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A good exercise for the heart is to bend down and help another up.

—Anonymous

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Winters included in 325 area code— New area codes start Saturday, April 5

by Jean Boles, editor

Starting April 5, 2003, the current 915 area code is being divided into three, with two new area codes being added: 325 and 432. Residents in Winters and the surrounding area will use the 325 area code.

In February, 2002, the Public Utility Commission (PUC) issued an order that divided the 915 area code. The commission designated the El Paso area to retain the 915 area code because of its concentrated population, extensive bilingual network and well-developed international commerce.

The rest of the current 915 area code will be divided by two north-south boundaries. The new area code will be 432 for the central section and 325 for the eastern section.

According to the PUC, current estimates predict that the 915 area code will run out of numbers in early 2004. The three-way split approved by the PUC will prevent the need for additional area codes in the three regions for an estimated

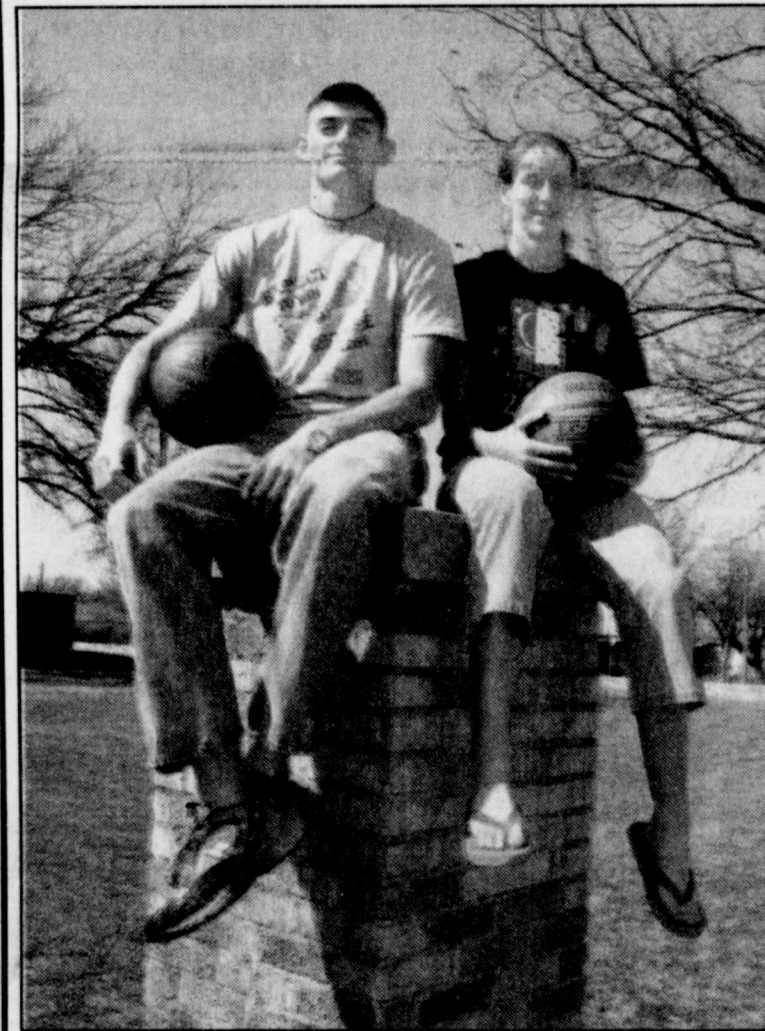
17-20 years.

While approximately two-thirds of customers in the current 915 region will have to change their area code, the PUC determined the three-way split is the best way to preserve local interests.

For example, the three-way split allows the Midland-Odessa metropolitan area to continue sharing a common area code (432). The three-way split also allows customers to keep seven-digit calling for local calls. The approved plan received overwhelming support from both residential and business customers during the public comment period.

The current schedule introduces the two new area codes April 5, with permissive dialing using either the 915 area code or one of the new ones. Mandatory dialing using the new codes becomes effective October 5, 2003. Customers dialing the old area code will get a recorded reminder until December 7, 2003.

ARN Big Country Honors—



(photo by Deb Pritchard)

RUSTY JACKSON and **LACI WALKER**, WHS seniors, have been selected for the *Abilene Reporter-News* All-Big Country Teams. Jackson, a 6'4" post, averaged 12.9 points per game with 6.7 rebounds, and was selected to the Second Team. Averaging 20.2 points per game, Walker was named to the First Team. The 5'8" forward had 76 assists, 151 rebounds and 142 steals for the season which also placed her on the Second Team of the Big Country Super Team.

No elections needed for school, city, L-K WCD

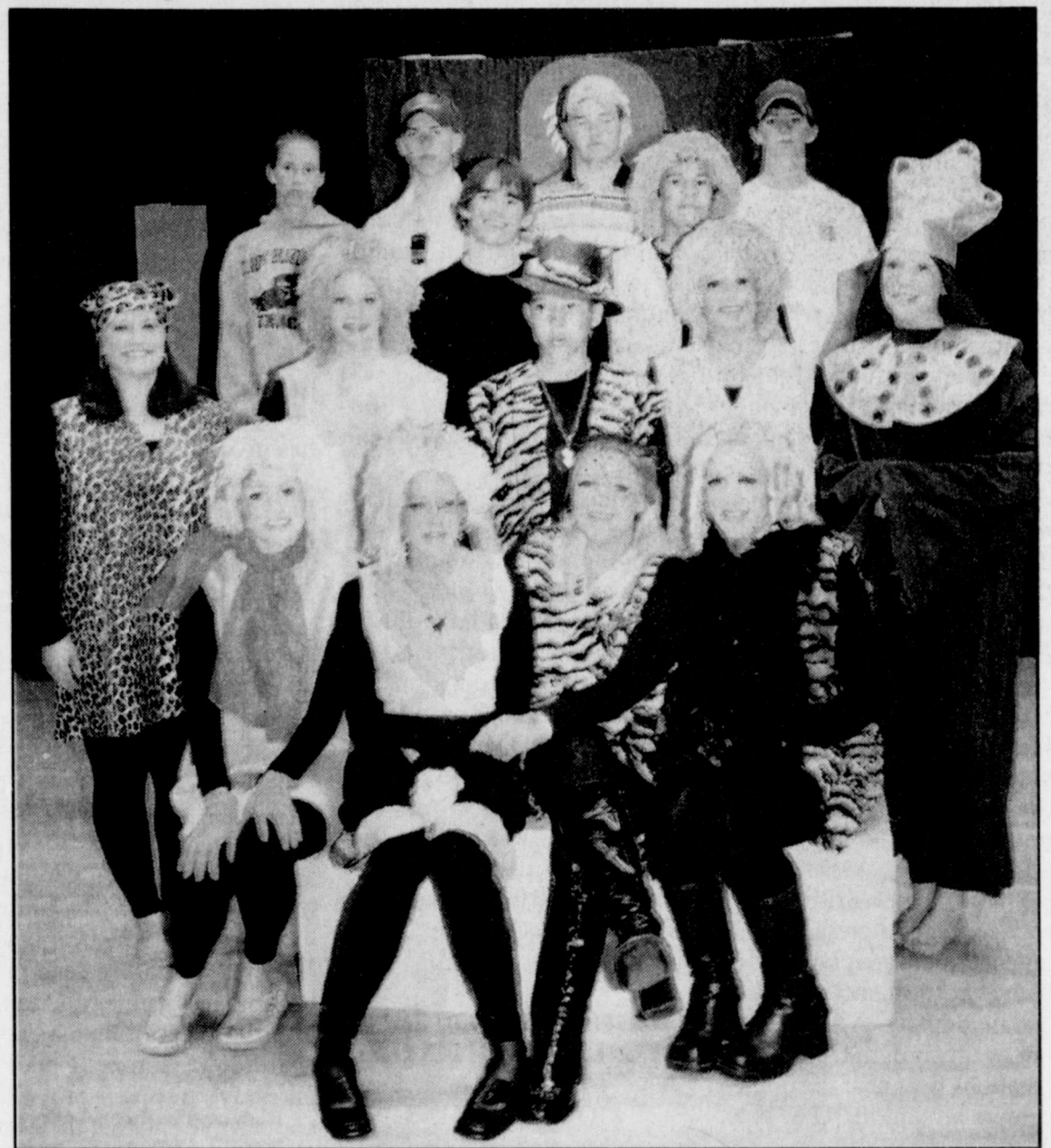
NR Hospital filing deadline April 3

With no candidates filing to oppose the incumbents, no elections will be held for Winters City Council, Winters ISD Board of Trustees or Lipan-Kickapoo Water Control District. Deadline for filing as a candidate for North Runnels Hospital is April 3, 2003.

Incumbents Cheryl Bryan and Bob Prewit have signed up for re-election in their places on the WISD school board.

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Star Performers



(photo by Jean Boles)

“THE CAVE CAT” cast and crew from Winters High School competed in the UIL One Act Play Contest at Coleman on March 20, under the direction of Dottie Loudermilk. Seated (l-r) are Stacey Sneed, Kari Walker, Ally Calcote, and Jena Bahlman. Second row are Gessica Bear, Kindy Walker, Marcus Tubbs, Lacey Meyer, and Marci Paschal. Third row are Brian Pritchard and Jeremy Mendoza. Back row are crew members Laci Walker, Guy Slimp, Shane Colburn and Jared Airhart. Tubbs and Bahlman received Honorable Mention All-Star Cast for their performances. The play, performed for the public on March 19, was the story of the struggle of youth to surmount the established convictions of a society which divides all cats into three rigidly maintained categories.

Voters to determine outcome of rescheduled election for Precinct 2 County Commissioner

by Roeneal Boles, editor *The Ballinger Ledger*

Voters in voting precincts 2 and 3 in Runnels County will go to the polls on April 8 to elect a county commissioner for Precinct 2.

Following November's General Election of Precinct 2 Commissioner and a recount made at the request of challenger Freddie Grohman, Precinct 2 incumbent commissioner Keith Collom was named winner of the election with 371 votes to Grohman's 367.

After the recount, Grohman filed a contest of the election with the 119th District Court in Runnels County. In the contest suit, Grohman asked to be declared winner of the November 5 election. He alleged in the suit that 12 registered voters had not been allowed to vote in the Commissioner's race and that they would have voted for him.

All the confusion in the election was caused by the redrawing of precinct lines following the 2000 census. Testimony of county officials at the March 11 trial on the contest of the election showed the line between voting precinct 3 and voting precinct 4 within the City of Winters was changed slightly. This moving of the line resulted in 23 registered voters being shown in the incorrect voting precinct.

Judge Joe Connally of Odessa was the presiding judge at the trial, having been brought in especially to hear this case. Election law in Texas says that the local District Judge cannot hear an election contest trial within his district.

Judge Connally found the Voting Registrar, Tax Assessor-Collector Robin Burgess,

had been provided incomplete information regarding the boundary line changes, leaving those 23 voters in voting precinct 4 rather than the correct voting precinct, 3.

The error was discovered early on election day and corrected by the registrar, evidence presented at the trial indicated

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(photo by Jean Boles)

GUEST SPEAKER, Sue Withers (center), addressed faculty members of Winters Elementary on March 19. Mrs. Withers is State President of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association. Introducing Mrs. Withers were Teresa Tekell (right), local TCTA President, and Brilla Magee, Winters Elementary School Principal.

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Editorial

Oil Bidness

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I don't know whether to smile or frown.

Something that I consider a good idea has recently been approved to move ahead, but I also have a number of concerns that temper my positive feelings.

The U.S. Department of Labor has approved a grant for almost \$10 million to install a "pilot" program for training oil field hands in Farmington, New Mexico. The focus will be for drilling and well service jobs, but there will also be some classes for general oil field skills.

All of this was precipitated by industry groups who have complained that there are not enough trained oil field personnel to go around. Labor unions have also pushed the deal, and the programs were budgeted during the last presidential administration and continued in the current administration. Interest was renewed at various industry group meetings back in 2001, and the rest is history.

The facility, to be located at San Juan College in Farmington, will utilize a donated workover rig and other donated equipment to teach much-needed skills to potential oil field hands. Areas of training will include drilling, well service, gas compression maintenance, commercial driving, heavy equipment operation, and field safety. A national roll out of this program with other locations in or near the oil field centers around the U.S. is expected if the pilot proves successful.

I know firsthand the problems with the labor pool in this business, ranging from the green roustabout to the most technical of positions. The cyclical nature of the oil patch, and the careers that were eliminated under merciless and repeated downsizings have understandably repelled many hard-working, bright people. Encouraging and training those that can fill the most vital of jobs sounds like a really good thing.

So, I am on board. But, there is this nagging question about whether the federal government can really hope to do this good thing very well. Of the millions to be spent on this project, at least 20 percent will be spent on making sure that the facility and those doing the training meet certain federal requirements, including ingress/regress clearances, diversity requirements, and content

of training materials. The program paperwork will be huge to document that the money is being spent on the right constituency, as the grant requires a focus on training non-English speaking personnel.

Add to this that regional programs already exist in Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas to do this very thing (one of those is right up the road in Abilene). Plus, several private programs have been underway utilizing community colleges from California to Florida.

I wonder whether the problem is availability of training or whether it is a lack of enough people interested in the oil and gas business. If it is the latter, then easy training will only make the smallest of differences, despite many of our hopes for more.

I can also imagine that many will take advantage of this program for personal training that can be applied to more stable industries, abandoning the oil and gas fields altogether. Unfortunately, programs that try to steer the economy and individuals a certain way despite market signals to the contrary often fail.

We'll keep an eye on it. For now, I'll just part my lips ever so slightly, so that you can't tell whether I am smiling or frowning.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

None This Week

STAKINGS

Callahan County

Miles Moore, Inc. has staked the Texaco -315- #1 as a Wildcat, 5 miles S of Putnam (Depth 4500). Loc. is 330 FNL & 330 FWL of SPRR Sur. No. 315, A-371.

Coleman County

Hofco, Inc. has staked the R. Nell #1 as a Wildcat, 4 miles N of Santa Anna (Depth 3150). Loc. is 796 FWL & 752 FSL of B. Fowler Sur. No. 492, A-204.

Runnels County

Imperial Gas Resources has staked two wells in the Goldsboro Field, 4 miles W of Goldsboro (Depth 4750). The Aldridge Brothers #4 is loc. 1375 FNL & 2091 FWL of D. Moses Sur. No. 521, A-386. The Aldridge Brothers #6 is loc. 1937 FNL & 2084 FWL of same Sur.

No map this week.

Sometimes peace requires war

by Congressman Charles Stenholm

Last week, President Bush presented an ultimatum to Saddam Hussein to leave his country or face armed conflict, in effect asserting that sometimes peace requires war. As I have through four previous administrations, I will support this most difficult decision made by our Commander-in-Chief to ensure our national security through the removal of Saddam Hussein.

I am reminded of the words found in Ecclesiastes, that there is a time for everything: a time for peace, and a time for war. Given twelve years of failed diplomatic efforts to secure peace with Iraq, I understand the President's determination that this must be a time for war.

The United States has made the case for peace: if Saddam Hussein complies with all agreements after the Persian Gulf War, no hostilities would commence. This same case for peace has been made via the United Nations' weapons inspectors' attempts to verify compliance. The case for peace has been made by President Bush who has asked Hussein to step down and free his people.

Conversely, Saddam Hussein himself has made a case for war. He has refused to disarm. He has continued to manufacture weapons of mass destruction. He repeatedly has defied international will. He persists in oppressing his own people. He has invited great danger for his citizens.

Indications are that Saddam Hussein has maintained a pipeline of support to terrorists in Israel and the West and it requires little imagination to picture the future destructive potential of such alliances. This madman may have the psychological makeup of a schoolyard bully but the sticks he carries—chemical agents, biological warheads, plans for nuclear weapons—are no child's play. The longer his aggression goes unchecked, the more his thirst for power and domination will escalate, with many terrorists all too willing to accept the resources which will help do his dirty work.

Still, Americans must make a long-term commitment to security and democracy not only at home, but also abroad. We cannot fly in with sterile air strikes, fly out a few weeks later, and expect to return to our previously scheduled lives. Nurturing the philosophy and infrastructure that support democracy will require time, effort, and financing. The long-term reward, however, is that free and prosperous people in other lands will become less vulnerable to the lure of terrorist promises or the imprisonment of unjust dictators.

In the meantime, I pray for the security and safe return of our brave troops. I pray that they will be filled with strength and resolve and that their families will be supported by a grateful nation. The cause of freedom and justice is great, but it demands great commitment and sacrifice by all who enjoy it's benefits, not simply by the men and women in uniform. After a time of war, it is up to all of us to help create a time of peace.

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Good well drilled on Poe Family Farm

On Thursday morning, March 20, 2003, Mrs. Charlsie Poe and her grandson, Perry Poe, got a pleasant surprise when they witnessed the completion of a recently drilled Goen prospect on their family farm west of Winters at Poe's Corner.

The well came in flowing from the Goen Reef formation at 10:30 a.m. that morning. On a 75-minute flow test, the well flowed oil at a rate of 120 barrels per day on a 15/64 choke setting.

Mrs. Charlsie Poe and Perry treated Bruce Barrow, operator of the well; Sammy Pate; Sealy Bryan; and John Wolcott to lunch at the Casa Cabana Restaurant to celebrate.

Obituaries

Earl Eugene Brice

BRONTE—Earl Eugene Brice, 95, died Monday, March 17, 2003, in a Bronte nursing home.

He was born in Wingate to Julius Allen & Nancy Ann Brice on December 24, 1907. He was baptized at the age of 15 into the Baptist Church at Valley Creek. He married Carrie Vivian Snow on March 19, 1929.

Mr. Brice was a longtime resident of Deming, New Mexico. He was a Past Grand of Deming Lodge No. 7 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He also was Past District Deputy Grand Master for District 12 of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in New Mexico. When he retired, he and his family moved to Blackwell near his roots. He and Carrie were fond of hunting arrowheads with friends, both in New Mexico and Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Julius Allen and Nancy Ann Brice; his wife, Carrie Vivian Brice; two sons, Billy Ray Brice and Allen Guy Brice; and two grandchildren, Linda Brice and Dale Moore.

Survivors include three children, Carol Gene Brice, Earline Brice & Jack Moore, and Garry Dwane & Marilyn Brice; twelve grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and two nieces, Oleta Webb and Anita Wood, both of Winters.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, in the Fort Chadbourne Cemetery with Brother R.W. Blackmon officiating with music by Brother Morris Johnson.

The family requests that memorials be made to Hospice of San Angelo or your favorite charity.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of San Angelo.

Letters to the Editor

Air Force Captain misses home, thankful for *The Enterprise*

Dear Mrs. Boles,

I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate receiving *The Enterprise* while I am away from home. I am deployed on the island of Guam, and have been here for about a month. Of course, the thing I miss most while I am gone is spending time with my wife and beautiful little girls.

A close second, though, is my adopted home town of Winters, Texas. I appreciate the outpouring of support for my family and the prayers on my behalf from my church and my community. I miss my church. I miss going to the ball games and extra-curricular activities. I will probably miss the Relay for Life and High School graduation, too. Most of all, I miss being a part of the community that has made me feel at home.

When I first moved to the area, Donna Guy asked me what made me decide to move to Winters. She asked, "Why did you choose Winters?" With a big smile and typical Guy enthusiasm she added, "Is it the people?" I have never liked living in cities, and I have always enjoyed the small town environment, so it was natural for me to look outside of Abilene for a place to live. But after two and a half years of interaction with friends who have so graciously accepted us as members of the community, if asked why I make Winters, Texas my home I would have to say yes, Donna, it's the people.

Thank you so much for your support of my family, and all of the prayers on our behalf. I miss you and look forward to the day when I return to be a part of the community once again, may it be sooner rather than later. In the meantime, *The Enterprise* will serve as my window back home. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

David A. Pafford, Capt, USAF

Winters Community Soccer Association makes apology

Dear Editor,

The Winters Community Soccer Committee would like to apologize to the community of Winters. Our spring soccer season will not happen. Our grant money has not come in and not enough children have shown interest.

We want you to know that we will be doing everything possible to get more children to show interest in playing soccer in our community. We need more children in ages eight and under, 10 and under, and 12 and under for the fall season.

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Community

Pastor's Points

Editor's Note: This 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*.

Loving the small town life

by Mark Edge, church of Christ Pastor

Well I was born in a small town
And I live in a small town
Probably die in a small town
Oh, those small communities—
John Cougar Mellencamp

Several years ago, my wife and I lived in a city of 1,500,000 people. One evening, we were watching a movie set in a small town. In one scene, the characters were spending the day at a school-sponsored fair. Many townspeople were present. Everyone was friendly and cheerful. I turned to Judy and said, "Wouldn't it be neat to live in a small town some day?" Little did I know that our lives' path would take us to Winters. Having lived here for almost four years, I realized that my yearnings were not simply wishful thinking. Living in a small town provides many blessings, especially the town of Winters.

Let me share with you a hodgepodge of thoughts on the blessings of Winters. Start with the people. West Texas has always been known for growing good people, and in Winters you have the cream of the crop. When we moved here from Brownsville, we asked a young man from our church there, who had recently graduated from high school, to help us move. He spent one afternoon and night here in town. As he observed the people who helped us, he continually complemented the folks of this community. Early the next morning when he left, he told me, "I wish I could move here and go to college." And he meant it.

Second, we are fortunate to have our city leaders. These are men and women who uphold high moral values, and stress the importance of an ethical and, yes, a religious community atmosphere.

Third, we are blessed by our schools. From the superintendent to the teachers to the nonteaching employees, people of honor and integrity serve in our schools. I don't think it is a coincidence that most, if not all, are people of faith. My opinion is that one reason we appreciate our schools is the excellent people we employ there.

Fourth, this is a city of servants. From the older folks, who serve Meals on Wheels, to the young people who spend a Sunday afternoon mowing the yard of a shut-in, people in Winters care for their fellow human beings. A highlight each year for me is the annual Relay for Life, a combination of a community fair and service project. The first year that event was held, I told my wife, "This is just like the movie. This is what we wanted." She agreed.

I hope we will cherish what we have, and I hope we will remember these are blessings of God. Although our personal happiness is not God's top priority (getting people to live with Him forever is), it is important to Him. No one knows the future or where God will lead us. But for now, let's enjoy life in our small town.



(photo by Jean Boles)

WINTERS PUBLIC LIBRARY Board of Directors include (seated l-r) Bettye Pinkerton, Sharon Rice, Jean Owen, Susian O'Dell - vice-president, and Barbie Bishop. Standing (l-r) are Don Dunston, Tamra Grohman - aide, Cheryl Vorhouer, Judy Rusk - Director of Library Services, Nancy Spill, Mike Neal - president, Rhonda Neal - secretary, Jo Stoecker, and Becky Hays. Not pictured are Ouida Nichols - treasurer, Eris Beard, Cheryl Butler, Cindy Davis, and Kenneth Slimp. The Library is accepting donations for the fundraiser silent auction on May 3 during Mayfest. National Library Week will be celebrated April 6-12.

Winters Public Library receives donations and memorials

The Winters Public Library has received a number of memorials and donations over the past few months.

Memorials include: Elaine Miller in memory of Margaret Bloomer; Elaine Miller in memory of Oz Janie Richey; Ruth Cooper, et al in memory of Earl Dean Damron; James W. Little in memory of Mayme Jewel Little; Bonnie Elliot in memory of Glenn Bryan; Paul & Margaret Schumann in memory of M.M. Leathers; Jerry & Jan Sims in memory of Lanny Shellhouse; Michael & Rhonda Neal in memory of Margaret Bloomer; Elaine Miller in memory of Glenn Bryan; J.R. Sprinkle in memory of Ruby Norman; and Sarah Spill in memory of Myra Glover.

Donations for the Lois West Room at the Winters Public

Library include: Edna & Bede England; Winters American Legion Post 261; Myra Glover Burton; Tommy & Charlotte Lancaster; William & Edna England; and Sara Hughes.

Donors for Books on Tape include Kobert & Betty Paschal.

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Immunization Clinic set Thursday, April 3

— No morning hours offered —

The Winters office of the Texas Department of Health has scheduled their April Immunization Clinic. As a change from the usual schedule, the clinic will be open extended hours.

The clinic will be held Thursday, April 3, 2003, from 2 to 6:00 p.m. at the Professional Building, Suite 108, on the Grant Street entry. No morning immunizations will be offered. For more information, call 754-4945 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and noon Monday-Friday.

From the Mayor's Desk

by Mayor Dawson McGuffin

March and April are clean up Texas months. The city's spring clean-up will be coming soon, in April. We need more people to take part in helping to clean up our community, highways, and Texas — bigger groups, more often.

It's working, but we need more help. City Hall has trash bags and will be glad to provide them. Most important is to train our people to not throw trash out of their vehicles. Any help that can be given is greatly appreciated. City Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Mar. 27-District U.I.L. Academic Meet, Coleman RPTe Testing, Winters Elementary 9-9:30 a.m., Louie Lightning Bug, Winters Elementary 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 5 p.m., Hale Museum Board of Directors
- Mar. 28-Jr. High Track Meet, Bangs Hornet Invitational Tennis, Mertzon 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center Noon, Doctor Appreciation Lunch, The Rock Hotel 4 p.m., Blizzard Baseball @ Jim Ned 4:30 p.m., Lady Blizzard Softball vs Bangs, Winters Field 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Mar. 29-Blizzard & Lady Blizzard Track Meet, Cross Plains 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Arts & Crafts Festival, San Angelo
- Mar. 30-10:45 a.m., Revival Services, First Baptist Church, Winters Noon-5 p.m., Arts & Crafts Festival, San Angelo 6 p.m., Revival Services, First Baptist Church, Winters
- Mar. 31-WHS U.I.L. Meet @ Coleman 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center Noon, Revival Meal, First Baptist Church, Winters 6 p.m., City Council 7 p.m., Revival Services, First Baptist Church, Winters
- April 1-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center Noon, Revival Meal, First Baptist Church, Winters Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 3 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum, The Rock Hotel 4 p.m., Blizzard Baseball vs. San Saba, Winters Baseball Field 4:30 p.m., Lady Blizzard Softball @ Coleman 7 p.m., Revival Services, First Baptist Church, Winters 7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church 7 p.m., American Legion, Post Home 7 p.m., Winters Fire Department Drill, Fire Station 7 p.m. Athletic Booster Club, Fieldhouse April Fool's Day
- April 2-Blizzard District Golf Meet @ Goldthwaite 7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center Noon, Revival Meal, First Baptist Church, Winters 7 p.m., Revival Services, First Baptist Church, Winters
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WPL seeking donations for silent auction

Would you like to get rid of some of those things cluttering up your closets, basement, or garage? Would you like to get a tax write-off for your donation and be able to support the Winters Public Library?

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Bring an appliance that works, a knickknack that no longer fits your decor, some tools, utensils, furniture, or anything in reasonable, workable, or usable condition. All donations may be brought to the Winters Public Library, 120 N. Main, or for more information you may call the library at 754-4251.

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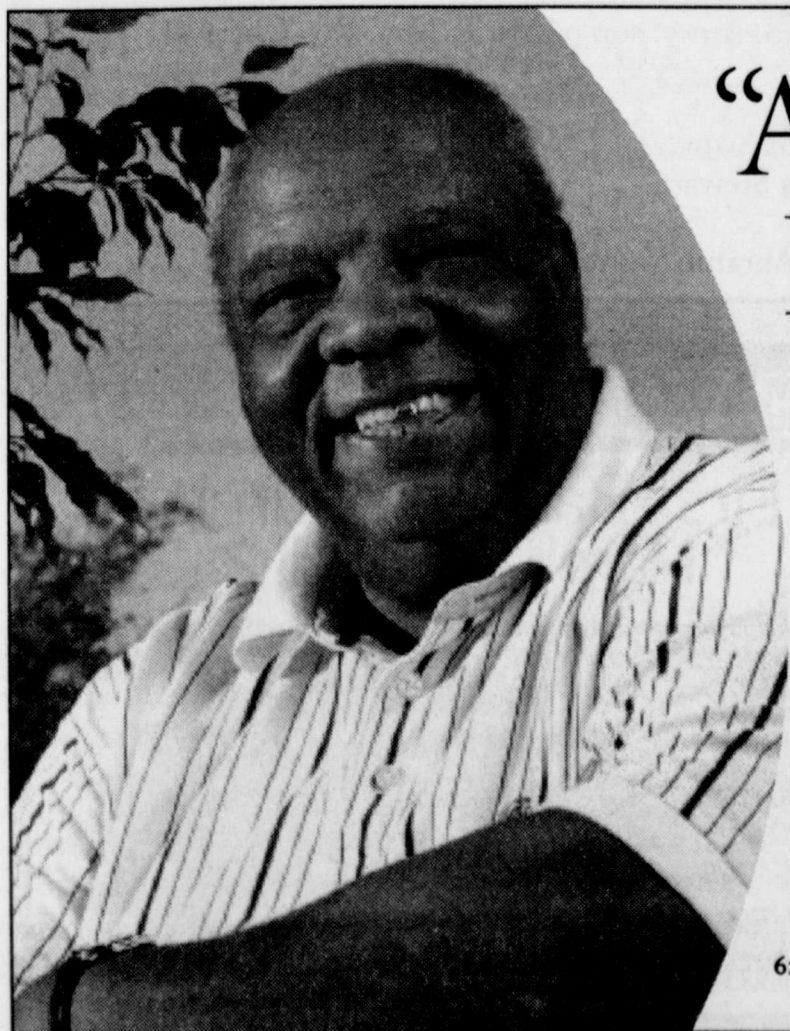
Tuesday, April 1: Chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, hot roll, & millionaire pie.

Wednesday, April 2: Liver & onions, parslid potatoes, greens, cornbread, & rice pudding.

Thursday, April 3: Salmon, cheese noodles, tomato salad, cornbread, & cookie.

Friday, April 4: Mexican cornbread, pinto beans, cole slaw, crackers, & 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.



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Community

Evangelist Jon Moore to speak—

First Baptist Church to host Revival, March 30-April 2

The First Baptist Church in Winters will host a Revival from Sunday, March 30 to Wednesday, April 2. Evangelist Jon Moore will lead the services.

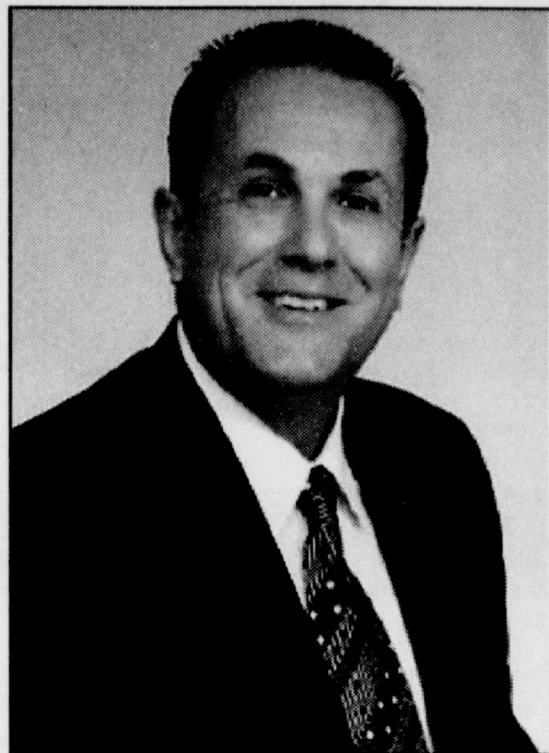
Moore will begin the Revival during Sunday morning services at 10:45 a.m. and again Sunday evening at 6 p.m. A finger foods reception and fellowship will be a part of the Sunday evening services.

Noon services will be held in the fellowship hall, Monday through Wednesday. Lunch will be served. Programs will end by 12:50 p.m. daily for those who need to return to work.

Evening services on those days will begin at 7 p.m. Special meals are planned for Tuesday evening for the children and Wednesday evening for the youth.

Moore is a revivalist who surrendered to the ministry in 1970 and entered into fulltime traveling ministry in 1974. His unique God-given talents enable him to communicate the life-changing word of God that connects modern culture.

He is a graduate of Hillsboro High School, Navarro Junior College in Corsicana. In addition he earned a BS in pharmacy from the University of Texas in Austin and his Master of



Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth.

He and his wife Phyllis have two children and seven grandchildren.

Winters 4-H Club to host community-wide event "Operation Shoebox" Monday, April 7

Packages for 'hometown' deployed military

The Winters 4-H Club will sponsor a community-wide "Operation Shoebox" on Monday, April 7, at Jones Fellowship Hall in the First Baptist Church. The event to prepare military care packages will begin at 7 p.m.

The club is encouraging local citizens to be a part of this care package campaign for deployed military members affiliated with the Winters community. The club asks that citizens contribute items from the attached list to be included in the packages. Club members would also like for the community to participate in assembling the packages for shipping overseas.

Parents, grandparents, and other family members who have deployed relatives overseas are asked to attend and bring the most current addresses for their particular military personnel. This project will only be successful if families participate by bringing current addresses.

Supplies for the care packages may be taken to area

churches, Winters High School Media Center, Winters Elementary Library, Senior Citizens Activity Center, and The Winters Enterprise office. The 4-H Club anticipates, at this time, preparing 15-20 care packages for area deployed. Numbers may grow as news of the project spreads throughout the area.

Packages will only be shoe box sized, as currently required by the military. The following is a list of suggested food items to contribute for the packages are:

Instant coffee, powdered hot chocolate mix, powdered Gatorade, pre-sweetened Kool-Aid, tea bags, Slim Jims, beef jerky, summer sausage, crackers and Easy Cheese, single serving Pringles or other chips, candy (that won't melt), Little Debbie Snack cakes, bubble gum/gum (NO Icebreakers), and Rice Krispie Treats.

Also are: small, individual cereal boxes, granola bars, power bars, cereal bars, dried fruit, Chex mix, single serving soups (add hot water), single serving tuna, spices (onion pow-

der, garlic powder, spice-all, etc.), single serving instant oatmeal or grits, Pop Tarts, salsa, marshmallows, condiment packets (restaurant sized salad dressings, ketchup, mustard, relish, mayonnaise, salt, and pepper).

Suggested nonfood items are: baby wipes, stick-ups (air fragrances), lip balm, travel size personal items (disposable razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, shampoo, shower gel, sunscreen, Q-Tips, feminine hygiene products) antibacterial hand gel, batteries (AA, D cell) stamps, paper, envelopes, prepaid phone cards, playing cards, travel games, disposable cameras, books, magazines, DVDs or videos, and miniature sized game balls (footballs, basketballs, etc.)

DO NOT contribute: anything including alcohol/liquor, nudity or pornography, tobacco products, pork, pressurized items (shaving cream, etc.), chocolates (they will melt), homemade treats (as it is uncertain how long the packages will take to transport now that war has broken out), or any kind of artwork or postage with religious or secular symbols.

RUNNELS COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

On **April 8, 2003**, voters of Runnels County Commissioner Precinct 2 will elect a County Commissioner (absentee balloting Mar. 24 thru April 4th). This is an important election. Whoever is elected will represent you in Runnels County Commissioners Court decisions. Vote your conscience, but be sure you understand the qualifications of the candidate you choose. *Leadership, management, and experience are of utmost importance.*

Keith Collom has demonstrated these qualities for 8 years as your elected Commissioner.

Keith's crew has a combined total of 100+ years of experience. They include: Larry Calcote, Rick Calcote, Terry Kruse, Derek Oats, Tom Thormeyer, and Jay Hagle (part-time).

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That will probably happen only if Keith Collom is re-elected Commissioner, Precinct 2.

The most significant responsibilities of your Commissioner is his participation in Commissioners' Court. The Court is made up of the four County Commissioners and the County Judge. *The four Commissioners are responsible for budgeting millions of your tax dollars for the different departments.* Budgets must be prepared and presented to Commissioners Court for approval.

It is your duty to elect a commissioner who has the necessary experience and managerial skills to do his job effectively.

In order to be an effective participant in the Court, your Commissioner needs to be articulate and intelligent. He needs to prepare and present tax and expense budgets. Background in computers, budget preparation, accounting, and law is needed. Your elected Commissioner must be capable of working with the other Commissioners and the County Judge. As such, your commissioner must

1. Have Business experience
2. Have Leadership and management skills
3. Administer large budgets.

The Court is open to the public, and Court proceedings and decisions are printed each week in the local newspapers.

Keith Collom has demonstrated his leadership skills both in Runnels County and in the 19-County district that makes up the West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG). Commissioner Collom first served on the Board of Directors, and represented Runnels County. Then he was elected to the Executive Committee by the Commissioners' Courts of Brown, Coleman, and Runnels Counties, so Keith Collom became the Executive Committee representative for Runnels, Coleman, and Brown counties. Keith next served WCTCOG as Secretary-Treasurer. This year Keith Collom was elected 2nd Vice President of WCTCOG. The nominating committee consisted of past presidents of WCTCOG. Becoming 2nd Vice President of WCTCOG was publicized in the Jan 23, 2003, Winters Enterprise and the Ballinger Ledger.

According to Brad Helbert, WCTCOG Executive Director, Keith Collom is the only Commissioner amongst the 76 Commissioners in WCTCOG currently serving on the Executive Committee.

WCTCOG members come from County and City Governments, School Districts, Hospital Districts, etc. To have an officer in WCTCOG at the 2nd Vice Presidents level is a real honor for Keith Collom, and is extremely beneficial to Runnels County and the City of Winters.

Runnels County and the City of Winters need Keith Collom's leadership and management skills in the WCTCOG; Runnels County needs him in Commissioners' Court; and Precinct 2 needs him and his crew to keep our NE Runnels County roads in repair.

Keith Collom is the only candidate who has the necessary skills and experience to be an effective commissioner.

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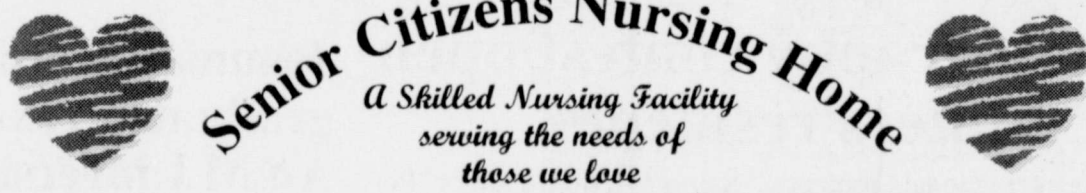
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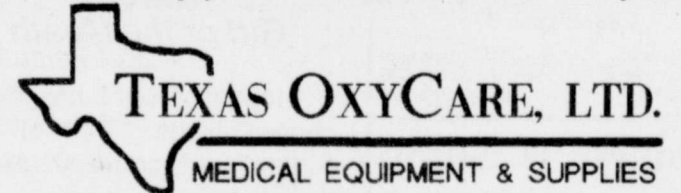
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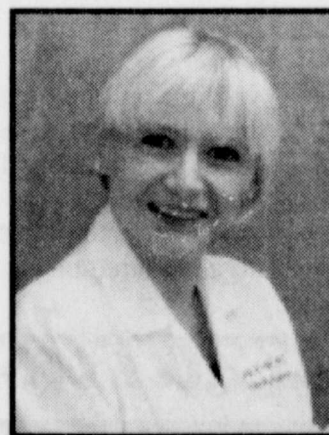
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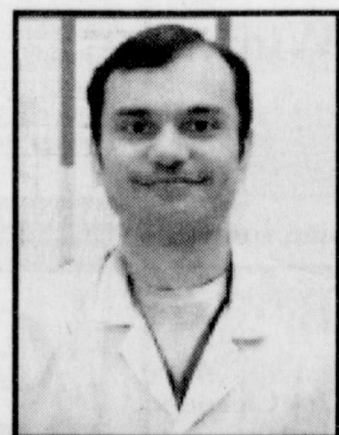
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Blizzards State Semi-Finalist football plaques now available

Winters Blizzards State Semi-Finalist football plaques are now available and on sale for \$35 each.

Each plaque includes a full color team picture along with the names of players and coaches, this year's team record, and team trophies won.

Plaques may be seen and purchased at Hatler Insurance, 108 S. Main, or the Winters High School office.

Orders may also be placed with Kim Jackson at 754-5032 or Teresa Davis at 754-4553 or 754-5422.

BKB to host meeting, April 1

The Blizzards Kid Boosters (BKB) will host a meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at 6 p.m. in the Winters Elementary Library.

Items on the agenda include officer elections, and plans for spring elementary activities.

Elementary G/T nominations now accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for the Winters Elementary Gifted/Talented program, grades 1-5. If you believe your child might benefit from a gifted/talented program, your nomination is welcomed.

Nomination and parent-permission-for-testing forms may be obtained at the Elementary Principal's office during normal working hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All forms must be completed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by April 21, 2003.

Jeanna Kozelsky graduates Texas A&M University

Diplomas were awarded to 3,891 Texas A&M University graduates during fall commencement ceremonies.

Among those recognized were Jeanna Marie Kozelsky of Winters who graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism.

Jeanna is the daughter of Mike and Carol Kozelsky.

Time to clean out the kids' closets? Place your Garage Sale Ad by calling 754-4958.

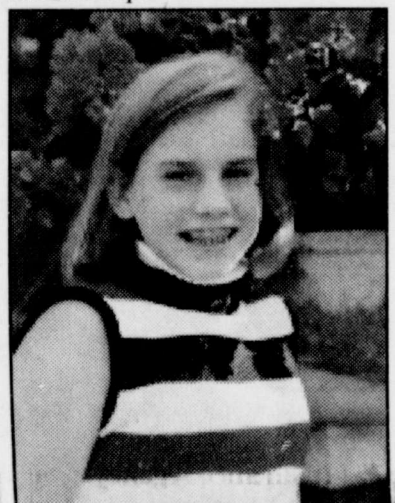


(photo by Deb Pritchard)

WHS STUDENTS COMPETING IN UIL ACADEMIC EVENTS this week include: (front, l-r) Jessica Meyer, Marcus Tubbs, Leah Bredemeyer, Stefanie Davis, Rachel Leverett, Kat Hatler; (back) Briana Parramore, Gessica Bear, Leslye Geistmann, Paige Geistmann, Kari Walker, Katy Wilkerson, and Krystal Gibbens. These students are competing in Literary Criticism, Computer Applications, Persuasive Speaking, Prose, Poetry, Informative Speaking, Ready Writing, Current Events, Spelling, Accounting, and Science. Winters also has teams of individuals competing in math and journalism contests.

Students of the Month

Each month the junior high teachers select students from the 7th and 8th grades to be Boy and Girl of the Month. These selections are made on the basis of academics, leadership, and citizenship.



Addison Bergman
March
Girl of the Month

Addison Bergman has been selected as "Girl of the Month" for March 2003. She is the daughter of Lewis and Kayleen Bergman.

Addison, 13, is in the seventh grade and enjoys science.

As a hobby, she enjoys gardening, photography, and playing basketball. Pastimes include reading and shopping.

Her duties are to take care of the family's basset hound, Lizzy.

Her future plans are to graduate, go to college, and have a beautiful flower garden.

She most admires her mom.

Stephen Goetz has been chosen as the "Boy of the Month" for March 2003. He is the son of Rhonda Neal and Mark Goetz.

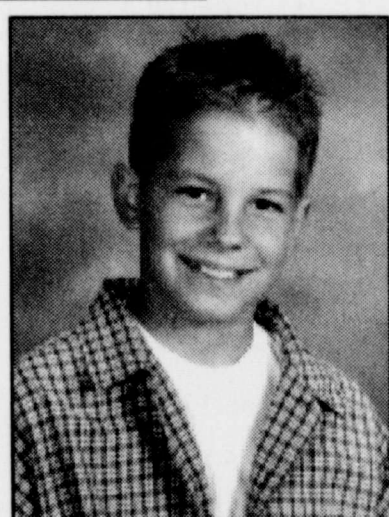
Stephen, 13, is in the eighth grade and enjoys athletics, math, and history.

His honors include receiving 4th place in 8th grade science, as well as the President's Award for Academic Recognition.

His hobbies include working with metal crafts, mechanics, and skiing. His duties include taking care of the lawn, taking out the trash, and helping with household chores.

One of Stephen's goals is to eat a one-pound steak in five minutes. Future plans are to graduate from school, enroll in college, and study criminal justice or engineering.

He most admires his dad.



Stephen Goetz
March
Boy of the Month

Walden and Fenwick place in singles division at San Saba Meet

The Winters High School Blizzards and Lady Blizzards tennis teams competed in San Saba last weekend.

Stacey Walden took 3rd place with two wins and one loss in the ladies' singles division.

In the men's singles division, Tim Fenwick placed 5th with four wins and one loss.

The Blizzards and Lady Blizzards will compete in the Hornet Invitational at Mertzon on Friday & Saturday, March 28 and 29.

Time is on your side

by Steve Smith

Financial Advisor, Raymond James Financial Services

Consider the savings habits of this 20-year old couple. The wife starts putting \$2,000 per year into a tax-deferred investment when she is 20. After ten years, she decides to stop investing and just let her money grow until she retires. The husband decides to start investing when his wife stops. He invests \$2,000 a year in a tax-deferred investment from the time he is 30 until he retires at age 65. If they both earn 8% on their savings, who will have more money at age 65?

Time and compound interest favor the wife. She will have \$462,648 at age 65, while her husband will only have \$372,204.

Use time to your advantage — start saving early!

Photography contest open to Winters residents

The international Library of Photography is pleased to announce that over \$60,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest.

Photographers from the Winters area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 1,300 prizes. The deadline for the contest is June 30, 2003. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

To enter, send ONE photograph in ONLY ONE of the following categories: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture, or Other.

The photo must be a color or black-and-white print (unmounted), 8"x10" or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo.

Photographs should be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2616, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by June 30, 2003. You may also submit your photo directly on-line at <www.picture.com>.

Softball Scoreboard

Team: Lady Blizzards
Coach: Edward Poehls, Becky Airhart
Date & place of game: March 18, 2003—Sonora
Opponent: Sonora
Winning pitcher: Jackie Ledbetter
Losing pitcher: Jackie Ledbetter
Winning catcher: Rachel Davis
Losing catcher: Rachel Davis

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Winters Athletic Booster Club to meet April 1

Banquet, May 1

The Blizzards Athletic Booster Club will meet on Tuesday, April 1, at 7 p.m. at the fieldhouse.

Plans will be organized for the All Sports Athletic Banquet to be held on, Thursday-May 1.

All Booster members are urged to attend.

Go Blizzards!

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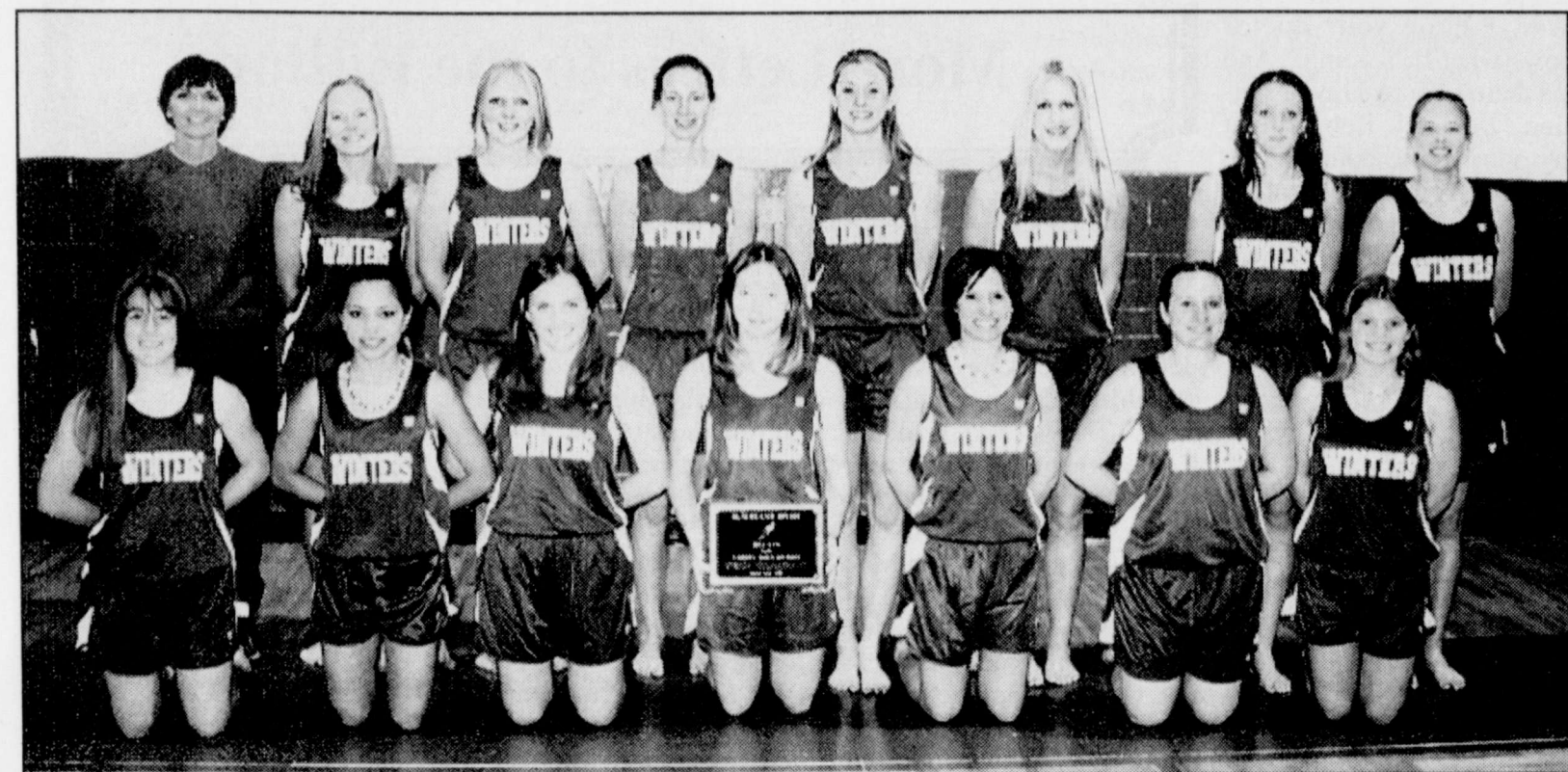
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2003 WHS Track Teams—



(photo by Deb Pritchard)

MEMBERS OF THE BLIZZARD & JV BLIZZARD TRACK TEAMS are: (back, l-r) Rusty Jackson, Yul Gibbs, Guy Slimp, David Scates, Jose Hernandez, Benjie Valles, Eric Lopez, Jerry Hord, Coach Chuck Lipsey; (middle row) Coach Bryan Green, Pete Griffin, Shawn Kraatz, Jacob Bridgeman, Cody Pritchard, Matt Tekell, Jonathan Meyer, Randy Jackson, Jacob Young; (front row) Josh Cavanaugh, Luke Hale, Frank Perez, Michael Liggins, Marcus Tubbs, Jose Cruz, and James Vasquez.



THE LADY BLIZZARD TRACK TEAM members are: (back, l-r) Coach Deb Whittenburg, Kari Walker, Marci Paschal, Laci Walker, Stacey Sneed, Jena Bahlman, Kemari Hale, Katy Wilkerson; (front) Jessica Meyer, Ashly Santoya, Briana Parramore, Erica Buckalew, Tina Perrie, Gessica Bear, and Jessica Pritchard. Not pictured are Kindy Walker and Jennifer Esquivel. The team is shown with their first plaque after capturing the girl's division team championships at the Blackland-Divide Relays in Roscoe.

(photo by Deb Pritchard)

Schedule changes have Breezes track at Bangs Friday night, WHS at Cross Plains Saturday

The Lady Blizzards were rained out at Eula, while the Blizzards were able to compete in the San Angelo Relays. Winters Junior High competed in the Cotton Patch Relays in Wall during track action last week.

The Breezes will travel to Bangs on Friday night for the Junior Dragon Relays. Field events begin at 4 p.m. with the 2400M Run scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Running finals will begin at 6 p.m. There will be both a seventh and eighth grade divi-

sion. WHS will travel to Cross Plains on Saturday for the Pioneer Relays. Varsity girls, and JV and varsity boys will compete. Field events begin at 9:30 a.m. The 3200M Run is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. followed by running prelims. Running finals will begin one hour after prelims are completed.

Last week's individual results are as follows:
SAN ANGELO RELAYS BLIZZARDS
 Shot Put
 5th, Rusty Jackson, 44' 1"
 Discus
 6th, Rusty Jackson, 132' 6"
 Triple Jump
 2nd, Yul Gibbs, 41' 1"
 200 M Dash
 3rd, Yul Gibbs, 23.46
 800 M Relay
 3rd, (Eric Lopez, Benji Valles, David Scates, Yul Gibbs), 1:35.59

WALL JR. HIGH MEET 8TH GRADE BREEZES
 2400 M Run
 1st, Javier Rodriguez

7TH GRADE BREEZES
 100 M Dash
 4th, Alex Harrison
 800 M Relay
 3rd, (Tory Burns, Wiley Guy, Eddie Cortez, Alex Harrison)
 Shot Put
 5th, Kevin Cook

7TH GRADY LADY BREEZES
 400 M Relay
 4th, (Lillian Garcia, Christina Marentes, Susan Sneed, Laura Armendariz), 61.18
 800 M Run
 6th, Lillian Garcia, 3:06
 300 M Hurdles
 3rd, Cassie Mendoza, 58.28
 200 M Dash
 4th, Araceli Flores, 30.78

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March 31-April 4

Subject to change*

Breakfast
Monday-March 31
 Breakfast Pockets
 Juice
Tuesday-April 1
 Donuts
 Cereal
 Juice
Wednesday-April 2
 Pigs in a Blanket
 Cereal
 Juice
Thursday-April 3
 Biscuits & Sausage
Friday-April 4
 Pop Tarts
 Cereal
 Juice

Lunch
Monday-March 31
 Burrito with Chili & Cheese
 French Fries
 Mixed Fruit
 Peanut Butter Cookie
Tuesday-April 1
 Burritos with chili & cheese
 French Fries
 Mixed Fruit
 Peanut Butter Cookies
Wednesday-April 2
 Chicken Spaghetti
 Tossed Salad
 Peas & Carrots
 Garlic Bread
 Apricot Cobbler
Thursday-April 3
 Layered Enchiladas
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 Corn
 Fruit
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Friday-April 4
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Secondary makes several schedule changes

Winters Secondary Schools have made several revisions to their spring sports calendars in the past week. Changes include:

Lady Blizzard Softball
 • From Tuesday, April 8 vs. Coleman to *Monday April 7 vs. Coleman in Winters @ 4:30 pm*
 • Friday April 11 is no longer an open date. They will play *Jim Ned at Jim Ned @ 4:30 p.m.*

Junior High Track
 • From Thursday, March 27 to *Friday, March 28 at Bangs High School Track*
 • *Saturday, March 29 at Cross Plains* instead of Hamlin.

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WISD notes several end-of-year events for parents & community

Winters ISD has scheduled several events for the final weeks of school in both the elementary and secondary schools. A schedule of events is as follows:

- Saturday, April 5-JH District Track @ Jim Ned; District Tennis @ San Saba
- Monday, April 7-Operation Shoebox, FBC, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 8 & Thursday, April 10-High School District Track @ Coleman
- Thursday, April 10-School Holiday
- Thursday, April 17, Band Concert @ Llano
- Friday, April 18-School Holiday, Good Friday
- Tuesday, April 22-PK-Kindergarten Roundup, 6-7pm, Elementary Library
- Friday & Saturday, April 25-26-Regional Track @ Stephenville
- Sunday, April 27-State Small School Competition, Belton
- Monday-Friday, April 28-May 2-TAAS/TAKS Testing
- Thursday, May 1-All Sports Banquet, Cafeteria
- Friday, May 2-Kindergarten Field Trip
- Saturday, May 3-WHS Prom
- Thursday, May 8-First Grade Program, WHS Auditorium
- Friday, May 9-Band Trip; Fourth Grade Field Trip
- Wednesday, May 14-Elementary Track Meet
- Thursday, May 15-First Grade Field Trip; Third Grade Program, WHS Auditorium
- Friday, May 16-Secondary Awards Day, WHS Auditorium, 9 a.m.-High School; 1 p.m.-Junior High
- Friday, May 16-FFA Banquet, Community Center, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 17-Junior High Band Trip
- Wednesday, May 21-Elementary Awards Day
- Monday-Thursday, May 19-22-Finals Week
- Thursday, May 22- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- Friday, May 23-WHS Graduation, Blizzard Stadium, 8:30p.m.; Project Graduation, Midnight



I NEED YOUR VOTE! PLEASE RE-ELECT KEITH COLLOM



I am asking for your vote and support in the Special Election on April 8th. Following the lawsuit filed by my opponent, a new election was ordered to ensure that every person eligible to vote has the opportunity to vote. In the November election, 12 persons who were eligible to vote, voted in the wrong Precinct, due to a redistricting mistake. Please take the time to vote again.

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- ★ I have had funds left over every year
- ★ My Precinct has more money in reserves now than when I took office
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Life

Blessed Daze

by Jean Boles

Are you a "bitter beer face" candidate?

"How old is your face?" I recently read that question in a magazine article and it made me laugh.

My first reaction was to say that my face is just about the same age as my arms, legs, and pretty much the rest of my body. Of course part of it is looking more like Old MacDonald's Farm — what with my crow's feet, turkey neck, and spider veins.

So I read the article which talked about skin care and the damage we do getting a gorgeous tan, scrunching our faces with frowns, sleeping on our stomachs, smoking cigarettes, and a herd of other no-no's. I started thinking about my face and faces of folks I see. And I have to tell you, I got scared.

Some of the faces I see look like their owners have been drinking pickle juice all their lives. I think they could win that "Bitter Beer Face" contest hands down. Those folks couldn't find a happy thought if it jumped up and poked them in their steely eye. Those are the kinds of folks who, when

asked, "How are you," they love to answer, "Terrible, just terrible."

Or — my favorite — when you say, "Good morning," and they answer, "What's so good about it!"

Makes you want to plan your next vacation with them, doesn't it.

Then there are the faces that remind me of my fifth grade salt map of the Great Lakes. Not that they've got deep wrinkles but I'd swear they could hide loose change in some of the crevices.

Now before anybody gets offended more than they already are, I understand that working outdoors isn't the kindest thing for one's face. My dad was a farmer and I distinctly remember his funny tan line across the deep furrows of his forehead. It always reminded me of how hard he worked, and I know lots of folks whose faces reflect years of keeping their nose to the grindstone of life. Those are people I respect.

But it's the others with the constant scowl who look like

litter on the road of life.

People are so interesting (and supply me with a constant source of writing material). I recently had a heart catheterization and, thank the good Lord, everything came out fine. And while the prospect of having a faltering ticker was a little unnerving for me, I was determined to keep a good attitude about it all.

But then I ran into some folks who just loved to share their horror stories about the same procedure. You know this kind of "wellwisher." They're the ones who say things like, "I had that ten years ago and it almost killed me. I never had such pain." Or, "Oooh, I'm so sorry. I hope your doctor knows what he's doing." And then there's the real ray of sunshine, "My uncle Bob had that very same thing done and he died right on the operating table. And come to think of it, he was your exact age. It was just terrible."

Oh, happy day! Thanks, I'm feeling better already.

The Bible says, "A cheerful look brings joy to the heart" (Proverbs 15:30).

And if having a cheerful look doesn't come easy for you, maybe Proverbs 15:13 will help — "A happy heart makes the face cheerful."

Trust me, my heart is not only healthy, it's happy. Now if I can just remember to let my face reflect that feeling. Regardless of the time-honored wrinkles and creases, I need to remember one of my favorite cartoons that reads, "God created your face but you create the expression."

Have a very blessed and joyful day — and smile!

Virgie and Dana Wade see "The Big Apple" despite blizzard conditions and heightened security

by Deb Pritchard, assistant editor

Virgie and Dana Wade left one Blizzard Country for another—but their destination really did have a "chill in the atmosphere!"

Virgie won a trip to the 45th Grammy Awards Ceremony in New York City from local CBS affiliate KTAB in Abilene. Despite the threat of war, heightened security against terrorism, and the worst blizzard conditions in years playing havoc with her travel plans, Wade and her daughter were able to make the trip in late February.

Though the streets had been cleared of the snow, continuous rain hampered sight-seeing efforts with much of the city viewed from the back of a taxi cab. "If you don't have heart trouble when you get there you'll certainly have it when you come home," she chuckles about her least favorite experience—New York City taxis.

"Nothing compares to the way they live there...it's so fast. You've got to get up and go in a run just to keep up with them."

Somewhat disappointed that there were



Dana & Virgie Wade at Eugene's in New York

no celebrities at the party at Eugene's after the Grammys, she still says her trip to the Big Apple was the experience of a lifetime. "It was great—I thoroughly enjoyed it."

More Letters to the Editor

American Legion Commander feels "President has done everything possible..."

"I am convinced that President Bush has done everything possible to disarm Iraq peacefully." The words of Ronald F. Conley, national commander of the American Legion, come in the wake of the President's address to the nation on Monday, March 17, 2003. "No one wants war. Those of us who have seen the face of war do not want to see such horror again—not for our families—and not for the families of others," Conley said.

"The President has demonstrated patience and resolve in facing the threat of potential terrorist attacks by those armed with weapons of mass destruction. The United States of America must face facts: some things are worth fighting for and our freedom and security

are paramount. "At such a critical time in our nation's history, I call on all Americans to show support for our men and women in uniform. Show your colors once again by flying the American flag with pride and the purpose of national unity."

"Join with others in prayer for those in uniform. Look for Blue Star Service Banners in home windows everywhere. This rekindled tradition reminds us that the war on terrorism touches every street and country lane in the land. I am proud of the 2.8 million members of The American Legion who have worked to bring this humble tradition back to life," Conley said.

In a private letter to President Bush in mid-March the

Commander wrote: "When you hear voices of appeasement, remember scripture teaches that 'He shall direct our paths.' We veterans know war is not always avoidable. Scripture also teaches us, 'to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven...a time of war, and a time of peace...and God doeth it that men should fear before him.' The American Legion kneels with you and those in uniform and stands beside you, shoulder-to-shoulder, for God and country."

"The American Legion provides support for the families of those deployed through its Family Support Network," Conley said. "There are many ways to show your support for our troops. Visit our web site at www.legion.org for more information."



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County Court Dispositions

Robert Correa, Jr., evading detection, pleaded nolo contendere, placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for six months, fined \$100, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 24 hours community service

Carrie April Wolfe, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$251 court costs, assigned 50 hours community service

Anthony Rodriguez, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 40 hours community service

Marriage Licenses Filed

March 17
Gaylon Neal Schniers and Paula Jan Elkins

March 19
Bobby Lee Taylor and Starr Ottmers

District Court Civil Cases Filed

March 21
Mac Oil Field Company, Inc., vs. Resource Ecosystem Control, LLC, account

Mac Oil Field Company, Inc., vs. BEX, account

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed

March 17
William McArthur Westerman, filed for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon

March 18
Ray Jewell Lee Lopez, filed for aggravated assault on a public servant

March 20
William McArthur Westerman, filed for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; case dismissed on March 21

March 21
William McArthur Westerman, filed for violation of a protective order

March 17
Texas Department of Public Safety vs. Jason Ryder Lynn, administrative hearing; court issued negative finding

Small Claims Cases Filed

March 11
Ballinger Feed & Seed vs. John Jonas, account

March 17
Daniel R. Morelock vs. George Hightower, Jr., past rent on contract

COMMISSIONER, continued

12 of the voters had already cast their ballots in the wrong precinct, not voting in the County Commissioner Precinct 2 election.

All 12 of the voters in question gave testimony at the March 11 trial, either in person or by deposition. Seven of those voters testified they would have voted for Grohman, one said he would vote for Grohman, but had not decided on election day for whom he would have voted because he didn't know he could vote in the race. One voter testified they would have voted for Collom and four said they did not know which candidate they would vote for.

Judge Connally found that, as a result of the error, the outcome of the November 5, 2002, election "did not reflect the will of the voters." Grohman's request to be declared winner of the election was denied because Judge Connally said he could not determine the true outcome of the election; therefore, he called for a new election on April 8, 2003.

Judge Connally pointed out in his findings that the error was not the result of any malfeasance, fraud, or intentional actions by any

county official, election official, or by either candidate.

Collom, the incumbent candidate, has said he is happy with the result of the trial and acknowledged the error had "certainly cast a cloud on the election—the Judge's ruling for the new election is the fairest way to correct the error."

Grohman said the new election will "allow the voters to have their say."

The Commissioner Precinct 2 election on April 8 will involve some 1,537 Winters registered voters and 141 Ballinger registered voters. Winters voters will have voting precinct 3 on their voter registration card; Ballinger voters will have voting precinct 2 on theirs.

Early voting began Monday, March 24, and will continue through April 4 at the Runnels County Clerk's office. Applications to vote by mail will be accepted through April 1.

Weekend early voting will be conducted Sunday, March 30, between the hours of noon and 5:00 p.m. at the County Clerk's office in Ballinger and the Runnels County Tax Collector's branch office in Winters.

Any voter with questions may call 365-2339.

Police Beat

The following are cases from the Winters Police Department. Some cases may still be under investigation. Information, reported through Crimestoppers, 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 or incidents investigated by the Winters Police Department during the week of March 17 through March 23, 2003. These are just a few reports received each week by members of the Winters Police Department.

Officers received a municipal warrant from Judge Gary Moore for a subject that was already incarcerated in Runnels County Jail. Officers served the warrant on Benny Renfro for open container and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Officers were called to a fight in progress in the 600 block of Commerce St. Upon arrival officers discovered the issue to be between father and son. Neither party wished to file charges.

Officers were called to the 200 block of N. Main in reference to an assault. A Winters female claimed she and her husband had gotten into an argument in the early morning. The argument resulted in physical confrontation. The female had visible bruise marks on her face and back. Officers took her statement and requested a warrant be issued from Justice of the Peace Richard Hamilton. After the warrant was issued officers located 25-year-old Cyneka Lee Ramirez and arrested him on an Assault Causing Bodily Injury-Family Violence warrant.

Officers were called to the 500 block of N. Main in reference to an assault. Upon arrival officers observed a 57-year-old Winters male with a bloody face and bruises. The victim stated he asked his common law wife, Carolyn Ballard, a 48-year-old Winters female to leave the residence due to a failing relationship. Ms. Ballard started hitting on the victim and bit him on the hand. Officers arrested Ms. Ballard for Assault Causing Bodily Injury-Family Violence.

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:

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ELECTIONS, continued

Mayor Dawson McGuffin and Councilmen Hank Bourdo and Tommy Russell have also signed up for re-election.

Billy Don Davis and Billy Halfmann will serve again on the Lipan WCD Board.

North Runnels Hospital directors Randall Sneed and Charlie Brown have signed up for re-election. The remaining at-large position is held by Doug Wheat who has not yet indicated if he will run again.

Early voting underway for Commissioner Prec. 2 election

Early voting for the April 8th Special Election for County Commissioner, Precinct 2 will be conducted at the County Clerk's Office in Ballinger through April 4, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Early voting will also be conducted Sunday, March 30, 2003, at the County Clerk's Office in Ballinger and at the Runnels County Tax Branch Office in Winters from noon until 5:00 p.m.

A voter must reside in Election Precinct No. 2 or No. 3 to be qualified to vote in this election. A qualified voter may vote in this election, regardless of whether or not they voted in the past November 2002 General Election.

Applications to vote by mail will be accepted through April 1, 2003.

For further information or to request an application to vote by mail, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 365-2720.

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8 Parker Co. seat

16 TX McGill was in film "Shallow..."

17 Gov. Sam Houston refused to swear to the Confederacy in 1861

21 TXism: "couldn't beat with a stick"

22 "A-Rod's" offensive tool (2 wds.)

23 camel-like beasts

24 TXism: "let ___ out of the bag"

29 ___ milk

30 observed

31 TX gunfighter Thompson (init.)

32 TX frontier scout

34 TX actor Busey

35 Houston or Dallas activity: ___ pool

36 TX ___ Farms is largest wildflower grower in the nation

37 NFL commentator Collinsworth ___ Texas rattler

38 TXism: "no hill like a stepper"

39 TXism: "he couldn't into a snow bank" recorded

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1 Rangers reliever from '92-'97

2 TXism: "exciting as ___ the IRS office"

3 mean math?

4 TXism: "quick as ___ Texas rattler"

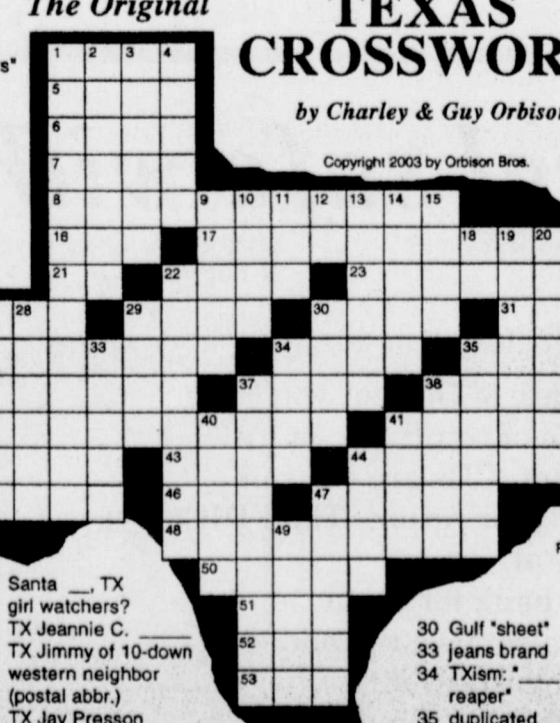
9 TXism: "dropped it like a bad ___"

10 Jack in film "Big Bad John"

11 Dallas mayor (init.) (1953-61)

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ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

HOME OWNERS

Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2003, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homestead since January 1, 2002, or has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. If you are receiving an exemption that you DO NOT qualify for, you must also notify the appraisal district or you could be liable for back assessment and a penalty for up to five previous years.

DISABLED PERSONS

Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. If you are receiving an exemption that you DO NOT qualify for, you must also notify the appraisal district or you could be liable for back assessment and a penalty for up to five previous years.

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE

Persons who are over 65 years of age may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead. Over-65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district. Over-65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead. However, taxes continue to accrue during the deferral, along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from the appraisal district or the State Comptroller. If you are receiving an exemption that you DO NOT qualify for, you must also notify the appraisal district or you could be liable for back assessment and a penalty for up to five previous years.

DISABLED VETERANS

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

FARM AND RANCH OWNERS

Farmers and Ranchers MAY be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by typical farm income for the area. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops or livestock or which are used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from the appraisal district. Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the chief appraiser. If you are receiving the Ag appraisal that you no longer qualify for, you must also notify the appraisal district or you could be liable for back assessment and a penalty for up to five previous years.

BUSINESS OWNERS

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

For APPLICATIONS or if you have QUESTIONS contact:
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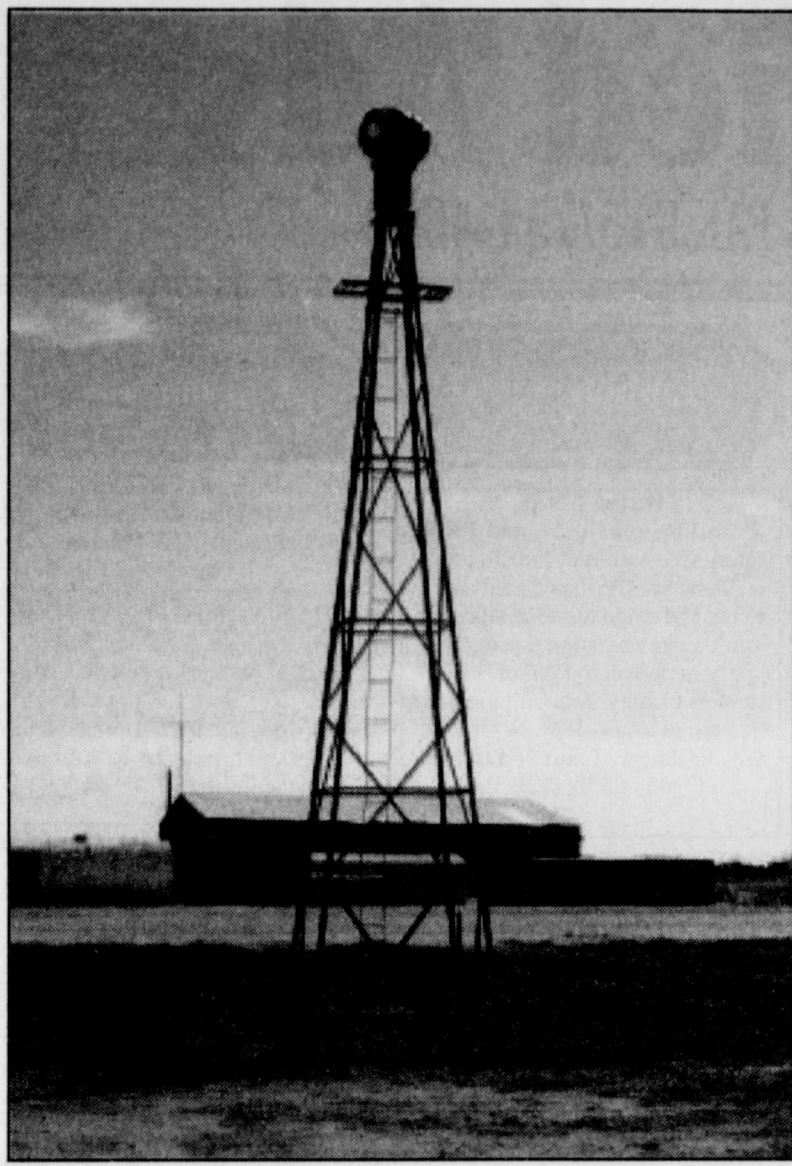
April 15 deadline for filing property tax renditions

The state Comptroller's office reminds Texas businesses to render their property with county appraisal districts by April 15. To render is to list the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment, and other property that a business owned or managed as of January 1, 2003. Appraisal districts use the information to set property values.

Business owners and operators are required by law to file an annual property tax rendition, but a property owner—including homeowners, farmers, and ranchers—may render their property with county appraisal districts. Rendering allows property owners to record their opinion of property value and ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice if the value proposed is higher.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact their county appraisal district. For Runnels County, contact the appraisal district at 406 Hutchings Avenue, P.O. Box 524, Ballinger, Texas 76821, or (915) 365-3583. You may also contact the Texas Comptroller's Property Tax Division in Austin at (800) 252-9121.

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A NEW ROTATING BEACON has been installed at the Winters Airport. The light, which can be seen for 40-50 miles, was made available by \$2,250.00 in grant money from TxDOT with the same in matching funds from the City. Morris Robinson donated the tower which stands about 25 ft. and replaces a much shorter beacon which had been mounted on a telephone pole.

When your knees knock, kneel on them.

Planting trees and shrubs beneficial

Planting trees and shrubs has many benefits. Trees planted in urban areas often serve several architectural and engineering functions. They provide privacy, emphasize views, or screen out objectionable views. They reduce glare and reflection, direct pedestrian traffic, and even provide backgrounds to enhance architecture. Trees bring natural elements and wildlife habitats into urban surroundings, which increase the quality of life for residents of the community.

Trees are also beneficial near and around homes. In winter, we value the sun's radiant energy, and, because of this, we should plant only small or deciduous trees on the south side of homes. Wind speed and trees can affect direction. The more compact the foliage on the tree or group of trees, the greater the influence of the windbreak. The downward fall of rain, sleet, and hail is initially absorbed or deflected by trees and this provides some protection for people, pets, and buildings. Trees intercept waters, store some of it, reduce storm runoff and the possibility of flooding. Dew and frost are less common under trees because less radiant energy is released from the soil in those areas at night.

Furthermore, property values of landscaped homes are 5-20% higher than those of non-landscaped homes. Direct economic benefits are usually associated with energy costs. Air conditioning costs are lower in a tree-shaded home. Heating costs are reduced when a home has a windbreak.

In an agricultural sense, planting trees can be just as important as urban planting. Birds and other wildlife are attracted to areas where trees and shrubs are abundant. Animals and wildlife use trees and shrubs as a natural cover and habitat in which to live and reproduce. Additionally, the natural cycles of plant growth, reproduction, and decomposition are present, both above and below ground. Natural harmony and fertility is restored to overused farm and ranch land. Trees are also used as windbreaks in windy regions such as the Panhandle and West Texas areas.

For more information on soil survey and trees native to your area, contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District, or call the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Headquarters at (254) 773-2250.

Runnels County Rumors

from the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service

DCP - BASE & YIELD SELECTION

April 1, 2003, will be the final date to update bases and yields that will be used for the DCP. If you plan to update the bases and yields, you are encouraged to contact the USDA office immediately.

Landowners are reminded that the update process is very detailed, and, in most cases, it requires up to 2 hours per farm to complete.

Please contact the office soon to schedule an appointment. The April 1 deadline to request an update of bases and yields will not be extended.

PFC Participants: You are eligible for DCP because your farm has a crop acreage base. If you elect not to update your farm's bases and yields by April 1, 2003, you will be able to use your PFC bases and yields. April 2, 2003, the bases established for PFC will rollover and become your DCP bases. Yield updates are not authorized in these cases. Producers must sign the DCP contract by June 2, 2003.

Non-PFC Participants: You have until April 1 to establish a base and yield if you grew corn, wheat, cotton, grain sorghum, barley, oats, soybeans, or any other covered commodity on your farm between 1998-2001. Your four-year planted acreage average will be your base.

If you did not report your planted acres to the office during those years, you may complete a late-filed acreage report. Late filed acreage reports must be accompanied with documentation to support the existence and disposition of

the crop(s).

If you don't act by April 1, you will be ineligible for the program. (Exception: An oilseed base will be created if soybeans, canola, sunflowers, or any other oilseeds considered as a covered commodity were grown between 1998-2001.)

YIELD UPDATES FOR NEW LANDOWNERS/PRODUCERS!

In a limited number of cases, landowners have been unable to obtain production evidence required to update yields. In these cases, the County Committee has been granted authority to establish yields based on similar farms in the area or in cases where LDP records are available for the specific farm. The assigned yield from the similar farms cannot exceed the county average yield.

If you updated your yield, but this new provision allows you to make more money, you can make a revision to your contract. You may revise base and yield elections for any reason, even if payments have been issued. But, the revised elections must be made on or before April 1, 2003.

SKIP ROW RULES

The new skip-row rules for 2003 and subsequent years are interpreted as follows:

- Any skip that is greater than 40" from plant to plant is considered skip-row acreage.
- Any crop planted with 30" to 40" uniform rows and planted in a 2-in-and-1-out pattern will be considered .6667 crop and .3333 skip row.
- Any crop planted with 30" to 40" uniform rows and planted in a 1 in and 1 out pat-

tern will be considered .5 to the crop and .5 skip row.

Bottom line: If rows are uniform and planted on 30" to 40" centers, the calculation is a matter of simple math as follows: actual number of rows planted divided by the total rows in the pattern equals the acreage that will be considered devoted to the crop.

LOANS AVAILABLE FOR BEGINNING FARMERS AND SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED

FSA is authorized to assist beginning farmers and or members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans.

FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person whom:

- Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years,
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm,
- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training, and financial management program sponsored by FSA

PRODUCER PAYMENT PROBLEM

Reports from Washington indicate some of the producer payment statements that show how much money you received from FSA last year were incorrect. Form CCC-1099 may have an incorrect social security number. The error was identified and a corrected CCC-1099 should have been mailed by the first of February. The word "corrected" appears at the top of the revised form.

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Thurman Self 915-743-2342 Night

Runnels County Ag Mart & Pest Control

We would like to remind you that now is the time to spray pecan trees with dormant oil for scale. Also, we fertilize all trees by injection into the ground—no watering in and all nutrients get down to the roots. Call us to put your name on our "Tree" list and we will take care of the problem.

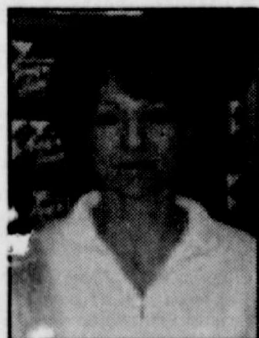
We are licensed by the State. We exterminate termites, roaches, spiders, scorpions, ants, etc....

Call us at 365-2618 or come by 105 N. 10th St. in Ballinger.

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Please examine the areas marked by the red lines on the maps below. If you live in the affected areas, please check your voter registration card to see if the correct voting precinct is marked. If you feel your card is wrong, please contact the Runnels County Tax Office at 915-365-2339.

Current Voting District

Prior Voting District

