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Winters, Texas

Former Blizzards to play in FCA All-Star Football Classic



Pearls of Wisdom Enthusiasm is the electric current that keeps the engine of life going at top speed.

-B.C. Forbes

Letter to the Editor

Christian invites everyone to "March for Jesus" on Saturday, June 14. In worldwide unity march may "Peace be to these streets in Jesus's name!"

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Industrial **Golf Tourney**

Winters Country Club will host its annual Industrial Golf Tournament this weekend. Abilene freelance writer Al Pickett will be here to sell copies of his annual Guide to Big Country Golf.

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Open to the

Blizzard football players will once again have the opportunity to suit up for another round on the grid-

by Jean Boles, editor

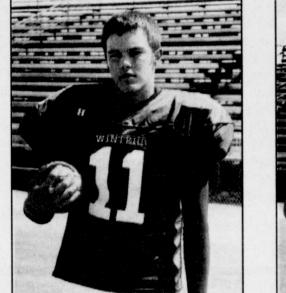
Three former Winters

iron. Rusty Jackson and Shane Colburn, along with alternate Guy Slimp, will compete on June 14 in the annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrle Greathouse All-Star Football Classic.

The showcased game will begin at 8 p.m. at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

The game is named in memory of Greathouse, an day workouts on June 3. Abilene oilman and a member of the Texas High Fame.

within 100 miles of Abilene Players reported for two-a- ous area awards.

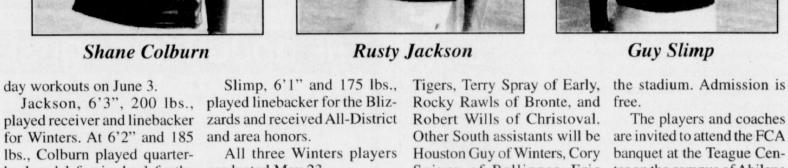


Shane Colburn

School Football Hall of for Winters. At 6'2" and 185 and area honors. lbs., Colburn played quarter-More than 80 players back and defensive back for the graduated May 23. from all sizes of schools state semi-finalist Blizzards.

were chosen in March to the received All-District honors, Team which will be coached by North and South squads. All-State honors, and numer- Chuck Lipsey, former Winters

Jackson and Colburn will be Both outstanding players among the South All-Star coach now with the Whiteright



Spivey of Ballinger, Eric ter on the campus of Abilene Nunez of Early, David Civic Center on Friday, June Bedford of Bronte, and Jim 6 at 6 p.m. Eubank of Christoval.

be seated on the east side of 325-795-0020.

Industrial Golf Tourney Sat.

by Jean Boles, editor

have ample opportunity for tee off times of 8:30 a.m. and some fun this Friday and Sat- 1:30 p.m. Players will come urday when the Winters Area from across the state and as far Business and Industrial Board away as Ohio.

anticipates 36 teams will com-Golfers and golf fans will pete on Saturday, June 7, with

Any golfer interested in

House at 325-754-4679 to be

placed on a waiting list if a

will be on hand to sell copies of

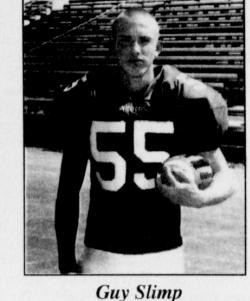
his golf guide. Pickett will do-

Freelance writer Al Pickett

vacancy arises.

Advance luminary sales available for **Relay for Life Candlelight Ceremony** A special Candlelight Cer- chased for \$5 up to the time of A Survivor's Ceremony and

emony will be held at 10 p.m. the ceremony. Messages may Lap will be held at 8 p.m. to on Friday, June 20, to honor be written on the luminary bags kick-off the event.



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The players and coaches Other South assistants will be are invited to attend the FCA

For further information Fans for the South team will regarding FCA, please call

Public

Winters ISD staff has scheduled supervised open hours in both the Blizzard Gym and Blizzard Fieldhouse.

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Love is in the Air

Wingate couple celebrates 50 years of married bliss. Another weds, and another announces engagement.

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EQIP for **Runnels** farmers

Eligible program participants may apply for costshare assistance for eligible conservation practices that address the natural resource concerns identified by the Local Work Group.

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event is part of the Fourth Annual Winters/Runnels County 'Relay for Life" to be held at night, team event to fight canthe Winters High School Track cer as sponsored by the Ameri-

Complex. candlelight ceremony organizers. Any luminaries purchased before June 20 can be printed by event personnel to expediate processing. Of course, those wishing to purchase lu-

minaries the night of the event will be welcomed.

hose who have won the battle which will be placed around the against cancer and to memori- track. The names of those hon- tournaments of volleyball. alize those who have lost the ored will be read during the cer- washers, and horseshoe. In adbattle with the disease. The emony. Over 700 were sold for last year's event.

The "Relay for Life" is an all can Cancer Society. All pro-Advance luminary sales are ceeds from the luminary sales being encouraged to assist the will benefit cancer research, education, and family assistance.

> Luminaries may be purchased in advance by contacting Amy Wheat at 754-4882 or Sherry Kurtz at 754-5626.

The evening will start with a family style picnic complete serve your place for the best Luminaries may be pur- with fresh grilled hamburgers.

dition, this year will feature organized kid's activities with special surprises. For the ladies. a Pampering Spa is planned as well as Dodie's Quilting Block. and more. Lots of family entertainment and special singing is also scheduled. Anyone interested in organizing a Tug-of-War may contact Donna Guy at 754-5708 or 754-4543.

There will be the traditional

If you are interested in a becoming a part of Relay for Life contact Shanna Bear at 754-4625. It's never too late to reevent of the summer.

(WABIC) hosts the annual Invitational Industrial Golf Tour-Club.

June 6, with a practice round followed by an evening meal furnished by WABIC.

Hank Bourdo, event coor- nate \$5 to Winters Country dinator at the Country Club, Club for each book sold.

"March for Jesus" June 7

The sixth annual "March for Jesu"s celebration will be Satuday, June 7. This year's theme is "Peace be to these streets in Jesus' name!"

Local coordinators are Terry and Noelisa Loehman.

Activities begin at 10 a.m. in the City Park with a short praise and worship time. Marchers will proceed up the Novice Road to Main Street, continue to East Dale, then pass by the Senior Citizens Nursing Home and conclude at Our House around 11:00.

The Tarango Ministry from San Angelo will be providing march music.

Noelisa Loehman says, "We are so thankful for the unity God has brought our area, for the love we feel on this day and the miracles and blessings we have received each year. Put on your Jesus t-shirts, bring your Jesus banners, posters and streamers and help us exalt our Lord Jesus Christ."

Everyone is invited to attend part or all of the special "March for Jesus."

First Baptist Church to host Vacation Bible School, June 9-13

Monday through Friday, June "Son Harvest County Fair."

daily during the morning pe- tion. riod.

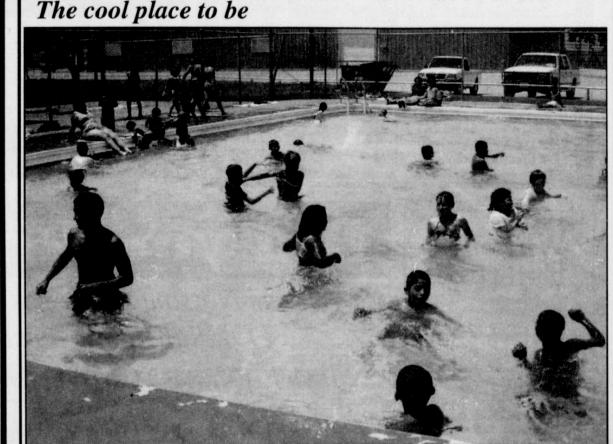
Bible study will be divided into portation may call 754-5521. age divisions. Those dropping off children are encouraged to Spirit."

First Baptist Church will use Truett Street between the host Vacation Bible School sanctuary and Jones Hall.

VBS reminder cards and a mailed and should be brought day. Bible study, music, recre- registration process. Parents ation, arts and crafts, and re- are urged to come early on freshments will be enjoyed Monday morning for registra-

The church is located at the Children ages 4 years to 6th corner of North Main and Truett grade are invited to attend. streets. Those in need of trans-

Come "grow the fruit of the



THESE YOUNG SWIMMERS are enjoying some fun in the sun in the cool water of the Winters Municipal Pool. Troylene Lincycomb, Pool Manager, said she had about 200 swimmers on opening day, May 27. Lessons, ladies swim times, and parties are available. (photo by Jean Boles) Call the pool at 754-4645 for more information.



20 words or less (Paid in advance)

9-13. The theme this year is simple registration form were Activities will be conducted with the child on the first day from 9 a.m. until noon every of bible school to speed up the

playing may call the Club nament at the Winters Country Activities begin Friday,



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Editorial

Winters Enterprise



Not available this week

Antique Tractor Pull, Oct. 4-

County stock show exhibitors to benefit from two upcoming events

-Runnels County Gala-Steak, Vegas Style Casino & Dance

upcoming events to benefit Nevada. Runnels County Junior Livestock Show exhibitors.

host the First Annual Runnels Ballinger at 365-2219. County Gala on Saturday, Aufrom 6 p.m. to midnight.

ty-wide affair. Only 500 tick- efitting the youth of the area. ets will be sold for the evening of fun. Couples tickets are \$75/ affair held at the Winters Ropair and individual tickets are deo Arena. Plans are just now priced at \$40 each.

with all the trimmings, a Las full concessions, and more. Vegas style Casino Night, folber of prizes will be given away upcoming activities. including a grand prize at the

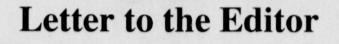
Local residents will want to end of the night-a 4 day/3 mark their calendars for two night trip for two to Las Vegas,

Tickets will go on sale soon, however anyone wishing to The County Stock Show As- reserve their ticket now may sociation is finalizing plans to contact the Extension Office in

In addition, the Winters Jungust 9, 2003 at St. Joseph's ior Livestock Show Associa-Catholic Church Parish Hall in tion will host an Antique Trac-Rowena. The event will be held tor Pull on Saturday, October 4, 2003. All proceeds will be All four communities, Win- used at the Premium Sale of the ters, Ballinger, Rowena and 2004 Runnels County Junior Miles, will help host the coun- Livestock Show, directly ben-

The Pull will be an all-day underway for the event which Those attending will enjoy may also include Off-the-Street a grilled steak dinner complete Pulls, a Kiddie Tractor Pull,

Watch The Winters Enterlowed by a dance. A large num- prise for more details of these



Christian invites everyone to "March for Jesus" on June 14

Dear Jean:

It's that time again — time to ask for special prayers, time for people to mark their calendars, time to ask people to make special calls to invite families and friends to our worldwide unity march, time to ask people to take time to be part of Jesus Day — one day for Jesus!

Join us at the Winters City Park on Saturday, June 7, at 10 a.m. as we step out and claim the theme for this year, "Peace be to these streets in Jesus's name!" as we "March for Jesus."

We will once again be stopping by the nursing homes so if you know family or friends there, be sure and take them a Jesus poster so they can feel more a part of the march.

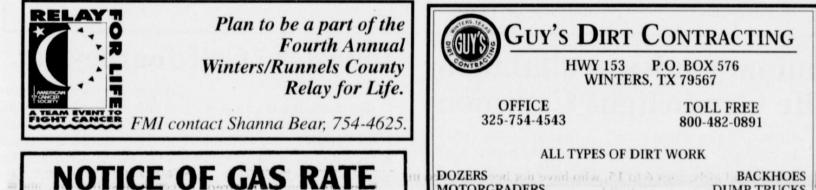
Thank you for your prayers, support and attendance for this very special day. We pray that God's will be done in us and through us on this day and all the glory be to Jesus.

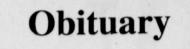
Thank you, Jesus, for taking time for us that day on the cross to give us life everlasting. Help us to take more time just for you and make every day "Jesus Day."

Terry and I send our love and prayers. May God richly bless you and yours. See you at the "March."

Noelisa Loehman







O.B. Boone, Sr.

BALLINGER-O.B. Boone, Sr., 87, passed away Wednesday, May 28, 2003, in Runnels County Rehabilitation and Nursing Center at Ballinger.

He was born November 17, 1915, at Fort Chadbourne, Coke County, Texas, to Media Henderson Boone and Bigham Bob Boone. His father was a blacksmith, and he traveled extensively with his father's work throughout Northwest and Central West Texas. He married Frances Sovey on July 5, 1936, in Stamford, where they resided for over 49 years.

Mr. Boone worked as a welder in his father's shop and later in his own shop, Boone's Welding Shop, in Stamford for many years until his retirement.

Due to his health, he moved to Ballinger, Runnels County, in 1995 and has been a resident of Runnels County Rehabilitation and Nursing Center since moving to Ballinger.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Frances, in November 1985; his parents; two brothers, J.D. Boone and Wallie Boone; one sister, Nora Williams; and one granddaughter. Reecie Holden Leach.

Survivors include four children and their spouses, Bob Boone and wife Linda of Ballinger, Betty Bushong and husband Bob of Midland, JoAnn Head and husband C.W. of Sweetwater, and O.B. Boone, Jr. and wife Carolyn of Sweetwater; ten grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren; three great-greatgrandchildren; two sisters, Mary Patterson and husband Connie and Wanda Burkhaulter and husband Bob, all of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31, in the Highland Memorial Cemetery in Stamford, with Reverend Roy Epperson of Ballinger officiating. Arrangements were directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

FUMC Vacation Bible School set for June 16-20

Church will host their Vacation Snacks will be provided. Bible School, Lighthouse Kids, June 16-20 from 6-8:30 tact the church office at 754p.m. The church is located at 5213.

FUMC will explore God's

First United Methodist 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 14.

For more information, con-



INCREASE REQUEST

TXU Gas Company (the "Company"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act as set forth in the Texas Utilities Code, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to all of the customers served by the Company in the incorporated municipalities and unincorporated areas in the Company's statewide gas utility system (the "System"). The proposed revisions to the respective rate schedules will impact all classes of service and all fees and charges presently being assessed by the Company on its transmission and distribution systems. As of the filing date of the Company's Statement of Intent to change rates, the proposed rates are expected to approximately produce a \$69,524,311 or a 7.24 percent increase in the Company's annual revenues from customers in the System. The proposed change will affect approximately 1,344,030 residential, 125,603 commercial, and 1.441 industrial sales and transportation customers in the System. The proposed change constitutes a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. The proposed changes will have differing impacts on individual customers, depending on consumption and current applicable rate schedules. The proposed changes in rates will not become effective for environs customers until similar changes have become effective within the nearest incorporated city or town. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$41.69, which would constitute an average increase of approximately \$3.59 per month or a 9.4% increase. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$173.04, which would constitute an average increase of approximately \$13.91 per month or a 8.7% increase. The effect of the proposed changes to rates and services for industrial sales and transportation customers, which may be significant for individual customers, will vary depending on type of service and consumption. The proposed change would constitute an increase of \$0.00 or a 0% increase in annual revenues to the Company for industrial sales and transportation customers. A complete copy of the Statement of Intent, filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas and all of the System cities and towns on May 23, 2003, is available for inspection in the Company business office located at 1601 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas 75201. Persons with specific area questions or who want information about this filing may contact TXU Gas Company at 1-800-460-3030. Any affected persons located inside of the city limits of a municipality served by the Company may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in rates with their respective municipality. Any affected persons located outside of the city limits of a municipality served by the Company may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in rates with Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, but have a limited time to do so. Pursuant to the Rules of the Railroad Commission of Texas, Title 16 of the Texas Administrative Code Section 7.230, any affected persons may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed change in the environs rates with the Docket Services Section of the Railroad Commission of Texas, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective. The Company is proposing to have these proposed rates become effective on June 27, 2003.

Este es un aviso para informar a los clientes de TXU Gas Company (la "Compañía") que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa de gas. Este aumento afectara a todos los consumidores de gas de la Compañía en el estado de Texas. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a TXU Gas Company al 1-800-460-3030.



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Community

Pastor's Points

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

Let's make a joyful noise!

by Terry Loehman, pastor New Beginnings Church

Psalm 150:6-"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."

How important is it to praise God? It is extremely important to praise Him! God inhabits the praises of His people! So where there is praise for God, God lives there!

If you are singing and praising God, so you think He's not going to show up to listen? I assure you He is, just like you would if one of your children were singing a song to you about how much they love you!

When I first started attending church I remember lots of times thinking that I wished we would hurry up and get the songs over with so we can get to the message. I really did not get into the praise and worship portion of the service. One day the Lord showed me just how important the praise to Him was.

You can usher in the presence of the Lord in a might way through your praise and worship to Him! You're not just singing a few songs because it's church and that's what we do. Instead, using our heart, our love, our spirit, our voice that God gave us to praise Him.

We need to put everything that we've got into our praise and worship to our God who is so worthy of all our praise and much, much more!! If you think you can't sing or something, that's OK too because you can praise God just by telling him how wonderful and how great you think He is! Besides, all He wants is a joyful noise!

The word praise means to glorify and the word glorify is a verb which means to worship, and the word worship means to have reverence for a sacred object. Is that how you feel about your God? God is so worthy of all the praise and worship that we can possibly produce in our humanness!

God's word and the messages that we as pastors bring from God to each service is extremely important. But equally important is our message back to God through praise and worship on how much we love Him, how much we need Him, and how much we revere Him!

So please, from now on, really focus on Jesus when you are singing those praise songs in your church or wherever and whenever you are singing to the Lord! "Oh God, I could sing of your love forever...and as long as there is breath in me I will praise the Lord."





WALKING WITH A CLEAR PURPOSE and joy in their hearts during last year's "March for Jesus" Celebration are (I-r) Terry Loehman, Tammy and Walter Masters, and Noelisa Loehman. The Masterses brought the March to Winters six years ago and the Loehmans are the local event coordinators. This year's celebration is Sat., June 7, beginning at 10 a.m. in the City Park. (courtesy photo)

Former sports writer Al Pickett to offer **Golf Guide at Industrial Tournament**

Pickett will be at the Winters Golf. Country Club on Saturday during the annual Winters Indus- for each book sold to the Win- fees at each of the courses. trial Golf Tournament to sell ters Country Club. copies of the second annual Al

done this without all of their help.

Picket said he will donate \$5

Abilene freelance writer Al Pickett's Guide to Big Country \$35 each, include a directory of 26 Big Country golf courses plus coupons for free green

> Golfers who purchase the The books, which sell for book will have coupons worth \$400 in free green fees available for their use.

Winters Country Club is featured in the book, which also includes Fairway Oaks Country Club and Diamondback Golf Course in Abilene, Quicksand Golf Course in San Angelo, Feather Bay Golf Resort at Lake Brownwood, Rolling Oaks Golf Club in Rising Star, San Saba Municipal Golf A lot of hard work went into this and we could not have Course and Shady Oaks Golf Course in Baird.

The annual Winters Industrial Golf Tournament is a fundraiser for the Winters Country Club.

Retired Teachers to install officers Monday, June 9

Boys and girls, ages 6 to 15, who have not been enrolled in Runnels County Retired-

Country Club News by Brenda Clough, Ladies Golf Association President

The Ladies met on Tuesday, May 27. Winning team was Brenda Clough, Beth Whitlow and Betty Watson. Closest to the pin winner was Betty Watson. Wednesday night scramble winners were Mel Kennedy, Sharon Kennedy, Dawson McGuffin, Greg Tamez and Maggie Patton.

Winning team in the Sunday scramble was Connie Gibbs, Louis DelaCruz, Martin Martinez and Sherry Gilmore. Second place finish was a threeway tie. A playoff was held on the score cards with the winning team of Bob Shields, Dickie Clough, Armando Tamez, Greg Tamez and Jan Sims. Closest to the pin winner was Ken Allen.

The annual Industrial Tournament will be this weekend with participants coming from statewide. A practice round will be Friday with an evening meal furnished by the Winters Industrial Board. Tee times for Sat. are 8:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu Proudly Presented By North Runnels Home Health Agency 106 N. Main, Winters, Texas 79567 (325) 754-4141 • (800) 687-3305 (Toll Free A Small Hospital With A Big • HWY. 153 EAST P.O. BOX 185 WINTERS, TEXAS 79567 (325) 754-4553 June 9 through June 13 Subject to change Monday, June 9: Tator tot

casserole, carrot salad, corn, bread, and Jello. Tuesday, June 10: Chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, and

- 10 a.m. Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, Tx Dept. of Health 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office 6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, Winters Pool 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tennis Camp, 8th-9th grades June 6- 8-10 a.m., Tennis Camp, 4th-7th grades
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tennis Camp, 8th-9th grades 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- 8:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., Industrial Golf Tournament, Country Club June 7-10 a.m., March for Jesus, Meet at Winters City Park Fellowship of Christian Athletes Football Game, Abilene
- 9 a.m., Fritz Bredemeyer Family Reunion, Winters Community Center June 8-Runnels County Farm Bureau Oueen & Talent Contests
- June 9-9 a.m.-Noon, VBS, First Baptist Church 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 1 p.m., Retired Teachers, First United Methodist Church, Ballinger 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary, Post Home 7:30 p.m., School Board, WISD Administration Office
- June 10- 8:30 a.m., Predator Workshop, Concho County Showbarn, Paint Rock 9 a.m.-Noon, VBS, First Baptist Church 10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Ballinger 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, Winters Pool
 - 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station 7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control District, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
 - Woman's Club Deadline for Purchasing BKB Pre-Packaged School Supplies
- June 11- 7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprise Office 9 a.m.-Noon, VBS, First Baptist Church 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 5:30 p.m., NRH Auxiliary, North Runnels Hospital June 12- 9 a.m.-Noon, VBS, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, Winters Pool

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scheduled from June 30-July3, 2003, in the WHS gym.

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

The Fort Chadbourne Foundation would like to thank all the

sponsors, junior chamber, area schools, volunteers, reenactors,

forts, entertainment, chuck wagons, horse wagons, and staff

Thanks!

Lana Richards

Win-Tex Basketball Camp

set for June 30-July 3

for helping make Ft. Chadbourne Days a successful event.

Cost of the camp is \$35 per camper and includes instruction, use of equipment and facilities, and camp t-shirt.

It's not too late to register for the "Win-Tex" Basketball Camp

The daily camp will be divided into three sessions with ages 6-8 performing from 1-2:30 p.m.; ages 9-11 from 2:30-4 p.m.; and ages 12-15 from 4-6 p.m.

Registration forms are available by contacting Coach Deb Whittenburg at 754-4470 or 754-5574, ext. 121 OR Coach Zach Boxell at 754-2157 or 754-5574, ext. 120.

The purpose of the camp is to help each child improve in the fundamentals of basketball with special emphasis on shooting and competition. Instructors will stress the development of selfconfidence, positive attitude, and a love for the game.

Teachers will meet Monday, June 9, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Ballinger.

New officers will be installed. A salad luncheon will be enjoyed by attendees. Members please bring a copy of your recipe for the dish you prepare.

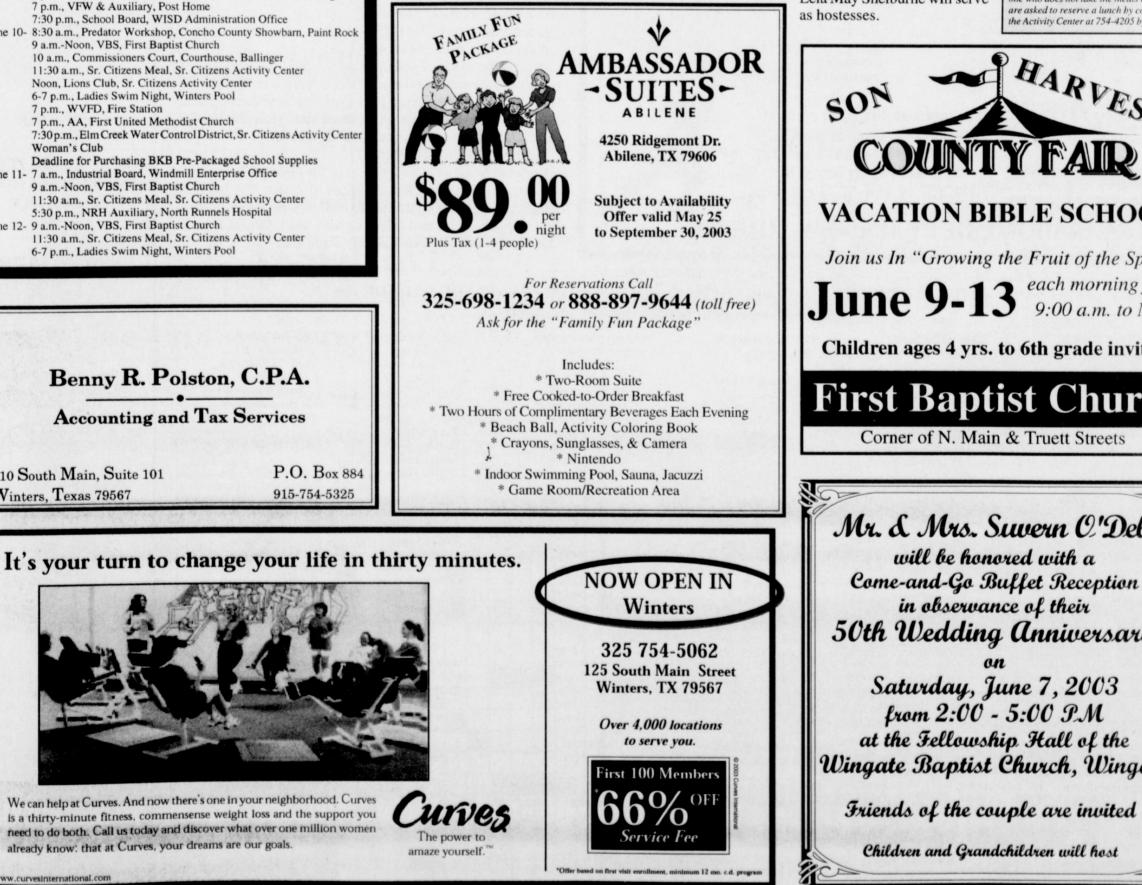
Linda Blackwell, Gayle Vancil, Mildred Bigby, and Lela May Shelburne will serve as hostesses.

cake. The second second se as a Wednesday, June 11: Swiss steak, cornbread salad, peas, bread, and apri-

cots. Thursday, June 12: Goulash, beets, fruit salad, cornbread, and cookies. Friday, June 13: Sausage, okra gumbo, hominy, cornbread, and dessert.

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

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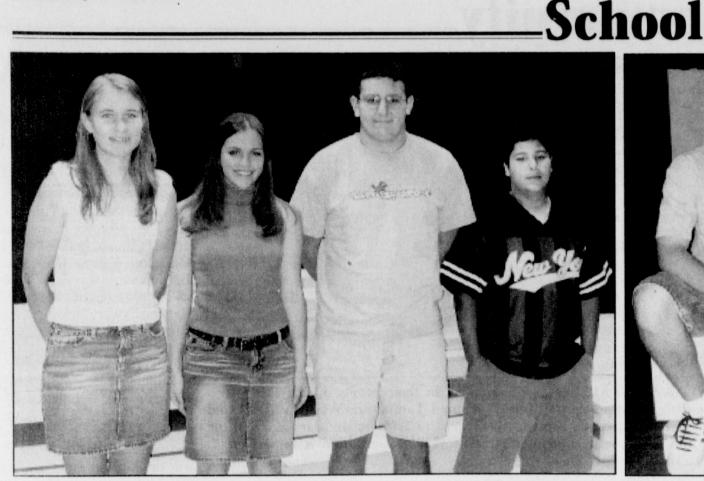


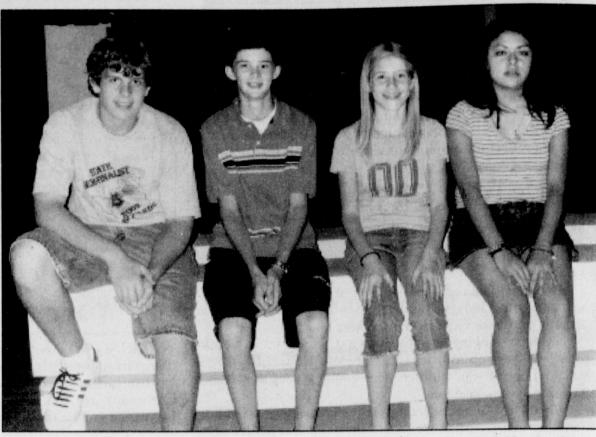




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year were these Winters High School students. They are: (I-r) Stacey Walden, senior class; were these seventh and eighth grade students. They are: (I-r) seventh grader Kevin Cook, Briana Parramore, junior class; Jacob Bridgeman, sophomore class; and Armando Nava, eighth grader Luke England, seventh grader Susan Sneed, and eighth grader Yesenia Flores. freshman class. (photo by Jean Boles)

EARNING HIGHEST RANKING HONORS in each of their classes for the 2002-03 school HIGHEST RANKING BOYS AND GIRLS in the junior high for the 2002-03 school year (photo by Jean Boles)



WISD facilities open to public

Evenings • Staff supervised

Winters ISD staff has scheduled supervised open hours in both the Blizzard Gym and Blizzard Fieldhouse. The public is invited to attend.

The gym will be open on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m.

The fieldhouse is scheduled to be open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 5 to 8 p.m.

Winters ISD is not responsible for any personal property or injuries resulting from facility use.

Jordan, Mostad on Dean's List

Two Winters students at Angelo State University were named to the Dean's List for the 2003 Spring semester.

Jeffrey Don Jordan, a business major, and Mandy Renee Mostad, an interdisciplinary studies major, were honorees.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

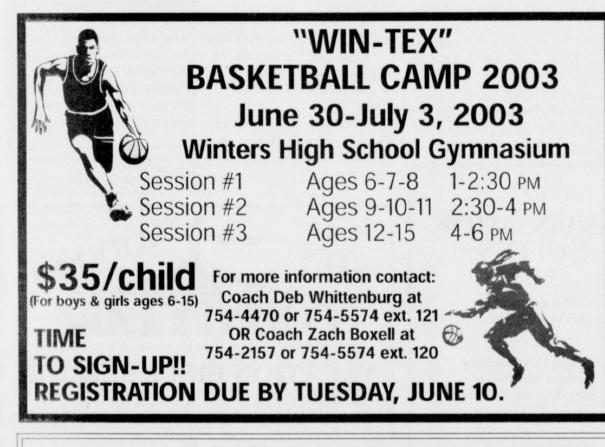
Bishop receives BBA from HSU

tion degree in Business from well.

Jamie Jett Bishop graduated Bishop, and friends Oscar Luz with a Bachelor of Administra- and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kid-

Hardin-Simmons University in Jamie is employed by Geof-Abilene on Saturday, May 10, frey, a division of Toys 'R Us.

THESE WINTERS ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WERE NAMED HIGHEST RANKING BOY AND GIRL in their respective classes, fourth through the sixth grade. Those earning top grade point average honors were: (I-r) fourth grade, Lisa Dees and Kelton Bredemever; sixth grade, Colby Pritchard and Julie England; and fifth grade, Paige Sanders and (photo by Deb Pritchard) **Coltyn Pritchard.**



The graduation was attended by her mother, Joy Awalt Bishop, her sister Staci, her dad Dane, grandmother Hattie Bell

BKB taking orders for prepackaged school supplies

Order deadline is Tuesday, June 10

The Blizzard Kid Backers are taking orders for prepackaged school supplies for the 2003-04 school year. Prices of packages vary per grade level. The BKB will earn only a minimal profit from the sale of each packet.

Each Wrap Pack of school supplies is custom packed according to the exact requirements of teachers in each grade. For your convenience, the Wrap Packs are delivered directly to the school for distribution to the students at "Meet the Teacher Night." Junior High packets are also available.

Avoid the back-to-school rush by ordering today. Order forms and payments may be dropped off at the Winters Elementary office or mailed to the BKB c/o Sherri Mikeska, P.O. Box 205, Wingate, Texas, 79566. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, and the student's grade level. Orders must be submitted by no later than Tuesday, June 10.

6TH SIX WEEKS ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL & PRIMARY GRADE PARADE Winters Independent School District 2002-2003

FIRST GRADE

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SECOND GRADE

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THIRD GRADE "A" Cannon Bryan Caitlyn Kurtz Camille Kurtz Archie Mills Tori Reyna **Riley Ripley** Crystal Sanchez Sterling Sanders Cristian Sandoval Allie Towe "A-B" Salena Aleman Basilia Aragon Paul Armendariz Cameron Bean Ashley Castillo Andrew Chavis Strait Daniel Jessica Escobar Kelsea Esquivel Joe Gallegos Andy Garcia Nikolas Kraatz Michelle Kruse Sarah Lara Tomas Lugo Samantha Mathes

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FIFTH GRADE

"A" Jacie Frierson Chelsy Lipsey Josh Lujano Coltyn Pritchard Devon Rodriguez Paige Sanders Ali Tounget

"A-B" Hayden Bergman Sybil Bridgeman Cindy Chavez Tana Gibbs Aaron Grenwelge Jacinto Hernandez Kevin Jackson Shelby Knight

Josh Mendoza Proudly brought to you by the Friendly Folks at Box 137 • Wingate 79566 Box 460 • Buffalo Gap 79508 FDIC 915/743-6550 915/572-3316

Braden Mikeska Ronak Patel Danielle Pinkerton Lacey Pope **Rosie Ramirez** Beatrice Ramirez

SIXTH GRADE

"A" Kevin Bredemeyer Julie England Sandy Esquivel Corey Fenwick Camille Kruse **Ryan Meyers** Colby Pritchard Vince Trevino

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CAFETERIA MENU

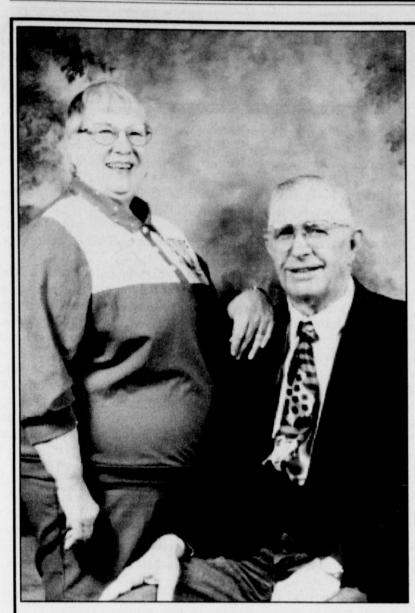
June 9 through June 13

Subject to change*

Breakfast (served 7:30-8 a.m.) Monday-June 9 Cereal Juice **Tuesday-June 10** Banana Nut Muffin Juice Wednesday-June 11 Cereal Juice **Thursday-June 12** Pop Tart Juice Friday-June 13 Cereal Juice Lunch (served Noon-1 p.m.) Monday-June 9 Goulash **Tossed Salad** Green Beans Grilled Cheese Sandwich Cobbler **Tuesday-June 10** Sloppy Joe Chips Pickles & Onions Fruit Salad Peanut Butter Cookie Wednesday-June 11 Chalupa Spanish Rice Corn Peaches Ice Cream Thursday-June 12 Chicken Spaghetti Peas/Carrots **Tossed Salad** Garlic Bread Pears Friday-June 13 Corndog **French Fries** Mixed Fruit **Banana** Pudding Milk Served With All Meals Summer Food Service Program sponsored by the Texas Department of Human Services.

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Now - 2003

Mr. and Mrs. Suvern O'Dell to celebrate 50 years of marriage

Life

Mr. and Mrs. Suvern O'Dell will be honored on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary with a buffet-reception Saturday, June 7, 2003, at the Wingate Baptist Church fellowship hall. The celebration will be come-and-go between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. Hosting the event will be the couple's children and grandchildren.

Suvern O'Dell was born August 4, 1929, to Bennie E. and Ella Traylor O'Dell in Winters, Texas. He attended school in the Dale community and Winters until being drafted. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951-1952, being stationed in Louisiana and Arkansas before serving a tour of duty in Korea. He worked in the oil field for several years while farming near Wingate. He is currently retired and lives on the farm near Wingate. He served on the Wingate ISD school board for 18 years and is a charter member of the Wingate Lions Club and a charter firefighter of the Wingate Volunteer Fire Department, serving many years.

Martha Ann Phillips was born February 26, 1935, to O.I. (Bub) and Mildred Smith Phillips. She attended school in Wingate and Winters, graduating from Winters High School in 1953. She has been a homemaker in her home in Wingate, operating the Wingate Cafe in the mid-1970s. She worked at Dry Manufacturing until 1980.

Suvern and Martha met in 1950 while attending high school in Winters. They married on June 6, 1953, in the home of her parents in Wingate. They have resided in Wingate since their marriage. They are members of the Wingate Baptist Church, where he serves as deacon and both are Sunday school teachers. Suvern also serves as song leader and Martha as church secretary.

Children of the couple are Vickie Carlton of Wingate, and Phyllis Rice and husband Charles of San Angelo. Grandchildren are Randy Cotter and Amanda Cotter, both of Ballinger. Trinity (Trint) Bearden and Kelly Bearden, both of Wingate, and Cristopher and Caylene Rice of Moro.

Friends of the couple are invited.



Then - 1953

Kathryn Kozelsky and Reed Johnson exchanged vows in May 26 ceremony

Kathryn Michelle Kozelsky May 26, 2003. The ceremony end Roland Johnson of Coland Reed Findley Johnson were was held at the 7F Chapel in lege Station officiating. The united in marriage on Monday, Wellborn, Texas with Rever- reception followed in the lodge



pavilion.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Carol Kozelsky of Winters. She is the granddaughter of Margie Jacob of Crews and the late Walter Jacob and Dorine Kozelsky of Winters and the late Joe Kozelsky.

The groom is the son of Bob and Sherry Johnson of Lawrence, Kansas and the late Frances Johnson. He is the grandson of Helen Johnson of Sun City, Arizona

Fallen Perrie and Justin Busenlehner to wed Saturday, August 2, in Winters



Allen and D'Ann Perrie of Winters are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Fallen to Justin Busenlehner. Justin is the son of Joseph Busenlehner of Miles and Sharon Engler of Brownwood.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Noreta Fenton of Winters, Bill Brookey of Cookson, Oklahoma, and the late Lewis and Barbara Perrie. She is a graduate of Winters High School and a beautician at Trendsetters Salon in Ballinger.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Margie Jacob of Crews and the late Walter Jacob and the late Joseph and Cecilia Busenlehner. He is a graduate of Ballinger High School and is a farmer and rancher. The couple plan a 5 p.m. wedding on Saturday, August 2, 2003, at First Baptist Church in Winters.

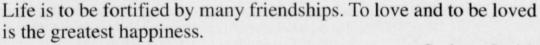
Mr. and Mrs. Reed Findley Johnson

Serving here sister as maid of honor was Jeanna Kozelsky of College Station. Best man was Robert Johnson, brother of the groom, of Olathe, Kansas.

The bride is a graduate of Winters High School and Angelo State University. She is a graphic designer for the Ocean Drilling Program at Texas A&M University.

The groom received his Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State University and a Phd. in Medical Science from Texas A&M University. He is employed by The University of Pennsylvania.

The couple will reside in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.



-Sydney Smith

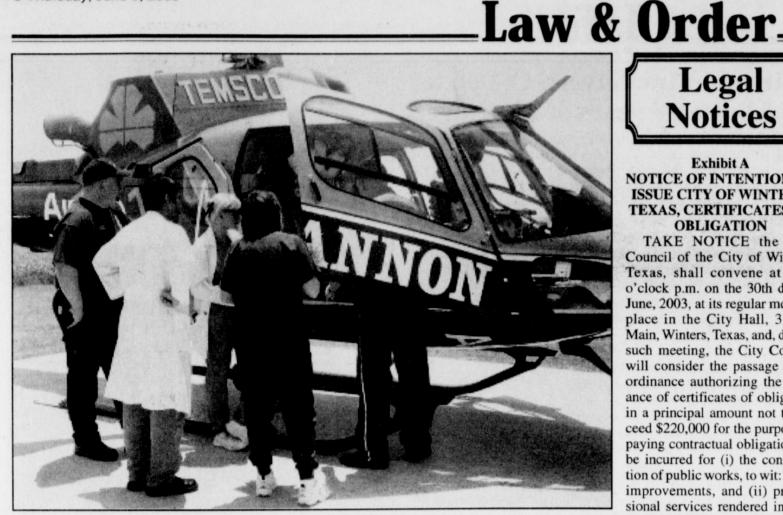
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Fallen Perrie & Justin Busenlehner

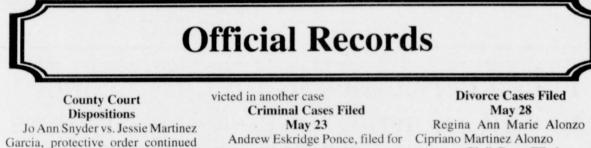




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LOCAL PHYSICIANS A.J. Chhabra, M.D. and Sarah Endicott, M.D. (in white coats) inspect the AirMed 1 helicopter from Shannon Health Services of San Angelo during a recent stop at North Runnels Hospital. Jeff Hameister, Flight Paramedic, (right) answers questions from Chuck Cravens (left) with North Runnels EMS and Becky Hoelscher with (photo by Jean Boles) North Runnels Clinic.



until May 27, 2005 Melissa Medina, assault, pleaded nolo contendre, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 50 hours community service

Melissa Isabell Ponce, theft, pleaded nolo contendre, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 24 hours community service

Linda Jeanette Fernandez, driving while license invalid, pleaded nolo contendre, fined \$199, plus \$226 court costs

William McArthur Westerman, interference with an emergency telephone call, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

driving while license invalid

Civil Cases Filed May 27 Wheeler, foreign judgment

Marriage Licenses Filed May 24

William Anson Pollan and Deborah Denise Faulkenberry

District Court Divorces Granted

May 23 Jack Burton Davis and Teresa Ann Davis

May 28

Travis Warren Bockover and Erika Kay Bockover Israel Pena Molina and Marilyn

Molina Bobby Jerrell Seals and Dixie Lynn

Regina Ann Marie Alonzo vs. **Civil Cases Filed** May 29 Gary Thoma vs. Wyeth, James

Leasecomm Corporation vs. Fay Michael Jones, Connor Thomas Wade and William A. Pollan, MD, damages

> Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed

May 13 Robert Laython Teschendorf, filed for hindering a secured creditor May 19 for burglary of a building Jerry James Carson, filed for burglary of a building May 20 John Joseph Garza, filed for felony

JUNE 9, 2003 7:00 PM NOTICE A public hearing is required to consider comments, suggestions, and complaints on the implemendriving while intoxicated tation and administration of Federal Title Programs, Title I Part A. Title II Part A, Title II Part D, Title III, and Title IV by the Winters Independent School District. A description of the Federal Title Programs is listed below.

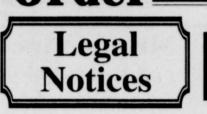
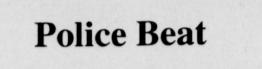


Exhibit A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO **ISSUE CITY OF WINTERS,** TEXAS, CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION

TAKE NOTICE the City Council of the City of Winters, Texas, shall convene at 6:00 o'clock p.m. on the 30th day of June, 2003, at its regular meeting place in the City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas, and, during such meeting, the City Council will consider the passage of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of certificates of obligation in a principal amount not to exceed \$220,000 for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for (i) the construction of public works, to wit: street improvements, and (ii) professional services rendered in connection with the acquisition, construction, and financing of such project, and such certificates are to be payable from ad valorem taxes and a pledge of the surplus net revenues of the City's combined Waterworks and Sewer System (the "System") remaining after payment of operating and maintenance expenses of the System and payments for "Prior Lien Obligations" (as defined in said ordinance). The certificates are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271. Aref Hassan **City Secretary**

City of Winters, Texas 14-23(2tc)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES WINTERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PUBLIC HEARING William Willie Mirl Wright, filed FEDERAL TITLE PROGRAMS



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 May 26 through June 1, 2003. These are just a few reports received each week by members of the Winters Police Department. Officers:

 were called to the 400 block of E. Parsonage for a theft report. The victim stated that a 4-week-old pit bull puppy had been taken from his yard and that the puppy is not old enough to walk or be away from its mother. The puppy is valued at \$350. The victim stated that a friend of his had a puppy stolen in the same manner just weeks ago and was able to locate the puppy at another male's house. The victim was going to speak with his friend and go to that residence to look for his puppy. Winters Police Department and Animal Control ask that anyone planning on breeding and selling animals to contact City Hall for city ordinances referring to kennels. Also breeders should take pictures of their animals as soon as possible to make locating a stolen animal quicker and easier.

• were called to the 600 block of N. Magnolia in reference to a family disturbance. Upon arrival, officers were told that Trina Rodriguez had been opening mail of another roommate in the residence. This matter was referred to the Postal Inspector and U.S. Attorney's Office. The victim stated that Mrs. Rodriguez had also assaulted him by knocking a plate of food out of his hands and then hitting him on top of the arm causing him pain and leaving a cut mark, possibly from a ring, on his arm. The victim is 68 years old. The incident happened the morning before. Charges for injury to the elderly have been filed with the District Attorney's Office.

• were told, during a call at the 600 block of N. Magnolia, that Trina Rodriguez had assaulted another female living in the residence. The victim stated that Rodriguez had thrown her against a doorway causing pain to her back. The officers could see that the victim was nearly immobile because of the injury. Officers looked at the victim's back for bruising. The officer observed fingernail scratch marks in the center of the victim's back. The victim also stated that Rodriguez had poured bleach on clothing belonging to the victim. Charges for Assault and Criminal Mischief were filed with the County Attorney. Trina Rodriguez told officers that Diane Ballard had also assaulted her. Rodriguez stated that Ballard had struck her across the face with the back of her hand during an argument. Charges were also filed on Rodrigeuz's behalf for Assault.

• were called to North Runnels Hospital for an Assault victim. The victim stated that her 16-year-old live-in boyfriend had thrown her against an entertainment center causing a large lump on her forehead. The victim stated the fight occurred after she had asked him to return home from his friend's house. The victim stated that when he did not return home she began tearing up items that belonged to him. She said that this made him angry and he threw her into the entertainment center. The two were separated for the night. The case was forwarded to the Juvenile Probation Officer.

• were called to the 500 block of West Dale for a theft report. Officers spoke with the victim who stated three bicycles were stolen from her front porch during graduation night. The victim stated that the bikes were there when she left for graduation and she noticed them missing at 7:30 the next morning. The bicycles were a male adult Viper Pacific and two boys' Next Pro Slammers. A citizen called on Monday morning stating that there was a bike in her alleyway that did not belong to any of the neighbor kids. Officers discovered the bike to be the Viper Pacific. The other two bikes were located later when two juvenile males were seen riding the bikes. Four suspects are being investigated at this time. · were contacted about a theft from a person while at the north Wes-T-Go. The victim stated that she had gone into the store and laid her keys and wallet down at a booth. She then went to the counter and picked up her food items. When she returned to the booth, she found that Jarrett Gerhart was holding her keys but her wallet was missing. Jarrett told her that Vaughn Gehrels had taken the wallet and placed it somewhere else to play a trick on her. The victim stated that she thought the two boys were just playing a joke on her and she went about her business. She stated that she left the store asking the boys to find her wallet before she returned. The victim returned later looking for the wallet and was unable to find it. Video surveillance that is in place at the store shows the wallet being tossed into a chip rack. At this time, the officers are reviewing the video. were called to a family disturbance in the 100 block of Roberts. The victim stated that her live-in boyfriend, Joe Luevano, Jr., had kicked her in the leg because she had not dried his clothes. The officers saw no marks on the victim. Luevano admitted to the officers that he had kicked his girlfriend. The two were separated for the evening. This case has been forwarded to the County Attorney. • were called to the 400 block of S. Church for a family disturbance. The victim stated that Steven Martinez had pushed her to the ground after a verbal argument and began twisting her hand and fingers. The victim stated that Martinez then began twisting her leg. The victim stated that she did not want to press charges at this time. The two were separated for the night. · were contacted by a concerned mother that her 16-year-old daughter had not returned home for a couple of days. The mother stated that the daughter Monica Martinez had left on the 30th on her way to the post office. Martinez had not returned by the same time the next day. The mother believes that Martinez might have gone to San Angelo with a friend in a white Ford Taurus with dark tinted windows and a skull or bull decal in the rear window. The mother said that Martinez has gone off before without telling anyone where she was going. Monica Martinez has been entered as a missing person into the State of Texas Missing Persons Information Bank. Contact the Winters Police Department if you have seen her or know her whereabouts.



Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

Title I Part A: Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged

Title II Part A: Teacher and Principal Training and Recruitment Fund

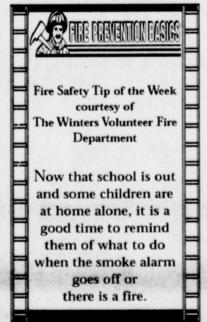
Title II Part D: Technology **Entitlement Fund**

Title III: Ensuring High Academic Standards for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Studies Title IV 21st Century Schools

Part A: Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities. For more information related

to these programs, call Danny Clack, Superintendent, Winters I.S.D. at 325-754-5574, or stop by the Winters I.S.D. Administration Building at 603 North Heights Street, Winters, Texas 79567.

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• served warrants: Wright, William Merrill, W/M, 30 YOA, State of Texas Parole Revocation Warrant - San Angelo Parole Division.



Jackie Lynn Baker, filed for possession of drug paraphernalia May 25 William G. Fuller III, filed for Class C trespass, agriculture Tony Fraley, filed for Class C tres-



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Outdoors

Winters Enterprise

Ag scholarships available

The West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute is now accepting applications for academic scholarships.

Students attending one of the following universities may be eligible: Abilene Christian, Angelo State, Lubbock Christian, Sul Ross State, Texas Tech, or West Texas A&M. Students from the West Texas area attending college are also welcome to apply.

Those eligible include sophomore, junior, or senior undergraduates majoring in an agricultural field, and graduate students working on a master's or doctorate in an agricultural field.

The deadline for the application is June 15.

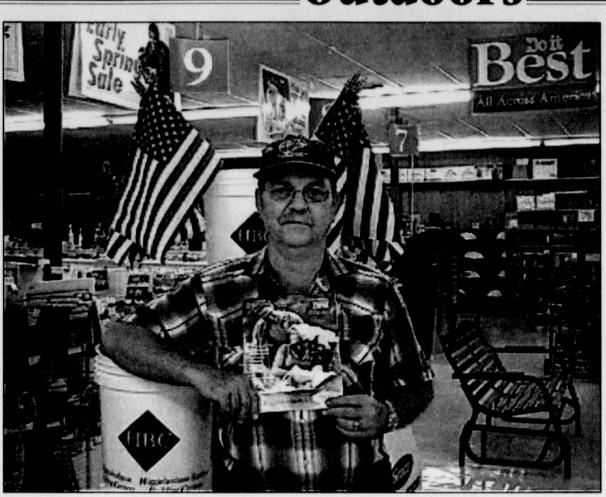
For more information, students can contact Scott Armstrong at (806) 742-9786. The awards will be presented on September 16 at the Lubbock Civic Center.

Farm Bureau contests in **Ballinger** on Sunday

The annual Runnels County Farm Bureau Queen, Junior Queen, and Talent Find contests will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 8, 2003, in the meeting room of the Farm Bureau office at 809 Hutchings Avenue in Ballinger.

The winners of the local contests will be eligible to participate at District and State levels to compete for scholarships and prizes.

Winners will be announced in a later edition of The Winters Enterprise.



JOE MEYERS was the lucky \$500 winner of Higginbotham's Spring catalog shopping spree. To enter the contest, customers were encouraged to complete registration forms at the Winters store from approximately the first week of March through the end of May 2003. Mr. Meyers is the third winner of the contest. According to local manager Dawn Green, the contest is seasonal, being held in the Spring and Fall of each year.

Registration and payment deadline, July 1 Gathering of Goat Producers scheduled July 21-23

A Gathering of Goat Pro- iting can reserve several kinds meat goat industry, this event ducers is scheduled July 21-23 of spaces, including an outside at the Guadalupe County Fair- vendor space for large-size disgrounds & Coliseum in plays such as trucks, trailers, Seguin, and industry vendors and large equipment. For more are invited to participate in a information, or to obtain the trade show portion of the required exhibit space form, event. According to Dr. Rick call Laurinda Boyd at (830) Machen, conference coordina- 278-6568. The form and paytor, trade show participants promote goods and services related to goat production and include feed companies, producer associations, and animal health companies. He called the conference "a unique opportunity to interact with more than 400 meat goat producers from Texas and other states." Vendors interested in exhib-

ment are due by July 1.

Producers, exhibitors, and extension agents from a number of states are expected to attend the event organized by Texas Cooperative Extension. Industry leaders will serve as speakers and conduct demonstrations.

One of the most comprehensive programs offered to the

animal health and care, a review of the current state of the industry, and a close look at marketing issues. "The meat goat industry has experienced unparalleled growth over the past decade," said Machen, an Extension livestock specialist. "Our two previous gatherings have been called the best educational opportunities ever offered for those interested in meat goat production. This

year's program is just as strong, with a special full morning dedicated to meat goat marketing information. Five topics will be addressed, including selling live goats and a retailer's perspective."

Conservation News by H. Harold Bryant, State Public Affairs Specialist

Environmental Quality Incentives Program available

Farmers and ranchers in Runnels County have until June 13, 2003, to make application for participation in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funded through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). These funds are part of the conservation provisions contained in the 2002 Farm Bill.

Eligible program participants may apply for cost-share assistance for eligible conservation practices that address the natural resource concerns identified by the Local Work Group. In Runnels County, the resource concern in water quantity.

Conservation practices applicable for cost share to address this resource concern include terraces as the high priority practice in Runnels County and brush management as the medium priority practice provides a practical forum for in the county. Producers will go through a screening and ranking process to determine which applications will be funded, based on the selection criteria

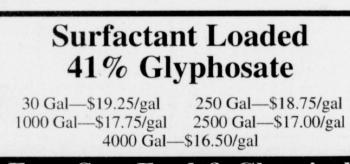
> set up by the local work group. Cost-share rates for financial assistance have been set at 40% for general signup participants and first time farmers and ranchers and 45% cost shares 3415, ext. 3.

are available to limited resource producers.

Additionally, funding is available to address statewide natural resource concerns including animal feeding operations, wildlife habitat, water quality, and invasive species. Runnels County producers in the eastern two-thirds of the county are available to apply for statewide money addressing bobwhite quail habitat improvement through a prescribed grazing management incentive contract. Producers could be eligible for a 6-year contract that will pay \$3.00 for two years and \$4.00 for one year that includes two full years deferment from grazing.

Valley Creek producers above Lake Ballinger are also eligible for additional cost share monies to do brush control on rangeland. Depending on the number of requests for brush control, there also could be money available for facilitating practices such as range seeding, fencing, and water development.

For additional information or to make an application, contact NRCS at the local USDA Service Center in Ballinger. Texas, located at 2000 Hutchins Avenue, or call 325-365-



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