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NEWS at a glance

Pearls of Wisdom—

"Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11



Early Deadlines

The Winters Enterprise requests news and advertisements be turned in early for the next two editions. Office to close early Dec. 24 and reopen Dec. 26.

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Sno-Queen & Sno-Flake Contestants

Eight WHS teenagers vie for the title of Miss Sno-Queen. Sixteen young girls compete for Miss Sno-Flake.

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Holiday Greetings & Christmas Memories

Local businesses thank patrons for their support in 2002 and offer wishes for happy holidays. Past Christmases are remembered by some local residents.

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Children in pre-kindergarten through second grades tell Santa they've "been good" and ask for special deliveries on Christmas.

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A season to remember...

Winters Blizzards

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Christmas Parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday

2002 Winters Blizzards & Coaching Staff to serve as Grand Marshals—

Over 30 parade entries are scheduled this year for the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas Parade slated for Saturday, December 21, according to Julie Frierson, Chamber secretary. The theme for this year's parade is Red, White, and Blue Christmas. The 2002 Winters Blizzards and Coaching Staff will be Grand Marshals.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. from the Family Dollar Parking Lot and follow the traditional route through downtown and past the Senior Citizens Nursing Home, finishing on West Dale at The Rock Hotel. Parade participants should meet at 9 a.m. at Family Dollar to begin line-up.

Any individual in a pre-registered parade entry may sign-up for a drawing to win one of five 2002 State 2A Semi-Finalist Winters Blizzards autographed footballs. Pre-registered entrants only must sign-up at The Rock Hotel before or after the parade. The drawing will be held at the end of the awards ceremony following the parade.

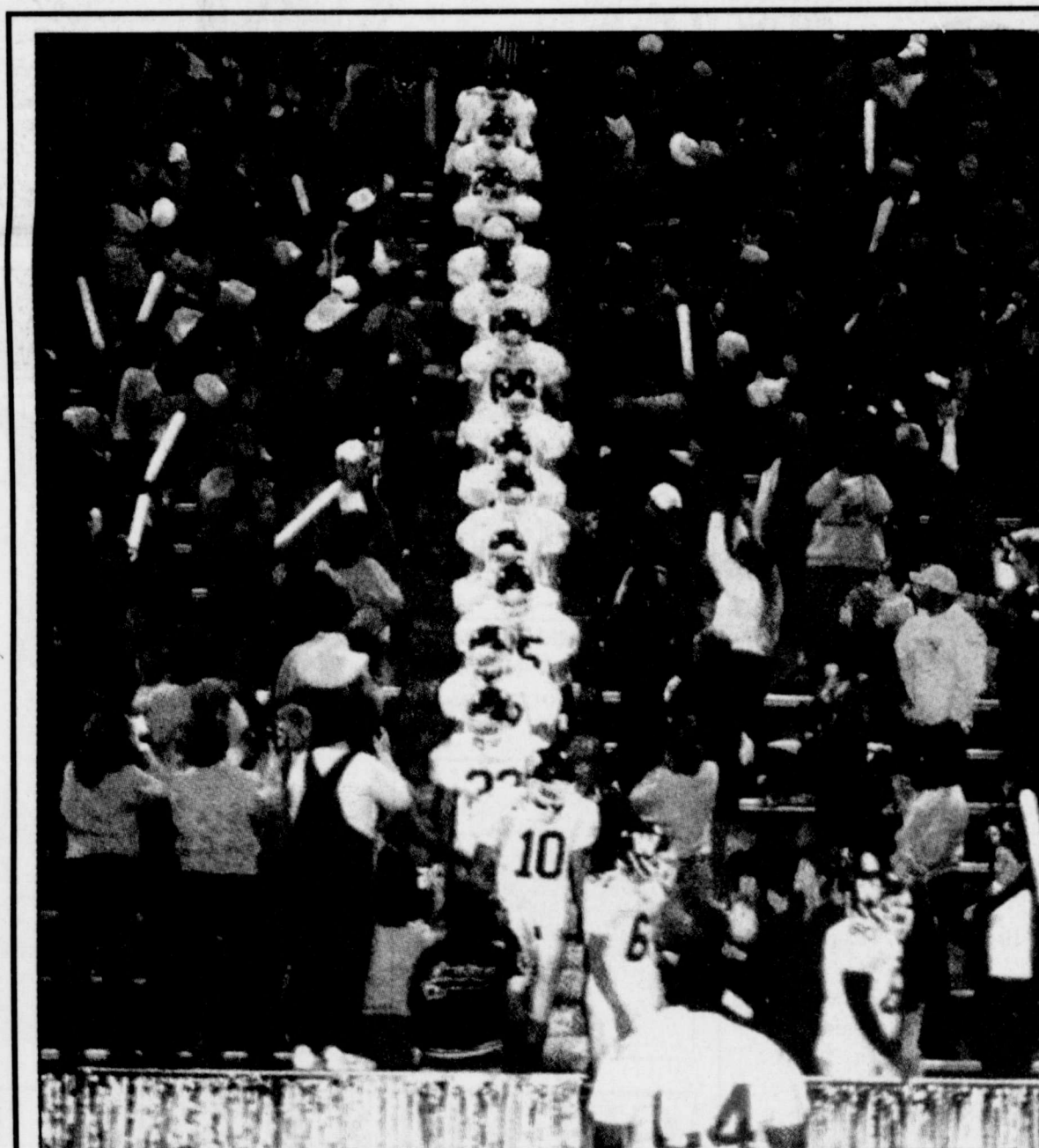
Parade entries will be accepted on the day of the parade; however, late entries are not eligible for prizes.

The 2002 Miss Sno-Queen and Miss Sno-Flake coronation will immediately follow the parade at The Rock Hotel. Eight contestants vie for the title of Miss Sno-Queen. They are Leah Bredemeyer, Erica Buckelew, Amy Esquivel, Rayshae Garcia, Crystal Grenwelge, Kayla Horton, Jessica Pritchard, and Lydia Rocha. Sixteen girls compete for Miss Sno-Flake. In addition to the queen coronation, parade winners will be announced following the parade. See pages 4 and 5 for more parade information.

Christmas Cuties



WHAT SANTA COULD RESIST overflowing the stockings of Avery and Zachary Wheat, 4 & 1/2-month-old twins of Doug and Amy Wheat.



MAKING A GRAND ENTRANCE for the semi-final contest last Saturday are members of the 2002 Blizzards football team which surprised the large crowd of Winters fans at the Mustang Bowl in Sweetwater. Instead of taking the field in the usual end zone manner, the Blizzards came from the top of the stadium, down the center aisle, in appreciation of their fans.

Trustees approve donation of school playground equipment

Thanks to Blizzards Kid Backers (BKB) and the approval of the WISD Board of Trustees, local elementary students will soon have several new pieces of playground equipment.

Speaking on behalf of BKB, Donna Guy and Karen Mills made a presentation to the board members during their regular meeting Monday evening, December 9. Pictures of the certified equipment and details of the installation were given along with a request for the board's approval.

Trustees unanimously approved the donation of the equipment which will be installed in two phases. Phase I will provide a basketball setup, balance beam, climbing wall,

volleyball and swing set. Pea gravel, necessary under some of the equipment, is already on hand and has been approved by the state health inspector.

Phase II, scheduled for completion in May of 2004, will provide a funnel ball, slide and orbit climber.

All of this equipment from Kraftman Playground and Park Equipment of Spring, Texas, has been purchased through funds raised by BKB projects along with donations by parents and other community members.

Board members also approved a grant request in partnership with the City of Winters for construction of a sidewalk along Rogers Street east of the elementary activity

building.

Trustees then approved issuing a Quit Claim Deed to the 665' x 5' strip of property between the elementary activity building and the practice field east to Rogers Street for the construction of a sidewalk.

Enrollment figures were discussed with 381 students in the elementary school as of 12/9/02, 113 in 7th and 8th grades, and 207 in grades 9-12.

Present for the meeting were Trustees Allen Andrae, Bob Prewit, Jerry Sims, Cheryl Bryan, Shelia Paschal, Larry Walker and Manuel Vera; Superintendent Danny Clack, Business Manager Jimmy Butlers, Principal David Hale, and Athletic Director Chuck Lipsev.

Blizzards fall to Cisco in semi-final

by Charles Murphy, Special to The Winters Enterprise

There was a definite chill in the air at Sweetwater's Mustang Bowl that got even colder as the Blizzards were eliminated from the state championship picture in a 55-22 loss to the Cisco Loboes last Saturday night.

Winters won the toss and deferred, giving Cisco the first possession. After the kickoff, the Loboes set up at their own 38-yard line. It would take seven plays and about three and a half minutes for them to cover the 62 yards. The score came on a 36-yard pass. The extra point was good and with 8:38 left in the first quarter, Cisco led 7-0.

It wouldn't take the Blizzards long to respond. Setting up at their own 28, the offense used a completion from Shane Colburn to Yul Gibbs for 25 and put the ball at the Lobo 47. Mark Moreno broke the tackle at the line of scrimmage and

another at the 7 to cover the 47 yards needed for a quick answer. Moreno then kicked the extra point square through the uprights, and with 8:04 left, the score was knotted at 7-7.

The kickoff and return put the Loboes at their own 28. Five plays later, the cisco quarterback was stripped of the ball but the ball landed squarely in the hands of the Cisco running back who covered the next 35 yards for the score. The extra point was good and Cisco led 14-7 with 6:29 left in the first half.

The Blizzard offense set up at their own 22-yard line after the kickoff. After two incompletions, Colburn's aerial was intercepted and return to the Blizzard 18. Five plays later, facing 4th and goal at the 1-yard line, Cisco went ahead 21-7 with the extra point. At the 2:55 point of the

See BLIZZARDS, page 2B

Blizzards named to 9-2A All-District teams

Nine members of the 2002 Blizzards have been named to 9-2A All-District teams.

First Team Offense

- Shane Colburn, Quarterback
- Rusty Jackson and Brian Pritchard, Receivers
- Steven Cuevas, Lineman

First Team Defense

- Guy Slimp, Linebacker
- Steven Cuevas, Defensive Lineman
- Shane Colburn, Secondary

Second Team Offense

- Mark Moreno, Running back

Second Team Defense

- Jacob Bridgeman, Defensive Lineman
- Jared Airhart, Defensive End

Honorable Mention Offense

- Jacob Bridgeman, Lineman

Honorable Mention Defense

- Benjie Valles, Secondary

Pictures and stats may be found on page 3B.

Second Grade to present "The Littlest Christmas Tree" tonight

The second grade students of Winters Elementary will present the Christmas musical, "The Littlest Christmas Tree," tonight in the WHS Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. The group will perform for the elementary school on Friday morning at 8:30 a.m.

This delightful program is full of song and Christmas cheer as Santa tries to choose just the right tree for the holidays.

As always, the public is invited to attend and admission is free.

Opinion

Oil Bidness

by Reg Boles ©2002



Here it is right before Christmas already! So, it must be time for my annual prognostication on prices for the coming year.

Ready or not, here goes... Oil prices are a hard nut to crack. There are so many factors at work: war or no war, new fields coming on production, older fields being shut in, economy slow or recovering economy, and OPEC production quotas.

I've read recently that there is a "consensus" that prices are set for a rise to the mid-30's. For that reason and others, I think prices will not crack \$30 during 2003, even though they may get very close.

I think prices will remain strong through the winter, but will just stay above \$25 in the lower-demand periods. As a matter of fact, prices may drop to \$20 if there is a quick war in Iraq or a peaceful resolution. But, in that event, I don't think the trough will last very long.

The economy in the U.S. is making a comeback and will continue on that path. Demand and supply will remain tight, as OPEC will likely toe the line.

Gas prices are a story in themselves.

Right now, they are relatively strong, with the spot price hovering around \$3.00 per thousand cubic feet. Most predict that prices will go higher in the winter heating season. I agree, but think prices will stay strong all year.

The U.S. is not replacing its production with new reserves and that directly impacts productive capacity. As a result, supply will be tight and prices will be firm.

There may be a spell in late April when prices will slump to nearly \$2, but it will be shortlived as gas storage numbers will reveal that there is little cushion for the winter of 2003 and traders will keep prices high looking for all that gas they think they need. All

of this will look conservative if gas doesn't get through from Alaska, or if the exports to Mexico don't slow down.

In any event, prices of all kinds sure look better this year than this time last year. The first quarter of 2003 will be a lot better than the first quarter of 2002.

This should aid in building a better rig utilization onshore U.S. by providing additional capital for development.

This should lead to a more robust development year for oil and gas.

It certainly won't hurt this year's Christmas mood, either.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

None This Week

STAKINGS

Callahan County

Tri-Tex Exploration Ltd. has staked the Dugan Unit #7A as a Wildcat, 5 miles NE of Clyde (Depth 1999). Loc. is 890 FEL & 1650 FSL of BBB&C Sur. No. 84, A-926.

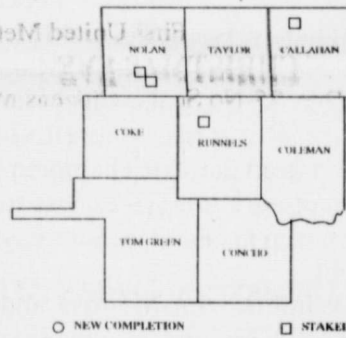
Nolan County

Pioneer Exploration has staked the B. Hanks -A- #50 as a Wildcat, 3 miles W of Nolan (Depth 6200). Loc. is 497 FNL & 1021 FWL of Sec. 28, Blk. Z, A-1460.

Walsh Resources has staked the Draper #1 in the E.A. Field, 3 miles W of Nolan (Depth 7000). Loc. is 970 FNL & 467 FEL of Sec. 4, Blk. Z.

Runnels County

James K. Anderson, Inc. has staked the Davenport -X- #1 in the Myrna Lynn Field, 4 miles W of Crews (Depth 4100). Loc. is 3620 FEL & 150 FSL of J. J. Kimenes Sur., A-569.



In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation for the attendance, flowers, food, and expressions of sympathy during the loss of our loved one.

We appreciate all the donations made to the Tuscola Cemetery Fund.

Sincerely,
The Family of Evelyn Hafner

Relief Fund Drive raises less than last year

Donations to the annual Winters Relief Fund Drive as of December 11 total \$3,255. At this time last year, the drive had raised \$4,536.

The Winters Ministerial Alliance sponsors the Relief Fund and donations are used to help those in the community who need assistance with medicine, utilities, and items not available through the Winters Outreach Center.

Donations to the Relief Fund or to help with Christmas Food Baskets may be sent to the Winters Ministerial Alliance, P.O. Box 211, Winters, Texas, 79567. Please designate the fund to which you wish to donate.

Social Security Rep. in Winters on Dec. 23

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his December visit to Winters. He will be at the Winters Housing Project Office on Monday, December 23, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Ruth Sunday School Class enjoys gift exchange

On Dec. 9, the Ruth Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church of Winters had their Christmas gift exchange social and a meal of stone soup in the Jones Fellowship Hall of the church.

A special prayer was said for the Dennis and Linda Rozmen family as their daughter who lives in Oregon is awaiting word for a liver transplant. Fellowship was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Hostesses were Sue Hukill and Mary Beth Drake. Members present were Mary Jane Blackshear, Ruth Cooper, Betty Gray, Bobbie Sue Jackson, Silena Perry, Marlene Wood, Marcie Webb, Pat Simpson, and Linda Rozmen.

Obituary

Rowena Fay Gray



WINTERS—Rowena Fay Gray, 84, died Saturday, December 14, 2002, at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters.

She was born August 21, 1918, in Wise County, Texas, and moved to Winters as a young girl. She married A.B. "Pat" Gray on May 3, 1937, in Coleman. They lived on a farm west of Winters.

Mrs. Gray was a homemaker, an avid painter, and a member of North Main Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband. Survivors include two sons, Jack W. Gray and wife Pat and Gary N. Gray and wife Gayle, all of Fort Stockton; one sister, Nancy Beth Hammons of San Diego, California; seven grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 16, at North Main Church of Christ with Mark Edge officiating. Burial was in the Wilmeth Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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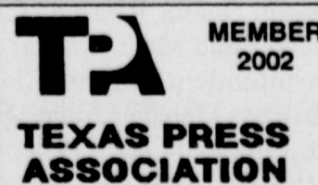
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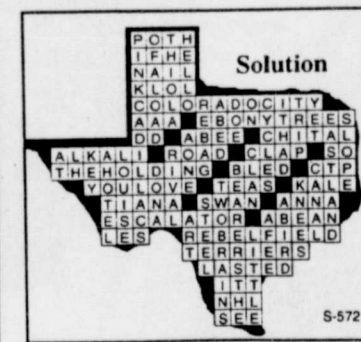
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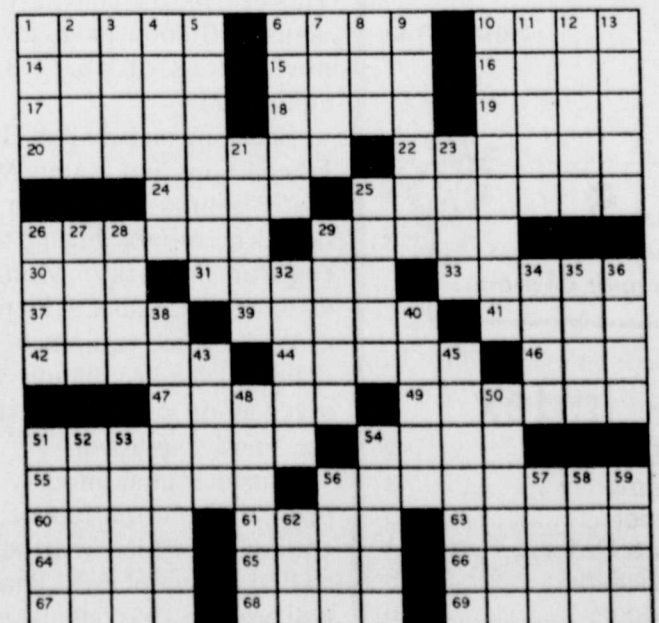
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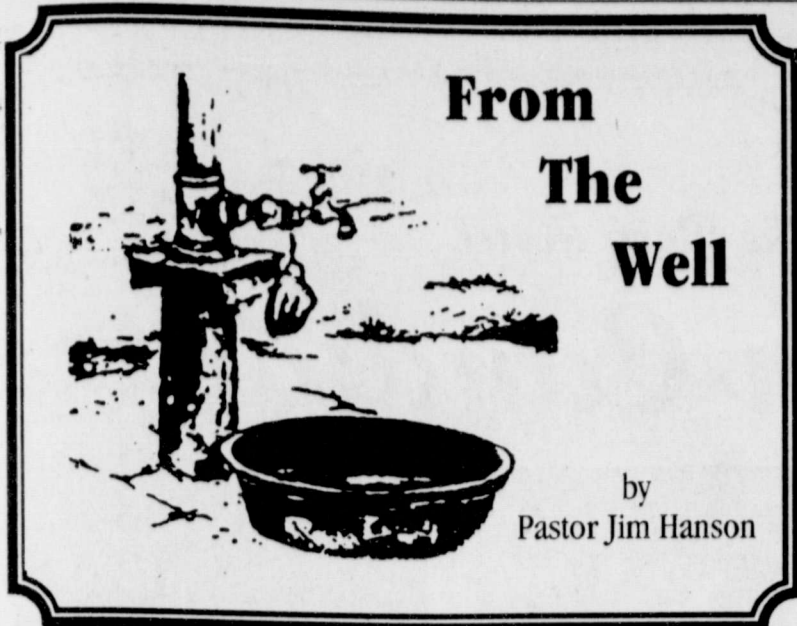
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- Public building
- Body of water
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- Compensated; var.
- Pub order
- Down the ... ; wastefully lost
- Fruit
- One who looks to the future
- Burn
- Judicious
- "... Johnny!"
- Word with rain or brain
- Italian numeral
- Stringed instrument
- Talented
- One of hundreds in a sundae
- Swimming pool activity
- Dry wine
- Wedding reception figures
- Electrical appliance part
- Selves
- See eye to eye
- Bus Stop playwright
- Engrossed
- Muslim folklore being
- Deviate

DOWN

- Metal fastener
- Hit the ceiling
- Made up?
- Coupon users
- Gave medical aid to
- Cars for the elite
- Ripening agent
- Distress signal
- Like cheap novels
- Party activity
- Thorough examination
- Dinner table item
- Fudd or Gantry
- Approaches
- Strip
- Activity that takes two
- Impetuous
- Robert ...
- Forest resident
- Multi-colored pony
- Passageway
- Start of the N. T.
- Cruel one
- Have to have
- Tape ...
- Plant fungus
- Lacking moisture
- Distance traveled
- Metric units
- 50 Signed fraudulently
- CDIII reversed
- Isolated
- At ... ; not in jail
- Flour-and-water mixture
- ... with; endure successfully
- Flour-and-water mixture
- Bird that lives near water
- Controlling strap
- Understands
- Leg



Community



From The Well

by
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

Editor's Note: Pastor Glenn R. Dittmer of St. John's Lutheran Church is a guest columnist this week.

This is a Christmas story that happened two Christmases ago while I was pastor of the Lutheran Church in Roscoe.

That year there was a terrible ice storm that blew through the area on Christmas day, starting in the mid-afternoon hours. The wife and daughter of Roscoe's fire chief came by the house a little after 4 p.m. and asked if I could open the church for potential stranded travelers. The ice storm was making it dangerous to drive, especially on the Interstate. Travelers were leaving the highways in ever-increasing numbers, and motels were already filled to capacity. There was no room at the inn.

I opened the church and turned on the heat in the entire building. Stranded travelers started to arrive at the church's door, and we welcomed them into the now nice and warm church. We had a large coffee urn that was "fired" up. More and more people came to the church. The total for the four days and three nights was 121 people, five dogs (two of which were the size of small horses), and one very expensive show horse for which we managed to find a stable to bed down.

I really didn't know how we were going to feed all those people morning, noon, and night, but we did and sometimes gourmet food at that. Word spread through town of what we were doing at the church and others came to help us. The two cooks at the school opened the cafeteria and started cooking and baking — meals, desserts, snacks — while our police department helped by running a shuttle between the school and the church delivering the food, in addition to their other duties. It is something to behold when people are working together to help others. In the end with the food from the school and others, we could have fed a "small army." We fed all the people who were there three meals a day with the coffee pot(s) going 24 hours a day.

The Red Cross from Abilene even came to our aid by providing additional food, medicines that were needed, and blankets from Abilene's fire department which we used to make bedding and provide additional warmth. The Red Cross was of immense help and even designated the church an official Red Cross shelter (we did that well, I guess).

We made lasting friends those three days in December of 2000. The members of the congregation and others gave up their Christmas time with family and friends to spend time with strangers who are now not strangers.

After the weather broke on that Thursday, some folks said they had used the time for prayers and meditation. Since it was Christmas, all our decorations were up so I left the tree lights on and the lights on the cross. The church has a backlight cross behind the altar. The atmosphere lent itself to prayer and meditation. I found out later most of the folks who spent Christmas with us turned it into a mini spiritual retreat. Wow!

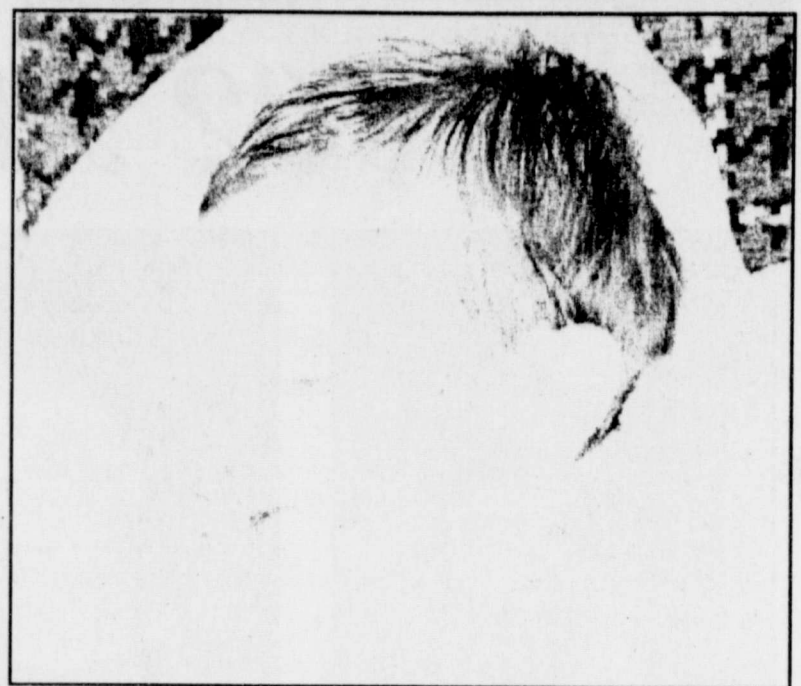
The greatest benefit of this time was for the members of the congregation who left family and friends to come to the church and help take care of 121 strangers. All said, it was the best Christmas God gave to them. They gave of themselves and practiced what being a Christian is all about. Helping those who need help. They said they received far more than they gave.

Now, I do not pray for ice storms at Christmas but when I think back to that time in Roscoe, Texas, in the year 2000, I think — what a gift from God. Blessed Christmas to you all.



QUITE A HIGHWIRE ACT took place recently, by Butch Strickland, at 131-A N. Main, behind Potbellies Restaurant. This 100 ft. tower was installed by Texas Communications.

Town Crier



Lauren Bryan Hamilton

Tony and Susan Hamilton of Arlington are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter.

Lauren Bryan Hamilton was born Tuesday, November 19, 2002, at 10:15 p.m. at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. She weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. and was 19-3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Gary and Cheryl Bryan of Winters. Paternal grandparents are Roddy and Bonnie Hamilton of Midland.

Maternal great-grandparents are Dewitt and Frances Bryan of Winters. Maternal great-great-grandmother is Larue Bryan of Winters.

Paternal great-grandparents are Roy and Ruby Wells of Midland.

Early deadlines set for next two editions

Due to the upcoming Christmas and New Year holidays, *The Winters Enterprise* requests that newsprint for the Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 editions be turned in to our office no later than the following dates and times:

CHRISTMAS EDITION, 12-26-02 (WILL BE MAILED DEC. 24)

General news/retail advertising
Fri., Dec. 20 Noon

Classified advertising
Fri., Dec. 20 5 p.m.

NEW YEAR EDITION, 01-02-03 (WILL BE MAILED DEC. 31)

General news/retail advertising
Fri., Dec. 27 Noon

Classified advertising
Fri., Dec. 27 5 p.m.

The Winters Enterprise office will be closed Wednesdays, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, and, so that employees may enjoy the holidays with their families.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Change in trash collection day

Classifieds Get Results.

David Kelly, BFI Abilene plant manager, announces a change in BFI's schedule due to the upcoming holiday.

Trucks will not run on Wednesday, December 25. The normally scheduled trash collection for this day will be postponed until Saturday, December 28.

Residents are advised to please make necessary adjustments.

Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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Dec. 23 thru Dec. 27
Subject to change

Monday, Dec. 23: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, hot roll, and apricots.

Tuesday, Dec. 24: Holiday

Wednesday, Dec. 25: Holiday. *Merry Christmas!*

Thursday, Dec. 26: Tator tot casserole, carrot-raisin salad, corn, bread, and muffin.

Friday, Dec. 27: BBQ sandwich, macaroni salad, chips, pickles & onions, and dessert.

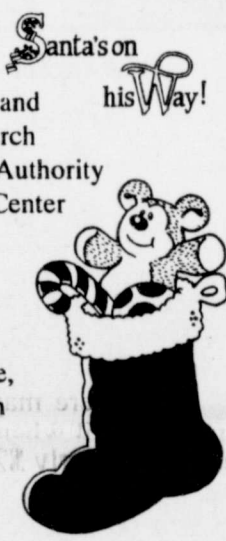
Meals are served at 11:30 a.m. daily. Any one who does not take the meals regularly are asked to reserve a lunch by contacting the Activity Center at 754-4205 by 10 a.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Dec. 19-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Activity Center
- Dec. 20-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Delivery of Christmas Food Baskets, Ministerial Alliance
- Dec. 22-6 p.m., Service of Candles, Carols, and Communion, First Baptist Church
- Dec. 23-9:30-10:30 a.m., SS Rep, Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Activity Center
- 7 p.m., Wingate Masonic Lodge
- 7 p.m., InFO, San Angelo
- Dec. 24-No Senior Citizens Meal
- 2 p.m., *Winters Enterprise* Closes
- 6 p.m., Candlelight/Communion Service, First United Methodist Church

CHRISTMAS EVE

- Dec. 25-No Senior Citizens Meal
- Winters Enterprise* Closed
- MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!**
- Dec. 26-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Activity Center
- 5 p.m., Hale Museum Board, The Rock Hotel



Sherrif's office accepting toys and donations for Toys for Tots

The Runnels County Sheriff's Department is now accepting toys and donations for Toys For Tots. Toys and donations may be made at the Sherrif's office at 612 Strong Avenue in Ballinger. Toys and donations from the drive will be picked up on Friday, December 20.

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Identity of birthday boy is revealed elsewhere in this issue.

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- 6 TXism: "fought tooth and ___"
- 7 Houston FM radio
- 8 Mitchell Co. seat
- 17 Ballinger h.s. class these produce a hard, dark wood (2 wds.)
- 21 Seattle LB from UT: ___ Lewis
- 22 TXism: "who put ___ in her bonnet?"
- 23 exotic deer in TX
- 24 these metals react violently with water
- 29 TX Swayze film: "___ House"
- 30 applaud
- 31 TXism: "___ humid my upper lip is midewing"
- 32 TX Janis band "Big Brother and ___ Company"
- 34 lost blood
- 35 Dr. Pepper was named after this Charles (init.)
- 36 Faith Hill's "The Way ___ Me"
- 37 Lipton & Luzianne vegetable-like
- 38 Houston's Indian wife
- 40 TXism: "I ___ (I declare)"
- 41 Santa ___

DOWN

- 13 bikes
- 14 TXism: "if ___ been a snake it would have bit you"
- 15 TXism: "boring as a fishing ___ with a game warden"
- 16 nevertheless
- 19 Eastland Co. seat
- 20 ski hill
- 22 TXism: "busy as ___-armed paper hanger"
- 24 TXism: "try your hand ___"
- 25 TX Hagman (init.)
- 26 TXism: "church ___ (bottle opener)"
- 27 TXism: "busier than ___ in a boomtown"
- 28 a TX Mandrell
- 29 Eagles are a big ___ of Cowboys
- 30 big TX family
- 33 actress Drake of "Down Laredo Way"
- 34 TXism: "gave his pall ___ (recovered) root"
- 37 TX Martin film "The Man with ___"
- 38 TXism: "prayer bones"
- 40 TXism: "got a mind like a ___ trap"
- 41 TXism: "could charm ___ out of a tree"
- 43 gallery display
- 44 "legal eagle" compensation (2 wds.)
- 47 TXism: "___ bilty"

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.



Coronation Ceremonies
immediately following the Christmas Parade at The Rock Hotel



2002 Miss Sno-Queen Candidates



Leah Bredemeyer
Winters Flower Shop



Erica Buckelew
DeBerry Trucking



Amy Esquivel



Raysha Garcia
Winters Funeral Home



Crystal Grenwelge
JG's Specialties



Kayla Horton
Gray's Video



Jessica Pritchard
Alderman-Cave Feeds



Lydia Rocha
Video Hut

2002 Miss Sno-Flake Candidates



Missy Calcote
Calcote Dirt Contracting



Destiny Chavis
Carl's Texaco



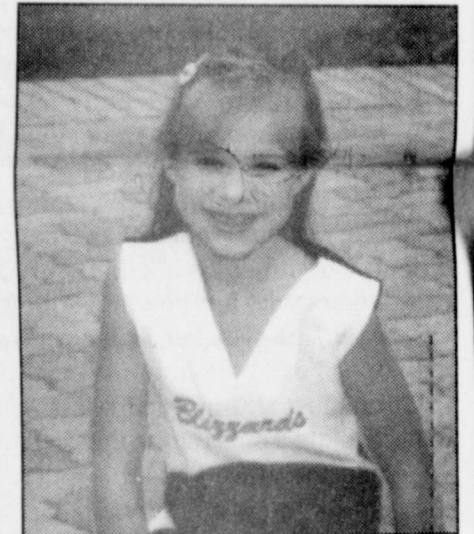
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Tommy Russell, DDS



Brittany Gray
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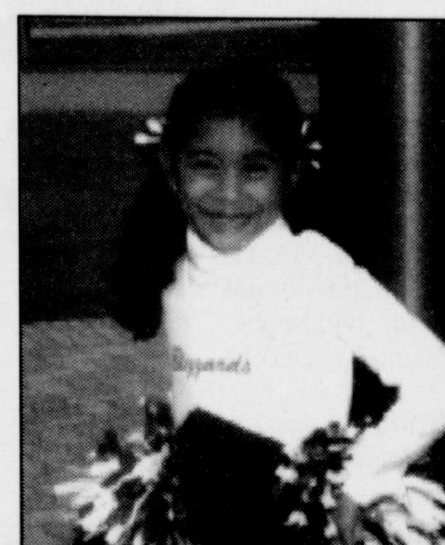
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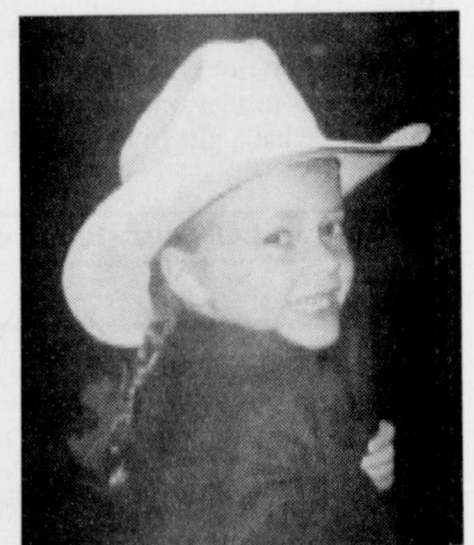
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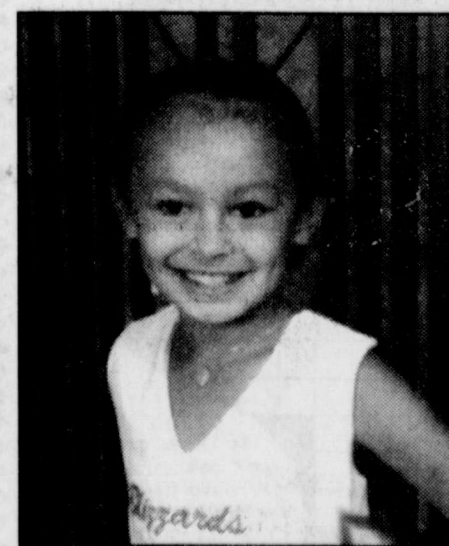
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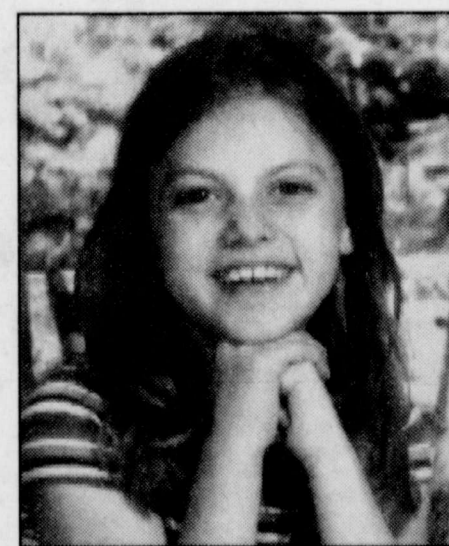
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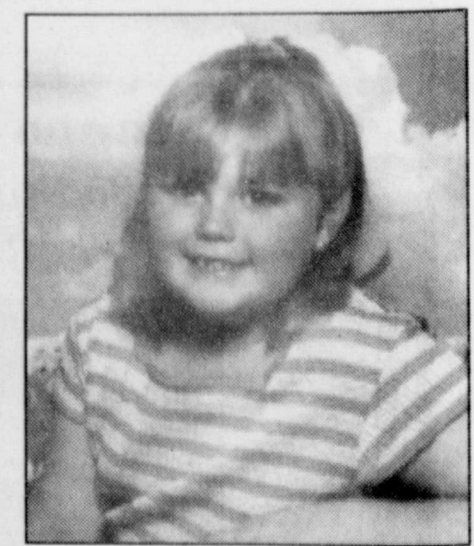
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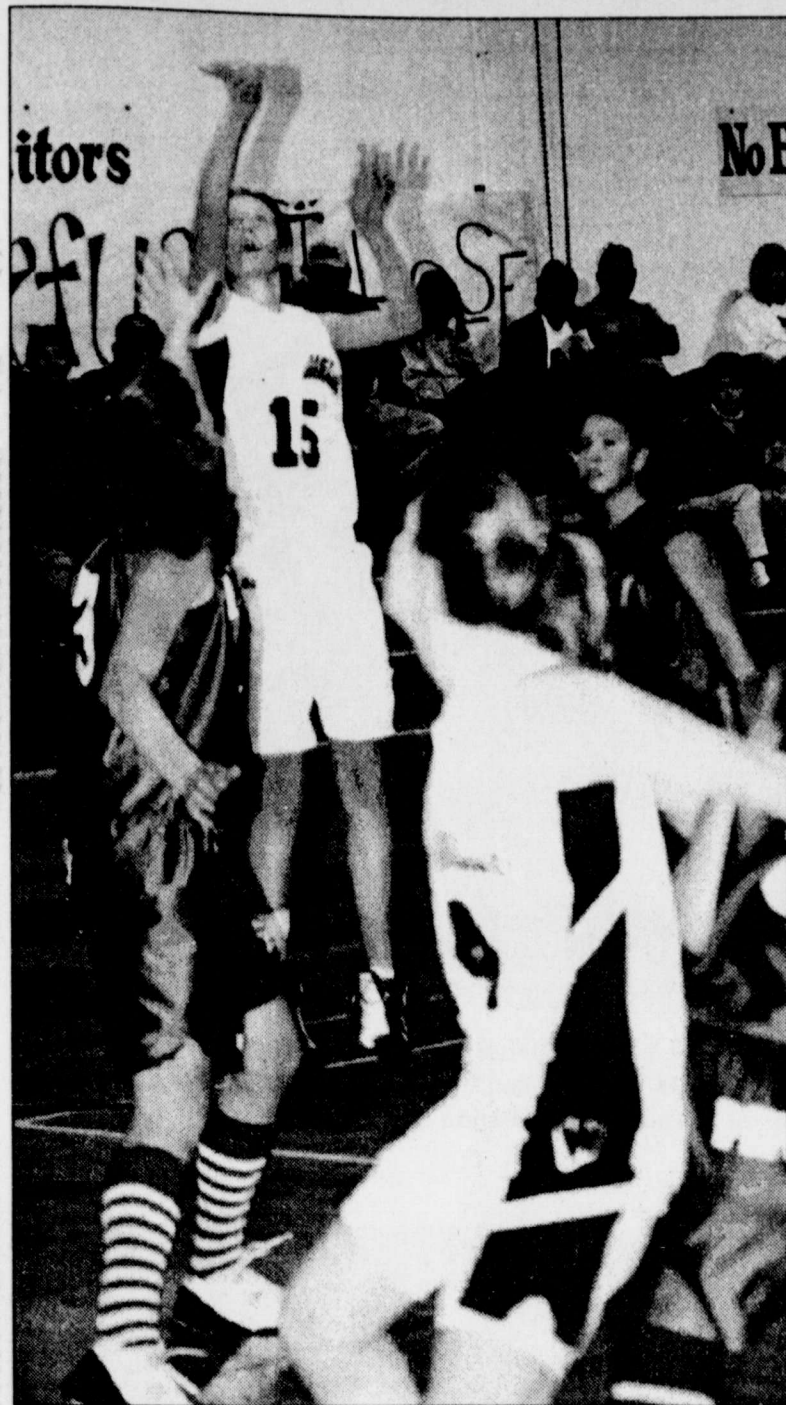
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Busy "B" Cleaners



Hannah Wade
Texas OxyCare, Inc.

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Basketball Hoopla



Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
Opponent: Hamlin Date: Dec. 10, 2002
Place: Miles Tournament, Game 1

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN
WINTERS	16	17	5	11	0	49
OPPONENT	12	18	14	17	0	61
Free throws made: 16 of 24 for 66%						
Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Macy Hanson	1	0	0	0		
Jana Bahlman	0	0	1	0		
Ashly Santoya	1	2	1	0		
Stacey Sneed	6	9	3	3		
Geovica Bear	2	0	0	0		
Laci Walker*	25	2	8	3		
Kemari Hale	12	7	3	3		
Suzanne Jones	3	2	0	0		

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
Opponent: Home Date: Dec. 13, 2002
Place: Miles Tournament, Game 2

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN
WINTERS	12	12	22	17	0	63
OPPONENT	7	6	10	8	0	31
Free throws made: 8 of 14 for 57%						
Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Macy Hanson	4	1	0	2		
Jana Bahlman	6	4	0	2		
Ashly Santoya	6	2	1	3		
Stacey Sneed*	18	2	3	1		
Geovica Bear	5	2	0	2		
Laci Walker*	18	2	1	4		
Kemari Hale	7	3	0	3		
Suzanne Jones	4	4	3	0		

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Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
Opponent: Gracie Creek Date: Dec. 14, 2002
Place: Miles Tournament, Game 2

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN
WINTERS	11	17	16	13	0	57
OPPONENT	10	11	4	13	0	38
Free throws made: 22 of 33 for 66%						
Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Laci Walker	3	1	1	0		
Geovica Bear	0	0	0	0		
Jana Bahlman	5	3	2	0		
Kemari Hale	10	3	1	2		
Stacey Sneed	7	3	1	1		
Ashly Santoya	2	2	0	2		
Suzanne Jones	2	5	0	0		
Macy Hanson	0	0	0	0		

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Team: 7th Girls "B" Coach: Ed Pochis
Opponent: Colman Date: Dec. 9, 2002
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN
WINTERS	4	6	3	4	0	17
OPPONENT	0	0	2	4	0	6
Free throws made: 1 of 2 for 50%						
Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Sarah Rodriguez	0	0	0	0		
Juanita Simpson	2	4	1	1		
Alana Phillips	0	2	2	1		
Carla Kichler*	8	4	6	4		
Natalia Rangel	0	1	1	0		
Alexis Vasquez	2	1	2	1		
Leticia Lopez	3	4	3	1		
Juanita Martinez	6	3	3	1		

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Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
Opponent: Veribest Date: Dec. 12, 2002
Place: Miles Tournament, Game 1

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN
WINTERS	27	27	16	20	0	90
OPPONENT	12	12	7	6	0	37
Free throws made: 14 of 20 for 70%						
Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Laci Walker*	34	3	9	4		
Geovica Bear	2	0	0	0		
Jana Bahlman	8	3	5	0		
Kemari Hale	17	5	5	2		
Stacey Sneed	26	3	4	6		
Ashly Santoya	0	1	0	3		
Suzanne Jones	1	3	0	0		
Macy Hanson	2	2	2	0		

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Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
Opponent: Miles Date: Dec. 13, 2002
Place: Miles Tournament, Game 3

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN
WINTERS	16	17	22	13	0	70
OPPONENT	9	10	10	13	0	42
Free throws made: 12 of 18 for 66%						
Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Laci Walker	18	3	1	1		
Geovica Bear	3	1	1	0		
Jana Bahlman	6	8	1	3		
Kemari Hale	8	7	3	3		
Stacey Sneed*	22	3	6	1		
Ashly Santoya	3	2	1	1		
Suzanne Jones	4	1	2	0		
Macy Hanson	4	1	0	0		

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Team: 7th Girls "A" Coach: Ed Pochis
Opponent: Colman Date: Dec. 9, 2002
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN
WINTERS	4	8	4	2	0	18
OPPONENT	4	2	4	0	0	10
Free throws made: 0 of 2 for 0%						
Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Carrie Mendoza	0	2	2	1		
Beili Knight	4	6	4	1		
Stacey Sneed	2	2	3	1		
Adrian Bergman	0	2	2	2		
Laci Walker*	6	5	5	1		
Geovica Bear	4	2	1	0		
Lillian Garcia	0	2	0	0		
Laura Armendariz	2	6	3	1		

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Go, Lady Blizzards!



HANDY GUYS, Manuel Roman (left) and Aaron Grenwelle of Winters Elementary, have served as band assistants during the Blizzard football season.

Soccer sign-up is January 11

Runnels County Soccer Association will conduct registration for Spring 2003 on Saturday, January 11, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In Winters, registration will be at Lawrence Bros. IGA Grocery, and in Ballinger at Wal-Mart.

Fees will be \$20 for the first child and \$10 for each child thereafter. Payment will be expected at registration.

RCSA is open to children from Winters, Miles, Ballinger, and Rowena.

Please contact Dayna Wade at 754-9906 or Kay Schwartz at 723-2066 for more information.



LACI WALKER puts up the jumper for two more points during varsity Lady Blizzard action against Hamlin. Laci scored a total of 101 points in four games at the Miles tournament last week and was selected as MVP of the tournament. The Lady Blizzards won first place in the contest.

New Year's Eve Dance
DJ Music
December 31, 2002
8 PM to 1 AM
Winters Country Club
Public Invited
\$10/couple & \$5/person

Runnels soccer photos are here

Player and team photos of the Runnels County Soccer Association have arrived. Winters team members may pick up their packets at *The Winters Enterprise* during regular office hours. Ballinger members may pick up their pictures at *The Ballinger Ledger* on Thursday, Dec. 19, and Friday, Dec. 20 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Call 754-4958 for more information.



GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE is WHS Senior Ashley Burson during a blood drive sponsored by WISD in the WHS Auditorium in early December. Also pictured are (left) Rocky Smith, Assistant Donor Care Supervisor and Michelle Norton-Brown, Donor Care Tech II with United Blood Services of San Angelo.

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce
Annual Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 21 10 AM
—GRAND MARSHALS—
2002 Winters Blizzards & Coaching Staff
Santa Claus will be at The Rock Hotel following the parade!
Queen Coronation Following Parade announced at The Rock Hotel
Over 30 Parade Entries!
Entries welcome day of parade!
Late entries not eligible for prizes.
PARADE ENTRIES MUST BEGIN LINING UP AT 9 AM.
Sno-Queen contestants will line-up in the State National Bank Parking Lot.
All other entries will line up in the Family Dollar Parking Lot.



BROOKLYNN ANDERSON, age 3, is all smiles and dancing eyes as she gets ready for Christmas. She is the daughter of Wendell and Brenda Anderson.



JORDAN FRIERSON as Mary, listens to Grandfather, played by Jack Pierce, in the Christmas musical at the First Baptist Church on December 15.

The Employees of
Winters Enterprise

Join you in prayer and celebration in this time of joyous remembrance of His birth, offering our hopes for a world filled with peace and love. Best wishes for a healthy, happy holiday.

With sincere appreciation for the goodwill you have shown us, many thanks for your business and support.



Jean Boles
Deb Pritchard
Susan Ripple
Jennifer Riffe

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11

Christmas 1979 at the Carl and Bessie Baldwin Home

308 N. Main • Winters, Texas

by Outia Baldwin Awalt

We all came home for Christmas Eve from everywhere — Lubbock, Amarillo, Kermit, Albuquerque, Arizona, Austin, Albany, Dallas, and Midland. There were 32 of us. You could hardly get in the living room for all the presents. We were about to open our presents when the doorbell rang. We opened the door and

there stood Santa Claus. He came in, talked to all the little kids, gave everyone candy, and then left. We thought Daddy (Carl) had hired him to come, but he had not. No one to this day knows who Santa Claus was who came and gave us a "Merry Christmas" and candy. Thank you, Santa.

Bedtime came and we had a lot of Methodist pallets on the floor.

The next morning, the main water line to Winters had broken and we had no coffee — until Daddy (Carl) went out back to his water well. People from all over town started coming with their buckets.



JACIE FRIERSON portrays Elizabeth Jane Flemming in the First Baptist Church's production of "Why Can't Christmas Just be Christmas?" She is the daughter of Julie and Kerry Frierson.

Morrison Family Christmas 2000

by Ruby Morrison

Year 2000—this is the year that my great-grandson, 10-year-old Clayton Sahr, wanted to play Santa Claus, because he thought he knew about Santa. We had a new addition to the family earlier in September, a granddaughter named Mattie. Clayton wanted to be Santa for Mattie.

Everyone said okay. I made the costume for Clayton. He was excited and had been practicing Santa ho-hos all day. There were around 25 family and friends present. All had agreed that Santa would have a big wool sack full of gifts to pass out to everyone.

While Clayton was getting ready, there was also another Santa, Santa #2 alias Bob Webb, getting ready at the other end of the house.

Clayton was singing and laughing and saying ho-hos. The excitement was building. The time had come for Santa #1 to appear at the front door.

Santa knocked and came in, and the fun was starting. Santa #1 was a "Sonora Bronco;" the team happened to be State Champs in football that year. Santa was passing out gifts and gave to a gift to Mattie, whose daddy is a Bandera coach. (Bandera had gotten beat in the semifinal game.) Mattie's gift was a Sonora Bronco t-shirt that read "State Champs."

Santa had been passing out gifts for Granny and PaPa, Maam, cousins, uncles, aunts, his own mama and daddy, when he reached in and grabbed a gift that was marked with the name Clayton. Santa said "Clayton" and looked around at everyone like what happens now. He had such a look of surprise — Clayton's mom stepped in and said

"Sorry Santa, Clayton is not here yet; I will take Clayton's gift for him."

Santa #1 was getting to the last gift in the sack when there was a knock on the front door. Lo and behold, there was a grown Santa Claus coming in. Shock, bewilderment, and an open-mouth stare came from

lots of pictures taken.

Lots of fun was had by all, but the time came for the Santas to leave. They left together to tend to their reindeer. While the front door was shut, the two Santas talked on the front porch. Clayton pulled off his beard and hair and looked at Santa #2 and said, "I don't

Two Santas in one year—



WHILE PLAYING SANTA for his 3-month-old second cousin Mattie Morrison, Clayton Sahr, age 10, received his own surprise by Santa #2 alias Bob Webb.

the first Santa. Santa #2 came in and made his rounds and the look on Santa #1's face is still priceless.

All of this was captured on video. Santa #2 even had brought a huge gift for Santa #1. Both Santas stayed and passed out the remaining gifts under the tree. Both Santas had

know about you, but I'm hot." They hugged each other and said what a good time was had.

Clayton came back around the side of the house and entered from the rear. He came running through the kitchen and said hello to everyone and then asked, "Did I miss Santa?"

Christmas memories with grandparents

by Melinda Sims Amidon of Presidio, Texas

I want to share a few special memories that I keep very dear and close to my heart and will never forget.

The memories that I have take place in the 1970s and early '80s. I wish I could relive a few of them. We always had the best Christmases ever. They were with my grandparents, the late Hallie and Floyd Sims, the late Kat Grissom, and Adeline Grissom.

We would spend half the day with the Simses and half with the Grissoms.

But, first, every Christmas Eve, we would go to Floyd and Hallie's house for fireworks while Mom and Dad set up our gifts under Hallie's pretty tree.

One time, me and Papa were holding a bottle rocket in our hands together when the thing blew up. I just thought my hand had blown off. It hurt so bad. I was about 4 or 5 years old — pretty little! It really hadn't hurt me as bad as I thought. Papa had more blisters than me. I just knew that Christmas was ruined because it hurt so bad.

Papa kept telling me, you'll be fine by morning. He was right. My hand was just fine — Papa was always right, and he knew I'd be more excited about what Santa had brought me than about my hand.

We all got ready and went over to Floyd and Hallie's house real early to eat a big

breakfast feast. Papa would cook. He cooked eggs, sausage, oatmeal, bacon, pancakes, waffles — you name it, he had it cooking. He loved filling our bellies before entering the huge living room where our presents lay under one of Hallie's well-decorated trees.

Hallie loved Christmas and decorating differently each year. One year she had four Christmas trees that represented each grandchild. They were so cool! One for Kris, Joe, Tommy, and I. She was so creative and so smart — that lady could do it all. Jack of all trades!

After breakfast was over, Papa would open the sliding door and we would all run into the living room. Papa Sims would play Santa. He loved that job and seeing our eyes all lit up with joy. He was always a happy man, with a nice smile. We were all so happy to see what he had.

One Christmas I'll never forget, under the tree laid two brand new Donahoe saddles for Kris and I from Mom and Dad. They were so pretty and, boy, we were so proud of them.

After the presents and having our delicious Christmas dinner and eating peppermint dessert which was Hallie's special tradition for us, we would all pack up and head to Crews to Kat and Adeline's house. Our aunts and uncles and ten

cousins would be waiting for us to get there. We would play all kinds of games and walk the pasture sides looking for cool artifacts. We were all so excited to see each other. They lived in all different places. We had a blast when we were all together on Christmas.

In the evening, we would eat our Christmas dinner. I just couldn't wait to eat Grandma Grissom's dressing; it is so delicious and my favorite. After supper, we would open gifts. We exchanged names every year, our tradition at the Grissoms. Papa Kat would play Santa. I can still remember his pretty, blue eyes. I miss him dearly. He was always so good to us — him and Grandma both. They would give us the world if they could. We did have fun out at Crews with my loving Grissom grandparents.

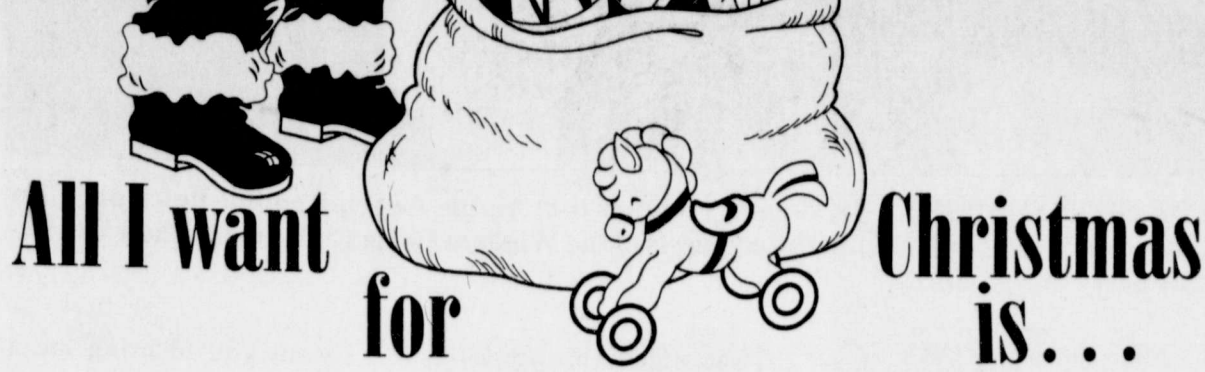
I wish every day I could give Papa Kat and Papa Sims and Hallie a big bear hug and tell them thanks for making my childhood Christmas memories the best. I miss them a lot!

Adeline (Grandma), my special grandma whom I love, is still living. Thanks for all the love you gave me — and to my family, I love you!

Now I have two kids of my own, and we are making new Christmas memories, but those old ones will never fade!!

Happy Holidays

Dear Santa



All I want for

Christmas is...

MRS. BERGMAN'S PRE-K CLASS

I want an airplane and a web blaster. You can find them at the Ballinger Wal-Mart.
Love,
Shayne Compton

I want make-up, a bracelet, earrings, necklace and a dress with princess shoes.
Love,
Elizabeth Dittmer

I want a baby doll with a necklace, a basket with all kinds of stuff in it and a sock.
Love,
Chelsea Gray

I want a baby doll, stroller, diaper bag and a watch.
Love,
Allyssa Gray

I want a real kitten, a box, a tree, and a baby doll.
Love,
Gabriella Madrid

I want a football and a toy.
Love,
Pete Cchoa

My microphone is breaking and I want a new one. I also want a bicycle.
Love,
Shelby Cchoa

I want a motorcycle.
Love,
Clifford Perkins

I want a Barbie Jeep.
Love,
Jessica Roman

I want a new watch that glows in the dark and a spider web.
Love,
Logan Reyna

I want a spider glove and a real spider web.
Love,
Andrew Sanchez

I want a toy, doll and another present.
Love,
Angel Sanchez

I want a Barbie watch.
Love,
Damaris Sanchez

I want a teddy bear and a spider glove.
Love,
Jonathan Sandoval

I want a jacket and a spiderman movie.
Love,
Freddy Santoya

I want a real bird.
Love,
Bradley Villareal

I want a teddy bear and a spider glove.
Love,
Jonathan Sandoval

MRS. McBETH'S PRE-K CLASS

I want a brand new Christmas tree and a baby doll. I've been good.
Love,
Haylee Riffe, 4

I been good. I want a Barbie with make-up and a purse.
Love,
Keanna Belh, 4

I been good. I want a Spiderman and a tricycle.
Love,
Josiah Fernandez, 4

I've been a good boy! I would like an airplane.
Love,
Sean Mooney, 3

I would like a baby pig. Two phones so I can talk with my teachers. I would like a Christmas tree.
Love,
Bubba Niedeechen, 4

I been good. I would like cars and drums.
Love,
Billy Cchoa, 4

I've been good. I would like a toy Christmas tree.
Love,
Angel Rangel, 4

Yes, I been good. I want a hat, a jewelry box, a ring and necklace, and earrings, lipstick.
Love,
Katey Reyes, 5



A TREE RIPE FOR PICKING with names of residents of the Senior Citizens Nursing Home who need Christmas gifts can be found at Heidenheimer's, Dollar General and Family Dollar Store. Diann Whittenberg, Heidenheimer's employee, is ready to help busy shoppers with their selections.

WINTERS HEAD START TAMMIE LANE & ELMA FLORES' CLASS

I am three and my name is Junior. I have been good. I have lots of toys. Could I have a motorcycle?
Love,
Timothy Gonzales Jr., 3

I was good this year. I want some money to put in my pocket. I want a coloring book and crayons.
Love,
Joe Andrews, 3

I'm never bad. I want a princess and a princess doll. I would like a table and chairs. I will leave 2 Christmas cookies, one for you, Santa, and one for Rudolf.
Love,
Zara Valles, 4

I have been bad but now I am acting like a big girl and being good. Bring me a baby and a monkey, and Dora the Explorer.
Love,
Brooklynn Sanchez, 3

I have been good. I want a choo-choo train. Santa, I will be waiting for you.
Love,
Brooklyn Galloway, 4

I want a football for Christmas. I have been good.
Love,
Chase Towe, 3

I have been a good boy. I want an orange bike for Christmas.
Love,
Fernando Villareal, 4

I was good most of the time. Please bring me some toys. Please bring my sister one present. Bring nacho presents, too.
Love,
Esaías Barron, 3

I want a Barbie and another Barbie. Please bring me a puppy and a kitty. I like to hear you say Ho Ho Ho!
Love,
Desiree Wilson, 4

I have been good. Santa, I want a Gameboy for Christmas and I promise to share it with my brother.
Love,
Chance Towe, 3

I have been good all year. Please bring me presents. I want a motorcycle that goes brrrm! I will leave you some food.
Love,
Sammy Reyna, 3

I am good. I was not bad. I want a Barbie cake and another Barbie toy. I hope it snows on Christmas, but don't get lost, Santa.
Love,
Breanna Luevano, 4

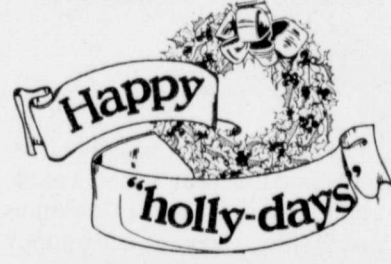
I am being very good. Please bring a Spirit movie and a high chair for me and Sissy's baby dolls. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Iristan Welch, 4

I want a car you can ride in for me and my brother, Fermin. I want a big swing, too. I was sweet this year.
Love,
Mireya Gomez, 4

I have been very good. I want a Barbie and I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Stormy Watkins, 3

I have been a big girl this year. I want it to snow for Christmas and a Barbie.
Love,
Lisa Rahne, 3

I want a Barbie and another Barbie. Please bring me a puppy and a kitty. I like to hear you say Ho Ho Ho!
Love,
Desiree Wilson, 4



Shift Into Holiday Gear

Wishing you a high-powered holiday loaded with extras like good times, great friends, and fond memories. We thank you for your steadfast support.

CHARLES BAHLMAN CHEVROLET
7540 West Hwy 153
Winters, Texas 79567
915-754-4551 or 1-800-588-2438

Gather 'round for a blessed event
May you experience a sense of warmth and peace that will light your way through the new year.
Happy Holidays

Pioneer Vet Clinic

619 E. Broadway

Kind words make good echoes.

Here's Wishing You a...

Merry Christmas

We are thankful for your patronage throughout the year and would like to show our appreciation by inviting you to a **Holiday Open House** at **Wingate & Winters...**

Monday December 23 9 AM to 3 PM
Tuesday December 24 9 AM to Noon

So we may spend the holidays with our loved ones, our branches will close at Noon on Christmas Eve and be closed on Christmas & New Year's Days.

SECURITY STATE BANK
Winters, Wingate & Buffalo Gap

Wingate 743-6550
Winters 754-4505
Buffalo Gap 572-3316

Winters Autotech & Tire Service
301 S. Main
754-1058

Wishing you & yours warmest holiday greetings!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

May the Christ of Christmas bring you and yours all the blessings of the season!

Come join us for **Candlelight & Communion**
Christmas Eve—6 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
141 N. Church St. — Winters
754-5213

The heartiest of greetings to all our fine patrons!

EDDIE'S WELL SERVICE
Eddie, Kim, Samson, and Rusty Jackson

Happy Holidays

MRS. TEKELL'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS

How are you? I've been a good boy. I want a motorcycle, spiderman webs, a necklace that is silver, a toy car and a rocket. Please bring my sisters some Barbies and my brother a teletubby. My mom wants a real camera and my Dad wants Uno cards.

Love,
A. J. Rodriguez

I like you reindeer. I've been a good girl. I would like a real puppy, a mermaid Barbie, a Barbie house and car and a doll that talks. Please bring my sister some jewelry and a CD. I want a ring for my Mom and sunshades for my Dad. My brother wants some CD's.

Love,
Amanda Ruiz

I love you! I will make you cookies and I want you to bring me a basketball hoop with little balls. My brother and I want a Play Station and some games with it. The basketball game for it. I want a playdough thing to make stuff, for my mom and dad alot of clothes.

Love,
Elias Arispe

How are you? I have been a good boy. I want a toy bear, a computer, a toy giraffe, a Power Ranger, the red one, and a toy car. My sister wants a McDonald's Barbie. My mom needs a blanket and my Dad needs a hammer. Please bring my Grandma some dishes. We will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
J.T. Ortiz

I hope you are doing good. I have been a good girl in class. I want a Barbie with a blue dress, a purse, a toy dog and a baby doll. My sister wants a Barbie, my brother wants a Batman. My Mom and Dad want some new clothes. I love you alot.

Love,
Kimmie Willborn

I'm going to give you cookies and a brown toy car. I want a Monster truck and a walking toy house, some walkie-talkies, some markers, some bouncing balls and some Teddy bear toys. I want a hamster for Christmas, and a four-wheeler. I want a surfing board. Dad wants CDs, and Mom wants a new bed. I have been good, I think.

Love,
Jared Esquivel

How are your reindeer? I have ben very good. I really want a dirt bike, a magic carpet, a CD player and a new battery for my truck. Please bring my brother and sister a CD player. Please bring my Mom a diamond and my Dad some new tools. I will leave you some milk, cookies, and chips.

Love,
Kendall Ferguson

I want to get a doggy, a puppy, and I want to sit in Santa's lap. I wish that Santa gave me a Barbie and a puppet show and I want a room set and a kitchen set like at school and a wood set. My brother wants a toy Monster truck and my sister wants a Barbie and a kitchen set that makes real stuff. I want a microwave that makes stuff.

Love,
Cedie Taylor

I have been pretty good. I really want a dirt bike, a cross necklace, a bike and a backpack with wheels. I also want a robot. Please bring me and Rico a Spiderman. My sister wants clothes. My Dad needs a lawnmower and please bring my Mom some earrings.

Love,
Albert Campos

I've been really good this year. I want a toy horse, a robot dog, a toy Teddy Bear and a toy cow-boy. My dad wants some shirts and mom needs batteries for my toy tractor. My tree is up and ready. I will leave you some cookies.

Love,
Ethan Bredemeyer

I want a Power Ranger Iccc Megalord, a motorcycle, a real one without training wheels, a skateboard, not a scooter, a Spiderman, a transformer Power Ranger that changes to a gorilla. My dad needs a new lawn mower and my mom needs some stuff to hang on my bedroom wall to make my room nice and neat. I have been good, I think.

Love,
Jordan Hamrick

I want a Barbie dollhouse, a Barbie, some toys for my sister. I'll share my Barbies with her. I want a cookie maker to make cookies and a coloring book, some puzzles and a Barbie car. My mom needs a new alarm clock so she can get me to school and she can go to work. Dad needs a razor to shave his hair. I've been good this year.

Love,
Jessie Childers

I want a new bike. I love you Santa! Mom and Dad some clothes and I want some clothes. Give Mom a computer and a new T.V. My sister needs some new clothes too. Mrs. Tekell needs a new T.V. too. I will leave you some chocolate cookies.

Love,
Bailey Hubbard

How are you doing? I have been a very good girl. I really want a computer, a teddy bear, a Barbie, a necklace, a rabbit and some toy dishes. Please bring my Mom a dress and some new shoes. She also needs a necklace. I will leave you some chocolate cookies.

Love,
Jennifer Rios

How are you doing? I've been a good girl. I want a doggy for Christmas. I want a radio, a toy hotel, a little doll, some clothes and a new computer. My sister wants a new radio and some shoe skates. My Mom wants a butterfly and my Dad wants a new shirt. I will leave you some cookies.

Love,
Magally Mendoza

I will put cookies on the table for you. I want a baby doll, a dog stuffed animal, a bean bag and a camera and I want a body pillow and I need some more View Master tapes. My Mom needs a candle and Dad a belt. I've been good this year. I want an ankle bracelet too!

Love,
Logan Tounget

I want a playhouse, a little jeep, a stapler for my papers, some Barbie clothes, a Barbie house, a baby bed for my baby dolls and a baby house. My sister wants a CD player and CDs, I think, she don't need much. My brother needs army stuff and army guys. Mom needs a new DVD player and some clothes for Dad. I have been good.

Love,
Olivia Rodriguez

I have been a good girl. I want a baby doll. I also want a toy dog and a Barbie book. My sister wants a bunny and my brother wants a Power Ranger suit. Please bring my Mom a necklace and my Dad a B.B. gun. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love,
Kristy Martinez

How are you? I have been really good this year. I want a game chair, a beanie baby, a Christmas sweat shirt, a scooter, a toy puppy and cat. Please bring Chelsea a game chair, my Mom some earrings and my Daddy a hunting gun. I will leave you some milk and cookies and some food for your reindeer.

Love,
Charly Lipsey

Have you been good? I have been real good. I really want a go-cart and a dirt bike. Please bring my Mommy a rose, a ring and necklace. My Dad wants a baby goat and we also want a butterfly. My grandma needs a chair and fishing pole. I love you.

Love,
Ty Cortez



THE SONS OF THUNDER singing group of (l-r) Monte Angel, Randall Boles and Jim Lincycumb, entertain members and guests of the Wingate Lions Club during their Christmas party at The Shed.

MRS. PARRAMORE'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Can you bring me a Spiderman toy and a skateboard man toy and a new Spiderman coloring book? Do your elves help you make the toys? I've been good all year.

Love,
Joseph Deanda

This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Gameboy vance and a Gameboy color. I want a Spirit toy and Randall on Monsters, Inc. and a Spiderman web blaster and a Power Ranger green deer and a new red school box. When you come by my house can you make a magic chimney and fireplace to come inside?

Love,
Stephon Cleghorn

I would like you to bring me a power ranger wild force. I would like a gameboy advance with somis game that is light blue. I would like Jacob to win state in football. I would please like a star wars toy.

Love,
Kimble Bridgeman

I want a doll toy with a heart and rainbow colors. Colors that make a rainbow on paper would be nice. Santa, I love you and I have tried to be nice. Santa, I am a special angel. I want a microwave for my mom and plastic forks and spoons. I would like a stove that works for my mom.

Love,
Angel Niedeecken

I am 5-years-old Santa and my name is Christian. I would like some legos and a jacket and a playstation 2 and a Spiderman game for it. I want some little race cars and a remote control car and a cap. I have been a good boy.

Love,
Christian Tamez

I want a Barbie with a princess house that has cooking stuff and clothes with it. I want the Princess Barbie with a crown and the purple earrings and a purple car for her. I want a boy Barbie too, with clothes, and a Barbie ring. I have been very good.

Love,
Bianca Trevino

I want a Spiderman action figure. I love you Santa. I am going to leave you some chocolate chip cookies.

Love,
Ryan Young

I want a new bike and a new scooter and new toys. I would like a fashion movie star and a camera that works with a Barbie video with it. I have been special for you Santa.

Love,
Kaitlin Stewart

Thank you for the presents last year. This year I want a Barbie and a Barbie car and a Rapunzel Barbie. Please bring my Grandmaw Valentine some dishes. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Victoria Sanchez

I want some new shoes like Zerk's shoes. I would also like an airplane that shoots alot of bullets. I would like a Geosafari Jr. that would help me do my homework. I would also like a building of HeMan. I also want a toy of Harry Potter.

Love,
Mando Arizmendi

Please bring me a thumper and the Barbie and a Barbie car and a fish. I also want a gameboy advance for my mom and plastic forks and spoons. I would like a stove that works for my mom.

Love,
Kaylynn Squires

I want a ballerina movie for Christmas and I also want Lilly the book and a Rapunzel My Size. I want a Princess comforter. I miss you Santa. I will have some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Sierra Aleman

I want a Spiderman glove and suit to wear. I want a Batman tatoo, a bow and arrow, and a game with dice.

Love,
David Sanchez

I would like lots of candy. I would like an Eddie Spaghetti doll and a Barbie cash register. Please bring me some dress ups and Boo some cat treats. I would also like some stamps so I can stamp my school papers at home. I also want some kitchen stuff. My momm likes apples. Thank you Santa.

Love,
Katie Wade.

I want you to bring me a Barbie cash register and some new Barbie shoes and new clothes. Have a good Christmas. I have been good.

Love,
Gabby Peña

I want a gameboy and a Super Mario World for it. I want a choo-choo train with tracks and a Mario Party 4 for Nintendo Game Cube. I want a radio and a CD player and a Winnie the Pooh movie, a ABC game and a new backpack with some new colors.

Love,
Cody Towse

Do you have elves? I like you Santa. I want a skateboard Santa and some skateboard shoes. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Rudy Lara

I am going to leave you a glass of milk and some cookies. I miss you Santa. come to my house and bring me some presents. Bring me a bike and a trampoline and a puppy.

Love,
Samantha Mavvero

I want some Barbie dolls and a Barbie doll cash register. I would like a TV and a VCR with a remote. Please bring my mommy a bracelet and my daddy some tools so he can work on his truck. Please bring my Nanny a bracelet and a watch for my papa. I have been a good little girl.

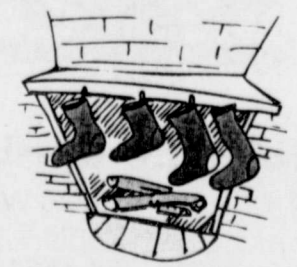
Love,
J.Nae Hagle
P.S. Please bring my brother some toys!

I want a Spiderman web blaster. I would like a little monster truck. Please bring mommy and daddy some books. I have tried to be a good boy. There is one more thing I want, It is a Spiderman comic book, if you have one.

Love,
Luke Prather

I would like an X-Box and a big screen TV and a trampoline. I have been good.

Love,
David Torres



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MRS. BUTLER'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS

I want a Firetruck Transformer. I want Cannon to have Star War Legos. Give Grace a Rapunzel doll. I want to get Dad a train to go around the Christmas tree with Mom's. Dad's will go behind Mom's. I have been kind of good and kind of bad, but more good. I will leave you some cookies.

Love,
Shelton Bryan

I want a little toy monster truck, some dominoes, a car that is a remote control car that hits the wall and flips over, a little thing that goes back and rolls by itself. Daddy wants a thingy that you put balls in for his baseball players. They hit the balls. He also wants a marker. I have been good. I will leave you a brown, pink, and yellow cookie.

Love,
Calvin Seago

I want Christmas lights, coloring books, and reindeers. I have been good. I will leave you some candy.

Love,
Michael Marentes

Please bring me a Barbie race car, Barbie Backpack, a raft that floats on the water and a real puppy. My brothers would like race cars. My sister wants a Barbie. Mom wants a Teddy Bear. I have been really good this year. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and milk.

Love,
Rachel Nunez

I want a Barbie car, some books, a swing set, a T.V. with a VCR, and some movies. Please bring my brothers some Dollar Store toys and games. I have been good. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and M&M cookies.

Love,
Marisol Ortiz

I want a talking Mermaid Barbie doll, a Barbie bicycle, some clothes. For my brother I think he wants one Hot Wheels and some blocks. My Mom wants, I think tons of movies and DVDs. I guess Daddy wants a lot of video games. There is one more thing I need. I need a new VCR cause mine broke. I have been really, really, really good.

Love,
Nina Mooney

baby brother has been good. I have been good, also. So has my Dad & Mom & Tanner. I will leave you a snack.

Love,
Tyler Maya

I want those little play things that you put in your mouth for my sister (teether). I want a computer, a swing set and a little cup to put my money inside and paper, stamps, markers, scissors, glue, and crayons. I have acted nice this year. I will leave you little heart cookies.

Love,
Gabby Jimenez

I want a stocking with candy in it, a Play Station, a Nintendo, a G.I. Joe, and a G.I. Joe Jeep. I have been really, really good this year. I will leave you Oreos and milk.

Love,
Lukas Kraatz

I want a new Barbie bicycle, a Barbie radio, Barbie Scooter, and the Barbie that has spaghetti hair. Please bring my Momma a necklace and earrings. C.J. wants a new bike. I have been good this year. I will leave you some like and gingerbread cookies.

Love,
Adeanna Lopez

I want a Barbie doll and some new clothes. Abby would probably like some new clothes, too. Wiley would also like clothes. Mom wants clothes and some shoes. Dad also wants clothes and shoes. I have been good this year. I know you didn't mean to break the snowman Christmas plate last year, so I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Ashely Guy

For me I want a red motorcycle Yamaha and for my brother a yellow four-wheeler. For mom I want Santa Claus to make her win \$2,000 in the lottery. For my Dad a blue Yamasaki. I have been good this year. My brother the same. I will leave you a Santa Claus cookie and Santa Claus cake.

Love,
Jimmy John Ripley

I want a Barbie car, a Barbie, a toy Santa, some blocks, some numbers. A.C. has always wanted a scooter. My Momma only wanted to get a new job. I have been very good this year. I will leave you some chocolate cookies.

Love,
Athera Mata



THE CHRISMON TREE is located in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church. A Chrismon is a combination of parts of two words and is a monogram of Christ. Christmas Eve services with communion will be at 6 p.m.

I want a new monster truck that is red. It needs to be a controller and a new controller green dirt bike. My brother wants a ball. My sister wants a new Barbie doll. My Dad wants a new tape measure. My Mom wants a new candle that smells. I have been good this year. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and milk.

Love,
Taylor Hooper

Santa, I want a dirtbike for Christmas and Santa I hope you can make it to all the children at Christmas. I also want Frog Tennis and an electric scooter. Bring Meme some donuts with M&M's on them. Give Pop some new boots. Uncle Stacy wants a new apartment. Aunt Gentry wants some brownies. Baby Lexus wants a doll house.

Love,
Jacob McMinn

P.S. I have been good!

Come see the Chrismon tree— First United Methodist Church to host Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service

by Jean Gibbs

The Chrismon tree in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, Winters, began as an offering to God. The United Methodist Women's organization of the church first made Chrismons for the Christmas tree in the mid-1960s.

New Chrismons have been added since that time, including new Chrismons this year made by member, Millie Northup.

The Chrismon tree will never be completed, as Chrismons are Christian symbols telling the "Good News." The tree speaks directly to anyone who sees it, the story of Christ told symbolically.

A Chrismon is a combination of parts of two words: CHRISmon and MONogram. A Chrismon is a monogram of Christ.

All Chrismons are made in combinations of white and gold. White, the liturgical color for Christmas, refers to the Lord's purity and perfection; gold, to His majesty and glory. The tiny white lights on the tree point to the Christ as the "Light of the World."

The designs of the Chrismons are quite beautiful. The Chrismon tree is worthy of being placed in the Lord's house; it contributes to the spirit of worship during the Advent-Holy Season of the church.

First United Methodist Church, Winters, will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service on Tuesday, December 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Pastor Georgia Orr and the congregation invite the community to this special service.

I want a remote control car, a computer, a little toy zebra, a toy camera, a little chair I can sit in and a little table I can draw at. Mommy definitely likes those diamond ring things! I have been nice to my Momma this year. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and white milk.

Love,
Clint Holloway

Please bring me a cop car and cop suit, and handcuffs and a gun. Destiny wants a doll. Andrew might like a digger truck and one of those little trucks that pushes stuff. I have been nice. I will leave you Pop Tarts and cookies.

Love,
Michael Chavis

I want a playhouse for Mommy, blocks, a tractor and a workshop. I have been kind of good. I will leave you some fried chicken.

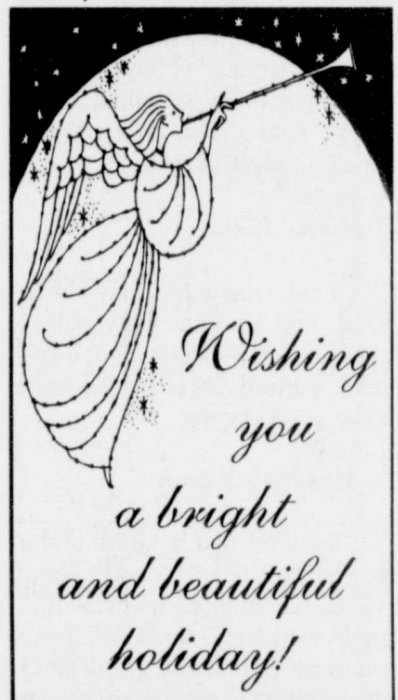
Love,
Nathan De la Cruz

For Christmas I want an inflatable chair. I want a rainbow colored one. I was really wanting a cooking Barbie set and a new pair of high heel GoGo boots. Jacie would like some new leopard wallpaper. Dalton would like some new camo wallpaper. I have been very good. I will leave you some milk and cookies at home.

Love,
Jordan Frierson

I want you to come and bring me a Barbie jeep. Please bring my Mommy a rose. She loves to smell roses. I think Daddy wants a white funeral shirt if someone dies. I have been kind of good. I will bake some chocolate chip cookies and I will put out some milk for you Santa.

Love,
Christa Bahlman



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I want a drum and an icy and shot gun shels and some slothese. How are your reindeer dooing? I have ben a good boy. I live in Winters. I am six. I want tows. How are you and your wife dooing? I want a bike. How are your elfs dooing? I want a shot gun.

Love,
Covey Pritchard

I want a laptop and my little sister wants a pink car. I will leave you sum cookies. santa kan you give my mom a round pello. give my brother sum hotwils. give my dad a noo Jon Wayn Moovey. give Amber a noo ring. Give my dogs three dog bons.

Love,
Austen Green

How is Rudolph! Dear Santa how are you doing. Dear Santa I want some noo shous. Dear Santa by my sister some noo cloos. Dear Santa by my daddy some noo pens Dear Santa there is som cookee and mile on the tabble! Dear Santa I Love You. Dear Santa how are you!

Love,
Justin Ventress

I love you. My mom wants a new rug for her bathroom. dad wants a hat. my grandma some rings I want a rabot puppy Wake Me up to see Rubalaph.

Love,
Ashlee Hollis

I want a carebear I have ben good. and I wanta baby ball. I hope you get this leter. I hope you have a good christmas. I will leave you coacyses.

Love,
Sierra Woffenden

I want an inside kittun and a snowski and a frowiler. My name is Kara Kraatz and I am in the first grade and I am 7. And I will make you some cookies and milk and I will put thim in the livening room and get a reehing for my mom and get my Dad a cupneter and get my Mom and Dad a tevy.

Love,
Kara Kraatz

I have been a good gerl. I want a care bear, clothes, gams, baby dall, basketball. Robby wants a VCR, blue jens. John wants a Guitar. Mom wants a rug, and clothes. Dad wants a travel bag and blue jens. Amy and Ashley lives in veri best breng them a blanket and puppy.

Luv,
Kara Heathcott

I have been good I want clothes and I will leve three christmus cookes. I want some toys, I want a laptop and how are the reindeer. My lattle brother want some toys how are your elfs doing. My mom want a prity reng. my Dad want a now watch. my brother a xbox.

Love,
Christopher Gerhart

I have been a good girl. I want a baby doll that wets. I want a basketball for Cristmus. I will levee milk and cookes. Wake me up so I can see the reindeer. I love you Santa, I hope that your reindeer are doing fine.

Luv,
Lauren Bredemeyer

I want a tape and a baby soot for my brother and I want for My Mom is close and I want close to Santa I like know I will leve the cookes Santa I will leve the door alot beautiful. We dont have a chimee. We have the christmas tree up and I will sleep on the couch.

Love,
Emily Reyes

I have bin a good girl. I want care bears, Rudolph doll, radio, bike, teacher stuff. I am going to give you cooky and milk. dud! happy chrismis Santa! Breng my brother Michael a bike and a dvd.

Love,
Destiny Chavis

I would like a white Bunny and a MerMaId and a glass angel for Mom and Me too and a gun for Dad for my brother is a white Bunny too. and I will have milk and cookies for you. How is baby Jesus and how are your deere I hop you have a Merry Christmas

Love,
Allanna Cooper

I have been a good girl. I want a new bike a dolly, some socks. How are the reindeer this year? I'm six years old. Have a Merry Christmas! There will be milk and cookies too! My big sister would like a walkman and my older brother would like a DVD player. And my cousin Brooklyn would like a stuffed reindeer. And my other cousin Brady would like a toy truck.

Luv,
Melissa Calcote

MRS. PRINGLE'S FIRST GRADE CLASS

I would like a go-cart and a remote controller truck and a shark bark rock.

Love,
Taylor Riffe

I wot a stuffed bear. I wot a dirt bike. I wot a doll.

Love,
Sophia Reyes

I have bin very good Ples con I hov a 18 wheeler

Love,
Chris Potts

I what a CD player and a art set and a ez bake and a computer

Love,
Vanessa Sanchez

please bring me my ice cream freezer make sure to bring the ethrs presents.

Love,
Sadie Smith

I want a remote control monster truck.

Love,
Daryl Hagle

I have been very good can you bring me a doll and a bottle Please bring the other presents

Love,
Audrie Reyes

I woot like new crayons. I want a bike. I want new clothes. I want a new TV and VCR.

Love,
Amanda Horton

I have been good thiz year Please bring me a Choo Choo train and a toy airplane.

Love,
James Witherson



CROOK AND ROSALIE BROADSTREET of the Senior Citizens Nursing Home enjoy hugs from 6-year-old Corey Pritchard who sang Christmas carols with other members of the First Baptist Church.

MRS. COLBURN'S FIRST GRADE CLASS

I have bin good. Wud you give Me a mote control poiznus Snak that is gray. And a black remote control jet plan that can shoot same misls awt and wud you put steings on the misls. i love santa.

Love,
Jonathan Lambert

How is thans going! I love you! I want a 100 fet aplane that is remote controer! I want a staaute of you. I have ben good!

Love,
Ty Black

I am lesening at school i wut a brbeer prezet. I wut a gameboy.

Love,
Julie Tamez

Hal is Rudolph? Wil you giv me a My blad. I want the moove how the ginch stole christmas

Love,
Marshall Scates

I have not bin good. nethr was my bruthers. What do the radir do when it is not crismas I wanta a big skreem teve. I love santa. I will try to be good.

Love,
Samson Tamez

I want a bol that has you Santa. Who feeds the reindeer? I have ben gud. I wil lev cookes on the plate.

Love,
Vichi Madrid

I want a motuchro aplane and a soerbol and a basbol and a basketbol and a noo moove. Santa hal doo your reindeer fly?

Love,
Zachary Schwartz

Mrs. Claus. How es your little raindeer. I am a good girl. And I halp my mom and dad. Who maxes the toys? Santa I want an easy bace?

Love,
Jaymee Pritchard

Santa pleez Beeg mee a reemotkuhth car. Saht Who helps you mack The toys? misis coshaw are rehddrees?

Luv,
Fermin Cruz

I want a puesent. I want a Barbie toy. I love stanta, claus. I am a good goor.

Love,
Tasha Tamez

I hope you will have a good time too. I have been good so has my sister. We hope you will breeng us some presents. What have you been doing Santa? I hope Mis. Claus is doing good too. Breen us inything you want too breeng. We hope you are doing good too.

Love,
Katelyn Drake



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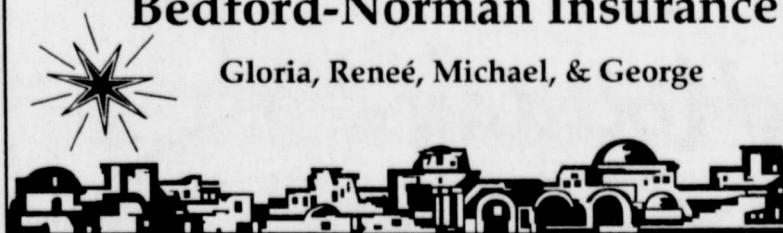


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I want a puppe
Love,
Eusebio Reyna

I want a bear and a computer and a dog i want a cat.
Love,
Berenice Garcia

I would like a doll and a Barbie and A necklace.
Love,
Shelly Soto

I want a Matorcycle and a wach and a bike and a car and a kite and a spiderman movies and a x-box game and a chruch
Love,
Gabriel Martinez

I want a Barbie for cristmas and a dollhous.
Love,
Yolanda Rangel

I want A computer with games and A toy bus and A toy motorcycle and A kite and A spiderman water bottle and A spider man web blaster and a trampoline four Christmas.
Love,
Ryan Luera

I would like a radio. And a lamp. And a box of rings. And a dress. And some computer gams. And some shoes. And a trampoline. And a stuffed dag.
Love,
Sabrina Oswalt

I want a lamp. I want some computer game frog ger. I want a now dres. And a box of rings. And a pair of shoes. And a stuffed dog. And I want a stuffed cat too. And a rill dog
Love,
Kaitlyn Lindley

I want A computer and A new jamm gailar and A spider-man web blaster and A trampoline and A robot with rap inside it.
Love,
A.C. Mata

I what a basks and Santa! I what a skates Ko santa and I what a trampoline Ko Santa and I what a watch Ko Santa and I what a necklace Ko Santa and I what a ring Ko Santa
Luv,
Haley Stewart

I want a scooters and a movie. An a dress kite. Bike and tint and a jumproop. and set books tent TV trampoline. Swimming pool playstation.
Love,
Seri Hagle

I would like a computer. I will like a spiderman shooter. I like a playstation for christmas.
Love,
Rico Campos

I want SpiderMan gams. a tint a playstation a basbol a piny raser a beebigon spider man shoes and I want you.
Love,
Jordan Taylor

I want a dog and a scooter. And a movie. An a dress and kite and bike. Tint and jump rope and a artset and an book and a Little TV and a Playstation and a shirt with a Angel on it. And a stereo. and a cd
Love,
Samantha Sanchez

I would like a b-b gun and a shot gun. but The guns are real real. and. I w like a toy guns and a tow toy cars. And A tow bull dogs. And A presito for my mom.
Love,
Josual Nunez

I wish i had a barbey for chrissmass. I hope i get to have one. Wood you get one for me please. santa. I wish you a merg chrissmass. Santa. I hope you wish me a mery chrissmass. Santa. I hope you wish me a mery chrissmass. Santa. I want a prinsness. too. And I want a prins. And a little Barbey boy. Too. Santa. And I want a little girl Barbey. Too. I Love you santa. You love me too right santa good by Santa
Love,
Destiny Ann



BUNDLED UP, READY TO SING are Marcus Mostad with his dad, Michael, and Macey Gerhart, daughter of Scott and Melissa Gerhart. Both children are three years old and enjoyed a round of carolling with the First Baptist Church.

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I want a CD player and a snowkone maker and skeechers pop out sckats and I will live you cookies I bin good
Love,
Randa Watson

I want a game boy and a gold fish for christmas and a computer and a play dog and some shoes.
Love,
Heather Lincoln

I want a ball. I want a bike in a box.
Love,
Hannah Johnson

I want a angelfish and a teddy bear for my and my sister I want a ring for my mom and for my Dad and I want a colors and coloring books I want a quilt and a rose and a baby for my sister To Santa, Merry Christmas
Love,
Daisy Martinez

I want for Christmas is Whesleler toy and hotwheels cars and the Whesleler toys I want is Chris bain Stone Cold Steve Austin Jeff hardy Triple H The rock Kurt Angle and Nintendo Gamecube and the game will be Whesle Maneca 18 and that's what I want Santa. Merry Christmas
Love,
Andrew Silva

I have ben good. I want a gamee for my intedo 604 for crismas. And 4 more games for my supo. I want a xbox with derdui gams for it. I want a game boy it venst for crismus. I want a new tony hoc scat bord Mery crismus santa and missis closs
Love,
Kolton Garcia

I want a snobord and a dog but I want a litty dog and a caj for it. hohoho! Meree crismis! and a snack and a mows for The Snack! To Santa! hohoho Meree cris
Love,
Nathan Rodriguez

I want a Play Station 2 and games for the Play Station 2 and I want toys and clotes and skateboard and games and hats and I want a bike and soes and beyblades form have a happy merry christmas and a happy New year.
Luv,
Anthony Lara

I want a mordusikle I want a game boy for chrismus I want a santa snow ball toy I also want a games lik an xbox I like to git plastick bollons a bowt 4 av.
Love,
Edmund Jamez

I want a dall and a fish and a bird. And a dog and a cat and diver and a big house and a sister and a brother. I am good and a big sester but one brother that we have to santa
Love,
Anastacia Santoya

I want a bike and a hotwils and a mushyngun and a dog and a move us Men in bloack part 2 and a plaitshenan 2 and a mart bike and a liesh for The dog for it is I wish my dog can by box nis to the cats To santa merry christmas sand
Love,
Josreal Nunez

Id like a baby born boy or girl. Id also like a kitten. Id like a little orange kitten that is well behaved. one that doesn't mess up the house a little more. I also want a rainbow unicorn that I can really ride! Merry Christmas! To a jolly old man Santa!
Love,
Hannah Wade

I have been good. I would like to have a horse, roler blades, doll, swimming pool, Magic, watch, and love. Mery Christmas Santa.
Love,
Megann Willborn

Santa Nicholas Merry Christmas I wish I had a xbox. I even want a gamecube. I want a cat. I want a game. I want my brother to have a toy. I want a toy. Ho Ho Ho
Love,
Nicolas Perez

I like to have A Barbie Bike and My Little Borthor he want a powerwager and Santa I like to have Barbie computer and Santa Like to have a and I want a Bear and some toy and Santa I will give you some cooke for you My 3ot Woot St Dear Merry new year's
Love,
Veronica Garcia

May I please have a big fluffy bear and a jump rope and a blue hulahoop and a computer. Merry Christmas Santa Claus
Love,
Joanna Perez

I want a xbox with a game and The game is blade 2 and driver The game and a drum set and I want a rimote cantrale car and a game boy avens and a game of spiter mane boy avens for it an I ben good. Love Santa Class
Love,
Michael Alatorre

I want a bike and a Game is a box cube, please I went a cake for me birthday and a cake for my little cousin to he love Power Rangers me and my little cousin we love you
Love,
Lupe Hernandez

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I want a Britney Spers C.D. And are you doine Good with The Elves. I Hope So BeCause you are a cool guy. I Love You. Sometimes My Brother is A mene And I Do Not like it Because it is DUMB

Love,
Amanda Lambert

How are you Santa and are you doing the gift with the calf's and now I want for Christmas sum rolerskats shoes and a phone and clouthes and huting clouthes and golf clouthes and golf bag and is rordof good today and Mis Claus going and I wont at my Dad Humse couler book and a hat and a book and a dog and Santa I bath a bother and I love you Santa and Mis Clous and the hole Eath and I am fine and I like you for a friend

Love,
Elisha Mata

How are you doing. I hope you are ding fine. And the calf's are they doing fine to. If they are that's good. I want pairs of boots that zip on the side. And pairs of baggy pants with a top. I want a computer for Linda, Crystal, Me, Ryan and Bianca. And please buy my baby sister Breanna some stuff to.

Love,
Veronica Luera

How are you? I want a real hourse a, football a real dog the mouvy Spirit a satdl, for my brother the mouvy Leelou and Stich and mour things I love you.

Love,
Tanner Mayo

Haw are you doing. I want yel-low show and yellow switpest. I want zools. I want a blue hat. I want a white hat. I want a red hat. I love Santa Claws. ho ho Mare Crimas. I love crimas.

Love,
Kevin Starkey

How is ever body doing? I love you. I want a xbox and playstashon. And a nou modusikaler.

Love,
Billy Weatherford

How are you! I hope you have a marry cistmas! Wood you give me those Tinny Shoes that tern into rolerblades and some closes and toys and a nightey and shoes. And rolerskates and a doll. And some more pants. And a girl pup and my owne room. And a laptop and Books and a horse and a rat. I love you Santa Claus your cool. And want to see you. And I want to see Mrs. Claus and some of the raindirsi! Happy Cristmas.

Luv,
Brittany Gray

is the Elfs doing ok. Tell them to eat all there green beans or there pointy ears will fall off. By the way I want the new moive When in Rhom and when the new moive Aliza Thornbereys. And there is a new toy where you can draw whith your toses and fingers. And some stufed anilmils. Ho Ho Ho Mery Chistmas and to all a good night

Love,
Jordan Lee Busher

How are the elfs I'm en elf in my play can I please have a x-box and a skooter, and can you give my sister a caen, and a wo-wo, and give me one more thang a gun.

Love,
Junior Espino

How are you and your ELF. Are you OK. I want a xbox Santa please. Where are your ELFS. I want a football. I like to play football. Next year I will play peawee football. I want a laptop. Santa please. I want a gameboy and Santa please get me a bike. And wun more thing I like rude off the red nose rain dear Santa will think about you

Love,
Davin Oliver Tanner

I hepe you have good merry christmas. I want a fake horse to play with and I want I real fish and santa I want a santa that sings. I love you santa. I hope you love me stanta.

Love,
Ashley Hodge

How is everyone doing. How are you doing Santa Claus. How is it going there. I am fine here. Are the elfs warking hard! I want makeup for Christmas. Thank you Santa Claus. I Love you. Santa Claus. your cool.

Love,
Ashley Doty

How is everyone doing and how are you doing? I want a barbe doll and a box of crayons and a book and a coloring book and a game for my hole famely and sumthing for my mom and somthing for my daddy and my brothers and my nana. Happy Chrismris

Love,
McKenzie Hooper

How has it bin gowing im fin are you fin. How is it gowing with the elfs. I want a Tablad and a exbox or a playstashn too and a labtop and ten moor tablad.

Love,
Marcus Torres

How is Mrs. Claus doing? I want to see your raindear's. Can I have my last name rapt in lite's. I want a spider web blast shouter. I want a black borse. I want a esy bak even please. Can I have some clothse please. I want some show and a rumote cunro. I want a little car for me and my little cousin we will be happy. I Love you so much Santa. I Love you too Mrs. Clous. I Love you too raindear's away's Ho!Ho!Ho! Marry Christ-mas

Love,
Justice Hubbard

How are you I love you I want a dolls and a puppy and a dollhouse. I what cptuo and gams a rabble and a pet buttey and a pet bird and a fish a mucke and a land and a cat I what to do to hwiy

Love,
Samantha Rodriguez

How is the elfs doing. Are the Raindeer doing good. Can I have a football or a mouvy like Monsters ink. Can I have a golf bag and clubs and glvs and have a happy crimas. And a geio set or just a geio with a gun and Jet with bulus

Love,
Bryce Mikeska



CHRISTMAS TREE WONDERS bring different reactions from (l-r) Edmund Ortiz, age 7; Marcus Mostad, age 3; and Jace Young, age 2, during a Christmas party at First Baptist Church.

A Soldier's Christmas Poem

"Twas the night before Christmas, He lived alone, In a one-bedroom house made of Plaster and stone.

I had come down the chimney With presents to give, To see just who In this home did live.

I looked all about, A strange sight I did see. No tinsel, no presents, Not even a tree.

No stocking by mantle, Just boots filled with sand. On the wall hung pictures Of far distant lands.

With medals and badges, Awards of all kinds, A sober thought Came through my mind.

For this house was different, It was dark and dreary. I found the home of a soldier, Once I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, Silent, alone,

curled up on the floor In this one-bedroom home.

The face was so gentle, The room in such disorder, Not how I pictured A United States soldier.

Was this the hero Of whom I'd just read? Curled up on a poncho, The floor for a bed?

I realized the families That I saw this night, Owed their lives to these soldiers Who were willing to fight. Soon 'round the world The children would play, And grown-ups would celebrate A bright Christmas Day.

They all enjoyed freedom Each month of the year Because of the soldiers Like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder How many lay alone, On a cold Christmas Eve In a land far from home.

The very thought Brought a tear to my eye. I dropped to my knees And started to cry.

The soldier awakened And I heard a rough voice, "Santa, don't cry, This life is my choice.

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more. My life is my God, My country, my corps."

The soldier rolled over And drifted to sleep, I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.

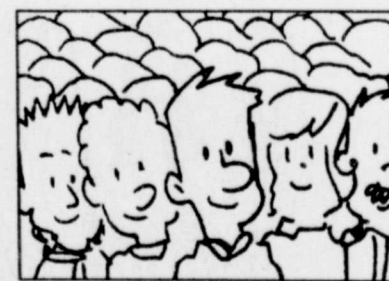
I kept watch for hours, So silent and still And we both shivered From the cold night's chill.

I didn't want to leave On that cold, dark night This guardian of honor So willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over, With a voice soft and pure, Whispered, "Carry on, Santa, It's Christmas Day; all is secure."

One look at my watch, and I knew he was right. "Merry Christmas, my friend, And to all a good night."

Editor's note: This poem was presented over KCRN radio. It was written by Air Force Lt. Col. Bruce W. Lovely in 1993, while he was stationed in Korea. The poem appeared in the Ft. Leavenworth Lamp in 1995.



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The anticipation and tradition live on— Christmas morning through the eyes of a child

by Deb Pritchard, Assistant Editor

I remember...waking up well before the sun would come up, sitting in bed, and looking out my window just up the gravel road, to see if Grandma and Grandpa Chapman were up and out of bed yet.

Sure enough, Grandma had remembered and left her bedroom light on, so we'd know they were waiting for our call.

All I had to do now was wake my sister next to me and scurry to my brother's room just down the hall to alert them to the dawn! Then all four of us would tiptoe to Mom and Dad's bedroom to see if they were awake yet—not sure whether it would be okay to rouse them or not. (If the truth be known...they'd been laying there for quite some time, just waiting on the first evidence of stirring in our rooms.)

After much cajoling and begging them to get up, they'd finally roll out of bed and into some clothes. This was an incredibly agonizing time for the four of us kids, as we weren't allowed down the hallway until Mom and Dad led the way.

Even then, upon reaching the dining room, we still had absolutely no idea what magic Santa had worked at our house because the Christmas tree was in the family room—and the family room had a set of Dutch doors adjoining one room to the other. And guess what? They were always closed, and...we were never allowed to peak under the curtain or inch open the top door just enough to see...

No, that was forbidden, and part of the yearly ritual my parents tortured us kids with. So instead, we'd dial the phone and call Grandma and Grandpa, and tell them, "Hurry, Santa Claus has come, and we can't open presents until you get here!" Of course, they always lead us on that they'd have to get dressed and drink their coffee (though they'd already been up an hour or better and we're sitting there dressed just waiting on our call.)

In the meantime, Dad would slip through the double doors when our backs were turned and get a fire started in our fireplace that took up the entire end of the family room. On his way back into the front end of the house, he'd plug in the Christmas tree lights, only to torment us some more, I'm sure. We could make out the shape of the tree and see the lights twinkling through the curtains, but couldn't make out a present one from our vantage point.

Of course I, being the oldest, had stationed my oldest brother by the window for the first sign of lights backing from the driveway at my grandparent's house. He'd come running with the news they were "on their way...they're on their way!"

But yet more torture, or so we thought. Mom had put homemade cinnamon and pecan rolls in the oven to warm, having made them the night before, and set a pot of coffee to perking. Breakfast was required before we even thought about opening a present.

We were sent to our rooms to dress, and only after reminiscing over 8mm home videos, did I realize that no thought whatsoever was given to our wardrobe as we looked like ragamuffins with horribly mismatched clothes hastily thrown on our bodies. The point was...we were dressed!

By now, Grandma and Grandpa were ambling into the house at a snail's pace, or so it seemed. Many years, Aunt Mickey, my Grandma's eccentric sister, was with them, as she often spent Christmas Eve night since she had no family of her own.

Aunt Mickey reminded me of Aunt Clara from the TV show "Bewitched." She was always smiling, whether she knew what was going on or not! In addition, her trademark was pink! Every piece of clothing Aunt Mickey owned was pink. Her pajamas, her robe, her shirts, pants, dresses, EVERYTHING was pink. And she wore costume jewelry, BIG costume jewelry. But she always had such a grand time with us. Now that I'm older, only now can I appreciate how much being with us on Christmas Day meant to her.

So...with everyone finally gathered around the table, we'd delve into the tasty homemade yeast treats mom had so painstakingly made for us each year. (Again, only now do I realize the effort it took to have fresh rolls EVERY Christmas morning as long as I can ever remember. Four kids, all within five years of age, a family owned business, and Christmas celebrations in three households—all within a 24 hour period.)

Since I'm on the subject, let me deviate from the story to say...not only was there homemade, yeast, cinnamon and pecan rolls, there were "real" yeast rolls for Christmas dinner, the best peanut brittle you've ever tasted, the creamiest fudge (both chocolate and peanut butter) to ever fill your mouth, and

homemade, from scratch, cut with cookie cutters, Christmas sugar cookies expertly trimmed with colored sugars and decorations.

Somewhere along the way, I guess Dad felt sorry for mom and he started baking the oatmeal cookies. It was an extremely tasty recipe, but Dad, as he does everything, couldn't just make a "batch of cookies." No he had to make a triple batch or more!

He measured the ingredients haphazardly sending flour and oats everywhere. Then he would add a dash of nutmeg, a bit of this and a bit of that until he had the hugest bowl mom could find filled to the brim. No mixer could have ever made its way through the heap, so dad would roll up his sleeves and delve in up to his elbows squishing the dough through his fingers, blending the mouth-watering concoction to perfection.

It wasn't much to watch, but to this day, I'd take dad's oatmeal cookies over anyone's in the world, because I certainly can't duplicate his recipe!

Anyway back to the story of Christmas morning, for us kids, the homemade rolls would seem to stick in our throats as we tried to eat only one as quickly as good manners would allow...for all we wanted was for breakfast to be over with as soon as possible so we could open our presents! Of course, Dad, Mom, Grandma, Grandpa, and Aunt Mickey seemed to chew in slow motion and sip coffee 'til the pot ran dry.

Finally, everyone would seem to finish, and we'd beg for probably the umpteenth time, "PLEEEAAASSSEEE, can we open presents now?" But alas, not yet still. "Have you brushed your teeth?" Off we'd go to the bathroom to skim the brushes over our pearly whites, only to sprint back to the dining room—all within 60 seconds.

FINALLY, as any good host would do, Dad ushered my grandparents and aunt to their seats in the family room while we waited patiently on the steps precariously teetering on tip-toes trying to glimpse a glance of the mound of presents that awaited us underneath the tree.

Then much like the start of an Indy 500, Mom would let us go and we'd race into the room tumbling over each other like a new, playful pup on a tile floor. We'd

screech to an abrupt stop to drink in the awe of it all. Presents on top of presents on top of more presents.

Unlike many kids these days, as children, my siblings and I would receive a gift or two on our birthdays and a "budgeted" new wardrobe and a pair of shoes at the start of school. Our parents didn't buy us clothes every whipstitch throughout the year, so Christmas was the hallmark of bounty as far as we were concerned.

It seemed like a mountain of gaily wrapped packages to us—each and every package I might add decked in ribbon and homemade bows complete with curly Qs. "Santa" was quite meticulous when it came to "her" wrapping... every piece of paper was even, matching, and perfectly cut! Not, that at ages 6, 7, 9 & 10, did we ever once notice.

"Santa" was always so good to wrap each and every gift separately. Socks and underwear did not go in the same box, and neither did a matching shirt and pair of pants. No...every present had its own gaily wrapped package to the delight of the four of us kids.

Tradition had it that mom would pass out the gifts, and no one opened a present until all had been dispersed. That done...It looked like a paper factory had blown up in our family room. Simultaneously the four of us would rip open each box, barely taking time to look at what was inside.

All too soon there was nothing left to unwrap and festive paper was piled from the floor to the ceiling. Only then did we go back through our presents and admire our specially selected gifts, often trying on a piece of clothing over our clothes to model for the video camera and the family. What a

treasure those movies are today!

But alas, our Christmas morning wasn't quite finished as Santa always saved "the best for last!" One year each of us had a shiny new bicycle "already assembled" waiting for us around the corner of the bar in the family room.

Many a year I'd have a special piece of jewelry wrapped in a tiny box nestled in the tree out of sight...that only "Mom" could find. Another year, when we were in our teens, my oldest brother could fit all of his presents into an ashtray, and sat quietly trying not to show how hurt his feelings were. Of course Santa, as only Santa could, had left two huge tires (that stood as tall as my Mom) and a lift kit for his souped up Blazer.

I'll never forget our Christmas traditions as long as I live. Every year I try to "share" them with my family if anyone will listen. As a mother of seven in a "blended" home, it's not always been easy trying to create our own holiday traditions. But as long as Santa's willing...I will be too!



MCKENZIE HOOPER (center) is the littlest Christmas tree, surrounded by Bryce Mikeska and Jordan Busher, in the second graders' program of The Littlest Christmas Tree.

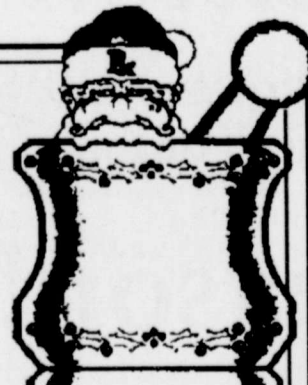
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Law & Order

Official Records

Police Beat

County Court Criminal Cases filed December 9

Marcus Scott Jones, Universal City, Ark., filed for driving while license invalid

December 10

John Roy Lee, San Angelo, filed for driving in violation of occupational license restriction
Jason Olen Hill, Ballinger, filed for possession of marijuana
Tammy Lohse, San Angelo, filed for harassment

December 11

Horace H. Coleman, Winters, filed for terrorist threat

Maretta Lorence Erwin, Snyder, filed for possession of marijuana

Dennis Griffin, Winters, filed for assault

Joseph Holt, San Angelo, filed for theft by check

Marcus Scott Jones, Universal City, Ark., filed for theft

Christine Liggins, Winters, filed for theft

Darrell Lee Maas, Winters, filed on two counts: for assault and for evading detention

Michael Paul Roman, Winters, filed for possession of marijuana

December 12

Howard Ray Caps, Winters, filed for possession of marijuana

Marriage Licenses filed December 9

Randy Carl McIntyre, Jr., and Melissa Bell Odum

December 11

David Ray Knight and Melissa Ann Armendariz

District Court Grand Jury Indictments

Cory Tarrant, Winters, possession of a controlled substance

Gary Woodbury, Ballinger, arson

Teresa C. Woodbury, Ballinger, arson

Joe Lee Taylor, Winters, arson

Antonio Perez Silva, Snyder, failure to appear

Adrian Paul Garcia, Ballinger, two counts of failure to appear

Thomas Weaver, Ballinger, possession of a controlled substance

Mario Anthony Narro, evading arrest/detention using a vehicle

Edward Wayne Narro, evading arrest/detention using a vehicle

Bruce Lynn Plumley, Ballinger, two counts of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony

Edward Jay Odom, Ballinger, possession of a controlled substance

Jose Luis Aragon, evading arrest/detention using a vehicle

Maretta Erwin, Snyder, possession/transporting chemicals with intent to manufacture

December 10

Daniel Zane Gambol, Snyder, possession/transporting chemicals with intent to manufacture

Rebecca Castillo Torres, Winters, driving while intoxicated (two prior convictions)

Ruben Santoya Hernandez, Winters, retaliation

Joe Luis Corrales, Mesa, Ariz., tampering with a government record

Feliciano Chano Hernandez, Ballinger, assault on a public servant

Jose Rosario Carrillo, burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony

Jose Rosario Carrillo, sexual assault

Richardo Correa, Ballinger, possession of a prohibited weapon

James Carson, Ballinger, indecency with a child by contact

Rey Lopez Martinez, Ballinger, driving while intoxicated (two prior convictions)

Dale E. Wade, Brownwood, driving while intoxicated (two prior convictions)

Divorce Cases Filed December 9

Richard Dale Barrow vs. Loretta Peters Barrow

December 12

Jack Burton Davis, Jr., vs. Teresa Ann Wright Davis

Divorces Granted December 5

Michael Dale Watkins and Kelly Lynn Watkins

December 12

Reynaldo Castillo Torres, Sr., and Elena Reyna Torres

Civil Cases Filed December 12

Citizens State Bank vs. Darrell Morrison and Darla Morrison, promissory note

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed December 12

Gabriel Ray Perez, filed for felony criminal mischief

Criminal Cases Filed December 5

Miguel Perez, filed for waste of game

December 11

Jennifer Parker, filed for theft by check

George Palmertree, filed for theft by check

Correction: In the Dec. 12 Ballinger Ledger, Richard Ornelaz, Jr., was incorrectly listed in County Court records as pleading nolo contendere to a charge of theft by check. The case involved Richard Ornelaz, Sr.

Birthdays boy is Steven (Beave) Reyna

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 Monday, December 9, 2002, through Sunday, December 15, 2002. Winters Police Officers:

• were called to the South West-Go in reference to a suspicious female.

When officers arrived, there was a female standing in the parking lot who appeared to have had a seizure. The store clerk stated she had watched the female vomit in the parking lot. The female was transported to North Runnels Hospital and treated and evaluated by MHMR services. She was transported to the Big Spring State Hospital.

• were called to the 600 block of Quanah in reference to a family violence call. Upon arrival, officers observed a male subject coming out of the house. Officers advised the male that they had received a 911 call and they needed to know if anyone else was in the residence. The male led the officers into a back bedroom where a 33-year-old Winters female and a 15-year-old Winters female were waiting for the police. The officers observed both females to have red marks and scratches around their necks. The 15-year-old told officers she had observed the male pushing her mother, the older female, and had left the room to call the police. She stated that when she was in the living room, the male came in and tripped over the phone cord pulling it out of her hands. He then began pushing her around the living room. The 20-year-old male was identified as Nazario Luna. He was arrested for assault family violence and transported to Runnels County Jail.

• were called to Winters High School in reference to stolen items. Sometime between 7:20 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., someone took a woman's wallet and purse out of a classroom. The person took several credit cards, a checkbook, and cash with the wallet. Students in the classroom stated they had not seen anyone come in or go out of the classroom. This case is under investigation.

• were called to a report of criminal mischief in the 500 block of Floyd. Between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on the 11th, someone had driven through the southeast corner of a resident's property. The resident stated he had not seen the person who had done it, but believed it to be a roofing company truck that was parked at the end of the block. The officer spoke with the roofing company workers who stated that if they had done it, they were unaware. They stated that they would be more cautious in the future. The resident did not wish to file charges if the actual actor was located.

• were called to Winters Junior High School in reference to a stolen digital camera. Sometime between November 29 and November 30, a Sony Mavica digital camera was taken off the Winters Band bus. The principal announced on December 9 to the band students that anyone with information on the camera should notify him. There was a \$200 reward offered for the return of the camera. Several students were questioned who stated that they had information.

NOTICE

The City of Winters will hold the first of two Public Hearings for annexation of the property described below on Monday, December 30, 2002, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas:

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THENCE East along the North boundary line of said 20 acre tract 67 feet for a corner, THENCE South 105 feet for corner; THENCE West 67 feet for corner; THENCE North 105 feet to the place of beginning.

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• were called to a burglary of a habitation. The victim stated that he had come by to finish moving items out of the residence and noticed the front window had been broken out. After checking the residence further, he realized the air conditioning unit was missing out of a window and the gas stove was gone. The victim stated that he had spoken to a neighbor and been told that the previous night, two people were seen loading a gas stove in their vehicle. This is under investigation.

• were called to an assault in the 300 block of S. Arlington. The victim stated that a male subject had come by the residence looking for someone who owed a debt to him. The victim told the male that the person he was looking for was not at the residence but had been there earlier. The male subject was said to have pushed the victim into a screen door, breaking the screen door. When the victim regained balance, the male tried kicking him. The male then got the victim around the neck and began hitting him in the temple. The victim's glasses came off and were scratched on both lenses in the process of the victim trying to get away. The victim told the male that he was going to call the police. The male subject then left and the police were called. The officers spoke with the suspect and were told that he was at the residence earlier in the afternoon to collect a debt from someone but that there was no altercation between him and anyone at that residence. The suspect stated he had been home for several hours. This case has been forwarded for review of the County Attorney's Office.

• were called to North Runnels Hospital about a dog bite victim. The victim and several friends were walking down what they thought to be an alleyway when they realized it was a private backyard. The victim went to leave the yard when a chained dog came out of his house and bit her on the thigh. She was treated and released. The animal control officer was called to the residence of the dog. The owner could not provide current vaccination papers for the dog. The animal was taken to Winters Animal Shelter for a ten-day quarantine for any signs of the onset of rabies. The owner of the dog does have warning signs posted on a fence stating "beware of dog" and "no trespassing."

• received information that a 23-year-old Winters female was wanted on a warrant out of Concho County for theft by check. The officers located Jennifer Willborn and transported her to Runnels County Jail. It was later discovered that there was a second warrant for no seatbelt issued for her arrest by San Angelo DPS. She was booked on both warrants.

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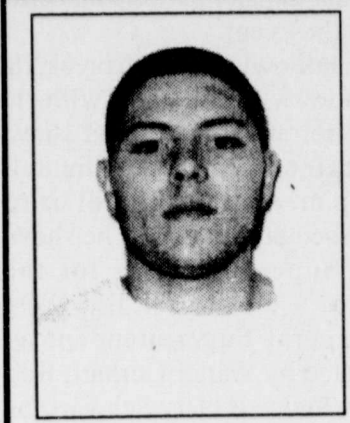
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WJLSA plans annual Winters Livestock Show for Saturday, January 4, 2003

The Winters Junior Livestock Show Association will host their annual Winters Junior Livestock Show on Saturday, January 4, 2003.

Local exhibitors will show breeding and market rabbits, market lambs, breeding sheep, market goats, market and breeding swine, heifers and market steers. Showmanship will be held in most of the divisions.

All animals must be in the barn by 6 p.m., Friday, January 3, 2003 for weigh-in and registration paper checks. The show will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

A Little Britches Pig Show will be held before the lunch break at approximately 11:45 a.m. Youth ages toddler through the second grade who

do not exhibit in the show are invited to participate. Parents must register participants prior to the event.

Following a lunch break, the show will conclude with the heifer and market steer shows beginning at approximately 1 p.m. All animals will be released at the end of the show.

Superintendents for this year's event are: Jim West, General Superintendent assisted by Walter Gerhart; Rabbit/Swine is Gary Schwartz assisted by Terry Kruse; Sheep/Goat is Denny Heathcott assisted by Bill Mesey; Cattle is Bill Belew assisted by Darrell Kurtz; and Penny Pritchard, Little Britches Pig Show.

Buckles, banners and ribbons will be awarded to those who place. Winters exhibitors

will show in the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show in Ballinger the next weekend, January 9, 10 & 11. An auction will be held at the conclusion of this show, and all exhibitors will receive money for one ani-

mal project.

A full concession stand will be available at the Winters Show and will offer a lunch deal on Saturday. Admission to the show is free and the public is invited to attend.

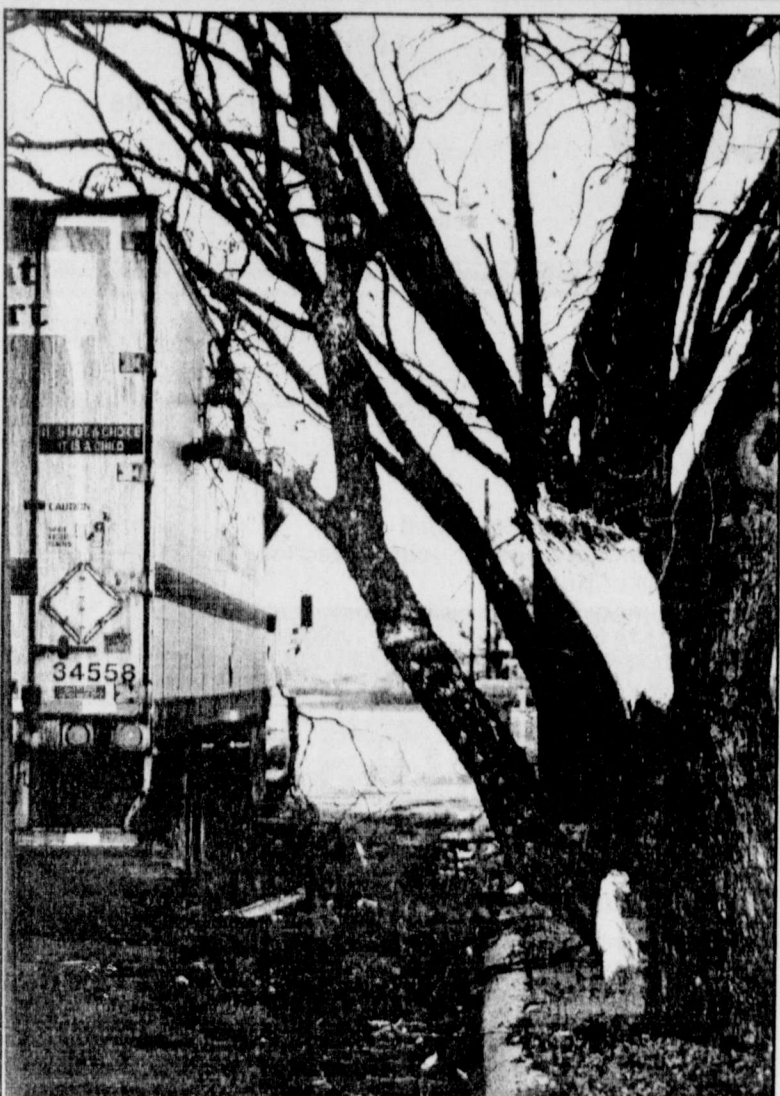
Winters Holiday Ball, Dec. 27—

Jody Nix & the West Texas Cowboys to perform in Winters

Jody Nix and the West Texas Cowboys will perform at the Winters Holiday Ball on Friday, December 27, 2002. The dance will be held at the Winters Community Center from 8:30 p.m. to midnight.

The popular West Texas entertainer will perform favorite country and western swing tunes to scoot a boot to bring a close to the year 2002.

Admission is \$8/person. Refreshments are BYOB. No glass containers allowed. Concessions will be available including setups, ice, popcorn and snacks.



TREE TRIMMING GONE AWRY...The driver of this 18-wheeler from Covenant Company out of Chattanooga, TN learned a lesson about cutting corners. Intending to head North on Frisco Street to Contico he made this turn at 411 S. Frisco and the tree intervened. The tree limbs punched a large hole in the side and ripped a gash down the length of the trailer. City of Winters employees were called to cut and remove the large, broken limbs.

Commissioners accept Guthrie's resignation

Runnels County Judge Marilyn Egan read Assistant County Extension Agent Tom Guthrie's resignation letter at the special meeting of Commissioners Court on Tuesday morning.

Guthrie submitted his resignation, effective January 3, 2003, and will be moving to Mills County as County Extension Agent-Ag. Guthrie had been Assistant Agent in Runnels County for about 2 1/2 years, coming to work here directly out of Angelo State University.

Several other routine items were handled at the 30-minute meeting Tuesday morning. An increase in the bond of County Clerk Elesa Ocker to \$26,000 was accepted by the Court, as well as the continuation of the Blanket Crime Bond for the Clerk's office.

Country Treasurer Margarete Smith's quarterly investment report was reviewed and approved by Commissioners.

Randall Conner of Winters and Thurman Self of Wingate were appointed as representatives of Runnels County to serve on the Board of Directors of West Central Texas Weather Modification Association.

All commissioners, County Judge Marilyn Egan, County Clerk Elesa Ocker, County Auditor Darlene Smith and County Treasurer Margarete Smith were present for the meeting.

DID YOU KNOW?

Each Texas farmer grows enough food and fiber for 128 people—94.3 in the United States and 33.7 abroad.

Signs to aid in protecting eradication investment

Southern Rolling Plains cotton growers will soon see new signs of the state's support for their eradication efforts.

The Texas Department of Transportation has approved placing road signs on the major highways entering the zone. The signs will tell travelers that the zone is a boll weevil free area, that quarantine restrictions are in effect, and that violations of the restrictions could result in penalties of up to \$5,000 a day.

The announcement that the signs would be erected came from Texas Department of Agriculture officials at the Board of Directors meeting of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation last month.

Details of the signs' size and wording are still being worked out, Brian Murray of TDA told the board, but they should be in place by the time the next growing season begins.

The zone was declared functionally eradicated in September 2000, and traps placed by the foundation in the zone did not record a single weevil catch

during the 2001 growing season. Late in the 2002 season, however, a small number of weevils were caught in the zone.

Evidence suggested that some of the problem was created by cotton harvesting equipment from outside the area passing through the zone, said Charles Allen, program director for the foundation. Harvesting equipment that has not been thoroughly cleaned can harbor weevils that will leave the equipment for more attractive cotton fields.

The signs will serve as a reminder to drivers hauling

equipment into or through the zone that they are required to ensure the equipment is clean and completely free of cotton and cotton-plant parts before entering the zone.

Details of the regulations are available from TDA.

Growers in the zone are encouraged to contact TDA by calling (800) TELL-TDA, (800) 835-5832, if they suspect unclean equipment has entered the area. Calls should be made as quickly as possible after noticing the suspected violation to aid TDA inspectors in locating and checking the equipment for violations.

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A season to remember...

Winters Blizzards

Section B

The Winters Enterprise

December 19, 2002

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DRESSED FOR BUSINESS is the entrance to Winters High School, compliments of the Athletic Booster Club.



BLIZZARD FANS fill the visitor's side of Mustang Bowl in Sweetwater in anticipation of the semi-final playoff game between the Winters Blizzards and the Cisco Lobos on Saturday, December 14.

Thanks, Blizzards, for the great season

by Jean Boles, editor

Wow! What a football season!

From the onset of this year's season back in the hot, dry days of August, to the cold, crisp air of December, this has been an incredible four months.

While it can sometime be quite a responsibility, I feel very privileged to cover the action

and be down on the football field "in the heat of the battle" each week. Especially if I can get a good photo and not get run over.

I know the Blizzards and coaches were disappointed in the outcome of the showdown in Sweetwater last Saturday. Losing is never easy unless you don't care. That's what made our

loss so difficult. This team cared. They cared a great deal.

And the community cared, even if some folks were a little slow to jump on the bandwagon for the fun ride down the championship road.

What a trip we've taken.

While we respect Robin Byrd, former Winters coach now at Menard, beating his team again was pretty sweet, wasn't it.

Remember freezing Jim Ned 19-7? Beating those Indians is always fun, even if Gary Strickland, the TV sports guy, won't give us due credit.

We were disappointed when we stumbled against Coleman but look how the playoff picture changed — to our benefit, I might add.

Then we loaded up and traveled to Granbury to meet the Crawford Pirates. Winters 26, Crawford 20, and we had the Bi-district title and a trip planned to Burleson. There we conquered the Paradise Panthers 38-14 in a stadium larger than many folks have ever seen. We got to bring home the Area trophy and plan a return trip to meet the Gladiators from Italy.

We looked strong against those Gladiators but then faltered in the final quarter, sending the game into nail-biting overtime with a 35-35 tie. It didn't take the Blizzards long to score the TD, and sure-footed Mark Moreno kicked the extra point to put us ahead.

Italy came roaring back and scored six points, then lined up to kick the PAT. Everyone held their breath — including me. I had my camera zoned in on the coaches and scoreboard, knowing they could tell me what happened. So I didn't get to see Yul

Gibbs jump like a gazelle to block the kick, giving Winters the 42-41 win. And the Quarterfinal championship.

Another four-hour bus ride and we got to play at Waco ISD Sports Complex. (I almost had to give a blood sample to get press privileges to be on the field). Turning in an all-around incredible performance by every team member made taming the Hico Tigers 34-13 seem fairly easy.

This win was so big. The 2002 Blizzards had done what no other team at Winters had been able to do for forty years. Not since the awesome team of 1962, had any Blizzard team made it this far in the playoffs. And here we were, headed to the semi-finals.

After the quarterfinal game, I got to visit with each senior. Every single one said this accomplishment has been their dream since they started playing in seventh grade. Good plan.

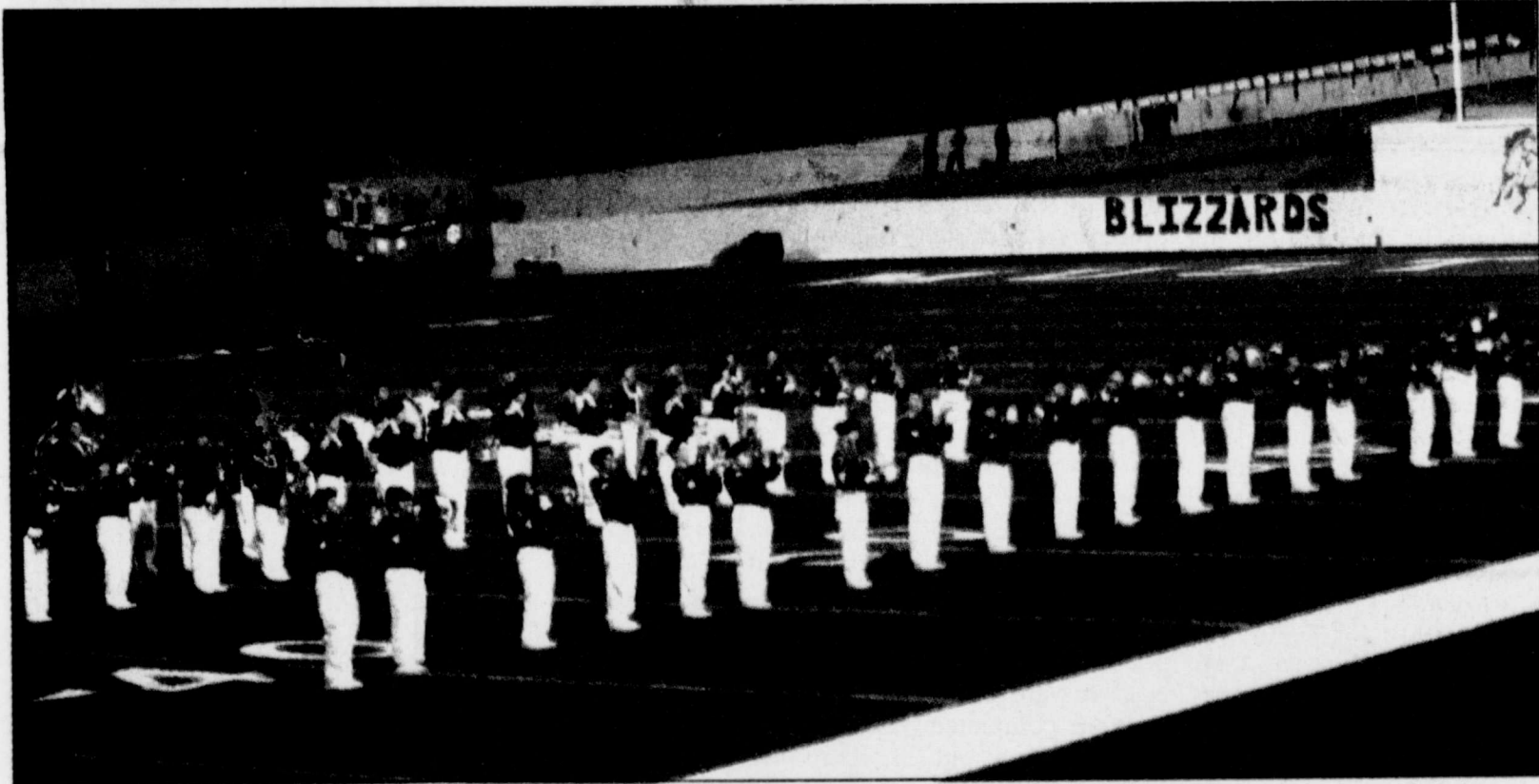
But sometime our plans don't go the way we intend. We didn't have one of our best games against Cisco on Dec. 14, and we came up short. But only in the score.

You Blizzards and coaches have so much to be proud of. You brought the entire community together in a way that hasn't happened in 40 years.

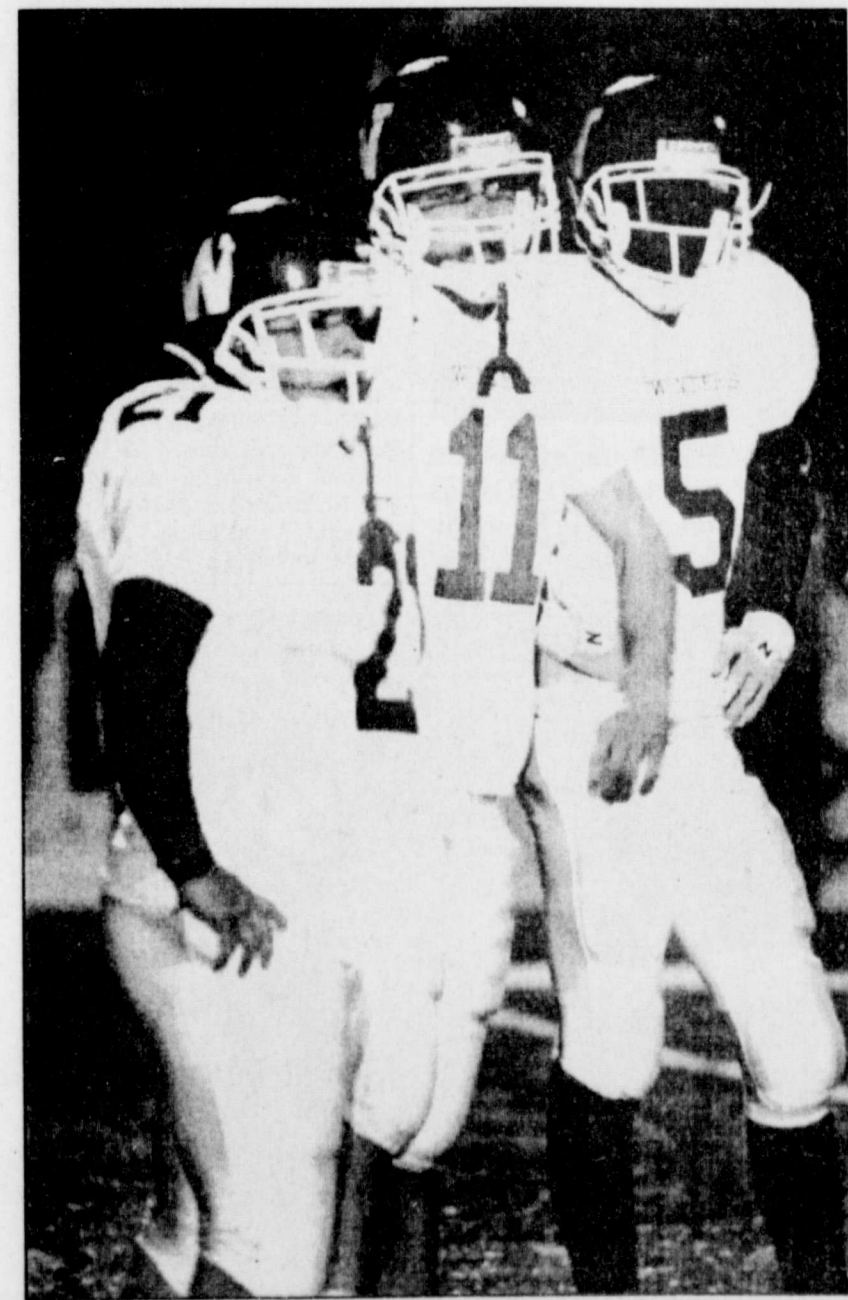
And regardless of your last game, you still have things even more important than those trophies. Things like integrity, pride, a sense of teamwork and accomplishment. Those qualities can stick with you the rest of your lives if you'll remember them.

So thanks, guys, for the exciting and fun season. You made a lot of folks so proud.

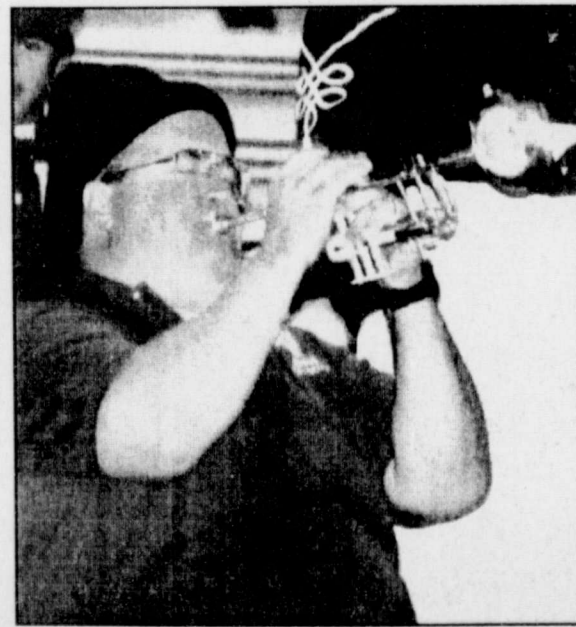
And you made history!



THE BLIZZARD MARCHING BAND, under the direction of Phil Mooney, looks and sounds sharp for their 15th half-time performance of 2002, in the Mustang Bowl in Sweetwater.



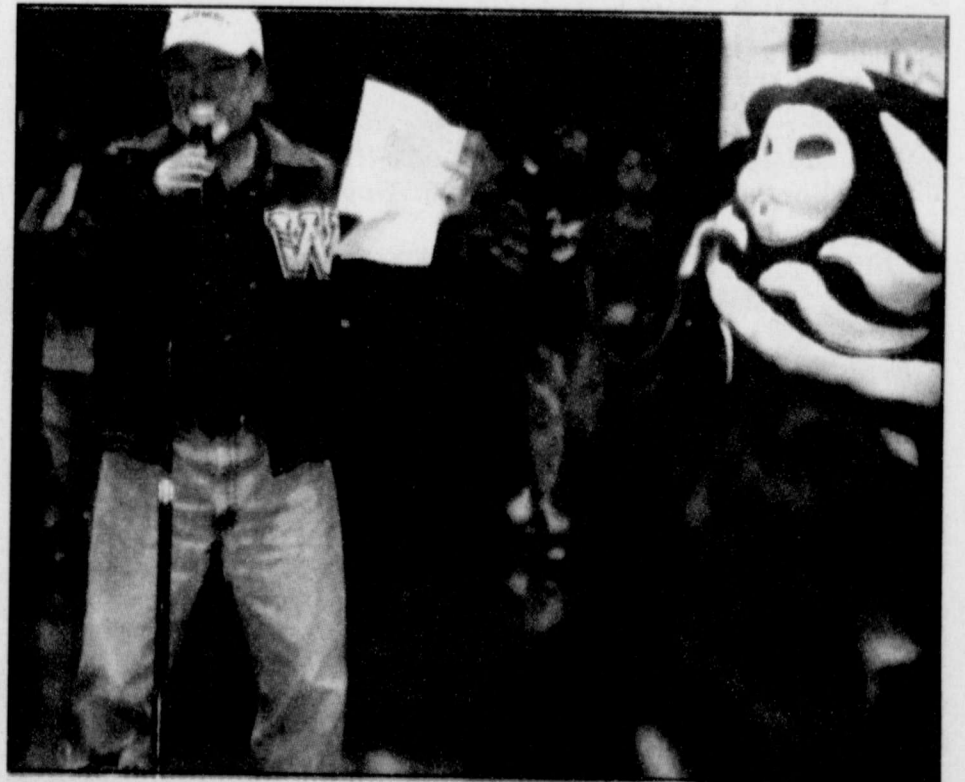
TRIPLE THREAT of running back Mark Moreno #21, quarterback Shane Colburn #11, and receiver Yul Gibbs #5 wait for the play during semi-final action against Cisco.



PHIL MOONEY, WHS Band Director provides his inspirational trumpet solo.



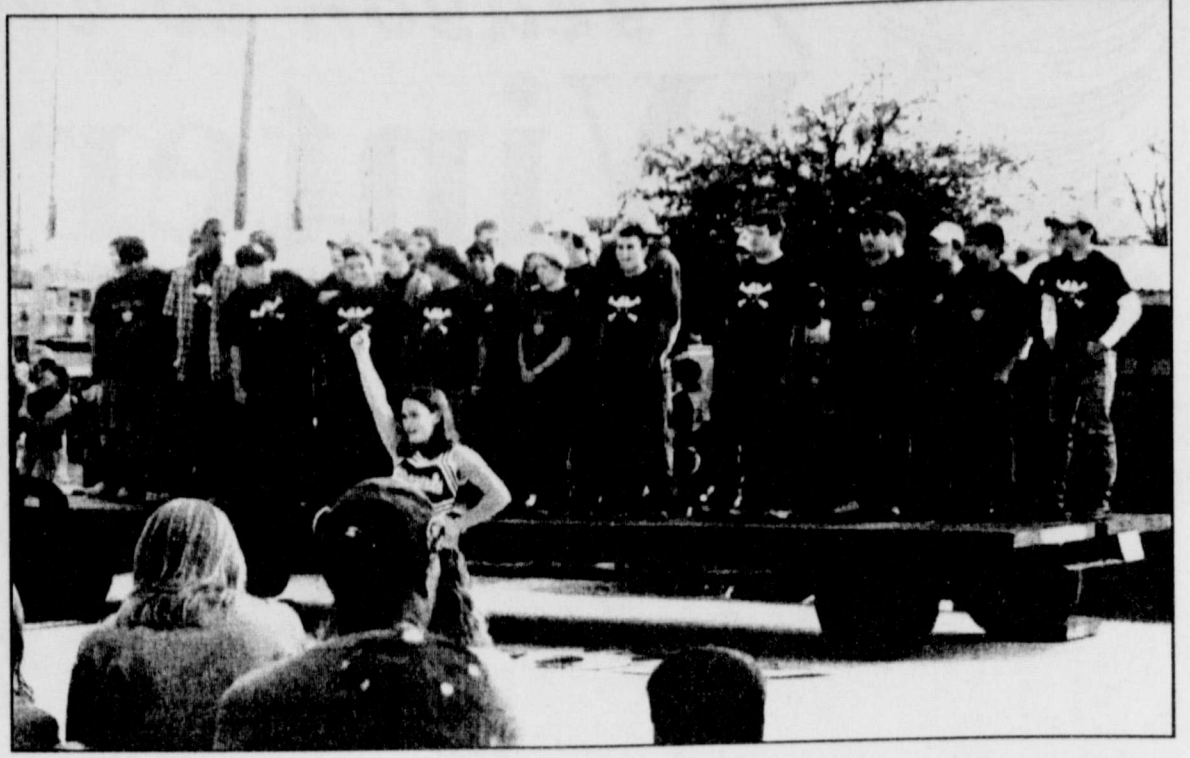
TAKING CARE of water, towels and footballs are Trenton Grohman and Chelsy Lipsey.



MIKE BEDFORD, an all-district Blizzard on the 1962 semifinalist team, speaks to players and fans at the special school pep rally last Friday. The 1962 was the first in WHS history to advance to the semi-final round of football playoffs. The team of 2002 is the second team,



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FANS wave banners, thunder sticks, pom poms, rattles and hands during the exciting school pep rally last Friday afternoon.



BLIZZARD FANS gathered downtown for a quick pep rally and send-off Saturday to honor the Blizzard football team before they boarded their chartered bus.



FACES OF THE VOICES of KULL 92.5 radion station, provided by Campbell Sports Productions of Abilene, include (l-r) Randall Boles, David Pafford, and Mark Edge. Various businesses helped sponsor the Friday and Saturday night broadcasts since Aug. 30.



SECURITY STATE BANK, Wingate Branch, takes on a new look for the Blizzards and other passersby traveling to Sweetwater for the semi-final football game.

BLIZZARDS, continued

first quarter, all was normal and experience told the Blizzard faithful that now was the time Big Blue would begin their comeback.

The next Blizzard possession began at their own 32-yard line and ended in a Moreno punt, facing 4th and 15. It would take the Loboes only five plays to score again as the Blizzard defense forced a field goal attempt from 21 yards out. The field goal was good for a 24-7 Cisco lead with 9:04 left in the half as the first quarter ended during the drive.

The Blizzards set up at their own 24. The Winters offense came alive with Moreno's run of 22 to the 46. Colburn hit Yul Gibbs again for 23 and, combined with a completion to Rusty Jackson and runs by Moreno, the Blizzards drove to the Cisco 17-yard line. Facing 2nd and 6, Colburn's pass was intercepted in the end zone and the Blizzard threat was thwarted.

Starting at their own 20,

Cisco put together an 11-play drive and faced a 4th and 8 at the Blizzard 10. They elected for the field goal attempt. It was good for a 27-7 Cisco lead with 1:57 left in the half.

The Blizzards set up at their own 33 yard line with 1:47 left and everyone believing this was to be the beginning of the Winters comeback. A 3rd and 16 completion from Colburn to Eric Lopez for 18 yards netted a first down. But the drive was stymied and facing 4th and 11 at the 45 with 37 seconds left, Moreno's punt was downed inside the Cisco 1-yard line. Cisco ran out the clock and the halftime scoreboard read Cisco 27, Winters 7.

The Blizzards received the second half kickoff and set up at their own 38. A screen pass to Moreno on the first play appeared to be for a big gain; however, the ball was stripped and Cisco pounced on it at the Blizzard 46. A 30-yard pass ended this three-play drive for the Loboes and upped their

lead to 34-7 as the extra point was good at the 10:02 mark in the third quarter, and doubt crept over the Blizzard faithful.

The kickoff return gave the Blizzards a first and 10 at their own 34. Two incompletions and a sack left Winters facing 4th and 18. The punt put the Loboes at their own 38. Yul Gibbs came up with an interception at the Blizzard 47. Facing second and 9, Colburn's pass was intercepted and Cisco was in business again at their own 45. A quarterback sneak from the one capped this 3-play drive, and upped the Cisco lead to 41-7 with 6:09 left in the third quarter.

Starting at their own 30-yard line, the Blizzards drove to the Cisco 36. A Blizzard fumble ended this drive and Cisco put together a long drive covering the 67 yards in 13 plays and running seven minutes off the clock. The third quarter ended during the drive, and with 9:09 left, the Loboes

scored again for a 48-7 lead.

Winters set up at their own 14-yard line. Showing true character and heart, the Blizzards put together a 6-play drive to cover the 86 yards. Colburn strung together five completions in a row to Jackson for 15, Gibbs for 30, Moreno for 17, Brian Pritchard for 10, and a 2-yard completion to Gibbs for the touchdown with 7:05 left. Moreno's extra point kick was good, leaving the score at 48-14.

Cisco set up at their own 45 yard line and three plays later scored from 36 yards out, putting the score at 55-14 with 4:48 left.

The Blizzards set up at their own 17 and put together a 6-play drive for six points. Aided by a 20-yard run by Moreno, Colburn completed passes to Moreno for 8 and 20, Benji Valles for 20, and Pritchard for 7. Facing second and 1 at the 24, Colburn found Jackson for the touchdown. Colburn hit Gibbs for the 2-point conver-

sion, and with 3:10 left, the Blizzards trailed 55-22.

The outside kick was recovered by Cisco who ran out the clock to take the win and the semifinal championship.

P. S. I have thoroughly enjoyed writing about this Blizzard team. They have accomplished things no one would have expected. It just goes to show you what can be done when it's not important who gets the credit.

To the coaches, players, cheerleaders, band, booster club and everyone else involved, I say "Thank You" for making this a great fall season of 2002.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY		
	Winters	Cisco
First downs	12	27
Rushing yards	14-108	45-400
Passing yards	226	88
Total yards	334	488
Comp-Att-Int	16-30-2	4-9-1
Punts-Ave.	3-41	0-0
Fumbles-lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-yards	6-63	3-35

SCORING SUMMARY		
By Quarters	Winters	Hico
	7, 0, 0, 15-22	21, 6, 14, 14-55

- FIRST QUARTER**
 Cisco
 David Schaefer 36-yd. pass from Ryan Johnson (Jake Morgan kick)
 Winters
 Mark Moreno 47-yd. run (Mark Moreno kick)
 Cisco
 Cullen Green 41-yd. run (Morgan kick)
 Cisco
 Johnson 1-yd. run (Morgan kick)
- SECOND QUARTER**
 Cisco
 Morgan 21-yd. field goal
 Cisco
 Morgan 27-yd. field goal
- THIRD QUARTER**
 Cisco
 Morgan 30-yd. run (Morgan kick)
 Cisco
 Johnson 1-yd. run (Morgan kick)
- FOURTH QUARTER**
 Cisco
 Morgan 5-yd. run (Morgan kick)
 Winters
 Yul Gibbs 2-yd. pass from Shane Colburn (Moreno kick)
 Cisco
 Jason Bray 36-yd. run (Morgan kick)
 Winters
 Rusty Jackson 24-yd. pass from Colburn (Gibbs pass from Colburn)
- INDIVIDUAL STATS**
 Rushing: Winters: Mark Moreno, 10-115; Shane Colburn, 4(-7).
 Passing: Shane Colburn, 16 of 30 for 226 yds, 2 interceptions.
 Receiving: Yul Gibbs, 4-82; Rusty Jackson, 3-45; Mark Moreno, 4-34; Eric Lopez, 2-26; Brian Pritchard, 2-19; Benjie Valles, 1-20.



YUL GIBBS heads upfield after the kickoff. Gibbs scored on a Colburn pass in the 4th quarter against Cisco.



EVERYTHING'S IN ORDER, say the Pritchard, Airhart and Mikeska families, as they utilize hay and cotton to cheer for their Blizzards as they pass through Wingate en route to the semi-final playoff game in Sweetwater.



REALLY MAKING SOME NOISE are Ruben Hernandez (left) and Jimmy Ripley who blasted diesel truck horns during the semi-final game in Mustang Bowl.

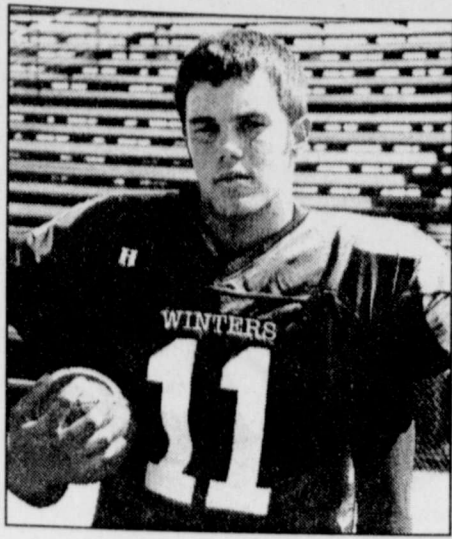


CHAD LANDERS #54, Josh Cavanaugh #22, and Pete Griffin #10 bring down the runner on the kickoff.



ERIC LOPEZ #20 steps in front of the Lobo receiver to deflect the pass. Shane Colburn #11 hurries in, just in case.

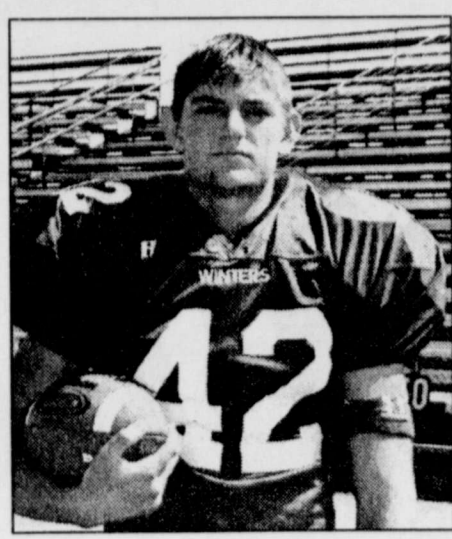
Blizzards earn 9-2A All-District Honors



Shane Colburn #11
6'2", 185 lb. senior
First Team Offense
Quarterback
First Team Defense
Secondary

Offense: 387 attempts, 212 completions for 3,396 yards, 35 touchdowns and 13 interceptions. Also had 48 yards rushing with 10 touchdowns. Two punts for 42 yards.

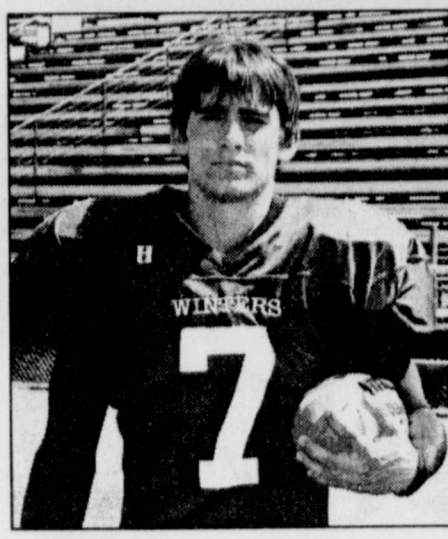
Defense: 38 solo tackles, 60 assists, 5 sacks/tackles behind the line, 1 fumble recovered, 3 interceptions, 3 knock downs.



Rusty Jackson #42
6'3", 200 lb. senior
First Team Offense
Receiver

Offense: 60 catches for 1,141 yards and 11 touchdowns.

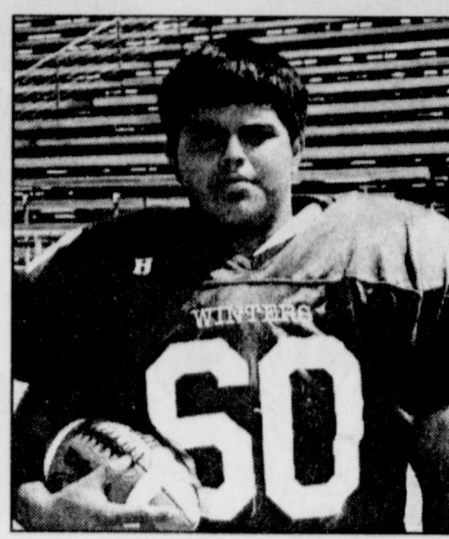
Defense: 37 solo tackles, 102 assists, 9 sacks/tackles behind the line, 1 fumble recovered, 2 fumbles caused, 2 interceptions, 1 knock down, 11 hurries.



Brian Pritchard #7
5'10", 170 lb. senior
First Team Offense
Receiver

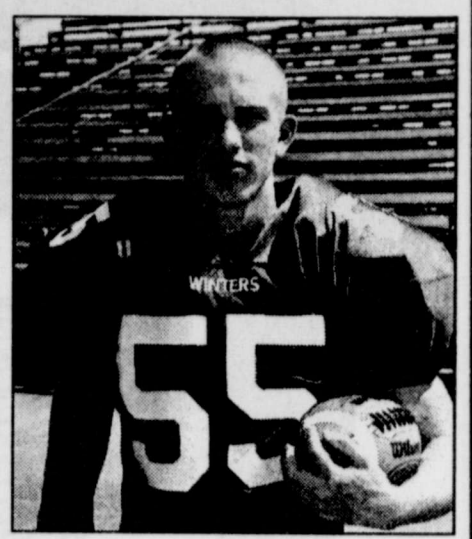
Offense: 49 catches for 701 yards and 8 touchdowns. Rushed 32 times for 158 yards. Passed 7 times with 5 completions for 45 yards.

Defense: 35 solo tackles, 74 assists, 12 sacks/tackles behind the line, 3 fumbles recovered, 2 fumbles caused, 2 interceptions, 1 knock down, 3 hurries.



Steven Cuevas #60
5'8", 230 lb. senior
First Team Offense
Lineman
First Team Defense
Lineman

12 solo tackles, 39 assists, 12 sacks/tackles behind the line, 1 fumble recovered, 2 fumbles caused, 2 hurries.



Guy Slimp #55
6'1", 175 lb. senior
First Team Defense
Linebacker

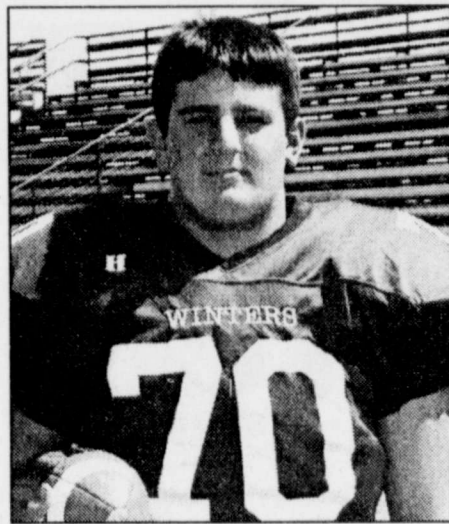
38 solo tackles, 96 assists, 16 sacks/tackles behind the line, 1 fumble recovered, 8 knock downs, 6 hurries, 1 blocked kick.



Mark Moreno #21
5'7", 185 lb. senior
Second Team Offense
Running Back

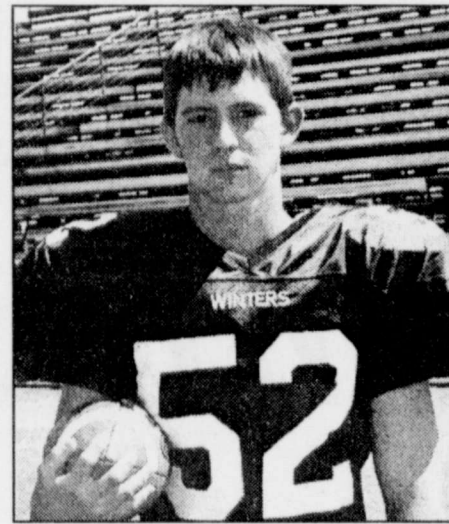
Offense: 145 carries for 714 yards and 6 touchdowns, 30 receptions for 400 yards, 3 touchdowns, 54 punts for 1,958 yards (36.26 avg.), 36 PATs, 2 field goals.

Defense: 20 solo tackles, 51 assists, 6 sacks/tackles behind the line, 3 fumbles recovered, 2 fumbles caused, 3 hurries.



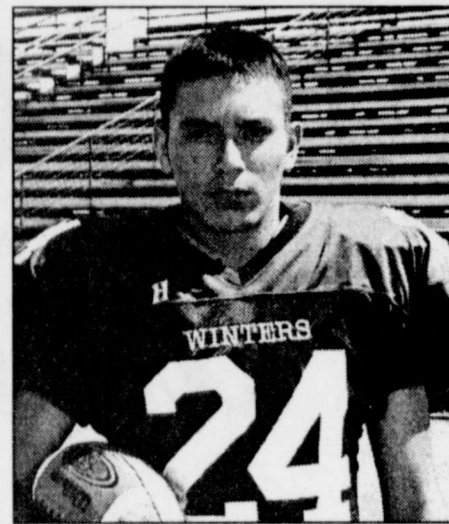
Jacob Bridgeman #70
6'2", 225 lb. sophomore
Second Team Defense
Honorable Mention
Offense
Lineman

10 solo tackles, 36 assists, 4 sacks/tackles behind the line, 1 fumble caused, 4 hurries.



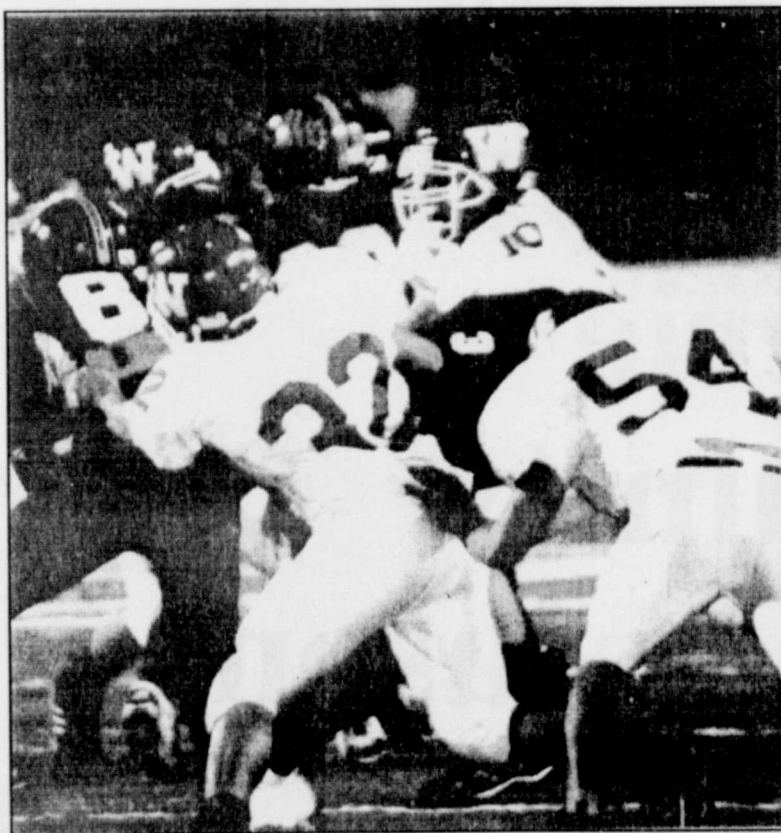
Jared Airhart #52
5'8", 165 lb. senior
Second Team Defense
Defensive End

17 solo tackles, 38 assists, 5 sacks/tackles behind the line, 3 hurries

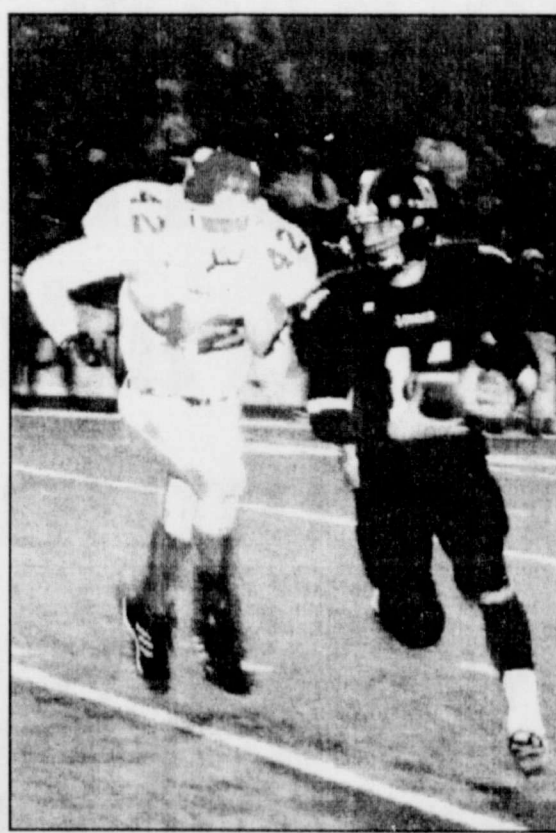


Benjie Valles #24
5'10", 160 lb. junior
Honorable Mention
Defense
Secondary

23 solo tackles, 33 assists, 1 sack/tackle behind the line, 3 fumbles recovered, 1 fumble caused, 1 interception, 1 knock down, 1 blocked kick



MATT MORENO #32, along with Chad Landers #54 and Pete Griffin #10, gets in the thick of the defensive play.



RUSTY JACKSON #42 chases down the Cisco Lobo quarterback.



JACOB GOETZ #75 and Rusty Jackson #42 double team the Cisco Lobo. At right is Steven Cuevas #60.



CONCERNED COACHES (l-r) Bryan Green, Houston Guy, Chuck Lipsey and David



TAKING THEIR FINAL WALK as members of the 2002 Blizzards are twins Mark #21 and Matt #32



*Thank
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Winters Blizzards *for a fantastic season!*

**When others had counted you out,
you realized the true power of
“teamwork” and played 15 weeks
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and camaraderie
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2002 will always be a season
to remember!**

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Joe, Donna, Marcie, Michael, Aaron
Pritchard

Jared #52 It was a great ride. You're our hero!
Dad & Mom, Kinsey & Kellyn Airhart

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We are proud of you!
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You're the best Blue!!

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Thanks for a season full of great memories!
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Albert & Cindy Brown

Way to go guys!!
Randall, Cheryl, Stacey & Susan Sneed

Mary, Jim, Katy & Bryce Wilkerson

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We Love Ya Blue!! Kelly, Chelsy & Charly

Denny & Barbara Heathcott Family

You've given us a great ride & a lifetime
of memories. Congratulations!
Phil, Karen, Kayla & Aaron Colburn

Keith Collom & Dr. Karen Rightmire

Johnny, Deb, Marie, Misty, Mandy, Cody,
Colby, Coltyn & Hootie (Corey) Pritchard

The Freddie Grohman Family

Gary, Belinda, Maegan & Clint Schwartz

Our pearl snaps are bustin' with pride,
Guy #55!

Love, Mom & Dad, Kelly & Zannie

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Job Well Done!—Wingate Gin

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Wes-T-Go #6 & #12

Thanks for the remarkable ride!

Barron, Donna, Wiley, Abby & Ashley Guy

Steve, Penny, Jessica, Jack & Jaymee
Pritchard

The Stitchin' Post

Winters High School Student Council

Thanks for keeping us fired up!
Winters Fire Department

Chuck, Jenn, Tiffany, Taylor, Destiny &
Haylee Cravens

Joe & Doug Bryan Farms

Debbie Bryan Insurance Agency

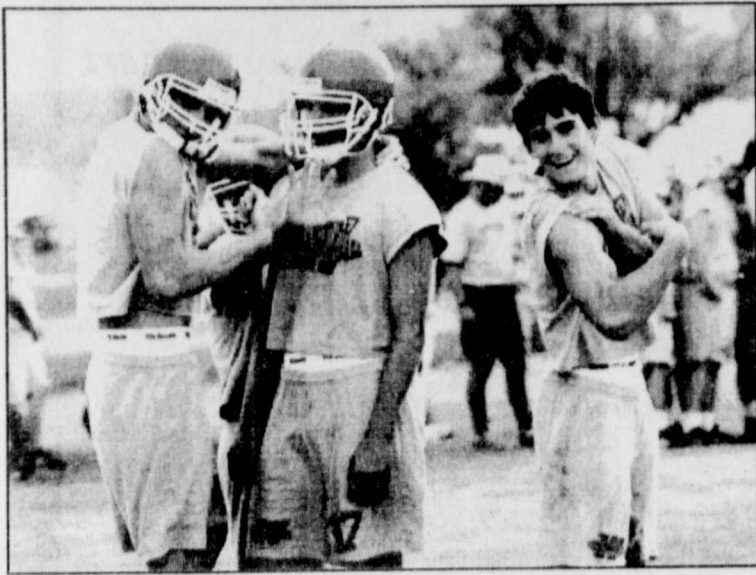
Video Hut-Jimmy, Elma & Boys

It was a long & thrilling season! Tim #40
Gordon, Regina, Justin & Corey Fenwick



Winters-#1 Fans

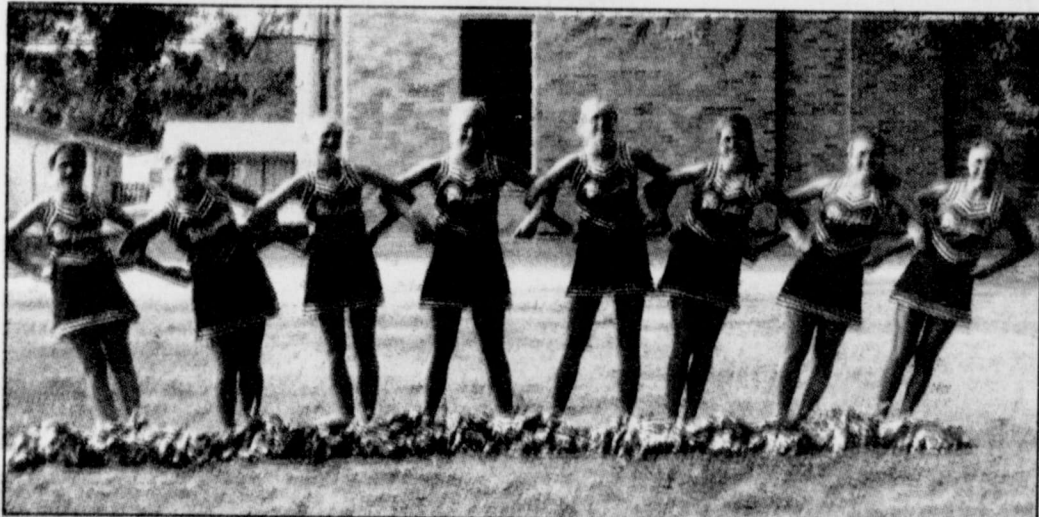
Traveling the championship road . . .



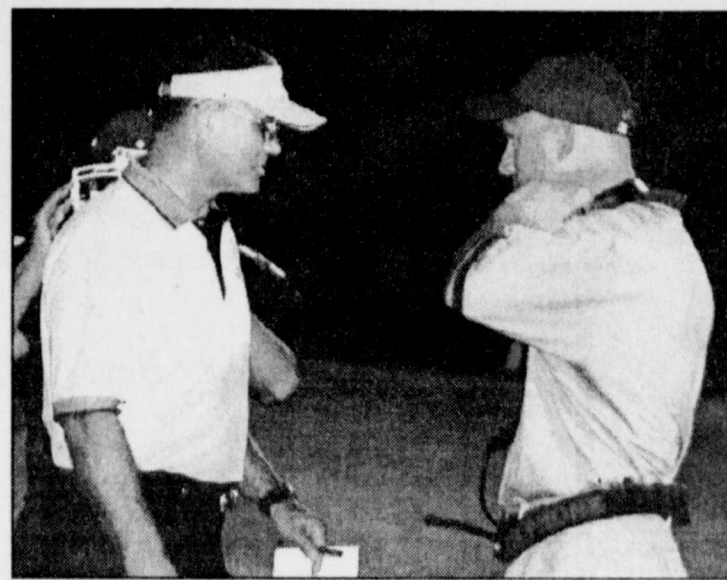
Scorching August heat of 2-a-days



Meet the Blizzards ice cream celebration



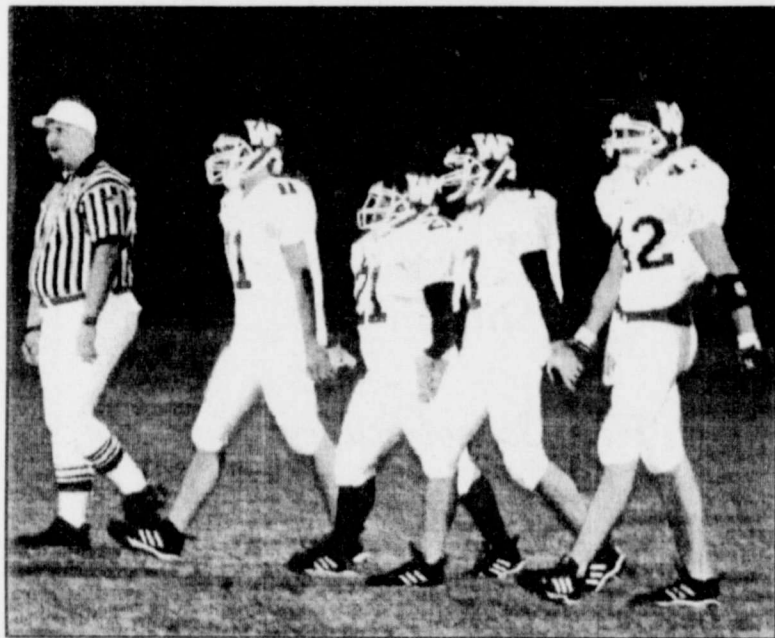
Cheerleaders practicing & planning



Byrd season at Menard



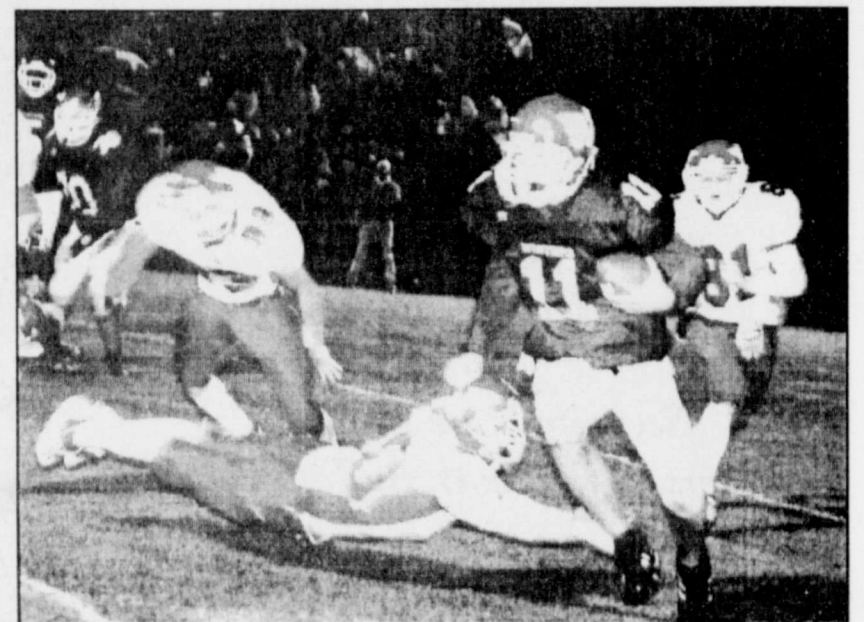
District opener vs. Robert Lee



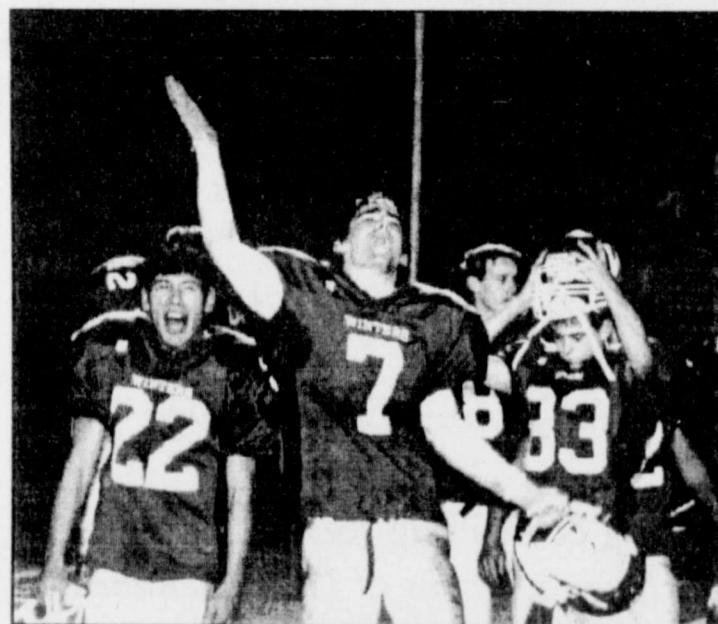
Captains Courageous



Sideline but still cheering



Zippering past Jim Ned



Bi-district over Crawford



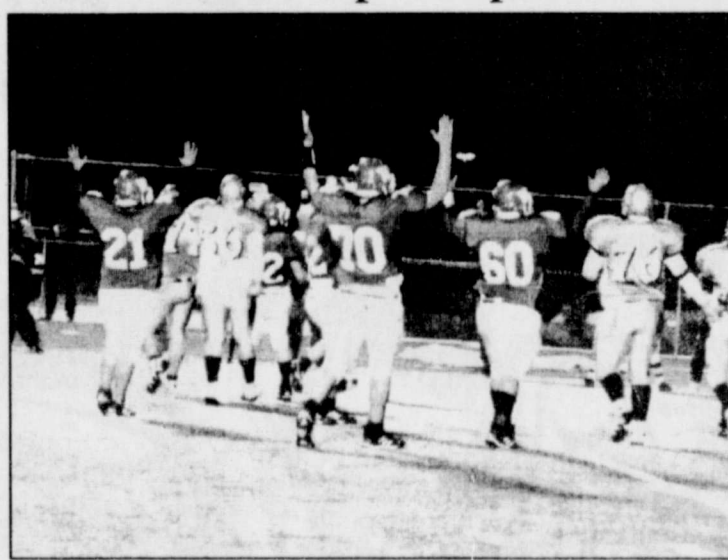
Area champs conquer Paradise



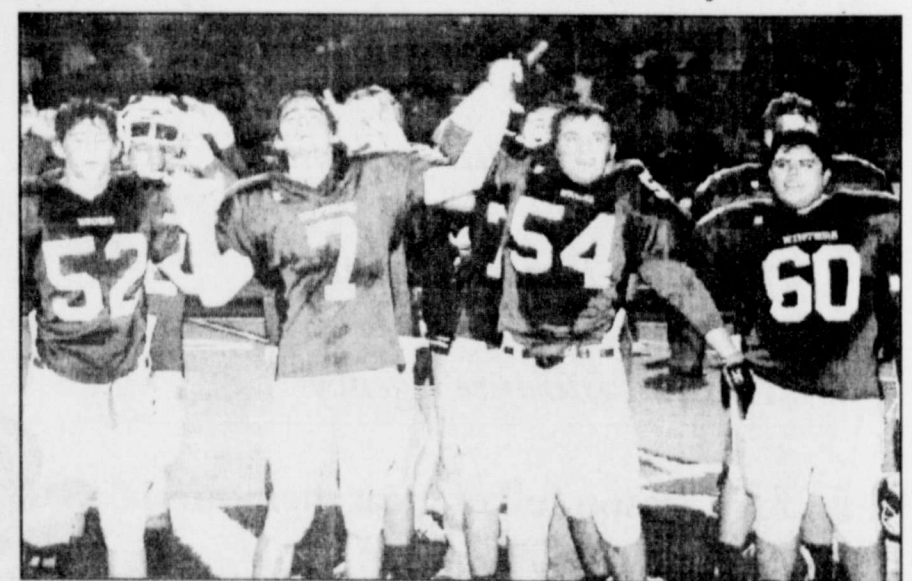
Fourth quarter rally



Rick to the rescue



Outlasting Italy for Regional title



Quarterfinal champs beat Hico

2002 Winters Blizzards — Division 2, Class 2A State Semi-Finalists



The road comes to an end but the memories go on forever as the 2002 Blizzards take their place in history.