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Winters, Texas

Pearls of Wisdom Old age and the wear of time teach many things. -Sophocles

Letters to the Editor

One veteran promotes flag etiquette, a convention visitor gives thanks, and an incarcerated young man sends apologies to the community.

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Holy Week Schedule

Area churches to host luncheons and devotionals, Monday through Friday at the Winters Community Center.

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Heading to regionals

Two teams, twelve individuals advance in UIL academics while two varsity players advance in



(photo by Deb Pritchard)

... IN APRIL that is! These CIA Board members and House Captains make final preparations for their annual workday on Saturday with three houses scheduled for repair. Those planning during a recent meeting were (back, I-r) CIA Directors Kristi Stoecker, Shanna Bear, Mannie Esquivel, Doug Wheat, and House Captains (seated Rudy Lara, Gary Bear (CIA vice-president), Johnny Pritchard, and Craig Gehrels.

Workday is Saturday—

Merry Christmas...

CIA still needs your help

Christmas in April workday coffee, and juice on Saturday, waters may also drop them off approaches, plans are continu- April 12. If you have not yet at the cafeteria Saturday morning to help with needed dona- been assigned a location, as- ing. ing local homes.

Three homes have been se-

As the North Runnels, Inc. a.m. for breakfast burritoes, soft drinks, juices, or bottled tions and volunteers in repair- signments will be made during breakfast.

lected for repair during the day. will make regular visits at each p.m. at the cafeteria. House captains ask that volun- of the three homes. Local It's never too late to volu

A hamburger supper will be served to all volunteers and Snack and lunch wagons their families beginning at 6:30 taken included:

teers bring ladders, tools, and churches are reminded to have for work on the site, or with ties located in the flood plain inger.

Grohman wins Special Election

by Jean Boles, editor

day evening, April 8, of the Special Election for Runnels County Commissioner, Precinct 2, have challenger Freddie Grohman receiving 281 votes to incumbent Keith Collom's 279.

10 a.m. on Friday, April 11, in the Runnels County Court-

The unofficial results Tues- house. The purpose of the meeting is to canvass votes from the Special Election.

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Collom said in an interview Tuesday evening, he will probably call for a recount.

Of Tuesday's results, Grohman said, "I just did what I A Commissioner's Court thought I had to do. If it came Special Meeting will be held at to it I'd do the same thing again. I appreciate everyone's effort."

Commissioners accept low bids for asphalt and topping rock

sioners accepted the low bids Services Board with terms exfor asphalt and topping rock at piring in 2005. their 30-minute regular meeting on Tuesday.

Sanco Materials' bid on topping rock was the lowest of two bids received and was accepted on a motion by Precinct 4 Commissioner Ricky Strube, seconded by Commissioner Thurman Self. Commission-Paving.

Commissioners also voted county's depository and Forts Trail organization. subdepository for the next year.

authorizing the sale of proper- \$85. in Ballinger to the City of Ball- North Runnels Water Supply new members of the Runnels Road 293 in Precinct 4.

Runnels County Commis- County Children's Protective

•Requests from Elesa Ocker, County Clerk and Loretta Michalewicz, District Clerk, to pay for security filming of records were approved. Cost of the County Clerk's request will be \$4,180 and the District Clerk's request will be \$1,463.

•Approved Justice of the ers also accepted the only bid Peace Greg Lange's request for received on asphalt from Koch purchase of record storage boxes at a cost of \$82.56.

•Adopted a resolution ento advertise for bids for the dorsing activities of the Texas

•Approval was given for Other business and action County Judge Marilyn Egan to purchase a panic button for her •A resolution was approved receptionist's office at a cost of •Approved a request of Corporation for an easement to •Approval was given for lay a water line across County

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Business of the Quarter

tennis.

Established in November, 1955, Bahlman Jewelers is honored by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Love endures all things ...

Local couples celebrate 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries.

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Winters company expanding

Doug Wheat announces Bob Loyd LP Gas Co. buys out Duke Butane and Appliance Company. page 8

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of service to the community.

breakfast will be served.

nual "Relay for Life" on Fri-

the American Cancer Society.

other participants will begin on

lap two and continue through-

out the night. An awards cer-

at the WISD cafeteria at 7:30

lots of elbow grease for the day sandwiches and baked goods snacks, refreshments, and meals. to the cafteria no later than 10 For more information, contact Volunteers should check-in a.m. on Saturday. Anyone wishing to donate 754-4958 or 754-5243.

Registration is \$50 per

aged to collect donations of

A host of new events and

activities are planned, sure to

please any member of the fam-

FUMC to host Sunrise Service

The First United Methodist Church will host the annual

Sunrise Service on Easter morning, April 20, at 7:00 a.m. at the Winters Country Club. This year's service will be held indoors

so attendees will not need to bring lawn chairs. A continental

Winters to host fourth annual

The Winters and Ballinger participate. There are no age communities and Runnels limitations and families are en-

day and Saturday, June 20-21, team. Each team will be al-2003. The relay is a team event lowed up to 15 members. Each

to fight cancer sponsored by participant, in turn, is encour-

The event will be held at the \$25 or more. A free t-shirt will

Winters High School Track be presented to each team

Complex with setup beginning member. Anyone wishing a

at 5 p.m. The relay will begin team packet may contact

at 7 p.m. with a n ol-fashioned Shanna Bear at 754-4625,

community wide picnic sup- Kelly Lipsey at 754-4388, or

per. A survivor's lap will fol- Deb Pritchard at 754-5243, or

low to start the festivities. All Amy Kirk at 365-9006.

"Relay for Life" June 20-21

County will host the fourth an- couraged to participate.

For more information, contact FUMC at 754-5213.

American Cancer Society benefit-

CIA President Deb Pritchard at

Packaged with love, care and prayer

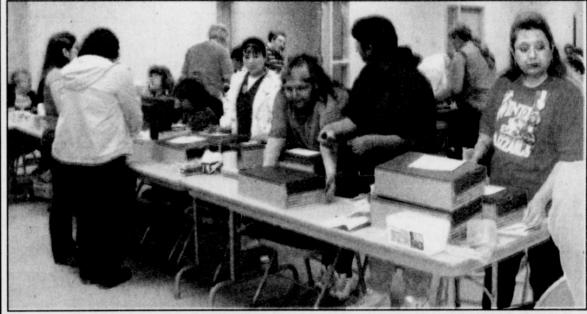


photo by Jean Boles

FRIENDS and FAMIY MEMBERS gathered Monday evening at First Baptist Church for "Operation Shoebox," and filled approximately 75 boxes of "goodies" to be sent to local military personnel currently deployed. About 125 workers joined twenty-five 4-H kids to complete the project. The first shipment was mailed Tuesday, April 8, and another shipment will be sent as soon as funds are available for the special postage. More photos and information will be published in next week's edition of The Enterprise.

"Operation Shoebox" fills special packages

by Jean Boles, editor

Hugs, tears and prayers were included in each and every package in "Operation Shoebox" Monday evening.

Around 125 family members and friends of deployed military personnel with local ties met April 7 at Jones Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church to complete a special project organized by Winters 4-H members.

About 75 new shoe boxes were donated and filled with special food, personal hygiene items, writing materials, books, and other allowable items. Half of the packages were mailed Tuesday, with postage paid through donations. The remaining packages will be sent in a week or two, depending on money received.

Anyone willing to make a donation may contact any of the following 4-H leaders:

Deb Pritchard at The Winters Enterprise, 754-4958,

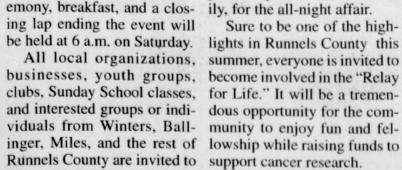
Barbara Heathcott at the Activity Center for Senior Citizens, 754-4205, or

Belinda Schwartz at The Beauty Center, 754-4322.

More photos, a list of donors, and information will be published in next week's edition of The Winters Enterprise.



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Oil Bidness by Reg Boles © 2003



Not surprisingly, 2003 is turning out to be a year of higher exploration and production thing less pleasant to consider. a year of mediocre prices.

What's the deal? Why aren't

pleasant than others.

U.S., but the 2001 spending the projects to increase gas prowas \$48.5 billion. The 2003 duction to keep pace with the expectations are about a 10% demand and the money pushincrease over 2002, but last year ing the search for more gas. was 20% lower than 2001.

in 2003.

spending.

strengthen their companies and \$3 for natural gas. prepare for the inevitable fall

properties and companies. As for 2003 such, it is diverted from development. The feeling is that it is like everybody else. easier to buy barrels than to find them. Maybe it is and maybe it isn't ... but that is a story for another day.



At the root of this reasoning (easier to buy reserves) is someexpenditures in the U.S. How- Prospects for new drilling and ever, despite the highest prod- new development are shrinkuct prices in over a decade, the ing in the U.S., at least in the Dear Editor: increase in U.S. spending lags aggregate. Companies are findinternational spending and is ing it harder to locate new reon a pace to be lower than 2001, serves, whether in new fields or existing ones.

This is supported by recent expenditures moving to new studies that says that so much levels just as prices have been? natural gas is going to be need-The answer has multiple ed in the near future that we answers, and some are less ought to be drilling for it 24/7. 2003 E&P spending is head- cash to do so, operators are ing towards \$40+ billion in the finding it difficult to generate

Finally, there is this nagging Most of the costs will go doubt about the future of oil towards drilling and much of and gas prices that is holding that will go for gas-well drill- back many from spending their recovery projects will account pecially lower-margin projects. for over 10 percent of that total This contrasts strongly with previous years when higher Now for the issues underly- prices always led to wild spending the trends we see in E&P ing, much of proving to be reckless as prices plummeted later. It seems that there is the We have talked about this in desire to spend more because previous columns, and it is a ated lots of cash with elevated dreaded a drop in prices just product prices over the last six based on recent bad experiencmonths. They need to invest es despite an extended period that money somewhere to of prices above \$25 for oil and

But, the good news is that in prices. So, ready cash is driv- spending is up. If prices haping increases to a large part. pen to hold up despite recent But, some of this cash is events, then spending will probsearching out acquisitions of ably exceed current estimates

I guess we'll wait and see

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY Manne This Week



Letters to the Editor

Editorial

Resident reminds readers of U.S. flag etiquette

I've been saddened to see so many U.S. flags in Runnels County in such a state of deterioration due to exposure to the elements. Please allow this letter to remind everyone that we should respect our flag by following an extract of Flag Code guidelines listed below.

Possibly the most offensive act a military veteran can witness is when people use napkins that have imprints of the flag to wipe their mouths. Please avoid buying products like this, especially when they are on store shelves during holidays such as the 4th of July.

not be embroidered, printed, or otherwise impressed on such articles While there is the will and the as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard.

> The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman, and members of patriotic organiza-

The flag should never have placed on it, or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind. The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or ing. Interestingly, enhanced free cash on development, es- any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag, it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.

The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary. When a flag is so worn (deteriorated) it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

Note: Most American Legion Posts regularly conduct a dignified burning ceremony, often on Flag Day, June 14. Contact your local American Legion Hall and inquire about the availability of this service

When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting from a window, many companies have gener- real phenomenon. People have balcony, or a building, the union should be at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half staff.

When the flag is displayed over a street, it should be hung vertically with the union to the north or east. If the flag is suspended over a sidewalk, the flag's union should be farthest from the building.

The flag should be raised briskly and lowered slowly and ceremoniously. Ordinarily, it should be displayed only between sunrise and sunset. It is considered offensive to fly the flag in bad weather (excessive wind, storms) It should be illuminated if displayed at night.

The flag of the United States of America is saluted as it is hoisted and lowered. The salute is held until the flag is unsnapped from the halyard or through the last note of music, whichever is the longest. Sincerely,

> a U.S. army Veteran Vietnam volunteer (mame withheld on request)

Heart of Texas Women's Club enjoys program by choir students

Obituaries

David E. Cryer

FAIRFIELD-David E. Cryer, 78, died Saturday, March 29. 2003, following a long illness.

He was born January 9, 1925, in Winters to Howell and Mattie Grace Cryer. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Ard floating dry dock, stationed in Freemantle, Western Australia.

After the war, Mr. Cryer worked as a mechanic in Houston before going to work for the City of Houston. He retired as a water department supervisor after 23 years of service. An accomplished horseman, he trained quarter horses for the racetrack circuit and enjoyed ticdown calf roping. In 1980, the The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should family moved to Dew and he launched a second career as a rancher and custom hay harvester, which he did full-time until 1990. His later years were spent fishing and traveling. He was a lifelong Methodist and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Fairfield. He was also a Mason.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill and Kenneth Cryer, and a sister, Vivian Cryer.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Dorothy Harman Cryer; one daughter and son-in-law, Mary Cryer and Don Awalt of Fairfield; three grandchildren, Owen, Gracie, and Meredith Awalt; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Nelle and Jack Dodd of Azle; and several nieces and nephews, including Randall Dodd of Washington, D.C., Randy Bentley of Grand Prairie, and Howard Harman of Hitchcock, Diane Calhoun of Azle, Marilyn Fontenot of League City, and Barbara Leago of Webster.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1, at Capps Memorial Chapen in Fairfield with First United Methodist Church pastor Reverend Wayne Flowers officiating. Special music was provided by Bud Black and LaDonna Mullen, who sang "In the Garden."

Masonic graveside services were held at Dew Cemetery with Masons serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were nephews Randall Dodd, Randy Bentley, and Howard Harman, and longtime friends Virgil Offut, Bob Schultz, and Jim Grier. Soloist Jamie Filis sang "The Old Rugged Cross" at the cemetery. Funeral services were under direction of Capps Memorial Chapel of Fairfield.

Memorials may be made to the Society for Progressive Sypranuclear Palsy, Woodholme Medical Building, 1838 Greene Tree Road, Baltimore, MD 21208.

Lola Lorene Dunn

BALLINGER-Lola Lorene Dunn, 80, died Friday, April 4. 2003, at North Runnels Hospital in Winters.

Lola was born on August 8, 1922, to Joe and Nora Sessom Nelson in Hill County. She was married to Johnnie Dunn on January 17, 1940, in Hillsboro.

Mrs. Dunn was a homemaker and member of Avenue B Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie Dunn; her

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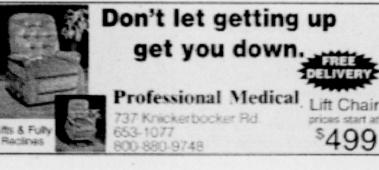
I was in Winters on March 22, 2003, for the spring convention of the Heart of Texas District of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs held at the American Legion Hall.

The meeting was hosted by your local club, Winters Literary and Service Club. We were entertained by a very talented group of singers from your area, led by Fran Kidwell. These young people were well behaved and performed with professionalism and polish.

I thought that your community should know about this group and seek an opportunity to hear them perform. They are terrific! Sincerely,

> Betty Meyer Treasurer, Heart of Texas District Texas Federation of Women's Clubs

More "Letters to the Editor" on page 6.



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parents, Joe and Nora Sessom Nelson; a granddaughter; a sonin-law, Marvin Drummond; and two brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Nora Elizabeth Tischler and Lola Jean Drummond, both of Winters; one son, Earl Dwayne Dunn of Ballinger; three sisters, Maria Hestilow of Hillsboro, Nora Mae Dechume of Crawford, and Dorothy Nelson; one brother, Elmer Lee Nelson of Dallas; twenty-two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 6, at the Old Runnels Cemetery near Ballinger. Funeral arrangements were under direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

H.K. Dickinson

BALLINGER-H.K. Dickinson, 79, died Thursday, April 3, 2003, at Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

H.K. was born July 3, 1923, in Ballinger to H.K. and Annie Dickinson. He married Ouida Hambright on September 4, 1942, in Ballinger.

Mr. Dickinson was manager of Higginbotham in Winters for 34 years prior to retirement. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Ballinger.

He was preceded in death by his parents, H.K. and Annie Dickinson, and a sister, Mrs. Lawrence Balckmon.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Ouida Dickinson of Ballinger; a sister, Ruby Blackmon of Ballinger; neices; nephews; and a host of family and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, at the First Baptist Church with Reverend Ferris Akins officiating. Burial followed in the Old Runnels Cemetery near Ballinger.

Funeral arrangements were under direction of the Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.





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Winters Enterprise

Community

Pastor's Points

Editor's Note: This column features a Winters minister each week in no particular order. All local members of the clergy are invited to contribute writings. Comments may or may not reflect the opinions or views of The Winters Enterprise.

Twinkies, root beer and a meeting with God by Pastor Glenn Ditmer, St. John's Lutheran Church

This is a story of Twinkies and Root Beer. It was sent to me over the Internet. It is a story of meeting God. I would like to share this with you.

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where Cod lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of Root Beer and he started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie.

He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer.

Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? God's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked. "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected.'

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. God puts people into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime.

Have lunch with God, and don't forget the Twinkies.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

April 10-SCHOOL HOLIDAY

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of

It

WHS District Track Meet, Coleman

Christmas in April Workday

11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center April 11-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 4:30 p.m., Lady Blizzard Softball at Jim Ned

7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco halloned and and April 12-Regional U.I.L. Academic Meet



(photo by Jean Boles)

given by Charlotte Harrell of

sented with five awards going to

Tommie Luckenbach re-

minded everyone of the three

lights that represented the Trin-

ity. Names of those who have

died in the past year were read

and a candle was extinguished

for each one. Tommie reminded

members to "Shed your light

was served. Bobbe Mitchell,

the advantages of having clubs

A delicious salad luncheon

the Winters Club.

wherever you live"

Club.

JEAN OWEN, center, President of the local chapter of the Literary and Service Club, enjoys a moment with Bobbe Mitchell (left), State President, and Judy Mackey-Elston, District President during the convention on March 22.

Literary & Service Club hosts Heart of Texas Women's Club

The Winters Literary & Service Club hosted the Heart of

Texas Women's Club members San Angelo. Awards were preon Saturday, March 22, 2003 with 34 in attendance.

The executive board met at 8:45 a.m. Judy Mackey Elston, district president, opened the general meeting at 9:50 a.m. The theme of the meeting was Spring Into Education with Knowledge". Garden and flower seeds were displayed at each place setting. A welcome was given and a response by Joann Chambers. Becky Norwood, district secretary, and state presi- state president, shared stories of dent Bobbe Mitchell, were rec- her early years of club work and ognized.

Six clubs attended and Winters had nine members present.

A treasury report given by Betty Meyer was voted on and passed. A report was given on the Austin Headquarters Office with various other reports given by Joann Chambers.

Door prizes were given away during the day and a silent auction was well attended.

Mrs. Fran Kidwell's musical group of 12 children performed a wonderful rendition of patriotic songs that were enjoyed by

Dr. W.E. Thorn will be guest speaker for "Ladies Night Out"

The Winters Woman's Club is sponsoring its annual "Ladies Night Out" on April 24, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in Jones Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. This year's theme is "Back in the 50's Tonight."

Dr. W. E. Thorn will be the featured speaker. He is a retired minister living in San Angelo who speaks frequently at social, civic, and educational meetings.

Dr. Thorn specializes in communicative arts and is a noted humorist and motivational speaker. He graduated from Hardin-Simmons University and Southwestern Seminary.

Listed among his many ac-Yearbook certificates were complishments is a tenure as University.

clude a menu of delicious sal-



Dr. W.E. Thorn

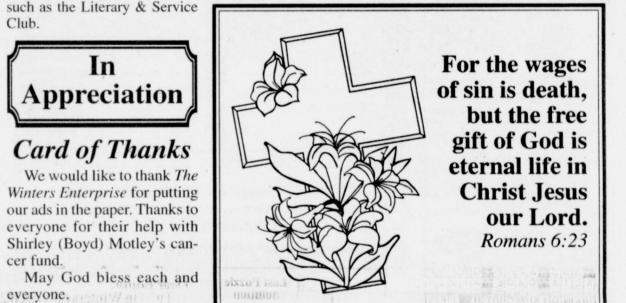
Tickets will be available at members is available from Julie Door prizes will be given.

Heidenheimer's to host "Business After Hours" on Mon., April 14

Heidenheimer's, in conjunction with the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, will host April's "Business After Hours" on Monday, April 14, at 105 S. Main from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Store owner and manager, Joe Heidenheimer, invites everyone to come in and pick an Easter egg with a surprise discount of 5 to 25 percent inside. Other specials will be throughout the store.

Refreshments will be serve by Chamber directors.



ads, dessert, tea and coffee. Bahlman Jewelers, the Chamber of Commerce, or from any President of Dallas Baptist club member. A list of club Tickets are \$12.00 and in- Frierson, Chamber secretary.

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	8 a.m., Crews Cemetery Workday
	April 13-Palm Sunday, attend the church of your choice
	April 14-HOLY WEEK BEGINS
	11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
	Noon, Holy Week Services, Winters Community Center
	5:15, Relay for Life Meeting, Lipsey Home
	5:30-6:30 p.m., WACC Business After Hours, Heidenheimer's
	7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary Meeting, Post Home
	7:30 p.m., School Board Meeting, WISD Administration Office
	April 15-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
	Noon, Holy Week Services, Winters Community Center
	Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
	4 p.m., Blizzard Baseball @ Bangs
	4:30 p.m., Lady Blizzard Softball @ Bangs
	4:30 p.m., Library Board, Winters Public Library
	7 p.m., Winters Fire Department Drill, Fire Station
1	7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
	7:30 p.m., Eastern Star
	April 16-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office
	9 a.m 4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
	11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
	Noon, Holy Week Services, Winters Community Center
	April 17-Passover
	Band Concert @ Llano
	11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
	Noon, Holy Week Services, Winters Community Center
	Women's Service League
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Runnels Baptist Association to meet in Miles on April 28

The Runnels Baptist Association Executive Board and W.M.U. will meet on Monday, April 28, 2003 at the First Baptist Church in Miles. The evening meal will be served at 6 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m.

Senior Citizens **Activity Center** Menu

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Monday, April 14:

Burritos, Spanish rice, cole-

slaw, chips & hot sauce,

Tuesday, April 15: Spa-

ghetti with meat sauce,

green beans, tossed salad,

Wednesday, April 16:

Chicken & biscuit, corn,

carrot raisin salad, and cob-

Thursday, April 17: Reuben

sandwich, soup, chips, fruit

Friday, April 18: No Meal

Meals are served at 11:30 a.m. daily. Any-

one who does not take the meals regularly

are asked to reserve a lunch by contacting

the Activity Center at 754-4205 by 10 a.m.

salad, and cookies.

Served-Holiday

garlic bread, and cake.

bler.

and blonde brownies.

North Runnels Card of Thanks **Home Health Agency** 106 N. Main, Winters, Texas 79567 (915) 754-4141 • (800) 687-3305 (Toll Free)

cer fund.

everyone.

The Winters Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary would like to thank the community for their support during our Chicken Fried Chicken Dinner fundraiser held on March 23, 2003.

Wayne & Micheal Boyd &

family

Shirley & Will Motley

& family

The funds raised were donated to the fire department to purchase some much needed equipment.

The Winters Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who sent memorials, cards, and condolences to us in the death of our son, stepson, and half-brother, Daniel Miller.

He was so very young, but there must have been another plan for him. Dan, Elaine, & J'Dan Miller

Dawn, Brent, Scott, & Clent Bryan

Francine & Jerry Sallesse

"Abilene Regional Knows Hearts!"

If you're having chest pains like I was, my suggestion is - get out to Abilene Regional and have it taken care of! - Shelle Stautzenberger **Insurance** Agent

Think Abilene Regional Medical Center for heart care. The hospital's Heart Team performed the area's first heart catheterization and first open heart surgery in the region. Our outcomes for coronary bypass surgery have consistently been better than those experienced statewide or across the nation. You'll be glad you came to Abilene Regional!



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April 14—April 18 Noon-12:55 p.m. Holy Week Community Lunch and Service Winters Community Center

Monday Bro. Gary Bear/Lord's Supper Meal provided by: First Baptist Church-Winters, Wingate Baptist Church

Tuesday Maudella Reeves/Gethsemane Meal provided by: First United Methodist Church

Wednesday John Kraatz/Peter's Denial Meal provided by: Assembly of God, Somebody Cares Ministries, Pioneer Church of God

Thursday Pastor Glenn Dittmer/The Trial Meal provided by: Mt. Carmel Catholic & St. John Lutheran Churches

Lanny Bahlman/The Death Friday Meal provided by: North Main church of Christ

Each church, on their assigned day, will provide the welcome, meal, music & speaker

Lunch will be served and you'll be back at work by 1 p.m.

OTHER SERVICES

Sunday, April 13

10:40 a.m. Palm Sunday Services Worship with Waving of the Palms St. John's Lutheran Church Palm Sunday Services 10 a.m. Mt. Carmel Catholic Church

Thursday, April 17 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, Seder Meal St. John's Lutheran Church 8:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Washing of the feet) Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist Mt. Carmel Catholic Church Southside Baptist Church 7 p.m.

Friday, April 18

Good Friday Services 3 p.m. Station of the Cross Mt. Carmel Catholic Church 6:30 p.m. Good Friday-Liturgy Service St. John's Lutheran Church 7 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion Veneration of the Cross Mt. Carmel Catholic Church

Saturday, April 19

Holy Saturday Mass of the Resurrection Mt. Carmel Catholic Church

Complete schedule of areawide Easter Services will be published in the April 17 issue.

10 p.m.

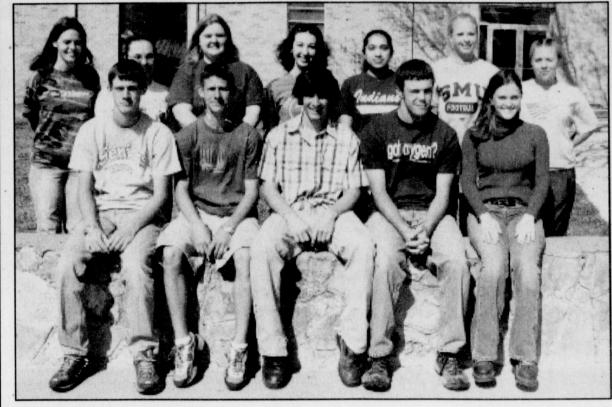


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UIL REGIONAL QUALIFIERS



School

(photo by Deb Pritchard)

TAKING THEIR TALENTS to UIL academic regional competition in Stephenville on April 12 will be (front row, I-r) Brandon Davis, Tim Fenwick, Brian Pritchard, Shane Colburn and Briana Parramore. Back row, I-r, are April Leverette, Stefanie Davis, Stephanie Parsons, Leah Bredemeyer, Veronica Flores, Lacey Meyer and Rachel Davis.



Brandi Baize graduates Navy basic training

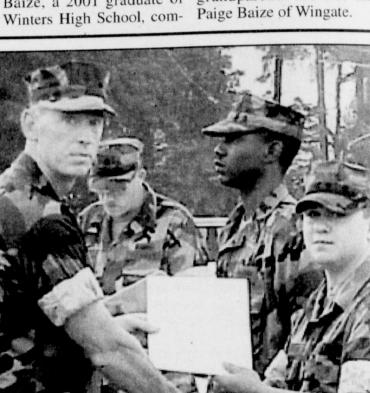


Navy AR Brandi Sue Baize, a 2001 graduate of pleted her Naval Basic Training and graduated at Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, Illinois on March 14.

She will now go to Pensicola, Florida, for her Navy schooling.

Brandi is the daughter of Tammy Sue Thompson of Austin and Donald Baize of Albany, and stepdaughter of Randy Wall of Comanche. Oklahoma.

Maternal grandparents are Bobbie Sue and Felton Jackson of Winters. Paternal grandparents are Sue and



Stacey Walden, a WHS se-

Saba on April 5.

singles.

sults include:

Aaron Colburn & L. J. Nitsch 2nd place JV boys singles Justin Fenwick 5th place JV boys doubles Bryce Wilkerson & Shawn





WHS

Walden & Fenwick-WHS varsity singles advance to regionals

Two members of the Winters varsity tennis team have earned a trip to regional competition in Stephenville the week of April 21.



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WJHS finishes track season; WHS track teams compete in finals at District 9-2A Meet today

Winters Junior High Breezes and Lady Breezes finished their track season at district competition in Jim Ned last Saturday. The seventh grade Lady Breezes placed fifth overall in the meet with the eighth grade Breezes ranking fourth overall.

Seventh grade Lady Breezes Shelby Walker took first place in the 100 M Hurdles, tied for third place in the High Jump competition, and was earned third place in the Triple Jump. Cassie Mendoza walked away with a second place title in the 300 M Hurdles while Araceli Flores placed third in the 200 M Dash.

The Lady Breezes 800 M Relay Team of Araceli Flores, Christina Marentes, Shelby Walker, and Kyli Knight took home a third place medal.

The eighth grade Breezes Javier Rodriguez took a first place medal in the 1600 M and 2400 M Runs with Ty Cason placing first in Discus and second in Shot Put. Alan Green was second in the 800 M Run.

Seventh grade Breezes Alex Harrison cleaned up with a first place medal in the 100 M Dash, a second place in the 200 M Dash, and third in Long Jump.

The Winters Lady Blizzards and the varsity and JV Blizzards competed in the Anson Relays on Thursday April 3. The Lady Blizzards placed fifth overall with 45 points.

The WHS teams completed District 9-2A track competition at Coleman on Thursday evening April 10. Result will appear next week's edition of The Winters Enterprise.

Last weekend's individual event results are as follows:

LADY BLIZZARDS 3200 M Run 3rd, Kari Walker

100 M Hurdles



LADY BREEZE Shelby Walker earned three medals in the District 9-2A Junior High Track Meet at Jim Ned last Saturday. Walker won the 100M Hurdles for gold and earned two bronze medals with third place finishes in the triple jump and high jump.

Long Jump

3rd, Alex Harrison Shot Put

5th, (Roy McBeth, Tad Martin,

4th, (Wiley Guy, Eddie Cortez, Tory

4th, Kevin Cook

Wiley Guy, Tory Burns)

1st, Alex Harrison

2nd, Alex Harrison

400 M Relay

100 M Dash

200 M Dash

1600 M Relay

Burns, Alex Harrison)

1600 M Relay

6th, Shawn Kraatz, Frank Perez, David Scates, Michael Liggins)

BLIZZARDS Discus 3rd, Rusty Jackson 400 M Run Tie 3rd, Guy Slimp, 52.78

7th GRADE LADY BREEZES

High Jump Tie 3rd, Shelby Walker, 4'2" Long Jump 6th, Kyli Knight, 13'

Blizzards "warm up" in second round of District 9-2A golf action

The WHS golf team recorded a significantly better round of golf in the second meet of district action in Goldthwaite last Wednesday. The Blizzards finished with a 398 team total on the day compared to 449 a week earlier. They played the third and final round of District 9-2A golf at Stephenville yesterday.

All individual scores improved over the first round meet in Coleman from six to 28 strokes.

Results from Goldthwaite were: Cody Pritchard, 85; Shane Colburn, 89; Jared Airhart, 111; Shawn Kraatz, 113; and Aaron Cook, 114.

(photo by Jean Boles) CHAD LANDERS, catcher for the varsity Blizzards, looks to Coach Jamie Seago before calling the pitch during a

Date & place of game:

Losing pitcher: Amber Gre

Losing catcher: Rachel Da

Team: Varsity Blizzards

Runs Hits

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OPPONENT 2

Team: Varsity Blizzards

Date & place of game:

April 4, 2003 - Winters

Opponent: Coleman

Winning pitcher:

Winning catcher:

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Losing catcher:

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Coach: Jamie Seago, Josh I

Losing pitcher: Shane Col

Runs Hits

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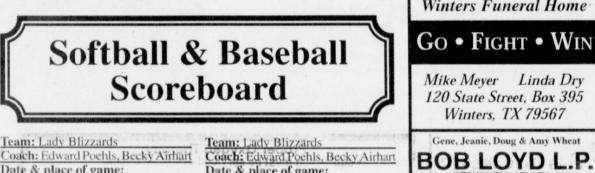
Opponent: Jim Ned

Winning pitcher:

Winning catcher:

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Triple Jump 3rd, Shelby Walker, 28' 2.75" 400 M Relay 6th, (Lillian Garcia, Christina Marentes, Susan Sneed, Laura Armendariz), 59.99 100 M Hurdles 1st, Shelby Walker, 18.54 6th, Cassie Mendoza, 19.95 800 M Relay 3rd, (Araceli Flores, Christina Marentes, Shelby Walker, Kyli Knight), 2:07.2400 M Dash 6th, Kyli Knight, 75.23 **300 M Hurdles** 2nd, Cassie Mendoza, 58.42 5th, Shelby Walker, 62.67 200 M Dash 3rd, Araceli Flores, 30.39 1600 M Relay 5th, (Lillian Garcia, Laura Armendariz, Kyli Knight, Araceli Flores), 5:05.08 **7th GRADE BREEZES Triple Jump** 4th, Tory Burns

8th GRADE BREEZES Shot Put 2nd, Ty Cason Discus 1st, Ty Cason 2400 M Run 1st, Javier Rodriguez 1600 M Run 1st, Javier Rodriguez 100 M Dash 5th, Jose Moreno 800 M Run 2nd, Alan Green **300 M Hurdles** 5th, Juan Hernandez 400 M Relay 6th, (Zach Herridge, Jose Moreno, Juan Hernandez, Ismael Aragon) 800 M Relay 5th, (Zach Herridge, Jose Moreno, Luke England, Ismael Aragon) 1600 M Relay 6th, (Ismael Aragon, Edgar Vega, Allan Green, Juan Hernandez) 2400 M Run 6th, Chris Guerrero 400 M Dash 5th, Edgar Vega

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district game against Bangs.

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Coach: Jamie	Seago,	Josh I	Damron
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Opponent: B	angs		
Winning pitcher:			
Losing pitcher: Shane Colburn			
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OPPONENT	12	8	6

Coach: Jamie Seago, Josh Damron

Winning pitcher: Shane Colburn

Runs

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Team: Varsity Blizzards

Date & place of game:

March 28, 2003-Jim Ned

Opponent: Jim Ned

Winning catcher:

Losing catcher:

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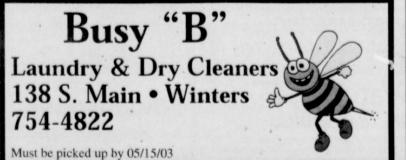
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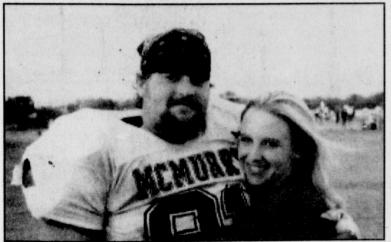
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Hollie Smith & Bear Nitsch to marry July 19 in Abilene



Bear Nitsch & Hollie Smith

Hollie Smith and Bear Nitsch are proud to announce their engagement and approaching marriage. The couple will wed Saturday, July 19, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church in Abliene.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Springtown High School and a May 2002 graduate of McMurry University. She is currently employed with the Springtown Independent School District as a teacher and coach. Hollie is the daughter of Landry & Kathy Smith of Springtown.

The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Winters High School and is currently enrolled at McMurry University with graduation planned for May 2003. Bear is the son of Candy Brezina of Euless and Larry Nitsch of Winters.

Letters to the Editor

Dustin Frazier makes public apology to community-seeks forgiveness

To the Community of Winters,

I am coming to you today, the community, to ask for forgiveness and publicly apologize for all the hurt, pain, and suffering that I caused on the morning of October 18, 1997.

On October 18, 1997, I, Dustin H. Frazier, stole a piece of farm equipment from Associated Beef City, and used it to cause damage throughout the town. I scraped up part of a road, ran over street signs, fences, a salt water tank, and a car. I chased people that were on foot and a police car with it.

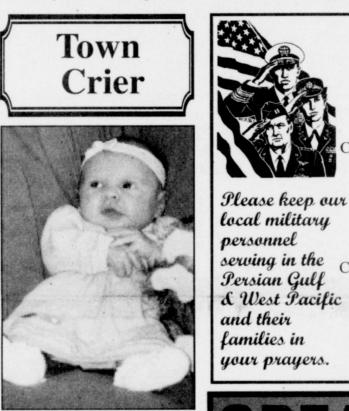
What I did that night, when I was 17, was a horrible and very immature thing to do. Not only did I hurt people of the community, I hurt and shamed my family and friends, and for that I am sorry.

I am currently incarcerated for what I did, but during my stay here, a very special person has opened my eyes to a better, maturer adulthood. Ms. Harmon is my Cognitive Reasoning and Rehabilitation teacher who has taught me that in order to be able to move forward, and start over, you've got to forgive others and ask for forgiveness from those you've hurt. Also that what you've done in the past, no matter how bad, take it, examine it, really look at it, and learn from it. Use it to better yourself for the future. Look at it and say, "What would have been a better choice, what if I would have done this, or that, would it have made any difference or changed the situation, and what can I do to prevent it from happening again?" It's called looking at your choices and consequences first. So, in doing so I apologize for what I have done and hope that everyone in the community will forgive me. I can't undo what I have done, but I can change what I will do. Dustin H. Frazier Coffield Unit #1058857 Rt. 1 Box 150 **Tennessee Colony, TX 75884**



(photo by Jean Boles)

BAHLMAN JEWELERS at 106 S. Main has been named Business of the Quarter by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce. Present for the April 2 presentation were (I-r) Chamber directors Michael Mostad and Jane Bourdo, store manager Cheryl Bryan, owner Lanny Bahlman, Chamber director Chris Bahlman, and Chamber president Sharon Kennedy. The store opened November 1, 1955, by J.W. and Joyce Bahlman.



Spc. Robert Bedford, U.S. Army Tony Aguero, U.S. Army Lt. Lance Brown, U.S. Marines Travis Calcote, U.S. Navy Spec. Simon Camacho, U.S. Army Spec. Coy Chapman, U.S. Army Christopher Foster, U.S. Army pl. Cody (O'Dell) Jones, U.S. Marines Seaman Josh Lincycomb, U.S. Navy Artemio Lopez, U.S. Army Pfc. Michael Luna, U.S. Army Zeke Martinez, U.S. Army Specialist Joe Ortiz, U.S. Army Capt. David Pafford, U.S. Air Force Ensign Josh Puda, U.S. Navy

Winters Enterprise

City-wide Easter egg hunt set for April 19

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce and Lawrence Bros. IGA will host the second annual Winters city-wide Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 19, 2003. The hunt will begin in the City Park at 10 a.m.

Age groups will be divided from toddler through the third grade. Areas will be roped off for the different age divisions.

Divisions will be divided as follows: toddler; 3-4 year olds (PK); kindergarteners; first graders; second graders; and third graders.A prize egg will be awarded to the winner in each division.

All children ages toddler through those currently attending third grade are invited to attend.

Following the conclusion of the egg hunt, a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. at the Community Center.

The public is invited to attend the ribbon cutting and tour the newly remodeled Center.

Abilene Quilters Guild to meet

The Abilene Quilters Guild will meet on Monday, April 14, 2003 at the Wylie United Methodist Church, 3130 Antilley Road in Abilene. A meet and greet will begin at 6:45 with a program to follow at 7 p.m.

The program is entitled "Square in a Square". Each Guild member is also asked to bring one "quilt tip" to share with the group.

Good News class met April 7

The Good News Sunday School Class met at noon on

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Charli Brianne Sodolak

Brian and Stacie Sodolak of Bryan are proud to announce the arrival of their precious daughter, Charli Brianne Sodolak.

Charli was born at 7:08 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2003, at St. Joseph Regional Health Center in Bryan. She weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz and was 19" long.

Maternal grandparents are Henry and Ann Wheeler of Llano. Paternal grandparents are Frank Sodolak of Somerville and Carolyn Vest of Bryan.

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Mr. & Mrs. Wesley M. Hays celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley M. Hays celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 3, 2003. Wesley M. Hays and June Kirkpatrick were married April 3, 1943, in Pensacola, Florida.

They owned and operated the Western Auto Store in Winters for 40 years before retiring to The Butterfly Ranch in Novice. Wes served in the U.S. Navy as a naval pilot during World War II and retired at the rank of Commander. Wes and June were very active in civic and church activities in Winters and Novice and are currently members of the United Methodist Church in Novice.

The couple's four children and their spouses are Wes and Becky Hays of Winters, Michael and Connie Hays of Kingwood, Marsha and Jerry Simmons of Ballinger, and Chris and Charlie Derrick of Cedar Park.

Wes and June are blessed with several grandchildren: Melinda (Hays) and David Bates of Lufkin, Mike Hays of Houston, Catherine (Hays) and Marcel Riejans of the Netherlands, Michael Hays of Washington D.C., Jason and Carmen Derrick of Hawaii, Callie Simmons of New York, Elisabeth Hays of Boston, John Hays of Little Rock, David Hays of Waco, Hunter Simmons of Ballinger, Stephen Derrick of Cedar Park, and Robert Hays of Kingwood.

Great-grandchildren include Parker and Zoe Bates of Lufkin and Emma Derrick of Hawaii.



Then -1943

Now-2003



Brandon & Janet Sanders **Brandon and Janet Sanders** celebrate three-year anniversary

On April 1, 2003, Brandon and Janet Sanders of Ballinger celebrated their three-year wedding anniversary.

Brandon and Janet were married in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on April 1, 2000 and have resided in Ballinger since.

Janet was born on November 19, 1981, in San Angelo and works at Sonic in Ballinger. Janet is the daughter of Gary and Theresa Woodbury of Ballinger and the granddaughter of Santos and Dominga Uresti of Winters. Her sister, Amanda Armendariz also resides in Winters. Brandon was born on February 5, 1979, in Tulsa, Okalahoma, and is currently employed at Dairy Queen in Ballinger. Brandon is the son of Joe and Evelyn Rice of Winters. Brothers Thomas Rice and Nicholas Sanders and sister Ashley Sanders also live in Winters.

Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Smith celebrate 50th wedding anniversary April 10



Then -1953



On April 10, 2003, Gilbert and Orita Smith will celebrate 50 years of marriage. The couple was married on April 10, 1953, and have lived in Odessa, Midland, and their current residence of Wingate. They are members of Wingate Baptist Church.

Orita was born on March 5, 1934, in Pyote and was employed at Dry's Manufacturing.

Gilbert was born on April 23, 1930, in Wingate and worked as a farmer and a rancher. He also served his country with the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Sue Smith of Hooker, Oklahoma; and two daughters and sons-in-law, James and Marie Thompson of Abilene and Mike and Gwen Sutton of Tye.

Grandchildren are Shaye Thompson, Jason Thompson and wife Joyce, Rusty Thompson and wife Randi Beth, Aaron Sutton, Jana Sutton, Tina Sutton, Sabrina Palmer, Shannon Smith, and Jessie Lee Smith.

Gilbert and Orita have six great-grandchildren with the seventh great-grandchild due in June.

The Smiths will be honored with a wedding anniversary reception held at a later date.

Just a reminder —

915 Area Code is now divided. Winters is located in new 325 Area Code, along with Abilene, San Angelo, Snyder, Brady and surrounding

Brandon and Janet have two children, Alyssa Nicole Sanders, 21/2, and Brandon Keith Sanders, Jr., eight months old.

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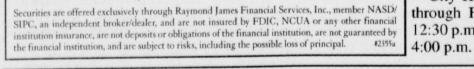
From the Mayor's Desk by Mayor Dawson McGuffin

Trash-Off Day is coming!

Trash-Off Day will be Saturday, April 26, 2003. Anyone wanting to help clean up our highways, please meet in front of City Hall at 9:00 a.m. Trashbags will be provided.

We will be out only for a couple of hours.

Come join the fun in helping beautify our highways, community and Texas. Any help will be greatly appreciated. City Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. until



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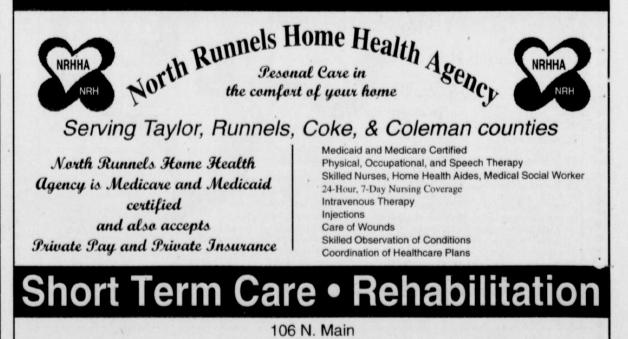
towns. Midland, Odessa, Seminole, Pecos and Fort Stockton are now in 432 Area Code. El Paso retains 915.



Identity of birthday girl is found elsewhere in this issue.

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Director of Nursing

Rick Rickard

Administrator

8 Thursday, April 10, 2003

Law & Order

Runnels County Farm Bureau president discusses farm and ranch issues on Capitol Hill

in late March.

"Alternative energy sources such as ethanol and biodiesel provide tax deferments helpwill add tremendously to the ing farmers save for years when agricultural economy through prices are low or crops are the use of corn and soybeans to poor. We need this type of risk produce this energy. Alterna- management tool to assist us tive energy also creates less when times become tough on dependence on foreign oil im- the farm," said the Runnels ports," said LeRoy Pelzel, County Farm Bureau leader. president of the Runnels Farm Bureau.

and ranchers, representing the working with their U.S. reprewere in Washington visiting in national affairs events. with their U.S. representatives and senators about the issues County Farm Bureau attendthat impact their farming and ing these meetings were LeRoy ranching operations back and Elaine Pelzel of Miles. home.

"I truly appreciate the time visiting one-on-one with my representative/senator. Each one gave our group his undivided attention to learn more about what's critical to the farm and ranch families of Texas," Pelzel said.

Other issues discussed between members of Congress available at the WISD Business

5:05 AM

Alternative energy, foreign and Farm Bureau state and lomarket access, and elimination calleaders included protection of death taxes were among the of the integrity of the 2002 issues of concern for Texas Farm Bill, World Trade Orgafarmers and ranchers as they nization negotiations, and made their way on Capitol Hill Farm and Ranch Risk Management Accounts.

"FARRM accounts would

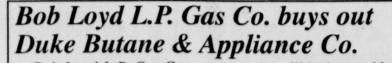
Farm Bureau leaders qualified for the organization's Na-The more than 70 farmers tional Affairs Awards Trip by state's largest farm organiza- sentatives and senators on a tion, the Texas Farm Bureau, regular basis and participating

Members from Runnels

BID NOTICE WINTERS I.S.D. is accepting Office, 603 N. Heights, Winters, sealed Request for Proposals un- TX 79567 or may be requested by til 2:00 p.m., April 15, 2003, for calling (325) 754-5574. the purchase and installation of exercise equipment.

Proposal specifications are

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Duke Butane & Appliance co., effective April 1, 2003, and is now the owner of Duke's delivery truck, its bulk propane storage facility, and the tanks that it has loaned or leased to its customers.

Walter Adami and the Duke staff would like to thank their customers for their many years of patronage and loyalty.

Doug Wheat, President and General Manager of Bob Loyd L.P. Gas Company, says, "We know that Walter, Ferrell Dean Brown, and Vernon Wallace have provided Duke's customers with excellent propane service over the years, and we want Walter's customers to know that we will continue to offer them prompt, professional propane service."

According to Wheat, any tank agreement or arrangement that Duke has made with its

Bob Loyd L.P. Gas Com- customers will be honored by pany has purchased the assets Bob Loyd L.P. Gas Company. of the Winters Division of "If customers have Duke tanks that are not being used, we will be glad to pick them up."

> Bob Loyd L.P. Gas Company is a family-owned 42year-old corporation with business roots that date back into the early 1940s.

> Doug Wheat is President and General Manager, Gene Wheat is Chairman of the Board and Treasurer, and Jeanie Wheat is Vice-President. Other employees are Amy Wheat, Frances Holle, Donald Walters, Felton Jackson, Bud Hagle, Dewey Whitfield, and Mark Collins.

Doug Wheat adds, "Please feel free to call us at 754-4555 to order propane or if you have questions. Ferrell Dean will be answering the Duke Butane number (754-4224) if you would like to place an order with her or if you need to talk

with her.'

right to reject any or all proposals,

and to award proposals in the best

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Jonathan Martin Escobar, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendre, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to six months, fined \$750, plus \$236 court costs and 30 hours community service

Paul Jalomo, cruelty to animal, pleaded nolo contendre, fined \$500, plus \$211 court costs

Adolfo Humberto Narro, driving while intoxicated, case dismissed, insufficient evidence

Earnest Corbett, criminal trespass, case dismissed, insufficient evidence

Jaynellen Breeding, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendre, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs, \$522.13 restitution, \$155 hot check fees

Jeffrey Anthony Willborn, criminal trespass, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Jeffrey Anthony Willborn, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendre, sentenced to six months in county jail, assessed \$236 court costs

Jeffrey Anthony Willborn, resisting arrrest, sentenced to six months in

county jail, assessed \$236 court costs **Marriage Licenses Filed**

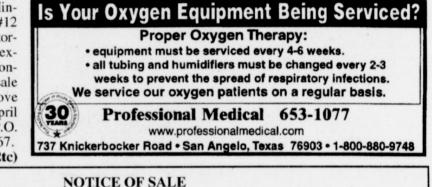
March 31 Nicolas Mata and Irma Yvonne Perez

Mark Timothy Stanley II and

aclyn Joann Heineman

April 1 Edward Stennis, Jr., and Dorothy Mae McLinn

> **Divorces Granted** March 27



THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF RUNNELS

DATED April 7, 2003, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on April 7, 2003, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in May, 2003, the same being the 6th day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of

Jace Tanner Wade, filed for violation of open container law Sabrina Pierson, filed for no fishing license March 26

ure to identify

ing license suspension

Louisa Gonzales

Steve Adams, filed for theft by check

Greg Gideon, filed for theft by check

Felicitas Sanchez, filed for theft by check

Teresa Mireles, filed for theft by check

Jessica Piper, filed for theft by check

Jason Shell, filed for theft by check (dismissed on April 4)

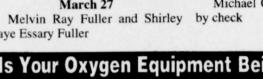
Amanda Jones, filed for theft by check

Thomas Patton, filed for theft by check

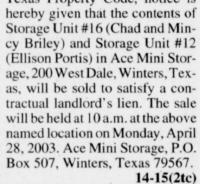
March 28

Jennifer A. Parker, filed for theft by check

Michael Conway, filed for theft



interest of the district. **District** Court 14-15(2tc) NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Pursuant to Sec. 59.044 of the Texas Property Code, notice is **Faye Essary Fuller**



"Texas in the Morning"

from the Texas State Network "The Lone Star Farm and Ranch Report" 5:30 AM from the Texas Agribusiness Network 5:55 AM **Southwest Davbreak** from VSA Radio Network

Proposals will be opened and read publicly on April 17, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. WINTERS I.S.D. reserves the

Legal Notices



Winters Enterprise

Albert Gonzales, Jr., and Maria

Justice of the Peace

Precinct 1

Felony Cases Filed

March 25

Civil Cases Filed

March 21

Safety vs. Carla Tyree Harrell, driv-

Criminal Cases Filed

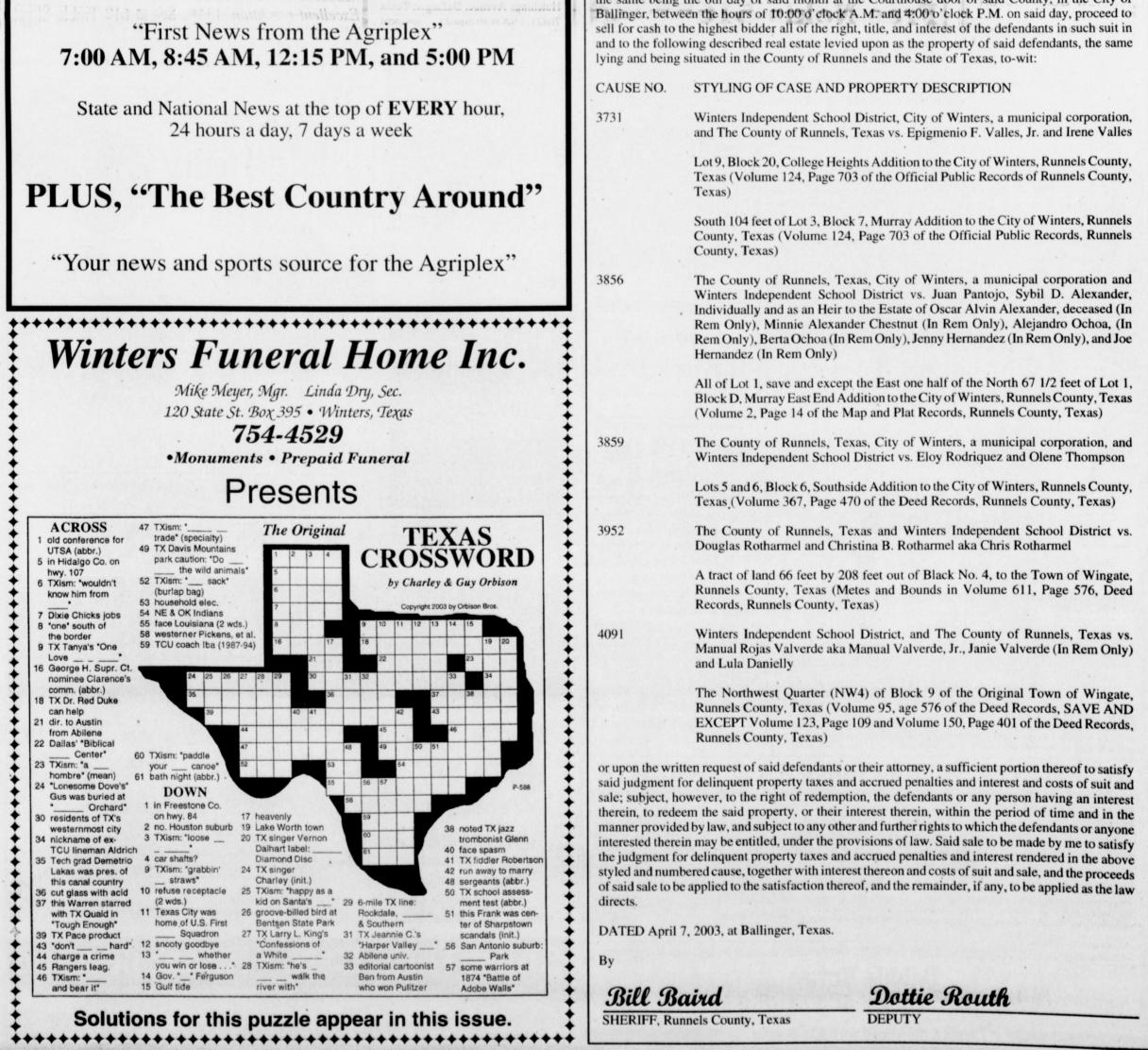
March 23

Luis Gomez Torres, filed for fail-

thorized use of a motor vehicle

Riley Keith Marks, filed for unau-

Texas Department of Public





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Outdoors



(photo by Deb Pritchard)

STATE AND REGIONAL HONORS were bestowed on these Winters FFA exhibitors for points earned in the Texas Junior Livestock Association (TJLA), Texas Club Calf (TCCA) and Texas Club Pig (TCPA) Associations. Those earning letter jackets, buckles, and windbreakers were: (I-r) Wiley Guy, Camille Kruse, Devon Shackelford, Dalton Shackelford, and Brianna Mesey. These exhibitors competed in ten to twenty jackpot and sanctioned shows last year with market steers, heifers, and swine to earn their awards.

West Texas Quail Study Group plans inaugural meeting, April 24-25

interest in quail, will hold its inaugural meeting April 24-25.

The first day's meeting will begin with registration at 11 a.m. in the Taylor County Extension Building at 1982 Lytle Way. The second day's activities will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Rob Abilene in Shackel-ford County. The program is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension. A total of four continuing education units (CEUs) -two each day Private Applicators Licenses.

wildlife specialist at San Angelo said the Quail Study Group is an balance quail and cattle needs." offshoot of the West Texas Deer Study Group formed in 1998.

alike.

"The popularity of the Rollhunting area has heightened demand for good hunting leases. Accordingly, it's important for landowners to understand how to best mix quail needs into their terpoint session on the role cac-Hailey Ranch just north of other ranch goals to optimize tus plays in quail management. profits.

come a contentious one in quail Hailey Ranch. Tour stops will inmanagement circles, especially clude discussions on supplemenduring dry times like we've ex- tal feeding, prescribed burning, - will be available for those with perienced over the last five brush sculpting, and the Texas years. One of the panel discus- Quail Index. After lunch, the Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension sions we've planned will include program closes with presentaarea ranchers who will share tions on the Fisher County Quail and a study group coordinator, their perspectives on how to best

which begin at 1 p.m., will cover son thereafter and at the door.

The West Texas Quail Study grams have proved popular with sented on four quail ranches: the Group, open to anyone with an professionals and landowners Jane Hooker Ranch, Shackelford County; the Snipes Ranch, Stonewall County; and the ing Plains as a premier quail Melton and Aiken Ranches in Fisher County.

The program will adjourn to the Guitar Ranch for an evening social, dinner, and a point-coun-

Activities April 25 begin at "The issue of grazing has be- 8:30 a.m. with a field tour of the Project and the Texas Quail Plan.

Registration is \$35 per person The first day's sessions, until April 21 and \$50 per per-

Five Winters FFA members earn state and regional honors

Five members of the Winters Chapter of Future Farmers of America reaped several awards from the Texas Junior Livestock Association (TJLA) for points earned during compeition the past year.

State competition is divided into ten regions, each consisting of 19-23 counties. Winters exhibits in Region 10. The top three region winners are awarded bags and windbreaker jackets. The top region winner receives a trophy buckle.

Members also earn points in Texas Club Calf (TCCA) with steers and heifers and Texas Club Pigs (TCPA). They earn letter jackets, with the top winner receiving a trophy buckle.

Results are as follows: **Dalton Shackelford** 1st, Polled Hereford Steer 1st, Region 10 Steer 2nd, Junior Showmanship Camille Kruse 1st, Junior Showmanship 3rd, AOB Steer 2nd, Region 10 Junior Steer Devon Shackelford 2nd, Junior Showmanship 3rd, Hereford Steer Wiley Guy 3rd, Region 10 Intermediate Swine Brianna Mesey 2nd, Region 10 Junior Heifer 8th, Junior Heifer Showmanship

Ag Talk by Congressman Charles Stenholm

Sign-Up Dates For Crop and **Other Disaster Programs**

Last week, Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman, announced signup dates for programs under the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003, including the crop disaster assistance program

The sign-up for the crop program, which will reimburse producers for qualifying crop losses in either 2001 or 2002, will begin June 6, with payments to begin shortly thereafter.

The USDA is dedicated to supplying payments to the producers as soon as possible. Crop disaster payments must be calculated using the same formula used for the 2000 crop year. This means that crop losses in

2001 and 2002 will be valued using the price election for Actual Production History crop insurance policies or, if the price is not available, a fiveyear average

Crop disaster payments are also subject to a formula which states that the sum of the value of the crop not lost, the disaster payment, and the crop insurance indemnity cannot exceed 95 percent of what the crop's value would have been, if there had been no losses. Crop disaster payments will be reduced if the 95 percent limitation is exceeded.

The value of the crop not lost and the 95 percent limitation will be valued at either the Actual Production History price election or the National Agriculture Statistic Service (NASS) season average price, whichever is higher.

Fees for Classing 2003 Cotton Crop

The USDA's Marketing Service has announced that the fees charged to cotton producers for classification

services will remain at the same level established for the 2002 crop.

The fee paid by growers for newcrop classing services will be \$1.45 per bale, and will be applicable for the entire 2003 cotton crop.

Fees for other cotton classification services, offered under the Cotton Futures Act and the Cotton Standards Act, will also remain unchanged from the 2002 season

USDA Issues Money in CRP Refunds

USDA has started issuing refunds to eligible producers who were assessed payment reductions in 2002 for emergency haying and grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage.

The refund is another key element of relief authorized by the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003, and applies only to the 2002 year.

Producers that enrolled in CRP are permitted to hay and/or graze livestock on CRP land under certain natural disaster conditions.

When haying or grazing is permitted under these conditions, producers are assessed a reduction in CRP annual rental payments, as required by law, to account for the areas hayed or grazed.

In 2002, more than 1,825 counties were authorized for the benefit nationwide, and more than \$16.4 million was collected in payment reductions.

FSA has said that they will make the refunds to producers as soon as possible, and Texas has been estimated to receive \$557,511 in refunds. To be approved for having and/or

grazing, a county must have suffered at least a 40 percent loss of normal moisture and forage for the preceding four month qualifying period.



"These meetings are built such topics as organization of around a formal program, but the study group, the Texas quail tact: Gary Bomar, Extension they also provide an excellent index, scoring quail habitat and agent in Taylor County, at 915forum for an exchange of ideas how quail are influenced by 672-6048 or Rollins at 915-653among participants," said weather and cattle in pastures. Rollins. "These educational pro- Case studies will also be pre-

For further information con-4576. Additional program updates are available online at http://teamquail.tamu.edu.

(photo by Deb Pritchard)

DPS arms law enforcement with stolen equipment information

To stop the rise in farm and commercial equipment theft, the Department of Public Safety Motor Vehicle Theft Service is implementing the Texas Recovery and Identification Program. TRIP will give law enforcement an effective tool for identifying stolen farm and commercial equipment and returning it to its rightful owner.

thousands of dollars, and then reselling it at a high price.

From 2000 to 2001, the num- to its rightful owners. ber of stolen pieces of farm equipment increased by 32.7 percent. In the same time period, there was also a slight rise in the numbers of stolen commercial equipment. Less than 20 percent of this stolen equipment is recovered because ownership is difficult to track.

Across the state, thieves are ment statewide access to equiptaking farm and commercial ment and ownership informaequipment, worth hundreds of tion. Armed with this information, officers can quickly identify stolen property and return it

Farm and commercial equipment owners can enter their equipment information into the password-protected, DPS-maintained database by visiting the Website http:// records.txdps.state.tx.us. DPS will contact owners on a regular basis to verify ownership status TRIP will give law enforce- of registered equipment and up-

date contact information.

TOLL

WINTERS ELEMENTARY STUDENTS, including these kindergarteners from Cheryl Butler's classroom, were treated to an electrical safety presentation sponsored by AEP and presented by members of the National Children's Theater of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Louie the Lightenbug (center) warned students of the dangers associated with electricity.



