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Pearls of Wisdom-Jesus replied, "...Love your neighbor as your-

Matthew 22:37-39NIV



Seniors raise money for NRH

The WHS Senior class raised over \$450 for North Runnels Hospital after Wal-Mart of Ballinger matched funds with the seniors during a recent bake sale.

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Journalism students win UIL contests

Winters High School journalism students have competed well recently at practice UIL academic meets taking top awards at Bangs and Wyle.

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Ag issues addressed

Several local ag. issues are addressed including new sheep and goat scrapie regulations; terrace maintenance time; and the Runnels County Trapper Fund.

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Local voice needs to be heard

Runnels County Farm Bureau President Leroy Pelzel encourages local farmers and ranchers to form a "grassroots" effort in getting their voice heard for upcoming agriculture legislation in D.C. page 7

Need a laugh?

If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?



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Bahlman, Russell named Man and Woman of the Year

ents, Fran Kidwell and Jack busy husband." Davis, Jr.

First United Methodist Church, dren. member of the Woman's Club where she serves on the Ways Bahlman grew up in Winters and Means Committee, Presi- and graduated from Winters dent of the Runnels County High School in 1964. He at-Retired Teachers Association, tended the University of Texas past president of the Winters Classroom Teachers Association, past president of the Winters Public Library, and is a Base in San Antonio and Conmember of the Lions Club.

president of the Alliance to the when he became owner and Texas Dental Association. For manager of Charles Bahlman the past three years she has served as a delegate to the American Dental Alliance, and of the Winters Area Business has recently been named as and Industrial Corporation and trustee of five states to the has done much to provide lead-American Dental Alliance.

award, Mrs. Kidwell said of in Winters Lions Club and has her former co-worker, "With

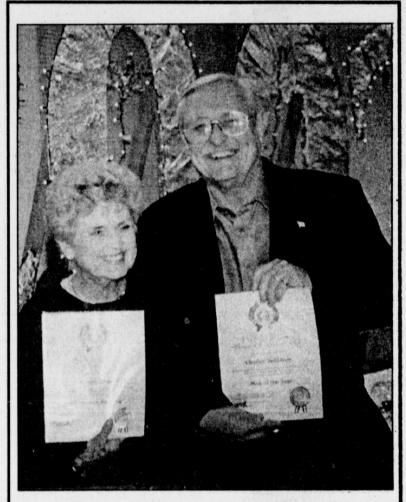
A retired teacher and a car 41 years in teaching and educadealer received special recog- tion, she has encouraged and nition at the 61st annual Win- challenged students to be and ters Area Chamber of Com- do their best. Marthiel brings merce banquet Saturday night. to each situation a positive and Marthiel Russell was named happy attitude. She not only Woman of the Year and keeps up with her civic activi-Charles Bahlman was named ties, she keeps up with her Man of the Year. Presenting the friends, elderly mother, chilawards were last year's recipi- dren, grandchildren and her

Marthiel is married to Dr. Mrs. Russell was born and Tommy Russell. Their children raised in Winters where she are Dr. Jeff and Jennifer taught school for 35 of her 41- Russell of Dallas, and Alan and year career before retiring in J'Lynn Cooper of Winters. 1997. She is a member of the They also have five grandchil-

Man of the Year Charles and received a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1969. He worked for Kelly Air Force trol Data in Houston before She is currently first vice- returning to Winters in 1983,

Bahlman serves as President ership in working to save North In presenting Marthiel's Runnels Hospital. He is active

Chevrolet.



MARTHIEL RUSSELL and CHARLES BAHLMAN share a light-hearted moment after being named Woman and Man of the Year during the 61st annual Winters Area Chamber of Commerce banquet on February 9, 2002.

served as director for the Win- the Runnels County Appraisal ters Area Chamber of Com- District Board and the Review merce. He has been involved Board. He attends North Main in Christmas In April for sev- Church of Christ where he eral years, and also served on serves as an elder.

Charles is married to the former Jeanie Hood. They have three grown children, Chris of Winters, Cara of Amarillo, and Jaime of Lamesa, as well as three grandchildren.

"Charles is always willing to help with projects in Winters and do what he can to make our town a better place to live. I have not seen a person in Winters who wants the community to thrive and do well any more than Charles Bahlman." said Jack Davis, Jr., as he presented Bahlman's award.

Also recognized during the February 9 celebration were retiring Chamber of Commerce Directors Rhonda Black, Deb Pritchard and Janie Rocha. New Directors will be Clay Bush, Danny Clack and Barry Jackson. Continuing Directors are Janice Pruser, Sharon Kennedy, Saam Geistmann, Gail Williams, Ruth Cooper, Diana Rozman, Donna Smith, Jane Bourdo, Kristi Stoecker, and Chris Bahlman. Chamber secretary is Laverta Hubbard.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by the Pioneer Church of God Youth Witness Mime Group and the Sons of Thunder musical trio of Monte Angel, Randall Boles and Jim Lincycomb.

Going, going, gone!



AUCTIONEERS AND ASSISTANTS, I-r, Richard Hamilton, Monte Angel, Hank Bourdo and Luciano Vega, hold up one of the many items auctioned Sunday afternoon at a fundraiser to benefit North Runnels Hospital. Approximately \$8,500 was raised from the meal, auction, quilt raffle and cookbook sale.

Sheriff Baird injured in scuffle

According to Ballinger police records, at approximately 5 p.m. on Monday, February 11, dispatchers received a 911 call from a female who reported that Noe Jaques, age 54, was "acting belligerent and had a gun."

Two Ballinger policemen responded to the call in the 300 block of Hutchins. While they were en route, Police Chief J. C. Gore called for additional assistance from the Runnels County Sheriff's Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, and Game Warden Lane Pickney.

As these law enforcement officers converged on the scene, roadblocks were set up, securing a two-block radius of

The female caller, who is known to be the mother of the suspect, was released from the home unharmed. Jacques emerged from the house through the front door. Sheriff Baird determined the suspect was unarmed and subsequently rushed at Jacques to subdue him. A scuffle ensued and Ballinger policeman Randall Jacks ran at the two men, knocking them to the ground.

Sheriff Baird sustained a possible broken collar bone and was taken by ambulance to Ballinger Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released.

Jacques was uninjured. He was charged with aggrevated assault and taken to Runnels County Jail where he is currently being held.

NOTICE: Beginning Monday, Jones Street will be closed to through traffic in front of Winters High School on school days only between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m..

WISD Trustees accept resignation of Bill Cathey

dependent School District nated area. completed a full agenda during their regular meeting Monday, February 11.

One additional year was extended on contracts of Business Manager Jimmy Butler, Principals Bill Cathey and Todd Newberry, Assistant Principal David Hale, Technology Director Mike Neal and

However, trustees also accepted with regret the resignation of Secondary School Principal Cathey, effective June 30, 2002. Cathey has been with the Winters school system since 1972.

In other action, trustees approved the closing of one block of Jones Street in front of the high school building from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. during school days. Beginning Monday, February 18, a barricade will be placed by school personnel

Trustees of the Winters In- across each end of the desig-

Elementary Principal Todd Newberry and Superintendent Danny Clack reported the continuing loss of revenue on the TIPS before-and-after-school program which was started in the fall of 1991.

According to records, WISD lost \$7,998.94 from September through July, 2000-Athletic Director Chuck 01, and \$5,109.47 for the 2001-02 fiscal year.

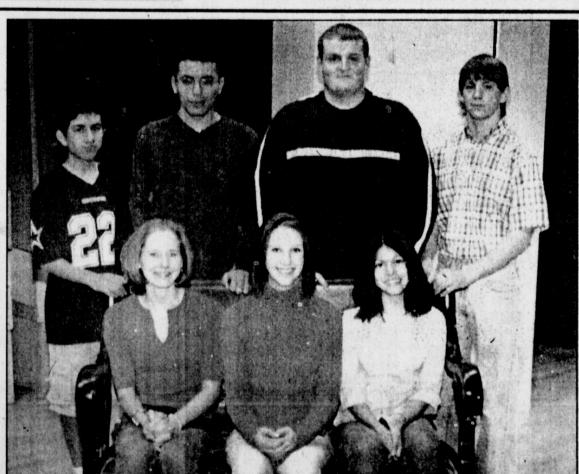
Clack said, "It's doubtful we'll have the program next year. This problem is an accumulation of debts. If everyone paid and paid on time, the program would be self-sufficient."

Also approved is the following employee dress code:

 Administrators shall model dress and grooming standards for all employees.

· Teachers are expected to model dress and grooming standards for the students.

See TRUSTEES, page 4



GLACIER CANDIDATES include (seated, I-r) Kari Walker, Tracey Burns and Kendra Esquivel. Back row (I-r) are Angel Espino, Benjie Valles and Jared Airhart. Not pictured is Grace Martinez. Hosted by the yearbook staff, the coronation will be February 14, at 7 p.m. in the WHS auditorium. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Class favorites and senior honor recipients will also be presented. Further details and student biographies may be found on page 5.

M. Young Sur. No. 2049, A-1003.

South Branch Field, 10 miles SE of

Eden (Depth 2000). Loc. is 385 FSL & 1074 FEL of J.W. Frances Sur. No.

R.L. Adkins has staked the Mor-

row #1 in the Mulberry Canyon Field,

4 miles NE of Nolan (Depth 4999).

Loc. is 330 FNL & 2318 FWL of Sec.

Amanda #1 in the J.A.M. Field, 1 mile

N of Blackwell (Depth 4500). Loc.

is 367 FWL & 1381 FNL of Sec. 205,

Blk. 1-A, H&TC Sur., A-135. RULE

EWD Oil has applied to re-enter

R&R Well Service has applied to

the Paschal #1 as a Wildcat, 5 miles

SW of Winters (Depth 4450). Loc. is

467 FSL & 2250 FEL of Sec. 55, Blk.

re-enter the L.E. Jacob #3 in the Win-

ters Field, 5 miles NE of Winters

(Depth 4360). Loc. is 330 FSL & 330

FWL of H.C. Gee Sur. No. 42-1/2

Rio-Tex, Inc. has staked the Lam-

bert #1 as a Wildcat, 4 miles NE of

Abilene (Depth 4000). Loc. is 467

FSL & 1700 FEL of Sec. 80, Blk. 14,

Rose #1 in the MCL Field, 3 miles W

of Bradshaw (Depth 4500). Loc. is

2441 FWL & 1250 FNL of C.M.

staked the Kings -X-#1 in the Weaver

Springs Field, 5 miles S of Trent

(Depth 4999). Loc. is 2628 FEL &

2226 FSL of Sec. 71, Blk. 19, T&PRR

Baron Energy has applied to re-

enter the KWB Unit #31 in the KWB

Field, 3 miles SW of Carlsbad (Depth

6800). Loc. (BHL) is 1080 FSWL &

1040 FSEL of M. Perry Sur. No.

The Pickens Co. has staked the

Doss #1 in the Tiny Tim Field, 9 miles

W of San Angelo (Depth 6000). Loc.

is 1850 FWL & 2300 FSL of Sec. 18,

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Blk. 4, H&TC Sur., A-6028.

Sojourner Drilling Corp. has

Jackson Sur. No. 510, A-188.

Tom Green County

Sha-Jam Operating has staked the

Sha-Jam Operating has staked the

8, A-1074.

Nolan County

68, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur.

Runnels County

63, HT&B Sur., A-298.

H.C. Gee Sur., A-1091.

Taylor County

T&PRR Sur.

Whiteo Production Co., LLC has staked the L.A. Bridges #5 in the

Oil Bidness

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Do we know it all? Is there resources you can bring to bear. anything left to learn in the oil patch, or do those that ply the combination and a really successtrade know everything there is to know?

Sounds snotty, I know, but it is often the view held by the U.S. oil and gas industry when it travels to new frontiers around the world to make a buck. We often go into these areas thinking we have a lot to teach the home boys, and we often feel sure they are eager to learn at our lectern.

OK, so we don't necessarily think of it in those terms, but we act that way never-the-less, I think. I have come to recognize this even in myself, and I think it would be beneficial to consider this point. If not to become a better person (oh, please), then to Nolan County come across as less of a smartaleck invader and more of a potential business partner.

Take Siberia for instance. There you have two stories that describe the same situation. Our view, the potential invader view, is that these poor people are trying to do much with little. They don't know how to cement a well properly, they can only dream of horizontal drilling, and they drink too much off duty.

The Russian's view is that they have done so much with so little help, like developing their own methodologies and solutions in a harsh environment. They have developed some of the most prolific oil fields in the world using less than half the cement needed in a typical western-style well, and they drill up to 40 wells from a small pad the size of a 7-11 parking lot using directional wells. As a matter of fact, these guys think they are the best in the world at what they do. And, if you had sunlight only 5 hours a day (and snow 10 months a year), made the equivalent of \$150 per month, and lived 600 miles from the nearest television station, you'd drink, too.

I think you can see the potential conflicts that can arise from FSL of same Sec. an equal mixture of accurate assessment and presumptive misconception by both sides.

The point is to recognize the strengths of your potential busi- 474 FSEL of Sec. 5, C&MRR Sur. ness partner and tolerate his or her RULE 36 weaknesses when you have to. It Concho County will benefit both of you and potentially lead you to that win-win situation that is required for all successful business endeavours.

In this case, you bring in, humbly, the tools and training that will allow the locals to do the job in a more productive manner. They in turn will begin to realize that some of what you are teaching has some merit, and they will more likely apply that grit they developed by doing much with little to the great

It has the makings for a great ful development of huge reserves in a remote part of the world. And, it probably has applications right here at home, as well. Maybe working with that more experienced business partner has possibilities, or couldn't you stand a better relationship with that offset operator?

What do you say? Dah or nyet?

HIGHLIGHTS **OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY**

COMPLETIONS

Pioncer Exploration, Ltd. has completed the B. Hanks -A- #37 in the Northwest Hylton Field (1 mile N of Nolan) at an initial rate of 10 BOPD & 160 BWPD in the Ellenburger (perfs 6004-20). Loc. is 955 FSL & 838 FWL of Scc. 28, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-1460.

Taylor County Kern Co. has completed the Ledbetter #K-2 in the Ledbetter Ranch Field (7 miles SW of View) at an initial rate of 26 BOPD & 1 BWPD in the Cook (perfs 2974-82). Loc. is 7904 FNL & 330 FWL of Goliad CSL Sur. No. 143, A-85.

STAKINGS

Callahan County

Encon Services, Inc. has applied to re-enter the Harville #2 in the Grand Old Oplin Field, 4 miles SW of Oplin (Depth 4590). Loc. is 2540 FSL & 330 FWL of G. Hancock Sur. No. 386, A-248

Loch Energy, Inc. has staked the Snyder -117B- #3 in the Red Horse Field, 3 miles N of Baird (Depth 4400). Loc. is 1119 FWL & 452 FNL of Sec. 117, BBB&C Sur., A-54.

Tracker Mineral has staked two wells in the County Regular Field, 7 miles S of Clyde (Depth 1900). The Evans -D- #2 is loc. 330 FSL & 3508 FWL of Sec. 5, BBB&C Sur. The Paylor #1 is loc. 2237 FWL & 990

Coke County ExxonMobil has applied to plug back the Bronte Capps Unit #118 in the Bronte Field, 1 mile SW of Bronte (Depth 5363). Loc. is 1873 FEL &

LeClair Operating has staked the Sorrell #3 in the Turkey Trot Field, 6 miles SE of Millersview (Depth

3500). Loc. is 467 FSL & 280 FWL of Sec. 1811, Blk. 70, F. Schliemann Sur., A-773. LeClair has also staked the Winnie #1 as a Wildcat, 2 miles W of

Millersview (Depth 3500). Loc. is 467 FSL & 2203 FEL of Sec. 95, Blk. 71, H&GN Sur., A-497. Ultra Oil & Gas has staked the W.

Pfluger -B- #6 in the Dare I Field, 7 miles SW of Eden (Depth 2000). Loc. is 1194 FWL & 306 FSL of Blk. 72,

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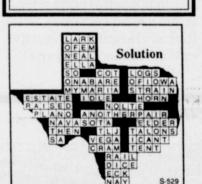
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Texas DPS Trooper Scott Warren retires after 29 years of service

Senior Trooper Scott Warren of Ballinger recently retired after 29-plus years' service with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Trooper Warren began his career with the DPS on April 6, 1973. His last day of duty with the Department was February

Warren served at duty stations in El Paso, Fort Hancock, and Ballinger, where he has been stationed for the past 22 years. He served his entire DPS career with the Highway Patrol Service.

During his career, Warren received many honors, including a Director's Citation in 2000. Warren and Trooper Jack McCrea were honored for saving a man's life. The troopers performed CPR for more than an hour on the man after he apparently suffered a heart attack while dining at an area restaurant.

Scott has touched the lives of many people through his DPS career and through his involvement in the community. He has always made himself available to provide his expertise and years of experience for the betterment of law enforcement.

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It is easy to sit up and take notice. What is difficult is getting up and taking action. -Al Batt

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Community.

From The Well Pastor Jim Hanson



The other day I came across a story. It went something like this. "One day an American Indian who was visiting New York City turned to his friend in Time's Square, tilted his head and said, "I hear a cricket." "You're crazy!", replied his friend. "No, I hear it," the Cherokee an-

swered. His friend replied, "It's rush hour. The city's full of noise, and you think you can hear a CRICKET? No way!"

"Yes," said the visitor. He then walked over to a big cement planter standing outside a building. He dug around the leaves under it, pushed some aside, and pulled out a cricket. Turning to his friend he said, "It all depends on what your ears are tuned to hear. Let me show you.' Reaching down into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change, dropped it on the pavement, and immediately every head within halfa-block turned. "See what I mean?," he said. "It all depends on what you are listening for."

And that reminded me of another story. Which was told to me by a friend of mine who served as a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was serving in the Pacific, and his ship was at anchor in a bay off the coast of New Guinea. The Church of Denmark had a mission in that area, and he made arrangements to go ashore and check it out.

It wasn't too long before he found himself in a chapel on the campus of the mission headquarters. As he came into this chapel he was surprised to see a Commendation from the Australian government. It covered three walls, and it was given to the missionary who ended "head hunting" in New Guinea. His name was Ludwig Nommensen. And this is the story.

In those days, prior to World War I, in spite of all it's efforts, the Australian government could simply not stop the practice of cannibalism in New Guinea. So they set out to stamp it out. They warned the natives in those tribes that still practiced this evil practice that "if you continue, we will send our soldiers into your village, and we will kill the men and burn the villages to the ground."

It didn't work. In spite of several villages being wiped out, the practice continued. And what is more, the soldiers said, "We aren't going to do this anymore. It's too tough. Our bullets and shells against their spears? It isn't fair."

For some reason, their leaders went to see the missionary and ask him if he would help them. Maybe he could come up with a plan that loss of our beloved Hildegarde would persuade the natives to give up this devilish practice. And, Kruse. after some deliberation, he agreed to go back into the territory and see what he could do.

He took with him a number of natives. They packed up for a friends and neighbors and the journey of several days, and found their way into the territory. They ladies at North Runnels Home knew full well that hidden from their view were the very persons who could and might kill them. But they continued their journey until they found a clearing. And three paths, each one of which led to a small tribe and a village. They remained there, and soon some of the men from the villages came out to speak with them.

After some time, the missionary asked them if one or two from each tribe would go back to their villages and ask the chief to "come Lois for their many visits and and talk." So they did. After a day or two, the chiefs came. After the lovely service. they had gone through the introductions, and the tribal chiefs knew they had nothing to fear from this group, Nommensen had this con- Linda and Rick Dry for all their versation. "Do you believe in the evil spirits?" "Oh, yes," all three help, and to the ladies of St. chiefs answered. "Do you talk with them?" "Yes." "And you do John's Lutheran Church for the what they tell you?" "Yes." "Do you believe in the good spirits?" "Oh, yes." "Do you talk with them?" "No. Why should we talk to them? They don't threaten us. We have no fear of them." The missionary then asked them, "Would you go and talk with the good spirits and ask them what you should do." And the chiefs all agreed. will be missed by her family Each would go to a separate mountain and for three days and three as well as her many friends. nights would seek and speak with the good spirits.

After the time had come, they came back to the clearing. And Nommensen asked them, "Did you speak with the good spirits?" And the chiefs replied, "Yes." And what did they say? "They say, 'Do not kill anymore." And that did it! It turned the tide, and in a matter of just a few years, no more head-hunting.

There is a lesson here. For what are you listening? And from whom? No wonder Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear what the spirit says!" Amen.



Annual Rowena Area Farmers and Ranchers

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SECURITY STATE BANK will be CLOSED MONDAY, FEB. 18, FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY



Chamber Banquet Entertainment —



SILENT WITH A LOUD MESSAGE describes the performance presented by the Church of God Youth Witness Mime Group made up of (I-r) Chris Rawls, Phillip Fowler, Raysha Garcia, April Leverett, Amber Leverett, Jessica Perry, Minnie Joe Kraatz, Amanda Blackshear, Jeremy Sherman, and Matthew Rawls. The group, which has performed in Dallas, is under the direction of Phillip Fowler.



A FOOT-STOMPIN', HAND-CLAPPIN' rousing good time was presented by the Sons of Thunder, (I-r) Monte Angel, Randall Boles and Jim Lincycomb. The musical trio entertained guests at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet Saturday evening with a variety of musical selections, jokes and words of inspiration.

Card of Thanks

Our family would like to thank all of you for the visits, food, flowers, calls, and memorials we received after the

We would like to express our thanks to her special Health who made it possible for her to stay in her home until her life was almost over. That was so important to her.

Our thanks to Pastor Art &

Thanks to Mike Meyer, delicious meal they made for our large family group.

She was a special lady and

All the family of Hildegarde Kruse

Norton Lions to host annual Chili Supper Saturday

The Norton Lions Club will host their annual Chili Supper on Saturday, February 16, 2002, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Norton Community Center.

Price is \$4.00 per person for all-you-can-eat (desserts extra). Carryouts are available.

Proceeds benefit upkeep of the Norton Community Cen-

Hale Museum is looking for old WHS yearbooks

The Z.I. Hale Museum is putting together a collection of Winters High School yearbooks. Recently, several yearbooks have been brought to the museum, but, according to coordinator Randall Conner, several more are still needed.

The years still needed are 1931-1944, 1947-1949, 1953, 1955-1961, 1963, 1964, 1967, 1970-1974, 1994, 1998, and

Yearbooks can be donated by contacting Genevieve Spill, Marlene Smith, or Randall

In **Appreciation**

Card of Thanks

The North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary wants to thank everyone in the Winters community who supported the hospital benefit last Sunday.

Over 800 people were served during the chicken fried steak lunch. We especially thank all of the workers who sold tickets, cooked, served, and cleaned up. We appreciate everyone who supported the meal.

Over \$4,300 was raised during the auction. Thanks goes to the auctioneers, helpers, and all of the bidders who made the auction a success.

We appreciated Congressman and Mrs. Stenholm for their attendance and support and thanks to Sherry Roberts of KRBC-TV for her special coverage of the event.

The newly reorganized NRH Auxiliary is very involved in supporting North Runnels Hospital. If you are willing to help with the organization, please call Melanie Wade at 754-5025 or Bettye Pinkerton at 754-4488.

Randall Conner for the North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary

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Monday, Feb. 18: Salmon croquettes, baked beans, tomato salad, cornbread, poppy seed muffin.

Tuesday, Feb. 19: Chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, hot rolls, Jell-O cake.

Wednesday, Feb. 20: Swiss steak, cornbread salad, peas, hot rolls, cobbler.

Thursday, Feb. 21: Pizza, corn, tossed salad, cheese-

Friday, Feb. 22: Tater-Tot casserole, cabbage, carrot salad, cornbread, dessert.

Feb. 14-7:30-9:30 a.m., Free Health Screening, Sr. Citizens Activity Ctr. 9 a.m., Glacier King & Queen/Class Honors, WHS Auditorium 10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church

11:30 a.m, Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7 p.m., Glacier King & Queen Coronation, WHS Auditorium HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

Feb. 15-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco

Feb. 16-9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Student Career & Tech Seminar, Abilene 5-7 p.m., Lions Club Chili Supper, Norton Community Center Feb. 17-4 p.m., Runnels Baptist Assoc. Music Festival, FBC Ballinger

Feb. 18-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 5:30 p.m., Junior Class Parents Meeting, Cafeteria Feb. 19-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

Noon-Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church

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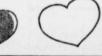
TAAS Writing, 8th grade; TAAS Exit Writing, Sophomores: TAAS Writing Practice, Freshmen

Feb. 20-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprise Office 9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Housing Authority

11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center TAAS Exit Math, Sophomores; TAAS Practice Math, Freshmen Feb. 21-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

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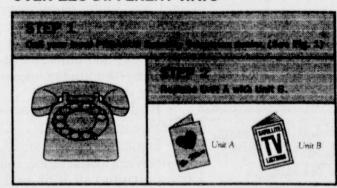




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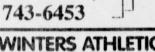


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Juice Wednesday-Feb. 20 Pigs in a Blanket Cereal

Juice Thursday-Feb. 21 Doughnuts Cereal

Juice Friday-Feb. 22 Pop Tarts Cereal Juice

Lunch Monday-Feb. 18 Chicken Spaghetti **Tossed Salad English Peas** Garlic Bread

Chocolate Cake Tuesday-Feb. 19 Sloppy Joe Potato Chips Pickles & Onions Cheese Sticks Apple Crisp

Wednesday-Feb. 20 German Sausage Macaroni & Cheese Corn on the Cob Cornbread Peaches

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Baking Benefit—



THESE WHS SENIORS ORGANIZED AND PARTICIPATED IN A BAKE SALE on December 15, 2001 to benefit North Runnels Hospital. The sale was held at Wal-Mart in Ballinger, who matched what the class made in their efforts. Senior class president Chris Hoppe (center) presents a check in the amount of \$452.32 to (right) NRH Administrator Larry Bagget and (left) NRH Auxiliary member Melanie Wade. Others participating in the bake sale where (l-r) Amanda Ortiz, Maria Llanas, Cassondra Johnson, Juanita Armendariz, KaLene Lincycomb, Meagan Galvan, Mandy Pritchard, Jeffrey Oats, Tassi Hopson, Samantha Montgomery, Mark Waldrop, Jeremy Hope, Raul Zermeno, and Monica Hicks.

WHS Glacier King and Queen to be crowned tonight at 7 p.m. in auditorium

tonight at 7 p.m. in the WHS and track, for which he has of Paul and Becky Airhart. Auditorium. Class favorites been recognized at the district, and senior honors will also be Big Country, regional and state active in Fellowship of Chris- Play. She has been a regional announced.

publication costs of the WHS Melinda Hoppe. yearbook, the Glacier.

freshman class.

Chris Hoppe, serves as se-

Glacier honors include: Chris was a member of student coun- 16-year-old daughter of Danny Hoppe and Tracey Burns, se- cil. She played basketball and and Dora Martinez. nior class; Jared Airhart and was a regional qualifier in Grace Martinez, junior class; cross-country and a regional Benjie Valles and Kari Walker, and state qualifier in track sophomore class; and Angel while at WHS. She is the 17-Keri Lynn Burns.

dent, and president of the Na- powerlifting, track and One Aleman.

Marie Fisher addressed the

student lunch cards display the

student's social security num-

ber, and students who went

No action was taken by the

dent Clack said the social se-

Janet Cason, Cafeteria Super-

Andrae, Bob Prewit, Cheryl

Bryan, Jack Davis, Jr., Gary

Moore, Jerry Sims, and Larry

Walker; Superintendent Clack,

Business Manager Butler;

Principals Cathey and

Newberry; Dean of Students

David Hale; and Athletic Di-

Girl Scout

Present for the February 11 meeting were trustees Allen

wiches.

The 2002 Winters High tional Honor Society. While at Act Play while at WHS. He has School Glacier King and WHS he has participated in received district honors in foot- in varsity basketball, cross-Queen Coronation will be held varsity football, powerlifting, ball. He is the 17-year-old son country and track while at

vided throughout the evening. ior class president, and was has worked for the TIPS pro- served as freshman class presiadults and \$1 for students. All sophomore year. He is the 17- served as varsity boys basket- student council. She is the 16sophomore class favorite, foot- Lue Walker.

> Benjie Valles has been active in varsity football, baseball, basketball, cross-country,

Kari Walker has participated WHS. She is also involved in Grace Martinez has been UIL academics and One Act levels. Chris was named jun- tian Athletes, student council, qualifier in cross-country and Entertainment will be pro- ior class favorite, served as jun- and softball while at WHS. She UIL persuasive speaking. She Cost of the event is \$2 for elected FFA secretary his gram in the elementary and dent and has been a member of proceeds will go towards the year-old son of Glenn, Jr. and ball manager. She was selected year-old daughter of Bill and

Tracey Burns, served as ball sweetheart candidate, and Angel Espino has partici-Candidates for this year's sophomore class secretary and junior class treasurer. She is the pated in basketball, football, and tennis at WHS. He is the 14-year-old son of Juan and Crystal Espino.

Kendra Esquivel has participated in varsity cross-country and track. He also participates and softball and JV basketball Espino and Kendra Esquivel, year-old daughter of Tobin and in UIL current events and band while at WHS. She was a 2001 where he was named Band regional qualifier in cross-Jared Airhart has partici- Beau for 2001. Benjie is the country. She is the 15-year-old nior class president, FFA presi- pated in varsity football, 16-year-old son of Frances daughter of Manuel and Cathey Esquivel.

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two inches above the knee, when standing, are acceptable for job specific grade levels upon the principal's approval. Leather dress shoes or sandals must be worn with these shorts.

· Wind pants, shorts, and warm-ups are allowable for athletics, but not for regular classroom instruction. Exceptions due to scheduling may be

 Blue denim jeans (no col- to \$300 ored jeans) may be worn only on Fridays except in special circumstances.

 Men employees may wear short, neat, trimmed beards and mustaches.

· See-through and/or lowcut blouses and attire not allowed by the student dress code are unacceptable.

Flip-flops and shower

shoes are unacceptable. Support staff (custodial, food service, maintenance, and transportation) shall be neat, clean, and appropriately

dressed for their assignments. A resolution was passed that an election will be held at the WISD Elementary School Library on May 4, 2002, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Election Judge will be Marlene Smith.

Candidates seeking a position on the Board of Trustees must indicate the district they seek and file in writing between February 18, 2002, and

March 20, 2002. Early voting will be conducted at the school's Business Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning April 17, 2002, through April 30, 2002. Election judges

· All attire is subject to the and clerks will serve on the school year. campus principal's discretion. canvassing board of early vot-• City shorts no shorter than ing. Early voting clerks were board with two concerns; the appointed as follows: Rhonda Goetz, Cindy Brown, Danny Clack and Jimmy Butler.

Following a short discus- through the lunch line without sion, trustees approved the fol- a card have been receiving pealowing UIL/Extracurricular nut butter and jelly sandsponsor stipend schedule:

UIL sponsorships

- High School, \$150 per board; however, Superintenstudent per event up to \$450. - Jr. High and Elementary, curity numbers will be covered \$100 per student per event up and he will be in contact with

UIL coordinators

- High School \$750

- Jr. High \$500 - Elementary \$500

 Cheerleader sponsors — High School \$1,200

— Jr. High \$750 Co-Curricular sponsors

— NHS sponsor \$500 - Student Council \$650

— Yearbook \$1,000 - Small School Competi- rector Chuck Cathey. tion Coordinator \$500

School Newspaper \$1,000

- One Act Play \$750 — El. Yearbook \$500

Due to a scheduling conflict, trustees voted to remove April 1 and April 9 as holidays, and add April 12 as a holiday. Athletic Director Chuck Lipsey told the board that the district track meet had been moved from April 9 and 10 to

April 11 and 12. Also following closed session, board members approved the adoption of an eight-period schedule for grades 7-12, effective for the 2002-03 school

Superintendent Clack said

students in these grades will be

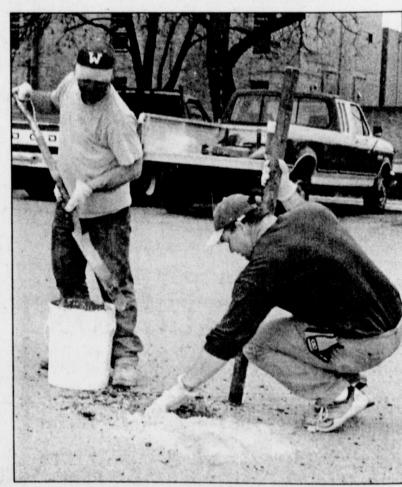
pre-registered for this change

before the end of the present

cookies are here! When the Girl Scouts came

around in January, did you order your year's supply of Girl Scout cookies? If you did, they have arrived! The girls have until March 3 to deliver them. If you weren't approached or you didn't order any, it's not

Troops always have extra cookies and most troops choose to sell the extras at booth sales. Watch for Girl Scouts at area merchants to stock up on the cookies that are only available once a year.



PREPARING THE BARRICADE which will be used to close the street in front of the high school are WISD aintenance workers Cecil Sudduth, left, and Gordon Fenwick. Beginning Monday, February 18, the area will be closed to through traffic from II:00 a.m to I:30 p.m. each school day. Motorists are reminded to drive slowly and with caution in all school areas.

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Are you and your family new to the community? Are you a grandparent struggling to raise your grandchildren? Are you having difficulty communicating with your teenagers? These questions and more will be addressed at a series of parent meetings to be held in Ballinger. You may choose to attend any one or all of the classes sponsored by the Tom Green County Juvenile Justice Center.

Classes will be held at the Ballinger Junior High School Library at 6:30 p.m. Presentations will be Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 26 & 28, and Tuesday and Thursday, March 5 & 7. Nightly topics include "Communication," "Positive Discipline," "Positive Self-Esteem," "Anger Management," and "Single Parent-

All classes are free, and childcare will be provided.

2001-02 8th grade Lady Breezes



Front row (I-r): Kali Roberts, Jessica Meyer, Jennifer Esquivel, Manager Paige Geistmann, Miranda Lara and Erica Lujano. Back row: Coach Ed Poehls, Krystal Gibbens, Amber Toten, and Kindy Walker.



WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISM STUDENTS have competed well in practice UIL meets recently in preparation for District UIL academic competition to be held at Bangs in late March. Students participating in meets at Bangs and Wylie the past two weeks are (front, I-r) Toni Retana, Briana Parramore, Leah Bredemeyer, Lacey Meyer, (back) Stephanie Parsons, Jacob Goetz, Wade Parramore, Stacey Sneed, Juanita Armendariz, and Ally Calcote. They are advised by WHS English teacher Cindy Davis.

Students win at UIL academic practice meets

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MONDAY, FEB. 18,

Winters High School stu- chal placed 1st and Stefanie Meyer placed 5th in Editorial Meyer won 3rd in Editorial dents have been preparing for Davis, 2nd. In News Writing, upcoming UIL academic con- Stephanie Parsons, Toni tests at practice meets through- Retana, and Ally Calcote won out the area. All contests had first place as a team and indi-1A-3A schools participating. vidually took 3rd, 4th, and 5th On Saturday, February 2, places, respectively. In Feature students were successful at Writing, Stacey Sneed, Toni Bangs taking first through Retana, and Leah Bredemeyer ninth places in divisional writ- took the 1st place team award ing including two team awards. and individually placed 2nd, In Ready Writing, Marci Pas- 3rd, and 5th, respectively. Lacy

Writing and 7th in Headline Writing and 4th in Headline Writing. Also in Headlines, Writing, while Stacey Sneed Stacey Sneed took 8th while took 6th in Headlines. In News Jacob Goetz took 9th.

Wylie, the largest meet in the places, respectively. area, students took third through sixth places.

Kari Walker placed 4th. Lacy Bangs.

Writing, Wade Parramore and On Saturday, February. 9, at Ally Calcote took 4th & 5th

District UIL academic competition will be Monday and In Persuasive Speaking, Friday, March 25 & 29, at

BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES

Feb. 14- Feb. 20, 2002

Thursday, Feb. 14 9AM, 7PM, Glacier King & Queen Coronation, WHS Auditorium Friday, Feb.15 End of 4th six weeks, Elementary Saturday, Feb. 16 TBA, Sweetwater Softball

Tournament, there 11_{AM}, J.V. baseball scrimmage, Ballinger 1 PM, Varsity baseball scrimmage, Ballinger

Sunday, Feb. 17 4PM, Runnels Baptist Association Music Fest, First Baptist Church, Ballinger

Tuesday, Feb. 19 TAAS testing- 8th Grade Writing; 9th Grade Practice TAAS writing; Sophomore Exit Level Writing

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to meet Feb. 18

Junior Class parents will met Monday, February 18, at 5:30 p.m. in the WISD cafete-

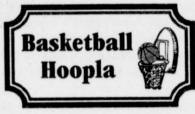
Plans for the Jr.-Sr. Prom will be discussed.

DelaCruz sisters named to colleges' **President's Lists**

Kristin & Koree DelaCruz of Eastland have made the President's Lists at separate universities.

Kristin is a senior at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Koree is a sophomore at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. They are the daughters of Sherri DelaCruz of Eastland and Ricky Dela-

To qualify for the President's Lists, students must have a 4.0 GPA.



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Extension News & Views

by Steve Byrns, Communications Specialist

New sheep and goat scrapie regulations take effect April 1, 2002 —Order free tags now for delivery by April 1—

on April 1, 2002, all sheep and goats must be in compliance with the new USDA state and federal scrapie management

quire sheep and goats to be tification system will allow wearing a premises identifica- diseased animals to be traced tion ear tag before they are re- back to their point of origin. moved from your premises," said Dr. Frank Craddock, is a key element in the success-Texas Cooperative Extension ful eradication of the disease." state sheep and goat specialist here. "It makes no difference five sheep and goat classes that if that place is a ranch or require tagging: 1) All sheep 18 someone's backyard, if the animals fall within the required regulation guidelines, they age; 3) sexually intact show or must be tagged."

Information from the Texas affecting sheep and goats. It sheep. was accidentally introduced

Craddock explained. The malady develops slowly, and

sands, need to remember that at least 18-months-old. Symptoms include weight loss, tremors, coordination loss, swaying, and wool pulling.

"Past eradication efforts haven't been successful," he "The new regulations re- said. "The new premises iden-

Craddock described these months of age or older; 2) all breeding sheep regardless of exhibition sheep and goats; 4) all goats 18 months of age or Animal Health Commission older that are or have been and other government authori- commingled with sheep; and 5) ties indicate that scrapie is a all breeding goats that are or fatal degenerative brain disease have been commingled with

Wethers from either species into the United States in 1947. and commercial goats that Lambs and kids are most have never had contact with susceptible to the disease, sheep are the only two exemptions to the tagging rule.

"To be absolutely safe and

folks owning one head or thou- show symptoms until they are recommendation is to tag all 1-866-873-2824," said Cradless of age and all intact males over 18 months of age when they leave your place," said Craddock. "After April 1, if you take animals to an auction without tags, the auction will tag them with the premises tags-for a fee."

> Craddock added that sales Knowing the origination point transactions must be kept and recorded for five years. This can be as easy as writing the date of sale, the premises number, and the sold animal's individual numbers on the side of the tag box. The premises number should also appear on all sales documents including auction check-in slips, vouchers, canceled checks, and bills

The ear tags will carry the owner's premises number on one side along with a sequential number on the reverse side that owners may use for maintaining individual animal

Sheep and goat industry infected animals usually don't to cut down on confusion, my your free ear tags, call toll free female sheep and goats regard- dock. "White metal or white plastic tags along with a free pair of tag pliers will be provided at no cost to the producer. It is important to remember that turnaround time on tag orders is slow, from four to eight weeks, so to meet the April 1 deadline, place your order as soon as possible.

> "It is very important to realize that these new regulations have been put in place for the benefit of the U.S. sheep and goat producer. Industry leaders have been wholeheartedly behind this effort. We want to wipe this disease out of the U.S. With a scrapie-free designation, our producers can freely sell breeding stock on the world market with minimal restriction as Australia and New Zealand now do."

Officials predict the program will help eliminate scrapie from America by 2010. For further information contact these two web sites: <www. "To get your premises iden- animalagriculture.org/scrapie> tification number and order or <www.tahc.state.tx.us>.

Now is time for terrace maintenance in local fields

Now is the time to be think-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Ballinger.

year, each cultivation practice wears the terrace height down. It is critical to maintain the height of the terraces in order for the terrace system to function properly.

The effective height of the terraces should be 1.2 feet in height to control a five year twenty-four hour storm, which for Runnels County is 5.5 inches. Failure to maintain the terrace system could result in terrace overtopping, gullies, crop damage, and loss of valuable water which could be needed for crops in the sum-

Damage from the runoff ing about terrace maintenance will cost more in time and say Charles Frerich with the money to repair than the time spent maintaining the terraces.

Internal blocks of a parallel During the normal crop terrace system should not be forgotten. The height of the internal blocks are critical because they are a vital part of the terrace system. These blocks are worn down more quickly due to their perpendicular location to the row di-

> The cliche "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," can easily be used when considering maintenance of your terraces. For more information or technical service contact the local Natural Resources Conservation Service in Ballinger.

Norton Lions Club **Annual Chili Supper Norton Community Center** Saturday, February 16 5:00-7:00 p.m. (All-You-Can-Eat) Desserts Extra Carryouts Available Proceeds to benefit upkeep of community center

Runnels County Trapper Fund seeking donations

maintain the Livestock and Wildlife Protection Program. management.

wildlife and livestock manag- sheep numbers and the current ers when coyotes, bobcats, fox, economic trend has made this and other predators become too fundraising effort difficult and numerous and aggressive on the future of the program is in wildlife and domestic animals. question.

Each year, the county livestock and wildlife protection Chestnut has made significant

The Runnels County Trap- committee works with the per Fund is currently seeking County Commissioners Court donations for the 2002 year to to raise \$21,600 to fund this program.

The Commissioners Court The program is designed to funds half of this program anassist landowners and live- nually while donations from stock producers in predator ranchers, businesses, and landowners fund the remaining Predator control is vital to \$10,800. Drought, declining

Runnels County Trapper Joe

strides in assisting landowners and livestock producers with predator management. Producers needing assistance should contact Chestnut at (915) 786-

Persons interested in contributing to the program are asked to give 30 cents per head on sheep and goats and 10 cents per acre for landowners and cattle producers. However, any contribution would be appreciated.

Donations may be mailed to the Runnels County Extension Office, P.O. Box 658, Ballinger, TX, 76821, or dropped off at the Extension Office located at 600 Strong Ave. in Ballinger. For further information, contact the Extension Office at (915)365-2219.

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life with you then isn't always a song. Competition you thrive on-you hate to be beat,

gracious you're not when you experience defeat. But you love your children, of that there's no doubt,

Seldom miss an event, for it's what live's all about. One in her thirties, another just startin' school,

With five in the middle-yet you still keep you're cool. No I could never forget that you cook and you

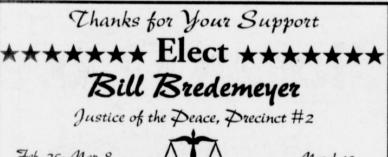
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But there's another part of this story that really must be told, Looks may be deceiving-but you're gettin' pretty old.

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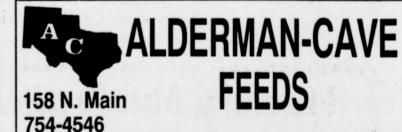
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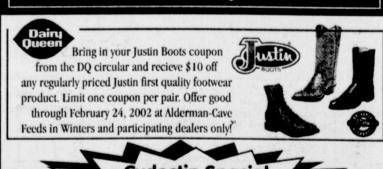
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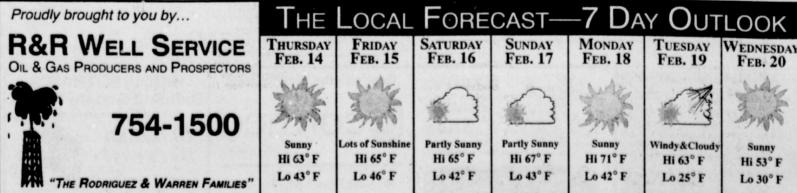


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"Grassroots" effort encouraged for Congress to hear local voice

Congress must pass new farm bill ASAP—

Legislation passed, or stalled, at the national level can have a tremendous impact on Texas agriculture, which is why some local farmers and ranch-· ers are involved in "grassroots" efforts to make their voices heard in Washington, D.C.

LeRoy Pelzel, president of the Runnels County Farm Bureau, says the legislative agenda during the second session of the 107th congress is especially

"Congress must pass a new farm bill as soon as possible," said Pelzel. Farm Bureau supports H.R. 2646, the already passed House version and has called upon the U.S. Senate to adopt similar legislation. Farm Bureau also supports the apportionment of the \$73.5 billion in budget authority between commodities, research, conservation, trade, etc., so that it is balanced and equitable.

"It's very important for agriculture and we need a farm bill soon," Pelzel said.

Pelzel said commodity groups in Texas believe the farm bill must include increased income support for producers, much of it "counter-cyclical,"

Fred Garcia, PT

to carry producers through extended periods of commodity prices that result in large economic losses. The House version includes expenditures for conservation, research and export promotion to help agriculture grow and prosper.

"We don't want to wake up one morning and find ourselves dependent on foreign food supplies," Pelzel said.

Farm Bureau will continue to lobby for: 1) regulation of the plant disease Karnal bunt as a quality issue rather than quarantining the crop; 2) a permanent repeal of estate taxes; 3) the creation of tax deferred savings accounts, called Farm and Ranch Risk Management (FARRM) accounts, to provide a new risk management tool for farmers and ranchers; 4) equalization of technology fees, associated with seeds, on an international basis; 5) the expanded usage of biofuels; 6) the lifting of trade sanctions, particularly with respect to Cuba and 7) the monitoring of agro-terrorism legislation to insure protection of international boundaries.

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by Congressman Charles Stenholm

—Affecting local agriculture-



Senate Action on the Farm Bill This week the Senate once

again began working on the farm bill, after failing to move forward with an economic

stimulus package. The Senate version of the farm bill would set farm policy and spending levels for five years. The House version, passed last October, is a 10year farm bill.

On Thursday (February 7), the Senate passed a controversial amendment that would limit annual government payments to farmers from a maximum of \$500,000 to \$275,000.

There is widespread opposition passage of this amendment creates problems for different regions of the country.

Lawmakers from the southern states are concerned about the impact on our producers. For example, it costs more to produce cotton and rice in the south than it does to grow wheat and corn in the northern plains states.

The House farm bill passed by the House of Representatives had a payment limit of \$550,000.

Another amendment passed by the Senate will require that farms have a planting history to participate in commodity programs.

Specifically, land that has not had a crop on it during the past five years would not be back toward deficit spending. eligible to receive government assistance.

President Introduces Fiscal Year 2003 Budget

This week, President Bush submitted his budget for fiscal year (FY) 2003. Under this proposal, total USDA spending for FY 2003 would decline from the spending levels for the current fiscal year.

However, the president's budget would provide an increase of \$131 million in funding to protect agriculture and the nation's food supply, in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks.

I am pleased to report that the president's budget does include \$73.5 billion in spending over the years 2002-2011 for a new farm bill.

There has been some ques-

The president requested a

\$216 million increase in spending for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

Unfortunately, the president's budget proposed a \$43 million reduction in funding for boll weevil eradication, and this is something that will need to be addressed in the months

Elimination of Funding for the Small Watershed **Program**

Another unfortunate surprise in the president's budget was the elimination of funding for the Small Watershed Program, a program that has been very successful in Texas and other parts of the country.

I was also disappointed that the budget did not contain tion about funding for the farm funding for watershed project bill, given the nation's move dam rehabilitation.

Deadline to register brands is February 28

Livestock producers are reminded that all registered livestock brands expired as of August 30, 2001, in accordance with the provisions of Section 144.044, Agriculture Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated.

Brands may be reregistered through February 28, 2002, at the County Clerk's Office in the Runnels County Courthouse at a fee of \$11 per brand. Officer hours are 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Brands not reregistered on or before February 28, 2002, will become null and void, and can then be claimed and registered by anyone.

For further information contact the County Clerk's office at 365-2720.

PLEASE... Conserve water & pray for rain.

Cotton producers in Southern Rolling Plains Zone vote to continue boll weevil program

Agriculture Commissioner their efforts to eliminate this ing boll weevils in cotton fields Susan Combs announced February 7 that cotton producers in the Southern Rolling Plains **Boll Weevil Eradication Zone** have voted by more than a 7to-1 margin to continue a boll weevil eradication program in the 10-county zone. Final results were 508 voting "for" and 68 voting "against" continuing the program in the zone.

The Texas Department of Agriculture mailed 1,160 ballots to cotton producers in the zone who were eligible to vote ballots were postmarked by the counted.

Plains Zone want to continue found no evidence of reproduc-

destructive pest and to ensure Texas cotton remains strong and competitive in the global cotton market," Combs said.

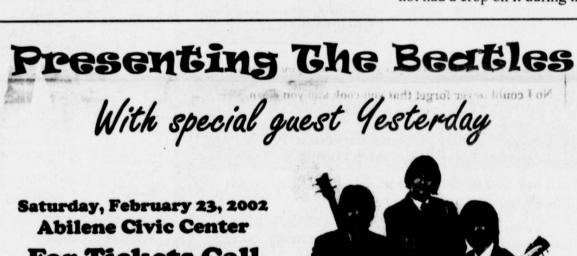
In February 1994, cotton producers in the Southern Rolling Plains voted to establish a boll weevil eradication zone and approved an assessment rate for the program. The Southern Rolling Plains Boll the first zone established in

in the referendum. Some 576 Southern Rolling Plains was covers about 265,000 acres in February 1 deadline and cated of boll weevils, and was Concho, Irion, Mason, "This vote indicates product the designation. "Functionally cher, Tom Green, and the ers in the Southern Rolling eradicated" meant inspectors southern part of Taylor.

in the zone.

In addition to voting to continue an eradication program, cotton produces elected Kenneth Gully of Concho County to represent the Southern Rolling Plains Zone on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc. Gully is a cotton producer who has farmed Weevil Eradication Zone was in Tom Green and Concho counties since 1979.

The Southern Rolling Plains In September 2000, the Boll Weevil Eradication Zone declared functionally eradi- 10 counties: Coke, Coleman, the first area in Texas to receive McCulloch, Runnels, Schlei-



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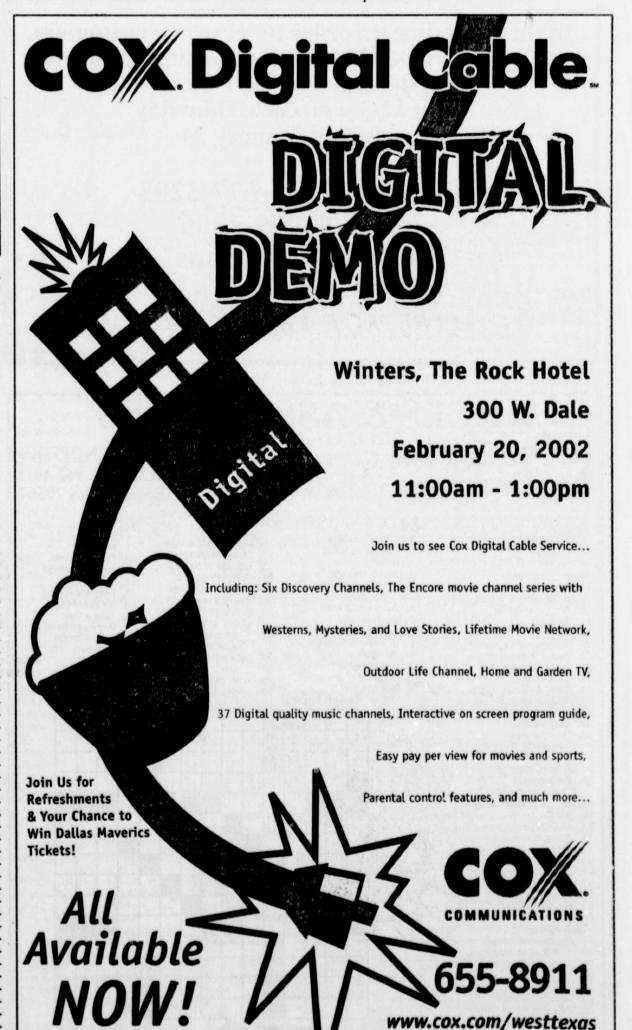
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Law & Order.

Texas Silver-Haired Legislature sets Feb. 28 WVFD Auxiliary filing deadline for representative candidates elects officers

older who live in the nineteen older Texans may serve as a regions and will elect on repcounties of West Central Texas resource to public and private resentative from each region. may become a representative sectors, boards, and commis- Region 2 includes Brown, to the Texas Silver-Haired Leg- sions, as well as provide serislature (TSHL).

group of advocates who pro- ganizations, and agencies. vide valuable insight on aging through involvement.

tion in public affairs and by bers.

County Court

Dispositions

fined \$750, plus \$240.25 court

Queandro Quarles, Jr., crimi-

county jail, assessed \$235.25 nity service

service

court costs

Persons 60 years of age and providing an avenue by which The TSHL is a dedicated other senior citizen groups, or-

issues during the Texas Legis- voter aged 60 or older and livlative Session and who give ing in the West Central Texas ing additional information and/ older Texans an opportunity to region, you may file as a can- or forms may visit the West become more knowledgable didate for election to the Central Texas Area Agency on about the Legislative process TSHL. The filing deadline is Aging at 1025 E.N. 10th Street February 28, 2002. Terms are in Abilene or contact Gail Kai-Legislators also promote for two years, and a \$5 filing ser at (915)672-8544 in Abigood government for all Tex- fee is required. No compensa- lene or toll free at 1-800-928ans through active participa- tion is provided to TSHL mem- 2262.

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guilty; jury ruled defendant was \$500, plus \$235.25 court costs, check, pleaded nolo contendre,

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nal trespass, pleaded nolo con- one year, fined \$750, plus \$235.25

tendre, sentenced to 30 days in court costs and 50 hours commu-

county jail probated to one year, community service

Coleman, Comanche, and vices that will complement Runnels Counties. The current TSHL is Lynn Crisp of Brownwood, and she is expected to If you are a registered Texas file for re-election.

Anyone interested in receiv-

Thomas Daniel Mata, resist-

Kindra K. Smith, theft by

fined \$100, plus \$210.25 court

costs, \$36.04 restitution, and \$25

in county jail, assessed \$235.25

Juana Lopez, theft by check,

Daniel Ray Delacerda, driving

ing arrest, case dismissed

hot check fees

court costs

Official Records

John Daniel Zilkey, criminal while intoxicated, case dismissed

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Thomas Daniel Mata, driving pleaded nolo contendre, fined

The Women's Auxiliary of West Central Texas has four the Winters Volunteer Fire Department elected officers in their January 22nd meeting.

> Serving as president will be Jackie Ozbirn; vice-president, Debbie Lange; secretary/treasurer, Teresa Davis; reporter, Hilda Woffenden; and chaplain/parlimentarian, Vera Jack-

> updated and rewritten. It will be distributed at a future meeting to all members.

\$317 restitution, and \$80 hot

Criminal Cases Filed

February 1

for possession of marijuana, pos-

session of a controlled substance,

and two counts of possession of a

February 8

filed for driving while license was

Marriage Licenses Filed February 4

February 6 Eddy Virgil Phillips and Jennie

District Court

Divorce Cases Filed

February 6

February 7 Russell Lee Parramore vs.

Armando Lopez vs. Rachel

Santiago Manuel Quiroga,

Robert Thomas Hagle and

Marna Lynn McWilliams, filed

check fees

dangerous drug

Armendy Hagle

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

Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, February 3, 2002, through February 11, 2002. Winters Police Officers:

 observed and stopped a 1987 blue Mazda pickup for a traffic violation in the 200 block of S. Main Street. The vehicle was reported as a reckless driver. Discussion was heard on the The driver showed signs of intoxication and consented to several field sobriety yearbook, with the book being tests of which he subsequently failed. The driver, Jesus Sanchez of Winters, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated Felony and transported to Runnels County Jail where he provided a blood alcohol specimen three times the legal

 received report of a warrant subject in the 500 block of Bowen Street. Rickey Lee Smith of Winters was located and the warrant for Possession of Marijuana confirmed. He was taken to Runnels County Jail without incident.

 received report of a theft in the 200 block of Jones Street. An electronic musical accessory valued at over \$100.00 was reportedly removed from the WISD band hall between the hours of 8:15 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Several possible suspects have been named and this is under investigation as Theft.

 received report of a theft in the 400 block of State Street. Between the hours of 6:00 p.m. Thursday and 3:00 p.m. Saturday, a Polan brand chainsaw was removed from the bed of a pickup. A possible suspect has been named. This is under investigation as Theft over \$50.00.

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: \$100, plus \$210.25 court costs,

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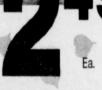
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