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Pearls of Wisdom—
Change yourself and your work will seem different.

Eye Sore?

Editor Jean Boles asks area residents to take pride in their property and the community by participating in the city-wide clean-up next week. **page 2**

Veterans honored

Local Veterans of Foreign Wars were recognized recently and awarded for community service. **page 3**

WHS tennis advances to regionals

Four Winters High School tennis team members will advance to regional competition in Stephenville next week. Two singles players advance as well as a doubles team. **page 4**

Band earns top honors

The Winters Blizzard Band earned top marks in UIL concert and sight-reading competition held in Llano last week. **page 4**

District 9-2A Track Finals

A two-page photo spread features the Blizzards and Lady Blizzards in district track competition last week at Jim Ned. Eight WHS athletes will advance to regionals in ten events. **page 6 & 7**

Fore!!!!!!

The Winters Country Club is planning breakfast the last two weekends of the month and will serve pancakes and sausage on both Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21 & 27-28. Proceeds will benefit the club. **page 8**

Monarch tags found in Mexico

Dodie Drake is pleased to report from Flutter Farms that 20 Monarchs bearing tags from Winters, Texas have been found in Mexico. **page 8**

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Winters DHS office to close to save taxpayers dollars Ballinger office will assume clients

Barbara Evans, Regional Administrator for the Texas Department of Human Services (DHS), Region 2, announced that effective Thursday, April 25, 2002, DHS will move its office located at 110 South Main in Winters to the Ballinger DHS office located at 614 Strong Avenue (behind the courthouse). This move is a cost-cutting effort to reduce expenses and save taxpayers an estimated \$13,000 a year in rent, utilities, and equipment.

"As a government agency, we must be good stewards of taxpayers dollars," stated Ms. Evans. "Region 2 is a very large rural region that covers 60 counties of Texas. We must look for ways to provide quality services to those in need while maximizing the best use of federal and state funds in a time of diminishing government resources.

"Consolidating these offices in Runnels County will save tax dollars without sacrificing services to the needy in Winters and Coke County. There will be an impact on client services; however, clients will still receive quality and timely customer service from DHS staff. Providing services to those in need is, and always has been,

Caseload Information by Program Area for the Sites Covered by the Runnels County Staff

Town	Food Stamps	TANF	Medicaid
Winters	83	24	105
Ballinger	213	63	200
Robert Lee	25	8	46
Bronte	22	4	27

our main focus," continued Ms. Evans.

The Winters office opened in 1991 and has served two itinerant sites, Bronte and Robert Lee. No state workers will lose their jobs. The two Texas

Works Advisors who are currently housed at the Winters office will be transferred to the Ballinger office, which is 16 miles from Winters.

Nancy Davis, Texas Works Advisor III, began her duties at Winters in February 1991, and Marie Fisher, Texas Works Advisor II, was employed in October 1991. "We will miss

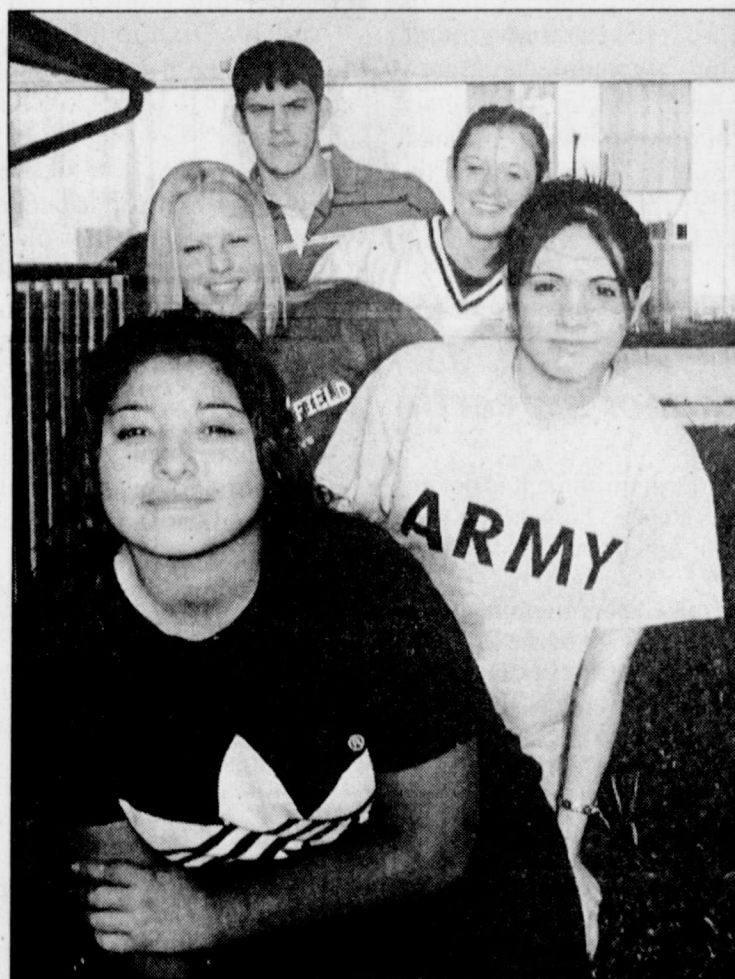
being in Winters," said Mrs. Davis, "however, the same services will be offered in Ballinger." Clients are strongly encouraged to continue services at the Ballinger office.

See DHS OFFICE, pg. 2.



MOVING TO BALLINGER are Nancy Davis (left) and Marie Fisher with the local Department of Human Services. Due to budget cuts, the Winters office will close April 25, and consolidate with the office in Ballinger.

Regional academic qualifiers



REPRESENTING WHS at regional academic competition this week in Stephenville are members of the Journalism Department who took top honors at the district level. Clockwise (l-r) are Toni Retana, feature writing; Lacey Meyer, editorial writing and headline writing; Wade Parramore, news writing; Stacey Sneed, feature writing and headline writing; and Juanita Armendariz, news writing. Not pictured is Brian Pritchard, number sense.

Clean up campaign starts Friday

Join the Improvement Movement and take care of your property.

Extra trash dumpsters will be available in the Family Dollar parking lot and also in the lot directly north of the Scout Hut on Main Street.

Dumpsters are provided by Browning-Ferris Industries and will be available Friday, April 19, until Monday, April 29. Users are reminded to please comply with the rules and NOT stack trash and debris around the dumpsters. If the containers are full, please call City Hall at 754-4424.

Recommended ideas to improve properties in and around Winters are as follows:

- Keep grass mowed.
- Get rid of unsightly weeds. Weeds 12 inches

tall and over are cause for correction of violation at owner's expense.

- Give house and/or business a new coat of paint and make repairs.
- Pick up all trash and debris.
- Cut and stack limbs to be chipped by the City.
- Dispose of junk cars. (Vehicles not having a current inspection sticker and license plate).
- Be responsible for keeping your property neat and clean. Your neighbors and fellow taxpayers will appreciate it.

When you look good, our town looks good. But when your property looks bad, our entire city suffers.

What does your property say about you?

Christmas in April workday is Saturday

Four homes to be repaired; Begins with breakfast at 7 a.m. in cafeteria

The 2002 Christmas in April workday is planned for Saturday. The day will begin at 7 a.m. with breakfast at the Winters ISD Cafeteria and a meeting with house captains or volunteer coordinators to receive instructions for the day.

Volunteers are needed for painting, roofing, plumbing, general carpentry, and cleaning & cooking.

North Runnels Christmas In April (Winters) has experi-

enced a decrease in volunteers over the past several years. Due to this decrease, CIA plans to work on only four homes this year. House captains are Craig Gehrels, Gary Bear, and Lewis Bergman, and Johnny Pritchard.

Lunch and snacks will be brought to the project sights. Barbecue will be served to volunteers and their families at 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

CIA has asked local church-

es to provide sandwiches and homemade baked goods for the lunch. Churches are reminded to have their items to the school cafeteria by 10 a.m. Saturday.

Come and join this community day of work, fun, and fellowship! If you worked with Christmas In April in the past, but haven't participated the last few years, come back out and join in this day of service to those who can't help themselves.

Reception Saturday for doctor candidate

The Winters community is invited to a reception honoring North Runnels Hospital Medical Doctor candidate, Anil Desai, M.D.

The reception, hosted by the Physician Recruitment Committee, will be Saturday, April 20, from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Rock Hotel.

Pre-K & K Round-Up is April 23

Pre-registration for 2002-03 pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2002, from 6-7 p.m. in the Elementary Library.

Parents of children who will be four (4) years old for pre-k, See **ROUND-UP**, pg. 5



LAWRENCE BROS. IGA SUPERMARKET has been selected as Business of the Quarter by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce. On hand for the presentation were (l-r) Chamber directors Chris Bahlman and Donna Smith, IGA employees Alton O'Neal, Jr., Laura Carrillo, Marvin Traylor, Jennifer Willis and Manager Clay Bush, and Chamber directors Janice Pruser and Jane Bourdo.

Ladies Night Out scheduled for April 25

The Winters Woman's Club will host their 8th Annual Ladies Night Out on Thursday, April 25. The event will begin at 7 p.m. in Jones Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church.

Theme for the evening is "Texas in Washington D.C." Featured speaker for the evening will be Cindy Stenholm, wife of Congressman

See **LADIES**, page 2

2002 Project Graduation to host chicken strip meal

Parents of the Class of 2002 will be hosting a chicken strip meal on Sunday, April 21, 2002. The meal will be held in the school cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4.50 for children.

See **CHICKEN**, page 5

Opinion

Oil Bidness

by Reg Boles ©2002



With oil prices running higher these days, natural gas prices usually see an associated uptick. But, this time around, there are other factors at work.

These other factors will likely influence gas prices on the positive side, also, but that upward pressure may come from a very unlikely source.

You may have read recently about some corrosion found in certain nuclear plants around the U.S. As it turns out, these rusty spots may be enough to increase demand for natural gas.

That increased demand may be more than enough to set natural gas prices on a rise to price levels that will re-establish gas as a target of available development money. (It seems many development managers and promoters have lost some of their appetite for gas wells over the last year or so.)

But, how do those rusty pipes in the cooling towers impact gas prices?

One word: fuel. Fuel drives our economy, and natural gas and nuclear power share in that fuel pie. The fuel supply pie is fully consumed, particularly the electricity generation segment. So, if the nuclear slice gets smaller, then natural gas steps up to fill that void.

The nuclear slice is about to shrink, at least temporarily. Because of those rusty spots, nuclear plants (which generate electricity) are being taken out of service for inspections and repairs around the country. Nuclear output may be cut 40 percent, and natural gas is more than willing to fill that void.

The process to get the affected nuclear plants offline, inspected, and put back on line will likely take the better part of a year. In that timeframe, gas will increase market share to the point prices will rise. There is also the strong possibility that nuclear power will never win back some of those customers once they begin to use natural gas to generate electricity.

All of this can't help but build demand, both current and long term, for natural gas. And, if more want it... then more will pay more for it.

But, as we have learned of late, there isn't a limitless demand for natural gas. Consuming industries continue to build into their infrastructure the ability to be flexible and fast-reacting. That includes the ability to switch fuels or suppliers when economics dictate such a change.

Ironically, recently lower gas prices are setting the stage for natural gas to step in for the displaced nuclear power. After all, coal and other fuels are out there, but current prices and environmental advantages make natural gas the fuel of choice right now.

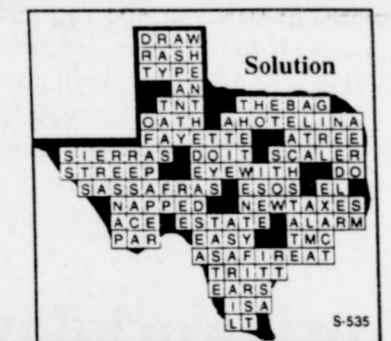
If prices can find their natural level sooner rather than later (i.e., less roller-coaster behavior), this will likely allow natural gas to compete effectively in a flexible world for the long haul, as well.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY
Not Available This Week

LADIES, continued

Charles Stenholm. The meal will be a salad supper. Tickets are \$10 in advance only and are available from any club member or may be purchased at Bahlman Jewelers, 106 S. Main in Winters. You may also contact Jane Bourdo

at 754-2048 or Phyllis Boles at 754-4889 for tickets or more information.



Recognized for 10 years service



CITY MANAGER AREF HASSAN, Ph.D. (right), was presented with a plaque and proclamation from Mayor Dawson McGuffin for 10 years of service with the City of Winters. The presentation was made Monday, April 1, 2002. Hassan began his service with the City on April 1, 1992.

Just my opinion

Is your property an eye sore?

by Jean Boles, editor

The City of Winters will be promoting a clean up campaign beginning this week, and once again, I'd like to add my two cents worth.

Here at *The Winters Enterprise* we get numerous Letters to the Editor as well as phone calls asking us to "make my neighbor clean up his stuff," or "make my neighbor get rid of all those nasty animals."

Of course, we can't make anybody do anything, but I can ask you to please take a close look at your property and clean things up.

I realize that we're all "economically challenged" to various degrees and may not be able to afford a lot of remodeling, painting, etc. But, I think any one of us can afford to use a little elbow grease and clean up our properties.

I'm afraid some people think, "This is my house and my yard (or my business) and I can keep it any way I want. It's nobody's business what I do with my stuff."

Sorry, but if you live in town, your property DOES affect other folks — not only your neighbors but our entire city.

If you have an old car or broken furniture in your yard, or stuff all over the place, that sends a pretty strong, negative message. Along with a lot of folks, I don't want us to look like we live in a dump ground.

Our City maintenance crew has been working really hard to cut down old trees and haul off debris. They've also recently chopped weeds and picked up trash all along Main Street.

The school maintenance

folks also work extremely hard to keep the school grounds and facilities in tip-top shape.

Many times, keeping property clean and neat is only a matter of a little hard work. Picking up trash and junk out of our yards doesn't cost anything but time and energy. Besides, the sunshine and exercise will be good for you.

If your property needs cleaning and you can't do it yourself, call me and I'll give you the names of several kiddos who need to earn some extra spending money.

And as Bishop Michael Pfeifer of San Angelo relates, "Humans are to be responsible stewards..."

So let's roll up our sleeves and work together to make Winters a cleaner, better place to live. I thank you and so will your neighbors, I promise!

Social Security Rep. in Winters on April 22

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his April visit to Winters. He will be at the Winters Housing Project Office on Monday, April 22, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

Your Social Security matters can be handled just as quickly by telephone. For help when you first want to sign up for Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, call (915) 949-4608. The office is open every weekday (Monday through Friday) except holidays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you just need information or are already receiving benefits, call 1-800-772-1213 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every weekday except holidays.

If desired, write to the office at P.O. Box 3808, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

Seeking info on Truett community

Elaine Coleman is seeking information related to the Truett community, east of Winters.

If anyone has information as to the layout of the township, its former residents, pictures, etc., please contact her at 723-2131.

Card of Thanks

We want to thank you for all your prayers, love, and caring for our daughter Tammy in her fight with colon/liver cancer.

She is recovering from the surgery and is progressing well with chemo.

Again we appreciate your love and prayers more than words can say.

Quincy & Gail Traylor

Card of Thanks

During a time like this, we realize how much our friends and family mean to us...

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Julia Martinez Cortez.

The family of Julia Martinez Cortez

Bishop asks readers to honor the earth

Editor:

Earth Day reminds us that caring for the environment is not an end in itself, but a condition for guaranteeing human life. As regards a relationship with Mother Earth, it must be affirmed that she is not to be exploited, but cultivated.

Our relationship to the Earth must be one of communion, not of exploitation, so that we might become more aware of the fact that the goods which nature offers to all must be respected because they are the heritage of the whole human family.

This relationship of communion with the earth stresses that the web of life is one. Agriculture, forests, fishing and caring for ecology are all tied to environmental conditions and greatly impact them. Creation has an integrity with an inherent value beyond its usefulness to human beings. Humans are to be re-sponsible stewards of creation, working in harmony with God as co-creators.

Sustainable communities are socially just, economically beneficial, and environmentally healthy. The balance between nature, humanity and God is reflected in the web of life.

A basic belief of the Christian creed is that God is Creator of Heaven and Earth. If there is one celebration that can reunite all humanity, it is precisely that which celebrates its creation, a celebration which cannot help being religious because it sings the praised of God who created the Heavens and the Earth. Earth Day is a time to celebrate the Gift of Creation.

Sincerely,

Most Rev. Michael D. Pfeifer, O.M.I.
Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo

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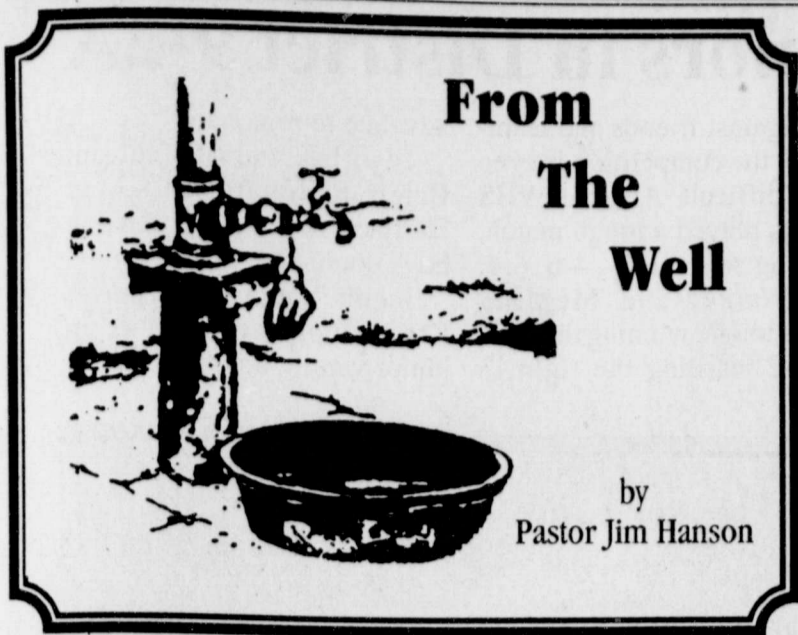
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Community



**From
The
Well**

by
Pastor Jim Hanson



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The other night Ramona and I heard a lecture. The title was: Teaching American History After 9-11. It was not boring. It was exciting. And somewhat scary. But it was enlightening. And it was thought-provoking. And, for me and

Ramona, it was very encouraging.

The man who gave the lecture was Dr. Don Frazier from McMurry University in Abilene. He only had 20 minutes because there was another lecture following. An excellent one, too. Given by a recently retired Admiral, Director of Naval Intelligence. Admiral Ratliff. He lectured on the challenges of the war we are now fighting, what to expect, and the positive opportunities.

What I got out of the first lecture is that on 9-11-01, the terrorists knew what they were doing. Why? Because they knew their history. They knew their story. Exactly. They knew that at one time Islamic people controlled the Mediterranean Sea. And the land around it. Until the time of Columbus. 1492 is a great date for us because it marks the day he discovered America. For them it marked the end of an era . . . the end of their domination . . . they were kicked out of Spain and went back to the desert. Now, hundreds of years later, they are about to take it all back, the whole western world.

They knew. The question is: Do we know our story? The folks who fought in our past wars knew. But how about today? What are the fundamental bedrock issues that define us as a nation? And in 20 minutes Dr. Frazier sketched out for us five fundamentals that have defined us as a nation. If order for us to have a way of remember, he attached each fundamental with a city.

1. Jerusalem. Our nation is rooted in the Judeo-Christian understanding of a personal God . . . a God with whom you can have a personal relationship. The God revealed in Scripture. The folks who came here, and lived here and designed our government accepted that religious base for our being. Jerusalem is a good place name for that fundamental.

2. Athens, Greece. From the beginning, our nation has believed in reason and intelligence as being more stable and reliable than our emotions. The early Greek philosophers first to conceive of a democracy, where reason and thought were basic.

3. Rome, Italy. The Roman Empire was based on the "rule of law." Laws set the boundaries for our behavior. Defined right and wrong. The law was supreme. Nobody was to live above or apart from it.

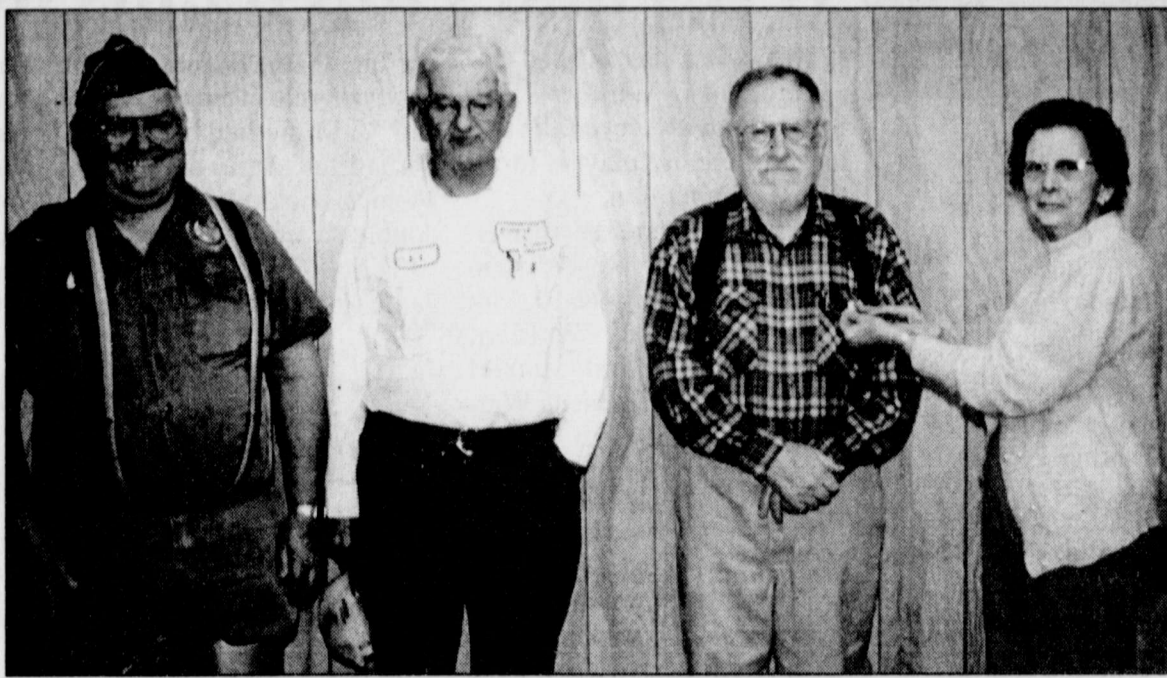
4. London, England. The place where common law came into being, and people had a voice in making those laws. Thus, a parliamentary form of government whose members were elected by the people.

5. Boston, Mass. The place that wrote a new chapter in the history of democracy. The Boston Tea Party — "Taxation without Representation" is tyranny.

Dr. Frazier said, "The sad thing in our country is that three generations of American citizens don't know American history because no one told them. The big story got lost in a whole bunch of little stories . . . the history of the Native Americans, the history of blacks in America, etc. All of these are important, but they aren't The Story. So we have to start educating Americans in American history. And this time we have to get it right."

I don't know about you, but we were impressed. Distressed at first. But encouraged as he shared with us the fact that a U. S. Senator stood up one day and pronounced, "The story of America is being lost." As a result, action was taken and now with ample funding, the "American Story" is being put together in order that The Story will once again be taught.

This is good news. In the meanwhile, those of us who know the story need to tell it to our children and grandchildren. Memorial Day, Flag Day and the 4th of July are all coming up. Each affords an excellent opportunity for some stories from our history and truly made it our own. And then, when we said, "God Bless America," we would really know how in so many ways He already has.



SOME LOCAL VFW MEMBERS (l-r) Billy G. Ray, Elby Miller and Keith Thomason were awarded National Community Service volunteer Recognition lapel pins during a surprise ceremony on April. Making the presentation is Auxiliary President Mary Kurtz.

Veterans awarded for volunteer service to organizations and community

by Mary Kurtz, VFW Auxiliary President

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and Ladies Auxiliary met in the Post Home on April 8, 2002, for their regular monthly meetings. The Auxiliary asked the Post members to join them in their meeting room to solve a problem and then surprised some of the members with awards.

National Community Service Volunteer Recognition lapel pins were presented by Auxiliary President Mary Kurtz to Billy G. Ray and Keith Thomason for 300 hours and to Elby Miller for 150 hours. Three-hundred-hour pins will be given later to Louis

DelaCruz and Robert Holder who could not attend.

This program is designed to provide recognition and awards to VFW members who volunteer their time in service through outside organizations. The award pin included the Cross of Malta, the words "Community Service and VFW Volunteer," and the accumulated volunteer hours.

These men, with the help of others and through hard work, remodeled two rooms into one and built display cabinets to become the Veteran's Room in The Rock Hotel. They also helped with the fund-raiser to obtain supplies.

Governments at all levels are being forced to cut back on social programs and only individuals such as ourselves, who have the heart and make the time, can fill in the gaps. Each of us needs to challenge ourselves to think about what we have to offer than can be used in service to others. Take a closer look at your community. What needs can you address? Empower yourself to meet these needs.

By becoming a volunteer, you can ensure hope and change in your community, and the effect will ripple throughout the whole country.

Chamber busy with plans for Mayfest

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Mayfest Celebration Saturday, May 4, 2002, at the Ted Meyer City Park. A big day of fun, food, entertainment, shopping, and fellowship will be had by all.

Many different kinds of crafts and merchandise are scheduled for display and sale. Booth space is still available for \$20 (8'x10' space) either inside or outside.

The Volunteer Fire Department will have their famous hamburgers again. There will also be funnel cakes, comdogs,

curly fries, cheese on a stick, caramel apples, BBQ sandwiches, nachos, and much more to eat.

Entertainment is scheduled throughout the day with appearances being made by the Dog House and Bitter Creek bands, Karen Hart, and Lola Scott. Games and entertainment for kids will also be available.

The annual co-ed softball tournament will begin on Friday and continue through Saturday. Teams are limited to 20 so be sure to sign-up now. Trophies and t-shirts will be

awarded to the top three teams.

Be sure to join Winters for this big day of fun. For more information, please call the Winters Chamber of Commerce at 915-754-5210 or e-mail wacc@wcc.net.

Truett Cemetery workday, April 25

A clean-up day has been scheduled Saturday, April 25, for the Truett Cemetery, located 10 miles east of Winters.

Anyone who has relatives or friends buried in the cemetery is encouraged to help. Workers will meet at 8 a.m.

Participants should bring weed eaters, shovels, rakes, and hoes.

A sandwich and lemonade lunch will be served around noon.

For more information, call Elaine Coleman at 723-2131.

Sr. Citizens Nursing Home News

by Billie Ruth Bishop, Activity Director

The monthly birthday party will be Thursday, April 18, at 3:00 with Southside Baptist Church as host. Those honored will be Effie Pumphrey who will be 104 years old, and Billie Whitlow. Congratulations to these two special people.

Also, we will be celebrating National Volunteer Week April 21-27, 2002. On Tuesday, April 23, from 6-7:30 p.m., we will honor volunteers with a reception and entertainment (by volunteers).

Mrs. Ruby House has been admitted to the nursing home. She is in Room 105A.

Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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April 22 thru April 26
Subject to change

Monday, April 22: Beef pocket, baked beans, fruit salad, tomato & lettuce, and Rice Krispies.

Tuesday, April 23: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, hot roll, and peaches.

Wednesday, April 24: Steak, parsley potatoes, peas, bread, and pie.

Thursday, April 25: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, pear salad, crackers, and cookies.

Friday, April 26: Tator tot casserole, blackeyed peas, cabbage, cornbread, and dessert.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- April 18- 11 a.m.-1p.m., Indoor Picnic, The Rock Hotel
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Senior Citizens Activity Center
- April 19-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Senior Citizens Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- April 20-7 a.m., Christmas in April Breakfast & Workday, WHS Cafeteria
- 10-11:30 a.m., Reception for Prospective Doctor, Rock Hotel
- April 21-11 a.m.-1 p.m., Project Graduation Chicken Strip Mean, WHS Cafeteria
- April 22-9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Social Security Rep., Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Senior Citizens Activity Center
- 5:15 p.m., 4-H, Catholic Hall
- 7 p.m., INFO, San Angelo
- 8 p.m., Wingate Masonic Lodge
- April 23-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Senior Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Senior Citizens Activity Center
- 7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- WVFD Aux.
- April 24-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprise Office
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Senior Citizens Activity Center

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WHS takes top tennis honors in District 9-2A

In his first year as head tennis coach at Winters High School, David Acevedo is taking four varsity players to regional competition.

Winters competed in District 9-2A play at Rose Park in Abilene on April 9 & 10. Tim Fenwick, Stacey Walden, Kelly Walker and Scarlet McMinn will represent Winters High School in the regional tennis tournament in Stephenville next week.

Fenwick, a feisty WHS sophomore, defeated players from Jim Ned 7-5, 6-2; Eula 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; and Cisco 6-3, 1-6, 6-1 for the district 9-2A singles championship.

Becoming district champion was a little easier route for Walden. The WHS senior ousted players from Coleman 6-0, 6-1; Jim Ned 6-2, 6-0; and Hawley 6-3, 6-2.

Taking second place in varsity girls doubles were Walker and McMinn, who defeated teams from Jim Ned and Eula before losing in the championship match to Jim Ned's num-

ber one team. Because of the playback rule in tennis, Walker and McMinn then had to play Samantha Montgomery and Monica Hicks, Winters' other doubles team.

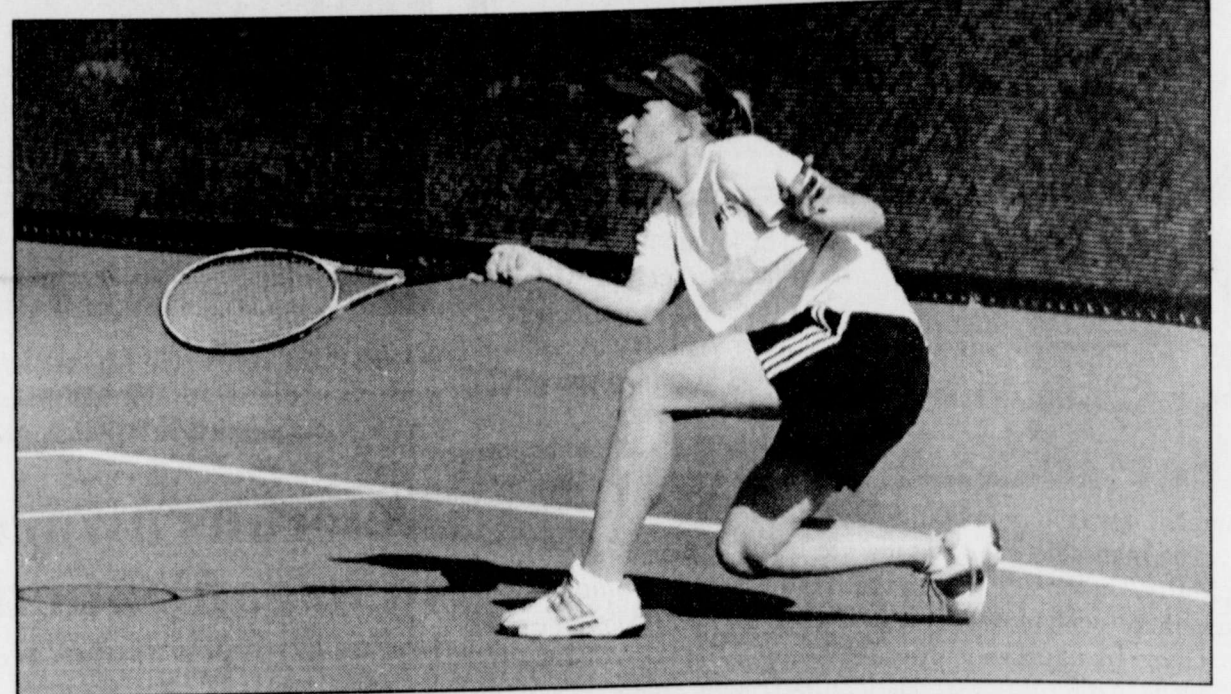
Tennis is a very mental game and when you have to

play against friends and teammates, the competition is even more difficult. All four WHS seniors played a tough match, splitting sets evenly, 4-6, 6-4. But Walker and McMinn stayed tough, winning the third set 6-2, earning the right to

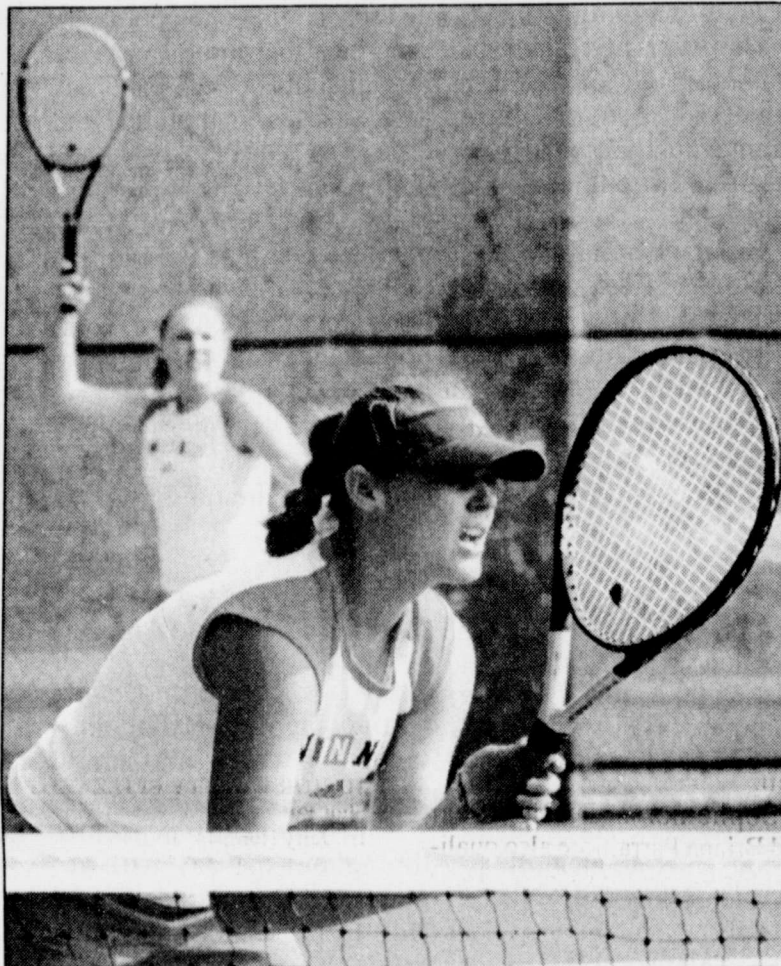
advance to regionals.

In other varsity action, Brian Pritchard and Max Harrison took fourth place in boys doubles.

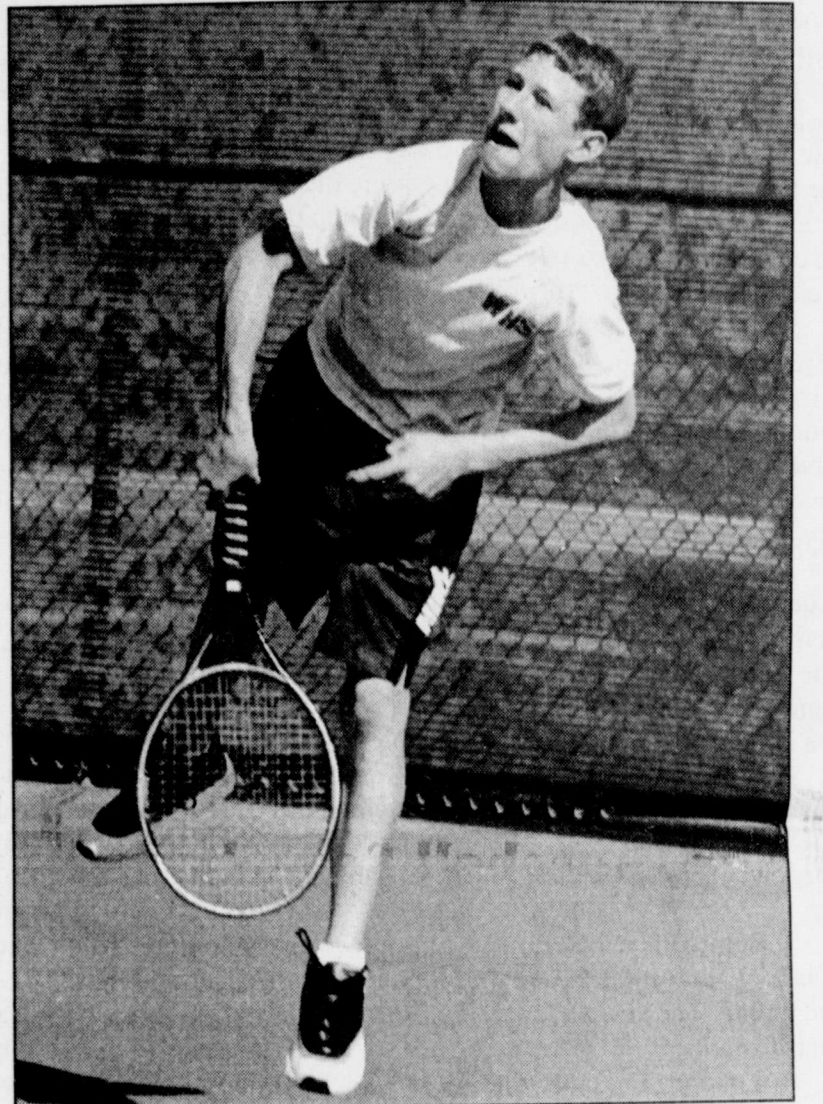
Jacob Young and Shawn Kraatz took second place in junior varsity boys doubles.



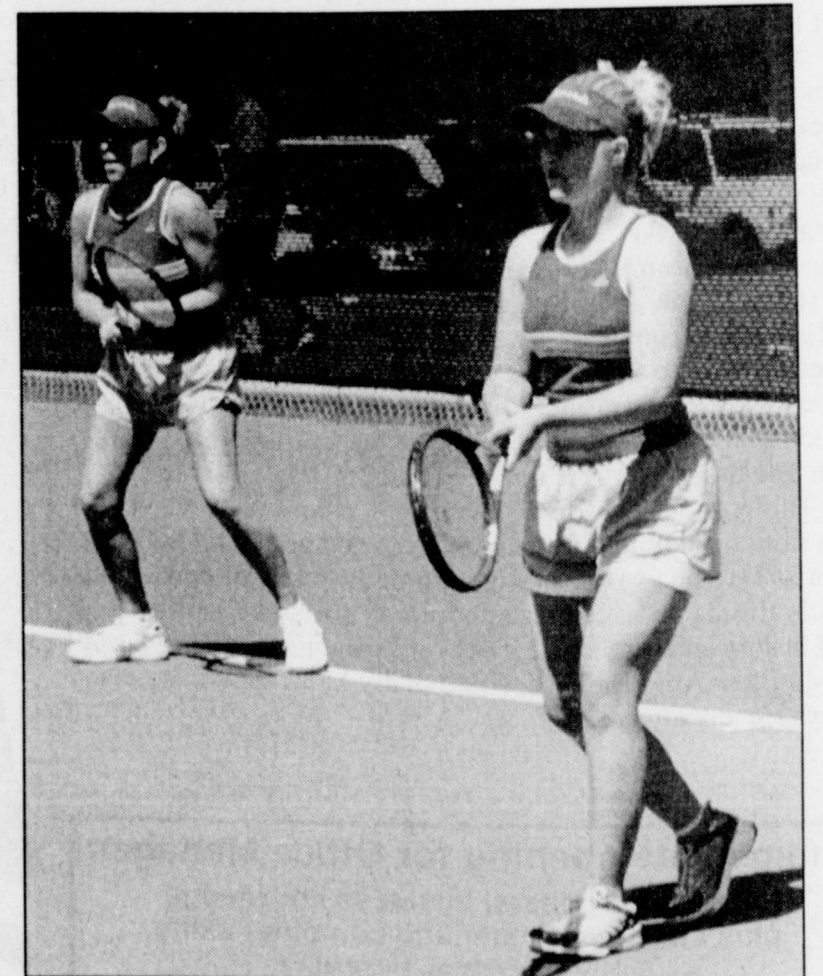
STACEY WALDEN goes low for the return shot during district finals on April 10. The WHS senior won the district championship and advances to regional play.



SCARLET McMINN gets ready to serve as Kelly Walker stands ready at net. The WHS duo took second place at district competition in Abilene on April 10.



TIM FENWICK zings in the serve against the Cisco defender during district championship action. Fenwick split sets but outlasted his opponent for the district title.



MONICA HICKS (left) and SAMANTHA MONTGOMERY focus on the point during the playback match against their Winters teammates.

CAFETERIA MENU

April 22-26

Subject to change*

Breakfast

Monday-April 22

Breakfast Pockets

Cereal

Juice

Tuesday-April 23

Cinnamon Roll

Cereal

Juice

Wednesday-April 24

Pancake Puppies

Cereal

Juice

Thursday-April 25

Pigs in a Blanket

Cereal

Juice

Friday-April 26

Banana Nut Muffins

Cereal

Juice

Lunch

Monday-April 22

Layered Enchiladas

Spanish Rice

Refried Beans

Chips

Banana Nut Cake

Tuesday-April 23

Chicken Fried Steak

Potatoes & Gravy

Tossed Salad

Hot Roll

Fruit

Wednesday-April 24

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WHS Blizzard Band earns Excellent C&S rating

The Winters Blizzard Band, although small in number, competed with big hearts and dedication, earning a Division II Excellent rating in UIL concert and sight reading competition in Llano April 10.

With only 29 students, the Winters band was the smallest to compete.

"And to make the contest harder, we had to play right after Mason High School, which has 119 kids," said band director Phil Mooney.

"The kids represented Winters in an excellent way. They behaved well and played their hearts out. I'm very proud of them."

Mooney said many bands received ratings as low as III and IV, and that Winters was in the top third overall.

Due to conflicting UIL com-

petitions, some high school students were unable to play in the two-day band contest. Mooney said he "drafted" some of his eighth grade students to help out.

"Kali Roberts, Amber Toten, Marcus Rodriguez, L. J. Nitsch, Jessica Meyer, Bryce Wilkerson, Ana Diaz and Luke Hale stepped right up to fill

some vacancies caused by absences," said Mooney.

Winters High School performed concert selections of "March of the Patriots," "Nottingham Castle," and "Australian Folk Fantasy."

Winters bands will present their spring concerts on Monday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Gifted/Talented nominations due for Winters Elementary grades 1-5

Applications are being accepted for the Winters Elementary Gifted/Talented program, grades 1-5.

If you believe your child might benefit from a gifted/talented program, your nomination is welcome. Nomination and parent-permission-for-testing forms may be obtained at the Elementary Principal's office during normal working hours.

All forms must be completed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by April 26, 2002.

BKB plans final meeting for Monday night

The Blizzard Kid Backers will hold their final meeting of the year on Monday, April 22, 2002. It will begin at 6 p.m. in the Elementary Music Room.

Items to be discussed and finalized include the concession stand at the elementary track meet, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, and an AR Carnival booth. Election of officers for 2002-03 will also be held.

A jewelry and home items party will be held in the elementary library from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday as well. A portion of the proceeds will benefit projects for Winters Elementary.

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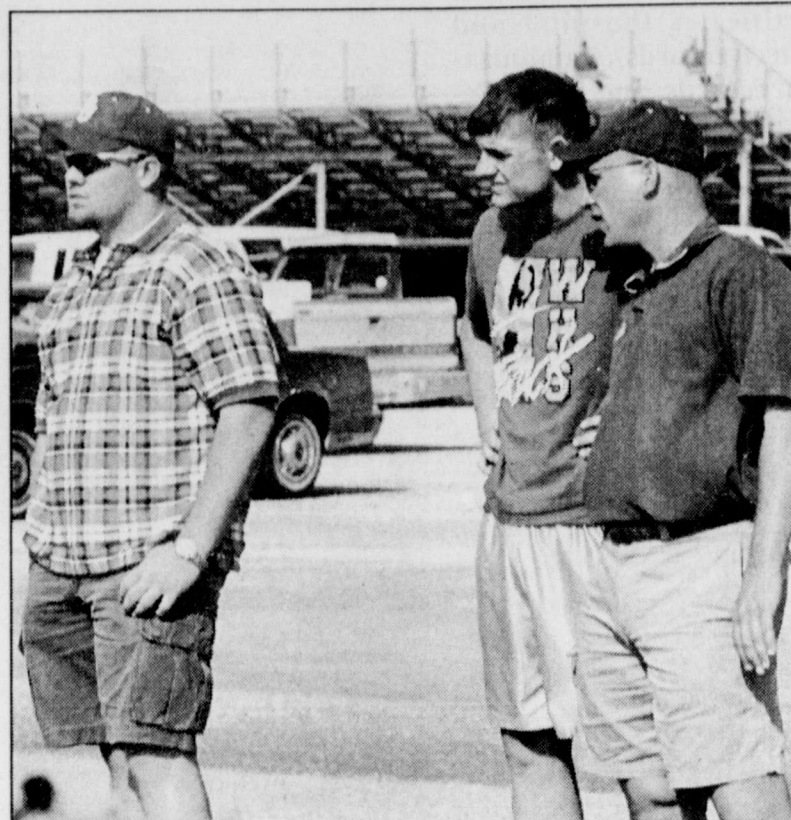
2002 District 9-2A Track Championships



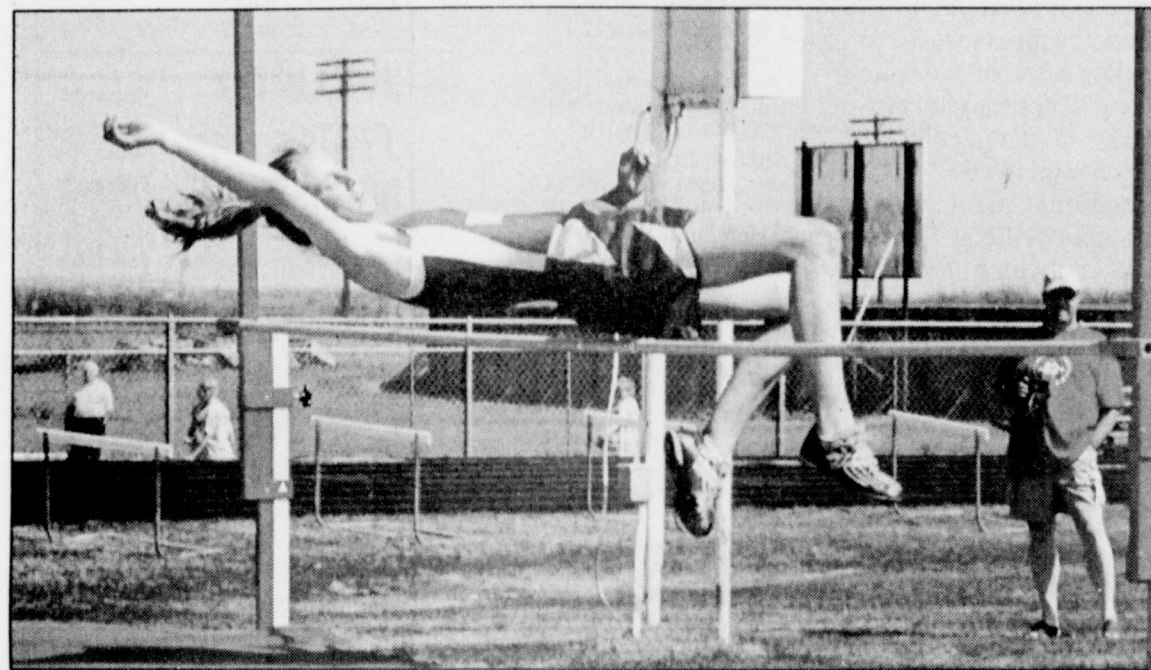
TIM FENWICK finishes fifth in the mile run at the district meet and brought home the bronze medal in pole vault for Winters JV.



NOT JUST ANY STROLL IN THE PARK...these Lady Blizzards cool down following season best times in the 800 Meter and Mile Relays, placing second behind defending state champions Cisco. Relay members are (l-r) Laci Walker, Mandy Pritchard, Jena Bahlman, and Stacey Sneed. Both relays will compete in the Region II Meet in Stephenville.



"PSSST, BIG BROTHER'S WATCHING!" Coach Chuck Lipsey talks with Rusty Jackson as older brother Samson keeps track of the rest of the competition. Rusty won both the discus and shot put for the Blizzards and will compete in Stephenville in two weeks.



JUNIOR LACI WALKER jumps a season best 5' in the high jump to earn one of her two gold medals at district. Walker also won the 100 M Hurdles and ran on the regional qualifying 800 Meter and Mile Relays. She advances to regionals in four events.



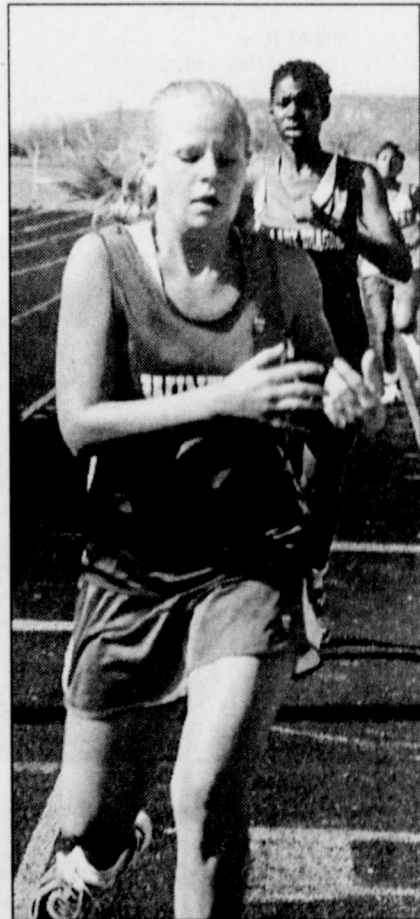
JOSE HERNANDEZ took gold in the 800 M Run and fourth in the mile for the JV Blizzards.



"IF YOU DON'T QUALIFY IN THE 400, I'm going to break your leg," is NOT really what Coach Deb Whittenburg tells senior Mandy Pritchard as she works to stretch Mandy's muscles before the race. Pritchard does advance however, with a 2nd place finish at district.



WHS SENIORS (l-r) Jeffrey Oats and Yul Gibbs compete in their final track meet for the Winters Blizzards.



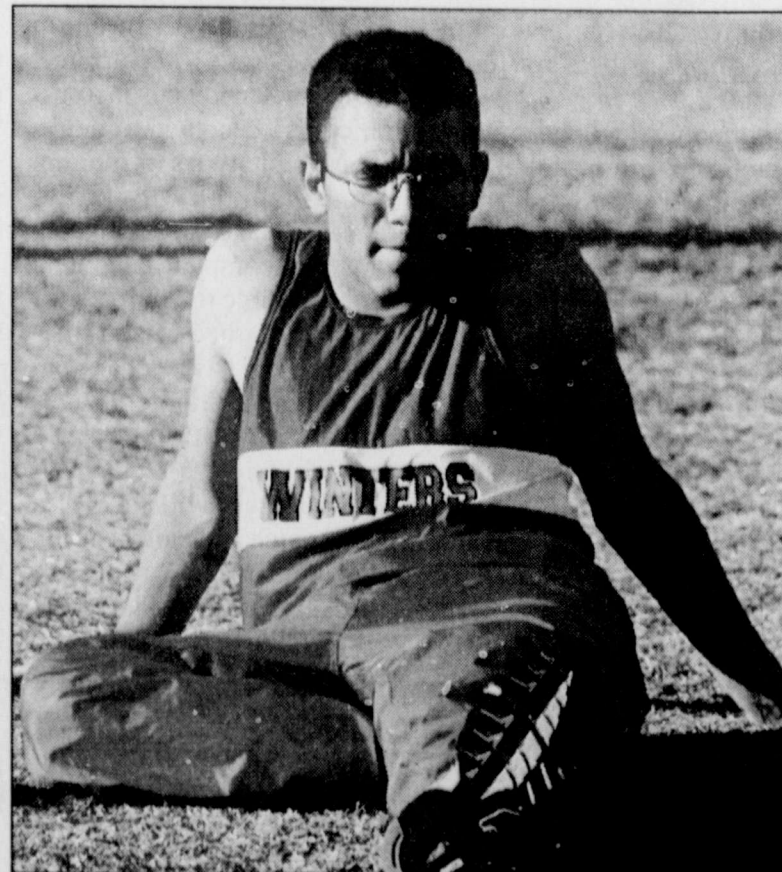
LACEY MEYER competed in both the mile and two-mile runs for the Lady Blizzards.



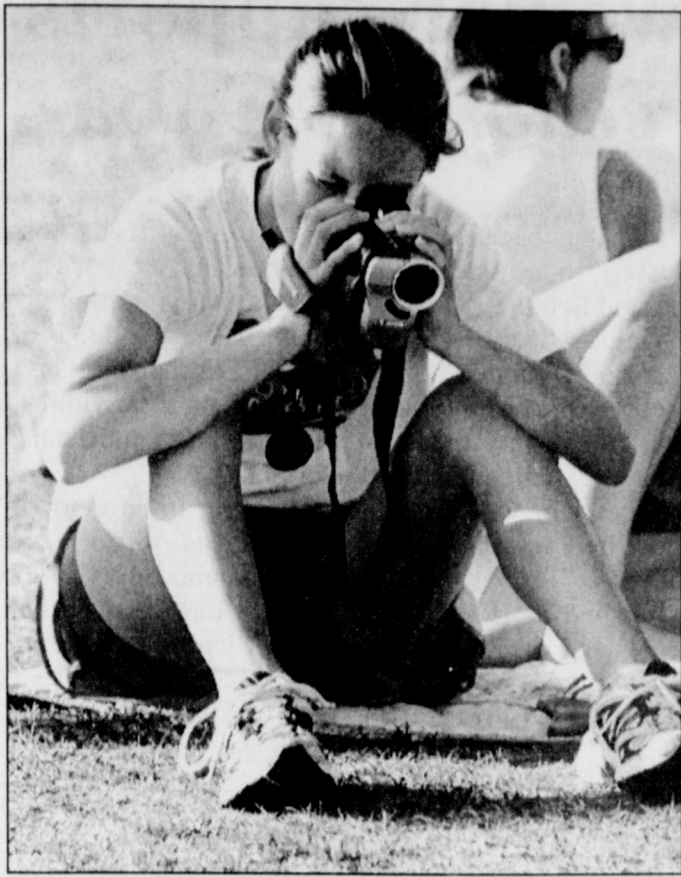
"PUT YOUR RIGHT FOOT FORWARD, put your left foot out, or is it head, shoulders, knees and toes?" Relay runners (l-r) Stacey Sneed, Mandy Pritchard, and Jena Bahlman stretch while teammate Laci Walker runs the hurdles.



DIEHARD BLIZZARD FANS cheer on yet another Winters athlete during the District 9-2A Track Championships at Jim Ned last week. Over a hundred "True Blue" supported both the Blizzards and Lady Blizzards in all events. Many will travel to Stephenville in two weeks to watch eight WHS athletes in ten different events at Regionals.



BENJIE VALLES brought home three medals for the JV Blizzards and finished fifth in another event for a great district showing in Jim Ned.



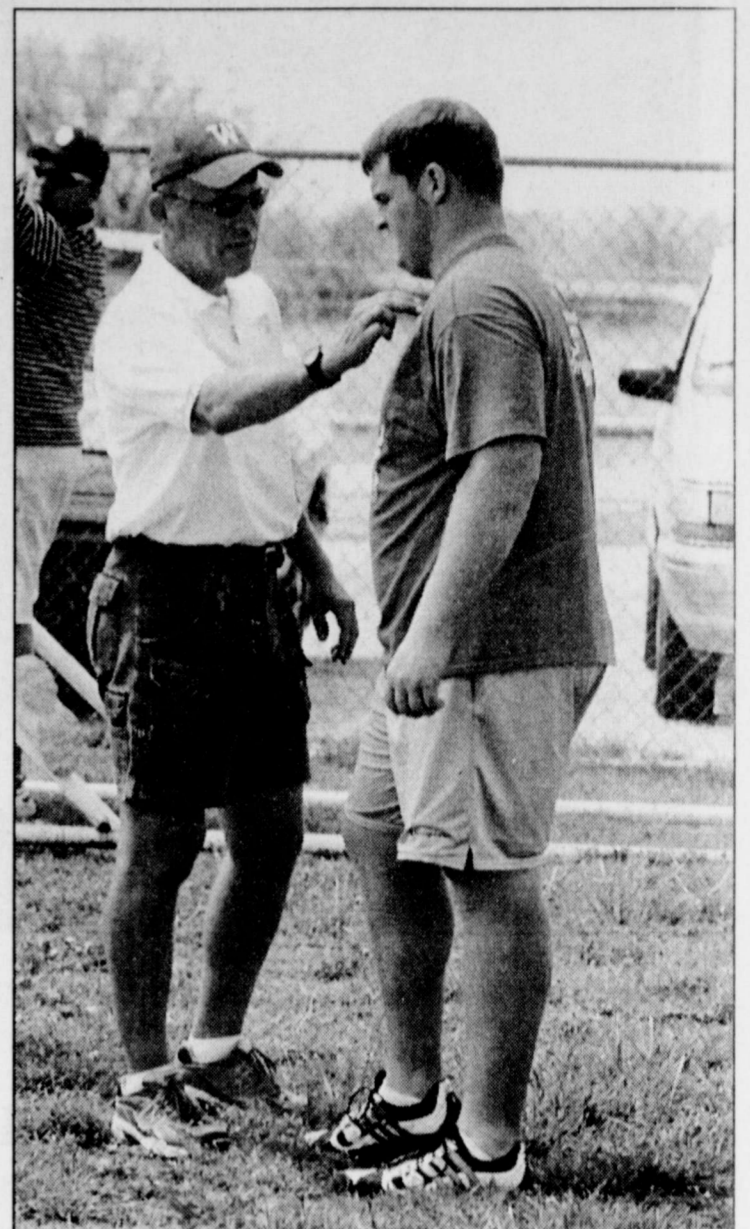
LACI WALKER takes a good look at her winning run in the 100 Meter Hurdles during district track action last Friday. Walker brought home gold in the event and advances to regionals in two weeks.



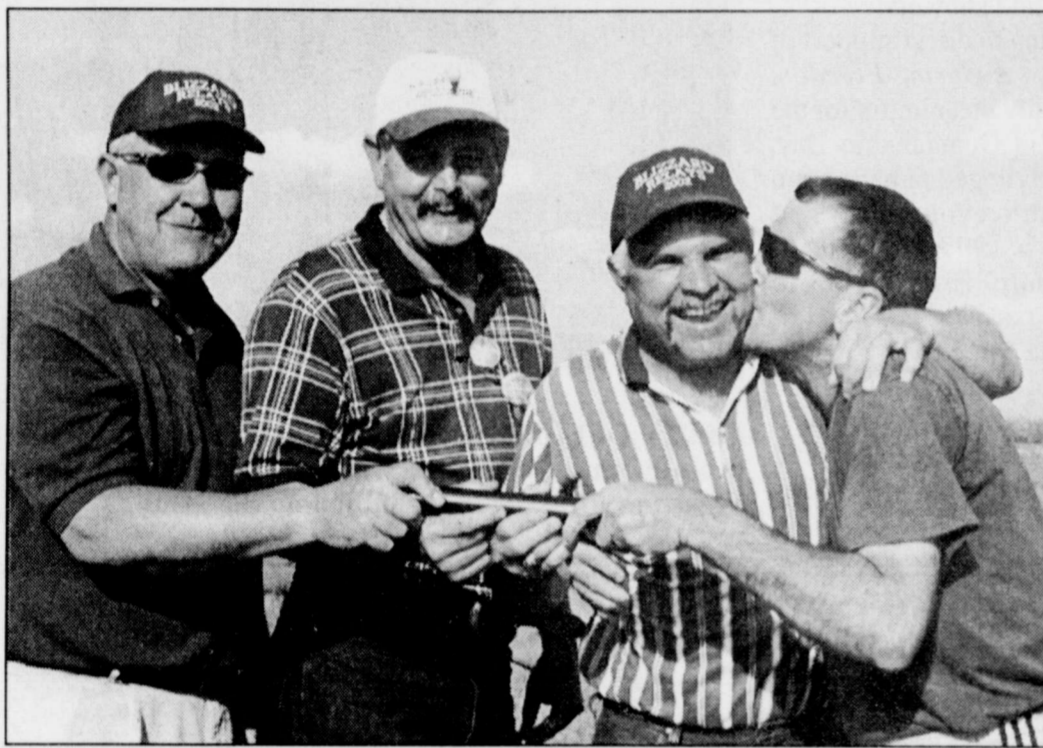
KARI WALKER places fourth in the 800 M Run for the Lady Blizzards.



BRIANA PARRAMORE earns a berth at Regionals with a pair of silver medal finishes in the mile and two-mile runs.



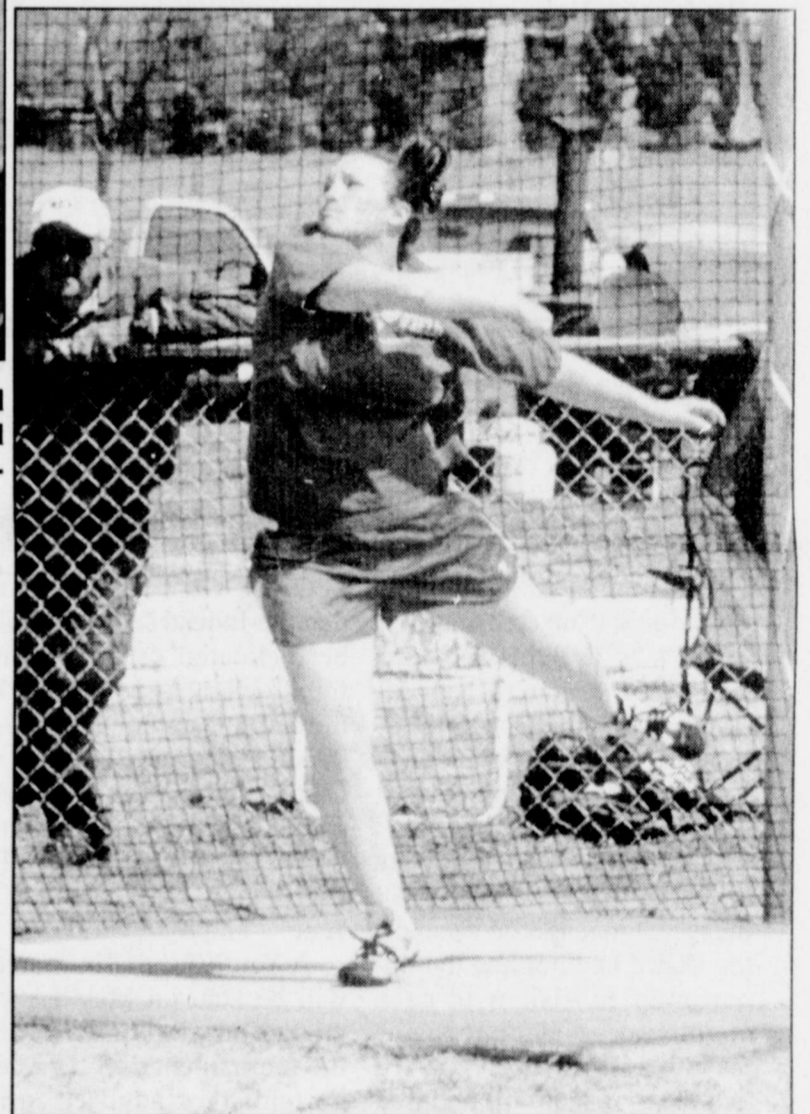
SENIOR CHRIS HOPPE receives a "few words of wisdom" from Coach Chuck Lipsey during district shot put competition. Hoppe advances to regionals in the discus, but threw shot for the Blizzards for the last time at district in Jim Ned. He placed third behind teammate Rusty Jackson & Marcus Draper of Bangs.



"THE LADY BLIZZARD RELAY DADS" cut up for the camera after their daughters qualified for regional competition in both the 800 Meter and Mile Relays at Jim Ned last Friday. Larry Walker (far right) plants a congratulatory kiss on Johnny Pritchard who has the lone senior on the relay. Also enjoying the fun are dads (l-r) Lanny Bahlman and Randall Sneed.



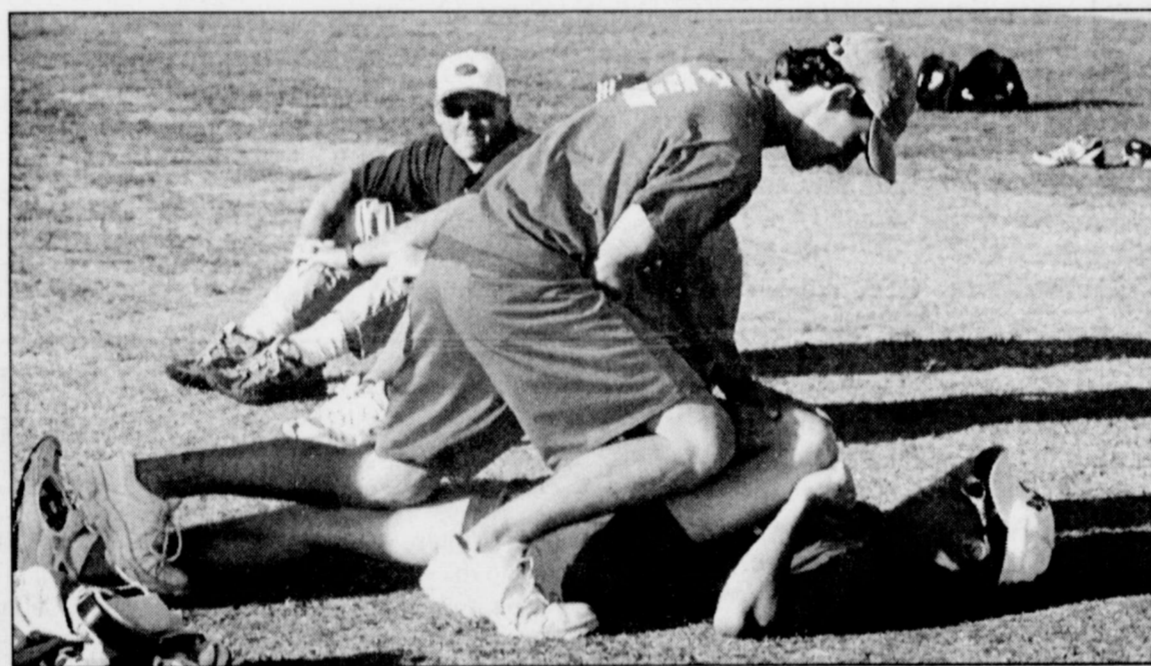
KATY WILKERSON runs a personal best 68.42 in the 400 M Dash and will serve as alternate for the Lady Blizzards at Regionals in Stephenville.



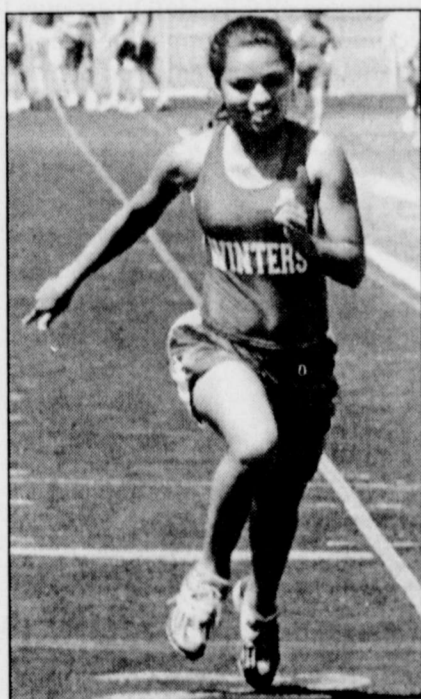
SOPHOMORE GESSICA BEAR will represent the Lady Blizzards at Stephenville in regional discus competition. Bear finished second in the District 9-2A Track Championships at Jim Ned last Friday morning.



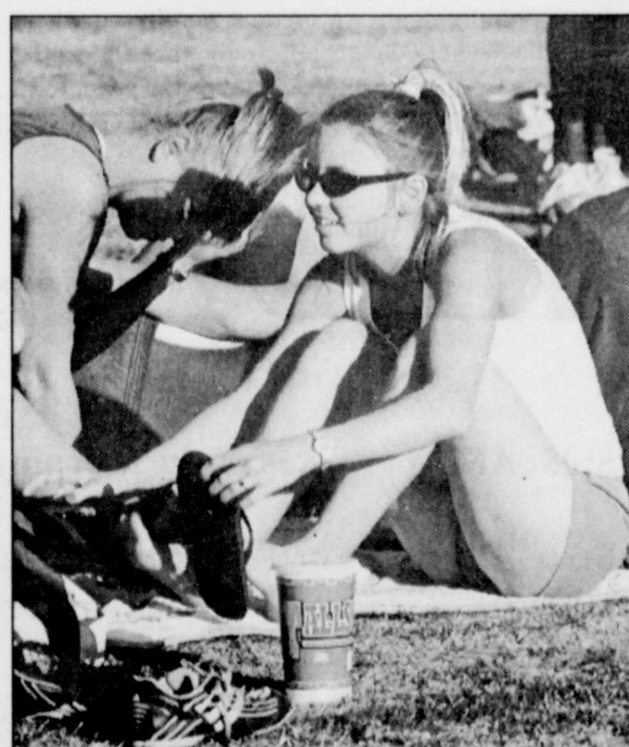
AMBER GREEN placed eighth in the discus for the Lady Blizzards.



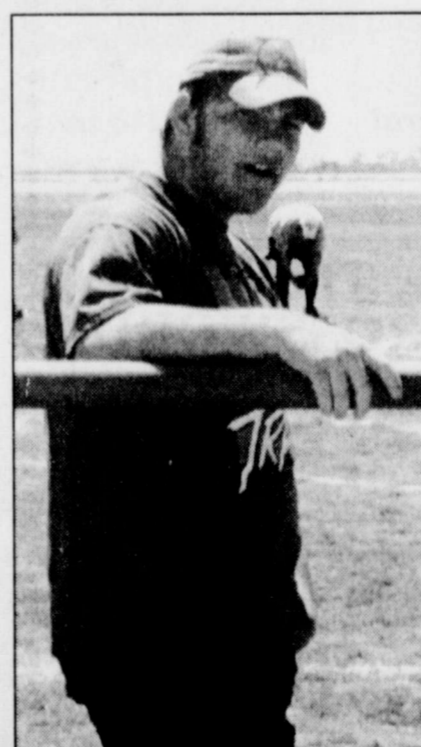
NO IT'S NOT A FIGHT TO THE FINISH, but a stretching exercise for Blizzard 400 Meter Dash runners Brian Pritchard (top) and Guy Slimp. Coach Houston Guy (back) supervises the warm-up drill.



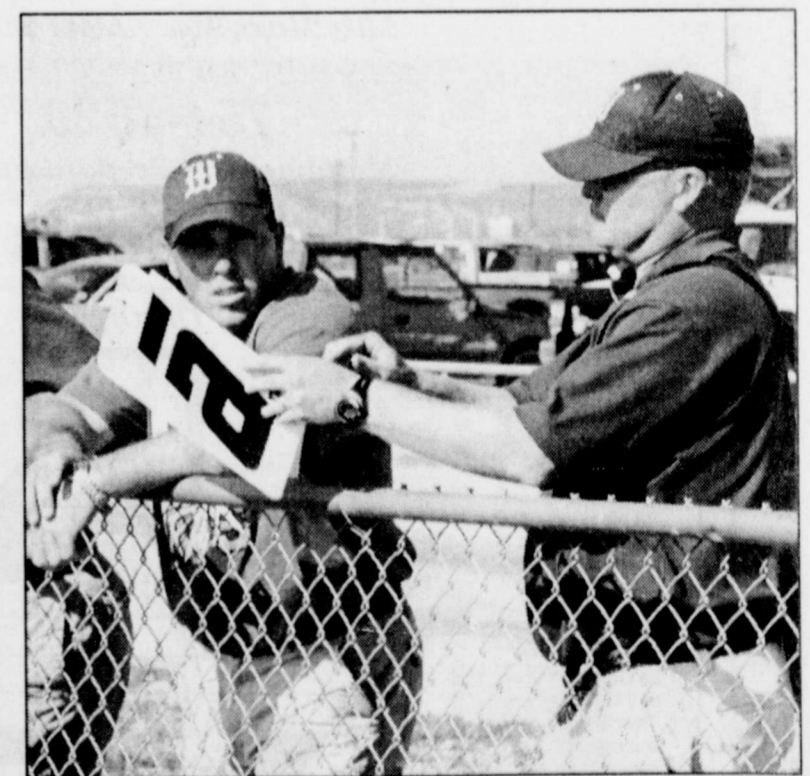
ASHLY SANTOYA competed in several events at the district track meet and will serve as an alternate for the Lady Blizzards in Stephenville.



SENIOR CASSONDRA JOHNSON competed in her final track meet for the Lady Blizzards, finishing fifth in pole vault after clearing 6' 6".



JERRY HORD wins the JV boys shot put competition with a throw that bested many of the varsity competitors, 44' 10 1/4".



COACH BRYAN GREEN (right) analyzes the varsity boys' discus competition with Blizzard student coach Ryan Wylander. Winters qualified with a first and second place finish from Rusty Jackson and Chris Hoppe.

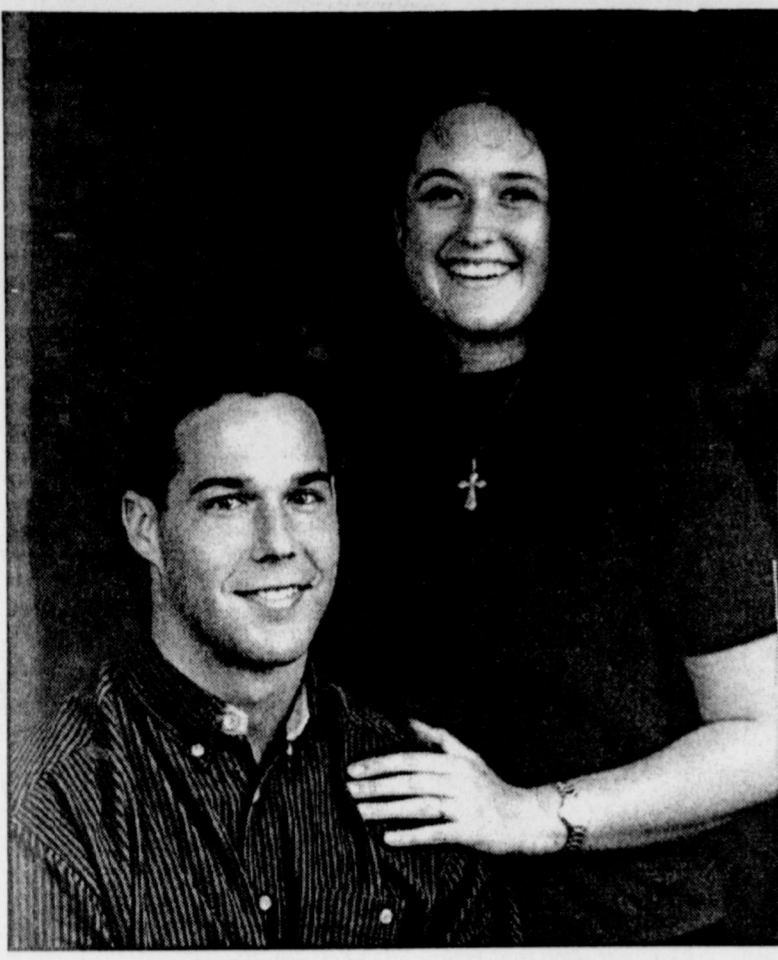
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Life

Grandson of Wingate woman supports Operation Enduring Freedom in Cuba

by Misty Trent, Journalist at the Navy Public Affairs Center, Norfolk, Virginia



Darren Workman & Devan Smith

Devan Smith and Darren Workman plan June wedding

Dan and Carey Smith of Osage Beach, Missouri, and David and Brenda Workman of Hatchel announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children, Devan Smith and Darren Workman.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Ballinger High School and attends Angelo State University. She is scheduled to graduate in December 2002.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Ballinger High School and is scheduled to graduate from Angelo State University in May 2002. He plans to attend graduate school at George Washington University in Virginia beginning in December 2002.

The couple plans a June 1, 2002, wedding at 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ballinger.

Within hours of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, U.S. Navy Sailors were gearing up for a variety of missions that would become *Operation Enduring Freedom*. Hospital corpsmen deployed to New York City on board the hospital ship "USNS Comfort" to provide support to emergency workers at the site of the World Trade Center. Sailors manned the flight decks of their aircraft carriers and took their cruisers, destroyers, and submarines to conduct and support combat missions in Afghanistan. Navy Seabees like Petty Officer 3rd Class Richard A. Schnitz are now deployed to the U.S. Naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, responsible for a variety of construction projects at Camp X-Ray, the al-Qaeda and Taliban detention facility. Schnitz, son of Elaine Gibbs of Paradise, Texas, and grandson of Leona Rich of Wingate, Texas, is a builder assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3, based out of Port Hueneme, California. Schnitz is one of almost 140 Seabees tasked with constructing 320 holding units, guard towers, buildings for supply personnel, and basic medical facilities, including an operating room, laboratory, and intensive care unit.

The Seabees, the Navy's

construction force, arrived in Cuba in early January. So far, 14 Seabees have been activated from the Naval Reserve to serve on projects at Camp X-Ray in Guantanamo Bay. Seabees specializing in steelwork, building, heavy equipment operation and maintenance, utilities, and engineering are on site.

"My current job with the Seabees is to help construct facilities for the detainees," explained Schnitz, 20. "It's an important part in the war against terrorism."

In addition to building facilities needed for the detainees, the Seabees are also working on quality-of-life improvements for the soldiers and Marines responsible for the security of Camp X-Ray, including floors and lighting for the living area and showers.

Working in direct support of *Operation Enduring Freedom* is especially meaningful for the Seabees in Guantanamo Bay. "I feel privileged to have been part of this evolution," said Schnitz, a 1999 graduate of Nixon-Smiley High School in Nixon, Texas.

Schnitz joined the Navy in August of 1999. "I joined the Navy for military experience, with my goal being to become a Texas State Trooper. I be-

came a Seabee because I was interested in construction work," said Schnitz.

Serving as Seabees in the Navy provides unique opportunities to these men and women. "So far my most interesting experience has been the project I'm working on right now, here at Camp X-Ray in Cuba."

Established in 1941, Navy Seabees have a combat history all their own. More than 325,000 Seabees served in World War II, building air-

strips, bridges, roads, hospitals, and housing. Seabees also undertake humanitarian projects around the globe, building schools, orphanages, and public utilities and providing disaster relief after hurricanes and earthquakes.

Serving in support of *Operation Enduring Freedom* in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Navy Seabees like Petty Officer 3rd Class Richard A. Schnitz embody the motto of the naval construction forces — "We build, we fight."



Navy photo courtesy of Benjamin Hammond
PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS RICHARD A. SCHNITZ proudly serves his country as a Navy Seabee in *Operation Enduring Freedom* in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Country Club News

by Hank Bourdo, President

Winters Country Club plans tournaments and fund-raiser

Pancake & sausage breakfast to be served April 20-21, 27-28

Over two dozen members attended the annual All Members Meeting held at the Winters Country Club on Thursday, April 11, 2002. Items discussed included the managerial vacancy, the industrial tournament, a youth tournament, a fund-raiser, and historical stock certificates.

Although three couples have been interviewed to fill the recent managerial vacancy, the Board had not had the opportunity to visit with each couple so no decision was made at this time. It is expected that the manager will be hired by May 15 so that he/she may be fully operational in time for

the annual Industrial Tournament.

Craig Gehrels suggested that the Industrial Tournament be dedicated each year to a family who has contributed to the club and community. Members unanimously voted to accept the idea and voted to dedicate this year's tournament in honor of the Dry family. The tournament will be held on June 7 and 8.

A Youth/Adult Tournament will be held on May 19. Details are not yet worked out, but the tournament will be an opportunity for adults to bring their children, grandchildren, or young friends for a day of

golf and food. Due to the strict rules governing amateur athletics, no money prizes can be given so we are still trying to iron out those details.

The club will be having a pancake and sausage breakfast on the last two Saturdays and Sundays of this month, April 20 & 21 and April 27 & 28. Pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea, and orange juice will be served from 8 to 11 a.m. each day at the cost of \$4.00 per person. After the breakfast on Saturday morning, we will have a workday for the house and clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to the breakfast and, of course, the workday.

It was mentioned that the

club is in possession of many stock certificates that had been issued back in 1926 when Winters Country Club was first started. These certificates represent some great history, and Ray Alderman and Craig Gehrels have taken it upon themselves to sort through these certificates and offer them for sale or auction to

families who might want a bit of this historical memorabilia.

Dr. Hassan thanked the Board and members for their continued work to help keep the course open as one of the recreational facilities in our city. He also donated monies to help with the restoration of the residence on the site.

Special thanks were given to

persons who have "gone the extra mile" in keeping the club in operation: Jerry and Beth Whitlow, Herman Baker, Jiggs Nichols, Bill Hall, Mel and Sharon Kennedy, Louis Delacruz, and Jane Bourdo. There are many more who have contributed time or money to help us through the "manager drought."

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- 8 explosive
- 9 TXism: "let the cat out of ___"
- 15 Houston refused to take Confederacy allegiance
- 16 TXism: "busier than ___ boomtown"
- 19 La Grange is seat of this county
- 21 TXism: "safe as a squirrel up ___"
- 22 mountain ranges
- 27 TX handyman Al Carrell helps ___-yourselfers
- 28 fish cleaner
- 29 actress Meryl in TX-made "Silkwood"
- 30 TXism: "beats a poke in the ___ a sharp stick"
- 32 TX Charley Pride's "Where ___ I Put Her Memory"
- 33 TX Bubble Puppy tune: "Hot Smoke and ___"
- 36 TX Vikki Carr's "Hombres"
- 37 ___ Fenix
- 38 took a siesta
- 39 George H. lips line: "No ___"
- 42 ___ in the hole"
- 43 real ___

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- 2 TX musician Stevie ___ Vaughan
- 3 TXism: "useless ___ nose to a pig"
- 4 TXism: "he was alive was only sick" (old)
- 8 TX basic skills exam (abbr.)
- 9 Las Colinas: "The First City of ___"
- 10 ex-Rocket star center (init.)
- 11 "Giant" Taylor (init.)
- 12 1st coaching job for ex-Spurs Tarkanian: Long ___
- 13 Claudia ___ Taylor Johnson (Lady Bird)
- 14 TX Ginger film: "Fifth Avenue"
- 15 TXism: "couldn't fight his way out ___ bag"
- 16 cowboy bolo (2 wds.)
- 17 heckler
- 18 Houston's ___ space industry
- 20 film of TX-born Robin Wright
- 22 Dallas singer Stills (init.)
- 23 22-down tune: "For ___ What ___ Worth"
- 24 Astro Wade Miller stat
- 25 make a finger sound again
- 26 water area in south TX
- 28 store for future use
- 31 TX Tanya's "Can Cowboy-Lovin' Night"
- 34 this Fess played Davy Crockett (init.)
- 35 Aransas Pass celebration: Shrimpo-___
- 37 precise
- 40 UCLA is Aikman's ___ mater
- 41 TX comedian/actor Martin (init.)
- 44 "want it so bad I can ___ it"
- 45 TXism: "skinny ___"
- 51 TX Tanya's ___
- 52 TX actor Rip (init.)

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Winters will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on May 3, 2002, at Winters City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Dr. Aref Hassan, City Manager, City of Winters, 310 South Main Street, Winters, Texas 79567. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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Outdoors

Pest Management News

by Richard Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-Entomology

GENERAL SITUATION—Moisture conditions have improved significantly across the area, and producers are much more optimistic than they were weeks ago.

Wheat fields have responded well to the improved moisture conditions but don't expect a big jump on yields. Much of the wheat plants had already determined number of seed per head prior to the improved moisture conditions. Much of the older wheat lost many of its tillers due to drought conditions. This will lower yields as well. Rains will certainly help mature the wheat out and increase the quality of seed. Temperatures the first week of March were cold with night temperatures below 25°F. Some of the ungrazed early planted wheat fields were injured. The cold nighttime temperatures on March 22 may have caused some additional injury.

Brown wheat mites have been found in northern Runnels County in several wheat fields, but producers should not get too alarmed. This species is most prevalent in dry weather and the population increases on wheat suffering from moisture deficiency. With the wet conditions and excellent growing conditions, mites should not increase significantly.

Leaf rust has not shown up yet but could with the current weather conditions. Spring infection can come anytime from mid-March to early May and can come either from spores produced on overwintering tissue or blown in from another area. Leaf rust develops first on

upper leaves from wind deposited spores. The optimum temperatures for sporulation and infections is approximately 70°F and infection can occur within four hours if leaves are wet. New pustules erupt within seven to ten days. Rust development is slowed drastically with cooler temperatures or a shorter leaf wetting period. At 60°F, a wetting period of 8-10 hours is necessary. Very wet conditions reduce spore dispersal. Wheat fields will continue to be monitored for leaf rust infection.

GRAIN SORGHUM—Grain sorghum planting is well underway and producers are encouraged to watch seeding rates closely.

Soil temperatures for grain sorghum should be 55°F at the 2" depth at 7:00 a.m. for several mornings in a row or 60°F at the 4" depth at 1:00 p.m. for several days in a row before planting begins. If you're planting at minimum soil temperatures, expect approximately 60% of the seed planted to come up to a stand. If you plant to a warm seed bed, expect 75-80% of the seed planted to come up to a stand. A plant stand of 30,000 to 40,000 plants per acre is ideal on dryland production. A warm seed bed will encourage rapid seedling growth.

When selecting a "hybrid" look at previous years yield performance. They should have the "stay green" characteristics. Usually the medium to medium late hybrids do best. Typically speaking: The longer the maturity, the higher the yield potential; the taller the plant, the higher the yield po-

tential. **COTTON**—A number of producers have indicated that they plan to plant early this year.

Remember that the minimum soil temperature for planting cotton is a 10-day average of 60°F at an 8" soil depth (take temperature at 8:00 a.m.). When soil temperatures are 65 to 70°F, the cottonseed germinates and emerges quicker which helps to reduce the amount of time emerging seedlings are exposed to soil diseases. If cotton is planted at the minimum soil temperature and then watered, you will probably have a reduction in the final plant stand and health of the crop.

SCOUTING PROGRAM INFORMATION—The Runnels/Tom Green IPM pest management program will operate as a twofold scouting program.

One program will be the survey-type program that began in 2001. The second program will be an intensive scouting program. Under the program, acres will be scouted twice a week. Producers that sign up for the intensive scouting program will receive a detailed report for each field outlining the current pest situation and crop growth stage. The fee for this program will be \$10 per acre.

Local gins will have sign-up sheets (through May 10) so stop by and sign-up if you are interested in the scouting program.

Scouting will begin when cotton is up and will continue through August. If you have any questions or comments, please call 365-5212.



"COWGIRL UP!" is what dad tells 5-year-old Jaymee Pritchard as she tries her hand at Mutton Bustin' in the Summerville County PRCA Rodeo in March. Jaymee held on for dear life and was awarded 87 points for her ride. She was named overall champion among 24 competitors and received a belt buckle for her efforts. Jaymee is the daughter of Steve (pictured) and Penny Pritchard.

Flutter Farm Butterflies receives notice that twenty of its tagged Monarchs have been recovered

Doddie Drake of Flutter Farm Butterflies is excited to report that 20 of the 1,000 butterflies tagged during her Monarch Watch program which began in September 2001 were recovered.

The Monarchs were found in El Rosario, Mexico, and Sierra, Chinua, approximately 850 miles from Winters to the overwintering sights. Migration through this area to the overwintering sights usually occurs from September 1 through mid-October.

The University of Kansas initiated the Monarch Watch program to further knowledge about Monarch butterflies and help promote Monarch conservation.

According to Doddie, some

of the financially deprived locals who live in foreign cities through which the Monarchs migrate cut down the trees to sell for money to provide food for their families. These trees serve as habitats for the butterflies. The university offers a fee to residents of these cities for not cutting down the trees; therefore, allowing the Monarchs a place to live while at the same time providing funds for the needy families. In turn, this helps to allow detailed research to be conducted on the travel patterns and life of the Monarchs.

Mrs. Drake is already looking forward to the time this year when she and several recruits will again be tagging the Monarchs for tracking.

Conservation News & Notes

Seminar set May 9

Focus on pond management

The Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District and the Runnels County Extension Service will sponsor a pond management seminar on Thursday, May 9, at 9:00 a.m. at the Ballinger Community Center.

Scheduled to speak are Steve Nelle, NRCS biologist from San Angelo, and Harrell Arms, owner of Arms Bait Company and Fish Farm of Dublin.

Anyone wishing to order fish to stock or restock ponds will be able to order fish from the Runnels SWCD at this time. Delivery date will be June 12.

A noon lunch of fried catfish will be served for a cost of \$5 per plate. Please RSVP for lunch by May 1 by calling the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation Office at 365-3415, ext. 3, or the Extension Office at 365-2219.

Workday May 4 at Counts Cemetery

The annual Counts Cemetery workday will be Saturday, May 4. Gathering will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served. Please bring a covered dish.

Everyone with family buried at Counts or anyone interested in plots is invited to help with the upkeep through service or donations. Donations should be mailed to: Rex Miller; 1710 PR 1811; Novice, TX 79538.

The cemetery is located 9 miles south of Lawn on County Road 181 off of FM 382.

Contact Buddy Miller, 754-5401; Billy Richey, 583-2368; or Carolyn Miller Gully, 583-2545, for more information.

Commissioners working on new MHMR office to be remodeled in Winters

County Commissioners met for only forty minutes in their regular meeting on Monday, April 8th.

Although there were eleven items on the agenda, most were routine and were not discussed at length.

A motion was approved to rent month to month the present location for MHMR at 106 North Main in Winters. The lease had expired with the property owners and the renovation

of the old Winters Post Office building will not be finished until possibly May.

The County was given the post office building and is having to remodel the building for MHMR's use and Runnels County will not have to pay rent.

The Commissioners approved an Administrative Match Agreement with West Central Council of Governments in the amount of

\$3,693.28. This money is used to help support senior citizen activities.

In routine business, the Auditor's and Treasurer's report was approved.

Fraud Policy and Procedures for the County Indigent Health Care Program were also approved by the Commissioners.

The County Commissioners also met on Tuesday, April 9.

Bids for asphalt and topping rock were opened. Kock Asphalt from Brownwood won the bid for asphalt. Sanco from Robert Lee was awarded the contract for topping rock.

County Auditor, Darlene Smith was granted her request for a computer printer to replace an old printer.

Commissioners present for the meeting were Skipper Wheelless, Thurman Self, Ricky Strube, Keith Collom, and County Judge Marilyn Egan.

In a previous meeting the Commissioners lifted the burn ban for Runnels County.


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COW POKES

By Ace Reid

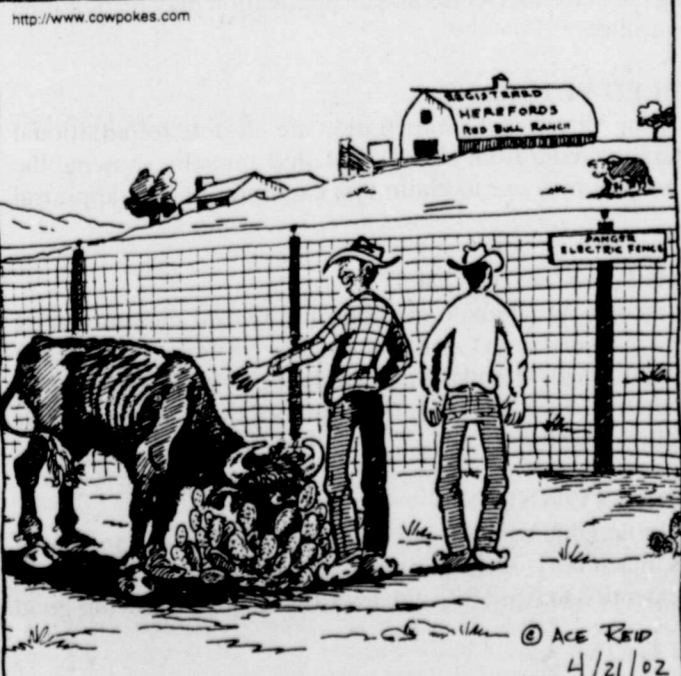
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Law & Order

Resolution

To establish our city as a CITY OF CHARACTER

Whereas, the people of our city recognize the importance of honorable character qualities upon the moral standards held by our Founding Father on which they established our nation and legal system; and
Whereas, we recognize the validity of the statement of Alexis de Tocqueville that "America is great because she is good. When America ceases to be good, she will cease to be great," and
Whereas, we desire to build upon our heritage and make our city a place where families are strong, homes, and streets are safe, education is effective, business is productive, neighbors care about one another, and citizens are free to make wise choices for their lives and families; and
Whereas, we recognize that individuals are responsible for their actions and that daily decisions should be based upon objective moral standards which are the basis of universally-recognized character qualities, including obedience, honesty, truthfulness, diligence, kindness, loyalty, and courage; and
Whereas, lack of commitment and irresponsibility have resulted in an increasing number of family problems causing personal, social, and financial consequences to individual family members and to this city as a whole; and
Whereas, there is a need for the positive role models among our young people to help prevent juvenile rebellion and delinquency; and
Whereas, if people fail to demonstrate positive character qualities and make wrong moral choices, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens are endangered, resulting in a financial burden upon the taxpayers for the cost of law enforcement; and
Whereas, many current societal problems will be alleviated when the citizens of this city live by positive and constructive character qualities which distinguish between right and wrong; and
Whereas, teaching positive character qualities to juvenile delinquents has been shown to produce a change in behavior, reducing recidivism rates; and
Whereas, our schools should be a safe atmosphere where character is exemplified, taught, and strengthened, and where learning is encouraged; and
Whereas, encouraging employees by recognizing positive character qualities has resulted in an increase in workplace morale, employee safety, and corporate profits; and
Whereas, the emphasis of positive character qualities in every sector of society can occur as individuals commit themselves to exemplifying character in their personal lives and inspiring others to do the same;
Therefore, be it resolved that the people of this city pledge our commitment and to do all in our power to become known as a City of Character by promoting character in our schools, businesses, homes, churches, city government, media and community groups, and we urge the leaders of each of these jurisdictions do likewise.
 Adopted by the City Council this 28th day of January, 2002.

Dawson McGuffin, Mayor
 Cref Hasson, Ph.D., City Secretary

Legal Notices

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 The CNN/Sports Illustrated Network will discontinue operations effective May 15, 2002. For inquiries about this or any other cable related issues please feel free to contact your local Cox Communications office. (13-16 1tc)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

BEX, INC., 7128 Charlotte Pike, Nashville, Tennessee 37209 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Home Creek Sand Formation, Karen Hancock Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 1 1/2 miles N.E. of Wilmeth, Texas in the Dorman, West (Goen) Field in Runnels County. The wastewater will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3810 to 3820 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967 Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6790). (13-16 1tc)

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Police Beat

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

- Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, April 7, 2002, through April 13, 2002. Winters Police Officers:
 - received report of a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of E. Pierce Street. A 40-year-old Winters female reported arguing with a 37-year-old Winters male. Both subjects were deemed intoxicated and since no evidence of an assault was found a separation was made for the night. There were no further calls involving the two subjects.
 - stopped a 1982 Ford pickup on N. Frisco Street for a mechanical violation. After contacting the driver an illegal knife was observed inside the pickup. The knife was confiscated and the driver, Olen Potts, Jr. of Winters was arrested for Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon and taken to Runnels County Jail.
 - received report of a suspicious powdery substance in the 800 block of S. Main Street. A 32-year-old Winters female reported finding the substance coating a bathroom countertop after observing several subjects acting strangely. The subjects had left the business prior to officers arrival. The suspicious powder field tested positive for cocaine. The remaining powder was taken into evidence and a description of the subjects and their vehicle was broadcast over the region.
 - stopped a 1994 Mazda passenger car in the 200 block of N. Cryer for a traffic violation. After contacting the driver officers were notified of an outstanding warrant out of Ballinger Municipal Court totaling \$175.00. The driver, Chris Aguerro of Winters, was arrested and taken to Runnels County Jail.
 - received report of vandalism in the 600 block of N. Heights. A 17-year-old Winters male reported that between the hours of 01:00pm to 05:00pm Tuesday, unknown person(s) scratched a profane word into the paint of his vehicle. This is under investigation as Criminal Mischief.
 - received report of a burglary in the 200 block of N. Cryer Street. A 30-year-old Winters female reported that during the month of November 2001 she began noticing items of jewelry were missing from her vehicle. The victim female determined that the items were not misplaced, but stolen, so a report was made. This is under investigation as Burglary of a Motor Vehicle.
 - received report of Disorderly Conduct occurring at the intersection of Main and Dale and at the Winters Elementary School. A 16-year-old Winters female alleged that a 17-year-old Winters female had been threatening and profane to her in several public places and despite trying to ignore the suspect female the alleged confrontations are escalating. The victim female has referred charges for Disorderly Conduct (Profane Language) to the Winters Municipal Court.
 - stopped a 1997 Ford passenger car on Enterprise Street for a traffic violation. A license check of the driver revealed an outstanding warrant out of Taylor County. Eva Gonzales of Winters was arrested and taken to Runnels County Jail.
 - received report of loud music in the 800 block of S. Main Street. Officers located the source of the complaint and contacted several subjects who were found in possession of alcoholic beverages and were also underage. Citations for Minor in Possession of Alcohol were issued to two 19-year-old males of Brownwood and one 17-year-old female of Brownwood.

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Christene Ann Walker, driving while intoxicated, case dismissed, defendant completed first offender intervention program
 Esperansa M. Balderas vs. Dave L. Balderas, protection order granted until April 8, 2003
 Daniel Arceola Sandoval, assault, pleaded nolo contendere,

sentenced to 180 days in county jail and assessed \$236 court costs
Criminal Cases Filed
April 4
 Aubrey Lybarger Walker, filed for criminal trespass
Civil Cases Filed
April 10
 Ballinger National Bank vs. Rudy Amaro and Linda Amaro, suit on note

District Court Divorce Cases Filed

April 9
 Esperansa Balderas vs. Dave L. Balderas
April 11
 Gail K. Williams vs. Dwayne Williams

Civil Cases Filed

April 9
 Ballinger National Bank vs. Michael R. Camelia and Pamela Camelia, account
 In re: order for foreclosure concerning Michael R. Camelia and Pamela A. Camelia and 309 10th Street, Ballinger, Texas, 76821 and CitifinancialMortgage Company, Inc., home equity foreclosure

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

To the public and Eva Gibson, Pursuant to Section 59.044 of the Texas Property Code, notice is hereby given of public sale of the contents of Boxes 24 & 42 of the storage facility located at the northeast corner of North Main and Novice Road in Winters, TX. The storages are held in the names

of Eva Gibson, respectively, and the contents will be sold to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien. The sale will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. at the above named location no sooner than April 26, 2002. All items will be sold for cash. 13-15(2tc)

Quarterly sales increase 7.2%

As reported March 18, 2002, by the office of State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander, gross sales for Runnels County increased 7.2 percent for the third quarter of 2001 as compared to the same reporting period in 2000.

Sales for the third quarter of 2001 totaled \$49,741,047 as compared to \$46,419,023 for the same period in 2000.

Use tax purchases include \$76,414 while \$13,226,186 is subject to state sales and use tax.

For the third quarter, there were 283 reporting outlets in Runnels County in 2001 and 291 in 2000.

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NOTICE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE CLOSING

Effective Thursday, April 25, 2002, The Texas Department of Human Services Office in Winters will be permanently closed.

Case records for Winters and Coke County clients Will be transferred to the Ballinger office located At 614 Strong Ave., Ballinger, TX, 76821.

Residents in Winters and Coke County in need of Services should contact the TDHS in Ballinger

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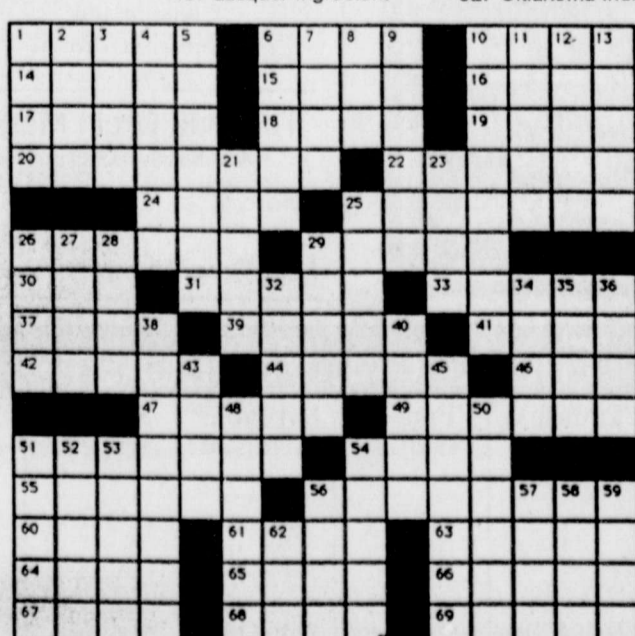
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DISABLED PERSONS

Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security.

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE

Persons who are over 65 years of age may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead. Over-65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district. Over-65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead. However, taxes continue to accrue during the deferral, along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from the appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

DISABLED VETERANS

Persons who have been declared disabled by the Veteran's Administration are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from the VA is mailed annually showing the percentage of disability. This is the letter that you may use to claim this exemption at the appraisal district.

FARM AND RANCH OWNERS

Farmers and Ranchers MAY be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by typical farm income for the area. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops or livestock or which are used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from the appraisal district. Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the chief appraiser.

BUSINESS OWNERS

Business owners are required by law to render tangible business personal property. This is an annual report of inventories, furniture, and fixtures, machinery, and equipment and other tangible property. Renditions are due by April 15, but may be extended to April 30, with a written request showing good cause.

APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS OR SPECIAL AG APPRAISALS, ALONG WITH THE BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY RENDITIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE:

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