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KELLY BEARDEN, 18, of Winters, remains in critical condition at Shannon Medical Center from injuries suffered in a one-vehicle accident Saturday, July 12. According to law enforcement reports, Kelly apparently lost control of this 2002 Trans Am while traveling west on CR 227, about a mile west of Wingate. (photo by Jean Boles)

Local teen critically injured in wreck

by Jean Boles, editor

A 2003 graduate of Winters High School remains in critical condition at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo after being critically injured in a one-vehicle accident Saturday.

According to a DPS report, the accident occurred around 2 p.m. on July 12, when Kelly Bearden, 18, apparently lost control of her 2002 Pontiac Trans Am while traveling west on CR 227, about a mile west of Wingate. Her car skidded in loose gravel, flipped once end-over-end and rolled sideways, striking a telephone pole on the driver's side. Speed is not believed to be a contributor to the accident. Kelly's grandfather, Suvern O'Dell, lives down that road and said the area of the accident is a popular crossing for deer, and speculated that she possibly swerved to avoid hitting the animals. She was the lone occupant of the car and was wearing her seatbelt.

North Runnels Emergency Medical Service responded to the wreck. See WRECK, page 4

Fund established for Kelly Bearden

Friends of Kelly Bearden have established a fund at Security State Bank to help defray medical costs.

Anyone wishing to donate may contact the bank at P. O. Box 156, Winters, Texas, or call 754-4505, or call Shelia Paschal at 723-2697 after 5 p.m. or Dawn Green at w# 754-4611 or h# 754-4430.

Commissioners face fork in the road over land ownership

contributed by Roeneal Boles, editor of *The Ballinger Ledger*

Road disputes seem to have taken a lot of Runnels County Commissioners time lately. At their regular meeting on Tuesday Sam Pate with B & G Energy Corp. asked commissioners to determine whether an old road on property located near Poe's Corner off Texas Highway 153 is a road that has been used as a county road.

The road, in Commissioner Thurman Self's Precinct 3, crosses land now owned by Howard Pruser.

Pate said his company has a well that has been reached by pumpers and other service personnel by the road in question for years. Last week, a service

truck found the road plowed up and unusable. Pate said his research had led him to the conclusion if the road was ever a county road and had not been closed by commissioners, it would still be a county road.

Pruser countered that the previous owners of the land had told him there had never been an easement granted for a county road and his present deed showed no easement for a county road.

County Attorney Stuart Holden was called in to try to clarify. Holden said his research had turned up no indication that the road was ever a county road. County Clerk Elesa Ocker said

she had researched Commissioners Court records, but had found no reference to ever closing the road.

Coy McNeil was asked to comment on his knowledge of the road and he told the Court that the road was used as the way to get from Winters to Wingate before Highway 153 was built.

Holden and Ocker said they would research "juries of view" records to see if they could find any reference to the road. Holden said that was the way roads were established many years ago—by a group of citizens called "juries of view."

Commissioners voted to

table any action concerning the road until those records could be checked.

In other business, commissioners approved payment on the jail bonds which is due August 15. Interest due is \$58,143.75 and principal is \$90,000 for a total amount due of \$148,143.75. Interest payments on the jail bonds are due twice a year, with principal due only once a year. County Treasurer Margarette Smith told

Commissioners.

Commissioners also approved a list of election judges as presented by County Clerk Ocker. The judges will oversee the Constitutional Amendment voting in September. Commissioners also approved a letter from the Department of Justice to allow voters in election precinct 1 to vote in the Runnels County Courthouse Annex rather than in the Courthouse. See COMMISSIONERS, pg. 4

WISD trustees approve hirings, resignations, raises

by Jean Boles, editor

Employment was the main focus of Monday night's meeting of the WISD school board.

The resignation of Superintendent Danny Clack was accepted as of July 1, by trustees, who then re-hired Clack as of July 31. This action is the latest trend in school districts for employees who are near retirement.

Under a new law passed by

the previous legislature, school personnel who are participants in the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) may retire and be re-hired. The law states that such an employee must be unemployed by the school for thirty days and then may be re-hired at the discretion of the school board.

Another stipulation of the See SCHOOL BOARD, pg. 2

Physical exams for WISD athletes scheduled Tuesday, July 22

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 Runnels 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.

Winters Community Baseball will host Awards Night Monday

Winters Community Baseball will hold their annual Awards Night on Monday, July 21. The ceremony will be held at Ted Meyer Park beginning at 7 p.m.

An ice cream supper will be

served and awards given to all youth baseball and softball team members. Anyone who has not yet received their picture packets may also pick them up at the ceremony.

Enterprise office to close on Fridays for remainder of summer

Beginning July 18, the *Winters Enterprise* newspaper office at 104 N. Main will be closed on Fridays. Deadline for advertisement is Mondays at noon. Deadline for news items is 5 p.m. on Mondays.

The Winters Print Shop, located at the same address, will continue to be open from 8:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

7-on-7 Summer Football



PLAYERS FROM WINTERS, (l-r in blue) Aaron Colburn, James Vasquez, Max Harrison and John Heathcott, scramble to cover the Roscoe offense during the championship game of a 7-on-7 football tournament at Robert Lee on Saturday. Winters, who lost in the finals on the last play of the game 28-24, competed with teams from Robert Lee, Christoval, Sterling City. Regular 2-a-day practice begins at WISD on August 4. (courtesy photo)

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Editorial

Letters to the Editor

Mayor warns of property code violations

Dear Editor:

On the front page of *The Winters Enterprise* dated July 3, 2003, I noticed a picture of our fishing dock at Elm Creek Reservoir. Under the picture you noted the fishermen were from different parts of the state and country. You also wrote, "With the lake full and good fishing and boating opportunities, campers are enjoying one of the area's prime spots for water recreation." At the end you put the lake manager's phone number for information.

It is so nice that you proudly promoted our two lakes full of water with all kinds of facilities such as fishing, camping, picnicking, barbecuing, RV hookups, softball field, volleyball court, big pavilion with big tables, lights, water and power hookups, and modern wastewater dumping convenience.

On behalf of our citizens, elected officials and city employees, we thank you wholeheartedly. It is so rewarding for the people of the Winters area to see their lake being enjoyed — the lake they are paying for — and noticing people coming from out of town. This in turn makes the mayor, city council and city employees who built those facilities during the hot summers and cold winters very happy and proud.

After I looked at the picture and read your comments, I wished some of these out of town people, especially the proud retirees, would buy or build a house here in our town. This would help our economy as well. Then I started thinking about these people driving around town to locate suitable property. This made me paranoid about some of the properties with high weeds.

City employees and I drive around town looking for code violations. In the northwest quadrant alone we found twenty code violations, most of them high weeds. We have laws against these violations. We send letters to property owners or occupants and give them ten days to abate the violation. By the law, at the end of the ten days, we can abate the problem, and collect the steep cost from the owner or occupant. Meanwhile, we write a citation. If the perpetrators plead guilty, they must pay a fine. If they plead not guilty, they might be prosecuted. In addition to the embarrassment, they might be fined or whatever else the law allows.

This is our small, friendly town. We are sensitive about people's feelings. Most folks are our friends and we hope they remain so. However, we do not compromise the law. Our Mayor and Council are excellent people and always advise us to work with everyone as much as we can.

The other day I was discussing my plan for code enforcement with our Mayor. This is one reason I wrote this letter. We have also asked for cooperation by putting messages on the back of the water bills.

Evidently the violators did not read it, or simply don't care. If persuasion does not work, we will certainly enforce the law.

Sincerely,

Dr. Aref Hassan
City Manager
City of Winters

Reader gives his thoughts regarding Sunday fundraisers

Dear Editor,

I noted with interest that the North Runnels County Ministerial Alliance is concerned with the tradition of having fund-raising luncheons on Sunday. They are concerned that church members are forsaking doing what is best (going to church) for doing what is only good (raising money for an admittedly good cause.) They propose that fund-raising be done on some day other than on Sunday.

I must admit that I am in church on most Sundays, but I occasionally think that I would be better off some other place, doing good, of course. Sixty-five years of three points, a poem, and five stanzas of "Just As I Am" leaves something to be desired on Sunday.

As I considered the suggestion of the ministers and its implications, I began to wonder what it would be like if the city fathers took the ministers seriously enough to enact laws making it illegal to have fund-raisers on Sunday. Of course, I know that the Ministerial Alliance has no intention of proposing such a law. But still, what if?

I am most certain that the clergy would lead by example. There would be no collection plates passed on Sunday, the tithe would not be mentioned on Sunday, and missions to the Congo would never be brought up on Sunday. After all, most of the fund-raiser I've attended have been on Sunday and in church.

At least the brothers and sisters of the cloth did not leave us without recourse, for they suggested that we have fund-raising activities on Saturdays. Since this seemed to have merit, I mentioned it to three of my friends: a Jew, a Seventh Day Adventist, and a Seventh Day Baptist. They all agreed that the Ministerial Alliance needed to go back to the drawing board. I agree with them.

While you are seeking a new solution to the problem, I recommend that you revive an old Christian tradition, that of washing one another's feet. It probably will not help the fund-raising problem, but you will appreciate its effect when one of you decides to put his or her foot in his or her mouth again.

Thanks for listening,
Ronald Huddleston

The 'Eyes of Texas' or the 'Eyes of God?'

Do you remember this song, "The eyes of Texas are upon you all the live long day?" Perhaps it is time to change it to "The eyes of God are upon you!"

Recently, the Supreme Court made the decision to throw out the Texas sodomy law. With this comes dire consequences. Apparently, these "wise" minds who are to make choices for the good of the people have failed and failed miserably.

The homosexual agenda is being pushed upon us, and God's punishment cannot be far behind. Were not two cities destroyed (Genesis 19) because of this wickedness? Of man's burning desire for other men?

The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Romans, spoke of this sin. "Because men are such fools, God has given them over to do filthy things their hearts desire, and they do shameful things with each other. Because of what men do, God has given them over to shameful passions. Even the women pervert the natural use of their sex by unnatural acts. In the same way the men give up natural sexual relations with women and burn with passion for each other."

Again, I go back to the courts "terminal" decision on this matter. They have opened the door to a greater darkness. Next will come same sex marriage, young children classed as "consenting" partners, adoption and more!

Truly I tell you, the one of this kingdom is rejoicing, but take heart! This one's days are numbered as are those who follow in his wickedness.

Jesus said, "Unless you hate . . ." We are to hate sin and love the sinner. There are two true loves — one for our God and one for the person in front of us.

Pray for our nation! Pray for this group of people, blinded by their sin, that they come to know Christ. Prayer is our work in this present darkness. So roll up your sleeves, and bend your knees! Let's get busy while there is still light, before darkness comes and no one can work!

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Obituaries

Harlan Rusk Dorsett

ABILENE—Harlan Rusk Dorsett, 77, died Wednesday, July 9, 2003, in an Abilene hospital.

He was born and raised in Winters. He was a veteran of the Navy in World War II, participating in the Pacific Theatre. He married Bobbye Roberson in 1950 in Tuscola, and moved to Abilene.

Mr. Dorsett worked for Lone Star Gas Company then at Brown's Music Store for 15 years before returning to Lone Star Gas Company for 15 more years, retiring in 1986. He was recently baptized. He was a member of PT Boat, a Naval organization.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbye of Abilene; one son, Harlan Rusk Dorsett II of Des Moines, Iowa; two daughters, Donna Dorsett and Susan McQuade, both of Abilene; five grandchildren; and one sister, Iris Bills of Abilene.

Services were held Saturday, July 12, at 10:00 a.m. at North's Memorial Chapel with the Reverend Mary Glover officiating. Burial was in Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories, directed by North's Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, or Hendrick Medical Center's Asthma Education Program, 1242 N. 19th, Abilene, Texas 79601.

A.K. "Buster" Broadstreet

WINTERS—A.K. "Buster" Broadstreet, 97, formerly of Bradshaw, died Sunday, July 13, 2003, in an Abilene hospital.

He was born February 11, 1906, in Thorndale, Texas, and came to Runnels County as a young man. He was married to Effie Frances McKnight and Gracie Jewell Hendricks. They both preceded him in death. He served in the United States Army during World War II.

Mr. Broadstreet was a farmer and a member of the Wingate Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Ray Broadstreet of Odessa and Jim Broadstreet of El Paso; two daughters, Velma Jewel Brown of Winters and Barbara Broadstreet of Tuscola; four stepdaughters, Nena Stephens of Roscoe, Patsy Lindsey, Janie Parham, and Kathey Rose, all of El Paso; one brother, Earl "Crook" Broadstreet of Winters; one sister, Juanita Thaler of Tomball; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 17, at 6:00 p.m. at Winters Funeral Home. Services will be at 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 18, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Leroy Stockard and Randy Rawls officiating. Burial will be in the Bradshaw Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Hale Museum conducts annual Membership Drive

The Z. I. Hale Museum is conducting its annual membership drive. Membership and donations are the primary support for the operation and activities of the Museum. The Z. I. Hale Museum Association was formed in 1978 to preserve the history of the area and to show the unique heritage of this part of Texas.

The Museum Complex consists of the Z. I. Hale Museum, The Rock Hotel Heritage Center, the Gus Pruser Agricultural Exhibit, the Drummer House, and the Caboose. The Museum is open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. Genevieve Spill is the Museum manager and works hard to maintain current exhibits and to show visitors the many displays.

Family membership dues are \$15.00 per year; business membership is \$40.00 per year, and lifetime membership is \$125.00. Dues and donations for the operation of the museum or for restoration projects can be sent to Z. I. Hale Museum, P.O. Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567.

SCHOOL BOARD, continued

thirty days and then may be re-hired at the discretion of the school board.

Another stipulation of the law is there must be no promise of a re-hire.

The main reason school districts like this option is that it saves the district money because the district no longer furnishes fringe benefits.

Secondary teacher Sharon Rice also submitted her resignation and has applied for re-hire which will be considered at the next school board meeting.

Trustees accepted the resignation of Coach Zach Boxell, who has taken a position at Whitewright. Resignations were also accepted from Easter Walden and Mary Beth Ahrens. New faculty approved for hire were Todd Harrison, secondary school health teacher who will be head track coach, assistant football coach and junior high basketball coach; Traci Odom and Jennifer Wood, subject to assignment in the elementary school.

Following executive session, trustees approved a 5% pay increase for "mid-administration" — Secondary Principal David Hale and Business Manager Jimmy Butler. This raise totals \$5,805 per year and will come from local funds.

Present for the July 14 meeting were trustees Allen Andrae, Bob Prewitt, Cheryl Bryan, Shelia Paschal, Manuel Vera, Jerry Sims, and Larry Walker; Principals David Hale and Brilla Magee; and Business Manager Jimmy Butler.

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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*.

God owns everything and debt is bondage

by Mark Edge, pastor of Main Street church of Christ

Few moments in life we can describe as life changing. I can honestly say that for my wife, Judy, and me, reading Larry Burkett's *The Complete Financial Guide for Young Couples* was one.

We purchased the book while visiting the United States in January of 1992. We were serving a church then in Cordoba, Argentina. Our economic situation was looking grim. We had arrived in Argentina in October of 1989. A few months later, the Argentine government artificially propped their currency by pegging it to the American dollar, thus causing the dollar to become artificially weak. Prices skyrocketed because our salary was paid in dollars. Our first two years in Argentina we had rented our house for \$175 a month. After our contract was up (we were fortunate our landlord had not broken the contract — something that was done quite often) our rent soared to reach the level of all other housing. We began to pay \$450 a month.

Of course food, utilities and other cost of living expenses had increased dramatically. Our situation was further complicated by a house we owned in Abilene which I had purchased before we married. Eight months of the year we rented it to college students for the amount of our mortgage payment: \$600 a month. During the summer months it stood empty. Add wear and tear repairs and we were out a minimum of a few thousand dollars on that house each year. All of this was a lot of money to come up with on a \$1350-a-month salary.

By February of 1992, we had been back in Cordoba for a month. I frankly did not know how we were going to make it financially. I truly believed we would have to return home two years sooner than planned. I agonized. My stomach was literally sickened by the stress.

Then Judy and I read Larry's book. For the first time, we understood that the way we dealt with our money was an external symptom of our inner commitment to God. Larry showed us that God owns everything. We learned that although debt was not necessarily sin, the Bible taught that debt was bondage. In short, that book oriented our financial stewardship toward a Christlike perspective. We have never been the same.

Since then, we have purchased many of Larry's books and given many more as gifts. Our finances are monitored by Larry Burkett's "Money Matters Basic" software. Our children have been taught a Christian's view of finances through Larry's "Money Matters Game" for children. Our lives will be forever shaped by Larry. This shaping has been, and will continue to be, passed on to those we counsel for marriage, discipleship and mentoring.

Larry Burkett died July 4, a victim of cancer. My family thanks God for Larry. He truly has marked a difference in our lives that will last for eternity. Thank you, Larry, for your ministry at Christian Financial Concepts.

Theresa Patterson still "in the money" after 25 years in banking

by Deb Pritchard, assistant editor

It's only appropriate that Theresa Patterson observed her silver anniversary amongst a vault of silver—not to mention a few greenbacks. Patterson is definitely "in the money," so to speak, as she celebrated 25 years of banking service last Friday at State National Bank in Winters.

She began her "high dollar" career on July 11, 1978, at what was then Winters State Bank located at 100 West Dale Street. Two years later the bank moved to its current location at 500 South Main. She's has experienced two name changes at the institution in her career—First State Bank to what we now know as State National Bank.

Among six employees, Patterson enjoys the longest tenure with the organization—one which boasts 134 years of combined service from the group. Senior Vice-President and Branch Manager Jim Jordan along with teller Jeanne Hilliard will have logged 24 years of service each by year's end, while Customer Service Manager Tammy Kaczyk and Head Teller Mary Cortez have served 22 years each. Teller Diane Escalona has worked 17 years with the bank.

Patterson began her banking career as a teller and proof operator before moving to assistant cashier. She currently serves as



SENIOR VP AND Branch Manager Jim Jordan presents Theresa Patterson an engraved desk clock last Friday in honor of her 25 years of service in bank with State National Bank of Winters. (photo by Deb Pritchard)

customer service representative and teller supervisor.

Patterson says, "A lot has changed (in banking) over the years. We've gone from manual posting (of checks) to computerization to micro-imaging. In addition, she's seen interest rates

at their highest in the 1980s to an all-time low in present day.

A bank that once boasted 20 employees now provides the same quality service with only a half dozen, due primarily to

modern technology and automation. "Banking has gone through so many changes over the years," said Jordan. "But our employees have been willing to make those changes so many times, yet still try to treat people (the customers) the same, offering efficient and personable service the way they always have."

While she may be a bit biased, Patterson maintains that her co-workers are "the best group of employees of any organization anywhere. They're dedicated to their job, loyal, and good at what they do. That's been the best part of my job (her fellow employees.)"

Though probably the most technically advanced bank in town, Jordan acknowledges that it's not the technology which maintains their loyal clientele, but "the employees who try to take care of them." "Our customers haven't always liked some of the changes (technical advancements)," said Patterson, "and neither have we, but we've worked through them."

About Patterson, Jordan simply says, "I'd hate to think how hard my job would have been without Theresa knowing the customers and everything else. She's a valuable asset to our organization."

Country Club News

by Brenda Clough, Ladies Golf Association President

Ladies met on Tuesday for husband/partner night followed by a covered dish dinner. Winning team was Rick and Linda Dry, Gary and Mary Ellen Moore, and Jim Ventress and Tina Smith.

Wednesday night scramble winning team was Bill Hall, Alfred Yates, Marcie Tucker,

Aref Hassan, and Oscar Sanchez. Louis Delacruz won closest to the pin.

Reminder: The ladies meet every Tuesday with tee-off at 5:45 p.m., and Wednesday scrambles also begin at 5:45 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and join in the fun.

Shannon to host Safe Sitter classes

Youth wanting to be better babysitters may take advantage of Shannon Community Health Safe Sitter Classes this summer.

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.

Certified instructors will address the topics of First Aid; CPR, safety for the sitter; telephone skills, injury prevention; infant/child choking; preventing problem behaviors; and the business of babysitting.

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Tuesday, July 22: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, cake.

Wednesday, July 23: Hamburger steak, rice, squash, bread, cobbler.

Thursday, July 24: Ham & cheese sandwich, soup, chips, fruit salad, cookies.

Friday, July 25: Mexican cornbread, pinto beans, cole slaw, crackers, dessert.

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

Norton Church of Christ hosting Summer Gospel Meeting

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

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

July 18-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
8 p.m., Norton Church of Christ Gospel Meeting

July 19-10 a.m.-6 p.m., Arts & Crafts Festival, San Angelo
8 p.m., Norton Church of Christ Gospel Meeting

July 20-10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m., Norton Church of Christ Gospel Meeting
Noon-5 p.m., Arts & Crafts Festival, San Angelo

July 21-9 a.m.-Noon, St. John's Lutheran Church VBS
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
7 p.m., Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District Public Hearing, Wall High School Cafeteria

July 22-9 a.m.-Noon, St. John's Lutheran Church VBS
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
5-8 p.m., Student Physical Exams, North Runnels Hospital Clinic
6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, City Pool
7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
7 p.m., WVFD Auxiliary

July 23-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office
9 a.m.-Noon, St. John's Lutheran Church VBS
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

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2003 District Champs—



THE TEXAS TWISTERZ have earned Texas Teenage Softball District IV championship honors by going undefeated in district action at Coleman last week. These young ladies will advance to the state tournament to be held in Lindale from July 12-25. In an effort to raise funds to be used toward the expense of the tournament, they will host a Brisket-To-Go-Lunch tomorrow (Friday, July 18) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for children ages 12 and under. Everyone is encouraged to come by and pick up a delicious lunch and wish the girls "Good Luck" at the State Tournament. Players are (front, l-r) Jessica Baker, Brianna Mesey, Abby Guy, Candace O'Dell, and Devon Rodriguez; (back) Coach Bill Mesey, Destiny Torres, Cindy Chavez, Laura Carlin, Ashley DeLaCruz, Shelby Knight, and Coach Kelly Knight. Not pictured are Shiloh Morris and Danielle Johnson of Bangs, Keagan Slayton of Coleman, and Courtney Roe.

WISD announces scheduled school events for August

Parents and students may want to begin marking their calendars with these upcoming school related events scheduled for August.

Winters Elementary has scheduled New Student Registration for Thursday, August 7, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the school office.

Winters Secondary School Orientation will be held on Tuesday, August 5. Seventh grade orientation will begin at 7 p.m. in the WHS Auditorium, followed by freshman orientation at 8 p.m. Students will receive their class schedules at these meetings.

All other secondary students may pick their class schedules up at the following times on August 5:

- 1 p.m.-Seniors
- 1:30 p.m.-Juniors
- 2 p.m.-Sophomores
- 2:30 p.m.-Eighth Grade.

New student registration for secondary students will also be held that day. Parents may register their students from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. that Tuesday.

"Meet the Blizzards" is set for Friday, August 15, at 8 p.m. in Blizzard Stadium. The Blizzards will kick-off the 2003 season with a scrimmage at Stamford on Saturday, August 16. Winters JV will play at 6 p.m. followed by the Blizzards at 7 p.m.

The elementary will host "Meet the Teachers Night" on Tuesday, August 19, from 6-7 p.m. School begins at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, August 20.

According to Coach Bret Barrick, the WHS Blizzard varsity and JV football teams will begin 2-a-day practices on Monday, August 4. Practice will be held from 8-10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily for two weeks. Coach Barrick has also scheduled football equipment pickup for August 1 & 2 from 9 a.m. to noon. Seniors and juniors should report for equipment on Friday, August 1 and sophomores and freshmen on Saturday, August 2.

The Pride of West Texas Marching Blizzard Band will also begin summer band practice on Monday, August 4. For questions or more information, contact the WISD Band Hall at 754-5516 or Band Director Phil Mooney at 754-1784. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, Aug. 4
9-11 a.m. (8th grade and all other band members in need of uniforms meet at Band Hall)
1-3:30 p.m. (Full band rehearsal inside)

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, Aug. 5, 6, 7
9-11 a.m. (Full band outside marching—bring bottles of water, comfortable shoes, hats, and sunscreen)
1-3:30 p.m. (Full band rehearsal inside)

Friday, Aug. 8 Off
Monday/Tuesday, Aug. 11-12
 TBA-Instrumental sectionals

Bishop earns BBA degree

Hardin-Simmons University announces that Jamie Bishop of Winters was among 226 students who received degrees during the Spring commencement exercises on Saturday, May 10, 2003.

Jamie received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Management. She is the daughter of Dane Bishop of Winters and Joy Bishop of Bradshaw.

Chanda Hoppe graduates A&M

Chanda Hoppe of Winters was among approximately 5,000 Texas A&M University graduates to be recognized during Spring commencement ceremonies.

Chanda received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science. She is the daughter of Glenn Jr. and Melinda Hoppe of Winters.

YMCA youth football registration forms available

Teams are being organized in Winters for the 2003 YMCA Gray-Y Football Central Division. The youth football program is available to youngsters in grades 3-6. Volunteer coaches are also needed for the program.

Applications are available at Busy 'B' Cleaners at 138 South Main Street in Winters and are due in San Angelo by Saturday, August 9. Late registration will be accepted on a space available basis only.

Games will be played in San Angelo on Saturdays from September 27 through November 8.

Winters teams will play in the Central Division with teams from San Angelo, Wall, Ballinger, Bronte, Robert Lee, Mertzon, Brady, and Grape Creek. There are three classifications including Pee-Wee for grades 3 & 4, Lightweight for grade 5, and Heavyweight for grade 6.

Cost of the program is \$41 for members and \$61 for non-members. Equipment is also available for rental from the YMCA.

Financial aid is available for all YMCA programs. Applications are available by contacting the YMCA in San Angelo at 655-9106. Aid applications are due by Saturday, August 2.

The purpose of the YMCA football league is to give all youth a chance to participate in an organized and supervised sport activity. The goal is not to emphasize winning, but to learn football techniques, build character, develop teamwork and sportsmanship, make friends and have fun.

For more information contact Chuck Hagle at 754-5829.

WRECK, continued

accident along with members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department who worked for more than an hour using the 'Jaws of Life' to cut the top off the car and extricate the driver. The victim was transported by helicopter to Shannon Medical Center.

Family members said Kelly's injury is primarily a severe skull fracture. Doctors placed her in a drug-induced coma to hopefully allow reduction of internal swelling.

Kelly is the daughter of Phyllis and Charles Rice and Larry and Paige Bearden of Winters.

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Commissioner Skipper Wheelless was not present for last Tuesday's meeting because he was attending the South Texas Judges and Commissioners Association Conference as a representative of the state organization.

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Dyess schedules Big Country Air Show Day

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The air show at Dyess is free and gates open to the public at 9:30 a.m. The opening ceremony is at 10:30 a.m. Visitors are asked to enter through the base's Tye Gate on Military Drive on the north side of the base.

For more information, contact Dyess Public Affairs at (915) 696-5609.

Rev. Butler to speak at FUMC

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

Reverend Butler is speaking 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 associated with Life Spring Counseling of 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 invited to attend.

Financial Focus

New tax laws expand your investment opportunities

You've probably seen a lot of headlines on the Tax Relief Act of 2003. This legislation, recently signed into law by President Bush, will affect virtually everyone in the country. As an individual investor, you've got reasons to cheer the new tax laws. Many people will find that their taxes will decrease five percent or more under the new tax laws.

Let's review some of the tax act's key areas and see what actions they might suggest:

Lower dividend taxes—If you've invested in dividend-paying stocks, your dividends were taxed at your individual tax rate (e.g., 27 percent, 30 percent, 35 percent or 38.6 percent). But under the new laws, the tax rate on dividends will be cut to 15 percent. And if you're in the 10 percent to 15 percent bracket, the dividend tax rate drops to 5 percent. These new, lower rates are effective retroactively to the beginning of 2003 until 2009, when dividend taxes are scheduled to revert to the old, higher rates.

Should you be interested in stocks that have a history of paying dividends, there are certain considerations to take into account. First, it's nice to get the dividend checks. (Keep in mind, though, that stocks do not offer a fixed rate of return and may not distribute dividends. Stocks are subject to market risks, including the potential loss of principal invested.) Also, when a company pays dividends, it can be a sign that the business is well-run and concerned about the needs of its shareholders. Conditions can change at any time, but stocks with a track record of paying dividends tend to be more steady performers relative to non-dividend paying stocks that have a limited track record.

Another advantage to dividend-paying stocks: Investors can consider reinvesting unneeded dividend income into additional shares of stocks.

Lower capital gains taxes—The capital gains rate has been reduced to 15 percent from 20 percent for many taxpayers. Taxpayers in the 10 percent and 15 percent ordinary income tax rate brackets will see a decrease in capital gains taxes from 10 percent to 5 percent. All of these reductions are effective for sales of assets after May 5, 2003. As is the case with dividend taxes, the new rate will remain in place until 2009.

If you've held some stocks for many years, and they've appreciated significantly, then the cut in capital gains taxes may benefit you greatly. Previously, you may have avoided selling these stocks—even if your diversification needs have changed—because you didn't want to face a big tax hit.

Now, however, with the new, lower capital gains rate, you'll find it much more affordable to sell these stocks and make the

changes you need to help you properly balance your portfolio. But talk to your tax professional first as tax considerations should not be the driving factor for making investment decisions.

Other beneficial changes in the tax laws include:

Lower tax rates—Earlier tax law changes lowered tax brackets for 2006, but the new legislation has sped up the timetable, so that the new rates are retroactively effective on Jan. 1, 2003. The 10 percent and 15 percent rates remain unchanged, but the 27 percent rate drops to 25 percent; the 30 percent rate drops to 28 percent; the 35 percent rate falls to 33 percent; and the 38.6 percent rate drops to 35 percent.

Reduction of Marriage Penalty—Married couples who claim the standard deduction should benefit from this accelerated reduction of the marriage penalty. The standard deduction for married couples is increased to double the amount of the standard deduction for single taxpayers in 2003 and 2004.

Increase in Child Tax Credit—The amount of the child tax credit is increased to \$1,000 (from \$600) in 2003 and 2004. Beginning this summer, the increased amount of the child tax credit will be paid in advance based on information in taxpayers' 2002 tax return. The maximum amount a family could re-

ceive is \$800 (\$400 per child with a maximum of two children).

Small business owners also will benefit as a result of the tax act.

Increase in Small Business Expensing for New Investment—This tax act quadruples the maximum amount of investment in equipment that small businesses can expense from \$25,000 to \$100,000. This will encourage small business owners to purchase the technology, machinery and other equipment, they need to expand.

Increase in First-year Bonus Depreciation—This deduction increases from 30 percent to 50 percent for qualified investments and placed in service after May 5, 2003 and before January 1, 2005.

You may want to invest your tax savings by setting up a bank authorization that moves money automatically, at a set interval, from your bank account into the investment of your choice. Since systematic investing does not assure a profit nor does it protect you against losses in declining markets, it's best to consult with your investment representative and tax advisor to see how you can adjust your investment strategies in response to the new tax laws. But take action soon—this legislation has given you some great possibilities, and you'll want to take advantage of them.

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Your personal asset allocation

Steve Smith
Financial Advisor, Raymond James Financial Services

Too many individual investors blur the distinction between "saving" and "investing." "Saving" is setting money aside in a secure location for a certain need or desire. "Investing" entails putting money to work towards achieving a financial goal with the possibility of generating return. As an investor, it is of utmost importance to be able to answer certain fundamental questions: Will your current investment portfolio be able to meet both short- and long-term investment objectives? Is your current portfolio correctly geared to your individual level of tolerance for risk?

One sound way to answer these questions is by utilizing asset allocation — a disciplined, objective investment game plan that will help you meet your financial goals. Many financial professionals believe the asset allocation decision is the most important step in the investment process. To be most effective, a personal asset allocation model should be tailored to your particular goals and needs.

A simple asset allocation model for an individual investor generally requires a portfolio of assets divided into three categories — stocks, bonds and cash. Each is assigned a fixed percentage. Based on this strategy, a conservative portfolio would generally contain more bonds and cash than stocks. A more aggressive portfolio might contain a higher percentage of stocks. Since diversification of assets is generally recognized as a reliable way to reduce and manage risk in a portfolio, the mix of assets in your allocation model should reflect your preferred level of

risk. Considerations such as current spending requirements, tax implications and inflation-adjusted return may also be addressed through the asset-allocation process.

Asset allocation is flexible and revolves around personal needs. However, professional financial advisors have generally found that investors at various age levels tend to be best served by adopting allocation models that address the needs of their "life-cycle phase." In most cases, the longer your investment time horizon, the more aggressive your investment strategy might be.

For example, investors in their 30s and 40s tend to have several needs and concerns in common (e.g., children, new home, college education, retirement planning). To address these concerns, an asset allocation plan that emphasizes stocks is often recommended because they historically have provided superior returns over time. At the other end of the spectrum are investors who are close to or who have entered into retirement. Their goal might include providing enough income to maintain a lifestyle, or growth of their capital to ensure that they do not outlive their assets. For these investors an above-average holding in bonds may be recommended.

Obviously, these are guidelines. When implementing an asset allocation strategy, the various percentages allocated to stocks, bonds and cash should be assessed on a personal basis and reassessed annually. Be sure to check with your financial advisor regularly on your asset allocation strategy.

St. John's Lutheran Church to host VBS, July 21-23

Fun-filled activities planned daily—

St. John's Lutheran Church invites children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade to their Vacation Bible School to be held Monday through Wednesday, July 21-23.

Classes will be held from 9 a.m. until noon on scheduled days.

This year's theme is "Welcome to the Zoom Zone: Discover Jesus is Forever." This adventure will take kids back and forth to discover Jesus' unwavering, unending love — yesterday, today, and for-

ever!

Bible stories take place in "The Zone," an interactive learning environment filled with the sights and sounds of fun.

Stories to be included are: "Zoom to the Temple" with the boy Jesus (Luke 2:41-52), "Zoom with the Kids" while Jesus blesses the children (Mark 10:13-16), and "Zoom in on Friends" with Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42).

Put on your Zoom Cap and Fun-glasses, grab your Zone Passport, and meet at the Zoombox!

Seeking West Texas Fair & Rodeo Queen and Teen Queen contestants

Entry forms are available at the offices of the West Texas Fair and Rodeo for young ladies interested in the 2003 Miss West Texas Fair & Rodeo Queen and Teen Queen Pageant. The pageant dates are September 5-7, 2003. Entries must be received in the West Texas Fair and Rodeo office by 5:00 p.m., August 8.

Winners will reign over the 2003 West Texas Fair & Rodeo PRCA Rodeo September 9-13. The winners will also represent the West Texas Fair and Rodeo at various other rodeos, parades, and other activities in the West Texas area during the year. The winners will also be eligible to compete in

the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant held in San Antonio in June 2004.

Age limits for the "Miss" division are 19-24 years of age, and for the "Teen" division, ages are 14-18.

Entrants will be judged in three categories: Horsemanship, Western Attire, and Personality.

Entrants must live within a 100 mile radius of Abilene.

Call the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Office at 325-677-4376 for entry forms or pick one up at 1700 Hwy. 36, Abilene.

Arts & Crafts Festival in San Angelo

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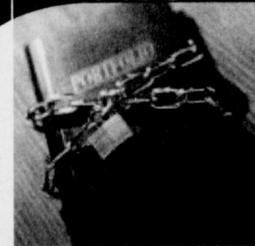
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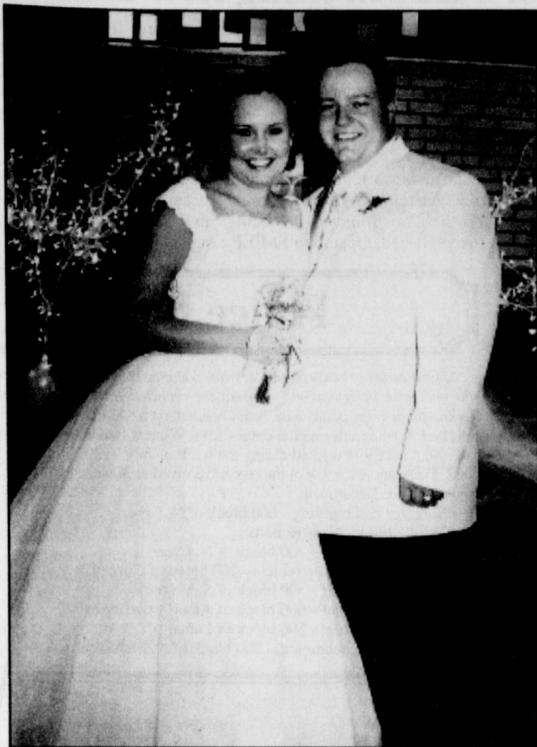
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Life

Hollie Cathey and Jeremy Sockwell exchange vows in double ring ceremony



Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Sockwell

Hollie Ann Cathey and Jeremy Lyn Sockwell exchanged vows in a double ring ceremony on Saturday, June 7, 2003. The wedding was held at 4 p.m. in First Baptist Church of Winters.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Cindy Cathey of Wingate and the granddaughter of Frank K. and Marianne Antilley of Wingate and the late George and Doris Cathey.

The groom is the son of Joe and Gypsy Gardner of Hillsboro and Curtis and Maurine Sockwell of Portland.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride chose a formal beaded strapped dress with a stitched bodice of flowers and vertical lines also accented with intricately placed crystal beads. The skirt was layers of tulle rolled on the edge. She carried a small hand-tied bouquet of sterling roses.

Kourtney Cathey of Wingate served her sister as maid of honor. She wore a platinum satin A-line gown with small beaded flowers on the bodice and carried a single white rose. Other bridesmaids, attired in the same gown, were Cara Ledbetter of Great Falls, Montana, sister of the bride; Kristen Sockwell of Lubbock, sister of the groom; Allison Westfall of Midland, friend of the bride and groom; and Kerry Hyde and Tracey Gonzales of Sweetwater, friends of the bride.

Flower girls were Katelyn Cathey of Ennis, cousin of the bride and Kendall Pohler of Houston, cousin of the groom. Each wore white sleeveless tea length dresses.

Serving as best man for the groom was Justin LaForge of Midland, friend of the groom. He wore a formal tuxedo with platinum vest and Windsor tie with a white rose boutonniere. Other groomsmen wearing the same attire were Dustin Sockwell of Midland, brother of the groom; Jason Corbell of Brady, friend of the groom; Jason Westfall of Midland, friend of the bride and groom; Bo Madison of Midland, friend of the groom; and Dustin Gragg of San Angelo, friend of the groom.

Ring bearer, Chase Cathey of Roscoe and cousin of the bride, wore the same formal tuxedo as the groomsmen. Serving as

ushers for the ceremony were the bride's brother-in-law, Brad Ledbetter of Great Falls, Montana, and Walt Cathey of Lubbock, cousin of the bride.

The ceremony was officiated by Reverend Barry Taylor of First Baptist Church, Winters. Pianist for the ceremony was Fran Kidwell of Winters, friend of the bride's family. Vocalist was Jodi Harrison of Midland, friend of the groom's family.

The front of the church was elegantly decorated with white trees strung with white Christmas lights and covered at the base with flowing layers of tulle. Nestled among the trees was the unity candelabra surrounded by tulle. The wedding party faced the audience and was placed in couples behind the bride and groom. Reverend Taylor stood at the base of the sanctuary so all in attendance could view the entire service.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in Jones Fellowship Hall. The bride's table was covered with a floor length white cloth. The bride's cake was a square four-tiered white butter cream cake decorated with cornelli lace, dots, and topped with fresh white and sterling roses with greenery.

Each table contained mints made by the bride's aunt, Kei Antilley of Robert Lee, and mixed nuts. A buffet table featured rolls, sliced meats, cheeses, fresh fruits, and vegetables.

The groom's table, also covered with a floor length white cloth, was adorned with an oval three-tiered chocolate cake decorated with cornelli lace and the bride and groom's initials.

Serving in the house party were Jane Allcorn, Beth Bradley, Laura Brown, Landa Grohman, Troylene Lincycumb, Dottie Loudermilk, Susan Mostad, Gloria Poehls, and Cheryl Sneed.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner in Jones Fellowship Hall with a Mexican theme using pastel fruit sherbet colors to carry out the theme.

Following a honeymoon trip to San Antonio, the couple makes their home in Sweetwater where the bride is employed by Texas State Technical College and the groom is employed by Basic Energy Services.

Reunion Time

Mitchell family celebrates 54th annual reunion

The 54th annual Mitchell reunion was held Sunday, July 13, 2003, at The Rock Hotel Heritage Center in Winters. There were 37 people present for the steak lunch.

Attending from the farthest were Jeff Young and Kathy Lydic of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The oldest attending was Hollis Workman of Hatchel who was born in 1910, and the youngest was four-month-old Alexander Wiley of Temple.

David and Lydia Mitchell were married January 30, 1875, at Sugar Loaf, Coryell County, Texas. They now have over 400 descendants. At the reunion, there

were three grandchildren present: Audra L. Mitchell of Winters, Hollis Workman of Hatchel, and Joline Wiley of Kenedy, and 12 great-grandchildren.

David Mitchell died in 1907 and was buried at Copperas Cove. Lydia later moved to Winters to be closer to most of her children. Lydia Mitchell died in 1946 and was buried at Winters. Their children were Howard, Luther, Laura, Walter, Arthur, Travis, Tom, Ruth Mosley, and Ruby Baker.

Family members attending the Mitchell reunion were—From the Howard and May Mitchell

family: Bob and Quinelle Archer of Kerrville and Jerene Hocker of Big Spring.

From the Luther and Lizzie Mitchell family: Audra and Lila Mitchell; Mike and Linda Mitchell; Randall and Susan Conner of Winters; Garner and Elizabeth Young of Coleman; A.L. and Carol Mitchell and Doug, Denise, Chase, and Peyton Mitchell of Houston; and Jeff Young and a visitor, Kathy Lydic, of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

From the Walter and Mary Mitchell family: Ernie and LaDelle Watson of Lubbock; Leta Mitchell and Bobbie Butner

of Levelland.

From the Arthur and Myrt Mitchell family: Hollis Workman; David and Brenda Workman and Shorty Workman of Ballinger.

From the Ruby and Joe Baker family: Joline Wiley of Kenedy; Alan and Karey Wiley of Harlingen; Laura Turnip-seed of San Benito; Tim Turnipseed of Lubbock; Scott and Tara Williams of Plano; and Michael, Kimberly, and Alexander Wiley of Temple.

The 55th annual Mitchell Reunion will be held Sunday, July 11, 2004, at the Rock Hotel Heritage Center in Winters.

Judy Hasley, William Norman exchange wedding vows

Judy Glover Hasley of Comanche and William Steven Norman of Abilene wish to announce their marriage on July 2, 2003.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William S. Glover of Winters. The groom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Norman, also of Winters.

The outdoor double ring ceremony was held in the rose garden at the home of Nancy Norman Jones and Marvin Jones of Denton, Texas.

Out of town guests included Betty Haswell, Iowa Park; Nell Glover Lewis, Hamlin; Kevin, Barbara, Matthew and Jeremy Lewis, Brownwood; Dawson Hicks, Casey Bingham, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Reedy, Nick and Emily Reedy, Comanche; David Tilley of Houston; Danette Brown, Comfort; Hazel Morris, Ft. Worth; Virginia and David Appleby, Dallas.

The couple will be in their new home in Abilene, Texas, in mid-august.

Pritchards host 13th annual family reunion

Descendants of Elmer Madison and Willie Belle Pritchard met on Saturday, July 12, 2003 at the Winters Community Center for the 13th Annual Pritchard Family Reunion. Forty-eight family and friends were in attendance.

The group enjoyed fried chicken, ham, and rolls catered from The Homplace complimented with vegetables, salads and desserts contributed by the families.

In a short business meeting the group voted to make a \$100 donation to West Texas Rehabilitation in memory of Elmer and Willie Belle and Geraldine Mask.

They voted to hold a reunion next year and the same time and place.

Those in attendance were: Brandon Pritchard of Crawford; Rex, Cheryl, Kinley, and Kayla Pritchard and Casey Jordan of Lub-

bock; Dorothy Jernigan and Perry Pritchard of Marble Falls; Jack and Lucille Pritchard of Wingate; and Johnny, Deb, Cody, Colby, Coltyn, and Corey Pritchard of Winters.

Others were: Steve, Penny, Jessica, Jack, and Jaymee Pritchard of Winters; Misty Pritchard and Stuart Sutton, Marie Payne and Mandy Pritchard, all of Lubbock; Pat, Jr. and Doris Pritchard of Clyde; and Toby Webster of Baird.

Also were: Kyra and Madys-on Minter of Clyde, Celeste and John Pritchard of Austin; Rodney, Tracie, Sam, and Ryleigh Denton of Rotan; Mary Lynn and Ronald Presley of Winters; Alisa Presley of Austin, Jana Presley of San Angelo; Maxine Pritchard of Winters; Andi and Jarrett Gerhart of San Angelo; Joe, Donna, and Brian Pritchard of Wingate; and Ronnie and Wanda Burns of Clyde.

New Items from Market

- Miniature Super Remote-Control Cars
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Annual Meeting — Last-minute reminder

65th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
COLEMAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2003
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COLEMAN, TEXAS

5:30 - 7:00 P.M.
Registration

Health Fair by Coleman County Medical Center

7:00 - 7:30 P.M.
Business Meeting

7:30 - 8:00 P.M.
Elm Valley Community Church Gospel Band or
The Hole-in-the-Wall Gang

8:00 - 8:30 P.M.
Drawing for Prizes

One Major Prize — About 30 Door Prizes — Kids Door Prizes

Plus attendance gifts for members and kids!
Come out and enjoy the homemade ice cream, cookies, punch,
and good fellowship!



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Law & Order

Legal Notices

BID NOTICE

The City of Winters is accepting bids on repairs to the Water Plant House.

Bid specifications may be obtained at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas 79567, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Deadline for submitting bids is 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 31, 2003.

The City reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids. 14-28(2c)

BID NOTICE

The WINTERS I.S.D. is accepting sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., August 6, 2003, for the purchase of bulk diesel and unleaded fuel.

Bid specifications may be obtained from the Business Office, 603 N. Heights, Winters, TX 79567 or by calling (325) 754-5574.

Bids will be opened and read publicly on August 6, 2003, at 2:00 p.m.

Winters I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any portion thereof and to accept the bid most advantageous to the district. Any exceptions to the specifications should be clearly explained in writing. Failure to meet all specified conditions may invalidate a proposal.

Bid proposals must be clearly marked on the envelope "FUEL BID." 14-29(2c)

BID NOTICE

The WINTERS I.S.D. is accepting sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., August 6, 2003, for the purchase of meat, canned food, frozen goods, vegetables, and condiments.

Bid specifications may be obtained from the Business Office, 603 N. Heights, Winters, TX 79567 or by calling (325) 754-5574.

Bids will be opened and read publicly on August 6, 2003, at 2:00 p.m.

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Bid proposals must be clearly marked on the envelope "FOOD BID." 14-29(2c)

BID NOTICE

The WINTERS I.S.D. is accepting sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., August 6, 2003, for the purchase of flavored and unflavored one-half pint milk.

Bid specifications may be obtained from the Business Office, 603 N. Heights, Winters, TX 79567 or by calling (325) 754-5574.

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Bid proposals must be clearly marked on the envelope "MILK BID." 14-29(2c)

Literary & Service Club reorganizes—

Local women's club seeking new members

The local affiliate of the Federated Women's club is the Winters Literary and Service Club which has just reorganized and is welcoming new members. Current officers include: President: Jean Owens, Vice President: Elaine Coleman, Secretary: Cheryl Vorhauer, Treasurer: Judi Rusk and Critic Parliamentarian: Joyce Weems.

You may have thought that the club was just for older women and stay-at-home moms getting together for coffee and conversation. Guess again.

The Literary and Service Club sponsors the Turkey Dinner every year at Homecoming at the WHS Cafeteria. This year the dinner will be held on October 24.

The Club hosts the Senior Citizens Nursing Center Birthday Party in March each year and holds a Senior Tea for the graduates along with the ALPHA RHO Award for a qualifying senior.

The major project of the club is to help sponsor the Winters Public

Library as well as other community projects and donations. The Literary and Service Club is also involved with donations involving M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Last year over \$200,000 in scholarships were given through the Federated Women's Clubs of Texas. Playgrounds were built, trees planted, Operation SMILE

bags were filled, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center children's Christmas cards were sold, libraries were started and improved, and other programs and projects as diversified as the women of Texas.

If you are interested in joining the Literary and Service Club, contact any of the officers listed above and they will be glad to get you signed up.

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 July 7, 2003, through July 13, 2003. These are just a few of the reports received each week by members of the Winters Police Department.

- Burglary of a building - 600 block of N. Crier
- Theft - 200 block of Roberts
- Criminal mischief - 300 block of N. Crier
- Burglary of a motor vehicle - 200 block of Circle Drive
- Criminal mischief - 300 block of S. Magnolia
- Criminal mischief - 600 block of Albert - two cases
- Criminal mischief - 500 block of Lamar
- Burglary of a habitation - 200 block of N. Melwood

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Alan M. Fisher, theft by check, case dismissed, made restitution and paid fees

Ramon A. Chavez, theft by check, case dismissed, made restitution and paid fees

Cyneka Lee Ramirez, assault, case dismissed, defendant deceased

Vaughn Craig Gehrels III, theft, case dismissed, defendant paid restitution and victim requested case be dismissed

Mary Brown, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to two years, fined \$100, plus \$236 court costs, \$1,424.14 restitution, \$505 hot check fees, assigned 40 hours community service

Diana Dixon, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to

one year, fined \$100, plus \$236 court costs, \$147.01 restitution, \$40 hot check fees, assigned 32 hours community service

Michael Charles Ashton, making alcohol available to a minor, pleaded nolo contendere, placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for one year, fined \$250, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 40 hours community service

Ricky Lee Link, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$251 court costs, assigned 24 hours community service

Norma Sanchez, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs, \$36.90 restitution, \$50 hot check fees

Criminal Cases Filed July 9

Gerald Dean Lacy, filed for driv-

ing while license suspended

Marriage Licenses Filed July 7

Alton Leroy Rose and Ann Agnew Patterson

Morgan Lee Westbrook II and Vickie Lynn Reisner

District Court Grand Jury Indictments

Robert Laython Teschendorf, hindering a secured creditor

Jerry James Carson, burglary of a building (prior offense)

Jose Salvas Falcon, Ballinger, evading arrest/detention using a vehicle (prior offenses)

Michael Will Eldred, Ballinger, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

Juan Joseph Garza, Snyder, driving while intoxicated (prior offenses)

Edward Davenport, two counts of retaliation

Jessie Martinez Garcia, Winters, burglary of a habitation (prior offense)

Michael Crawford, San Angelo, for-

gery by passing

William Merrill Wright, Winters, burglary of a building (prior offense)

Civil Cases Filed July 7

Craig Steckelberg vs. Warren Exploration LLC, a Kentucky corporation; Imperial Gas Resources LLC, a Texas corporation; Wevanco Energy LLC, a Texas corporation; Clinton C. Goff, Randy Decker, and Frank O. Cox, exemplary damages

July 10

In re: Roy A. Schaefer, residuary trust, petition to name trustee

Divorce Cases Filed July 9

Tammy Pitt vs. Jimmy Pitt

Divorces Granted June 19

Jonathan Cody McCartney and Michelle Mara McCartney

June 24

Bernie Howard Pecor and Patricia Kay Pecor

Carl Lynn Squyres and Prula Kay Squyres

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1

Felony Cases Filed July 11

Teresa Bell Campbell, filed for possession or transportation of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance

Christopher Daniel Barrandey, filed for possession or transportation of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance

Bruce Rumaldo Villareal, filed for criminally negligent homicide

Small Claims Cases Filed July 9

Demand Staff, Inc., vs. John B. Frerich-Frerich Land Improvement, payment of temporary service has not been paid

Citizens State Bank vs. Pedro Arriaga, default on loan

Jerry W. Willingham vs. John L. Carfer, president Vulcan Steel, Inc., property damage

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Presents

ACROSS

1 TXiam: "above the rest"

5 TX grocer: Play-N-Feathers

6 TXiam: "hard as folding" in a windstorm

7 rank and

8 TX Parot ran as one in '92

16 famous TX case: v. Wade

17 cross-town rival of Odeesa Permian position of Ranger "A-Rod" (abbr.)

22 Looney Tunes Elmer

23 San Augustine: "The ___ of Texas"

24 TXiam: "at the drop"

29 TXiam for "little"

30 Houston racer A.J. Campo or Paso

31 location of Houston Texans opponent Patriots this Thomas was

34 1st TX female in U.S. Congress

35 traffic tie-up in Houston or Dallas romance film by TX Greer Garson

37 Bin ___ TX

38 El ___ TX

39 "Gone With The Wind" plantation

40 TXiam: "the Lord and pass the ammunition"

42 fattened rooster

DOWN

1 TXiam: "drive"

2 old TX royal roads: "rees"

3 Dale Evans town

4 early Indian dwelling

9 TXiam: "the pavement" (walk)

10 Austin's "Deep ___" was TX first swimming pool

11 TX-based western: "Blessing"

12 this Smith was Cowboys LB (93-'96) (init.)

13 prom date

14 TXiam: "souf" (no one)

15 TXiam: "dog won't hunt"

18 TXiam: "have to get better to die"

19 Jackie of TX-based "Smokey and the Bandit II"

20 TX "Soap" actress Katharine

22 TXiam: "he'll be late to his own stove"

24 TX Coleman film: "Golden Pond"

25 TX Guadalupe is a spring-___ river

26 TXiam: "does ___ dog stink?" (yes)

27 "___ good bum"

28 TXiam: "could talk the legs off ___"

29 panhandle town

30 Laredo Borderfest is a 3-day ___

33 TX Joan Crawford: Lucille ___ Susur

34 Mavs in Western Conference finals in '03 (2 wds.)

35 TXns fought against this country in WWII

37 TXiam: "burn the ___ oil"

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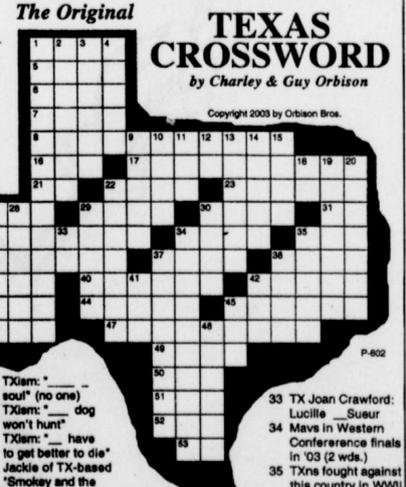
41 TX Toomey's "On Given Sunday"

42 TX ___ Farley's Boys Ranch

45 youngster

48 TX Buddy Holly's real "Peggy Sue"?

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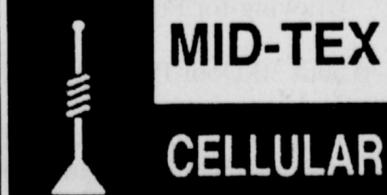
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FOR SALE BY OWNER—200 Park Lane: Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 2 living areas & double garage on large corner lot. Dishwasher, water heater, & central heating/cooling system are like new. Nice carpet, vinyl, & paint. Ceiling fans throughout. Backyard privacy fence. Call 754-4882 or 754-4555 for more information or an appointment. Please leave a message if no answer. **14-26(tfc)**

House for sale: **GREAT STARTER HOME**, 3B/1B, C/H/A, new roof, carport, large fenced backyard. 210 E. Broadway. \$20,000. Call 754-4987 for appointment. **14-29(3tp)**

Garage Sales

Inside Sale: **208 E. TRUITT**. Thurs. & Fri., 8 until 7; Sat. 8-lunch. King-size bed, quilts, towels, toys, lots more. **14-29(1tp)**

Fri., Sat., & Sun. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. **3 MILES NORTH OF BRADSHAW** at intersection of Hwy. 83 & FM 604. **14-29(1tp)**

9-FAMILY GARAGE SALE/BAKE SALE: Sat., July 19, 8-7. All proceeds go to Novice Cheerleaders. **514 S. MAIN**. **14-29(1tp)**

Saturday — 7 a.m.-Noon. **126 FRY IN TUSCOLA**. Hwy 84 to CR 131. Right at carwash, 1st road on right. Baby items, infant clothes to 2T, boys size 12 to 16, miscellaneous. **14-29(1tp)**

Ads for Garage Sales and Cards of Thanks must be PAID PRIOR to publication

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Employment

The City of Winters is accepting applications until position is filled for a **PART-TIME WORKER IN THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT**. Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas 79567, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. The City of Winters is an EOE. **14-28(2tc)**

RN/LVN part-time or per visit. North Runnels Home Health. Contact Dayna Wade 325-754-4141. **14-28(2tc)**

PROVIDERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY in the Winters area. Caring, considerate, & flexible people needed to help elderly persons with personal care and light housekeeping in the clients' homes. Criminal background check will be performed; only honest, hardworking people need apply. Must be at least 18. Serious inquiries only call Jessica @ 432/570-4475 or 800/551-6451. **14-29(tfc)**

PRODUCTION WORKERS for Coleman area, day shifts available. Come by 119 N. Broadway, Ballinger, or call 365-8880. **14-29(1tc)**

WANTED: LVNs, RNs, & CNAs. New pay scale, all shifts available. Apply in person to Jenni or Denise at Heritage Oaks Estates, 365-5766. **14-29(2tc)**

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WINTERS PUBLIC LIBRARY is seeking a librarian, 20 hrs./week, Mon.-Thurs. Responsibilities include working with local volunteer board, ordering and maintaining library resources, and supervising staff and volunteers. Graduation from high school or passing GED and 1,000 hours paid or voluntary work experience in a library required. Computer literacy a plus but not required. Salary based on experience. Questions contact: Mike Neal, Library Board President — 325/754-5574. Applications available at Winters Public Library, 120 N. Main. **14-29(3tc)**

CARRIER WANTED in Winters for *The San Angelo Standard-Times*. Earn approx. \$400/month working early morning hours. 659-8292 or 1-800-588-1884, ext. 8292. **14-29(1tp)**

NEED SOMEONE TO ROTOTILL and rake my yard. Call Lonnie at 754-5274. **14-29(1tp)**

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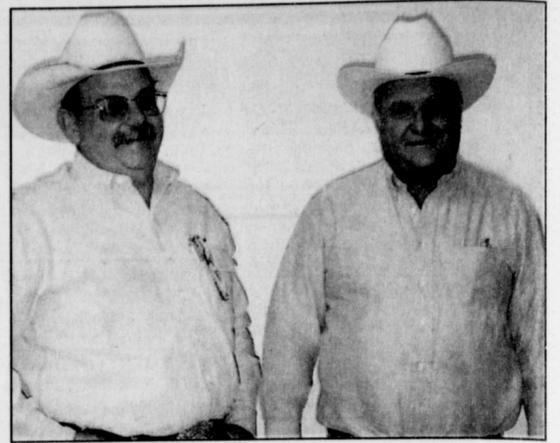
New Runnels County trapper— County Commissioners support predator control service

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 the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and the Runnels County Predator Management Board, told the Commissioner's Court last week. "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 will lose income up to \$16 million a year if the sheep and goat industry is put out of business by predators. "This group has



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NEW RUNNELS COUNTY trapper Tim O'Donnell (left) is introduced by Runnels County Predator Control Board member Gordon Hays.

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 \$1000 per month for a county trapper with \$800 per month

being provided by producers in the county. A new trapper, Tim O'Donnell, was introduced to the group of commissioners.

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

Chamber compiling hunting lease list

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is compiling a list of hunting leases in the Winters area to provide pro-

spective hunters for the upcoming season.

If you are a landowner who would like to lease your prop-

erty for bird or deer hunting, please call the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce at 325-754-5210 from 9 a.m.-noon Monday through Friday or e-mail information to wacc@wcc.net or fax to 325-754-5826.

The information needed includes contact name, mailing address, phone, e-mail address, size/location/description of lease, game to be hunted, type of lease (day, weekend, week, season), lodging/camping available, utilities available, other services, restrictions, and price. If you do not provide all of the information, please provide enough for hunters to be interested.

Several groups in the area are working on a "Winters Dove Fest" for the first Saturday of dove season, Sept. 6. There are a large number of hunters who are looking for leases in the Winters area and there is a great opportunity for the development of hunting.

Hunters may contact the Chamber for lists which will be faxed or e-mailed.

L-KWCD hearing date

The Board of Directors of the Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, set the date for a Public Hearing on Monday evening, July 21, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wall High School Cafeteria.

The purpose of the hearing is to take public comment on:

1) an application by the Wall ISD to drill a non-exempt well to help water the playing fields around the school; and

2) on the District establishing rules requiring all non-exempt wells to have meters installed and to set production limits on non-exempt wells.

Non-exempt wells are wells that can produce more than 25,000 (17.4 gpm) gallons per day and are generally high impact wells used for irrigation, industrial, or water supply, or municipal water supply. Exempt wells are wells for which the District is not required to issue a permit under Texas Water Law. In general, exempt wells are those used for domestic and livestock use, wells which cannot physically produce more than 25,000 gallons per day. Wells used to supply water for a platted subdivision are not exempt.

The District currently has NO overall pumping restrictions other than spacing requirements and the number of wells that can be drilled per section. However, the District has been receiving calls and comments by landowners that have been suggesting the District consider putting pumping limits on wells. Therefore, the Board will be taking public comments and/or recommendations on meters on wells and pumping restrictions.

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Deadline draws near to purchase tickets for Runnels County Gala

Local residents have just less than two weeks left to purchase tickets for the Runnels County Gala sponsored by the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show Association.

The association will host the First Annual Runnels County Gala on Saturday, August 9, 2003 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Parish Hall in Rowena. The event will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight.

All four communities, Winters Ballinger, Rowena, and Miles, will help host the county-wide affair. Only 500

tickets will be sold for the evening of fun. Couples tickets are \$75/pair and individual tickets are priced at \$40 each.

Those attending will enjoy a grilled steak dinner including a 10 oz. steak, seasoned new potatoes, tossed salad, bread, and dessert, two hours of Las Vegas style Casino Night, followed by a dance. A large number of prizes will be given away including a grand prize at the end of the night—a 4 day/3 night trip for two to Las Vegas, Nevada. The trip includes round-trip airfare from

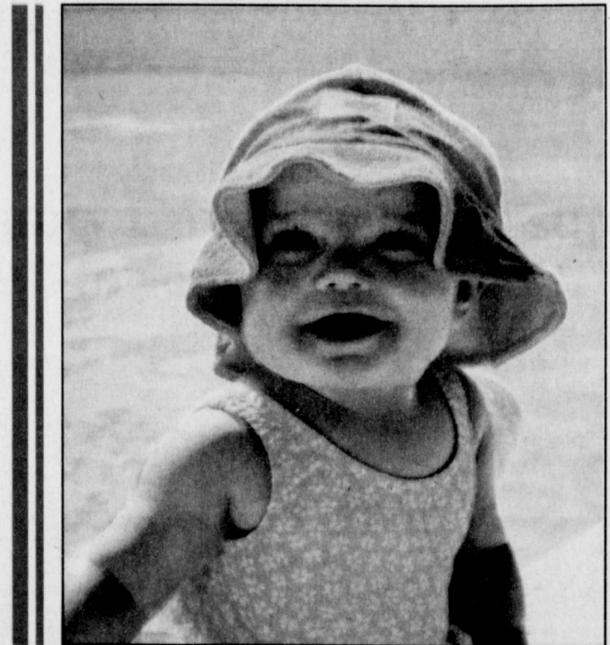
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Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased at: either First American Bank location, Ballinger or Winters; Citizens State Bank in Miles; the Runnels County Extension Office; or from any RCJLSA board member. All proceeds from the Gala will be used to purchase animal projects during the 2004 Runnels County Stock Show Premium Sale.

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