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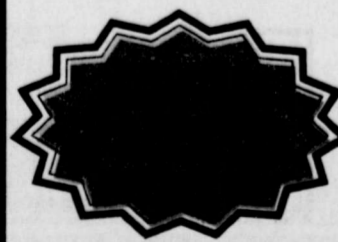
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Fifth annual Sales Tax Holiday set August 1-3

Shoppers can stock up on clothes and shoes without paying sales tax August 1-3, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced.

"I love the Sales Tax Holiday. It's the one time where hard-working Texas families get to keep more of their dollars in their pockets for their families' priorities. The fifth annual Sales Tax Holiday will be held the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of August," Strayhorn said. "During the Sales Tax Holiday most clothes and shoes priced under \$100 are exempt from state and local sales taxes."

Strayhorn estimates Texans will save \$43.8 million in sales tax, including \$34.6 million in state sales tax and \$9.2 million

in local sales taxes.

Examples of items that can be purchased tax-free August 1-3 include kids' clothes and school uniforms, adults'

children to the Tax Exempt list; they have failed to do so.

Items that cannot be purchased tax-free include handbags, wallets, jewelry, accessories, athletic shoes and sports apparel that are not normally street wear, backpacks, and school supplies.

Since the first Sales Tax Holiday in 1999, the annual three-day event has saved Texans an estimated \$150.2 million in sales tax, including \$118.5 million in state sales tax and \$31.7 million in local sales tax.

"During these tough economic times, I believe Texas families will once again take full advantage of this well-deserved tax break to make their dollars go farther,"

Strayhorn said.

For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday, including a list of tax-exempt and non-exempt items, visit the Comptroller's Web site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx96_23_7_2_03.html#holiday>.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Mark Your Calendar For Savings

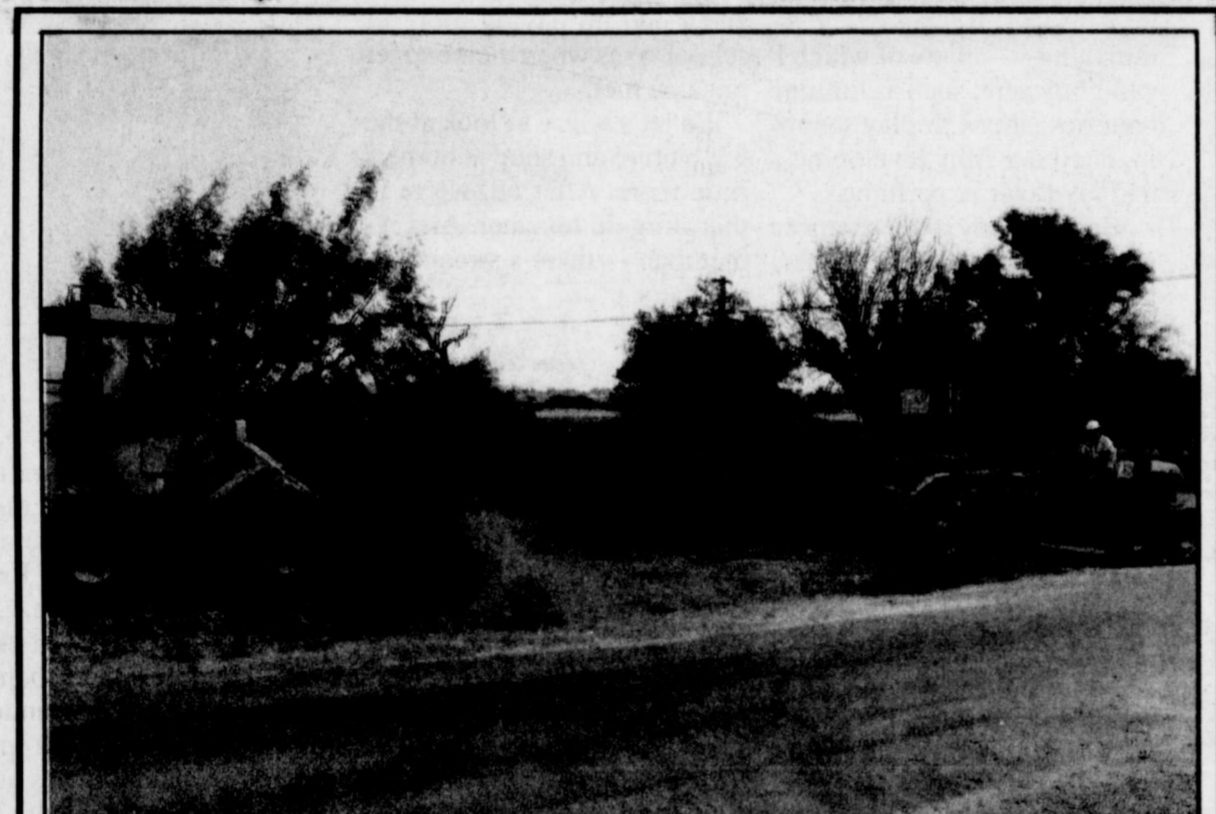
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SOURCES: Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and the Texas Water Development Board.



THE ENTIRE STREET DEPARTMENT for the City of Winters, consisting of Felix Gonzales and Charles Grenwelge, turned out to clear brush and weeds which had accumulated around the city's water treatment plant area. As the only two employees, both men are experiencing difficulty meeting the demands of the city.

Time running short to purchase tickets for Runnels County Gala

Local residents have seven business days left to purchase tickets for the Runnels County Gala sponsored by the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show Association. According to the Extension office, only about 100 tickets are still available.

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

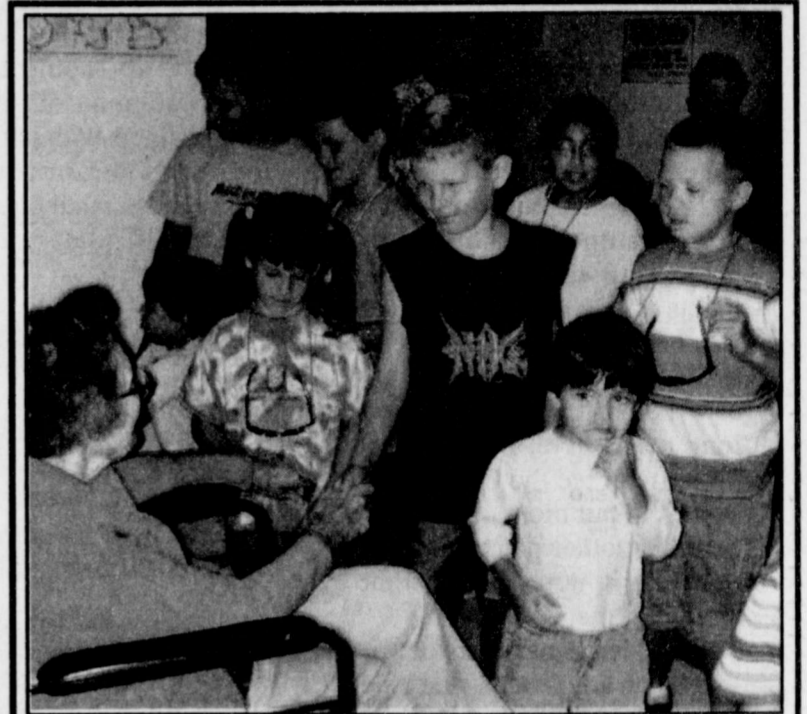
Miles, will help host the county-wide affair. Only 500 tickets will be sold for the evening of fun. Couples tickets are \$75/pair and individual tickets are priced at \$40 each.

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 in-

cludes round-trip airfare from Midland, transfers, and hotel accommodations.

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.

For more information, contact the Extension Office at 365-2219.



LOUISE WAGGONER, resident at Senior Citizens Retirement Center, receives some warm hugs and handshakes from children attending Vacation Bible School at St. John's Lutheran Church last week. The children gave a special performance of sign language and singing for the residents.

Council lowers tax rate, keeps same water fees

by Jean Boles, editor

With no comment from the public Monday night, Winters City Council members approved a proposed budget which will lower the tax rate by 2¢ and leave the water rate the same as last year. This action sets the fiscal year 2003-04 tax rate at 73¢ per \$100 of appraised value.

According to City Manager Aref Hassan, the budget cuts will come from downsizing one person each in the police department and the street department. Currently the street department

has two full-time employees and the police department has four officers. The water department has four full-time employees.

Mayor Dawson McGuffin asked to increase the water rates for North Runnels Water Supply Corporation and Alderman Steve Esquivel agreed. After more discussion, Alderman Jimmy Butler moved to approve the FY 03-04 as proposed with the 2¢ tax cut and no change in the water rate. The motion carried unanimously. See CITY COUNCIL, page 6

Congressman Stenholm in Winters on Wednesday, August 6

Congressman Charles Stenholm will be stopping in Winters on Wednesday, August 6, at 8 a.m. at the Rock Hotel to meet area citizens. Coffee will be served.

Contico hosting inventory sale Saturday on Main St. BBQ, baked goods to benefit Kelly Bearden

Contico, formerly John's International, of Winters will be hosting a giant truck box factory inventory reduction clearance sale on Saturday, August 2, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 333 S. Main.

Plant manager, Robin Lowe, said the purpose of the sale is to sell off inventory which is considered discontinued and other inventory considered seconds.

"The whole purpose (of the sale) is because we have a lot of new products and several more in the works," said Lowe. He compares his company's upcoming sale to sales car dealers have — an "inventory reduction, end of the year clearance."

On June 16, the manufacturing company laid off twenty-two employees due to "slow sales." At that time, Lowe said some of Contico's customer's such as Home Depot were experiencing effects of a slow economy which, in turn, necessitated a reduction in local production.

However, in an optimistic move on July 22, the Winters plant received five new press brakes from Connecticut. The new state-of-the-art equipment is used to make tool boxes and will eliminate fourteen outdated, World War II era machines, according to Frank Fortson, Manufacturing Engineer at the Winters plant.

Saturday's sale will also include a fundraiser to benefit Kelly Bearden, the 18-year-old Winters resident who has been hospitalized in ICU at Shannon Medical Center since an auto accident July 12.

"Friends of Kelly" will sell BBQ sandwiches for \$2 each from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., along with baked goods. Hollis Dean of The Shed has volunteered to cook the meat. Anyone wishing to donate a baked good may bring their donation at 9 a.m. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Winters VFD will sell tea and soft drinks.

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Editorial

Oil Bidness

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There is no question that Texas is blessed in so many ways. Don't you agree?

And, certainly, Texas is blessed in the fossil fuel department. As a matter of fact, we are often the subject of envy by the rest of the United States (Alaska and Louisiana excepted) for the rich economic benefit the state reaps because of what is under our land and waterways.

I often hear the somewhat complimentary (some approaching resentful) statements saying we Texans all get rich off what we are just lucky to live over. And, although I can't help it that others took too long to get here, I am always proud to agree the Good Lord saw fit to put more oil and gas here than other places.

Well, it may not be that simple.

Sure, Texas has more petroleum than any other state in the Union, but we have also produced a large portion of it already. When you talk about what's left, we may still have the most, but there is significant oil and gas outside of this heaven on earth.

And, it turns out that most of those jealous folks, who think Texas got luckier than we deserve, don't want oil and gas from some of those other places. As a matter of fact, they don't want most of what is out there.

Or, at least they don't act like they want it. They keep putting up roadblocks to access to the oil and gas resources that are out there.

There are big reserves offshore California that are un-touchable for the foreseeable future. Right there under the noses of many complaining that energy companies are not producing enough to insure low prices.

There are large volumes offshore Florida and up the east coast. All are severely restricted or absolutely off limits for exploration and/or production.

And, don't forget onshore areas, where state governments have severely limited access to trucks shooting seismic, drilling wells, or producing oil and gas. Most of that is in western states, but there are a few government entities around the Great Lakes and the Missouri Valley who take years to issue a drilling permit for some of the more promising acreage in the eastern United States.

Seems to me that, if people are jealous about what Texas takes in from other states in the form of oil and gas payments, they ought to try to fix that by developing their own competing resources.

But, that is a little too simple, I'm afraid.

I think we all should concentrate on aligning our consumptive instincts with our behavior towards infrastructures that satisfy those instincts.

Any takers?

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

None This Week

STAKINGS

Coke County

Lavanca Energy, Inc. has staked the E. Mays #1 in the Wendland Field, 7 miles SE of Robert Lee (Depth 6500). Loc. is 3101 FEL & 3368 FNL of Sur. No. 22, J.A. Gutierrez Sur., A-156.

Coleman County

Fortuna Exploration, Inc. has staked the Lake #1 in the East Silver Valley Field, 1 mile E of Silver Valley (Depth 3500). Loc. is 2173 FEL & 1407 FNL of Sec. 2, Bk. 1, H&BRR Sur.

HOFCO, Inc. has staked the R. Nell #2 as a Wildcat, 4 miles N of Santa Anna (Depth 3200). Loc. is 491 FSL & 550 FWL of Sec. 492, B. Fowler Sur., A-204.

Concho County

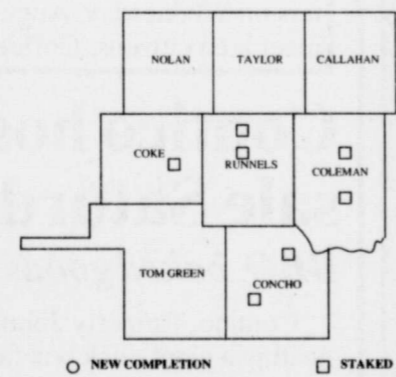
Bowerman Oil & Gas has staked the R.L. Carter #5 in the Southwest Millersview Field, 3 miles W of Millersview (Depth 4000). Loc. is 1985 FSL & 1700 FWL of Sec. 97, Bk. 72, T&NO Sur., A-874.

DBO Oil has staked the M. Nutt #3044 as a Wildcat, 8 miles W of Eden (Depth 2300). Loc. is 747 FEL & 1114 FSL of Sec. 44, Bk. 9, H&TC Sur., A-1096.

Runnels County

Enrich Oil has staked the L. Evans #1 in the North Motely Field, 3 miles SE of Norton (Depth 4900). Loc. is 1207 FNL & 1790 FEL of Sec. 12, Bk. 64, H&GN Sur., A-755.

Sha-Jam Operating has staked the Betty #1 in the Outlaws Field, 6 miles NW of Winters (Depth 5000). Loc. is 467 FSL & 1980 FEL of Sec. 91, Bk. 64, H&TC Sur., A-316.



Our Small Towns "Disappearing"

"Editor's note: This was edited from a piece called "Job Layoffs" from the Internet, Feb., 2002, and appeared in the Coleman Chronicle newspaper.

"Regarding our small towns disappearing: John Smith started the day early, having set his alarm clock (bought from a mail order company instead of the local drug-store).

While his coffee (not bought from the locally-owned grocery store) was perking, he shaved with his electric razor (purchased from Sam's in Abilene).

He put on his new shirt (from a mail order catalog), his western jeans (not from the locally owned western store), and tennis shoes (from an outlet center in Abilene).

After cooking breakfast (bought off a truck), he sat down with his calculator (purchased at Wal-Mart) to check his bank account (you guessed it — not locally owned).

After setting his watch to the radio (both from Abilene), he got in his car (hmmm... how many dealerships did we used to have?), filled it with gas (you're right, not from the locally-owned station) and went to work.

At the end of the day, he decided to rest in his recliner (not from the locally-owned furniture store), and poured himself a glass of wine (not even from Texas). Then he turned on his TV (of course, not from the local dealer) and wondered: "I wonder why Stamford isn't big like it used to be?"

You can put in all sorts of names and places, and your own small town. The facts stay the same: If you don't spend your money at home, your home leaves with it.

Locally-owned businesses are the blood of our towns, states, and country. Alan Jackson says it well in his song: "Small Towns."

Why can't we see the handwriting on the wall?"

Now on a personal note —

As a business owner and (almost) lifelong resident of Winters, I passionately want to see our town survive. Not only do I want this, I need it.

Many things are out of our control — the oil bust which cost our town many families who worked for Haliburton and Pool and other oil-related businesses, and the decline in the farming industry.

But there are some things we can do to help each other and that is to buy locally whenever possible.

Lest you think I'm throwing stones, please know that I, too, am guilty of shopping in Abilene and elsewhere for certain things — many of which I can't buy here, such as lithium batteries, shoes to play tennis in, one-hour film developing, and my favorite perfume.

But I can buy my insurance, most groceries, wedding gifts, blue jeans, paint, gasoline and car batteries and a bunch of other stuff right here in good, ol' Winters, Texas.

The business owners here in Winters who sell these things are the one who support my newspaper — your newspaper.

Card of Thanks

The family of Louis Wade would like to thank everyone for everything they did for us when Daddy passed on to be with the Lord.

Special thanks to Ken Williams and Susan Conner who blessed us with a beautiful service. Thanks to the First Baptist Church for use of the church and the meal they served.

Thanks to Mike Meyers and Linda Dry for their help with the services.

Daddy lived in Brownwood for awhile but Winters was always home.

"I believe that friends are quiet angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly."

The family of Louis Wade

They're the ones who donate to Project Graduation, help buy uniforms for the Little League, and get tickets to the Firemen's Fish Fry. Do you ever see anyone from Progressive Insurance at our ballgames or at the fundraiser for the hospital?

While I'm all for saving a dollar here and there, I also know that without other businesses in town my tax base will rise, costing me more money. I've learned that when businesses leave here and take families away from Winters, our school enrollment drops. This, in turn, costs our school district money from the state and I end up paying more in school taxes when their budget must be met.

So let's all try to look at the big picture and shop at home a little more. After all, we're in this struggle together. And remember — there's strength in numbers.

Thanks, Jean Boles, editor

Update on Kelly Bearden

Kelly Bearden, 18, continues to make slow progress as she remains in ICU of Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo for treatment of a severe head injury. Kelly was involved in a car accident July 12 near Wintgate.

As of late Tuesday, the family reports that Kelly is able to hear and understand, and able to perform some simple physical tasks. Doctors planned to move Kelly to an extended rehabilitation unit on Wednesday, July 30.

Flowers, Novelty Gifts, Tuxedo Rental

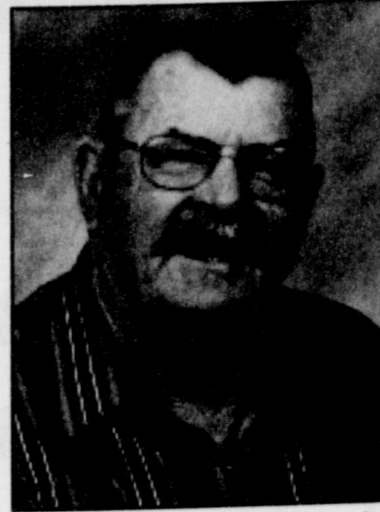
Winters Flower Shop... & More

Janice Pruser, owner

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Obituaries

James Arthur Eubank



WINTERS—James Arthur Eubank, 72, died Tuesday, July 22, 2003, in a San Angelo hospital.

He was born January 27, 1931, in Norton and married Christine Allison on March 29, 1959, in Norton. After their marriage, they moved to Winters.

Mr. Eubank worked in road construction and was a member of the Old Norton Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Christine Eubank of Winters; one son, Truitt Eubank and wife Maggie of Lufkin; one daughter, Margie Holloway of Bronte; one grandson, Christopher Holloway of Bronte; and two granddaughters, Kirsten and Kirbie Wingate of Lufkin.

Visitation was at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 24, at Winters Funeral Home. Services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 25, at the North Main Church of Christ in Winters with Mark Edge officiating. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Lucille Mae Reagan

WINGATE—Lucille Mae Reagan, 92, died Sunday morning, July 27, 2003, at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters.

She was born June 8, 1911, in Hylton and lived in Shep most of her life. She married Jesse T. Reagan on September 30, 1933, in Hylton.

Mrs. Reagan was a homemaker and a home day care provider. She was a member of Shep Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son, Tony Reagan and wife Georgiana of Merkel; one daughter, Leva Self and husband Cecil Ray of Wingate; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother, A.D. Talley of Lubbock; and one sister, Eva Jolly of Abilene.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one son, Rex Reagan.

Family visitation was at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Lauren Garduno officiating. Burial was in the Shep Cemetery in south Taylor County, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country or the Shep Cemetery Association in care of Johnnie Raney.

Afton Hagar Davis



ODESSA—Afton Hagar Davis, 88, died Friday, July 25, 2003.

She married L.C. "Red" Davis on January 21, 1944, in Abilene. They moved to Odessa in 1948.

Mrs. Davis was first and foremost a wife and mother. She spent a short period of her life working as a hairdresser. Her hobbies included cooking for her family, oil painting, sewing and playing weekly card games with her brothers

and sisters and their families. Survivors include her husband, L.C. "Red" Davis, of Odessa; children, L.C. Davis Jr. and wife Helen of Odessa, Joann Clifton and husband Tommy of Robert Lee, Mary Jo Domicer and husband Joe of Georgetown, California, Roy Davis of Merkel, Ray Davis and wife Kay of Abilene, Bill Davis and wife Janis, Shirley Qualls and husband Hershell, and Debbie West, all of Odessa; twenty-four grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Family visitation was at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home in Odessa on Monday, July 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. Graveside services were Tuesday, July 29, at 10:00 a.m. at Sunset Memorial Gardens with Reverend Paul Veree officiating. Arrangements were directed by Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

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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*.

"A Sacrifice Bunt"

by Pastor Barry Taylor, First Baptist Church

The other day I was watching a very exciting baseball game. The score was tied, there was only one out and my team had a runner on second base. Then all of a sudden the man at bat did something that would seem foolish, ridiculous and stupid; that is, if you didn't know anything about baseball. He hit the ball lightly so the pitcher could easily throw him out at first base. He had no chance to make first base, let alone score. Unless an error was made, he was out before he even hit the ball. It's called a "sacrifice bunt." It is the willingness of one player to give himself up for the betterment of another. The ultimate result was that the runner raced to third and later scored the winning run.

In our community we see the "sacrifice bunt" every week. The volunteer fire department, the men and women who deliver "Meals on Wheels", the citizens who give themselves up each year for Christmas in April, March for Jesus, Relay for Life, West Texas Rehab, and many others too numerous to mention, have all given up something in order to see others "score." Their names are seldom mentioned. There are not enough "Men and Women of the Year" awards to honor their willingness to help others. However, the effectiveness of our community is due in large part to their sacrifice.

As we know, the sacrifice bunt is also at the heart of the Christian faith. Jesus gave the ultimate "sacrifice bunt" by going to the cross and dying for the sins of those who would receive Him. No one could imagine that His sacrifice would mean so much to so many.

Perhaps in a similar way there are many who work, serve and sacrifice in the darkness of anonymity. Know this — we all score because you were willing to lay down the sacrifice bunt. Thanks and God bless you.

Register now for Chamber's community-wide garage sale

To be held same day as Dove Fest

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is planning a community-wide garage sale to be held Saturday, September 6.

A complete listing of sale locations will be printed in *The Winters Enterprise* and may also be picked up at the Chamber office. A \$5 registration fee will be charged to each resident desiring to list any garage sale, or for \$10 the sale location will be printed on a distribution map.

Residents may register their sales by calling the Chamber office at 754-5210 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.



GETTING A NICE FACELIFT is the wall on the West Dale side of Raymond's Clip Joint. The back portion, which has been painted, belongs to Dean Burns. Workers replaced mortar and painted the wall with a rubber type paint. The remaining portion of the wall belongs to Raymond Lindsey who says he has no immediate plans to paint his portion.

FUMC to host comedy plus mystery dinner theater

Members of the First United Methodist Church invite community members and guests to an evening of food and fun on Friday, August 8, when they present "The Case of the Mysterious Benefactor."

Cast members include Nancy and David Evans, Kay and Dewey Whitfield, Jeff Mills, Nancy Thompson, Rhea Parramore, Sterling Brooks, and Charles Kidwell. The production is un-

der the direction of Millie Northrup.

The comedy-mystery is set in a restaurant and each character has a unique contribution to the play. Seating will be from 6:00-6:40 p.m. and will be part of the evening's entertainment at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Winters.

A meal of chicken cordon bleu, potato casserole, green beans, jello salad, green salad, dessert, rolls, tea and coffee is included in the \$12.50 ticket. Seating is limited and advanced ticket purchases are recommended.

For more information call Millie Northrup at 743-2075 or

the church office before noon at 754-5213.

Winters Beautification Committee

will meet Sat., Aug. 16, 9 a.m. at the Public Library. Interested persons are invited to attend.

Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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Tuesday, Aug. 5: Roast & gravy, potatoes & carrots, peas, hot roll, and apple crisp.

Wednesday, Aug. 6: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, and peach cobbler.

Thursday, Aug. 7: Salmon, zucchini squash, macaroni & cheese, cornbread, and cookies.

Friday, Aug. 8: Ham, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, bread, and 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- July 31-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5 p.m., Hale Museum Board of Directors, Rock Hotel
- 6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, City Pool
- 7 p.m., Soccer Association, Ballinger Housing Authority
- Aug. 1-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Aug. 2- Men's Golf City Championship, Winters Country Club
- Aug. 3- Men's Golf City Championship, Winters Country Club
- Aug. 4- 7:30 a.m., Football Equipment Issue, Blizzard Stadium
- 8 a.m., Football Practice Begins, Blizzard Stadium
- 9 a.m., Ministerial Alliance, School Cafeteria
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Stadium
- 6-9 p.m., GED Classes, WISD Distance Learning Lab
- 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge, Ballinger Lodge
- Aug. 5-9 a.m.-4 p.m., New Student Registration for Secondary Students, High School Office
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 1 p.m., Seniors Schedule Pick-up, WHS Auditorium
- 1:30 p.m., Juniors Schedule Pick-up, WHS Auditorium
- 2 p.m., Sophomores Schedule Pick-up, WHS Auditorium
- 2:30 p.m., 8th Graders Schedule Pick-up, WHS Auditorium
- 6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, City Pool
- 7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- 7 p.m., American Legion, Post Home
- 7 p.m., 7th Grade Orientation, WHS Auditorium
- 8 p.m., 8th Grade Orientation, WHS Auditorium
- Aug. 6-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6-9 p.m., GED Classes, WISD Distance Learning Lab

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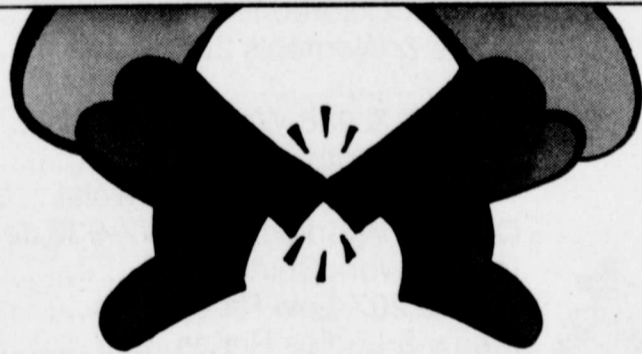
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Unique farm fulfills lavender dreams

Special to *The Winters Enterprise* by Stephanie Parsons

There are many farms in Runnels County, but one in particular stands out. It is the type of farm most often located in Europe or the northwestern United States.

A lavender farm, such as the one located in Shep which is owned by Tony and Georgiana Reagan of Merkel, is a rare sight in this region.

"About three and a half years ago, we went to go see our daughter in Oregon," Georgiana said. "We had some friends in Sequim, Washington, and they wanted us to stay with them. They said they'd take us to a lavender farm."

Georgiana said lavender likes hot and dry climates.

"Most people think the Northwest is really wet," she said. "They'd be surprised at how dry some of it is. Actually, on the Olympia Peninsula, they get less than 15 inches of rain per year and have a moderate

"We already knew it was hot and dry." The soil was perfect to grow lavender in.

Georgiana said there are numerous uses for lavender. "Every year, farms in Europe ship thousands of tons of lavender to the U.S. for the perfume industry, laundry detergents, and aromatherapy products," she said. "We used that idea and came up with a business of our own. It's called Lucille's Lavender."

Lucille's Lavender is named after Tony's mother. "Lucille was 92 years old (when she died July 27, 2003)," Georgiana said. "She didn't stop working until 2 years ago."

The Reagans began marketing the homemade products in November 2002 through arts and crafts shows, as well as selling from their home. "We have all kinds of things for sale," Georgiana said. We make candles, sachets, pot-

such as headaches, depression, anxiety, tension, respiratory ailments, insomnia, eczema, burns, acne, and many others. In fact some hospitals in Europe infuse lavender into the rooms instead of administer-

Georgiana said getting the lavender ready to be made into products is a lot more work than it seems. "It took us three or four weeks to finish the two acres," she said. "We had about 15 kids helping overall. We

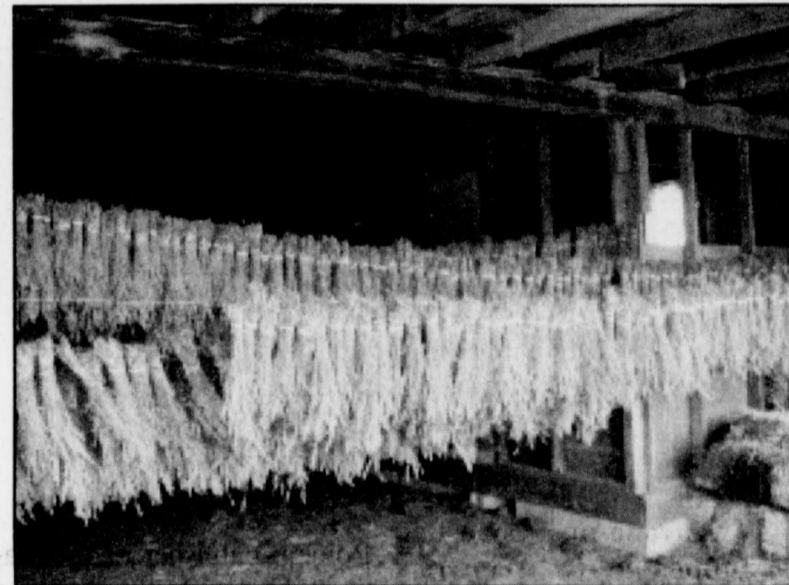


TONY REAGAN, owner of the Shep lavender field, began the farm operations about 3-1/2 years ago.

ing sedatives."

Georgiana said lavender grows better in this area than she anticipated. "They say it takes three years for the plants to mature," she said. "Our one-year plants were as big as their two-year plants."

worked up to 8 hours per day, went through at least 12 thousand paperclips (for hanging), 12 thousand rubber bands, made at least 12 thousand bundles (one plant can make up to 8 bundles pretty easily), and filled up two barns, the



HANGING LAVENDER dries out in preparation of making Lucille's Lavender products.



WORKING AS A TEAM, Brandon Ripple and Stephanie Parsons cut and bundle stalks of lavender.

temperature. They even had to use crushed oyster shells to bring sunshine to the plants."

When the Reagans came back from their trip, they immediately gathered some soil samples and sent them to A&M.

pourri, even eye pillows."

Georgiana said most people buy the products because of their medical usefulness. "Lavender was used during the Victorian era," she said. "It is believed to help many illnesses

garage, and the north bedroom. That's pretty good for 2,400 plants."

Georgiana said she plans to include the community more next year. "We're hoping that next summer, people will be able to pick their own lavender and learn how to make it into something," she said. "People don't get to see much of this kind of crop around here and I want them to experience it."

For more information, visit: 6601 FM 1086 just off Highway 277 at Shep or call (325) 743-2478.

"Neighbor" program helps pay electricity expenses

West Texas Utilities Retail Energy is partnering with social services agencies to help West Texans in financial emergencies pay their home electricity expenses.

"On any given day, many of our neighbors are facing financial hardships and may not have the money to pay for basic needs such as electricity," said Don Whaley, WTU Retail Energy President. "WTU Retail Energy is committed to helping them through the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program."

The program, previously known as Share the Power, is funded by an initial \$200,000 contribution from WTU Retail Energy covering 2002 and 2003. In subsequent years, WTU Retail Energy will continue to contribute \$100,000 annually.

The program is administered through 13 community action agencies in West Texas. Each agency determines who receives assistance.

WTU Retail Energy customers also can make tax-deductible contributions to support the Program and should look for more information with their monthly invoice. One hundred percent of the contributions directly benefit those in need.

Financial Focus

by Jim Woodruff of Edward Jones

What causes stock prices to move?

We deal with quite a few mysteries in everyday life. Why does it always seem to rain on the weekend? Why does ice cream have to be high in fat? Why do we get so many credit card applications? And, for a lot of us, there's at least one more puzzle: What causes stock prices to move?

Rainy weekends, saturated fat and credit card invitations may always be beyond our comprehension. But it's not impossible to understand the economic and psychological mechanisms that determine stock prices.

Ultimately, the key word in stock price movements is earnings. When investors consider a company's earnings, they typically look at the price/earnings ratio, or P/E. To determine P/E, you simply divide the company's stock price by its earnings per share (a company's profits divided by the number of outstanding shares). So, for example, if Company A sells for \$40 and has earnings of \$2.00 per share, then it has a P/E of 20.

Actually, a P/E isn't just the end result of a company's price divided by earnings per share; in fact, a P/E can help determine the company's price. Let's suppose that Company A's earnings remain at \$2.00 per share. But then, for whatever reason, investors become very excited about the company's prospects. Now, they are willing to pay 40 times earnings for a share. With a P/E of 40 and earnings of \$2.00, the stock would then sell for \$80.

Sometimes, a stock's price can move up without this increased willingness on the part of investors to pay more for each dollar of earnings.

Specifically, sharp increases in a company's earnings estimate could cause stock prices

to rise significantly. Let's return to our example above. This time, let's say that Company A's P/E remains at 20. But if its projected earnings jump to \$4.00 per share, its stock price should then trade at \$80.

Of course, in the real world, price movements aren't quite that neat and orderly—but you can still appreciate the impact of a company's earnings and its P/E. However, keep this in mind: There is always a reason for stock prices to move—but there's not always a good reason.

For a recent illustration of this point, you need look back no further than the late 1990s, when many "dot.com" companies were selling at enormously high P/Es—which, in turn, drove up the stock prices. A lot of these companies had little or no earnings, yet investors snapped them up, convinced that, one day, their investment would be rewarded. But in early 2000, the technology bubble burst, and it hasn't reinflated since.

Thus far, we've just looked at a formulaic approach to stock price movements. But these quantitative factors—P/E and earnings per share—are obviously tied in to many qualitative elements. A shake-up in management might cause a stock to decline, while the unveiling of a promising new product could boost prices. Loss of a government contract is bad, while a favorable writing-up in a business journal is good. A labor dispute is a negative; a labor settlement is positive. All these elements, and more besides, can affect a stock's daily price movements, and, sooner or later, its P/E and earnings per share.

So, there you have it—a quick tutorial on why stock prices move the way they do.

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School

Important dates to remember prior to first day of school

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

New Student Registration

Winters Elementary has scheduled New Student Registration for Thursday, August 7, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the school office. Secondary students will register Tuesday, August 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Winters High School auditorium.

Orientation & Schedule Pickup

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 up their class schedules 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.

"Meet the Blizzards" Night

"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.

Elementary

"Meet the Teachers Night" 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.

Football Practice

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 4 at 7:30 a.m.

Band Practice

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

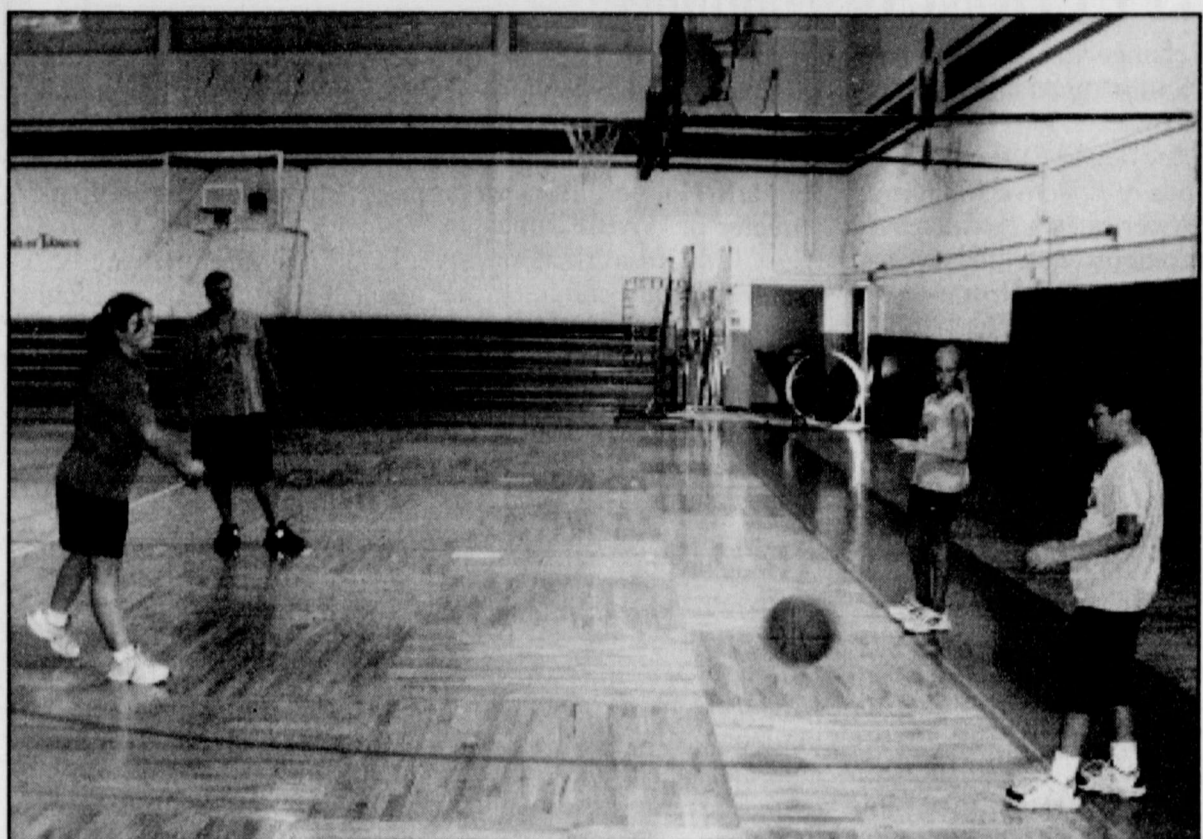
9-11 a.m. (8th grade and all other band members in need of uniforms meet at Band Hall) 1-3:30 p.m. (Full band rehearsal inside)

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



LOCAL YOUNGSTERS, Sybil Bridgeman (left), Zannie Slimp and Josh Lujano, go through some basketball drills under the watchful eye of Coach Zach Boxell during the Win-Tex Summer Basketball Camp.

Local students inducted into the National Honor Roll

Seventeen recognized for academic success

Thirteen students from the *The Winters Enterprise* region qualified for induction into the 2002-2003 National Honor Roll.

They are: Jose Cruz, Amy Esquivel, Raysha Garcia, Paige Geistmann, Lauren Hogan, Randy Jackson, Daisy Mendoza, Jesus Nava, Jessica Pritchard, Ashlee Sanders, Stacey Sneed, Kindra Walker, and Kindy Walker.

The National Honor Roll recognizes high-achieving middle and high school students. "These young people have worked hard to attain academic success," says Lynn Romeo, publisher of the National Honor Roll. "Honoring their achievement provides motivation and encourages them to continue striving. We're proud to include them in the National Honor Roll."

The National Honor Roll offers several benefits which can contribute to the success of its student members.

By taking advantage of NHR's College Admissions Notification Service, high school inductees can notify the admissions offices of as many schools as they wish that they have been inducted into the

National Honor Roll and that they are interested in obtaining information about those colleges. (A copy of the student's biography — and photograph, when published — is sent to the colleges along with that letter.)

High School inductees receive an application for one of the twenty-five \$1,000 Community Contributions Scholarships* which are awarded annually by the Educational Research Center of America. These scholarships are awarded to students who have made an extraordinary contribution to their communities and/or schools. Middle School inductees are eligible to compete for 1 of 10 "National Honor Roll Proud To Live In America" Scholarships. They must submit a short paragraph explaining why they are "Proud To Live In America." The ten inductees with the most compelling explanations will each receive a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond.

Each state governor and all U.S. Senators receive a complimentary copy of the Commemorative Edition, along with a list of the students who have been inducted in their states. Complimentary copies

of the book are also sent to selected school libraries across the country.

The National Honor Roll contacts potentially qualifying students after reviewing information about their academic performance. Students are asked to submit information about their GPA, their interests, activities, and future goals for further consideration. Only students with a B or better average are eligible.

This year, 68% of the inductees averaged an A- or better and 32% averaged B through B+. Forty-two percent (42%) were Seniors (Class of 2003); 29% Juniors (Class of 2004); 17% Sophomores (Class of 2005); 9% Freshmen (Class of 2006); and 3% Middle School.

*Effective with the 2003-2004 edition, National Honor Roll will introduce a new scholarship set up exclusively for National Honor Roll inductees. Each year, \$100,000 in scholarships will be awarded. National Honor Roll inductees who are legal residents of the U.S. and have taken either the ACT or SAT examinations will be able to compete.

For more information, visit www.nationalhonorroll.org.

College-bound high school students should register for ACT exam by August 22

The next ACT Assessment will be administered on September 27, 2003. College-bound high school students must register for the exam by August 22 — the deadline for having the registration postmarked.

There is a late registration postmark deadline of September 5, but an extra fee is charged for late registrations.

Students can get registration packets from their high school counselors or register online at www.act.org.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities, including all Ivy League schools. Many colleges, including Yale, Duke, Amherst, Vassar, Colgate, Johns Hopkins, and others will accept ACT scores in lieu of both SAT I and SAT II scores.

The ACT is not an aptitude test — it is an academic achievement test that measures students on what they learned in

high school. The test fee is \$26 (\$29 in Florida).

ACT's website has helpful information, sample tests, and the opportunity to order inexpensive test prep materials. A free sample test is available from high school counselors in a brochure called "Preparing for the ACT Assessment."

The September test date is not a national test date. The September test is given in only 13 states — Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and Washington.

The ACT Assessment is given nationally, in all 50 states, in October, December, February, April, and June.

The next national test date for the ACT will be October 25, 2003. Registration deadline for the October test is September 19.

Athletic Boosters to meet Aug. 4

Winters Athletic Boosters will meet Monday, August 4, at Blizzard Stadium.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. when members will clean the concession stand. The regular meeting will be conducted at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in supporting the Winters athletic program is invited to attend. Parents of athletes are strongly encouraged to attend.

Soccer group to meet July 31

The Runnels County Soccer Association will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 31, at the Ballinger Housing Authority meeting room.

Anyone interested in being a part of the association is welcome to attend.

Dyess schedules Big Country Air Show Day

Dyess Air Force Base has scheduled its annual air show for August 16 with the featured act being the U.S. Army Golden Knights.

For more than 43 years, the Golden Knights have had a history of being a world-recognized, award-winning parachute team with a record 408 national championships, 65 world champions and 14 national and six world team titles in formation skydiving.

Other aerial performers include the B-2 Spirit, the A-10 Warthog, the B-52 Super Stratofortress, various warbirds including the P-51, MiG 17, B-25, A-26 and P-39, as well as Dyess' very own B-1s and C-130s. The Air Force Academy's Wings of Blue Parachute Team will also perform freefall parachute tricks with the Golden Knights.

Numerous fighter, bomber and cargo aircraft will be on display

for visitors to see throughout the day. Ground demonstrations and the Smokin' Guns Car Show are also available.

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.

WHS yearbooks needed for Z.I. Hale Museum

A few Winters High School yearbooks are still needed for the Z.I. Hale Museum collection.

The years needed are: 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1961, and 1974.

If you have one or more years of these yearbooks that you would like to give to the museum, please contact Genevieve Spill at 754-5263.

Also, if you have an updated address list of any WHS class, the museum would like to have a copy of it.

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School Supply Lists are available, at no charge, at *The Winters Enterprise*, 104 N. Main. The list includes grades Pre-kindergarten through 6th. Junior high and high school students will be told what supplies are needed by their individual teachers.

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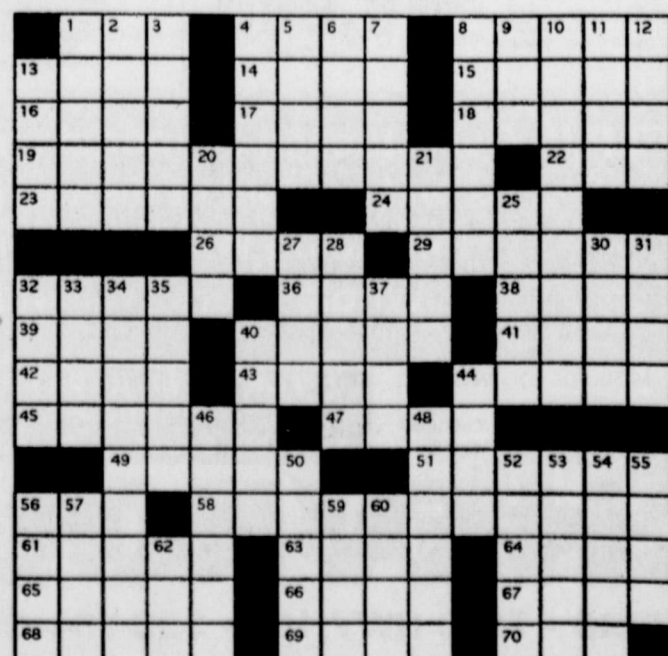
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22. Letters before Missouri or Arizona
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24. Traffic sign
26. National nickname
29. Empties a tub
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39. Wander
40. New Testament king
41. Mount
42. Cross letters
43. Cabinet department
44. Skirt feature
45. Scanty
47. Town in Italy
49. Symbols of peace
51. Save
56. XIX times XXIX
58. Authorization
61. One who gets up
63. Zone
64. Work on a manuscript
65. Contraction
66. Declaim violently
67. Past due
68. Sets of questions
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70. Italian number

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5. Oriental nursemaid
6. Accessory
7. Hostile force
8. Sites of fiction
9. Spanish gold
10. Discown
11. Ones: Scot.
12. Skateboard riders
13. Pitch
20. French territories
21. Assisted
25. Can wrapper
27. Brain passage
28. ___ Rae
30. 15th-century ship
31. Board
32. Stiffly formal
33. Excellent
34. Utopias
35. One who might say: "Mi casa es su casa"
37. Blocks and balls
40. Sultan's wives
44. Dock
46. Family of tennis star Chris
48. Goodies
50. Bowling term
52. Salmonoid fish
53. Tree
54. Combine
55. Ending for usher or cigar
56. Phooey!
57. Foreign currency
59. Algerian airport
60. ___ one's way; travel
62. Suffix for consist or respond



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no change in the water rate. The motion carried unanimously.

(See page 8 in this issue for Notice of Effective Tax Rate)

Water rates were increased last year on September 23, and will remain as follows:

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Base	\$6.00
Per 1,000 gal.	3.12
Outside City Limits	
Base	\$9.00
Per 1,000 gal.	4.44
North Runnels Water Supply Corporation	
Per 1,000 gal.	\$2.91

In other financial matters, the Council tabled a request to designate one-half of the Motel Occupancy Tax to the Downtown Revitalization Project. Dr. Hassan said this tax has most recently been used for advertising. Fifty percent will be approximately \$1,200 per year, according to Hassan.

In correspondence received at *The Winters Enterprise* Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Hassan said he had been notified by City Attorney Ken Slimp that, according to the law, the occupancy tax cannot be allocated for sidewalk or downtown revitalization.

Improving the sidewalks in the downtown area has been a "dream" project since the spring of 1999, spearheaded by the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation (WABIC). The project has hit several obstacles, but is still a

goal which will improve the community and promote tourism.

In other matters of tourism, Randall Conner, Executive Director of WABIC, updated the City Council Monday evening on the status of the Winters Dove Fest of September 6.

"Hunting is a multi-million dollar business and there's a tremendous opportunity for Winters' business and community members," said Conner.

He added that expectations are running high for a successful festival. Six guns are being raffled, numerous door prizes will be given away, indoor and outdoor booths will be available, and a meal will be served on that Saturday.

Council members approved the dispatching budget as written in a letter from Runnels County Judge Marilyn Egan dated July 12, 2003. In her letter, Judge Egan states, "It is the consensus of the Commissioners Court that the amount of reimbursement requested from the Cities of Ballinger, Miles and Winters not be increased for the 2003-2004 fiscal year."

Judge Egan continues, "During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the City of Winters agreed to pay the sum of \$20,374 to Runnels County for providing dispatch service to the Winters Police Department. Runnels County will continue providing the same dispatch

service to the Winters Police Department for the same amount."

Also approved Monday evening was the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) subrecipient agreement for the State Homeland Security Grant projected at \$22,888.00 which will be used, in part, to purchase proper equipment for emergency personnel.

With no increase in hangar rent since 1988, Council members voted to approve the lease agreements at the Winters Municipal Airport with a 25% increase, bringing the rent from \$60 per year to \$75.

In other action, Council members approved a proclamation to be issued by Mayor Dawson McGuffin to honor Mr. Edd Elmer Fishel, who was declared an Honorary Citizen during the 1965 Winters Jubilee Celebration. Fishel, a successful businessman for many years in Abilene, generously supported many charitable endeavors including assisting more than 5,500 college students with educational expenses. Some of these students have been Winters residents.

Fishel, 85, now resides in Brownwood. His wife died in 1997.

With only one bid received by the City of Winters, Council members approved a uniform and cleaning supplies service agreement with Cinta who has previously serviced the City of Winters. The company's representative, Mr. Robert Terry, briefly answered questions from the Council, said there is no increase in price for the services, then thanked them for their business.

Present for the July 28 meeting were Councilmen Mike Meyer, Steve Esquivel and Jimmy Butler; Mayor McGuffin; City Manager Hassan; and City Attorney Slimp. Aldermen Hank Bourdo and Tommy Russell were absent.

Ditmore, McGallian married June 28



Mr. & Mrs. Justin Craig McGallian

Courtney Paige Ditmore and Justin Craig McGallian exchanged wedding vows Saturday, June 28, 2003. The wedding was at 7:30 o'clock in the evening at the groom's parents' home. Randy Packwood, assist-

tant pastor at Broadview Baptist Church - Abilene, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of William Ditmore of Abilene. The groom is the son of Don and Cindy McGallian of

Tuscola.

The outdoor ceremony was conducted under a white tent decorated with clear lights and tulle. A white lattice arch, entwined with greenery, tulle, and tiny purple and white rosebuds, highlighted the decor.

The bride wore a simple and elegant white satin floor-length gown and a tea-length veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses tipped in silver.

The maid of honor was Amy McGallian, sister of the groom, of Tuscola. Samantha Velar, friend of the bride, of Abilene, served as bridesmaid. The bride's attendants wore lavender and pale blue floor-length satin gowns. Each carried a single white rose dipped in silver.

Best man was Mike Moore, friend of the groom, of Abilene. Groomsman was Branden Dinmen of Abilene. Ushers were Jo Richardson, friend of the bride and groom, of Abilene, and Kim Ditmore, uncle of the bride, of Vernon.

The bride's three-tiered cake was decorated in white icing accented with purple and blue orchids. Serving at the bride's table which was decorated by Brenda Grohman of Winters were LaNelle Neill of Brownwood and Ginger Smith and Donna Ricks, both of Abilene.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at their home.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Wylie High School and is self-employed.

The groom also graduated from Wylie High School in 2002 and is production foreman at Continual Oil & Gas, a family-owned business.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple resides at Abilene.

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8. A creative and cultural atmosphere
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Contributed by Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development, Winters Area Business and Industrial Corp. These ideals were identified by former State Representative Judy Hawley who is active in economic development in Texas.

Uncover your community's roadmap to success

The Office of Rural Community Affairs, Lower Colorado River Authority, Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Department of Agriculture, and Texas Rural Partners, Inc. will host a "Community Leadership: A Roadmap to Success" conference. The conference will be held Tuesday, August 5, 2003 from 8:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m. at the Brownwood Depot Civic & Cultural Center, 600 East Depot Street, 915-646-4443.

The event offers attendees opportunities to further develop their leadership skills and learn about resources available for community advancement.

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- * Utilize technology to enhance community sustainability;
- * Recruit and motivate community volunteers;
- * Develop effective communication skills; and
- * Capitalize on resources available through programs and funds.

Community officials, representatives, community leaders, stakeholders, rural Texans, and others representing various rural interests are all invited to the "Community Leadership: A Roadmap to Success"

Interested Texans are encouraged to contact ORCA via e-mail at <orca@orca.state.tx.us> or call toll free 800-544-2024 to pre-register for the Community Leadership conference. Registration is \$20 per attendee.

Registration will also be accepted at the conference. For

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Crisis cleaning — it's a girl thing

Okay, girls. This story is about us. I know men have a hard time understanding this, and I'll admit, sometime we ladies have to wonder.

Why, when we girls are hosting an event in our homes, do we clean in such absurd places? We can have clods of dirt you can turn an ankle on and yet we ignore the obvious rubbish for cleanliness in some obscure, out-of-the-way place.

We know full well that few of our guests at a Tupperware party are going to say, "Excuse me, I think I'm going to run take a quick shower." So why do we bother to chisel that mocha-colored bathtub ring? Why can't we

just close the shower curtain and forget about it — tell folks it's a handrail, if they simply must know.

And do we really think guests at our backyard barbecue want to see how organized our sock drawer has become?

Does it mean we're a tad on the obsessive side when we clean the oven racks and alphabetize the canned goods in the pantry — all before we open the front door to welcome our best friends for supper. Especially the same friends who've been camping with us and seen us looking like we won the starring role in the movies, "Psycho" or

"Edward Scissor-hands."

And of course there are the times we homemakers clean the house before the house-cleaner comes.

I even have a friend who makes her hotel bed and cleans the room before the maid shows up.

Maybe it's related to varicose veins or something maternal.

You see, men think we girls are too picky about this kind of stuff.

Men are probably asking, "What are we thinking? Where do our priorities go?"

But we girls know exactly where they are. They're right next to the red socks.



Fighting for freedom —

PFC TIM GREEN of the 82nd Airborne division of the U.S. Army takes a timeout from guarding the all girls school in Gazalैया, Iraq, Baghdad. Green is a 2001 graduate of Bronte High School and is the grandson of Richard and Beth Hamilton of Winters and the son of Joyce Green of Bronte and Henry Green of Dallas.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SPECIAL ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 68, Section 1)

HJR 68, Section 1 would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans' Land and Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 51)

HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 55)

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 30)

SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 25)

SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residential dwelling.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 23)

HJR 23 would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 44)

HJR 44 would reduce the number of persons who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from twelve to six.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies to state and local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 18 applies only to local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 68, Section 2)

HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the com-

Davis-Nichols families gather for 79th reunion

contributed by Don Davis

It all started way back when three Davis boys married three Nichols girls. The descendants of these unions met for the 79th time Sunday, July 20, 2003, at the Winters Community Center.

One can just imagine the resulting "double cousins" and the descendants that followed. Understandably, it is becoming increasingly difficult for even the ones closest to the families to keep up with "who is who."

The trails of both families started at different times from different states. W. T. Nichols moved his family from Selma, Alabama, to Milam County.

W. S. Davis moved his family to Milam County from Mississippi. The two families were neighbors and close friends. In the natural order of things, three Davis brothers married three Nichols sisters.

position of the permanent and available school funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 61)

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state."

PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 3)

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 16)

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 28)

HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue

Schwartz family holds 49th reunion

The family of the late Walter and Sadie Moore Schwartz met for their annual reunion at Guadalupe River Resort in Kerrville, Texas, on June 27-29, 2003. There were eleven of the twelve surviving children present.

Those attending were Jennie M. Lee of Abilene, Doretta Gerhart of Lometa, Alta Belfiore of Port Arthur, Arlene Boles of Winters, Waldene Walpole of Monroe, La., W. H. Schwartz of Odessa, Martha Lee Standlee of Bellville, Don Schwartz of Odessa, Jimmy Schwartz of Early, Phyllis Fulton of Odessa, and Nancy Allison of Rio Rancho, N. M.

The W. H. Schwartz, Jr., family had the most family members present. Allison Hedrick, great-granddaughter of Doretta Gerhart, was the youngest person present. Kerrie Standlee, wife Marilyn and children Reed and Fannie traveled the farthest from Portland, Oregon.

There were a lot of good memories made and enjoyed as many family photo albums were shared. Don brought numerous pictures from the Ralph Schwartz collection. Games of dominoes and Bunco, music and swimming were enjoyed.

Rhonda and Donald Currie

led the large family in the traditional devotional time on Sunday morning. Phyllis Fulton, Myrna and husband Mike McGough sang solos with Mike providing music on guitar, Donald playing piano, and Jonathan Blakely on banjo.

The reunion closed with a catered BBQ luncheon.

Much thanks goes to Rick and Laverne Boles and Rhonda and Donald Currie for all their hard work in making the reunions successful. Also a great big schwartz thank you for all the family members who make an effort to continue the tradition of reunions that began with W. H. Schwartz, Sr., and his brothers and sisters. Next year will be the fiftieth anniversary and plans are being made to have a bigger and better reunion.

Eighty-nine family members and friends were present this year including 58 direct descendants.

Fifty attend 22nd Turk reunion

The family of Otto F. Turk held their 22nd annual reunion in the hall of the Catholic Church in Winters on July 19, 2003. The day was enjoyed by about 50 relatives and guests.

Attending were David and Nancy Nitsche of Westoff; Sam Turk and Emma Lee Arnold of Cuero; Hattie Minzenmayer, George and Margaret Pruser of Winters; Henry, June, and Deanna Minzenmayer of San Antonio; Shirley and Marion Brown, Ruby Turk, and Paul and Beverly Frankbone and children of Springtown.

Also Lamar and Frida Muston of Horseshoe Bay; Susan and Heather Nitsche of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; Judy Klekar of Inez; Jim, Betty, and Michael Penny, and Leona Piel of Robinson; and Bud Minzenmayer, Rick and Meagan Minzenmayer, Pam Halfmann, Jerry and Frances Holle, Todd, Judy, Travis, and Blake Holle of Ballinger.

In addition, Ed, Melissa, Brittain, Jessalyn, and Paige Vander Stucken of Bay City; Carroll and Sharon Turk of San Angelo; Martha Strube of Dallas; David, Shannon, Brandon, Mason, and Colton Garrett of Lubbock; Jim and Joann Gibson of Richland Hills; Christy Gibson of Saginaw; Lauren Gibson of Frisco; and Tricia and Jeff Coleman of Schertz.

Both families moved to Beeken, Charlotte & Bill Barker, Jerry Lloyd, R. Q. & Doxie Lou Marks, Nell Bowen plus Michael, Nancy, Stefanie & Rachel Davis.

Others from out of town include Nik Davis, Gena Faye Jackson, Kathy Gilbreath, Gena Davis, Zeldia Colburn, Cynthia Stone, Carla Woolley, Betty and Totsy Hargrove, Brittany Arrington, Rex Marks, James & Reba Wheeler, Ann Smartt, Jeanell Pate, Estelle McQuary, Billy Joe Dodson, Johnny & Michelle Hughes, Curtis, Martha, Kristin and Davis Michalewicz, Dan Lindsey & Lauren Pate, Nate Goodwin.

A "mountain" of food was enjoyed by all. Tentative plans were made to hold next year's 80th reunion on the same historic third Sunday in July at the Winters Community Center.

Attending from the Winters area included Don & Gene Davis, Jimmie (Mrs. Bud) Davis, Bryan Davis, Jill

notes or borrow money to fund highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years. The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The Constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."

PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 21)

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."

PROPOSITION 18 (HJR 59)

HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 19 (SJR 45)

SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's

authority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective September 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts."

PROPOSITION 20 (SJR 55)

SJR 55 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations."

PROPOSITION 21 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."

PROPOSITION 22 (HJR 84)

HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 13 de septiembre de 2003. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis llamando al 1/800/252/8683 o escribiendo al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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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 are calls investigated by the Winters Police Department during the week of July 14, 2003, through July 27, 2003:

Officers were informed that a 14-year-old girl was missing from her residence. The girl's mother stated that the girl said she was going to walk two doors down to her grandmother's and she never arrived. Later the mother contacted police and had found the girl. The girl told police she had been kidnapped by three unknown males and was dropped off close to Wingate. The girl stated that she had walked to Wingate and used the telephone, then walked back to Winters. During further investigation officers found that the girl had planned to run away with her boyfriend and when he was unable to meet her at the decided location, she made up the story of being kidnapped. Officers are investigating further charges against parties involved.

Officers were contacted by a store owner downtown stating there were more windows broken on their property. Officers took pictures of the windows and made a report. Anyone with information on the incidents involving the criminal mischief is encouraged to contact Winters Police Department.

Officers were called to the 200 block of Truett for an assault. Officers spoke with the female victim who stated her sister had pulled her hair and earlobe, pulling out her earring. The sisters were fighting over a vehicle sale from one to the other. This case has been forwarded to the County Attorney.

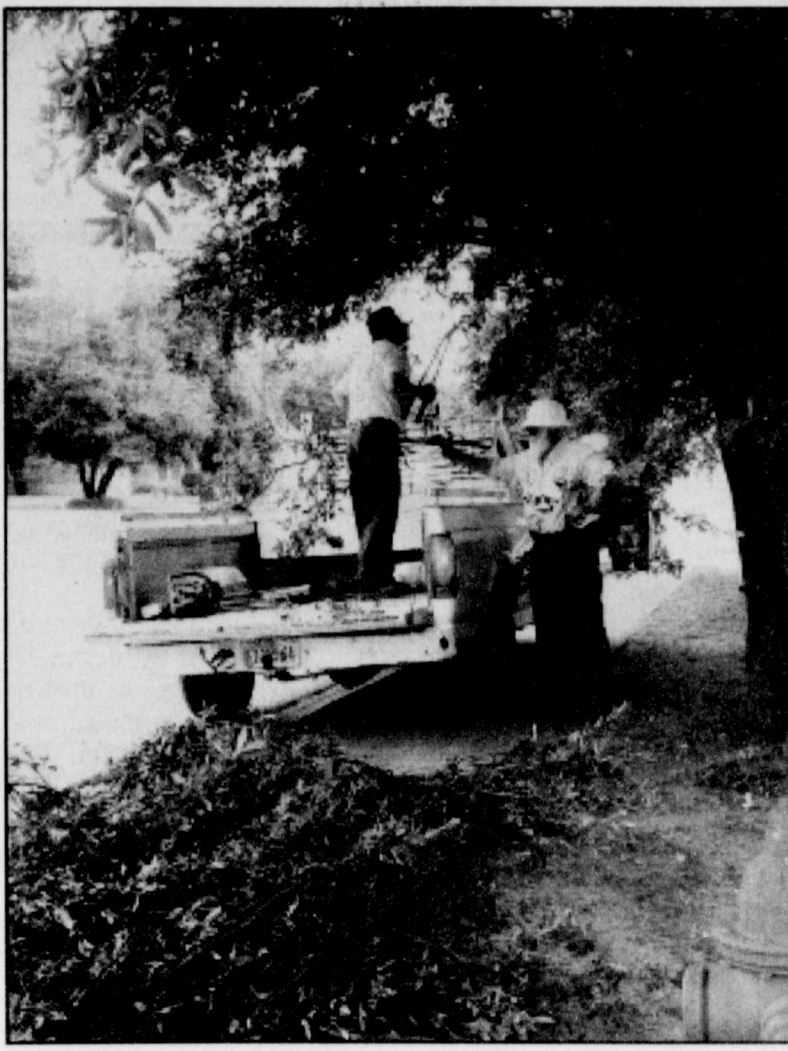
Officers were called to the 800 block of Cryer for an assault. Officers were told that a male subject had gotten into an argument with his wife. The male subject slapped his wife and then his adult stepson. The male subject reported pulled all of the telephone wires out of the wall to prevent the police from being contacted. A female friend in the residence went next door and contacted the police. This case has been sent to the County Attorney.

Officers were called to the Dollar General store for a theft report. Officers were informed of the description of the vehicle that the subjects were driving. Officers located the vehicle at the Winters Inn. Upon making contact with the subjects, officers were told by the male, Scott McCoy, that he had stolen two boxes of ephedrine tablets. Officers placed him under arrest. The female subject was asked for identification but said she did not have one. Officers observed the female's purse in the rear seat of the vehicle along with several other boxes of ephedrine. She was then identified as Darlene McCoy. Officers were aware that ephedrine pills in that quantity are used to cook methamphetamine. The officers asked Mrs. McCoy what they planned to do with the tablets. She stated that they were given \$100 for each 500 pills they could bring to a man in Abilene. Both subjects were checked for warrants. They showed outstanding warrants for their arrest. While performing an inventory of the car incident to arrest, officers found a shotgun case with a padlock. The female stated the shotgun belonged to her boss. She claimed to be holding it for him. The serial number was checked on the gun and it returned as stolen. Both subjects are convicted felons. It is against Texas law for a convicted felon to have a firearm in their possession. The female subject was charged with Possession of a Firearm by a Felon. The male was charged with theft <\$50.00 All outstanding warrants were charged on both subjects.

Officers were called to the 500 block of Pierce for a reckless driver on a go-cart. Officers located the go-cart and told the driver to push the go-cart where it belonged. The driver of the go-cart went to the 400 block of Pierce and parked in the driveway. The officers spoke with the complainant and then proceeded to the residence where the go-cart was now parked. Officers observed several juvenile males on the porch and knew if they weren't informed they would begin riding the go-cart as soon as the officer left. The officer asked all the males on the porch who the go-cart belonged to. None of them would take credit for actually owning the go-cart. The officer then contacted the Ballinger Police Department and found that the go-cart had been stolen ten days earlier. The officer took into custody five juvenile males to be interviewed. The males were magisterated by the Municipal Judge and interviewed by a Winters officer and a Ballinger officer. Further investigation recovered the majority of the property stolen in Ballinger. The investigation has been turned over to the Ballinger Police Department.

Officers were called to the 200 block of Pierce for a theft report. Officers were informed that a green weed-eater, a teal women's bicycle, and wooden birdbath had been taken over the last two months from this residence. This case is under investigation.

Warrants served: Darlene Kay McCoy - nature of warrant unknown at this time. Scott Randall McCoy - DPS warrants, 2003. These are just a few of the reports received each week by members of the Winters Police Department.



FELIX GONZALES (left), of the city's Street Department, trims trees overhanging the sidewalk on Main Street. Helping Felix is Pete Gray who has recently transferred to the Parks Department.

"How the new law affects Ranch Estate Planning" to be addressed

Estate taxes are a major problem for ranch owners and their heirs.

Dr. Wayne Hayenga, an attorney with Texas Cooperative Extension, will hold a Ranch Estate Planning Seminar on August 6 and 7, 2003, in conjunction with the Annual Beef Cattle Short Course which will be held August 4-6. The seminar will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on August 6, and on August 7 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at the College Station Conference Center.

Topics covered will include the basic tools of estate planning: Wills, Living Trusts, and Powers of Attorney. But most of the time will be spent on income and estate tax saving plans for ranching families. Irrevocable trusts, generation skipping trusts, bypass trusts, property ownership, community/separate property, special use valuation for ranches, partnerships and corporations will be discussed in the context of the gift and estate tax rules.

Dr. Hayenga is an excellent communicator. He delivers a top notch educational program emphasizing key points with an entertaining style illustrating estate and income tax law provisions with practical examples that make learning a

pleasure. His teaching makes full use of his broad background and practical experience as a farmer, banker, and lawyer.

Registration fee is \$100.00 per person. It includes seminar materials, lunch on Wednesday, as well as refreshment breaks.

For more information, call Sharon at (979) 845-2226, fax: (979) 847-9374 or email: <s-wehring@tamu.edu>.

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Robert Bruce Causey, criminal trespass, pleaded nolo contendere, placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for one year, fined \$500, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 40 hours community service

Gabriel Hernandez, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$236 court costs

Janie Escobar Martinez vs. Beatrice Cortez, application for protective order granted on temporary basis

Christopher A. Howell, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$100, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 24 hours community service

Robert Castillo, Jr., theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs, \$700 restitution, \$120 hot check fees

Christopher A. Howell, failure to appear, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Juan Ramon Ponce, driving while license invalid, case dismissed, convicted in another case

Charles Cole Hurley, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 24 hours community service

Charles Cole Hurley, possession of marijuana, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Calvin Jeremiah Gardner, assault, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 50 hours community service

Calvin Jeremiah Gardner, evading arrest, case dismissed, convicted in another case

Criminal Cases Filed

July 16

Rachel Bowman, filed for assault
Bobby Edward Oxford, Jr., filed for resisting arrest

July 23

Jason Scott French, filed for possession of marijuana

Civil Cases Filed

July 17

Janie Escobar Martinez vs. Beatrice Cortez, application for protective order

Marriage Licenses Filed

July 23

Gary C. Woodbury and Theresa Cortez Armendariz

District Court Civil Cases Filed

July 17

First Preferred Insurance Company as subrogee of Don Marks vs. Lisa Marie Ingram, transfer from Travis County, damages

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1

Felony Cases Filed

July 14

Bobby Edward Oxford, Jr., filed for retaliation on a public servant

July 15

Michael Will Eldred, filed for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

July 18

Kevin Duane Teem, filed for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle
Sonny Joe Robeson, filed for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

July 21

Ray Jewel Lee Lopez, filed on two counts of burglary of a building

July 25

Felipe Gomez, filed for burglary of a habitation

Winters Dove Fest volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help with the upcoming Winters Dove Fest. Anyone willing to cook, work registration, handle raffle, booths and door prizes is asked to call 325-754-4542.

Also, landowners are asked to register land available for hunting leases by call the Chamber at 754-5210.

Legal Notice

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. 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 "FOOD BID," 14-31(1tc)

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ACROSS

1 In Jasper Co. off 96 archives division of the Texas State Library (abbr.)

6 state animal control org. (abbr.)

7 TXism: "out ___ killer"

8 this boxer beat TX Foreman in '74 "Jungle Rumble"

9 TXism: "___ in the pan"

15 therapeutic baths heading rush of a cattle herd (2 wds.)

19 TXism: "___ a bubble out of plumb" (crazy)

21 TX actor Gary who was TX Buddy Holly popular Fort Worth restaurant: "Joe T. ___"

27 TX Kelly Clarkson was the first "American ___"

28 martial art of TX rancher Norris

29 TXism: "don't beat the bush"

30 90% of mohair is from TX

32 TXism: "good ___ boy"

33 TX folklores, e.g. Dec. 24 and Dec. 31

37 Linda Gray was "Dallas" Ellen

38 this Jimmy starred with TX Audie in "Night Passage"

39 TX Constitution ___ land for UT

41 character Hardesty in "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre"

42 V-22 is tilt-___ built by TX Bell Helicopter

45 Notre ___ has twice ended a UT perfect season in Cotton Bowl

46 leas or split apart

47 TXism: "shootin' ___"

48 was indebted

49 stealthy searchers

52 TXism: "wish book" (___ order catalog)

53 money maker?

54 formerly called

55 TX Dan Rather has lived 71 of 'em (abbr.)

DOWN

1 Astro or Ranger lumber

2 TX Ima Hogg's fictional sister

3 St. ___ Lakes are in Refugio Co.

4 TXism: "boring ___ dirt" (fall)

6 TXism: "got ___ of corn to shuck"

7 sent around the main route

8 peephole

10 ___ Worth, TX

11 TXism: "hasta vista" (see ya later)

12 TX Anne Armstrong was ___ to England (76-'77)

13 forward or center Tim Duncan

14 TXism: "___ few bricks shy of a load"

15 TXism: "joined his ___ the"

16 TXism: "got ___ of corn to shuck"

17 sent around the main route

18 peephole

20 TXism: "call it ___" (quit)

22 TX film cowboy Autry (Init.)

23 TXism: "he'd ___ wrestle King Kong" (brave)

24 TXism: "Orbison & Judge Bean"

25 Coast Guard boat

26 "Anybody ___?"

28 Palestine, TX AM

31 TXism: "just ___ yonder"

34 East ___ TX

35 TXism: "come hell ___ high water"

37 TXism: "cut from the ___ bolt"

40 TXism: "hands ___"

43 hockey great

44 TXism: "___ citrus fruits"

50 citrus fruits

51 ___ Campo, TX

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE 2003 Property Tax Rates in City of Winters

This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for the City of Winters. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 401,928.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 401,928.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 53,590,430.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$.75/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 401,394.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 50,993,780.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.7871/\$100
x 1.03-maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.8107/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 451,906.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 50,993,780.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.8862/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.9570/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.0/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$.9570/\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.1005/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$.8565/\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the City of Winters adopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.7871 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2002 taxes by \$56.00.

SCHEDULE A: Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$50,000.00

SCHEDULE B: 2003 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amount for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total required for 2003 debt service			\$	0.00
Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$	0.00
Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$	0.00
Excess collections last year			\$	0.00
Total to be paid from taxes in 2003			\$	0.00
Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95% of its taxes in 2003			\$	0.00
Total Debt Levy			\$	0.00

SCHEDULE C: Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities, and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$51,280.00 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas 79567.

Name of person preparing this notice	Shelia M. Paschal
Title	Tax Assessor-Collector
Date prepared	July 24, 2003

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610 W. FLOYD—Beautiful, 3BR/2B home with 1 car garage & double carport on corner lot. CH/A, fireplace, new carpet and paint, new roof, pool, sprinkler system, privacy fence. \$83,000 or best reasonable offer. Call (254) 840-0545. **14-12(tfc)**

For Rent

LONE STAR ESTATES located on Hwy 83 north of downtown Winters. Beautiful 2BR with 2 Bath duplexes at affordable rates. Call Joyce at 754-3331 today! Ask about our move-in specials. **13-13(tfc)**

Employment

LVNs needed for IN-HOME PRIVATE DUTY. FT/PT. all shifts available. (325) 673-5596 or 1-888-801-6228. **14-29(4tc)**

Help Wanted

HOUSE CLEANER WANTED. once per week. 754-1042. **14-31(1tp)**

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The Winters Housing Authority is now taking applications for MAINTENANCE PERSON. Duties include inside repairs, make-readys, and grounds keeping. Applications may be picked up at 300 N. Grant MWF 8-1 & T & TH 10-3. The Winters Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer. **14-30(tfc)**

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(3tc)**

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ACE MINI STORAGE UNITS, boat and travel trailer storage. Contact Windmill Enterprises, 221 West Dale, 754-4542. **11-38(tfc)**

The RUNNELS COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE is accepting applications for part-time employment in general office work. To qualify, applicants must have computer proficiency and good communication skills. Only applications received by August 11, 2003, will be considered. Please apply at the County Judge's Office, 613 Hutchings Avenue, Room 103, Ballinger. Runnels County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. **14-31(2tc)**

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)**

House for sale: 104 N. Frisco. LOW DOWN PAYMENT, LOW MONTHLY PAYMENT. Call 754-4218 or come by 301 Wood St. **14-31(1tp)**

SPACIOUS 2B/1BA HOME IN NICE NEIGHBORHOOD. For Sale or Rent. Large laundry room/office, basement, cellar, detached garage. 620 Wood Street. Call 743-2170 or 660-9496. **14-11(tfc)**

The BALLINGER POLICE DEPARTMENT is asking for applications from licensed, certified police officers for patrol duty for the City of Ballinger. This department is establishing a pool of applicants to be kept on file. Contact Ballinger Police Department, 365-3591, or 106 N. 9th Street. Authority: J. Gore, Chief of Police, Ballinger, Tx. **14-31(2tc)**

FREE kittens, 9 weeks old, weaned & wormed. 1 black female w/white face, 1 striped male, and 1 gray & white male. Call Dorine Kozelsky 754-5296. **14-30(2tp)**

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201 LAUREL DRIVE, Friday, Aug. 1, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sewing machine & cabinet, king size waterbed, air hockey table, washing machine, stereo, clothes, toys. **14-31(1tp)**

1BR/1B apartment. All bills paid. No deposit required. 754-2503. **14-31(2tp)**

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511 ALBERT, Saturday, Aug. 2, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. **14-31(1tp)**

DON'T MISS IT! 610 E. Broadway and 31 Jewel. Saturday only. Knick-knacks, clothes, bedding, exercise equipment, plants, videos & etc. **14-31(1tp)**

315 E. PIERCE. Saturday, Aug. 2, 8:00-3:00. Total Gym, love seat w/ sleeper, exercise bike, little bit of everything. **14-31(1tp)**

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

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 Contico International, 333 S. Main (on lot in front of Family Dollar Store), 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, August 2. FMI 325-754-4561, ext. 201
 * cash only — no checks or credit cards accepted

Click It or Ticket
 Remember to buckle up your seatbelt
 Officials estimate that if 85% of drivers and passengers buckled up and secured their children in safety seats, there would be 100 fewer deaths & 2,300 fewer injuries in Texas each year and save Texas \$280 million dollars each year.
 (source: TxDOT Public Information Office)

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215 Paloma-3B/2B, 2 living areas, fireplace, carport, nice neighborhood. POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCE!
 1145 W. Parsonage-2B/1-1/2B metal bldg. Great hunter's cabin. Can be moved. Reasonably priced with lots.
 Charming country home five miles south of Winters-Two-story 2B/2B, 2 living areas, lg. kitchen, covered patio, 2-car garage, RV carport. Needs work.
 97 acres on Valley Creek & Fish Creek at Wingate. Excellent hunting. 40 acres CRP included.
 Near Wingate - OWNER FINANCE AVAILABLE! 3B/2B home on 19 acres. Good grazing. Carport, large shed, trees.
 219 N. Church-2B/2B, 2 living areas, lg. kitchen, covered patio, 2-car garage, RV carport. Needs work.
 Fun, entertainment business in Winters-Miniature golf, batting cages, arcade, and concession stand. Water well. PRICE REDUCED!
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 516 Wood-Spacious 2B/1B with CHA & lots of storage, workshop, trailer garage, fenced yard, shade and fruit trees. PRICE REDUCED!
 125 acres SE of Wingate-114 acres farmland, 11 acres native pasture. PRICE REDUCED!
 606 Wood-3B/1B w/enclosed garage/den, lg. yard w/metal storage bldg. PRICE REDUCED!
 210 W. Roberts-2B/1B, lg. kitchen, C/H/A, new roof, lg. backyard.
 409 N. Heights-3B/2B, family room or 4th BR, lg. kitchen/dining, new C/H/A, new hot water heater, new plumbing & insulation, new paint & carpet. Fenced yard. 20'x25' metal garage/shop.
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 • New Listing: Hunting Ranch, 157 acres south of Crews, North Runnels waterline, roadbase income, \$2,320 per year CRP income, secluded, great place!
 • East of Bradshaw, good hunting, 3 separate listings: 165 acres, 233 acres, & 130 acres.
 • 3B/2B home on 54 acres, spring-fed tank, 2 miles north of Winters.
 • 403 acres one mile northwest of Winters.
 • Good hunting, 287 acres, northwest of Winters, \$550/acre.
 • 260 acres, west of Bradshaw, \$575/acre.
 • Nice home, hunting, tanks, & water meter. 187 acres south of Abilene.
 • At Tuscola, 220 acres on CR 162.
 • At Lawn, 321 acres on CR 154.
 • 257 acres, deer & turkey, east Coleman County.
 • West of Crews, 359 acres, CRP, tanks, game.
 • 380 acres north of Billups Mountains. Excellent hunting, secluded, \$500/acre.
 • Northwest of Drisco, 1035 acres, game, water well, rural water, house & barns.
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Outdoors

Runnels County agricultural agent Rick Minzenmayer receives national award

by Rebecca H. Parker, State Awards Chairperson, County Extension Agent-Agriculture, Texas Cooperative Extension-Denton County

Richard Minzenmayer, Runnels/Tom Green County Agricultural Extension Agent, was recognized on Thursday, July 17, 2003, by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents at the 88th Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin by receiving the Association's Distinguished Service Award. The award is presented to the top two percent of the County Agents from each state with more than ten years service in the nation's Cooperative Extension Service.

The selection is made by



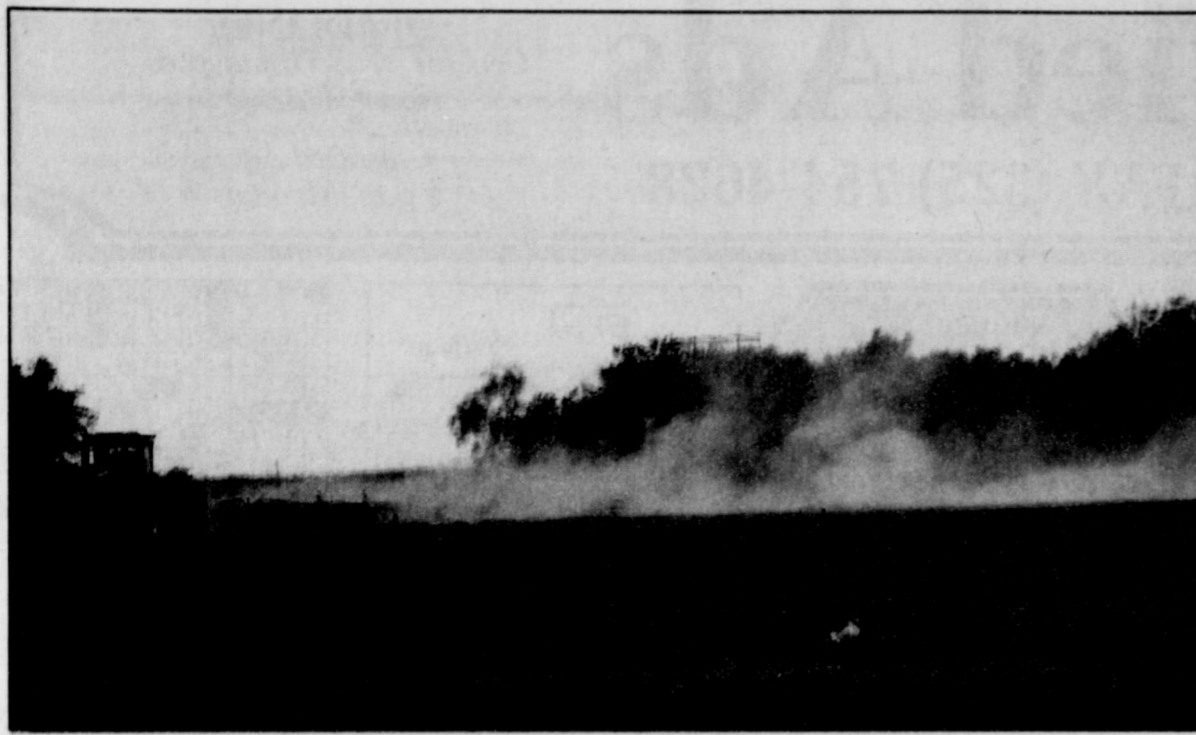
County Agent peers in that state and endorsed by the State Extension Director. This year, eighty-one individuals from throughout the United States were presented the Distinguished Service Award.

Richard Minzenmayer has received this award as a reflection of service and education programs provided to producers and county residents that

exemplify "distinguished service." The following citation statement was published describing Mr. Minzenmayer's program accomplishments at the National Meeting.

Richard Minzenmayer has provided outstanding leadership, teaching and implementation of Integrated Pest Management and Water Conservation principles relating to cotton production in the Concho Valley. He also has provided outstanding support of the highly successful Boll Weevil Eradication program in the Southern Plains of Texas.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



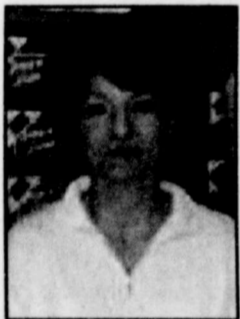
IT'S A DIRTY JOB but somebody's got to do it and this farmer creates quite a cloud of dust as he plows a field close to town. With temperatures reaching triple digits and no recent rainfall, the ground is drying out quickly. Milo harvest is underway while the cotton crops are "loading up" but in a real need of a good rain.

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Runnels County Rumors

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

LAMB MEAT PROGRAM TO END

Applications for the final year of the Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program (LMAAP) must be received in the FSA office by August 15, 2003. Slaughter, feeder, and ewe lambs marketed from Aug. 1, 2002 through July 31, 2003, may be eligible for payment.

Due to limited funds, payments will be suspended after June 6 (FSA will continue to accept applications until August 15). Payments will resume in September after a national factor is applied to each rate type based on the funds available at the time.

WOOL PAYMENT

Due to low wool and mohair prices, FSA can issue sheep and goat producers a deficiency payment for their shorn wool. Producers must request the LDP (Loan Deficiency Payment) before selling or converting their wool into yarn.

If you haven't shorn your sheep yet, but you will sell the wool immediately after shearing, you must make the application before you transfer ownership of the wool. Unshorn pelts are also eligible for payment.

NAP COVERAGE CONTINUES

Like crop insurance, NAP coverage rolls over from the previous year as long as you pay the service fee by the subsequent year's closing date. NAP costs \$100/crop, not to exceed \$300/county and \$900 for multi-county producers.

For the 2004 crop year, producers interested in adding or deleting NAP crops or changing producer shares on a NAP contract need to act before the crop's application closing date.

Closing date for small grain grazing is September 1. For small grain forage, the closing date is September 30.

Chamber compiling hunting lease list

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is compiling a list of hunting leases in the Winters area to provide prospective hunters for the upcoming season.

If you are a landowner who would like to lease your property 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.

The blessedness of life depends more upon its interests than upon its comforts.

— Macdonald

August 2 deadline to enter Winters Summer Classic

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.

A jackpot showmanship will begin at 9 a.m. Entry fee will be \$5 and may be paid as you enter the ring.

For more information, contact Roy Shackelford at 754-4612.

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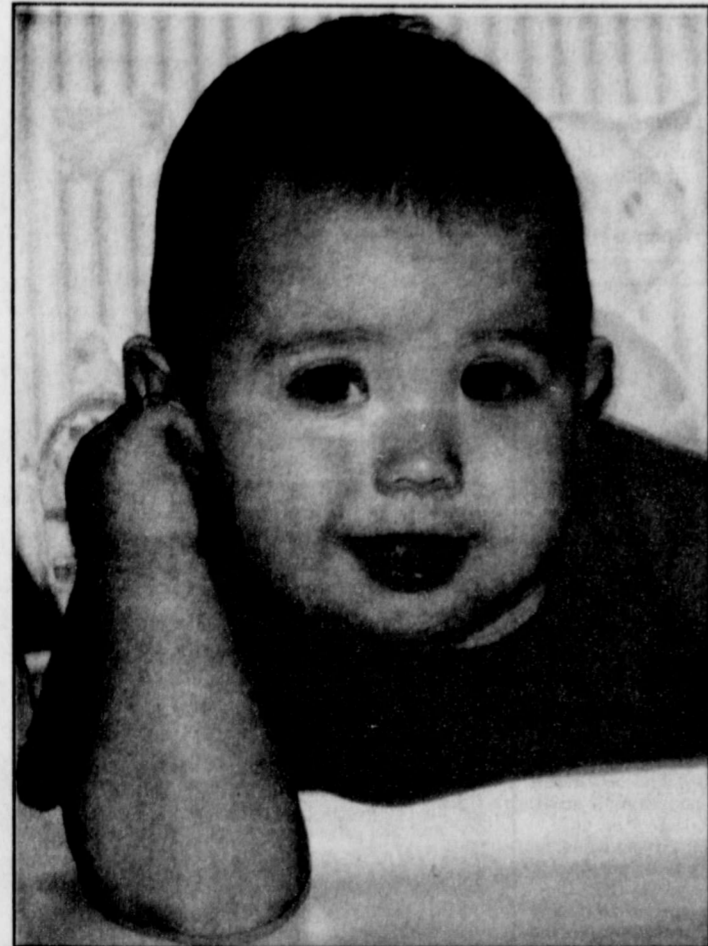
Comanche: Gore Brothers 325-356-2622	7-8 a.m.
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