent.

Garza expressed his desire not to be annexed. Collins questioned whether or not he would be provided sewer services and if it would cost him anything. Collins currently uses a septic system but has city water services.

Council members instructed Hassan to put in the budget \$4,000 for the city's part of a \$40,000 airport grant. Texas Department of Transportation has awarded the \$40,000 for the Winters airport to re-surface the runways, contingent upon the city's contribution.

The council meeting time was changed permanently from 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month. This change was made to allow Alderman Hank Bourdo time to attend another meeting on this same day.

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## Engagement



Lt. Jennifer Little & Lt. Todd Severance

### Little & Severance to exchange vows in July 2001 wedding

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The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Bayside High School in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and a 1991 graduate of the University of Maryland, where she earned a bachelor of arts in government and politics. She earned her commission through Officer Candidate School. She is currently serving with Commander, Third Fleet, embarked in USS Coronado.

The prospective groom is a 1987 graduate of Sahuaro High School in Tucson, Arizona, and a 1992 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in oceanography. He is currently serving with Commander, Fighter Attack Squadron 105, USS Intrepid, in San Diego, California.

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# Cousin Eddie's "cool runnings"—The Rest of the Story

by Deb Pritchard, assistant editor

I've had so many people ask when I was going to finish my "Cousin Eddie-Cool Runnings" story that I figured I'd better get it finished before we take our summer vacation in a few weeks. I don't really understand the fascination though—I mean it's obvious that we made it home safe and sound.

So why do people want to read about it? Could it be that some of you thrive on the traveling antics and misfortunes of the happy "Griswold" family? You warpos!

Well, if you've followed our trek home from Indiana at Christmas time, you'll remember that we got caught in one terrific ice storm from Springfield, Missouri to Ranger Hill, just west of Ft. Worth. You also know that I'm rationing the snacks and soft drinks we have in the car—just in case we get stranded on an interstate somewhere.

On day two of the trip, we made sure the kids gorged themselves on the complimentary breakfast at our hotel. The boys ate doughnuts, cereal, toast & jelly, packets of sugar, toaster waffles and juice. Of course the two sleeping beauties sauntered in just in time to grab a cup of juice and a slice of toast. Remember now—we warned them!

Once "we" made the decision we were going to venture out in the icy tundra we gathered our belongings to load up the 'ole burban. Of course, Cousin Eddie—I mean Johnny, parked the thing on the far side of the parking lot the night before.

No, not next to the door of our room like most normal people—but on the FAR side of the parking lot, on an incline—on an incline covered with a sheet of ice. We put luggage and sleeping bags into the kids' arms and gave 'em a push as they skied to the car.

It wasn't too bad of a start—the first five miles or so. But it became apparent pretty quickly that the weather man might have known what he was talking about when he described the icy conditions as "paralyzing, treacherous, dangerous..." Need I say more?

Did I mention the de-icer we used in our windshield wipers? The windshield was a perpetual ice rink most of the trip so we used a full, two gallons of the

'blue stuff' on our trip home...of course the first gallon Eddie put in dripped out of the faulty hose he "hadn't noticed."

Par for the course, the girls were asleep within the first 15 miles, but the three oldest boys...fought and bickered like never before. It could have had a little something to do with the "cave" of a backseat they were squeezed into, completely surrounded on all sides by luggage, Christmas presents, blankets, coats, etc. No daylight—kinda like a tunnel. OR, maybe it was the 200 sugar packets they consumed for breakfast...go figure!

Nonetheless, there was hollering... "don't look at me. That's my CD—Mom, he's got my CD...yes it is—no it's not...MMOOOMMMM, then WHAM, the fight would be on. All you could see would be elbows and ankles—I mean they were drawing blood now!

There wasn't anything we could do. (Johnny's palms were welded to the steering wheel.) There was no way we were going to pull off and get their attention...

Have I pointed out yet that we're averaging top speeds of 35-40 miles per hour when we're running at our best? That traffic is as thick as flies in a horse barn? That we're driving in traffic that's Dallas rush hour kinda traffic?

Finally after about four consecutive hours of the boys' incessant feuding they taper off to a dull hum. BUT—then the girls started in on little Corey in the middle seat. He's wedged between Mandy's gangly legs sprawled over two-thirds of the seat and all of Misty's junk, not to mention her pillow she has laid on top of him to take a nap.

He'd been really good so far compared to the others, so you'd think our teenage girls would have had enough of their other brothers' bickering. NOOOO, they started to poke and prod our little "Hootie" AND just antagonize him for no apparent reason, until he'd have enough and begin screaming—"K-WWWIIIH-TTTT!" It wasn't just "Quit!" It was like three syllables in a high pitched squeal. The girls giggled. It broke the monotony of the drive for them I guess.

By now it's three in the afternoon, we have gone maybe 150 miles in five hours and we haven't pulled off the interstate once. AND we're not going to. Tulsa is just one big bob sled ramp as we work our way around the loop. The kids have taken up the amusing game of "count how many cars have slid off the road" game. "There's one...ooooohh look at that one! Oh look, that one is heading backwards. LOOK there's a semi jack-knifed!"

The situation is bad...and our tempers are shot—I mean NRA target practice shot! It's about this time that I suggest something to Eddie and he snarled at me for no less than the tenth time and told me to "just sit over there and be quiet!" Well guess what? You got it—I clammed her up tighter'n a drum and literally prayed from Tulsa to Oklahoma City!

We had eaten lunch on the first day about 1 p.m. I had told the boys we'd find a Cracker Barrel (their favorite on-the-road-restaurant) to eat lunch at on day two. From the backseat 8-year-old Collyn whines "It's 4:17...no 4:18 (he got a new watch for Christmas) and you promised we'd stop and we still haven't stopped"—you can just see him whinnying away into nothing—"AAARRRRHHHH...Daaaad you just passed another Cracker Barrel, we're starving, when are you going to stop?" he finished as he began to cry.

Bless his little starving heart. I passed back a rationing of our snacks (No, it was not peanut brittle)—knowing full well that they could be offering a free buffet on the side of the road and Eddie wasn't going to pull off.

The girls were ready to gnaw off their knuckles they were so hungry, but they weren't about to say a thing—knowing full well they should have gotten out of bed and eaten some breakfast that morning. I figure that's why they slept so much—they were either passed out from weakness or sleeping so they wouldn't have to listen to their stomachs rumble.

It wasn't until about 6:15 p.m. that we made it to Oklahoma City. And of course the hotel that I have picked out is ten miles off the beaten path—but we have a coupon and it's cheap! Cheap is a key word in our vocabulary at this point in the trip home because we only planned for one night on the road and we're already on night 2 and not sure what's to come.

By now Eddie's passed about 76 eating establishments—any of

which would have been more than suitable for our hungry brood. But alas, we settle on a Pancho's, 'cause the boys know they can send that little flag up the pole as many times as they want and eat 'til their hearts content. (Plus that exit ramp looked the least iced over of any we had just passed.)

I spotted a Chinese restaurant in the same little shopping strip (only the girls will eat Chinese)—and boy did they jump on that! I gave them \$15 (that was the smallest amount I could come up with) and told them to bring me change. They were gone before I got the words out of my mouth.



You can bet the boys ate heartily. My usually picky eaters gobbled it up like they hadn't eaten all day—well, now that I think about it I guess they hadn't! When we met up with the girls at the car afterwards, there was no change—they'd eaten like gluttons. Picked up a stack of magazines when they went in...gotten their food...stuffed their faces and read. Never said one word to each other. I guess the day had been a little stressful for everyone—you reckon?

Speaking of stressful, my dear husband, whom I was only speaking to in monosyllables, announced as he unloaded at the motel that he needed the Jaws of Life to pry open a certain part of his anatomy that had puckered shut permanently!

I can't even remember what we watched for hours on TV that night, but we were up and moving fairly early the next morning. We carted the boys to the motel lobby for the FREE continental breakfast. After a few bowls of cornflakes (that and Raisin Bran were our only choices and I didn't think we needed to be promoting any internal body cleansing while trapped in the suburban, still six or more hours from home) we opted to skate next door to a little "Mom & Pop" restaurant for a real breakfast—the boys weren't

taking any chances! Everyone ordered the works and ate every bite. You should have seen the girls high tailing it over—Mandy had her 'ole plate of rib stickin' biscuits and gravy. (Maybe they learned their lesson, huh?)

Traffic was only slightly faster the next morning, as anything that had thawed the day before had iced back over that night. The entertainment for the morning as we drove out of Oklahoma City however was the giant icicle daggers melting and falling off of overpasses. We're talking five foot long point ice spears crashing to the ground below. We were literally ducking (a lot of good that was going to do) as we drove under an overpass and saw a dagger headed our way.

Then as we picked up speed on the interstate, 8 foot by 8 foot sheets of ice were being lifted by the wind off the top of semis to come spiraling towards the red 'burban. It was like some high drama action movie—you know like a chase seen where they were throwing stuff out of vehicles in front of you to cause you to lose control of your car. The kids thought it was pretty neat...cool!

We breathed a sigh of relief as we entered northern Texas and ran into about a 20 mile span of clear roads and skies—we thought we were home free. WRONG!

All of a sudden we came upon some kind of winter wonderland that you only read about in fairy tales. The ground was white with snow and the trees were dripping in ice. The bright sunshine gave off a glare like a welders arc. While beautiful—it hurt my eyes something awful. I had on my RayBan sunglasses that I swear by and tears were still streaming down my face.

I pulled down the sun visor, but no relief. I finally pulled on a second pair of sunglasses on top of my "good" ones and only then was it just bearable to watch the road. By now I look like some freak of nature and the girls are slumping down in their seats so as not to be seen with me. Of course Eddie's sittin' over there so squinched up he looks like one of those dried apple dolls you find in Fredricksburg. It's amazing he can even see the road insisting he isn't gonna wear any stupid sunglasses.

So we drive through Antarctica 'til Ft. Worth and once again we seem to drive out of the worst of it. NOW we're on our way. Clipping along at 70 mph. We're in the home stretch...nearly there.

SCREEEEEEEECH...slam on those breaks Clark—what the...? Traffic is backed up for miles. There are car tracks in the snow everywhere you look. Literally dozens of snowmen in the median and in the bar ditches along the sides of the road.

Two hours to go 15 miles to Ranger Hill. Mandy has now put her glasses on upside down and is hanging out her window asking truckers how far traffic was backed up and why? They just look at her and shrug wondering if she could even comprehend what they're saying.

As we inch up Ranger Hill, some goober in an SUV goes barreling up the shoulder to our right and jumps out at the top with a video camera in one hand and his fist raised in the other. He's jumpin' up and down and waving his fist in triumph... "what a nut, some road ragged driver is goin' to run that fruitcake over," offers my darling Eddie.

He was from some TV station out of Ft. Worth and it wasn't until we cleared the top of the hill, resumed normal speeds, and stopped to eat (yes, once again the kids thought their throats had been slit) that we were told that Ranger Hill had been closed all night. Stranding those cars on the highway—with no place to go. It had only been opened about 1/2 hour when we got right in the middle of it all. This "nut" was jubilantly covering the news story for his station...he wasn't crazy after all!

It really wasn't bad after that. The kids were fed and as long as we kept having them move their limbs in the car we knew they'd be able to walk again. And speaking of walking, Eddie was close enough to home now, that he could walk on in if need be.

So...another trip under our belts. We're changing up the game plan this summer though. We're not goin' "up yonder." But plan a week in northern Colorado instead. I hear they don't put guard rails up along their roads in the mountains...Heaven help us!

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- Use close adult supervision.
- Follow fireworks label instructions carefully.
- Aim fireworks away from people and animals.
- Light one firework at a time, then move away quickly.
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Class coordinator Danny Martinez encourages everyone to come and join the fellowship of Jesus our Lord. Bring your Bible and learn God's word together.

*Atencion—El proximo mes en Julio vamos a empear la Escuela Dominical en Español con el maestro Danny Martinez. A las 9:30 en la mañana en la Iglesia First Baptist todos son envidados. Trigan su biblas. Salmos 22:1 Yo me alegre con los que me desian ala casa de Señor Tremos.*

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# Hair & Feathers

By B.D. Davis  
Biologist/Land Manager

## The great predator

Sometimes it is not what is here but what is not here that shouts the loudest. Long ago we humans removed the large predators from Runnels County. The reason was they developed the nasty habit of chewing on our livestock.

However, in doing so, we eliminated the predators that preyed on the larger game species such as white-tailed deer. This is a contributing factor for the abundance of deer in Texas.

We also removed the cruelest predator of all. It was not a large predator but a very tiny one. In fact, only specialized people could even recognize it when they saw it. It did not necessarily prey on the weak and sick animals but healthy ones as well. No animal was too large or too tough or too fast, or too healthy for this predator to handle.

The process of killing was simple. This tiny predator would lay its eggs near a wire scratch, a dropped antler socket, the navel of a newborn animal or even a tick bite. The eggs would hatch into maggots capable of consuming living flesh.

The process would continue—

more of these tiny predators would lay more eggs. The hapless victim would, in effect, be slowly eaten alive. Death, when it comes, would be slow and cruel—perhaps the cruelest death of all.

Only some of us old timers can remember dealing with this predator—younger people still do not know what we are talking about here. I can remember as a young man doctoring affected livestock. I can remember to this day the smell and the ugliness of these wounds.

This great predator was the screw worm fly.

Well meaning animal rights people are now reintroducing wolves and grizzly bears back into the west. Mexican wolves have been mentioned for reintroduction back into west Texas. We must wonder if some of these folks will some day get the notion to reintroduce the screw worm fly. What a terrible thought!

*But thus saith the Lord, Even the captives of the might shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered.*

Isaiah 49:25

## Livestock Association to host annual Winters Summer Classic on Saturday, July 21

The Winters Livestock Association will host their annual Winters Summer Classic on Saturday, July 21, 2001. The event will take place at the Winters ISD Show Complex located off the Novice Highway.

Junior exhibitors will show prospect goats, lambs, and steers, as well as heifers born after January 1, 2000. Cattle will be divided into three divisions including American, English, and European.

The Winters show is open to students ages pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Belt buckles will be awarded for the grand champion animals, while reserve grand champions exhibitors will receive monogrammed duffel bags. Class winners will receive monogrammed caps.

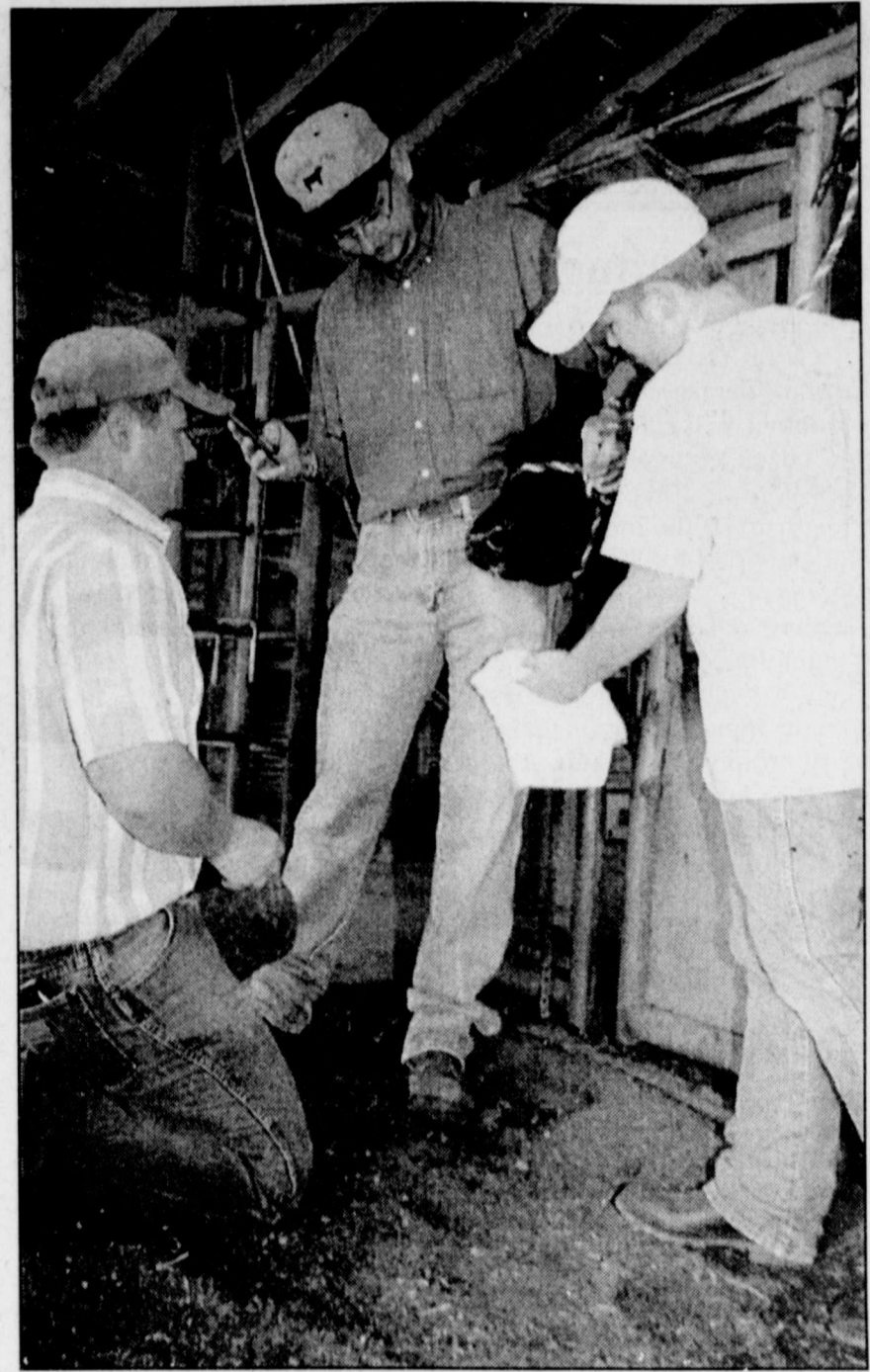
Barns open on Friday, July 20. Weight cards may be turned in between 7 and 9 a.m. on Saturday. The show is scheduled to

begin at 9 a.m. with the show order starting with goats, followed by lambs, heifers, and steers. Generators and fans are welcomed. Concessions will be available.

A jackpot showmanship show will be held for both junior and senior exhibitors. Showmen are asked to pay \$5 as they enter the show ring. Cash prizes for the top exhibitors will be based on the number of showmanship entries.

Winters Summer Classic entry fees are \$15 per head of cattle and \$10 for sheep and goats for entries postmarked by July 15, 2001. Late entries received after July 15 will have an additional \$5 late fee per head. **Cash only** will be accepted for late entries. Entries will be accepted until 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 21.

Checks may be made payable to Winters Livestock Association and entries sent to: Roy Shackelford, 721 FM 2405, Winters, 79567.



RUNNELS COUNTY STEER VALIDATION was held in Winters earlier this month in preparation for the 2001-02 stock show season. Assisting Corbin O'Dell (right) with his steer was Runnels County Assistant Extension Agent Tom Guthrie (left) and Winters FFA Advisor Roy Shackelford.

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## Pest Management News

By Richard Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-Entomology (PM)

### GENERAL SITUATION

Hot, dry conditions prevail across the Concho Valley. Insect pressure in cotton is on the rise in all areas due to weed host plants dying down and cotton being the only plants that are currently green.

Insect pests found in cotton this week were cotton fleahoppers, false chinch bugs, flea beetles, jumbo grasshoppers and thrips. What a variety of pests.

Many of the sorghum fields are well into bloom and no insect pressure to worry about at this time. Most sorghum fields are suffering from severe moisture stress. Hopefully rains will come soon.

### COTTON FLEAHOPPERS

This season has been one of the heaviest fleahopper years we have seen in some time. Windy weather, early spring growth and

current dry conditions have all contributed to the dispersal of fleahoppers into cotton the past several weeks.

Fleahopper numbers in area fields have ranged from 2 to 48/100 plant terminals during the past week.

Producers are encouraged to monitor early squaring cotton closely for fleahoppers and blasting of small pinhead squares. Pinhead size and smaller squares are most susceptible to damage.

Treatment thresholds vary depending on square retention (% square set). During the first three weeks of squaring, the treatment threshold should be based on fleahopper numbers in combination with percent fruit retention.

A general recommendation is 20-25 fleahoppers per 100 plant terminals with less than a 75% square set. Now I realize we must

consider current cotton prices, dry weather conditions and other production costs when determining the need to control this pest. These thresholds give us a starting point to work from.

Remember with the hot, dry and windy conditions we have experienced, some fields have become very dry and plants are under stress. This coupled with blowing soil has caused some square shed.

Do not automatically assume that this square shed is insect related. Also, with the Round Up application window, if you are spraying weedy fields, you might consider adding an insecticide for fleahoppers. If they are on the weeds (which they are) they will be forced into cotton as the weeds die.

### FALSE CHINCH BUGS

False chinch bugs can be found

in a number of cotton fields right now, especially those fields which are adjacent to pasture. CRP ground or other weedy areas. This is an occasional pest of cotton and can cause damage to seedling plants.

These insects feed on a wide variety of weedy plants that are common in field margins and uncultivated areas. Large migrations into seedling cotton can result in severe injury or death to susceptible plants.

You should monitor your fields regularly and, if large populations threaten stands, apply labeled insecticides to field margins. Pyrethroid insecticides work well as well as others.

### GRASSHOPPERS

Producers should monitor closely for grasshoppers and injury to cotton plants. It doesn't take long for them to eliminate a

stand.

Field observations have indicated that populations of one per three feet of row or two per square yard in vegetation around the field can devastate a cotton stand. Producers need to watch for jumbo's along pasture and field margins next to cotton fields.

Insecticide control should be in those sites: Once they enter the field, control is limited because the field must be retreated every four to five days.

Baits work well for the lubber grasshoppers. This grasshopper is clumsy and cannot fly so producers can take advantage of these characteristics the performance of the baits. A ditch should be dug around the field approximately one foot deep.

A moldboard plow or a trencher could be used. The lubbers have a difficult time crossing the

ditch and tend to move laterally along the ditch once trapped. The bait should be distributed by placing a handful (use rubber gloves) every three to five feet.

It is important to place the bait in clumps to provide access to the lubbers and to prevent dirt and dust from covering the bait. The bait should be refreshed every 3-5 days depending on weather and lubber grasshopper pressure.

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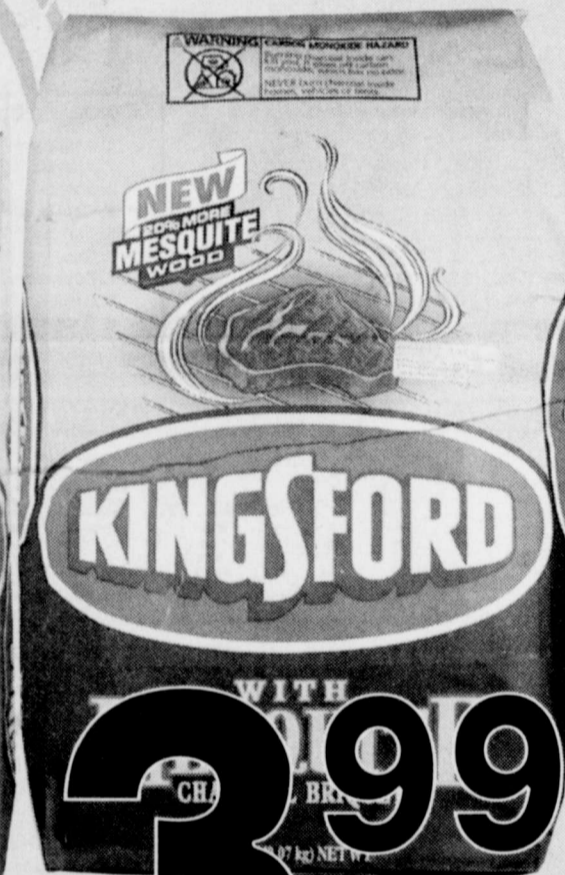
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