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NEWS at a glance

Pearls of Wisdom
A smile is a curve that sets everything straight.
—Phyllis Diller

My thoughts exactly...

Assistant editor Deb Pritchard expresses her thoughts on scheduling for the school calendar and stock showing.

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Celebrating 53 years of marriage

Jack Davis Sr. and wife Frances have shared many years together. See "then" and "now" photos.

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Parenting Workshops

Winters ISD will host a series of parenting classes beginning Feb. 6 to be held every Thursday in February at the Elementary Library. Childcare will be provided.

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Look here to find schedules for softball, baseball, tennis, and track. Also note important dates to remember before Spring Break.

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Financial Focus

Here's what to look for on a 401(k) statement. Edward Jones financial advisor Jim Woodruff offers advice for "self-managing" your 401(k).

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Winters Night in Austin

On Feb. 19, Winters residents will tour the State Capitol and visit with legislative members. Texas Midwest will also host an afternoon reception. Activities will conclude with "Barbecue at the Capitol." Contact Randall Conner no later than Friday, Jan. 31, to book your seat to Austin.

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Chamber banquet Saturday night

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce will host their annual banquet to honor the Man & Woman of the Year, Saturday, at the school cafeteria beginning at 7 p.m.

Theme for this year's banquet is "Our Town." Door prizes will be given away and a meal consisting of sirloin steak, baked potato, green salad, cobbler, & tea will be served. The "Bluff Creek Ramblers" Band will provide the entertainment. In addition, a power point program will be presented about Winters—then and now.

Cost is \$12 per person and tickets are available through Thursday evening from any chamber director.

Tickets will not be available for purchase at the door. For more information contact Julie Frierson at 754-5210.

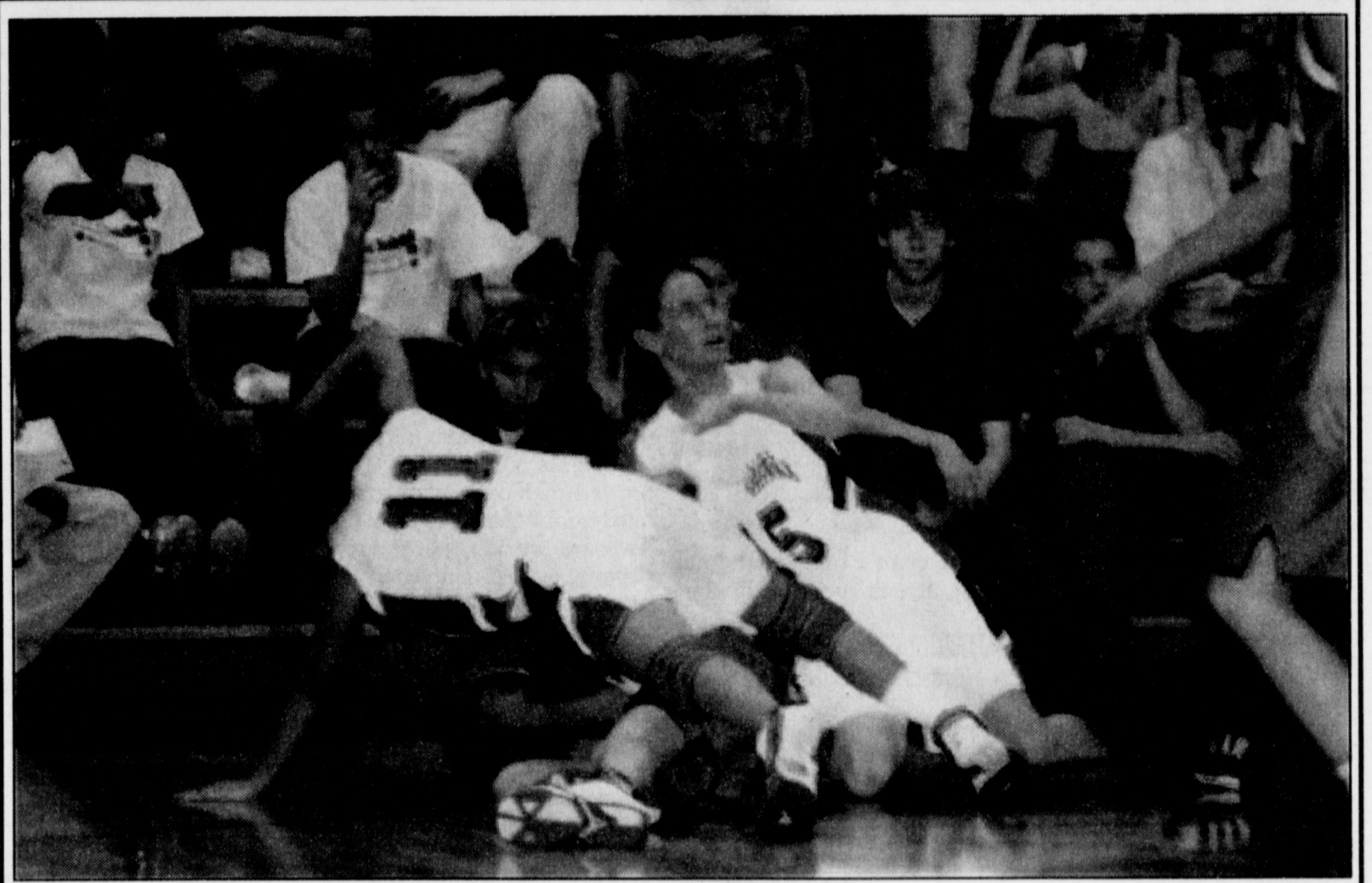


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LADY BLIZZARDS, Ashly Santoya (left) and Laci Walker, wrestle the Jim Ned players during the exciting district contest. Winters lost the first meeting of the two teams 62-48, but the Lady Blizzards will meet the Lady Indians again this Friday, Jan. 31, at Tuscola. At press time Tuesday, the Lady Blizzards were 3-4 in district competition.

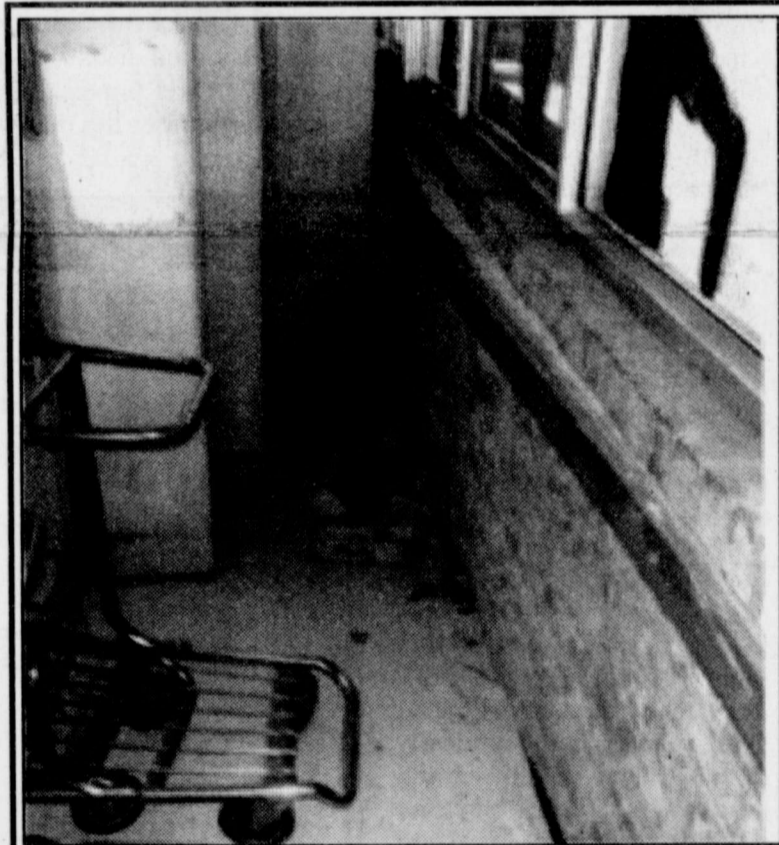


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ONCE AGAIN a car crashed through the front wall of Lawrence Bros. IGA supermarket on Main Street. The latest accident occurred Saturday, Jan. 25, when a 14-year-old female driver was unable to stop her car. No injuries were reported but damage to the building and metal cases was extensive. A similar accident occurred about three years ago.

No injuries as car crashes into front of IGA store

by Jean Boles, editor

"It sounded like a bomb exploding," said Clay Bush, Manager of Lawrence Brothers IGA, describing the noise when an errant car ran through the front wall of the store, sending two large metal cigarette cases crashing to the floor inside the building.

The incident occurred Saturday, January 25, at approximately 1 p.m. at 900 N. Main.

According to police reports, the driver of the late model Cadillac, a 14-year-old female who was driving alone with a learner's permit, said she was unable to stop the car correctly and bounced over the retaining bumper into the brick wall. The

force of the impact knocked over the large, metal cases, narrowly missing an elderly woman standing in the vicinity. The cases were located on the inside of the damaged wall.

Bush said in spite of the startling noise and potential danger, there were no injuries reported. He said damage estimates range from \$8,000 to \$15,000, with some costs depending on whether or not the large plate glass windows will also have to be replaced.

The driver was cited for Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Valid Driver's License.

Juniors to host stew supper February 4

Junior Class Parents will host a stew and cornbread meal Tuesday, February 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Winters School Cafeteria. The varsity and JV boys and girls will be playing basketball against Coleman.

The cost of stew, cornbread, cobbler, and drink will be \$5. Take-outs will be available. Funds will benefit the Jr.-Sr. Prom and future class activities.

Council hears proposal on new soccer complex

by Jean Boles, editor

Six concerned citizens representing Winters Community Soccer made a presentation to members of the Winters City Council during their regular meeting on Monday evening.

At the present time, Winters does not have a soccer program and children interested in playing soccer must commute to Ballinger in order to participate in the Runnels County Soccer Association.

Spokespersons Manuel Vera and Melissa Rodriguez presented a drawing of a proposed soccer area on land donated by the family of the late Joe Kozelsky. The three acres of land, valued at \$26,000, is located behind the Kozelsky Cabinet Shop near FM 1770 and Trinity Street, will include four soccer fields, a storage area, concession stand, restrooms and parking areas.

According to Vera, the area will be named the Joe Kozelsky Sports Complex and will include four soccer fields, a storage area, concession stand, restrooms and parking areas. He said the fields will also be available for use as practice fields for Little League baseball teams. Playground equipment will be included in some areas.

Vera further stated that much of the labor will be donated or "in-kind."

Vera and Rodriguez were asking the Council for approval of a soccer field grant application resolution authorizing City Manager Aref Hassan to apply for a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife. Rodriguez reminded council members that there will be "nothing out of pocket for the City of Winters or the residents."

Council members approved the request for the grant application.

Winters resident George Beard who lives at 206 Parklane, also made a presentation to the Council, asking for funds to help defray the cost of a beautification program. Beard is hoping to raise enough public awareness and funds to be able to buy approximately 132 red and pink crepe myrtle shrubs to be planted along the area between Hwy. 83 and Parklane at the north end of Winters.

Beard, who has lived at the same residence since 1961, said the trees will "provide a positive impact on the appearance to the entrance of our city and perhaps encourage travelers to stop and spend some time and money in Winters."

Beard further stated that crepe myrtles use very little water, will withstand temperatures as low as zero degrees as

well as hot weather because they are native plants of Australia. According to Beard, the shrubs will cost approximately \$1,600.

The Council thanked Beard for his interest and presentation and agreed that the project would indeed enhance the area. However, they said they could not justify spending funds on this project at this time and asked Mr. Beard to pursue other avenues of raising the money needed for the plants.

Chamber of Commerce President Sharon Kennedy asked the Council to waive the fee charge for use of the Winters Community Center for the Mayfest Celebration. Kennedy stressed that Mayfest benefits the city with increased visitors resulting in an economic boost.

The request was approved by the Council to waive the Community Center fee for the Chamber of Commerce's Mayfest Celebration.

Council members also approved the order of May 3, 2003, for general election. An appointment of election judge was tabled for further information.

Councilmen briefly discussed paving all unpaved city streets; however, the agenda item was tabled until more information including current

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Ballinger receives grant money for Ivie pipeline

by Roeneal Boles, editor The Ballinger Ledger

Because of the water shortage in Ballinger, the City and Runnels County have been awarded grants of \$350,000 each to build a pipeline for an emergency water supply to the City of Ballinger.

Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, working with U. S. Representative Charles Stenholm D-Stamford, aided in securing the grants from the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA).

The funds will be used to

purchase materials needed to extend and connect to the new Abilene water supply main that delivers water from the O.H. Ivie Reservoir.

Ballinger City Administrator Tommy New said last week, "We can't tell you how much water we have left because the lake is too low to measure."

New predicted the city's water would last until March, barring rainfall sufficient to add water to the lake. Ballinger has been buying water from the

Colorado River Municipal Water District from Lake Spence and pumping the water from the Colorado River. That source is no longer available and the wells drilled near the lake have also quit providing water, according to New.

New said the \$700,000 grants would not be sufficient to complete the water line and that Ballinger would have to come up with another \$200,000 for the completion. One-half

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Editorial

Oil Bidness

by Reg Boles © 2003



Not available this week.

Letter to the Editor

My "Never Again List"

Dear Editor,

Don Gossett an international Bible teacher and author, a frequent guest on The 700 Club, is the author of "What You Say Is What You Get." So many of us do not realize the power of mere words. We must be more careful and aware of the words that we speak ourselves, our families, friends, everything and everyone. I would highly recommend this book for everyone. Taken from his book I'd like to share "My Never Again List" and hope it helps you as much as it has helped and reminded me the power of the words we speak.

NEVER AGAIN will I confess condemnation, for "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). I am in Christ; therefore, I am free from condemnation.

NEVER AGAIN will I confess "I can't", for "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13).

NEVER AGAIN will I confess lack, for "My God shall supply all of my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

NEVER AGAIN will I confess fear, for "God hath not given me the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7).

NEVER AGAIN will I confess doubt and lack of faith, for "God hath given to every man the measure of faith" (Romans 12:3).

NEVER AGAIN will I confess weakness, for "The Lord is the strength of my life" (Psalm 27:1) and "The people that know their God shall be strong and do exploits" (Daniel 11:32).

NEVER AGAIN will I confess supremacy of Satan over my life, for "Greater is he that is within me than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

NEVER AGAIN will I confess defeat, for "God always causeth me to triumph in Christ Jesus" (2 Corinthians 2:14).

NEVER AGAIN will I confess lack of wisdom, for "Christ Jesus is made unto me wisdom from God" (1 Corinthians 1:30).

NEVER AGAIN will I confess sickness, for "With His stripes I am healed" (Isaiah 53:5), and Jesus "Himself took my infirmities and bare my sickness" (Matthew 8:17).

NEVER AGAIN will I confess bondage, for "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Corinthians 3:17). My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit!

God Bless You
Carol Moore

My thoughts exactly...

by Deb Pritchard, assistant editor

A difference in opinion—everyone's counts

I feel a need to get on a soap box and it all started with being named to a committee for the WISD involving faculty, staff, parents, and other community members. Recently, from that committee, came a sub-committee assigned the task of creating a 2003-04 school calendar to be considered for approval by the school board.

That sub-committee consisted of two secondary teachers and two elementary teachers and myself, a parent with at least one child on every campus next school year.

To better set the stage for this scenario, my husband and I are the parents of seven children, ranging in ages from 6 to 31—three girls and four boys. The three girls have already graduated from Winters High School, two are working on degrees from Texas Tech University and the other is a graduate of Tech and is successfully employed in pharmaceutical sales.

Johnny and I have raised cheerleaders, athletes (in every sport), stock show exhibitors (of every species), club leaders, UIL academic competitors, actors and actresses, public speakers, and honor roll students. In turn, our kids have been: paddled in school, set out recess, called to the principal's office, run extra in athletics, and spent time in *In School Suspension*, and more!

So I guess what I'm trying to say is, when somebody wants to debate a school/kid issue with me, I've pretty much "been there—done that!"

Which leads me back to my meeting last Wednesday on creating a school calendar. We hashed things over and bounced ideas back and forth and did very well except for one issue that "stirred" me.

Now let me further state, everyone is entitled to their own opinion, and when presented respectfully to me, I am receptive to considering nearly anything. At the same time, when I've "been there—done that" I feel I have grounds on which to base my opinions. Take for instance, the issue of scheduling a day off from school during the Runnels County Stock Show in early January.

The comment was made in our discussion which came from at least three different sources, that in essence, not enough students were involved in stock showing to merit a whole day off from school for all students.

Much to my dismay, I didn't have any facts or figures to back up my desire to take the day off. (My kids stock show.) It wasn't until later that evening that I worked myself into a lather and put together some facts.

For instance (to my best cal-

culations) at least 32 kids from the WISD in grades 3-12 were registered to exhibit at this year's county show. Add another ten siblings in grades PK-2 who wanted (or by means of necessity needed) to watch their brother or sister show—the total increases to 42. Seven faculty/staff members had children exhibiting in this year's show.

The other two schools in the county scheduled school holidays due to the stock show which is touted as the single largest youth event in Runnels County. Over \$90,000 in prizes and revenue solely for the youth and youth-related organizations were generated from this year's event.

In my mind's eye, that number is comparable to taking off, say, President's Day in February so those whose parents work at banks or in government offices can enjoy a long weekend with their children. Or, a district track meet day, so the high school track team can compete without having to take an exemption, or the six or seven or maybe more faculty/staff involved won't require substitute teachers.

Aaaaa, Aaaaa, Aaaaa...been there—done that! Six consecutive years of district track meets—six years of regional qualifiers—two state qualifiers. As a parent, I wouldn't trade that day out of school for anything!

Bottom-line, we could all argue the school calendar until we were blue in the face. Someone won't be happy no matter what—many will be pleased, others couldn't care less.

Which leads me to point two rambling through my mind. Now stay with me here if you can...

Stock showing—Let me tell you why "I" think it's important. Raising an animal project is not for everyone. A) it's expensive. B) it's time consuming (when done right) and C) it's smelly.

Stock showing. It could be for anyone. A) the expense could be the best monetary investment you make towards instilling responsibility, commitment, and other values in your children. B) the extensive amount of time spent with livestock projects is an extensive amount of time not being spent roaming aimlessly, finding trouble, or filling young heads with violence, sex, and cathoid rays from the television. C) the smell is an added dimension of nature, as is the birthing process of a breeding animal, or for that matter, the process which necessitated the birth in the first place.

(To be continued. Right in the thick of stock showing season, I'll try to convey what raising and exhibiting an animal project has meant to my family.)

Obituary

Dedrich Jacob (D.J.) Goetz

WINTERS—Dedrich Jacob (D.J.) Goetz, Jr., 73, died Sunday morning, January 26, 2003, at his residence.

D.J. was born May 21, 1929, in Winters, to Dedrich Jacob Goetz, Sr. and Hattie Brosig Goetz. He attended Winters and Dale community schools and married Laverne Lucille Dankworth on November 28, 1950, in Olfen.

He served in the Air Force from 1951 to 1953. He and his wife farmed until 1956 when D.J. went to work for the Texas Liquor Control Board serving as an assistant supervisor for the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission (TABC) in Abilene, before transferring to the Ballinger outpost office and retiring in 1985.

Mr. Goetz had many friends with the T.A.B.C. and was known by many state and local law enforcement officers. He was very proud of his career as a law enforcement officer.

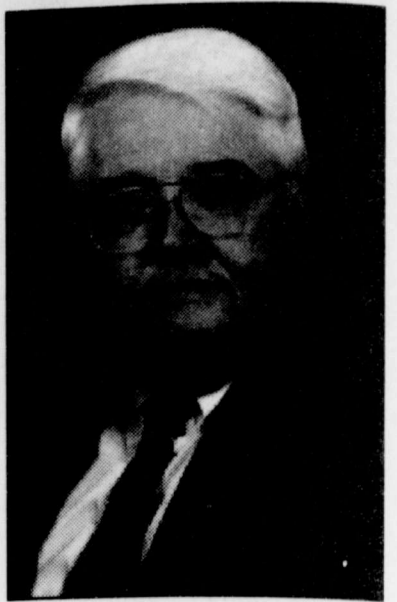
He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ballinger and was ordained a deacon in 1979, serving St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Diocese of San Angelo. He was a CASA volunteer, receiving Volunteer of the Year in 1992. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, The American Legion, Sheriff's Association of Texas, and the National Rifle Association. He was a past member of the West Central Texas Peace Officer's Association and the Texas Narcotics Officers Association.

He enjoyed farming, ranching, his pets, feeding his fish, and talking to his grandchildren.

Mr. Goetz was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Jay Gregory Goetz.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Laverne Goetz of Winters; three daughters, Karen Lochman of Sugarland, Deborah Buchanan of Abilene, and Dianne Simons of Abilene; three sons, Mark Goetz of Cross Plains, Kurt Goetz of Denton; and J.D. Goetz of Haslet; fourteen grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Rosary was at 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 28, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ballinger. Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m., Wednesday, January 29, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial followed at Old Runnels Cemetery in Ballinger. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger.



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Birthday boy is Chuck Cravens.

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Community

Jack and Frances Davis celebrate fifty-third wedding anniversary



Then - 1950

Jack and Frances Davis celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary Thursday, January 16, 2003, with dinner at China Star in Abilene.

Jack and Frances had been neighbors since childhood and were married January 18, 1950, by Grover Chambliss in Brady, Texas. They resided in Brady until moving to Winters in 1954.

Jack Davis, Sr. was born January 10, 1930, in Brady. He served his country as a Marine during the Korean Conflict from 1952-1954. He has been an Ordained Minister of the Penecostal Church of God since 1959.

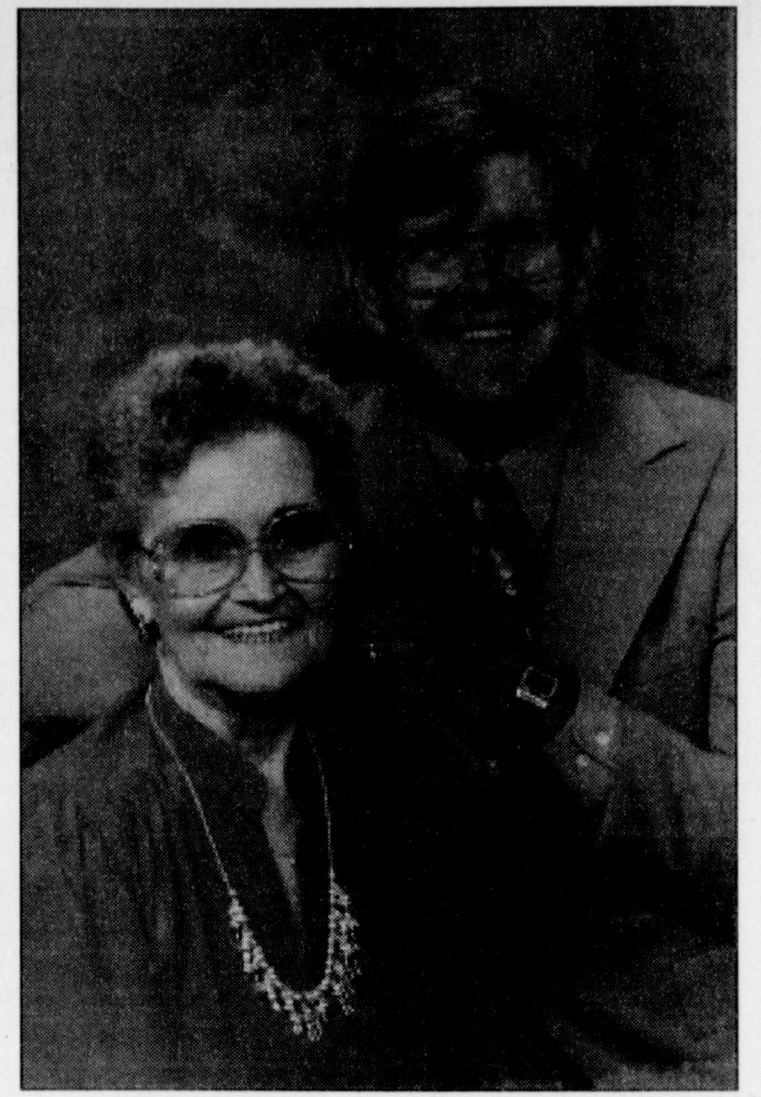
Jack has been employed by the City of Winters since 1972, serving in the electrical department until its closure and then moving into dispatching where he continues today to assist the fire department with night and weekend dispatch service. Also for the City of Winters and beginning in 1994, he managed the Winters Convenience Center. He also served as an Emer-

gency Medical Technician in Winters, Runnels County, from 1977-1985.

Among his other duties, Jack volunteers his time to serve as a Crossing Guard to help ensure the safety of local children as they cross Main Street going to or coming from school.

Frances Williams was born September 15, 1935, in McCullough County. She served as a dispatcher for Pool Well Service until her retirement in 1994. She has always been by her husband's side helping with emergency dispatch service.

Jack and Frances have two sons and daughters-in-law, Jack Davis Jr. of Winters and Teresa Davis of Winters, and Ricky and Mary Davis of Winters. They are blessed with six grandchildren, five of whom reside in Winters: Jennifer Davis, 22, of Lubbock; Brandon Davis, 17; Justin Davis, 21; J.T. Davis, 18; Kayla Horton, 15; and Tia Davis, 11.



Now - 2003

Pastor's Points

Editor's Note: This new column will feature a different Winters minister each week in no particular order. Comments may or may not reflect the opinions or views of *The Winters Enterprise*.

Talking with our children...

by Pastor Lola Scott, *Somebody Cares Ministries*

As adults, when we talk to children, we sometimes forget that what we say may not make sense to them. When our grandson, Justin, was five-years-old, he taught me a lesson I will always treasure.

I had sent Justin to his room, to make his bed and put his toys away. I could hear Justin complaining about having to clean up his room. Walking into his room I said, "Justin, did you get up on the wrong side of the bed?" He looked at his bed and then with a puzzled look toward me he said, "Maw, which is the wrong side?" I took him into my arms, and tried to explain to him that I was talking about his attitude. Later, I wrote a poem about our conversation, which I share with you now. I titled it "The Wrong Side of the Bed".

I stood at the side of my bed,
Trying to figure out,
What my Maw was talking about.
She said I must have gotten up,
On the wrong side of the bed.
It didn't make sense to me,
What my Maw had said.

One side of my bed was against the wall,
I could clearly see.
The head of my bed was against the wall,
To the left of me.
"Which side of the bed is the wrong one?" I said.
My Maw laughed, and shook her head.

She said, "Justin, let me explain something to you.
If you get up in a grumpy mood,
There's something you can do.
You can find reasons to be happy,
Or find reasons to be sad,
Reasons to fill your life with laughter,
And make yourself and others glad.
You can wear a smile on your face,
That can quickly take the place,
Of a smile turned upside down,
This we call 'a grumpy frown.'

You can ask God to help you,
As you try to figure out,
What each new situation,
In your life is all about.
Now let's just love each other,
As we tuck in your bed covers,
And place your pillow on your bed.

Let's have a happy day,
As we put your toys away."
Through his bright eyes,
Justin looked at me and said,
"Maw, what does it mean,
To get up on the wrong side of the bed?"

As we speak with children of all ages, do they understand what we are saying? In our conversations, do we talk too much, or not listen enough? Most of all, do they hear how much we care about them?

Children grow up so quickly, even more so today, in our daily changing world. Let's slow down our busy lives, and invest more time in children. Let's remember what it was like to be a child, full of wonder, curiosity, and humbleness. Together, we can build treasured memories to last for a lifetime.

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District President speaks to Literary & Service Club at January meeting

The Literary and Service Club met in the home of Eris Beard on January 16, 2003. A delicious lasagna meal was served. Jean Owens shared hostess duties.

Judy Mackey Elston, President of the District Heart of Texas Clubs, brought a program on the history of federated clubs and how much women have contributed to the laws and well-being of the country. She spoke of the problems of the various clubs; many of the accomplishments are not known.

Judy relayed the following information about the club.

Jane Croly organized a club in 1868, which was chartered in 1891 by the U.S. government. Headquarters were established in Washington D.C. in 1875. Colors, a flower, a song, and an emblem were chosen through the years 1922 to 1983.

Club women have been instrumental in enacting child labor laws in the early 1900s. Eleanor Roosevelt, the club's first social reformer, maintained strong ties with the federated club. In 1924, it was a woman who proposed putting a white stripe down the highways. In 1924, a woman mayor was voted

into office in Seattle. In 1897, many libraries were started for the rural areas. Public school music and cancer research were each started by a woman.

Town Crier

Jaron Marc Garcia

Mason and Baylee Monroe of Coleman are pleased to announce the birth their cousin, Jaron Marc Garcia. Proud parents are Patrick and Kyla Garcia of Winters.

Jaron was born at 4:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 22, 2002 at Abilene Regional Medical Center. He weighed 9 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 21 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Mark and Jo Collins of Winters.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

Jan. 30-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
5 p.m., Hale Museum Board of Directors, Rock Hotel
6:30 p.m., Jr. High Students Parents Meeting, WHS Auditorium
Jan. 31-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
Feb. 1-7 p.m., Chamber Banquet, School Cafeteria
Feb. 2-Attend the church of your choice!
Feb. 3-9 a.m., Ministerial Alliance, School Cafeteria
11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
7 p.m., Booster Club, Fieldhouse
7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
Feb. 4-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Noon, Lions Club
3 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum, Rock Hotel
5-8 p.m., Jr. Class Stew Meal, School Cafeteria
7 p.m., American Legion, Post Home
7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
Feb. 5-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprise Office
11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Feb. 6-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, Dept. of Health
11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
6 p.m., Chamber Directors
6:30-7:30 p.m., Parenting Workshop, Elementary Library
Windbreak Tree Delivery at Runnels NRCS Office, Ballinger Food Checkout Day

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•Honoring Winters' Man & Woman of the Year
•Entertainment by the "Bluff Creek Ramblers"
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•Door Prizes

\$12/person
Dinner includes: Sirloin Steak Baked Potato, Green Salad Cobbler & Tea (provided by JC's Catering)

Advance ticket sales only! Tickets available at the Chamber Office, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to noon or from any of the following Chamber Directors: Ruth Cooper, Brenda Burton, Chris Bahlman, Clay Bush, Barry Jackson, Danny Clack, Sharon Kennedy, Saam Geistmann, Jane Bourdo, Janice Pruser, or Donna Smith.

Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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Feb. 3 through Feb. 6
Subject to change

Monday, Feb. 3: Taco Soup, Fruit Salad, Cornbread, Chocolate Muffins.
Tuesday, Feb. 4: Chicken "N" Biscuits, Corn, Tossed Salad, Cake.
Wednesday, Feb. 5: Hamburger Steak w/Mushroom Gravy, Rice, Peas & Carrots, Hot Rolls, Cobbler.
Thursday, Feb. 6: Salmon, Tomato Salad, Cheese Noodles, Cornbread, Apricots.
Friday, Feb. 7: Sausage, Potatoes & Onions, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Dessert.
Meals are served at 11:30 a.m. daily. Anyone 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.

School



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2002-03 JUNIOR VARSITY BLIZZARDS are (l-r) L.J. Nitsch #52, Jeremy Sherman #25, David Scates #14, Michael Liggins #5, Wacey Cason #50, Justin Fenwick #15, Aaron Colburn #32, Marcus Tubbs #45, and Jordan Sanchez #55. Not pictured is Adam Solarzano #23. The team is coached by Jamie Seago.

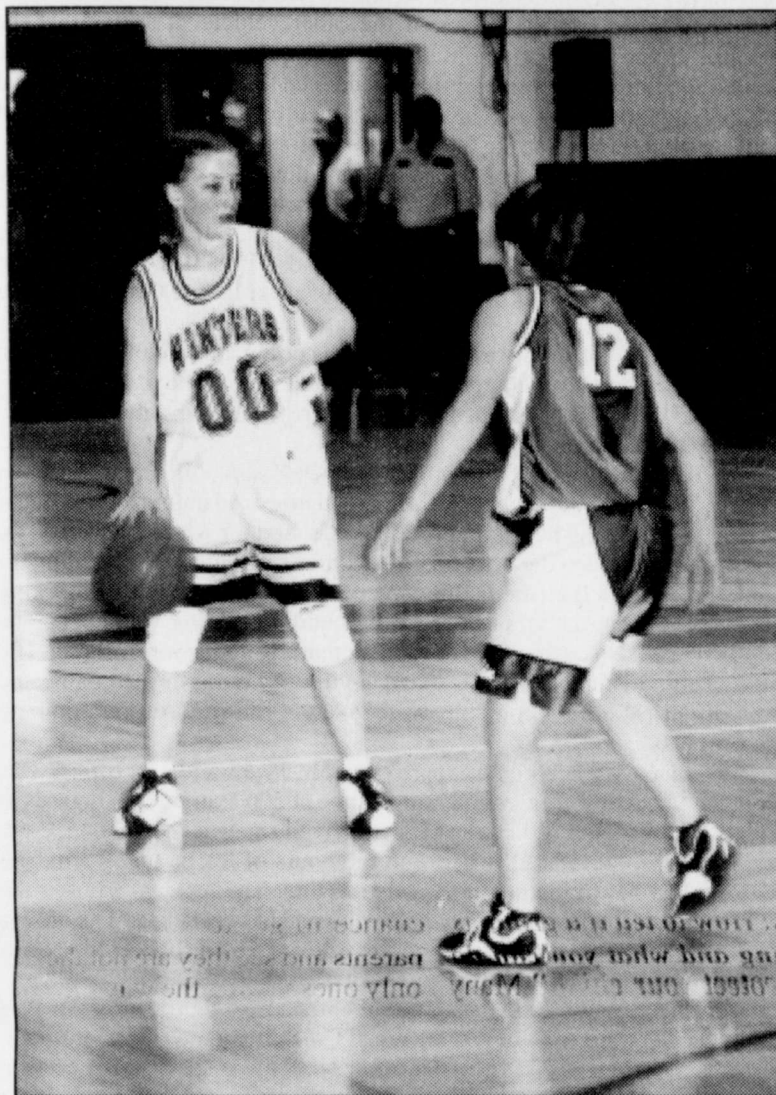


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AMBER GREEN looks for the play as she brings the ball down the court during Lady Blizzard junior varsity action.



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BRIAN PRITCHARD, WHS senior and 5'11" guard, goes up high to tip the ball in for the varsity Blizzards.

Booster Club plans meeting Monday night

The Winters Athletic Booster Club will meet on Monday, February 3, 2003. The meeting will be held in the Blizzard Fieldhouse at 7 p.m.

Several business items will be addressed. Club president Phil Colburn encourages all members to attend.

2003 Project Graduation selling carnations

Project Graduation 2003 will be selling carnations to be delivered on the WISD campuses Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14.

The group will deliver either a red or white carnation with a card and envelope for \$2.50 each. Deliveries will be made to all three schools, elementary, junior high, and high school on Valentine's Day.

Elementary students will receive an order form in their Tuesday folders on February 4. Secondary students may pick up order forms and envelopes in their respective offices.

All orders must be received no later than Monday, February 10. For more information contact Kim Jackson at 754-5032 or 754-4339 or Rhonda Neal at 754-5574.

All proceeds will benefit the 2003 Project Graduation, a drug free, all-night celebration on graduation night.

Parents will want to note upcoming WISD events

Parents will want to mark their calendar with these upcoming events.

The Glacier staff will hold their annual King and Queen Coronation on Thursday, February 13. Presentation of candidates will be held at 9 a.m. in the WHS Auditorium. Evening ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Fourth grade students will take the TAKS writing test on Tuesday, February 25.

Junior high and high school cheerleader tryouts will be held on Monday, March 3, from 12:45-3:30 p.m.

A Spring Band Concert will be held on Tuesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. in the WHS Auditorium.

Winters will host the Breezes Relays on Friday, March 7 and the Blizzard Relays on Saturday, March 8.

District One Act Play competition is set for Thursday, March 20.

2003 VARSITY BLIZZARDS BASEBALL SCHEDULE			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Feb. 18	Hamlin	There	4:00
Feb. 21	Open		
Feb. 25	Hamlin	Here	4:00
Feb. 27-Mar. 1	Sweetwater	There	TBA
March 4	Wall	There	4:00
March 6-8	Grape Creek	There	TBA
March 11	Sweetwater (DH)	Here	11 a.m.
March 18	Coleman*	There	4:00
March 21	Open		
March 25	Bangs*	Here	4:00
March 28	Jim Ned*	There	4:00
April 1	San Saba*	Here	4:00
April 4	Coleman*	Here	4:00
April 8	Open		
April 15	Bangs*	There	4:30
April 18	Jim Ned*	Here	4:30
April 22	San Saba*	There	4:30

*Denotes District Games (DH) Denotes Double Header

BLIZZARD/LADY BLIZZARD 2003 TRACK SCHEDULE	
Sat., Feb. 22...	Wildcat Relays (Water Valley)-Boys
Sat., March 1...	Blackland-Divide Relays (Roscoe)
Sat., March 8	Blizzard Relays (Winters)
Sat., March 16	Spring Break
Fri./Sat., March 21-22	San Angelo Relays-Boys
Sat., March 22	Pirate Relays (Eula)-Girls
Sat., March 29	Pied Piper Relays (Hamlin)
Thurs. April 3	Tiger Relays (Anson)
Thurs./Fri., April 10 & 12...	DISTRICT (Coleman)
Fri./Sat., April 25-26...	REGIONAL (Stephenville)
Fri./Sat., May 9-10.....	STATE (Austin)

2003 JUNIOR HIGH TRACK SCHEDULE	
Feb. 27—	Roscoe
Mar. 7—	Winters
Mar. 21—	Wall
Mar. 27—	Bangs
Apr. 5—	District (TBA) 7th & 8th Grade

2003 BLIZZARD TENNIS SCHEDULE	
Feb. 7-8	Colorado City
Feb. 14	Blizzard Invitational (Winters)
Feb. 21-22	Buffalo Invitational (Forsan)
Feb. 28-Mar. 1	Team Tennis-San Angelo
March 7-8	Santa Anna Invitational
March 21-22	Reagan County-Big Lake
March 28-29	Hornet Invitational-Mertzon
April 5	DISTRICT - San Saba
April	REGIONAL QUALIFIER
April	REGIONAL- TBA
May	STATE-Austin

2003 JR. VARSITY BLIZZARDS BASEBALL SCHEDULE			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
February 17	Hawley	Here	4:00
February 22	Hamlin (DH)	There	11 am
February 25	Eula	There	4:15
March 3	Jim Ned*	Here	4:00
March 10	Coleman*(DH)	Here	11 am
March 17	Grape Creek	Here	4:00
March 24	Grape Creek	There	4:00
March 31	Sweetwater (DH)	There	5:00
April 4	Jim Ned*	There	4:00
April 7	Bangs*	Here	4:00
April 21	Bangs*	There	4:30

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2003 LADY BLIZZARDS SOFTBALL SCHEDULE			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Feb. 6	Sweetwater (Scrim.)	There	4:30
Feb. 13	Sweetwater Tourney	There	TBA
Feb. 15	Sweetwater Tourney	There	TBA
Feb. 17	Wall	There	4:00
Feb. 21-22	Sweetwater Tourney	There	TBA
Feb. 28	San Angelo Tourney	There	TBA
March 1	San Angelo Tourney	There	TBA
March 4	Wall	Here	4:00
March 7	Lakeview	Here	4:30
March 10-14	OPEN	SPRING BREAK	
March 18	Sonora	There	4:30
March 21	Jim Ned*	There	4:30
March 25	Eldorado	Here	4:30
March 28	Bangs*	Here	4:30
April 1	Coleman*	There	4:30
April 4	Jim Ned*	Here	4:30
April 8	Coleman*	Here	4:30
April 11	OPEN		
April 15	Bangs*	There	4:30

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Junior Class Parents
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 During Coleman basketball games
 Stew, Cornbread, Cobbler, & Drink
 \$5 per meal
 Tuesday, Feb. 4
 5:00-8:00 PM
 Winters School Cafeteria

Law & Order

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Elisha Nicole Westerman vs. William McArthur Westerman, protective order continued until Jan. 16, 2005

Otis Ray Liggins, criminal trespass, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 15 days in county jail, assessed \$236 court costs

Otis Ray Liggins, resisting transportation, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 15 days in county jail, assessed \$236 court costs

Bernie Valles, assault, case dismissed, complainant does not want to pursue case

Kartela Mills Valles, assault, case dismissed, complainant does not want to pursue case

State of Texas vs. Crystal McEntire, principal, civil case dismissed, defendant paid court costs

State of Texas vs. Crystal McEntire, principal and surety, Jay Mohler, dba Angelo Bail Bonds, civil case dismissed, defendant paid court costs

Johnny Levon Sanchez, driving while license suspended, case dismissed, defendant completed probation in another case

Johnny Levon Sanchez, possession of a prohibited weapon, case dismissed, defendant completed probation in another case

Criminal Cases Filed
January 21
 Alfred Keith Armentrout, charged with displaying inspection sticker issued to another vehicle

Marriage Licenses Filed
January 21
 Charley Neil McDaniel and Jerry Ann Gill

Pedro Heraclio Galvan and Eulalia Hernandez Rangel

District Court Divorces Granted
January 17
 Stace Charles Ogle and Teresa Marie Ogle

Divorce Cases Filed
January 23
 Erika Kay Bockover vs. Travis

Warren Bockover Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed

January 13
 Martin Lopez Gonzales, filed for burglary of a building

Fernando Igarra Garcia, filed for burglary of a building

January 21
 Benjamin Matthew Hays, filed for forgery

January 22
 Erik Ryan Hale, filed for possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility

Criminal Cases Filed
January 10
 Clyde Dillard McDuffee, filed for taking migratory game birds by illegal means (trap)

January 11
 Joe Michael Noriega, filed for violation of open container law

January 14
 Joseph A. Espinoza, filed for improperly tagged deer

January 17
 Nyle Thomas Davenport, filed for driving under the influence, a minor

Small Claims Cases Filed
December 17
 Robert and Rosa Alfaro vs. Anita Roman, loan

January 7
 Agree Finance Inc., vs. Elsa Alvarado, balance on contract

Agree Finance Inc., vs. Darlene Farr, balance on contract

Agree Finance Inc., vs. Mike Rosser, balance on contract

Agree Finance Inc., vs. Bruce Storms, balance on contract

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Agree Finance Inc., vs. Andy E. Smith, balance on contract

Agree Finance Inc., vs. Nicholas Casarez, balance on contract

Agree Finance Inc., vs. David Meece, balance on contract

January 8
 Tommy Harrell vs. Pete Torres, damage on trailer house

Here's what to look for on 401(k) statement

If you have a 401(k) plan where you work, consider yourself fortunate, because your 401(k) offers you a great way to build resources for retirement. Your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis, and your pre-tax contributions lower your annual tax bill. Plus, you've probably got a good choice of investment options. But keep in mind that a 401(k) is largely a "self-managed" plan — so you're the one that must keep track of what's going on.

As a 401(k) owner, you're responsible for several things. First, you need to decide how much to contribute to your plan. Next, you're in charge of picking your own investments from those available. And finally, you'll need to periodically review your 401(k) holdings and make adjustments as needed, in response to changes in your life or changes to the investments themselves.

In short, when it comes to managing your 401(k), you've got a lot of obligations. Fortunately, you can get some help through an extremely useful tool — your 401(k) statement.

Many people just look at their statements to check on their current balance. And, of course, it is important to know how much you've got. But don't stop there — your statement is full of information that can prove helpful to you in running your 401(k). Here are a few things to look for:

• Account summaries — Here's where you'll find the beginning and ending balance of your individual accounts over the statement cycle. This section gives you a "snapshot" of how your investments performed over the past statement cycle — typically a quarter or a month.

• Investment summary — In this section, you'll find descriptions of how your individual holdings have done over time. Your statement may include annualized total returns over various time periods, such as one, three, five and 10 years. This long-term perspective can be

valuable to you, especially if you're concerned about a drop in your balance from last quarter's — or last month's — statement. While this past performance does not guarantee or predict future results, it can still give you an idea of how your accounts have done in various economic environments.

• Asset allocation — Ultimately, your 401(k)'s ability to help you meet your retirement goals will largely depend on your asset allocation — the mix of investments you've chosen to fund your plan. Your statement should have some type of graphic representation — possibly in pie charts — showing you how your money is spread among the various options. Pay close attention to this picture, because it can change without you really being aware of it. For example, if one of your stock-based accounts has grown substantially over the years, your overall 401(k) portfolio may now be more heavily weighted toward growth stocks than you had originally intended. If that happens, you may need to rebalance.

• Loan information — If you've taken out a loan from your 401(k), you'll find all the key data here — how much you borrowed, what interest rate you're paying and how much you've paid back.

By paying attention to what's on your statements, you'll find it easier to successfully manage your 401(k) plan. So the next time you get a statement, take a close look — and, if you need to, take action on what you see.

Sexy Car, Sexy Driver

When asked if they would describe their car as "classy," "sexy," "smart," "sporty," "reliable," or "aggressive," people who say they consider their car "sexy" apply makeup or shave while driving more often than those who consider their car "reliable."

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Police Beat

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

The following information has been obtained from reports and incidents investigated by the Winters Police Department during the week of January 20, 2003 through January 26, 2003. These are just a few reports received each week by members of the Winters Police Department.

• on January 20, 2003, at approximately 2:50 p.m., officers were called to 100 N. Grant #1, in regards to a Burglary of a Habitation. When officers arrived they were met by the complainants and advised that between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. a suspect or unknown suspect entered the residence and stole a couple of items from their grandson's room. The complainant advised she does not know who could have entered the residence without permission. She did advise that the door to the residence was found open when she arrived to drop off her grandson. Just after arriving at the residence the young man realized he had been burglarized. He informed his grandmother of the situation and police were called. There was no one at the residence at the time of the burglary.

• on January 21, 2003, at approximately 7:50 a.m., officers were called to the intersection of Melwood and State Street in regards to a minor traffic accident. When the officers arrived they were met by the occupants of the vehicle. The accident was investigated and it was determined that neither individual was at fault and the accident occurred due to the sun shining into a of the driver's eyes causing them not to see the other vehicle. No injuries have been reported.

• on January 22, 2003, at approximately 4:55 p.m., officers were called to the 800 block of N. Rogers, behind the tennis court parking lot, in regards to a minor traffic accident. Upon arrival officers were met by a 16-year-old female and the driver of the other vehicle. It seems that the juvenile driver was backing out of a parking space, failed to see the other vehicle, and struck the vehicle's front fender on the passenger side. Instead of applying the brake the juvenile accidentally applied the accelerator causing the vehicle to strike the vehicle a second time causing damage to the passenger front and rear doors. The accident was investigated and no citations were issued. No injuries resulted from this accident.

• on January 23, 2003, at approximately 2 p.m., officers were called to 400 S. Cryer in regards to Cruelty to Animals. This officer had received many phone calls voicing concern over a black and white Great Dane that has had no shelter during the cold temperatures. The individual was warned about such cruelty and was given a certain amount of time to find shelter for the animal or charges would be filed. As of January 24, 2003 the individual had not yet complied. Charges were filed against this individual for Cruelty to Animals.

• on January 24, 2003, at approximately 9:45 a.m., officers were called to 1011 Trinity at the Somebody Cares Ministries. An unknown suspect or suspects entered the building through the front door which faces East on Trinity Street. When the officers arrived they were met by the complainant, who advised that she had received a phone call early this morning advising her that the front door to the church building was open. The complainant advised that it did not appear that any items were missing. The officer advised her that if she realized anything was missing to contact the police department. Photographs were taken of the site. At press time no charges had been filed.

• on January 24, 2003, at approximately 11:55 a.m., an officer was called to the Senior Citizens Nursing Home at 506 Van Ness in regards to a clock being stolen. When the officer arrived she was met by one of the residents, who advised that between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. she realized that her miniature clock was missing. The resident advised the officer that she had last placed her clock on one of her shelves. The officer advised the resident that if any other items were stolen she would need to contact the police department. No charges were filed.

• on January 25, 2003, at approximately 11:54 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 500 block of West Dale in regards to a domestic disturbance. Dispatch advised the officer that the suspect was removing the children in question in this matter from the premises. When the officer arrived the suspect and the complainant were arguing and the officer noticed a man walking across the 500 block of West Dale with the children. As the officer approached the suspect, he put one of the children down and began to quickly walk away. The officer asked the man to stop, the suspect answered back that he would not wait and began to run. Ignoring requests by the officer to stop running the officer proceeded to chase the suspect finally catching him in the 700 block of Parsonage. The officer placed the suspect under arrest with assistance from a sheriff's deputy. The suspect was arrested for Evading Arrest or Detention. It was later discovered that the suspect also had a warrant for his arrest out of Taylor County for Theft by Check.

Runnels County Crimestoppers offers a cash reward for information which leads to the grand jury indictment or conviction of offenders and the caller does not have to give his or her name. To give a Crimestoppers tip, call your local law enforcement agency at:
Winters Police Department—754-4121
Ballinger Police Department—365-3591
Sheriff's Department—365-2121

Birthday Girl is Leah Buxkemper.

Legal Notices

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES NOTICE OF SALE

In compliance with Vernon Civil Statutes Article 4477A Section 5.05, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at 11:00 a.m. on the 10th day of February, 2003, at W&R Wrecking, 601 N. Melwood, Winters, Texas, all of the following abandoned motor vehicles:

1995 Chevrolet Camaro
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1989 Ford Mustang
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The successful bidder upon payment of the bid to this department is entitled to take possession of the vehicle and apply for the title free and clear of all liens and former ownership. BILL POLSTON, W&R Wrecker 14-4(2tc)

BID NOTICE FOR PERFORMANCE OF DEPOSITORY SERVICES FOR CITY FUNDS

The City of Winters is accepting sealed bids for the performance of depository services for the City's funds. Bids will be accepted by Dr. Aref Hassan, City Manager, at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas, 79567, from Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.. Bid deadline is 10 a.m., Thursday, February 13, 2003. Bid specifications are available at City Hall.

The City Council will consider the selection of a depository on Monday, February 17, 2003, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The City reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids. 14-5(1tc)

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- TXism: "slapped" — new hat size" (hit hard)
- and reel
- this Lionel was head of TX education, now dean at San Diego State
- TXism: "turn about" — fair play"
- TXism: "table grazed"
- TXism: "he uses barbed wire for _____ floss" (tough)
- TXism: "phoo water" (perfume)
- Southwest Airlines CEO Herb
- Southwest usually has the lowest heavy colorless gas
- TXism: "so _____ melts my ear wax" (loud)
- TXism for "you all"
- TXism: "he _____ stamped"
- Bean was 1st TXn to walk _____
- difficult events
- ex-Cowboy line-man Lilly (init.)
- "FU" of "SNAFU" (clean version)
- TXism: "_____ up" (won't talk)
- shop _____ you drop"
- Ranger WWI oil: "The Boom That Won _____"

DOWN

- TXism: "_____ on the hoof" (hog)
- anger
- computer adjunct
- TXism: "give you _____ medicines"
- achievement by Astro or Ranger batter (2 wds.)
- utility so. of the border: Comision Federal _____
- Paso _____
- big east TX lake in 3 counties
- TXism: he _____ short arms and deep pockets"
- up-to-date
- wash lightly
- co. started by TX Perot
- San Antonio AM
- TXism: "that _____ won't hunt" (disagree)
- in TX law, they are a "controlled substance"
- Corpus Christi dockers
- lemon or lime ending
- Emmitt _____ for a mess of yards
- Emmitt made a mess of these (abbr.)
- Astro leag. (abbr.)
- San Antonio event: "_____ Gras"
- TXism: "active as a fox in _____ house"
- made a loan
- no discomfort
- Dallas news AM
- most TXns prefer chocolate at Baskin-
- Assn. for "geezer" TXns (abbr.)
- she was TX John Connally's wife
- TXism: "he's _____ spring chicken"
- bird toenail
- 31 first name of 29-across
- this TX White was 1st to walk in space (init.)
- Buchanan _____ TX
- 37 rattlesnake grasper
- Orange, TX FM
- TXism: "got as much to _____ a hibernating bear"
- 44 aviator Amelia
- 50 certain golf tournaments
- TXism: "dot the i's and cross the _____"

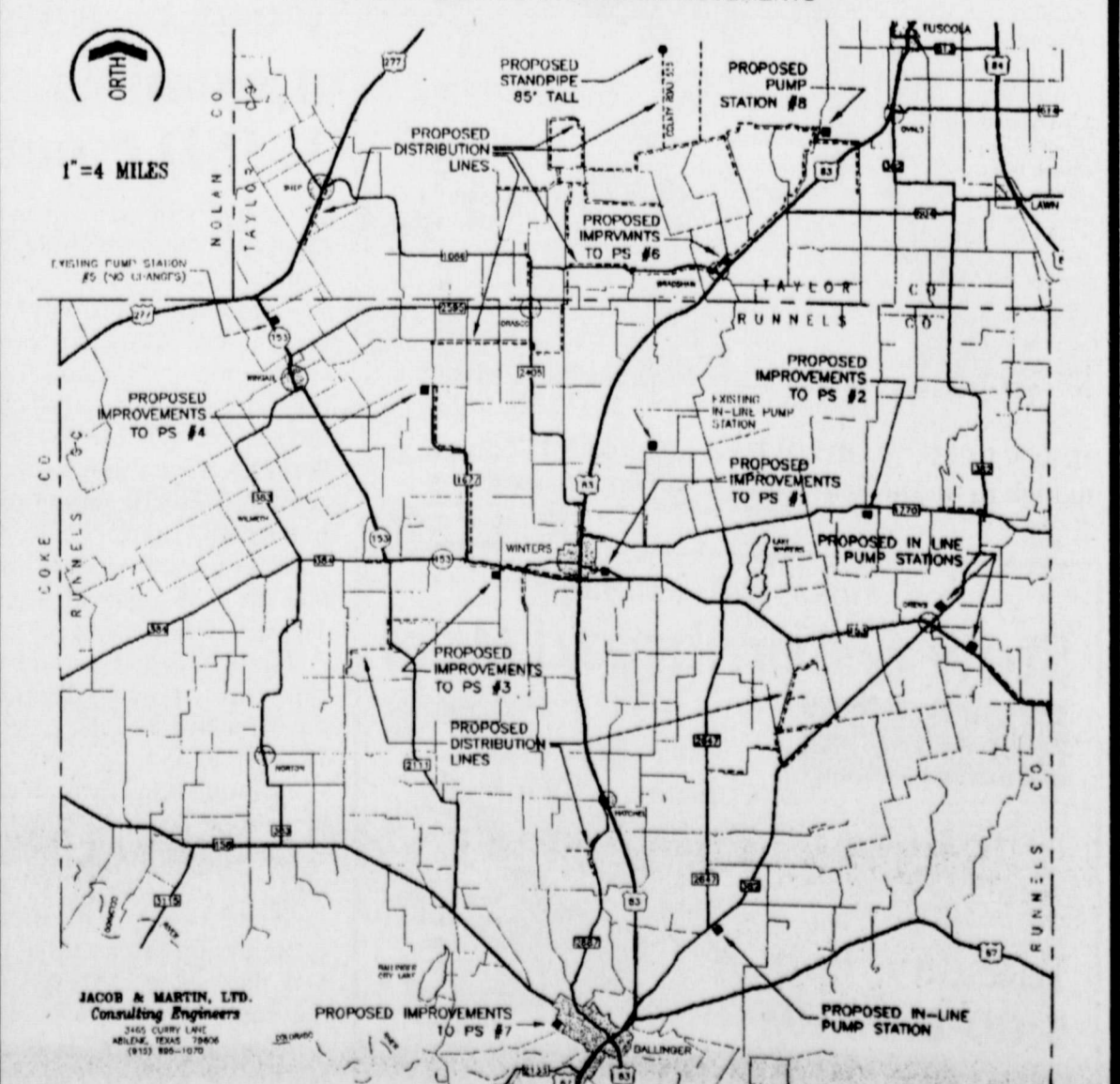
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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

NRWSC PROJECT UPDATE

The North Runnels Water Supply corporation (NRWSC) extension and improvements to their water distribution system are movin along. If you are interested in possibly obtaining water service within the mapped area, please call us for more information at (915) 754-5000, as soon as possible, to be included in this project.

NORTH RUNNELS WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS



Outdoors

Funded by Texas Tech University— AHEC strives to cultivate young people's interest in health care

by Patti J. Patterson, M.D.

Imagine a young man from a rural community who dreams of becoming an optometrist and establishing a practice in his hometown. Now picture this young man abandoning his dream because he knows so little about the field and he thinks his aspirations are impossible to achieve.

Had Josh Wyatt, a high school student from Plainview, not had access to information about optometry and the opportunity to shadow a local optometrist in order to learn more about the field, he might have realized that dream. Fortunately, when Josh expressed an interest in becoming an optometrist, he was provided encouragement and concrete, helpful information about how to pursue his dream.

Sadly, young men and women in rural communities may not aspire to work in health care because they are unaware of the range of career opportunities available and the numerous programs that offer educational and financial assistance to them. It is imperative that we reach out to young people in order to ensure the future of health care access in rural communities.

The Area Health Education Center of the Plains (AHEC), which opened in Plainview in June 2002, is designed to provide students in the 21-county South Plains region access to education about health care career opportunities. AHEC of the Plains provided Josh the assistance he needed when he recognized his interest in optometry. Because of the genuine interest of the AHEC staff and a local optometrist, Stewart Webb, O.D., Josh now has ready access to the information he needs, a mentor

and a part-time job which gives him experience in a health field and a clear advantage when it comes time to apply to colleges of optometry.

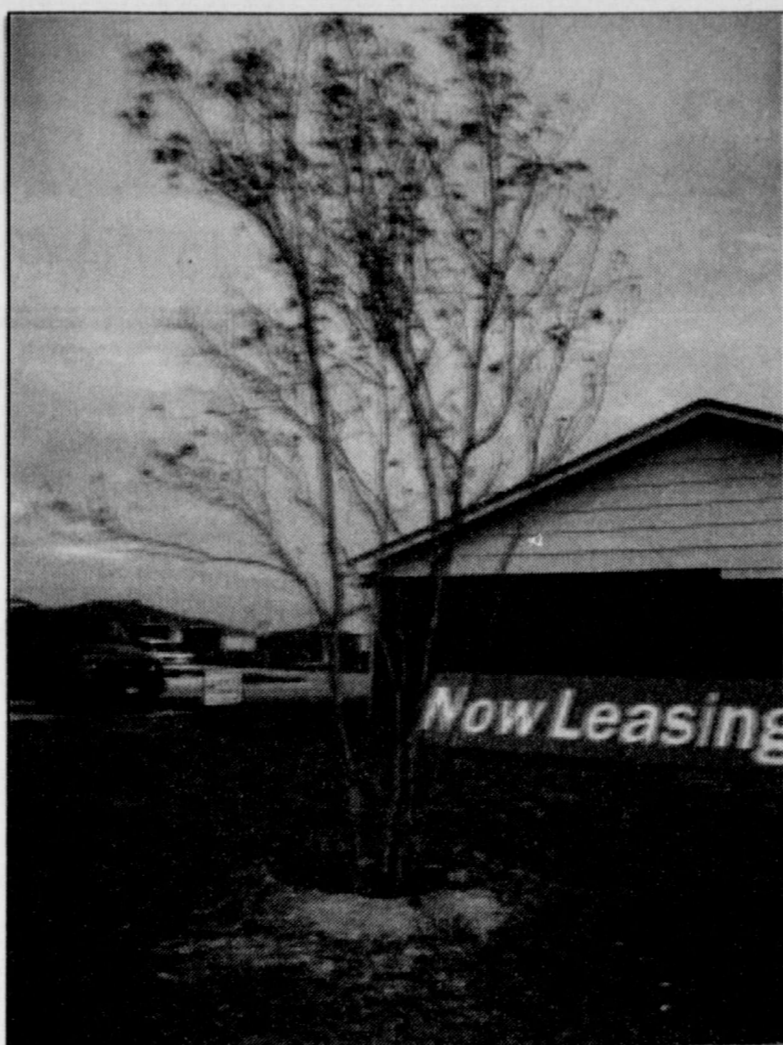
AHEC of the Plains, which is funded by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's Office of Rural and Community Health, strives to cultivate young people's interest in health care fields while providing a mentoring environment to cement that interest and lay the groundwork for future careers.

Why is it so important to create a pipeline for students to pursue careers in health care? A shortage of virtually all types of health care providers now plagues many rural areas in West Texas.

Efforts to recruit health care professionals from urban areas to live and work in small communities have had limited success. Since research suggests that individuals raised in rural communities are more likely to eventually settle down in rural areas, we should turn to students in rural areas to fill the current void of health care providers. This could help guarantee these communities future access to local health care.

Many West Texans have come to accept driving 60 miles or more in order to receive health care. With the help of centers like AHEC of the Plains, young people like Josh Wyatt might make it possible to exchange an hour-long drive to see a physician in another town for a visit to a local doctor whose office is only five minutes from their doorstep.

Patti J. Patterson, M.D., is vice president of rural and community health at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.



RED OAK TREES AT LONE STAR ESTATES were planted in late January 2003. The 18- to 20-foot trees were purchased from Tony Mata's Nursery in Brady. Nine of the 11 trees have multi-trunks. Lone Star Estates began leasing in January 2000.

"Winters Night in Austin" planned during Texas Midwest Day, Feb. 19

by Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation is sponsoring "Winters Night in Austin" on Wednesday, February 19, 2003, to honor State Officials from Winters and legislators who represent Winters. The Barbecue Meal at the Texas Capitol is in conjunction with Texas Midwest Day, an event for 41 communities around Abilene to meet with legislators and to see our state government in action.

There are over 30 folks from Winters planning to make the trip to Austin. This legislative session is very important to rural communities and it is important that our voice is heard in the legislature. This is a great opportunity for us to meet with our representatives and to tour the State Capitol and new Bob Bullock Texas State Museum.

The Winters group has a room reserved at the Capitol Grill in the Texas Capitol Extension for the evening meal and reception beginning at

6:00 pm. Besides the local people and special guests, some Winters folks who now live in the Austin area will also be attending.

The group from Winters will leave by cars at 6 a.m. and arrive at the Capitol by 10 a.m. to visit the House and Senate Chambers for the sessions and to tour the Capitol. That afternoon, the group will visit various representatives. The Texas Midwest will also host an afternoon reception for all legislators. The day's activities will conclude with the "Barbeque at the Capitol." The following day, the group will go to the State Museum or attend other meetings.

Everyone is invited to attend the activities in Austin. The cost for registration, motel (2 to a room), the Texas Midwest reception, and the Barbecue is \$50.00 per person. Room reservations must be made by Friday, January 31 by calling 754-4542 or e-mail to rconner@winters-texas.us.

Runnels County Farm Bureau celebrating Food Check-Out Day on Thursday, February 6

America's farmers and ranchers are the most productive in the world, which creates affordable prices at the marketplace for American consumers. As a result, the Runnels County Farm Bureau is celebrating February 6 as Food Check-Out Day.

On average, American families spend approximately 10 percent of their income for food. Applying the 10 percent statistic to the calendar year shows the average household will have earned enough income for its annual food supply in just 37 days. The positive message is glaringly visible when you consider Tax Freedom Day is not celebrated until April 27—nearly three

months later, to commemorate when the average household will earn enough money to pay for local, federal, and state taxes.

"I find it amazing the American people can pay their yearly food supply nearly three months earlier than it would take them to satisfy their tax burden," LeRoy Pelzel, Runnels County Farm Bureau president, said. "Not only is America's food supply the world's safest, but it's also the most affordable."

Thanks to modern farming techniques such as biotechnology, global positioning satellites, and conservation tillage, America's farmers and ranchers are producing more food on

fewer acres. However, farmers and ranchers only receive 19 cents out of every dollar spent on food at home and away from home. The rest goes for costs beyond the farm gate: wages and materials for production, processing, marketing, transportation and distribution. In contrast, America's farmers and ranchers received 31 cents in 1980.

Pelzel hopes Americans will come to understand that the high-quality, affordable food they enjoy is "a product of our successful food production and distribution system, as well as America's farmers retaining

access to effective and affordable crop protection tools."

To celebrate February 6 as food Check-Out Day, the Runnels County Farm Bureau will donate all food collected to local food pantries. Food donations will be accepted at Shoppin Basket IGA and Bill's Grocery in Ballinger, Ideal Foods in Miles, and Lawrence Bros. IGA in Winters.

"This day should hold meaning for most Americans," Pelzel said. "As food producers, we are proud of the role our farmers play in making our food supply more affordable for all."

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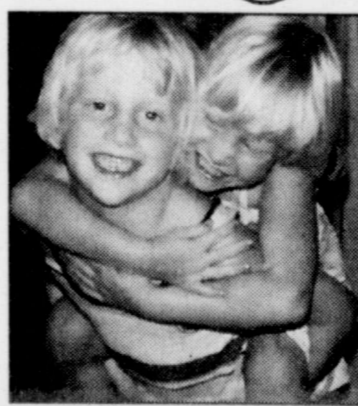
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of the labor required for the pipeline will be furnished by volunteers, according to New.

The City of Abilene has not yet agreed to allow Ballinger to tap into their water line. Abilene City Manager Larry Gulley has said the City of Abilene would try to reach a workable agreement with the City of Ballinger. The Abilene City Council will have the final say on any agreement.

Dwayne Hargesheimer, Abilene Water Utilities Director, said any contract with Ballinger would have to define how much water Ballinger could use, how bad the water shortage has to be before Ballinger can draw water from the pipeline. "The emergency connection would last only until Ball-

inger could find another water source," Hargesheimer said.

"Water is a precious resource and I am glad to see the state and our rural communities working together for the people of West Texas," Duncan said. "These infrastructure projects and partnerships will be critical to maintaining a good supply of quality water for our rural communities."

The awards were made available through the Community Development Block Grant program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The program is administered for Texas by the new Office of Rural Community Affairs through the Texas Community Development Program.

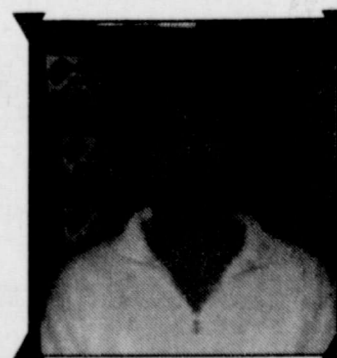


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