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Pearls of Wisdom

When you give a lesson in meanness to a critter or a person, don't be surprised if they learned their lesson.

—Texas Bix Binder

Letters to the Editor

Residents thank Grohman for special July 4; soldier asks citizens for continued support.

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Never too old . . .

Pastor Georgia Orr reminds readers that everyone has a purpose to serve, regardless of age.

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Undefeated champions

The Lizzards softball team of girls 10 & under are winners of the National Division Central Texas Fast Pitch Association.

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Christian gospel band competes in Dallas

Heart's Cry, a local contemporary Christian rock band, spreads the gospel while competing in the National Christian Artist Talent Search on July 12.

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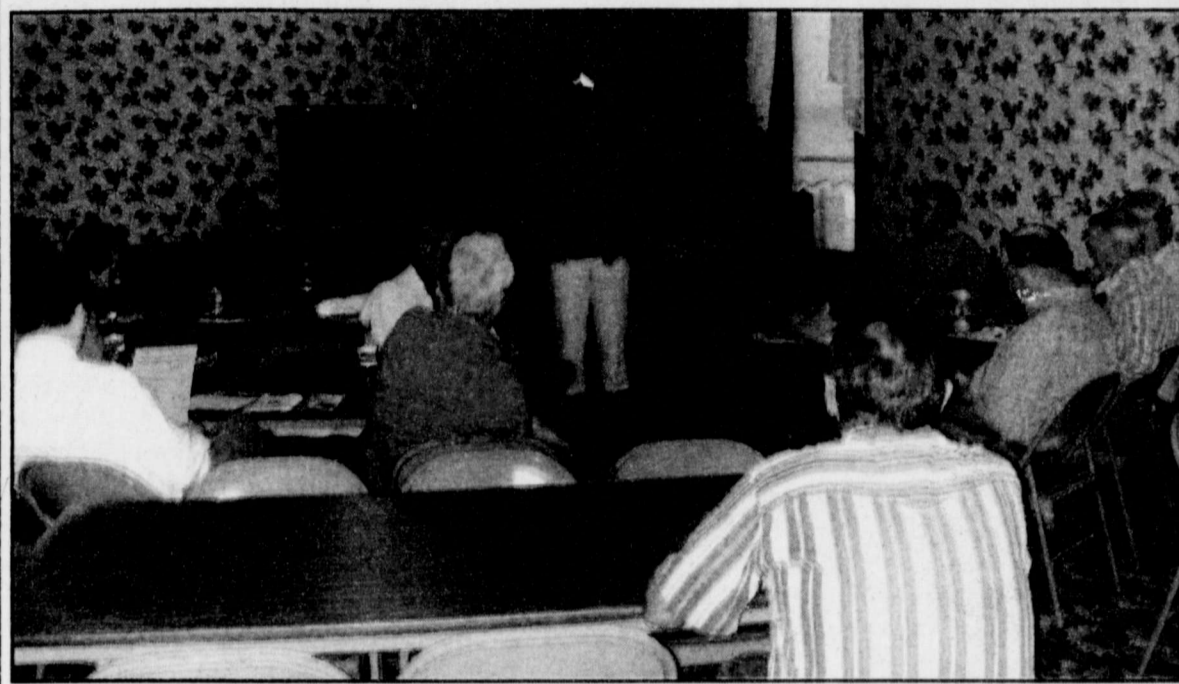
Business of the Quarter

Winters Auto Tech and owner Rudy Lara are honored by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce.

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NICKI HARLE, Executive Director of the Texas Midwest Community Network, speaks before an audience of local townspeople at a Winters Area Tourism/Recreational Meeting on Tuesday, July 1, at the Rock Hotel. Harle, Stan Bickel of First National Bank Ballinger, and Marty Gibbs, Runnels County Extension Agent, addressed various concerns and opportunities to bring tourism and industry to this area. The meeting was hosted by the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation. (photo by Jean Boles)

Council tries to balance budget, provide street paving, downsize departments

by Jean Boles, editor

Some might consider the City Council's actions at the June 30 meeting as using the "rob Peter to pay Paul" plan.

By denying requests for replacing staff in the police department and street maintenance department, the Council hopes to save enough money to pay back the \$220,000 certificate of obligation from First Southwest Company.

According to Winters City Manager Aref Hassan, \$20,000 of the amount is paid for a processing fee and the remaining \$200,000 will be used to pave all the unpaved streets in town.

City Street Superintendent Charles Grenwelge has expressed concern about how his three-man crew will be able to tackle the job of paving the unpaved streets without help, from either additional employees or from Runnels County employees.

Addressing the Council during the regular meeting of June 30, Winters Police Chief Brian McGonagill asked again about hiring an officer for back up. At the present time, the Winters police department has four full-time officers.

Hassan said he is working with Shelia Paschal, City Tax Assessor/Collector, in an effort to balance the budget and possibly lower the tax rate and water rate by 2¢ (which equals approximately \$10,000), or 3¢ (which equals approximately \$15,000).

The final budget draft will be presented at the next regular meeting on July 28 at 6 p.m.

In other action, the Council approved terminating the contract with Cintas Corporation, and approved soliciting bids for uniform and cleaning supplies contracts.

Mr. Dwayne Petty, who had his property at 1208 West Dale

annexed, asked the Council for sewer connection. Water Superintendent Jack Davis, Jr. gave the Council an estimated cost of \$83,300 for his project and this is not including labor.

Dr. Hassan and the Council determined the City does not have the money for this, so Mr. Petty will be sent a letter explaining this situation.

The Joint Emergency Management Ordinance was also approved in the June 30 meeting, along with a Facilities Use Agreement Form and a memorandum of Understanding for Shelter and Mass Care Activities.

Present for the meeting were Councilmen Steve Esquivel, Hank Bourdo and Tommy Russell; City Manager Hassan; Mayor Dawson McGuffin; and City Attorney Ken Slimp. Alderman Mike Meyer was present for an early portion of the meeting but left before any votes were taken.

Commissioners discuss crisis for sheep and goat raisers

contributed by Roeneal Boles, editor of The Ballinger Ledger

Governor Rick Perry vetoed a bill funding the Texas Management Wildlife Damage Management Service for the coming fiscal year, setting up a possible crisis for sheep and goat raisers in Runnels County.

Gordon Hays, representing Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and the Runnels County Predator Management Board, told the Commissioners Court on Thursday, "We think we've got the problem worked out, but won't be sure for a little while."

Hays introduced Glenn Riley, District Manager of the Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service who told the group, "We hope we can move under the umbrella of the Texas Extension Service and be funded through them. We appreciate the support Runnels County has shown for our service and are pretty sure we will be able to continue the predator control service."

Hays said Runnels County would lose income up to \$16 million a year if the sheep and goat industry is put out of business by predators. "This group has done a good job with trapping and using helicopters to kill problem coyotes in the county. Since March, they have eliminated 109 coyotes in Runnels County," Hays said.

County Judge Marilyn Egan said Runnels County funds \$1,000 per month for a county trapper with \$800 per month being provided by producers in the county. New trapper Tim O'Donnell was introduced to the group.

Judge Egan told the group the Commissioners Court would do whatever necessary to help keep funding available for the predator management in the county.

Commissioner Ricky Strube was not present at the meeting due to a death in the family.

What does Winters offer?

Hunting and tourism hot topics at local meeting

by Jean Boles, editor

"Travelers — tourists — spend \$100 million a day in Texas," said Nicki Harle, Executive Director of the Texas Midwest Community Network. "So how much effort are you willing to give to get part of that money?," she asked as she addressed about twenty concerned citizens last week at the Rock Hotel.

Harle was one of three speakers featured at the informal gathering on Tuesday, July 1, for a Winters Area Tourism/Recreational Meeting hosted by the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corp. (WABIC).

Harle was introduced by Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development for WABIC, who is spearheading an effort to bring business, industry and tourism into Winters.

Harle listed six factors necessary to bring tourism and business to a community:

- Theme - identify what you want to promote
 - Pride - ongoing beautification
 - Youth - get young people involved in the care and concerns of the community
 - Connectivity - develop and update a website to promote the community
 - Assessment - this is done from asking a team of visitors if they noticed any welcome signs, what caught their eye coming into our town (good or bad); do we have directional signs for city hall, chamber of commerce, school, etc.; and, can local business people give directions.
 - Community appearance - does Winters have any unsightly homes, buildings or properties that are detrimental to tourism or visitors.
- She went on to say that "every penny spent from the outside" (any visitor) is income from tourism. And according

to Conner, 97% of tourism businesses are small businesses.

Members of the audience were invited to ask questions and voice concerns. WISD Superintendent Danny Clack said, "We have to clean up the town and make it more attractive."

Ed Drake, whose wife Doddie owns and operates Flutter Farm Butterflies, asked "What is the City of Winters doing to help us stay in business?" Drake works at a mesquite wood business in San Angelo but said he'd be very interested in locating his business in Winters if the opportunity is available.

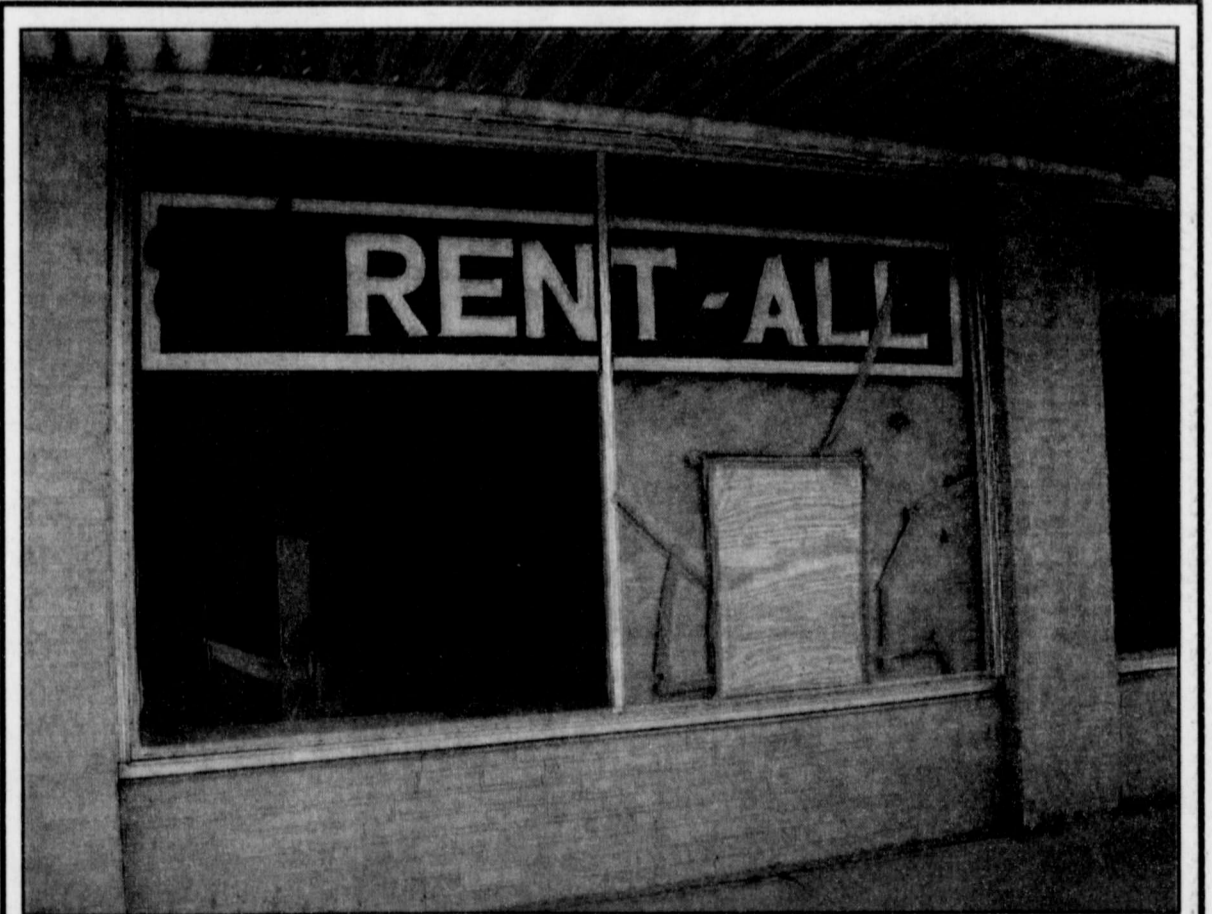
Stan Bickel of the First National Bank of Ballinger told how he and his wife started Vintage Country House, a bed and breakfast facility in Ballinger. He also talked about he and two friends started the Big Buck Contest in conjunction with deer hunting season, and invited anyone in Winters to work in conjunction with the Ballinger promotion.

"We need to develop our entire county," said Bickel, who plans to expand his business to include a 'ranch experience' for tourists.

Marty Gibbs, Runnels County Extension Agent talked about resources for information available through the Texas Cooperative Extension on how to promote hunting leases, retreats, and events.

"With about 670,000 acres in Runnels County, we have great potential for a lot of hunting, both deer and birds, Conner said. "Some folks might not think about hunting as a tourist industry but it has proven to be very lucrative in other areas of Texas."

Conner said anyone interested in hunting should see **TOURISM, page 3**



JOE'S RENT-ALL, located at 144 S. Main, was one of several businesses damaged by vandals during the early morning hours of July 4. According to Winters police reports, rocks had also been thrown through windows of Dairy Queen, Dollar General, Winters Laundry, Potbellies Restaurant, Pizza Hut, Howard Reid's storage, and Winters Junior High School. Officers have obtained videotapes of possible suspects. (photo by Jean Boles)

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Editorial

Letters to the Editor

Family thanks Grohmans for sharing July 4 holiday

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank David and Brenda Grohman for taking time out of their 4th of July holiday to share it with others. If there were more people like you two, Winters would be a great place to live.

My grandkids and older kids were out there and had fun. We love you two and thanks a lot. God bless everyone.

The John Wright family

From the Editor

We just can't get there from here

by Jean Boles

Ah, technology! Computers can be great and I'm so grateful we have access to them. However, a while back we had a mutiny when one of our computers — the 'biggie', as we call it — refused to wake up one Monday morning. It wasn't slow or blinking. It didn't do anything; nary a flicker of life.

Now we've got other computers, but as I said, that particular machine just so happened to house a bunch of pictures we had downloaded and cleared from the digital camera. In other words, we had no way to retrieve them. We considered hitting it with a baseball bat and just sketching a few photos for the newspaper, but realized those were probably bad ideas.

So for you folks who wonder what happened to the Vacation Bible School photos, Story Time at the public library, the lavender farm and a few others, we have them — somewhere. We just can't get to them right now.

But we've been told by the computer repair guru that we'll get our machine back soon and hopefully, also your pictures. Thanks for your patience.

Local USMC 1st Lt. Brown thanks Winters community for support

Monday, May 5, 2003

I would like to thank all of the citizens of Winters and the surrounding area for all of your support throughout our deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. It is very discouraging to us when we hear about protests against the war or to hear about derogatory comments about our President, such as those made by the Dixie Chicks.

I have been fortunate that I have such great friends and family from Winters that support our efforts in Iraq. News doesn't travel to us in a timely manner out here, therefore I can only assume that all of those who originally protested this war have seen the thousands of Iraqi people that lined the streets of Baghdad as we drove through. All of these people were cheering, waving, and repeatedly thanking us for saving them from Saddam.

By coming to Iraq we have not only liberated a country of oppressed people, we have sent a message to all of the "would be" Saddams, Hitlers, and Hirihtos around the world. Those who think our nation is weak are wrong. We will not cower to terroristic acts. Anyone who was considering terroristic acts such as 9/11 is probably having second thoughts.

Although I might not always be in the Marine Corps, I will always be able to say that anyone who thinks they can threaten my family, my freedom, or my country, better be willing to die for any thoughts they might act upon.

There are many good things happening here. Since most of the fighting has stopped, we have been sending teams out to repair and rebuild schools. It is going to take a long time to restore this country with an established democratic government.

I encourage the people of Winters to continue to support efforts in this area. This can be done in many ways, from supporting missionaries being sent to this area, to simply trusting that our political leadership will make the correct decisions that directly influence this country.

Once again, thank you all for your support. I look forward to the day when I might be able to return home. Until then, we will continue to provide the blanket of security for all American people against all enemies.

Sincerely,

1st Lt. Lance Brown, USMC

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Obituaries

Cyneka Lee Ramirez

WINTERS—Cyneka Lee Ramirez, 26, died Monday, June 30, 2003 in Winters.

He was born April 22, 1977 in Ballinger and grew up in Winters. He married Stephanie Hamrick in August 2000. He was a mechanic at Charles Bahlman Chevrolet.

He is survived by his wife Stephanie Ramirez of San Angelo; a son Marlyn Kynkade Ramirez of San Angelo; his mother and stepfather, Rosalinda and Juan Agüero of Ballinger; his father, Pat Warren of Big Spring; grandparents Jacinta and Santiago Ovalles of Winters; and a sister Cynthia Ramirez of San Angelo.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2, 2003 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 3, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Deacon Enrique Martinez officiating. Burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Sam Fisher

ROWENA—Sam Fisher, 46, died in San Angelo on Friday evening, July 4, 2003, after a brief illness.

He was born on February 26, 1957 in Ballinger to Alton W. and Mary M. Bubenik Fisher. He was raised in Rowena and graduated from St. Joseph High School. He was involved in cotton ginning, and also farming and bulldozer operation.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena and was a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Rowena Council, and was also a member of the Sons of Hermann. He enjoyed story telling and predicting the weather according to the "signs."

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Fisher, on May 5, 1993.

He is survived by his father, Alton Fisher of Rowena; his friend, Mary Lou Sublett of Bronte; a sister Marla Sklenarik and husband Paul of Miles; three brothers, Alan Fisher, Glen Fisher, and Frank Fisher and wife Donna, all of Rowena; a niece, Danielle; a nephew, Regan; his aunt, Dorothy Talamantes and husband Ruben of San Angelo; and numerous cousins and other family and friends. He is also survived by his special friends Robert and Jeanne Sklenarik and special feline friend, Fritz II.

A rosary was held on Sunday, July 6 at 7 p.m. at Rains-Seale Chapel in Ballinger. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 7 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena with Father Prasad Gallela celebrating. Burial followed in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

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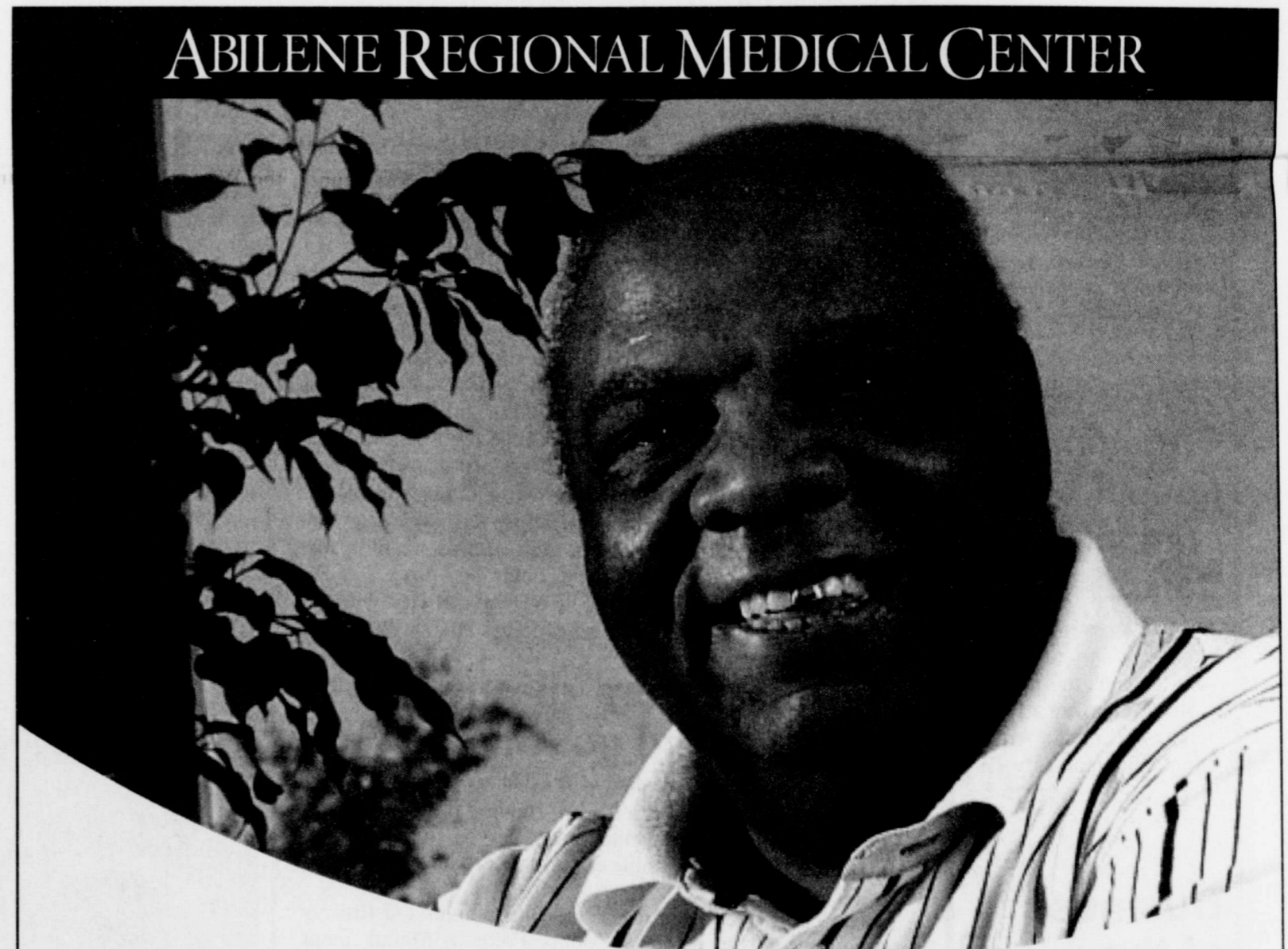
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Community

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*.

Never too old...

by Reverend Georgia Orr, pastor First United Methodist Church

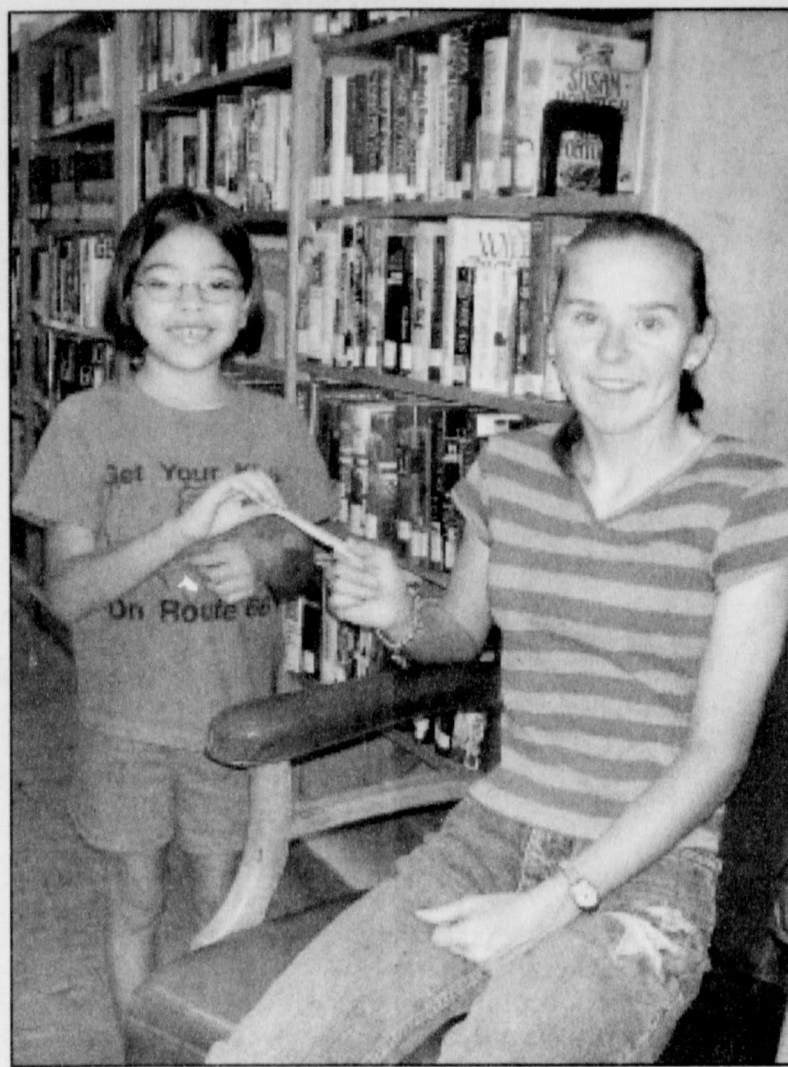
I have reached the point that I dread for July to come. It means that I have to leave home and go away to school for a month. I have said several times that I am too old for this. I read that General MacArthur once said, "You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair."

We must have faith, hope, and self-confidence instead of doubt, fear, and despair. These are the things that are important and keep us young at heart. As I looked at this, I was reminded that we are never too old to learn or to be used for good.

I retired from nursing in 2000, thinking that I could take it easy and travel. Instead, God said, "I can use you," and sent me back to school and into full-time ministry at Winters. I dread going, but when I get on the university campus with the other students, my dread leaves me and I become eager to learn.

Joyful living has no age limit, and filling our mind with the joy of things around us tends to keep us young forever. Our age is not determined by our physical characteristics, but by our spirit. If we are willing to step out in faith, learn new things, develop new skills, and trust in the Lord to guide us, we can be young at any age.

The ability to grow never stops, even when we say we do not want to learn any more. So when you want to say I am too old to do something, remember, God can equip you to do what ever He asks. You are never too old.



SECOND GRADER SIERRA WOFFENDEN, age 6, was the grand prize winner of two tickets to Schlitterbahn presented by Tamra Grohman, library aid. Woffenden was the top reader of the summer reading program at the Winters Public Library which ended July 1. Prizes and treats were given to the children for their efforts. Other top readers included Melissa Doty, Shelly Soto, and Tia Davis. The library would like to thank the prize contributors, as well as Dub Davis, Elaine Coleman, and Sue Conner for their time in preparing and making presentations.

Norton Church of Christ to host Summer Gospel Meeting July 16-20

The Norton Church of Christ will host a Summer Gospel Meeting from July 16 through July 20 at the Old Norton Church of Christ.

The meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday and begin at 8 p.m. on weekdays. An ice cream supper will be served on Friday evening.

Speaker for the meeting will be J.F. Lilly, and Richard Bryan will serve as song leader. Everyone is invited to attend.

Country Club News

by Brenda Clough, Ladies Golf Association President

Ladies met on Tuesday for regular play followed by a sandwich supper, compliments of Janice Merrill.

Winning team was Jan Sims, Brenda Clough and Janice Merrill. Mary Ellen Moore won Closest to the Pin.

Wednesday night winning team was Gil Gilmore, Jerry Sims, Louis Delacruz and Greg Tamez. Louis won Closest to the Pin.

July 4th tournament was played, followed by a covered dish luncheon. Winning teams were: 1st place — Gil Gilmore, Sherry Gilmore, Herman Baker, PeeWee Gehrels and Ray Martinez; 2nd place — Connie Mac Gibbs, Aref Hassan, Craig Gehrels and Hank Bourdo. Aref won Closest to the Pin.

Rev. Butler to speak at FUMC

The Winters First United Methodist Church is pleased to welcome Reverend George Butler as guest speaker July 13, 20, and 27.

Reverend Butler will speak during the absence of the pastor, Reverend Georgia Orr, who is attending Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas during the month of July.

Reverend Butler is a Methodist minister with the Abilene district. He is a member of the Northwest Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. His area of ministry is pastoral counseling. He is associated with Life Spring Counseling of Abilene. He and his wife reside in Abilene.

Morning worship services begin at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday. The church is located at 141 North Church Street at the corner of Church and Parsonage streets. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

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TOURISM, continued

ested in developing a "hunters' event" is asked to meet Monday, July 14 at 5 p.m. at

the Winters ISD Administration Office.

He also said plans are underway for a Hunters' Dinner to be held September 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Winters Community Center.

In addition to the hunting aspect, Conner said he hopes to develop a "tourism council" comprised of local people interested in various areas of potential tourism.

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

A special thank you to everyone for your thoughts and prayers—for all the things you did, the cards, the food, the phone calls, or just being there. It was greatly appreciated by all of us.

The family of Eugene Prewitt

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- July 10- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, City Pool
- Winters Country Club Directors, Winters Country Club
- July 11- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- July 12- Go have fun at Elm Creek Reservoir here in Winters!
- July 13- Attend the church of your choice!
- July 14- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6-9 p.m., GED Class, WISD Distance Learning Lab
- 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary, Post Home
- 7:30 p.m., School Board, WISD Administration Bldg.
- First Baptist Church Youth Mission Trip to Mexico begins
- July 15- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 4:30 p.m., Library Board, Winters Public Library
- 6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, City Pool
- 7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star
- July 16- 7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office
- 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6-9 p.m., GED Class, WISD Distance Learning Lab
- 8 p.m., Norton Church of Christ Gospel Meeting
- July 17- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, City Pool
- 8 p.m., Norton Church of Christ Gospel Meeting

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THE LIZZARDS ARE THE UNDEFEATED CHAMPIONS of the National Division Central Texas Fast Pitch Association for girls ages 10 and under. The team compiled an impressive 11-0 record in their area, shutting out two teams from Ballinger (twice), Bronte, Bangs (two teams), and Coleman (two teams.) The first place finish qualifies the team to advance to the District Tournament. Team members are (front, l-r) Kelsea Garcia, Kelsea Esquivel, Tori Reyna, Sarah Lara, and Crystal Sanches; (back) Shelby Gehrels, Haley Kaczyk, Haleigh Edge, Zannie Slimp, Allie Ruiz, Miranda Torres, and Coach Charles Burton. Not pictured is Coach Ken Slimp.

Blizzard Athletic Booster Club elects officers, makes plans for 2003-04

The Winters Athletic Booster Club met on Monday evening, July 7, to organize for the 2003-04 school year. Officers were elected and a date set for "Meet the Blizzards."

Those elected to office include: Phil Colburn, president; Nathan Tekell, vice-president; Belinda Schwartz, secretary; Rhonda Neal, treasurer; and Deb Pritchard, reporter.

Janet Cason, Rhonda Cook, Theresa Gerhart, and Belinda Schwartz will head up the concession stand committee, while

Monnie Davis and a committee will order caps, T-shirts, and other Blizzard spirit items for the school year.

"Meet the Blizzards Night" has been scheduled for Friday, August 15, at 8 p.m. in Blizzard Stadium. Coach Bret Barrick will introduce the 2003 football teams as well as the new coaching staff. An ice cream supper will follow the event.

The club will meet again on Monday, August 4, at 6 p.m. at Blizzard Stadium. Time will be devoted at the beginning of the

meeting to clean the football concession stand followed by a business session.

The Blizzard boosters spent nearly \$8,000 last year on projects and equipment for all sports at Winters ISD. The organization, which emphasizes the support of all athletic programs in the WISD, invites all families of athletes in grades 7-12, businesses, and fans to become members for the 2003-04 year. Membership is \$10 per family/individual and \$25 for businesses.

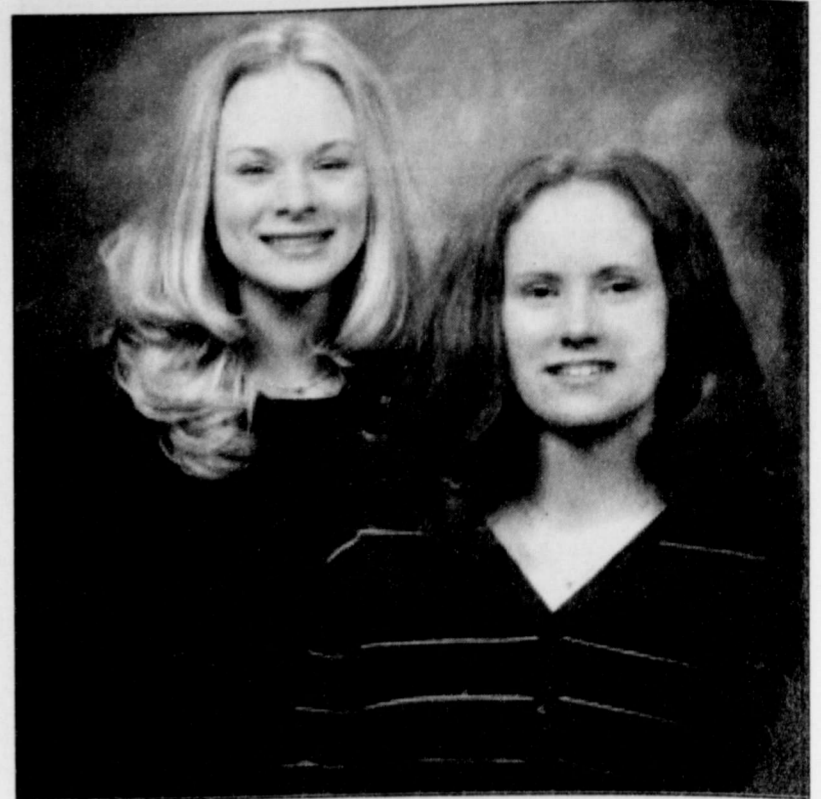
Goff sisters recognized for academic efforts

Kristin and De Anna Goff, former residents and granddaughters of Robert and Virginia Carey of Winters, have been recognized for their academic efforts.

Kristin earned a 4.0 grade point average in R.T.V. communication and was awarded a scholarship at the Sam Houston State Annual Euby Awards ceremony.

De Anna earned a 99% GPA and was salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class at Roscoe High School.

They are the daughters of Gary and Debbie Goff of Roscoe.



De Anna & Kristin Goff

Physical exams scheduled for Tuesday, July 22

Seventh, Freshmen & Junior athletes

A one-time-only date will be available for Winters athletes to get physical examinations for the upcoming school year.

Examinations will be given Tuesday, July 22, from 5-8 p.m. at the North Rannels Clinic. Cost is \$10.

Boys and girls entering 7th, 9th or 11th grades must have a physical exam for athletics, or if a student is new to the district or sustained an injury last year.

Coach Bret Barrick says if an athlete misses the July 22 date, the athlete must pay regular price at his or her own convenience.

Necessary physical exam forms may be obtained at the high school office, administration office or the fieldhouse. Included with these papers is a medical history form and an acknowledgment of rules which all athletes must complete and return before participating in practice.

For more information, please call Coach Barrick at the fieldhouse at 754-4653.

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The two-day sessions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, July 21-22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the First Christian Church in San Angelo.

The class is designed for youth ages 11 to 13 years. An enrollment fee of \$40 includes class materials, a Safe Sitter backpack, and snacks. Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch each day.

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25. Body parts
26. City in California
29. Clean the tub
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37. Harps
39. Sorbonne student
41. Stage direction
42. Catch some Z's
44. Like covered brick walls
46. Grassy area
47. Want desperately
49. University officer
51. Milk ingredient
54. Hollow tube
55. Orchestra member
56. Most inexperienced
60. Clown
61. Respiratory sound
63. Gunpowder ingredient
64. Barbara or Anthony
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66. High school activity
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68. Claim against property
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4. Drives
5. Bowling variety
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7. Partner for 3 Down
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10. Doodle
11. Feudal lord
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13. House of Lords members
21. Ham it up
23. Australian birds

25. 67 x 18, in old Rome
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27. 100 dinars
28. Do a lawn chore
29. Holy item
32. Popeye's love
34. Part of a wheel base
35. Appearance
36. Item on the back of a baseball card
38. Parts
40. Like a haunted house
43. People on the front of baseball cards

45. Relies
48. Of the stars
50. Friendly
51. Places for earrings
52. Dwelling
53. Defraud
54. Primp
56. Delight
57. Explosive site
58. Religious group
59. Genealogist's subject
62. Clay, today

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HEART'S CRY, a local contemporary rock gospel band with Somebody Cares Ministries of Winters, will be competing July 12 in Dallas as part of the 2003 National Christian Artist Talent Search. Band members include (l-r) Wynette Halford-keyboards/vocals, Delbert Bradshaw-base, Darlene Batla-percussion/vocals, Yvonne Blackshear-drums, Burnie Pope-guitar/vocals, Dwain Butla-guitar/vocals, and Kerrie Pope-vocals.

Local band competes in Christian talent contest

Somebody Cares Ministries of Winters is proud to announce a local band, Heart's Cry, has earned the opportunity to advance in a nationwide Christian talent contest.

The band is comprised of Wynette Halford - keyboard and vocals, Yvonne Burson Blackshear - drums, Burnie Pope - guitar and vocals, Kerrie Pope - vocals, Dwain Batla - guitar and vocals, Darlene Batla - vocals, and Delbert Bradshaw - bass guitar. Halford, Blackshear, and the Papes live in Winters. Bradshaw and the Batlas reside in Ballinger.

The 2003 National Christian Artist Talent Search is sponsored by Family Christian Stores, Daywind Recording, Solid Gospel Recording, Today's Christian Music, and Trinity Broadcasting Network. The contest was on the national level with competitions divided into soloist and bands with eight geographical regions across the United States. There were over 1400 entries competing nationwide. Competing bands submitted demonstration CDs which were judged May 23.

Among the regional competition, 25 soloists and 25 bands were chosen from each of the eight regions. There were over 200 contestants to compete in the Dallas region. The local band was notified on June 9 of their selection.

Hearts' Cry will be advancing to the regional semifinals to be held in Dallas on Saturday, July 12, at KDTX TV Station 58 in Irving, Texas. The winner in the regional semifinals in Dallas will advance to the national level of competition to be held in August 2003 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Among the prizes for the winner in Nashville will be a recording contract along with promotion of a single off the project with recording, promotion, and release to the national market. The winner will also perform at a major concert event during the following 15 months. Runners-up and national semifinalists will also receive various prizes including participation in a compilation CD project as well as being featured in the televised competition to be aired nationally and internationally on Trinity Broadcasting Network with a potential to reach 90

million households.

Hearts' Cry is a contemporary rock gospel band committed to take the life-changing message of Jesus to the world with an emphasis on uniting the generations back into fellowship with the Father and one another. The members of the band reflect this transgenerational, multi-cultural emphasis as there are seven members of the band with ages ranging from 23-47, with variety in gender as well as ethnicity.

All band members attend Somebody Cares Ministries in Winters, and are active in the local nondenominational ministry in working with youth and children weekly in addition to their passion of ministry in music.

Hearts' Cry is currently working on a CD and is available for outside rallies of any kind and church services for all denominations.

To hear one of the songs used in the competition, "Catch the Vision," a Hearts' Cry original, you may log onto the website today'schristianmusic.com or solidgospel.com. For more information call 325-754-4790 or e-mail WH1955@aol.com.

Reunion Time

Brice Family hosts annual reunion in Winters

The annual Brice Family Reunion was held June 21-22, 2003 at the Winters Community Center with 94 family members and visitors present.

Those attending were: Mary Snow of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Dane and Leslie Moore and family of Jacksonville, Arkansas; D'lois Shuman of Roswell, New Mexico; J.D. and Harriette Brice of Ennis; Dorene Schleyer of El Paso; Iris Coffey of Port Lavaca; and Joan Lightfoot, Juanita Bradley, and Jack and Earline More of Bronte.

Also included were: Billy Brice of Sweetwater; Teresa Long of Placedo; Roy Allan Coffey, Tasha Coffey and friend John of San Antonio; W.A. and Dorothy Henley of Ingram; Faye and Marvin Henager, Vickie and Eddite Watts, and Janie Potts and boys of Belton; Kenneth, Cynthia, and Sarah Henager of Moody; and Jim Bob and Cindi Webb and boys of Cisco.

Others were: Joyce Weidner, Carolyn Weidner and daughter, Leslie and Poncho Brice, Rocky Weidners, Dusty Weidner, Ricky Weidners, Rita and Ben Blakeney, and Sarah Gandy of San Angelo; Stephen Blakeney of Pflugerville; Nita and Nikki Stevens of Round Rock; James Long and daughter of Ft. Hood; and Terry Sanders and Bruce Sherrod of Abilene.

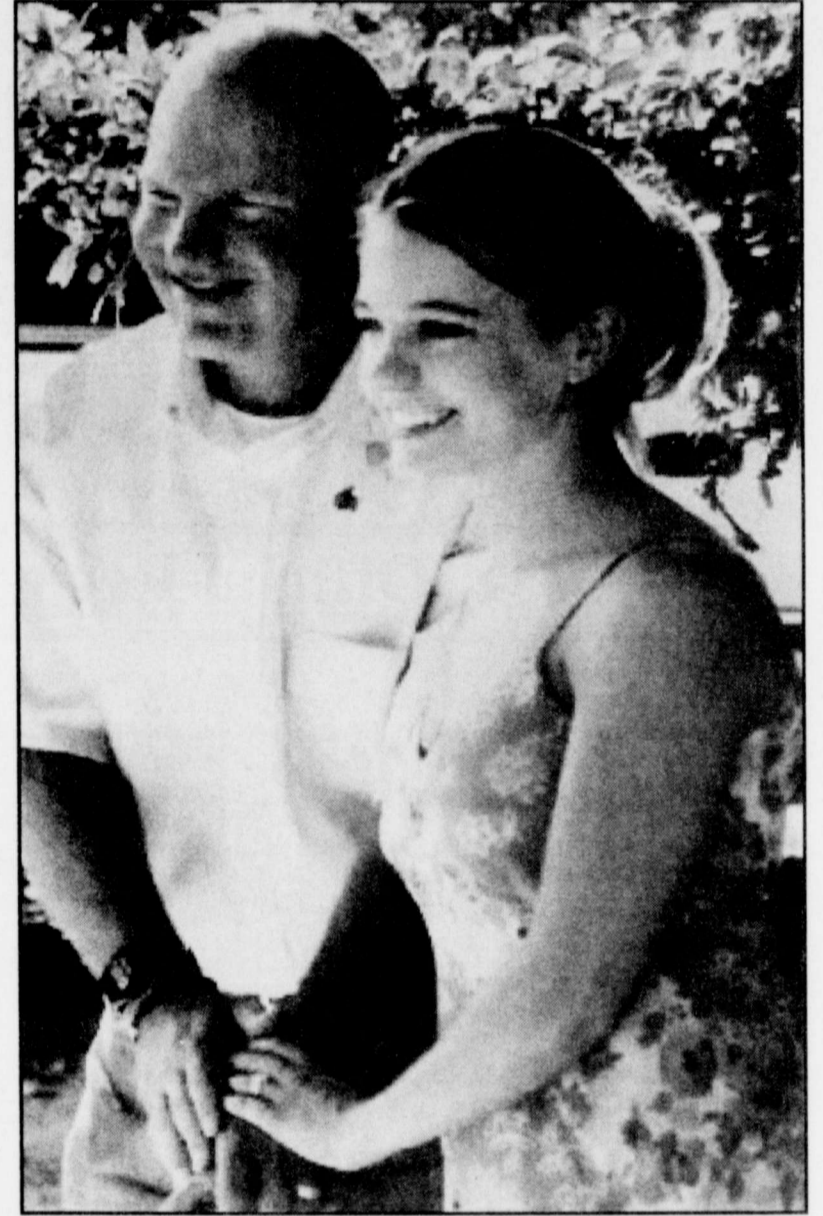
Also were: Beth Brice, Ann and Eddie Bedrick, Lucas Bedrick and family, and Judy Snowden of Odessa; David Moore of Garland; Gene Brice and Bessie Brice of Robert Lee;

Odell and Horace McGinnis, Bodie McGinnis, Scarlett Morgan and children, and Greg and Sherrie Johnson and family of Mineral Wells.

Others included: Sonja Seay and Amanda Sikes of Arlington; Loy Morris and Darlene Gower of Ballinger; Leon Brice

of Comanche; Patsy Roberson and Vonda Grun and girls of Tuscola; and Anita Wood and Bob and Oleta Webb of Winters.

Visitors were: Myrtle Nicholds of Coleman; Brook Harris and ZeRe Freudiger of Mineral Wells; and Ollie Webb of Winters.



Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Pugh

Katy Duggan and Scotty Pugh exchange wedding vows June 22

Katy Ann Duggan and Scotty Lee Pugh of Abilene, Texas were joined in holy matrimony on Sunday, June 22, 2003 at The Mountain Place Ranch in Crews. The couple was married by Mike Riley, minister of the Mernard Church of Christ.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Duggan of Ballinger.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Pugh of The Woodlands.

The bride is a graduate of Ballinger High School. She is currently attending McMurry University and will complete her degree in early childhood education at Texas A&M University.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Cooper High School and the University of Texas at Austin. He received his Bachelor of Science in Sports Management. He is currently employed by A&M Consolidated High School as the head baseball and assistant football coach.

The couple honeymooned in Ruidoso, New Mexico and will reside in College Station.

Annual Meeting — Last-minute reminder

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Gospel/bluegrass entertainment planned for CCEC Membership

This year the 65th Annual Membership Meeting of Coleman County Electric Cooperative will be at Coleman High School on Friday, July 18, 2003.

The Elm Valley Community Church is blessed to have a number of talented musicians as part of the congregation. Several of these musicians have formed a gospel/bluegrass group that performs regularly during worship services and at an Abilene nursing home.

The group, also referred to as the EVCC Gospel Band or The Hole-in-the-Wall Gang, the pastor's affectionate term, performs traditional and bluegrass gospel music occasionally mixing in contemporary Christian hymns and choruses. At the nursing home, the group will often add older country and bluegrass songs.

Among those participating in the group are Brad Waldrip, lead and tenor vocals, bass guitar, banjo, and guitar; Jerrell Cook, lead vocals and guitar; Reggie Wrinkle, lead vocals, fiddle, mandolin, and guitar; Michael O'Connor, bass vocals and guitar; Katie Cruddas, vocals and keyboard; and Jeff Hargrove, vocals, bass guitar, and guitar.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the 65th Annual Membership Meeting of CCEC. Remember, registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with a business meeting at 7 p.m. followed by entertainment at 7:30 p.m. with a prize drawing to end the evening.

Police Beat

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

The following information comes from Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated during the week of June 30, 2003, through July 6, 2003. These are just a few of the reports received each week by members of the Winters Police Department. Winters Police Officers:

- were called to the 800 block of N. Cryer in reference to an assault. The victim stated that her live-in boyfriend had assaulted her. Officers could see a lump forming on the victim's head. Officers arrested Emilio Delacruz for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

- were called to the 300 block of South Main for a burglary report. Officers were told by the victim that she had closed the sno-cone shop on June 29 around 11:30 p.m. The victim stated that sometime between then and when she reopened around 5 p.m. the following day her shop had been burglarized. Taken were five bottles of sno-cone syrup and the pad lock to the shop. The victim is offering a reward for information about the burglary. Please contact the Winters Police Department.

- were called to the 400 block of S. Church for an assault. The male victim stated that his step-grandchildren had attacked him after the family had been drinking all night. The victim was encouraged to seek medical attention for a laceration to his head. The victim stated that he was hit in the head by a beer bottle and a pellet gun. Officers are still investigating this incident.

- were doing their nightly business checks during the early morning hours of July 5 when they observed several windows had been broken by rocks. Officers attempted to reach the owners of all businesses that were found damaged. In the following hours officers were contacted by other businesses that had been damaged. Officers are investigating damage done to these locations: Dairy Queen, Dollar General, Winters Laundry Mat, Milton's Auto, Potbellies, Pizza Hut, and Winters Junior High School. Officers have obtained two videotapes from different businesses and are following leads and suspects from the videos.

Official Records

County Court Criminal Cases Filed June 24

Jimmy Torrence Winans, filed for driving while intoxicated (subsequent offense)

Calvin Jeremiah Gardner, filed on two counts: for assault and for evading arrest

June 26

Jeffrey Don Hopson, filed for unlawfully carrying a weapon

Bertie Ann Deax, filed for possession of marijuana

Ronnie Gene Smith, filed for possession of marijuana

July 1

Phillip Boyd Bogges, filed on two counts: for driving while license invalid and for possession of marijuana

Michael Will Eldred, filed for driving while intoxicated

Eric Pena, filed for theft

David Roman, filed for theft

Roman Sandobal, Jr., filed for assault

Marriage Licenses Filed June 27

David Eric Villarreal and Thursie Darlene Marie Hollis

July 2

Robert Lee Banfill and Belinda Ann Jackson

July 3

Leonard John Connor and Janette Leann Perkins

Rafael Vantura Diaz and Margarita Marie Guerrero

District Court Divorce Cases Filed June 20

Carmen S. Torres vs. Enrique G. Torres

June 23

Shane Edward Landers vs. Deena Reena Landers

Carol Ann Clark vs. John David Clark

June 27

Bo Dirick Bennett vs. Brandee Shay Bennett

July 1

Lyndon Joe Ivey vs. Betsy Kay Ivey

Civil Cases Filed June 30

Willis Terry Jones, Inc., and on behalf of Mary Ann Jones Estate et al vs. Electrospace Systems, Inc., formerly Carlright Corp., et al, damages

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed June 24

Filiberto Soto, Jr., filed for aggravated assault

June 27

Thomas Joe Oden, filed for theft

Criminal Cases Filed March 27

Jason Olen Hill, filed for failure to report accident immediately

June 18

Aron Kyle King, filed for minor in possession of alcohol

Legal Notices

BID NOTICE

North Runnels Hospital District is seeking bids for a new or refurbished radiology room for North Runnels Hospital.

Bids should be directed to Rick Rickard, Hospital Administrator, 7821 East Highway 153, Winters, Texas 79567. Bids are to arrive not later than 5 p.m. Friday, July 11, 2003.

Specifications may be obtained by calling the Hospital Administrator at (325)754-4553.

The Governing Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 14-27(1tc)

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- For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator and also the Section 504 Coordinator, Danny Clack, at 603 N. Heights, Winters, Texas 79567, (325) 754-5574. 14-27(2tc)

Legal Notices

BID NOTICE

The City of Winters will be accepting sealed bids for uniform and cleaning supplies service agreement until 10 a.m., Thursday, July 17, 2003, at City Hall, 310 S. Main Street, Winters, Texas 79567 at which time bids will be opened. Bid specifications may be obtained at City Hall, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 and 4 p.m. The City reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids. 14-27(2tc)

BID NOTICE

Ballinger Co-op Gin is taking bids for hauling of cotton bales, cottonseed, and burrs for the 2003-2004 crop year.

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8 TXism: "missed it _____ country mile"

12 TXism: "_____ graze" (eat)

17 TX Kenny Rogers group: "The First _____"

19 TXism: "honest as the day _____"

21 in Falls Co. on 77

22 this James was a notable president of Trinity Univer.

23 medical facility

28 San _____ TX

29 TXism: "I _____ that like a duck needs an umbrella"

30 Panola Co. named after this Cherokee word for "cotton"

31 Dr. Pepper producer in China self-proclaimed "guardian of liberty" org. (abbr.)

36 San Antonio school: "Palo _____"

42 TXism: "twisters"

44 "hippo" or "aero" ending

46 pecan vendor (2 wds.)

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1 Kermit is its seat

2 guacamole fruit

3 perfect shootist? (2 wds.)

4 Vega h.s. class

9 this Falk was a noted UT baseball coach (40-'67)

10 TXism: "gave _____ own medicine" (retaliated)

11 TXism: "a day late _____ a dollar short"

12 TX Kenny Rogers "I Can Make _____ on My Own"

13 TXism: "comfortable _____"

14 tavern disturbance (2 wds.)

15 TXism: "If I was _____ better I couldn't stand it"

16 TX H. L. Hunt produced _____ vera cosmetics

17 TXism: "rules the _____ toward the rear of a boat"

18 apple carrier

19 Gulf pleasure cruiser

20 "bear" so. of the border

21 Comanche is from word for "enemy"

22 TXism: "caught _____ handed"

23 TXism: "talked a _____ streak"

24 James F. Dobie was an expert on TX folk

25 OK town

26 TXism like it iced

27 giant appliance maker

28 TX singer Charley (init.)

29 Yo _____ Digo Creek

30 always check _____ park office before occupying a site in a TX park

31 in Montague Co. on Hwy. 82

32 citrus drink

33 "Whatever _____ wants _____"

34 George Washington wasn't a TXn cause he couldn't _____ lie

35 Astro goof

36 TXism: "loose as a _____"

37 send out

38 TXism: "old _____ dirt"

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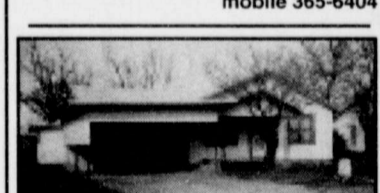
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Winters Stock Show Summer Classic set for August 16

The Winters Junior Livestock Show Association will host their Seventh Annual Winters Summer Classic on Saturday August, 16. All proceeds from the Summer Classic will benefit the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show.

The show will feature market goats, market lambs, heifers, and prospect steers.

Entry fees are \$15 for cattle and \$10 for sheep and goats and must be postmarked by Saturday, August 2. Late entries will be accepted until 8:30 a.m. the day of the show and need to include an additional \$5 late fee which must be paid in cash only.

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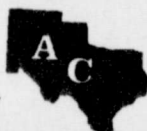


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In fairness to the FSA offices, they have had plenty to do in finishing up the sign-up for the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP), the general CRP sign-up, and processing the acreage reports that were due June 30.

The only problem that may arise is that the Risk Management Agency (RMA) is still updating its crop insurance information, but we have been assured that county officials are going to let farmers sign up, even if they don't yet have the official production evidence from RMA.

I know the FSA personnel will appreciate your patience and understanding as they work long hours to process all of the paperwork that these programs require.

Bankruptcy protection for farmers passes House
Last week, the House

passed legislation to extend special bankruptcy protections for an additional six months, therefore allowing family farmers the ability to reorganize their debt while still holding onto their assets.

We anticipate that the Senate will act quickly on this measure and, hopefully, send it directly to the President for his signature.

FY 2004 agriculture appropriations

Last week, the House Appropriations Committee approved an agriculture appropriations bill for fiscal year 2004.

This bill would provide \$17 billion for agriculture department and related programs; however this amount is a reduction of almost one billion dollars from spending for the current year.

One of the most controversial sections of this bill would prevent USDA from spending money to implement the country-of-origin labeling provision that was included in the 2002 Farm Bill.

At a hearing this past week, a number of us on the Agriculture Committee continued to express serious concerns about potential problems with the

mandatory country-of-origin labeling that is scheduled to go into effect in the fall of 2004.

It is not clear how the Senate will proceed with this matter, but I understand there is talk about a legislative proposal that would allow livestock producers to self-certify their animals' country-of-origin.

USDA officials have said that the new requirements will not have a positive effect overall and that the unintended consequences on producers and the distribution chain could be significant.

Ag Talk

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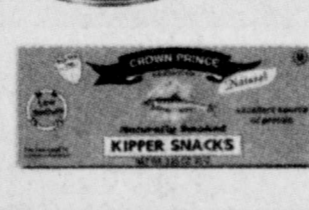
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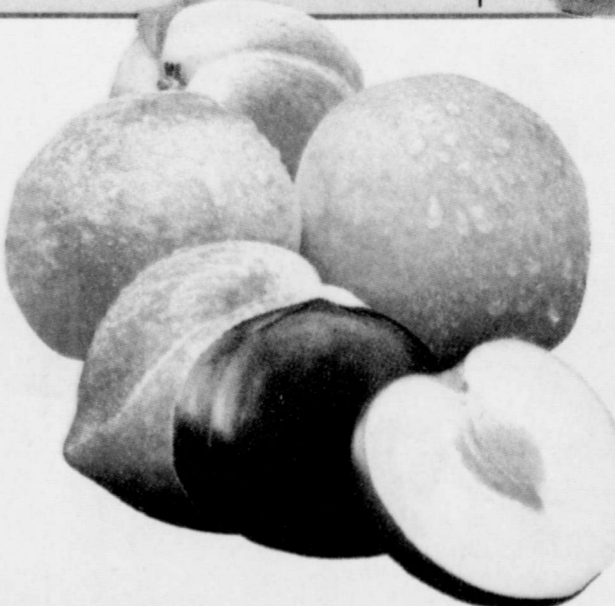
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