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They fought a good fight...



...BUT ALDERMAN-CAVE FEEDS HAS "thrown in the towel" in their battle with the Texas Department of Transportation concerning the location of the time & temperature sign and flower beds in front of their offices on Main Street. Alderman-Cave has relented to the TxDOT demands to either move or remove the sign and is spending at least \$5,000 to relocate the Winters landmarks.

6th Annual Winters Summer Classic set for Saturday

The Winters Junior Livestock Show Association will host their annual Winters Summer Classic on Saturday at the WISD Show Complex north of Winters. All proceeds from the Summer Classic will benefit the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show.

The show will feature market goats, market lambs, heifers, and prospect steers. Judging this year's event will be Jeff Howard, Dean of Student Services at Texas State Technical College (TSTC) in Sweetwater. He is a former Ag. teacher and county extension agent.

Entry fees are \$15 for cattle and \$10 for sheep and goats.

Late entries will be accepted until 8:30 a.m. the day of the show and need to include an additional \$5 late fee which must be paid in cash only.

Barns will open Friday, August 2. Weight cards must be turned in from 7-8:30 a.m. Saturday. Generators and fans are welcomed.

A jackpot showmanship will begin at 9 a.m. Entry fee will be \$5 and may be paid as you enter the ring. Showmanship and show order are as follows: market goats, market lambs, heifers, and steers.

Belt buckles will be

awarded to the Grand Champion in each species, while Reserve Grand Champions will receive monogrammed duffle bags. Monogrammed caps will be awarded to all class winners.

Concessions will be available including fresh grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings, homemade ice cream, drinks, and other novelties. A hamburger meal deal will be offered.

This will be the first show of the season or many young exhibitors. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

Council accepts Community Center renovation bid

The City Council accepted the bid from Straight Line Construction in the amount of \$99,435.00 to upgrade the Winters Community Center.

This is the third time the Council has asked for bids on the Community Center renovation. After crossing all the "t's" and dotting the "i's", Straight Line hopes to start construction August 1, 2002.

The remodeling project will include new heating and cooling, a dropped ceiling with

fluorescent lighting, electrical improvements, new front and back doors, and new kitchen counters to comply with the American Disability Act (ADA). A vinyl curtain will also be installed to divide the center into two spaces.

Individuals and organizations who have the Community Center reserved can possibly still be able to use the center while it is under construction. Straight Line Construction has the reservation schedule and

will work with groups to allow them to use the center.

The near \$100,000 renovation is being paid by a \$20,000 grant and \$60,000 loan from the United States Department of Agriculture for Rural Development, and \$20,000 of in-kind work from the City.

The \$60,000 loan is for 25 years at an interest rate of 5%. The City says the loan payments will be paid by either a tax increase or increased fees
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Sales Tax Holiday set for August 2-4

No tax on clothing purchases for three days

Texas comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced that the annual Sales Tax Holiday is coming up Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, August 2-4.

"During the Sales Tax Holiday, shoppers save about \$8 for every \$100 they spend on qualifying clothing and footwear," says Rylander.

Examples of items that can be purchased tax-free August 2-4 include kids' clothes and school uniforms, adults' clothes and work uniforms, shoes, tennis shoes, slippers, sleepwear and underclothes for the entire family, as long as the items purchased are priced under \$100 each.

Items that cannot be purchased tax-free include handbags, wallets jewelry, accessories, athletic shoes and apparel that are not normally street wear, backpacks and school supplies.

No Texas community has opted out of the Sales Tax Holiday this year. To opt out, a city, county, or other local taxing entity must notify the Comptroller by March 31.

Rylander estimates Texans will save \$42 million in sales tax during the three-day Sales Tax Holiday, including \$33.2 million in state sales tax and \$8.8 million in local sales taxes.

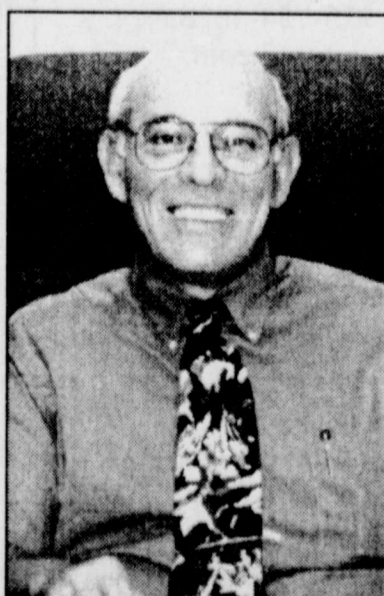
Rick Rickard new interim administrator at NRH

Rick Rickard has taken the helm as interim administrator of North Runnels Hospital (NRH).

Rickard, a native of Alabama, began his duties at NRH on July 1, when Larry Baggett returned to the Amarillo area to tend to family issues.

Rickard was brought to Winters through TORCH Management which has a contract with North Runnels Hospital. He began his career in the medical field in 1969 as a pharmacist working for the Owen Corporation of Houston. Owen sent Rickard to work "all over the United States," he says. One stint included working in Cisco. He says he liked the area and wanted to stay.

He then worked as a Medicare surveyor with the Texas Department of Health and has even surveyed North Runnels



Hospital in the past.

He has most recently worked as administrator of Mitchell County Hospital for the past five years, under contract with TORCH.

As far as his time with North Runnels, he says, "I'll be here

until the board (at NRH) tells me to go."

Rickard says the hospital directors will eventually address the need for a full-time administrator, and whether or not that will be him, Rickard doesn't know at this time.

He and his wife Marsha, a nursing home administrator in Lorraine, are parents of six grown children and have thirteen grandchildren. He says he and his wife won't be moving to Winters any time soon due to the ill health of Marsha's mother.

"I have some big shoes to fill following Larry (Baggett)," says Rickard. "But I'm excited to be here. I've never seen a community give so much support to their hospital as I've seen here. Your community really deserves a pat on the back."



THIS 1998 PETERBILT owned by Stiles Truck Line, Inc. of Pasadena was traveling south on Highway 83 just five miles north of Winters when it blew a right front tire last Friday evening about 8 p.m. As a result of the blowout, the cab of the semi caught fire and was completely destroyed. The driver, William Walker, 62, of Pasadena, was not injured in the blaze which was extinguished by the Winters Volunteer Fire Department.

August Trades Day in Winters this Saturday

The Second Annual August Trades Day in Winters, will be held Saturday, August 3, 2002. Activities begin at 7:30 a.m.

Sponsored by the Winters Ministerial Alliance, the event hosts garage and sidewalk sales and concessions along West Dale Street and areas all over town. Eighteen garage sales were listed as of press time on Tuesday. For a complete listing of garage sales and their location see page 3.

Winters School Board considers tax increase

In a July 29th called meeting of the Winters Independent School Board, the trustees reviewed the 2002-2003 budget.

The \$6,107,481 proposed budget is approximately \$113,000 less than the previous year. "Besides cuts in supplies and equipment, we have cut nine staff positions to reach this budget" says WISD Superintendent Danny Clack. The

nine positions include teachers and aides.

Business Manager Jimmy Butler stated, "The loss of students has created a deficit in the 2001-2002 budget year." Next year's budget was created with 685 as the average daily attendance (ADA) figure for the coming school year.

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Opinion

Oil Bidness

by Reg Boles ©2002



This time, we continue our discussion of the newest Railroad Commission (RRC) rules designed to insure financial responsibility for plugging wells in Texas.

Last time, we led up to a point where there was an identified need to compel operators to pay the costs of plugging and abandoning their own wells. The first attempt to do so in the late 1980s has proven less than totally effective, and there are new rules, put into effect earlier this summer, to strengthen the requirements of operators.

And, that brings us right back to the rules themselves.

The newest requirements for financial responsibility are found in the Texas Administrative Code under authority of the Congress of Texas, Rule 3.78. Therein are the filing costs for drilling permits, fees for filing late, company registration fees, and other financial obligations of oil and gas operators in Texas.

Remember, I am no lawyer, so review the rules yourself and/or consult with legal experts in the event you are in need of compliance with these rules. This discussion is meant for general discourse only and is not intended to be an expert review. Now, back to the show...

The concept has not changed. The idea is that anyone who drills a well must show the capability to financially pay for plugging of that well. What has changed from the 1980-vintage rules are the specifics.

The new rules establish that every operator must show "financial security." The options for showing that financial security include: an individual performance bond, a blanket performance bond, a fixed fee, a letter of credit, or a cash deposit.

The amounts of the bonds, fees, letters of credit, or cash deposits are set based on some rigid standards. Bonds, letters of credit, and cash deposits are based on the same standard, while fees are collected on an

exception basis under prescribed circumstances only.

An operator who chooses to file an individual bond (an instrument tied to specific assets) must submit a bonded amount equal to \$2 per foot of every well drilled (offshore wells are more). An operator who prefers the blanket bond (a single bond instrument that covers an operator up to a certain amount however incurred) is based on the number of wells operated. The minimum is \$25,000 for ten or fewer wells up to \$250,000 for 100 or more wells.

If the operator prefers a cash deposit or letter of credit (in lieu of a bond), the same amounts apply and are designated by the operator as individual or blanket deposits. Cash deposits are refundable once an operator plugs all of their wells and ceases operations.

There are options to pay a set fee each year that is non-refundable. One fixed fee choice is the equivalent of 12.5% of the face value of a performance bond in the amount described above. An exception fee choice is one that has to be granted to the operator. This exception fee is only \$1,000, but the operator must show that he/she cannot obtain a bond for a "reasonable" (bond fee of less than 12-percent of face value) price.

All of the financial security rules are footnoted to say that they do not relieve the operator from the requirement to plug wells safely. The idea is for the operator to do their job in any event, with the bond or cash deposit only being used in the rare situations where the operator is no longer a viable entity able to fulfill its responsibilities.

Next time, we discuss the issues between the sides in the controversy surrounding these new rules.

Stick with me, again...

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

None This Week



BEAUTIFUL PLATE HIBISCUS, which really are the size of a dinner plate, were in full bloom, thanks to the green thumb and tender care of Mona Derington at 301 Roselane. Although she has become legally blind, Mrs. Derington says she still loves to "dig in the dirt" and has a beautiful assortment of plants and flowers adorning her front and back lawns.

CITY COUNCIL, cont'd

from the use of the Center.

Of the other seventeen items on the agenda, the Council only acted on five. Two council members and the Mayor were absent from the meeting.

The Council set Monday, August 26, at 5:30 p.m. for the next budget workshop in hopes of finalizing the budget and tax rate.

The Runnels County Commissioners Court asked for the same amount as last year for

providing dispatch service to the City of Winters. The amount of \$20,374.00 was approved by the Council.

The Council also approved the paying of bills and the minutes of the last meeting.

Mike Meyer, Hank Bourdo, and Jimmy Butler were present for the meeting and Tommy Russell, Steve Esquivel, and Mayor Dawson McGuffin were not present for the July 29, 2002, meeting.

Obituaries

Kenneth Floyd Hamilton

LOMETA—Kenneth Floyd Hamilton, 63, passed away Friday, July 26, 2002.

He was born June 28, 1939, in San Angelo, Texas, to Clarence and Vera Hamilton.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Hamilton of Lometa; one step-daughter, Glenda Soto and husband Manuel of Liberty Hill; two step-sons, Bill Medart and wife Lois of Georgetown, and T.J. Medart and wife Sandra of Sugarland; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Nancy Moore and husband Jerry of Abilene; and two brothers, Darrell Hamilton and wife Bobby of Lubbock, and Richard Hamilton and wife Beth of Winters.

Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, July 28, at Dodson Funeral Home in Lampasas. Services were at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 29, at Dodson Funeral Home with T.J. Medart officiating. Burial was in Lometa City Cemetery, directed by Dodson Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Emphysema Association or the Lampasas AMVETS.

Iris C. (Brice) Johnson

ABERNATHY—Iris C. Brice Johnson, 80, died Thursday, July 18, 2002.

She was born January 22, 1922, in Oklahoma. She married James Dixon "Bud" Brice on May 19, 1939, in New Mexico. He preceded her in death in 1970, and she then married Dan Johnson on October 25, 1973, in Portales, New Mexico. She moved from Wingate to Hale Center in 1953 and to Abernathy in 1956.

Mrs. Johnson was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was also preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Betty Cox.

Survivors include her husband, Dan Johnson of Abernathy; one son, J.D. Brice of Ennis; five daughters, Lera Mae Dewe of Brady, Leslie Fielding of Abernathy, Naomia Lee Lewis of San Diego, California, Linda Olsen of Sunsites, Arizona, and Chele Brewer of Willcox, Arizona; two sisters, Juanita Bryant of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, and Rose Faye Smith of Rosewell, New Mexico; eighteen grandchildren; and thirty-seven great-grandchildren.

Family visitation was from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Monday, July 22, at Abell Funeral Home in Abernathy. Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 22, at Abernathy Cemetery with David Bennett and Steve Gauntt officiating. Burial was directed by Abell Funeral Home.

Letter to the Editor

Reader asks about Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag

Dear Editor,

I'm proud to say I know the pledge to the U.S. flag, but I did not know the Texas flag had a Pledge of the Allegiance. Help my ignorance and print it when you can.

Thank you,
Dorothy Long
Winters, Texas

Editor's Note: Dorothy, thank you for inquiring. There is indeed a Pledge of Allegiance to the state flag of Texas: "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible."

Our children in the Winters Elementary School say the pledge to the Texas flag each morning after the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the state flag may be recited at all public and private meetings at which the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag is recited and at state historical events and celebrations. You recite the pledge to the state flag just as you would recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. Stand at attention facing the flag with your right hand over your heart with hats removed. The pledge to the state flag should be recited after the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag if both are recited.

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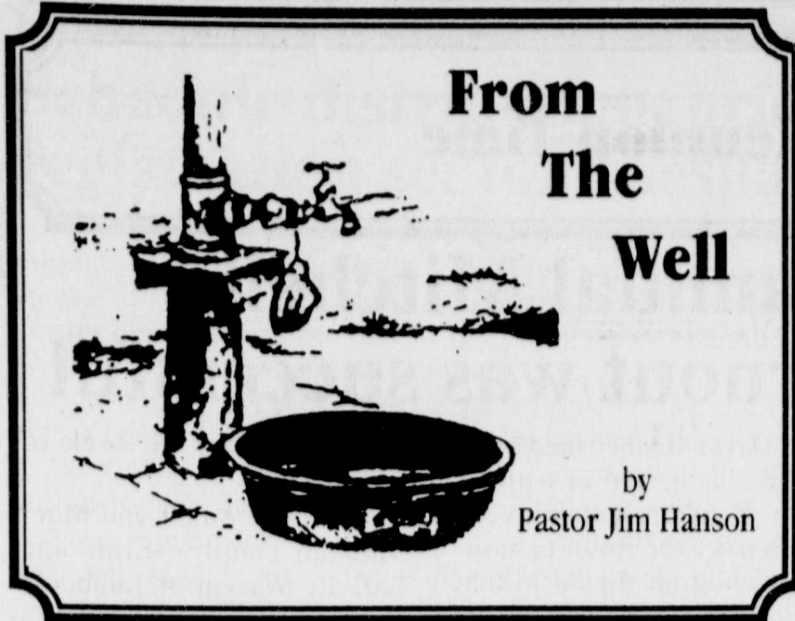
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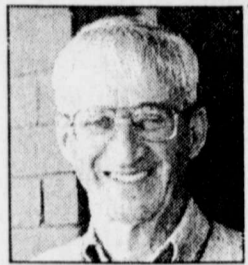
All Nachos \$1 Off

Community



From The Well

by Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

Last night Ramona and I watched Tom Brokaw on T.V. It was the program in which he revealed some of the shady and illegal activities of some of the C.E.O.s of some of our biggest corporations in our country. And how many loyal employ-

ees of those companies lost their jobs, and how many investors lost their retirement income. But, what really got both of us, was the fact that as the companies were going broke, the C.E.O.s were getting richer. Brokaw called it "How to Fail Higher."

We should have known it was coming. It was just a few years ago that I began to notice the big salaries the C.E.O.s were getting. But when I saw on the screen the acceleration these past few years I almost fell out of my chair. According to the table shown there, the average salary of the C.E.O.s compared to the average salary of those who work for them...500 times as much. No man or woman is worth that.

They really ought to be tried and sentenced to serve time in jail. And to pay a huge fine. And to use their ill-gotten gains to pay what their employees and stockholders truly deserve.

Way back when our son John was working as a counselor in a church camp just 50 miles north of Manhattan, we had an opportunity to go to the New York Stock Exchange and see the operation. While there, one of the persons showing us around made the comment, "The level of trust is so high around here that when one purchases some stock on the floor of the exchange, all that is needed to seal the deal is a handshake."

"Gone are those days," for sure. And it's too bad.

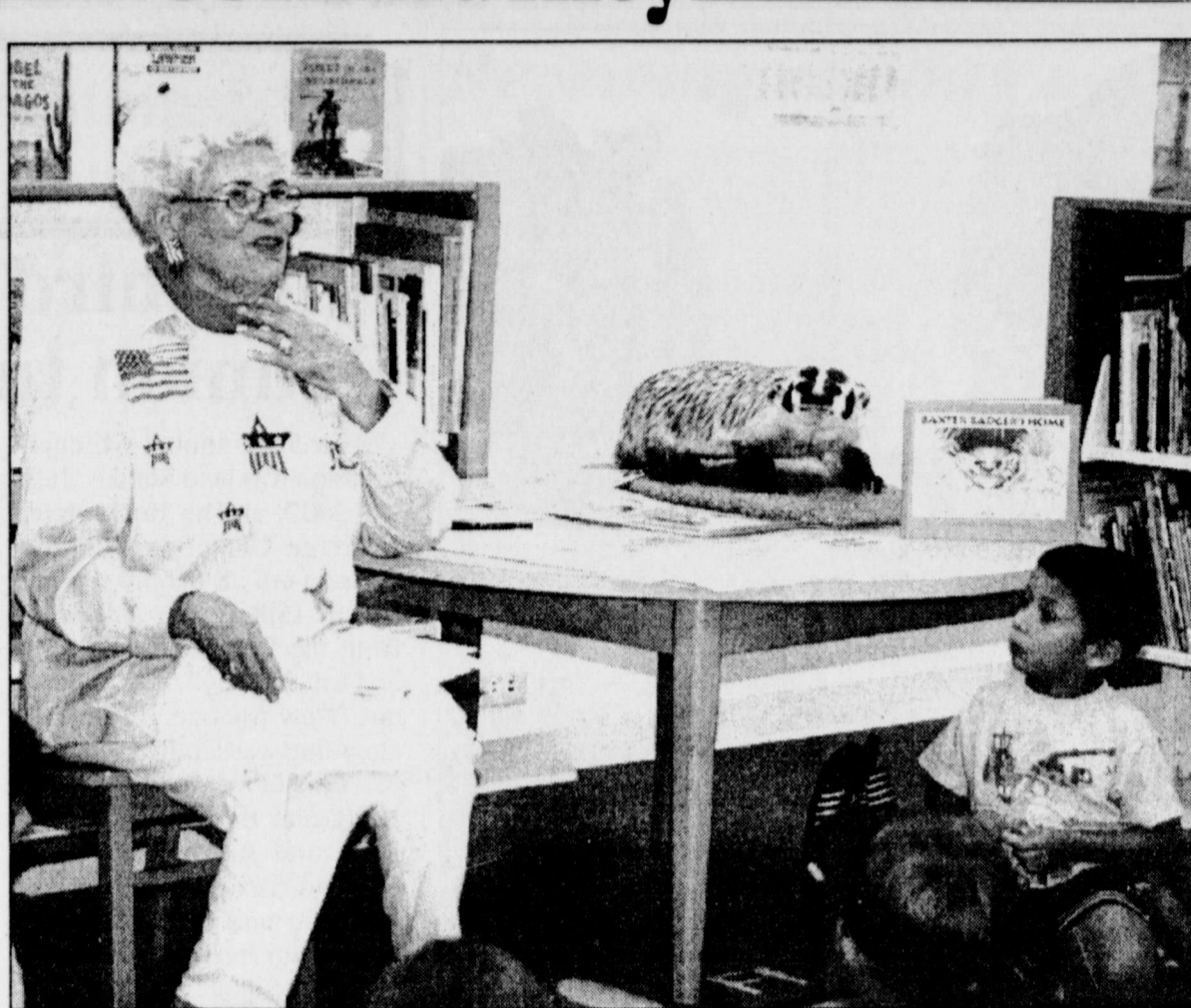
On the other hand, maybe it's time. Surely not to hurt the innocents. But to see what has happened to the market. And I'm not talking about the market as such, but how, in a subtle way, the market has become God. In the minds and actions of many people. They read the *Wall Street Journal* as if it were the Bible.

A few years ago, a theologian by the name of Harvey Cox wrote an article entitled "The Market as God." It was published in March of 1999. After the U.S. stock market's \$1.5 trillion "correction" momentarily shook belief in this new "faith." But not for long.

I'll not go into deep detail. But rather just share some of his comments and my reflections. One comment: God is omnipotent. That means He has the power to make something out of nothing. And to make nothing out of something. Cox applies this to the market in its ability to convert creation into commodities. "Things that have been held sacred transmute into interchangeable items for sale. Land is a good example. For millennia land has held several meanings...it has been Mother Earth, ancestral resting place, holy mountain, enchanted forest, sacred turf, and much more." But when The Market God gets involved, all these complex meanings of land melt into one: real estate. "At the right price no land is not for sale, and this includes everything from burial grounds to you-name-it. It takes the sacred out of the human relations to land; and "the same happens with water, air, space, and soon (it is predicted) heavenly bodies."

And, also, earthly bodies. Christianity and Judaism and also some other religions, including Muhammadanism, teach that the human body is made in the image of God. Now, however, the human body has been the latest sacred vessel to be converted into a commodity. The process began, fittingly enough, with blood. By now, or soon, all bodily organs—kidneys, skin, bone marrow, sperm, the heart itself—will be changed into purchasable items." (Remember this article was written three plus years ago.) You might add Ted William's body to the list if members of his family get their way. And, for sure, the whole business of human genes...for sale.

At the heart of the matter is the First Commandment of The Market: "There is never enough." And at the heart of all that matters is The First Commandment of God, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." And, "You cannot (not 'must not' or shouldn't) worship God and Mammon" as said by His Son.



CAPTIVATED BY THE STORY, Ricco Campos, 5, listens intently as Texas author Doris McClellan tells children how a rabid bobcat attacked her in 1995 while walking at her ranch near Colorado City. McClellan wrote a children's book about the attack, "Angel On My Shoulder" and was the featured guest speaker during the Summer Reading Program at the Winters Public Library on Tuesday, July 23.

Ministerial Alliance to sponsor cardboard recycling

The Winters Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a cardboard and newspaper recycling project from Saturday, August 3, through Saturday, August 10. The project will benefit Aldersgate Enrichment Center. A truck will be parked on the lot west of First United Methodist Church to take the materials.

Cardboard and newspaper can be brought to the truck anytime during the week. Please flatten all boxes and bundle all newspapers.

The Aldersgate Enrichment Center is located 3 miles east of Early and provides a not-for-profit sheltered workshop with vocational and residential programs for mildly to moderately challenged adults.

For information or to arrange pickup from businesses, please contact Maudella Reeves at the Winters Outreach Center, 365-1417.

In Appreciation

A note of thanks

Vacation Bible School was held at First Baptist Church, Winters, July 8-12 with 148 children enrolled and an average daily attendance of 119 children.

A huge "thank you" is in order for the some sixty who served as faculty and support personnel and to the many who furnished the refreshments and other supplies for the week.

A "special thanks" to Linda Mitchell and Cheryl Sneed who planned and coordinated the V.B.S., spending many, many hours in securing faculty, choosing curriculum, shopping for supplies, and addressing the

many other needs, to see that we would have the excellent Bible School we experienced.

We also thank *The Winters Enterprise* for the help with publicity and articles regarding V.B.S.

And, thanks to all the parents/grandparents and caregivers for seeing to it that the children were given this opportunity for spiritual growth.

Barry Taylor, Pastor;
Ken Williams, Music/
Education Minister;
Members of
First Baptist Church

Card of Thanks

For each and every act of kindness, thoughts, prayers, cards, visits, calls, good food, and the many, many beautiful flowers, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Love,
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Aug. 5 thru Aug. 9
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Monday, Aug. 5: Goulash, beets, fruit salad, cornbread, and blonde brownie.

Tuesday, Aug. 6: Chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, hot roll, and Mexican wedding cake.

Wednesday, Aug. 7: Spaghetti & meat sauce, green beans, tomato salad, garlic bread, and cherry dump-cake.

Thursday, Aug. 8: Ham, hominy, cabbage, cornbread, and kolaches.

Friday, Aug. 9: BBQ on bun, French fries, pickles & onions, and orange Jello salad.

90th birthday— Celebration planned for Vivian Foster

The children and grandchildren of Vivian Foster are hosting a celebration in honor of her 90th birthday.

The event is planned for Saturday, August 10, 2002, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Jones Fellowship Hall in the First Baptist Church of Winters.

The family asks that your attendance be your gift.

Country Club Corner

by Sharon Kennedy, Ladies Golf Association President

Tuesday Ladies Night, winning team: Jan Sims, Joy Bishop, Jane Bourdo, and Joan Hightower.

Closest to the Pin: Carry over.

Wednesday Mixed Scramble: Connie Mac Gibbs, Hank Bourdo, Jim Ventress, and Lynn Gentry.

Closest to the Pin: Rick Barrow.

August Trades Day in Winters



sponsored by the Winters Ministerial Alliance

Saturday, August 3, 2002

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| Burns | 240 Circle Drive |
| Cercy | 100 Mel |
| Conner | 240 West Dale |
| Emmert | 208 South Church |
| Green | 4601 FM 2647
(Take 153 E. 5 mi. then 1 mi. S) |
| Harrison | 510 Floyd |
| Hoppe | 303 N. Cryer |
| Jones | 304 Wood |
| Kruse | 211 Roberts |
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- Aug. 2-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Aug. 3-Cardboard Recycling Project Begins, Methodist Church
- Aug. 4-Attend the church of your choice!
- Aug. 5-Football and Band Practice Begins 9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Housing Authority 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7 p.m., Athletic Booster Club, Football Stadium
- Aug. 6-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 1 p.m., Secondary Schedule Distribution, Winters High School 5:30 p.m., Ladies Golf, Winters Country Club 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station 7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
- Aug. 7-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprise Office 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 3:30 p.m., Blizzard Kid Backers, Elementary Library 5:30 p.m., Mixed Scramble, Winters Country Club

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Life



MARLENE BROWN GARDNER displays some of her unique artwork made of layers of leather. While no two pieces are exactly alike, subtle faces can be seen in each piece. Gardner was featured on the *Texas Monthly* magazine website during the month of June.

Marlene Gardner: an artist of many faces

by Jean Boles, editor

"If I can touch someone's emotions, then I've accomplished my goal," says local artist Marlene Brown Gardner.

Using a variety of leather, feathers and other natural accents, Marlene designs what she calls "spiritual" pieces which were featured on the *Texas Monthly* website during the month of June, 2002.

This worldwide exposure came last March after her friend, Kay Whitfield of Winters, e-mailed the Texas-based magazine, telling of the artwork on display at the restaurant Marlene and her husband owned. Marlene received a call from the *Texas Monthly* office which sent a photographer from Austin who took pictures for the website.

Recently closing the restaurant has allowed Marlene more time to work on her art and hopefully get back into the

show circuit, in galleries and on the Web.

She says she's "dabbled" in arts and crafts for many years and while on a trip to the Epcot Center in Florida in 1987, was impressed with the works of a Canadian artist. The artwork was "out of my price range," she says, so she decided she'd try to make her own.

"What started out as something similar (to the Canadian artist's) evolved into my own creations," Marlene explains. She showed her work on the art circuit, traveling to places such as New Orleans, Los Angeles, Santa Fe, and Las Vegas.

She uses different kinds of leather — pig, cow or deer — depending on the price of the skin and the affect she wants.

The leather is purchased from a factory in Ft. Worth. Feathers are bought from a whole-

saler in California. She soaks the leather in a water solution, works and re-works the skin, then blow dries it in the form she designs.

"No two pieces are exactly alike," she adds. They vary in size, color and expression, but all have faces. The largest piece she's done has twelve faces.

"Whether you like it or not, it's different," Marlene says. "People tell me all the time that my art speaks to them, and that's what I'm hoping to do. I love working with my hands and creating."

Anyone wanting further information about Marlene's work may contact her at tmartene@camelot.com.

Marlene is a 1968 graduate of Winters High School and is the daughter of Pyburn and Virginia Brown.

Reunion Time

Fifty-third annual Mitchell Reunion turnout was successful

The 53rd annual Mitchell Reunion was held Sunday, July 14, 2002, at The Rock Hotel Heritage Center in Winters. There were 38 people present for the fajita meal. Attending from the farthest was Melvin and Lila Mitchell of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The oldest attending was Hollis Workman of Hatchel who was born in 1910, and the youngest were Ryan and Justin Mitchell of Garland, Texas.

David and Lydia Mitchell were married January 30, 1875, at Sugar Loaf, Coryell County, Texas. They now have over 400 descendants.

At the reunion, there were six grandchildren present: Audra L. Mitchell of Winters, Hollis Workman of Hatchel, Melvin Mitchell of Albuquerque, and Joline Wiley of Kenedy; and twelve great-grandchildren.

David Mitchell died in 1907 and was buried at Copperas Cove. Lydia later moved to Winters to be closer to most of her children. Lydia Mitchell died in 1946 and was buried at Winters. Their children were Howard, Luther, Laura, Walter, Arthur, Travis, Tom, Ruth Mosley, and Ruby Baker.

Family members who attended the Mitchell Family Reunion were:

From the Howard and May Mitchell Family—Melvin and Lila Mitchell of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Harvey and Jerene Hocker of Big Springs.

From the Luther and Lizzie Mitchell Family—Audra and Lila Mitchell, Mike and Linda Mitchell, Randall, Susan, Kevin and Dennis Conner, all of Winters; Garner and Elizabeth Young of Coleman; and

Bob and Marilyn Rock of Spring Branch.

From the Walter and Mary Mitchell Family—Ernie and LaDelle Watson of Lubbock; June Kiser of Littlefield; Lata Mitchell, Bobbie Butner, and Bobby and Shirley Grant, all of Levelland.

From the Arthur and Myrt Mitchell Family—Hollis Workman, David and Brenda Workman, and Shorty and Kay Workman, all of Ballinger; Aaron Workman and Darren and Devan Workman of San Angelo.

From the Travis and Ethel Mitchell Family—Wes and Nancy Mitchell of Lubbock and Greg, Hauna, Ryan, and Justin Mitchell of Garland.

From the Ruby and Joe Baker Family—Joline Wiley of Kenedy.

End-of-season meeting set for Thursday, Aug. 8

Winters Community Baseball

The Winters Community Baseball Association will hold an end-of-season meeting on Thursday, August 8 at the Catholic Church Fellowship Hall beginning at 6 p.m.

All interested individuals from the community as well as board members are encouraged to attend the meeting. Any input concerning the 2002 Little League and ASA seasons would be greatly appreciated by the officers and board of directors.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Winters I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 12, 2002, in the WISD Administration, 603 N. Heights, Winters, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.360	\$0.070	\$1.430	\$1,763	\$5,537
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.325	\$0.096	\$1.421	\$1,970	\$5,442
Proposed Rate	\$1.380	\$0.080	\$1.460	\$1,880	\$5,532

*The Interest and Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$30,000	\$30,000
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$15,000	\$15,000
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.430	\$1.460
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$214.50	\$219.00
Increase (Decrease) in Texas		\$4.50

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.557. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.557.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$837,408
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$135,977

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BKB meeting set for Aug. 7

The Blizzard Kid Backers will hold a meeting on Wednesday, August 7, 2002 at 3:30 p.m. in the Elementary Library.

Officers will be elected from May nominations and plans made for the start of school.

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1 TXism: "pill to swallow"

5 Valley medicinal plant

6 "Facts of Life" TX actress Welchel

7 actor Harris of TX-based "Alamo Bay"

8 network of "Austin City Limits"

9 this magazine has called Luby's "the best little hash house in Texas"

15 Brenham's Bell ice cream

16 inlet just north of the Yellow Sea

18 TX pests (2 wds.)

20 Robert Lee is seat of this county

21 TX "Boogie Kings" singer Jerry "Count Jackson"

26 TXism: "commits matrimony"

27 baker necessity? (2 wds.)

29 this Davis was a Union general and a governor

30 window shelters

32 Andrews named for this TX Revolution hero (init.)

33 TXism: "loose wood"

36 TXism: "takes a big to rope him"

37 ex-Gov. Richards

38 Crockett advice: "Be sure you're right, ___ ahead"

DOWN

1 country singer Ketchum

2 boxer Muhammad

3 in Falls Co. on 77

4 TXism: "he was around when the ___ sick" (old)

8 "Metro" (DFW)

9 official TX stone: wood

10 TXism: "got knocked down a peg ___ two"

11 memo's concerning

12 wall protection behind stove or countertop

13 black, dark

14 "For Pete's ___"

15 "Solidarity" link between TX & Nuevo Leon is called the "___ nowhere"

16 was a Palestine FM

17 one who desires

19 Goldthwaite's "Kid ___ Fiber Fair"

21 TX A.J. Foyt won at ___ Mans in '67

22 "in the year of our Lord" (abbr.)

23 country entertainer org. (abbr.)

24 TXism: "___ up some grub"

25 TXism: "ugly as a wart ___"

27 excited

28 "___ Don Meredith used car sign: 'We tote the ___'"

34 TXism: "___horse town"

35 TX Smith who won gold in vault with bamboo pole (init.)

37 TXism: "does ___ dog stink?" (yes)

40 eggs

42 "___ Bum" Phillips

43 instant stops for cars? (2 wds.)

49 this Taniguchi built the Oriental Garden in Austin's Zilker Park

50 TXns Houston or Rayburn

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

Football & Marching Band practice starts Monday— Schedule distribution, orientation & late registration set for Tuesday, August 6

Parents and students are reminded of a few important dates as the month of August begins—with school just around the corner. School starts for the Winters ISD on Monday, August 19.

Winters Secondary Schools will distribute class schedules and host orientations on Tuesday, August 6. Students may pick up their schedules in the front lobby of the high school according to the following schedule:

- Seniors 1 p.m.
- Juniors 1:30 p.m.
- Sophomores 2 p.m.
- Freshmen 2:30 p.m.
- 8th Graders 3 p.m.

Seventh grade orientation and schedule distribution will

be held at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. New student orientation will follow at 7 p.m., also in the WHS Auditorium.

Late registration for new students and non-registered pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students will also be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2002 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Elementary students and their parents should report to the elementary school office. Secondary students should report to the counselor's office in the high school.

Parents should come equipped with birth certificates, social security cards, current shot records, and records from previous schools.

High school football players are reminded that practice begins on Monday, August 5. Coach Chuck Lipsey says that all players should report to the fieldhouse to dress and be ready to take the practice field at 7:30 a.m. sharp. All freshmen and juniors must turn in a completed physical before practicing.

In addition, the WHS Marching Band will begin practice on Monday, August 5, according to the following schedule: 9 a.m.-noon-uniform & music check out and 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.-rehearsal inside band hall. This year's marching band will be comprised of students from the 8th through 12th grades.

Receiving reading awards—



JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS were presented reading awards last May by Winters Junior High Principal David Hale. Pictured are (front row, l-r) Ben Hord, Chris Medina, Jennifer Esquivel, Randy Jackson, (back row) Principal David Hale, Ashley Belk, Ashlee Sanders, Amanda Polk, Vickie Santoya, Miranda Lara, and Angelica Campos. The awards were presented to students who earned all of their accelerated reading points with a test average of at least 85. The Winters Woman's Club generously sponsored the awards.

SCHOOL BOARD, continued

School ended last May with an ADA of 700. WISD has been averaging 20 to 30 students less each year for the past four to five years.

A three cent proposed tax increase would earn the district about \$74,000. WISD is projected to lose between \$75,000 and \$100,00 for the 2001-2002 budget year. The tax increase would be used to maintain emergency funds for the district.

A budget and tax rate hear-

ing was set for Monday, August 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the school administration office.

The proposed tax rate is \$1.46 and further information about the tax increase may be found on page 4 in this week's paper.

In other business, Stephanie Turner and Tracy Gray were hired as special education teachers, while the resignation of Melissa Boyd was accepted by the Board. Boyd was a special education teacher.

Changes to the personal leave policy were approved by the Board and the meeting was adjourned.

Trustees present at the meeting were President Allen Andrae, Larry Walker, Jerry Sims, Manuel Vera, Sheila, Paschal, and Cheryl Bryan. Bob Prewit was absent.

Also attending was High School Principal David Hale and Elementary Principal Brilla Magee.

Organizations must reserve cafeteria through director

Any organization wishing to use the school cafeteria for fundraising events must contact Janet Cason, WISD cafeteria director, at 754-5574, Ext. 122. This includes all organizations hosting annual fundraising dinners held before home football games.

2002-2003 Winters ISD dress code for students

The following is the dress code for students in the Winters Independent School District for the 2002-03 school year as adapted by the WISD Board of Trustees. (The dress code published in the July 4, 2002 newspaper was not the Board approved code. The correct version for 2002-03 is as follows:)

We expect students to come to school in clothes that are clean and neat, and we expect students to exhibit basic cleanliness and grooming that will not be a health or safety threat to themselves or to other students or staff.

We respect students' desire to express themselves in their clothing and grooming style. However, we do not permit students to wear clothing with pictures, emblems, or writing that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene or violent; nor that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance that students are prohibited from having or using at school.

Also prohibited are any apparel that deals with death, suicide, or any type of killing.

Appropriate and modest

attire is required.

The following clothing items are **unacceptable**:

- No mini skirts, tight shorts, or "short" shorts
- Visible undergarments
- Tank tops with less than 2 inch wide straps.
- Muscle shirts, mesh tops, see-through tops, halter tops, and tops that expose female cleavage.
- Clothing that exposes bare midriffs.
- Bicycle riding shorts.
- Altered dress (i.e. slits in pants).
- Spaghetti straps unless over or under acceptable shirt.
- Exposed backs.
- Sagging or baggy pants or shorts (Pants and shorts are to be worn correctly at all times).
- Pajama pants.
- House shoes.
- Visible body piercing or clippings except in the ears of girls.
- Visible body piercing or clippings for boys.
- Permanent visible tattoos.
- Hat or caps are not allowed in the buildings during instructional hours. (They must be worn correctly while attending school sponsored functions.)
- Unconventional hairstyles, which, in the opinion of the

principal, cause distractions in class. A male student's hair must not extend below the bottom of the shirt collar.

• Apparel or accessories that denote gang-related association. (i.e. rags, bandanas, chains, spikes or studded items, or other alterations as identified by local law enforcement.)

• Beards and mustaches.

• Sideburns which extend beyond the bottom of the ear and are not the same width from top to bottom.

Student attire is subject to the discretion of the teacher and building principal. The principal and/or assistant principal have the final decisions about dress and grooming violations.

If a student comes to school with any appearance that violates the dress code, he/she may be placed in in-school suspension until he/she is in compliance. Administrators will make efforts to notify parents as soon as possible. In situations involving inappropriate attire, students may be asked to wear clean, school-owned clothing until proper attire is secured.

Extracurricular organizations may impose a more stringent dress code.

Booster Club kicks off year with planning meeting Aug. 5

The Blizzard Booster Club will hold an organizational meeting at Blizzard Field on Monday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. for all parents of all students participating in WISD sports. The purpose of this important meeting will be to elect officers and make plans for the upcoming season, including the ice cream supper on August 16 for "Meet the Blizzards" night.

Current president Phil Colburn reminds parents that the Booster Club is not just for parents of football players but for parents of any student involved in any athletics during the school year.

The Booster Club raises money to buy much needed equipment for athletes in all Winters school sports. The Club needs parents and other interested individuals to take an active part in supporting the Booster Club.



Physicals required before playing school sports

State law says Juniors must be re-examined

Winters ISD Athletic Director Chuck Lipsey reminds all 7th grade, freshman, and junior boys and girls who plan to participate in athletics that they must have a physical before participating in any sport.

A recently passed Texas law states that Junior students who plan to participate in sports be re-examined.

Physical forms and medical history forms can be picked up at the WISD Administration Office. Both completed forms must be turned in to Coach Lipsey or Coach Whittenburg before a student can practice or play any sport.

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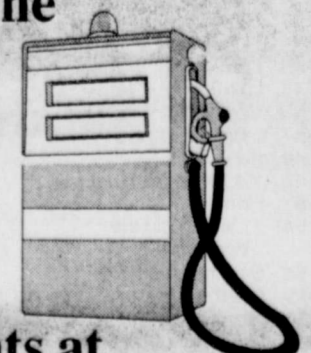
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Brandon Keith Sanders, Jr.

Alyssa Nicole Sanders, age 2, is excited to announce the birth of her baby brother.

Brandon Keith Sanders, Jr. was born Wednesday, July 17, 2002, at 11:49 a.m. at Abilene Regional Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. and was 19-1/2 inches long.

Parents are Brandon and Janet Sanders of Ballinger. Grandparents are Gary and Teresa Woodbury of Ballinger and Joe and Evelyn Rice of Winters.

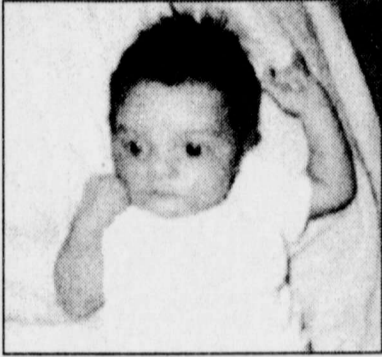
Great-grandparents are Santos and Dominga Uresti of Winters.

Zane Ryan Fernandez

Jimmy and Yolanda G. Fernandez of Winters are proud to announce the birth of their son.

Zane Ryan Fernandez was born Tuesday, July 2, 2002, at 2:17 p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. He weighed 7 lbs., 9.9 oz. and was 20-3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Thomas and Gloria Gonzales of Brownfield, Yolanda Fernandez of Winters and the late Joe Falcon Fernandez, and Pantaleon Jr. and Mary Rocha of Winters.



Abigail Shea Brewer

Michael and Heidi Brewer of Hereford announce the birth and adoption of their daughter.

Abigail Shea Brewer was born at 10:17 a.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2002, at University Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She weighed 5 lbs., 14 oz. and was 17 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mary Huffman of Edmond, Oklahoma, and the late Dwight Huffman. Paternal grandparents are Daw and Beverly Brewer of Sunray, Texas.

Paternal great-grandmother is Judy McGowen of Dumas, Texas.



MEMBERS OF THE WINTERS ELEMENTARY SELECT CHOIR AND ONE CHORD SHORT performed at the Coleman County Electric Cooperative annual meeting on Friday, July 19 in Ballinger. A portion of the musicians included (back, l-r) Kevin Cook, Roy McBeth, Trenton Grohman, Luke England, and Jerry Chambliss and (front) Shelby Walker, Sandy Esquivel, Julie England, Susan Sneed, and Cassie Mendoza. The group, blending vocals and guitars, presented several familiar and patriotic tunes to the delight of the crowd.

In Appreciation

CCEC thanks kids, adults for performance

The directors and staff of the Coleman County Electric Coop want to thank the students and directors from the Winters Elementary and Junior High Schools for a great program presented for the 64th Annual Membership Meeting held in Ballinger on July 19.

The cast members, directors, and assistants of the program, entitled "Summertime" included Kevin Bredemeyer, Celicia Jackson, Tad Martin, Julie England, Susan Sneed, Cassie Mendoza, Shelby Walker, Haleigh Edge, Sandy Esquivel, Addison Bergman, Camille Kruse, Luke England, Trenton Grohman, Roy McBeth, Kevin Cook, Aaron Cook, Fran Kidwell, Jerry Chambliss, Mandie England, and Dana Chambliss.

YMCA fall football registration now through Aug. 17

YMCA Youth Football registration is now underway for the Fall 2002 season.

Games will be played in San Angelo for seven consecutive Saturdays beginning in mid-September.

Three age divisions are set

for students entering the third/fourth grades, fifth grade, and sixth grade.

Registration forms are available from now until August 17 at Video Hut in Winters or by calling Jimmy Ripley at 754-4435 or 660-5729.

Those adults interested in coaching must submit an application, also available from Ripley. He says, "In order for YMCA football to be successful, we must have kids and coaches sign up who are committed to the program."

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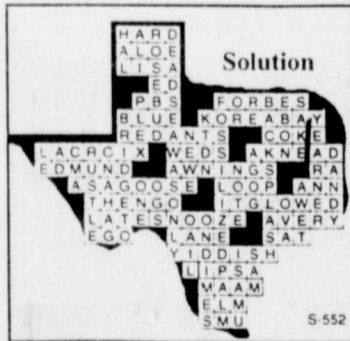
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26. Flavors
29. Draft board's letters
30. Della
34. American Indian
35. Distance around a track
36. Feel bitter about
37. DII doubled
38. Goes over again
40. Sound of support
41. Made a trumpetlike noise
43. Revolutionary leader, familiarly
44. Dam
45. Like Mount Everest
46. Common contraction
47. Less restrained
48. Is slanted
50. Y's keyboard neighbor
51. Horrifies
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58. Bench piece
59. Chief's home
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62. Opposite of bonkers
63. Speak
64. Verve
65. Peppers

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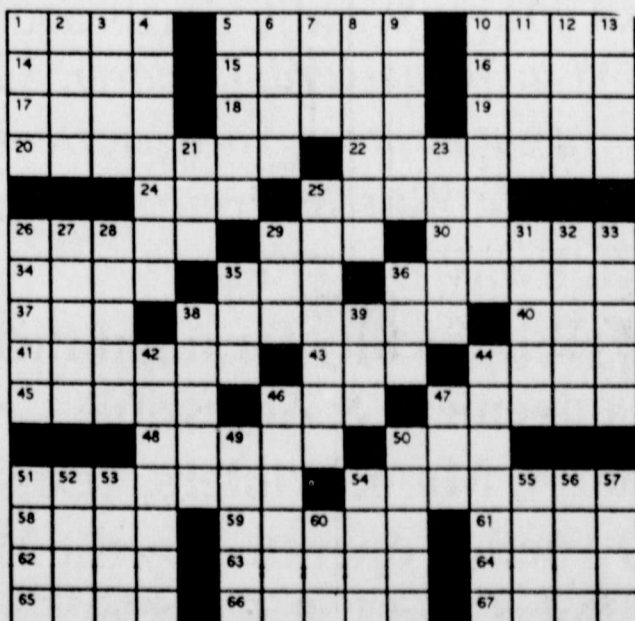
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7. Small piece of land
8. Isle
9. To the point
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11. Religious period
12. All at ___, suddenly
13. Consonants

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21. Refusals
23. Biblical weeds
25. Appearances
26. Graves
27. Inclined
28. Variable stars
29. Exhaust
31. See 20 Across
32. Reptile
33. Flammable liquid
35. Conducted
36. Path. abbr.
38. Fight off
39. Sighs of relief
42. Connects
44. Idealist

Put in

46. Put in
47. Fare
49. Voices
50. Kilmer's famous poem
51. South African fox
52. A Chorus Line, for one
53. Part of a window
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Outdoors

Runnels approved for emergency haying/grazing of CRP acreage

Dwaine Lange, Chairman of the Runnels County Farm Service Agency committee, has announced that Runnels County has been approved for emergency haying and grazing of acreage currently enrolled in FSA's Conservation Reserve Program. Lange stated, "Hopefully, this will help alleviate the devastating effect of the drought for some Runnels County livestock operations." Before haying or grazing may begin on CRP acreage, participants must:

- File a request for these activities on CRP acreage;
- Obtain a haying and grazing plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and
- Have their application approved by the County Committee.

Participants who request to hay CRP must also agree to:

- Leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous fields ungrazed for wildlife, or
- Leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous fields ungrazed.

CRP hay may now be sold, but the same CRP acreage may not be hayed and grazed. Haying is limited to one cutting. Uncut portions must be left in a contiguous block where possible. Any CRP acreage hayed or grazed is subject to a 25 percent per acre annual rental payment reduction. The 2002 annual rental payment scheduled to be made after October 1, 2002, will be reduced by the number of acres actually hayed or grazed in FY 2002, times the CRP annual rental payment, times 25 percent.

Counties contiguous to an approved county are not eligible for CRP haying or grazing and these activities will be confined to the acreage physically located within an approved county regardless of where the headquarters for the farm is located. Only livestock operations located within an approved county are eligible for emergency haying or grazing of CRP acreage. CRP participants with acreage in an approved county may lease haying and grazing privileges to any eligible livestock producer located within the ap-

proved county. CRP participants must notify the county FSA office of the producer's name, identify the acreage to be utilized and remain liable for all contract obligations.

Participants must notify the county FSA office when haying or grazing activities have been completed. The final date for reporting the number of acres hayed or grazed is September 3, 2002. If grazing or haying activities are completed earlier than August 31, 2002 deadline, producers must notify FSA within ten calendar days of discontinuing the approved activity. CRP payment reduction will continue to be calculated until FSA receives notification by the producer that haying or grazing has been completed.

Donating CRP Acres For Emergency Haying or Grazing—At No Penalty!

CRP participants may donate haying or grazing privileges to any livestock producer who does NOT have an interest in the donated acres. If a producer donates CRP acres for haying and grazing, there will be no penalty assessed or CRP payment reduction. CRP acres may be donated in those counties approved for emergency haying and grazing only! In response to recent drought and flooding across the state, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is maintaining a list of livestock producers seeking land to graze or hay. Contact TDA at (512)463-2631 for more information.

National And State Hay Locator Or Donator Services Available

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) is preparing to launch a national "Haynet" web site for producers in need of hay or for producers who have hay available. Please visit the site at <www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet> for more information.

Additionally, the Texas Department of Agriculture is maintaining a similar site for producers in Texas who have hay available for sale or pastures available for lease. For more information, log on to <www.agr.state.tx.us> or call directly to the haying and grazing hotline at 1-877-429-1998.



CHRISTOPHER GERHART, 6, the son of Joe and Theresa Gerhart, waits on the walkway at Elm Creek Reservoir for his turn to be pulled in an innertube. Due to recent rains, the Winters reservoir is completely full.

Ag Talk

by Congressman Charles Stenholm

Planted Crop Acreage Estimates

According to the USDA, this year's U.S. cotton planted acreage is estimated at 14.4 million acres, down nine percent from last year.

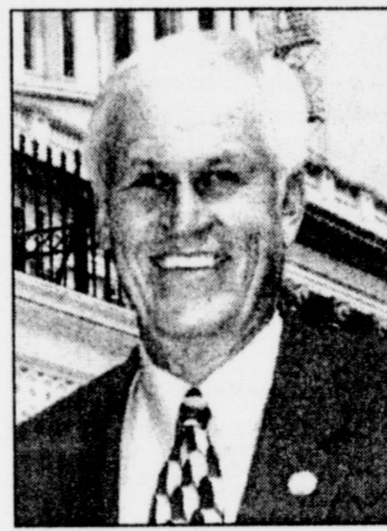
In addition, planted soybean acreage is estimated at 73 million acres, down two percent from last year. However, corn planted acreage is estimated at 78.9 million acres, up four percent from last year.

USDA asking farmers for Farm Records

The USDA is in the process of contacting farmers to request that they verify and update records on planted and prevented planted acres filed with USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

This information is required by the 2002 Farm Bill, and USDA says it must be correct in order to receive accurate direct and counter-cyclical payments in the near future.

The FSA has mailed letters to producers all across the country asking for their updates. The letter includes a summary acreage history report showing the acreage of covered commodities reported to FSA. The information included will be planted acres



and/or acres prevented from being planted for 1998 through 2001.

If the information is correct, producers do not need to take any action. However, if the information is wrong, producers will need to provide verifiable documentation of acreage and yields to their local FSA office by August 31. Verifiable documentation may include seed receipts, production records, and crop insurance records.

U.S. Farm Production Expenses Up

USDA reports that U.S. farm production expenditures totaled \$197 billion in 2001, up 3.9 per-

cent from the previous year.

The largest contributors to the increase in expenses were tractors and self-propelled machinery, seeds and plants, labor, and farm services. These increases more than offset a 7.1 percent decrease in farm improvements and construction.

Optimistic outlook for Agriculture Trade

According to the Agricultural Outlook 2002-2007 report, world agricultural prices should gradually rise from their current

weak levels as the economic recovery strengthens at the end of this year and into 2003.

The report forecasts a larger price increase for certain meats and dairy products than for cereals and oilseeds. Much of this will be due to stronger demand and increasing imports in rapidly developing countries.

The growth in trade of livestock products and feedstuffs will continue to be faster than that of food grains. Yield and productivity, rather than increased land use, will contribute most to crop expansion.

Pray for rain for the farmers & ranchers who are still in need!

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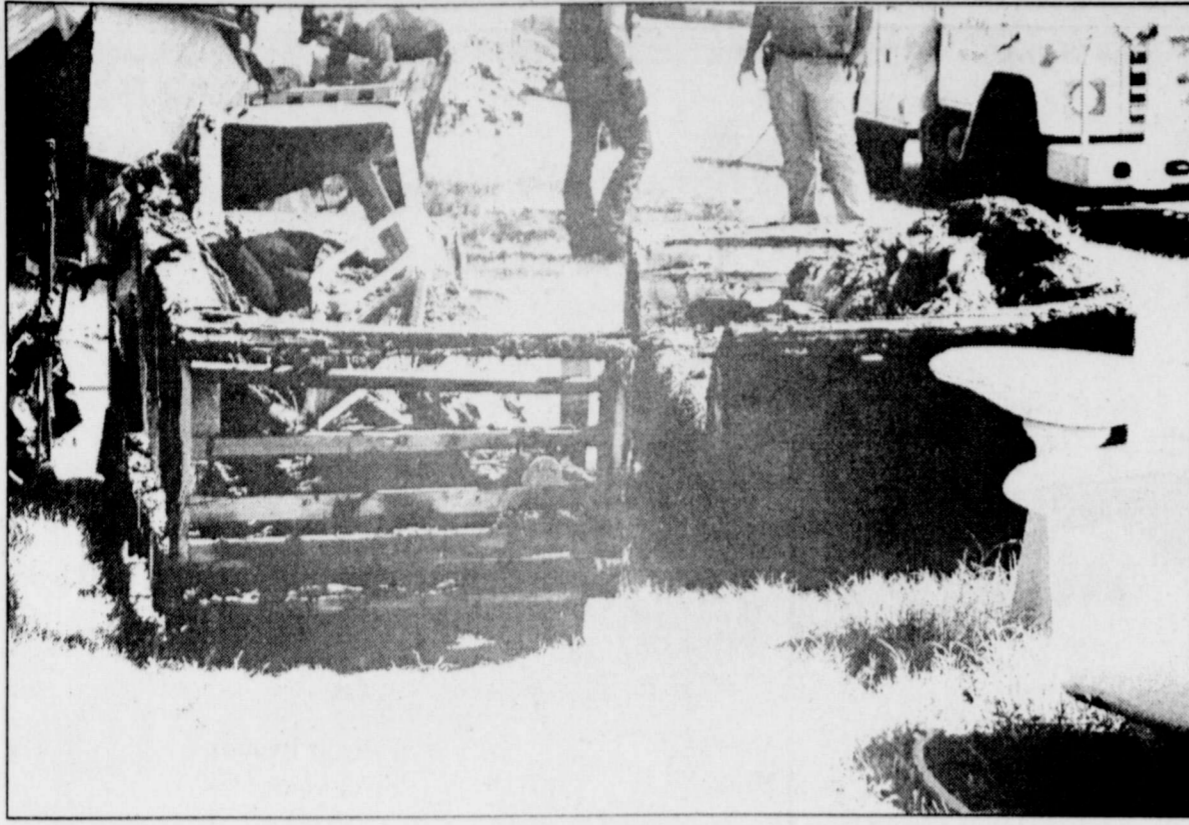
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Law & Order



A HOUSE FIRE AT 309 S. CRYER on Monday, July 15, produced head and smoke damage, destroying many household items and clothing. The kitchen and living room areas suffered the most extensive damage. Donations of furniture and clothing are being accepted by contacting Becky Cortez at 754-4986 or 754-5238 for pick up.

BJLSA to host annual Extravaganza on August 17

—“Hot & Spicy Hoedown” to benefit county stock show—

The Ballinger Junior Livestock Show Association Extravaganza is set for Saturday, August 17. The fund raiser for the Association will be a “Hot & Spicy Hoedown” this year. All proceeds from the extravaganza will go to the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show which will benefit youth from all communities within

the county. Held at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Rowena from 7:00 p.m. until midnight, a \$50 ticket will admit two to the event. A steak dinner with all the trimmings will be served, followed by a dance and drawing for cash prizes. Only 200 tickets will be sold, so everyone is encouraged to

purchase their tickets early. Along with the dinner and dancing, a silent auction will be held. Three special event winners will be awarded cash prizes. There will be a jalapeño eating contest and prizes for the hottest dressed person and the spiciest dressed person in attendance. First prize will be \$100, second prize \$50 and third prize \$25.

Winters area residents are encouraged to attend the extravaganza for an evening of fun and entertainment in support of the fundraising efforts for the county stock show.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Sharon Wanoreck at 365-5164 or any member of the Ballinger Junior Livestock Association.



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NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

2002 Property Tax Rates in City of Winters

This notice concerns 2002 property tax rates for the City of Winters. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to levy property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 377,831.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 377,831.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 50,377,510.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$.75/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 377,497.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 52,995,740.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.7123/\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.7336/\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 430,610.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 52,995,740.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.8125/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.8775/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$.8775/\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.0946/\$100
Rollback tax rate	\$.7829/\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the City of Winters adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.7123 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2001 taxes by \$4,226.00.

SCHEDULE A: Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$25,000.00

SCHEDULE B: 2001 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amount for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total required for 2001 debt service			\$ 0.00	
Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$ 0.00	
Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$ 0.00	
Excess collections last year			\$ 0.00	
Total to be paid from taxes in 2001			\$ 0.00	
Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only % of its taxes in 2001			\$ 0.00	
Total Debt Levy			\$ 0.00	

SCHEDULE C: Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities, and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)
In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$50,744.00 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas 79567.

Name of person preparing this notice	Shelia M. Paschal
Title	Tax Assessor-Collector
Date prepared	July 22, 2002

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Jamie Vigil, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs, \$25 restitution, \$25 hot check fees

Christopher Aguero, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 180 days in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$100, plus \$236 court costs, \$127.04 restitution, \$75 hot check fees and 50 hours community service

Kim Stilley, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs, \$186.37 restitution and \$100 hot check fees

Grady Wayne Campbell, Jr., illegal dumping, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$250, plus \$211 court costs

Tom Henson, theft by check, case dismissed, defendant paid restitution

Brad Gholson, theft by check, case dismissed, defendant paid restitution

Luis Anthony Acosta, driving while license suspended, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$200, plus \$210.25 court costs

Adan Farias, driving while license invalid, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$351, plus \$211 court costs

James Prescott, theft, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs, \$129 restitution

Michael Richard Douglas, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to two years, fined \$500, plus \$251 court costs, \$198.16 restitution, and 50 hours community service

Criminal Cases Filed

July 22

Darrin Gray Ivey, White Settlement, Tex., filed for driving while license invalid

July 23

Darrell Wayne Ward, Midland, filed for terrorist threat

Janet Ward, San Angelo, filed for illegal dumping

Mike Ward, San Angelo, filed for illegal dumping

July 24

Wesley Radcliff, filed for theft by check

Thomas Joseph Weaver, Ballinger, filed for possession of marijuana

Ruben Gomez Jacques, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated

Marriage Licenses Filed

July 22

Albert Bocanegra and Maria Ann Gauna

Justice of the Peace

Precinct 1

Felony Cases Filed

July 19

Magdaleno Medina, filed for assault on a public servant

July 29

Rey Lopez Martinez, filed for felony driving while intoxicated

Criminal Cases Filed

July 27

Douglas John Fuchs, filed for minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage

Legal Notices

BID NOTICE

The WINTERS I.S.D. is accepting sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., August 5, 2002, for the purchase of flavored and unflavored one-half pint milk.

Bid specifications may be obtained from the Business Office, 603 N. Heights, Winters, TX 79567 or by calling (915) 754-5574.

Bids will be opened and read publicly on August 5, 2002, at 2:00 p.m.

Winters I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any portion thereof and to accept the bid most advantageous to the district. Any exceptions to the specifications should be clearly explained in writing. Failure to meet all specified conditions may invalidate a proposal.

Bid proposals must be clearly marked on the envelope "MILK BID." 13-30(2)c

BID NOTICE

The WINTERS I.S.D. is accepting sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., August 5, 2002, for the purchase of bulk diesel and unleaded fuel.

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Bid proposals must be clearly marked on the envelope "FUEL BID." 13-30(2)c

Police Beat

The following are cases from the Winters Police Department. Some cases may still be under investigation. Information, reported through Crime Stoppers, leading to the close of any case could result in up to a \$1,000 reward.

The following information comes from Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, July 21, 2002, through Saturday, July 27, 2002. Winters Police Officers:

- received report of a domestic dispute in the 300 block of E. Broadway Street. A 19-year-old Winters female reported that another 19-year-old female had been assaulted by a 19-year-old male known to the victim. Injuries were observed to the victim female's face. The victim alleged trying to escape from the male who dragged her back to her home by her hair then repeatedly punched and kicked the female and wouldn't allow her to leave. The female escaped to a friend's house and notified the police. The suspect male wasn't located. Charges for Assault Causing Bodily Injury against a family member have been referred to the County Attorney's Office.

- received report of a domestic dispute in the 200 block of Wood Street. A 15-year-old Winters male reported that an argument between himself and a 18-year-old Winters male escalated into a physical confrontation that resulted in the victim being shoved through a window. The victim sustained cuts to his back and arms. The suspect, Robert James Staggs, was located and arrested for Assault Causing Bodily Injury against a family member and was taken to Runnels County Jail.

- received report of a burglary in the 400 block of S. Main Street. An 18-year-old Winters male reported that between the hours of 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. July 24 person(s) unknown removed an assortment of music CDs from his vehicle. This is under investigation as Burglary of a Motor Vehicle.

- received notification of a warrant for Fraud out of Stephens County for a 44-year-old Winters female. The female, Emma Jonas, was located and taken to Runnels County Jail.

- received notification of a warrant out of Winters Municipal Court for No Liability Insurance for a 23-year-old Winters male. The male, Gilbert Villareal, was located and taken to Runnels County Jail.

- observed a 1973 Ford passenger car on S. Main Street with a mechanical violation. The vehicle was stopped in the 400 block of S. Main and an odor of an alcoholic beverage was detected on the driver. The driver was checked and found to have been consuming alcoholic beverages. The driver was issued a citation for Minor in Consumption of Alcohol and a search of the vehicle revealed narcotics paraphernalia inside the vehicle. The male, an 18-year-old from Novice, Texas, was issued a citation for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and was released into his parent's custody.

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Winters Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in agriculture science, consumer education, and computer technology. Admission to these programs is based on interest, age appropriateness, and graduation plan.

2. It is the policy of Winters I.S.D. not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

3. It is the policy of Winters I.S.D. not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

4. Winters I.S.D. will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

5. For further information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Section 504 Coordinator, Danny Clack, at 603 N. Heights, Winters, Texas 79567, (915) 754-5574, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Susan Mostad, at 603 N. Heights, Winters, Texas 79567, (915) 754-5516.

FORMA DE MUESTRA

1. DISTRITO INDEPENDIENTE ESCOLAR DE WINTERS of rece programas vocacionales en agricultura, economia domestica, programacion de compupadoras, y la destrezas comerciales. La admision a estos programas se basa en estudiantes DISTRITO INDEPENDIENTE ESCOLAR DE WINTERS ruegue.

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4. DISTRITO INDEPENDIENTE ESCOLAR DE WINTERS tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

5. Para informacion sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuniquese con el Cordinador del Titulo IX, Danny Clack, y/o el Coordinador de la Seccion 504, Susan Mostad, en 603 N. Heights, Winters, TX 79567 (915) 754-5574. 13-31(1)c

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CNAs— Part time and PRN positions available. Call Shirley at 915-754-4566 or apply in person at Senior Citizens Nursing Home, 506 Van Ness, Winters. **13-30(4tc)**

Cook Needed! Must be able to work 6 a.m.-2 p.m. or 1:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Call Tammie at Senior Citizens Nursing Home, 915-754-4566. **13-30(4tc)**

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Miscellaneous

DON'T FORGET to pick up your pictures or other related items that have been published in *The Enterprise!* **8-10(tfc)**

BALLINGER, TX ELM CREEK FLEA MARKET, 401 Park Ave., 1st Saturday weekend each month, August 2, 3, & 4. Call 365-6382 or 365-3236 for space. **13-31(1tc)**

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606 Wood—3B/1B w/enclosed garage/den, lg. yard w/metal storage bldg.

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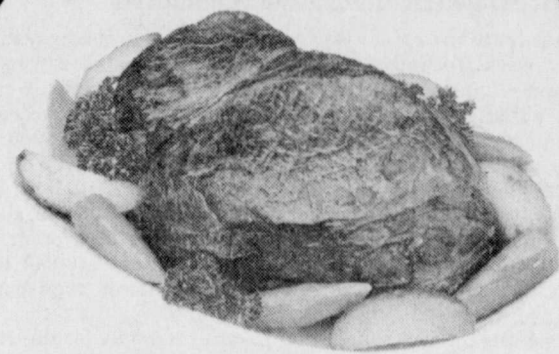
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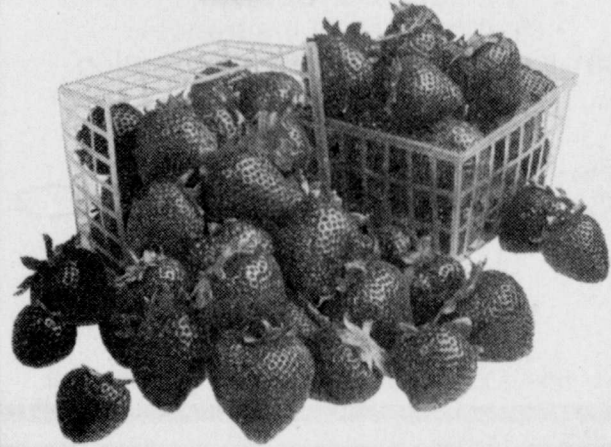
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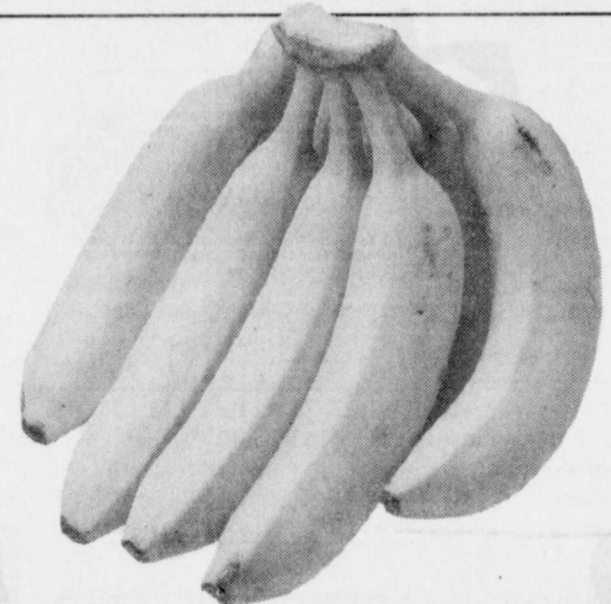
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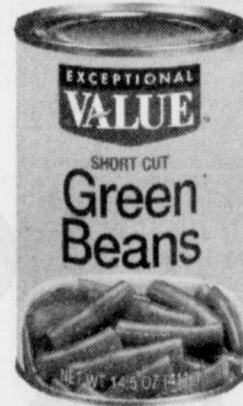
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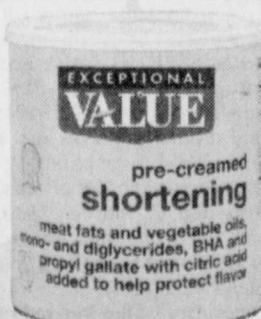


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