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Our lives will always be full if our hearts are always giving.

—Anonymous

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Winters Dove Fest celebration this Saturday



HUNTERS AND VISITORS are welcome to Winters for the first annual Winters Dove Fest on Saturday, September 6. A Hunters Appreciation Meal will be served from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. in conjunction with a variety of entertainment, auction, door prizes, and wildlife exhibits at the Winters Community Center.

by Jean Boles, editor

After months of planning, the first Winters Dove Fest will take place this Saturday, September 6 at the Winters Community Center on FM 1770, three blocks from U.S. Hwy. 83.

The public is invited to attend the exciting day of food and activities which begins with a Hunters Appreciation Meal of fajitas and trimmings served from 11:00 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by the Sons of Thunder and the Bluff Creek Ramblers, intertwined with door prizes given away. A raffle will be held for the following six guns: a Ruger M77/17.17 cal. HMR bolt-action rifle, a

Ruger M77 .243 cal. bolt-action rifle, a Ruger M77 25-06 cal. bolt-action rifle, Ruger 10/22 semi-auto rifle, Remington 1187 Premier 12 g. shotgun, Remington 870 Express Youth 20ga. shotgun.

Booths, wildlife displays and an auction will be part of the festivities at the Center.

The event is hosted by the Winters Dove Fest Committee, the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce and the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation. Event sponsors include Alderman-Cave Milling & Grain, Security State Bank, and Diamond D Ranch.

For more information, call 325-754-5210 or 325-754-4542.

Community Wide Garage Sale Sept. 6

In conjunction with the Winters Dove Fest, the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Community-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, September 6.

Sales will be at the following addresses:

Assembly of God, 304 Wood
Methodist Church, 141 N. Church

Emmert, 208 S. Church
Harrison, 510 Floyd Street
Jackson, 801 W. Dale
Killough, 411 S. Arlington
Stoecker, 321 N. Murray
Hoppe, 303 N. Cryer

Maps are available at the Chamber of Commerce office and on September 6 at the Community Center.

For more information, please contact the Chamber at 754-5210.

Here Come the Blizzards!



THE WHS CHEERLEADERS lead the 2003 Blizzards to start the new football season against the Menard Yellowjackets. Winters lost the opening contest and will face Cross Plains at Blizzard Stadium Friday at 8 p.m. Cheerleaders include (l-r) Macy Hopson, Ashly Santoya, Kat Hatler, Gessica Bear, Katy Wilkerson and Briana Parramore. Not pictured is Rachel Davis, flag bearer at far right.

Ministerial Alliance to host "Day of Remembrance and Patriotic Celebration"

Captain Russell Parramore to be guest speaker

The Winters Ministerial Alliance will hold a "Day of Remembrance and Patriotic Celebration" on Thursday, September 11, at 7:30 p.m. The



Capt. Parramore

event will follow the Junior High football game at Blizzard Stadium.

Music will be provided by

the Winters Elementary Choir, the Winters High School Band, and the Bluff Creek Boys.

Featured speaker will be U.S. Air Force Capt. Russell Parramore, native of Winters. Military personnel from Winters will be recognized, along with their families. Everyone is invited to participate in this patriotic program.

Capt. Parramore is a 1993 graduate of Winters High School and a 1997 graduate of Angelo State University. He was commissioned through ASU's ROTC program in 1997, and served his first assignment at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina as Maintenance Officer on F-16s. While serving in Turkey,

he was given a pilot's slot and received his pilot training at Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida. He received his wings and graduated with honors from the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, then took his first assignment at Little Rock Air Force Base as a C-130 pilot.

Parramore has served in Operation Enduring Freedom when he was stationed at Prince Sultan Air Force Base in Saudi Arabia, and Operation Iraqi Freedom, stationed in the Middle East. His squadron will be returning to the Middle East in the near future.

Parramore is the son of Robert and Rhea Parramore of Winters. He has one son, Samuel Colton Parramore.

Cheerleaders to host annual hamburger supper Sept. 5

The Winters High School cheerleaders will host their annual hamburger supper before the first home football game of the season on Friday night, Sept. 5, when the Blizzards take on the Cross Plains Buffaloes.

In keeping with tradition, hamburgers will be mesquite grilled and served with all the trimmings.

The meal will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Cost is \$4.50 per person and will include french fries, peach cobbler, and iced tea with the burger.

All proceeds from the dinner will go towards reimbursing expenses the girls and their families paid out last spring for uniforms, equipment, and camp.

The cheerleaders would appreciate your support before the Blizzard vs. Cross Plains football game.

Secondary "Meet the Teachers" scheduled for Tuesday night

Winters Secondary Schools invite all parents to attend the first "Meet the Teacher Night" of the year on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, at 7 p.m.

A brief meeting will be held in the auditorium before parents are dismissed to go to their children's classes. Each class will meet approximately 5 minutes with a three minute passing period. Parents are encouraged

to bring their child's daily class schedule for reference.

Teachers will discuss their classrooms and expectations.

Since time will be limited, parents are asked to speak individually, if needed, with the teacher during a scheduled conference time. Available times will be posted in the classrooms.

The meeting is for both the junior high and high schools.

County adopts accident prevention plan

Runnels County Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, August 21, for the purpose of approval of an accident prevention plan.

James Cain with the Texas Association of Counties had spent most of the week in the county, checking county buildings, offices, and equipment for possible safety hazards. The inspection and requirement for adopting an accident prevention plan came following five lost time accidents by county employees in one year's time period.

The accident prevention plan requires the county to have

safety training monthly for employees, document that training, and report to the Texas Workman's Compensation Commission (TWCC). Commissioner Thurman Self is the County's appointed Loss Control Coordinator and will be responsible for keeping documentation of the County's safety activities.

Cain told the Commissioners and County Judge Marilyn Egan, "If you correct the safety problems I have pointed out by October 1, there will be no problems."

Cain said he had also in-

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BLIZZARDS

Editorial

Oil Bidness

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Despite perceptions to the contrary, sometimes, when conflict arises, it proves the system works.

There are those who will tell you that recent protests of injection permits in the north Texas area are a sign of trouble. Some will say that the small communities involved are trying to put a stop to oil field development in the area. Some will tell you that the producers and service companies filing the requests for permits must be trying to slip something by the unsuspecting public.

Anyone who thinks the above is what is really going on would be way off base.

A couple of small communities just northwest of Fort Worth have been filing protests for every application made for water disposal. This has been noted as 'hostile' action toward oil and gas producers in the area. In fact, it is prudent governance, in my opinion. And, those being protested are responding favorably instead of negatively. Because of communication between the parties, the protests are seen as necessary to allow time for full evaluation of the impact of new disposal operations in the area.

Maybe a little background information is in order.

With all of the drilling to develop the Barnett Shale in the Fort Worth Basin, there is a boom in all sorts of oil field activity. One of those critical areas is water disposal, since the operating methods for producing gas in the shale includes significant water production.

A number of operators and service companies have been filing for permits to dispose water in order to keep production facilities operating. This is according to state law and Railroad Commission (RRC) rules.

By those same rules, there must be access to this application by the public through the local newspaper and through direct correspondence to offset operators, landowners, and those that might be producing ground water for drinking in the area. It is under this system that these protests are being filed.

Some of the smaller local communities produce all of their drinking water from water wells. These communities would have the most to lose by a leak of disposal water into their source reservoirs or directly into their wells. As such, these communities want to make sure everything is handled the way it should be to protect their constituents. So, they are filing

regular protests to every injection permit in their area.

The operators and service companies are aware of this and are being careful to design their wells properly and according to RRC and state environmental requirements.

Yes, there are likely some disagreements between the parties as to how much prevention should be built into the well design as the profit motive and the safety motive lead different directions. However, the system in place allows for communication of those differences, reconciliation of those differences, and final settlement of disputes by the appropriate state government agencies if necessary.

Parties who have a vested interest in this situation have the appropriate access to protect their position, while allowing the business of providing economically-valuable energy to proceed.

Don't you love America!

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Callahan County

Southwest Gas Systems has completed a plug back of the Griggs #3 in the Callahan County Regular Field (3 miles S of Baird) at an initial rate of 18 BOPD & 15 BWPD in an unidentifiable zone (perfs 2502-07). Loc. is T. Asher Sur. No. 528.

Concho County

The Pickens Company, Inc. has completed the N. Maria #3 in the West Millersview Field (4 miles W of Millersview) at an initial rate of 22 BOPD & 14 BWPD in the Cross Cut Sand (perfs 2781-91). Loc. is Sec. 4, ELRR Sur., A-1816.

Nolan County

Pioneer Exploration has completed the Jordan-A-#9 in the North-west Hylton Field (5 miles SW of Nolan) at an initial rate of 33 BOPD & 50 BWPD in the Fry Sand (perfs 5316-51). Loc. is Sec. 20, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur.

Runnels County

H.B. Edmondson & Son has completed a plug back of the Edmondson -CBT-#1 in the Beddo Field (6 miles NE of Ballinger) at an initial rate of 12 BOPD & 6 BWPD in the Gardner (perfs 3490-94). Loc. is the AB&M Sur. No. 25, A-14.

St. Mary Energy Co. has completed two wells in the Fort Chadbourne Field (6 miles W of Wingate) in the Odom Lime. The Fort Chadbourne Odom Lime Unit #1709 potential at 3 BOPD & 36 BWPD (perfs 5249-80) and is loc. G. Carroll Sur. No. 287, A-95. The Fort Chadbourne Odom Lime Unit #2715 potential at 3 BOPD & 100 BWPD (perfs 5218-60) and is loc. G. Carroll Sur. No. 284, A-98.

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Obituaries

Betsy Ann Ortega

WINTERS—Betsy Ann Ortega, 44, died Saturday, August 30, 2003, in an Abilene hospital.

She was born August 21, 1959, in Pierre, South Dakota, and grew up in Winters, graduating from Winters High School. She married Joe M. Rodriguez.

Ms. Ortega worked for Gerber in Ballinger for 12 years. She was a member of the Southside Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Joe M. Rodriguez of Winters; two sons, Stacy Ortega of Plainview and John Rodriguez of Winters; three step-daughters, Pattijo Esquivel and Mary Ellen Collins, both of Winters, and Rosalia Rodriguez of Lubbock; two step-sons, Mario Rodriguez of Winters and Alexander Rodriguez of Lubbock; and one sister, Frances Gray of Winters.

Services were Wednesday, September 3, at 2:00 p.m. in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Paul Davis officiating. Burial was in the Crews Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Letter to the Editor

Resident issues quiet protest

On Monday night, August 25, 2003 the Winters Independent School Board (WISB) told the old couple, in effect, they had to pay more. The old couple was already paying the highest overall property tax rate of ten surrounding towns. It might well be one of the highest overall tax rates in the state. The WISB indicated, in effect, they had the law behind them and the old couple was going to pay even more.

"You got 10 minutes," the chairman said. The old man thought to himself about the nearly \$10,000.00 a year he and the old lady were now paying in property taxes. That is about a thousand dollars a minute for them to listen. "How generous" the old man thought.

The old man's presentation was shaky. He knew it would be. It was hard for them to even show up to protest. However he tried to indicate that he and old lady had no problem with the tax increase proposed for their home. Their protest was on behalf of business owners - the folks that get the double hit. He talked a little about the people who get the "free ride."

The old guy mentioned the 16 million dollar increase in property evaluation that targeted only one segment of the business owners - the farmers and ranchers. Why, the old man asked, are you proposing an additional tax hike on top of the increased taxes you will receive from the agricultural folks?

The old man looked at the school board and as far as he could tell most held a 40 hour a week job with holidays off and paid vacation. Two of the school board members were even paid with property taxes. He thought about himself and the old lady working 80 to 100 hours a week with no thought of holidays off. He thought about the unfairness to her in that they had not had a vacation in over 35 years. However, the board voted, in effect, that the old couple would have to "speed it up a little."

The old man felt sympathy for trustee Cheryl Bryan. She knew the difficulties, better than he, what it took to make it in farming and raise a family. She has "been there and done that".

The old man looked around the room at the 18 or so people present. There were a lot of coaches and teachers that he did not know. With only a few exceptions they were all paid with property taxes-even some board members. The old man realized the nearly \$10,000.00 he and the old lady were paying would not last very long.

There was only one person that shook the old mans hand either before or after the meeting and that was Danny Clack. The old man was trying but he was finding it increasingly difficult not to like this guy. The man was fighting for the school and he was winning.

The old man and old lady had been sweethearts for 54 years. They had lived and built a dream together. It was almost done. But the old man wondered if he had done the right thing for her. Their tax mortgage now exceeded their land mortgage. They owed money on the cattle. He felt they could pay off the land and the cattle. However, the tax mortgage would go on forever.

There has got to be a better way!

B.D. Davis

James "Jim" Jehu Jones

WINTERS—James "Jim" Jehu Jones, 83, died Thursday, August 28, 2003, at his home.

He was born on January 12, 1920, to Leroy L. and Luna L. Jones of Tahoka, Texas, and moved to Brownwood at the age of 6 and later to Burnett Co. On June 5, 1943, he married Margie Bateman in Hattisburg, Mississippi, and they moved to Winters in 1956. After 60 years of marriage, she preceded him in death on June 24th of this year.

In 1943, he joined the United States Air Force and served in the European Theater. Upon his return from the war, he continued his education to complete his Bachelor of Arts degree at Daniel Baker College in Brownwood in 1951. He also completed his Masters of Education in 1956 at Howard Payne College in Brownwood.

Mr. Jones served the people of Texas as a public school teacher for 32 years, twenty-seven of which were in Winters. He was a faithful member of the Main Street church of Christ for 47 years where he served as both deacon and elder for many years. He lived a life of service to others.

He was preceded in death by his wife Margie Jones, both parents, three brothers, two sisters, and one grandson.

Survivors include one daughter and three sons, Dr. Florette "Flo" Reven of Stephenville, Paul Justin Jones and wife Linda of Abilene, Thomas "Tommy" Laster Jones and wife Becky of Lubbock, and Leroy Henry Jones of Austin; one brother, L.E. "Jiggs" Jones and wife Vi of Brownwood; three sisters, Pearl "Maggie" Elam of Grandbury, Roxie Rutledge of Milam, Tennessee, and Helen Smith of Lampasas; twelve grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation was at 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 1, at Winters Funeral Home.

Services were held Tuesday, September 2, at 11:00 a.m. at the Main Street church of Christ with Eric Gumm and Josh Jones officiating. Burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery in Winters directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Steve Jones, Mykal Jones, J. Jones, Chris Ryan, Scott Clemons, Jacob Ryan, and Anthony Reyna.

Memorials may be made to the Cherokee Home for Children or Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene.

Nelda Ruth Norris Ford

WINTERS—Nelda Ruth Norris Ford, 72, died Saturday, August 30, 2003.

She was born July 24, 1931, to the late Sidney D. and Faye (Bracey) Norris in Styx Community, Texas. She was a member of the Gateway Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Tom Ford of Winters; grandchildren, Lance Ford and his wife Kim of McKinney and Lourie Ford Ferrell and husband Ken of McKinney; great grandchildren, Kallan Ferrell, Sydney Ferrell, Kennedy Ferrell, Cade Ford, Jake Ford, and McKenzie Ford; sisters, Norma Morrow of Lavon, Gladys Horton, and Linda Tidwell Lindale; brother Joe Norris of Terrell; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Graveside services were Tuesday, September 2, at 4:00 p.m. in the Crandall Cemetery with Reverend Rick Hargrove officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Anderson Clayton Brothers of Kaufman.

Charlene Craven

WINTERS—Charlene Craven, 79, died Monday, September 2, 2003, at a local nursing home.

She was born February 19, 1924, in Winters and was a lifetime resident. She attended school in Winters. She married William H. Craven on December 7, 1943, in Big Spring.

Mrs. Craven was a clerical secretary and a Presbyterian. She was preceded in death by her husband, William, on June 25, 1979.

Survivors include one son, John Craven and wife Carol of Bastrop; one sister, Nadine Robinson and husband Spec of Winters; two granddaughters, Sonya Mitchell of Abilene and Julie Rogers and husband Matt of Baird; one great grandson, Rylan Rogers of Baird.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 4, at Lakeview Cemetery in Winters with Reverend Bert Bronaugh officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Roy Edward Baker

BALLINGER—Roy Edward Baker, 81, died Sunday morning, August 31, 2003, in a local nursing home.

He was born on March 12, 1922, in Midlano, Texas, to James Edward and Ella Sledge Halpain Baker. He married Mary Olene Jones on September 14, 1947, in Ballinger.

Mr. Baker was active in farming, ranching, and insurance sales and a member of Ninth Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Mary Olene Baker of Ballinger; one son, James C. Baker and wife Debbie of San Antonio; one brother, S.E. Baker and wife Wilma of Ballinger; two sisters, Jimmie E. Jones of Ballinger and Etta Smith of Lott; one daughter, Sandy Lowe Sears and husband Jimmy of Dayton; grandchildren, Angela Newton and Jeremy, Clint Baker, Jason Lower and TeShena, Cody and Brooke Sears and Amanda Sears; great grandchildren, Jared and Grant Newton, Avery Lowe, and Ashlyn, Caleb and Ryland Sears.

Graveside funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 2, at the Old Runnels Cemetery near Ballinger with Nelan Bahlman officiating. Arrangements were with Rains-Seale 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*.

by Terry Lochman, Pastor New Beginnings Church
Angels in the Rubble

*On a September morning in a very large town
Two tall towers came crashing down
It began a day that was filled with trouble
But there were angels in the rubble.*

*As the day went on, so did the bad news
It wasn't a single, but a double
But there were angels in the rubble*

*The ways of man are known to the Lord
They are as clear as a bubble
That's why there were angels in the rubble*

*Many were lost, many went home
Many were couples but now are alone
But there were angels in the rubble*

*An act of hate in an act of war
The good were buried with the evil
Buried, forever under the rubble
But thank God there were angels in the rubble!*

This was a poem that I wrote after the attack on the Twin Towers on 9-11-01. I later made it into a song in July of 2002. The way it came about was, after the towers crashed down I began praying for there to be survivors in the rubble. I prayed over and over and the Lord just kept telling me that there are angels in the rubble.

I would pray, "Lord, let there be many survivors," and I would hear in my spirit, "There are angels in the rubble!" I remember at the time it made me feel a lot better and I fully expected there to be a lot of survivors because I knew there were angels in the rubble.

After hours turned to days, and days turned to weeks, and weeks turned to months, and there were no survivors, I knew that what I thought God meant by "there are angels in the rubble" was completely different than what it really was.

In the book of Mark, chapter 12, when Jesus is explaining to the Sadducees what happens to the dead in Christ, in verse 25 he says, "For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven."

The tragic events of 9-11 did make a lasting impact on the world — one we'll never forget, and all those innocent people trapped under all those tons of piled up World Trade Centers became angels in the rubble! God rest their souls.



GETTING READY for their annual Chicken Spaghetti Dinner are these members of the Winters Woman's Club, (l-r) Marlene Smith, Brenda Burton and Donna Smith. The fundraiser will be Friday, September 12 at the school cafeteria.

Developing the Winters Workforce

by Randall Conner,
Director of Economic Development

Second in a series of 6 articles

The West Central Texas Workforce Center offers many free services to businesses, employees, and job seekers. Smart hiring decisions improve business productivity, increase profitability, and provide a competitive edge. However, managing human resources is time consuming and frustrating if you don't have the right resources working for you. The Workforce Center can make your recruitment, training, and retention easier.

Located in Abilene, the Workforce Center can assist businesses in hiring by--

- Posting job openings on job boards and in an on-line job matching system
- Furnish facilities for meetings with prospective employees or places for interviewing
- Narrowing the search of the labor pool to prospects who are qualified for the job opening
- Matching skills to job requirements

The workforce Center provides a series of tests or assessments to job seekers to help place them in jobs which best utilize their skills. Businesses can rely on these tests to assure that they are getting qualified employees.

Job seekers can utilize the Workforce Center to find the right job for them and to foster career development. These prospective employees have access to many job listings on several job boards and computer-based job banks. They will receive specialized assistance in their job skills. Job seekers can use copiers, fax machines, telephones, and computers in their job search

efforts and can get referrals to community resources for transportation, housing, and child care.

During the past couple of years, there have been many professional workers who have found themselves out-of-work. Some of these people feel that they are no longer employable in their previous skill and pay level; they feel a certain reluctance to look for employment in today's market; or they have not had to look for a job in a long time. The West Central Texas Workforce Center has a Professional Placement Group which has been very successful in placing professionals in highly productive jobs, most near their previous pay levels. Job seekers who have been in management, marketing, information technology, teachers, social workers, or similar fields can contact this group for assessments and workshops to help them return to a highly productive position in today's workforce.

If you are in need of any these free services, please contact the West Texas Workforce Center at 400 Oak Street in Abilene or call 325-795-4200 or e-mail workforce@workforcesystem.org. A vast amount of information is also available at their website www.workforcesystem.org.

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Smart people lose their temper, permanently.
—Anonymous

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Sept. 8 through Sept. 12
Subject to change

Monday, Sept. 8: Lasagna, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, and peaches.

Tuesday, Sept. 9: Mexican casserole, pinto beans, lettuce & tomatoes, chips, hot sauce, and brownies.

Wednesday, Sept. 10: Liver & onions, scalloped potatoes, greens, cornbread, and apple crisp.

Thursday, Sept. 11: Ham & cheese sandwich, soup, chips, fruit salad, and cookies.

Friday, Sept. 12: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, 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.

First Baptist Church to host Multi-Ethnic Revival Sept. 7-10

Beginning on Sunday, September 7, First Baptist Church will be holding their first Multi-Ethnic Revival with Evangelist Eloy Gonzales bringing the messages. The Sunday morning service will be held in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church —Winters at 9:45 a.m. and each evening service will begin at 6:00 p.m., with all other services beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Each service will be a bilingual service, with Evangelist Gonzales preaching in both Spanish as well as English. There will be a time of fellowship after each evening service.

Brother Gonzales lives in Bedford, Texas, with his wife Lupita. They have three children: Roy, age 24; Sarah, 19; and Clara, 17.

Eloy worked as a police officer before responding to the call of God in his life in December of 1982. Since that

time he has served as both pastor and evangelist.

He has received theology training at Southwestern Theological Seminary with a certificate in Christian ministry. In May of 1995, Eloy received his diploma at Southwestern in Ministry Training.

As an evangelist, he has served for nineteen years preaching and teaching in several parts of Mexico as well as in the United States. He has ministered in Vacation Bible Schools, Bible Studies, Discipling, and various construction projects.

For the last five years, he has served as pastor of Harwood Terrace Baptist Mission in Bedford.

Everyone is invited to attend.

For additional information or transportation, call First Baptist Church at (325) 754-5521.

Country Club News

by Brenda Clough, Ladies Golf Association President

Ladies met for regular play on Tuesday. Winning team was Jan Sims, Sharon Kennedy, and Mary Ellen Moore. Mary Ellen won closest to the pin.

Wednesday tournament winning team of a two-week carryover was Mel Kennedy, Aref Hassan, Cody, Gil Gilmore, and Brenda Clough. Brenda Clough won closest to the pin.

A Labor Day tournament was held on Monday with two teams tied for 1st place. Following playoff, winning team was Gil Gilmore, Aref Hassan, Pyburn Brown, Hank Bourdo,

and Beth Whitlow. Second place team was Connie Mac Gibbs, Rick Barrow, Martin Martinez, and Sharon Kennedy.

The annual John McAdoo memorial tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 13. A best ball scramble will begin at 2:00 followed by a dinner and dance. The public is invited to attend. Also remember on Thursday, any nonmember can play a round of golf with a cart furnished for only \$10.00. You may call the country club at 754-4679 for all details.

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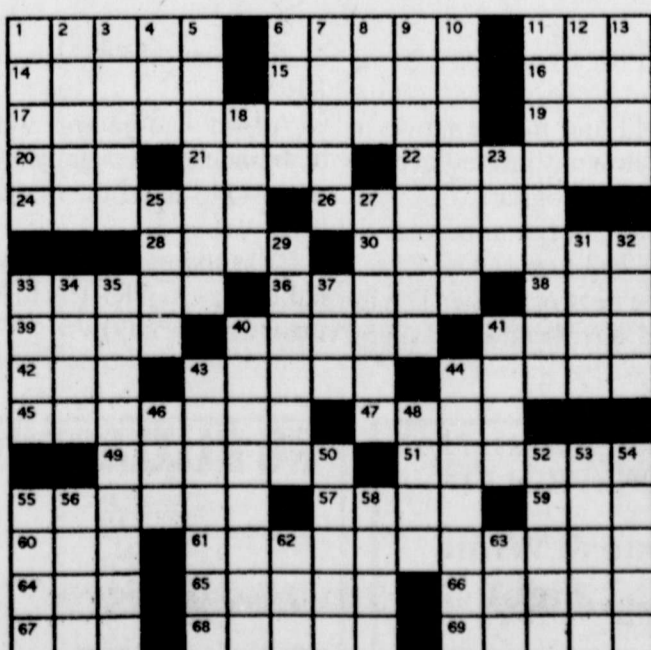
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17. Meadow adorns
19. Peeve
20. Forest dweller
21. Halo
22. Bee's home
24. Wasteland
26. Sheer curtain fabrics
28. Connections
30. Gave only a scanty amount
33. Dr. visits
36. Ring-shaped island
38. Fruit derivative
39. Fisherman's need
40. Hostile nation
41. Common Latin abbr.
42. Within pref.
43. Move slightly
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45. Intestinal disease
47. Teheran cash
49. Last scene
51. Deep furrow
55. In contest against
57. Word with South or seated
59. Mexican miner's find
60. St.
61. Jaywalking or littering
64. Mariner's milieu
65. Cooking herb
66. N. T. book
67. Conclusion
68. Daggers
69. Brat-like

DOWN

1. Impressed; enthused
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4. One with a higher degree; abbr.
5. Adventurous journeys
6. Spanish passion
7. Buffalo Bill, John Wayne, or Mamie Eisenhower
8. Trio member
9. In a wayward way
10. Flavage
11. Ruin completely
12. Surpassing
13. Like some kitchen floc
18. Guitar's forerunner
23. Place to stay
25. Diminutive ending
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29. Item of footwear
31. ___, Netherlands
32. Take out
33. Sir Guinness
34. Urge on
35. Examine for typos
37. Young sheep
40. One of mixed descent
41. ___ Stanley Gardner
43. Deadens
44. Floor coverings
46. Fleur-de-___
48. Knickknack
50. Man's nickname
52. Mid-afternoon prayers
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56. Level
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62. Traveler's direction; abbr.
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School

Blizzards drop season opener to Menard; face Cross Plains Friday

by Charles Murphy, Sports Writer for *The Winters Enterprise*

The weather was alright (a little hot), the field was in great shape, and the band sounded better than ever. The Winters 2003 football opener, however, left some things to be desired as the Menard Yellowjackets dismantled the Blizzards 49-3 Friday night.

Winters won the toss and elected to receive, setting up shop at their own 28 yard line. The Big Blue put together an impressive 13-play drive only to be denied on 4th and 6 at the Menard 35.

During the drive, the Blizzards faced 4th and 1 at their own 37 yard line and Coach Bret Barrick's first big decision was to go for it. Turned out it was a good call as Benjie Valles kept the ball for three and a first down at the 40. However, facing 4th and 8 at the Menard 48, David Scates lined up in punt formation. The snap was low and Scates scooted right for a pick up of 9 yards and a first down.

But the drive stalled at the Menard 35. A well-placed punt by Scates and great coverage by the punt team placed the ball at the Menard 1 yard line —

99 yards away from a score. But thirteen plays later Menard opened the scoring with a 16-yard touchdown pass with 51 seconds left in the first quarter. The extra point was good for a 7-0 Yellowjacket lead.

The Blizzards went three and out on their next possession and punted from their own 28 as the first quarter ended. The punt was mishandled and Pete Griffin recovered the ball at the Menard 47 yard line. Another three and out and the punt set up Menard at their own 19.

Six plays later the Yellowjackets were on the board again on a 35-yard run with 7:54 left in the half. The extra point was good and Menard led 14-0.

Another three and out ended in disaster for the Blizzards as Menard returned the punt for a touchdown with 6:17 left in the half and a 21-0 lead as the extra point was good. The Yellowjackets scored two more times and the half ended with Menard up 35-0 and Blizzard fans stunned.

Menard picked up in the

second half where they left off and put two more touchdowns and extra points on the board for a 49-0 lead.

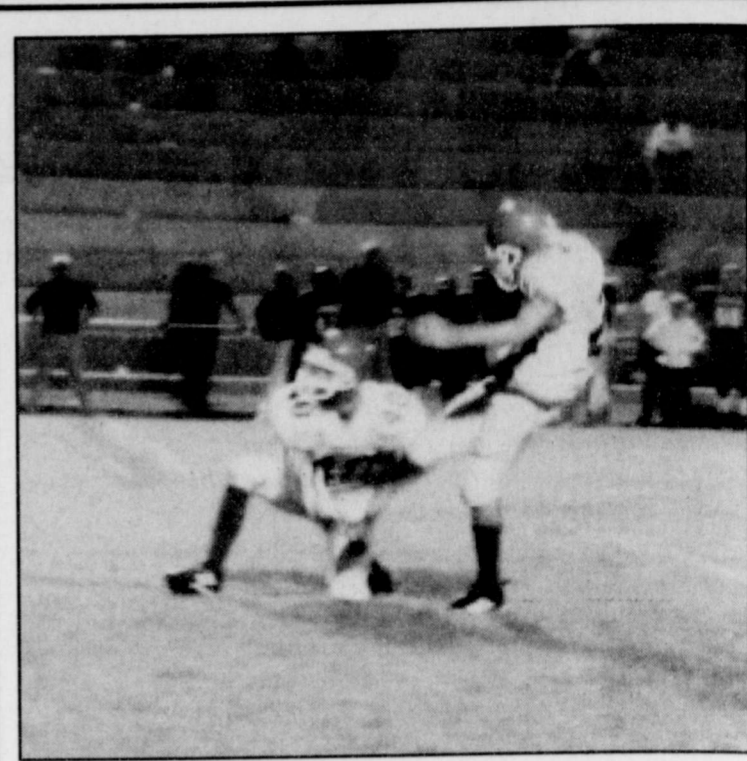
Some highlights for the Blizzards came as Valles hit Tim Fenwick with a 31-yard strike on third and 18 to the Menard 13. A Yellowjacket interception ended the third quarter and set Menard up at their own 4 yard line.

Later Valles hit Fenwick with a 27-yard aerial on 2&6. This threat ended at the Menard 6 yard line as the Blizzards gained four yards on 4th and 8.

On first down, John Heathcott came up with the interception and returned it to the Menard 8 yard line. Three plays netted Winters a -4 yards and the field goal team set up for a 17-yard attempt. With Fenwick holding, Valles put the ball through the uprights to put the Blue Team on the board with 1:48 left in the contest.

Menard took the kickoff and ran out the clock for the 49-3 opening day win.

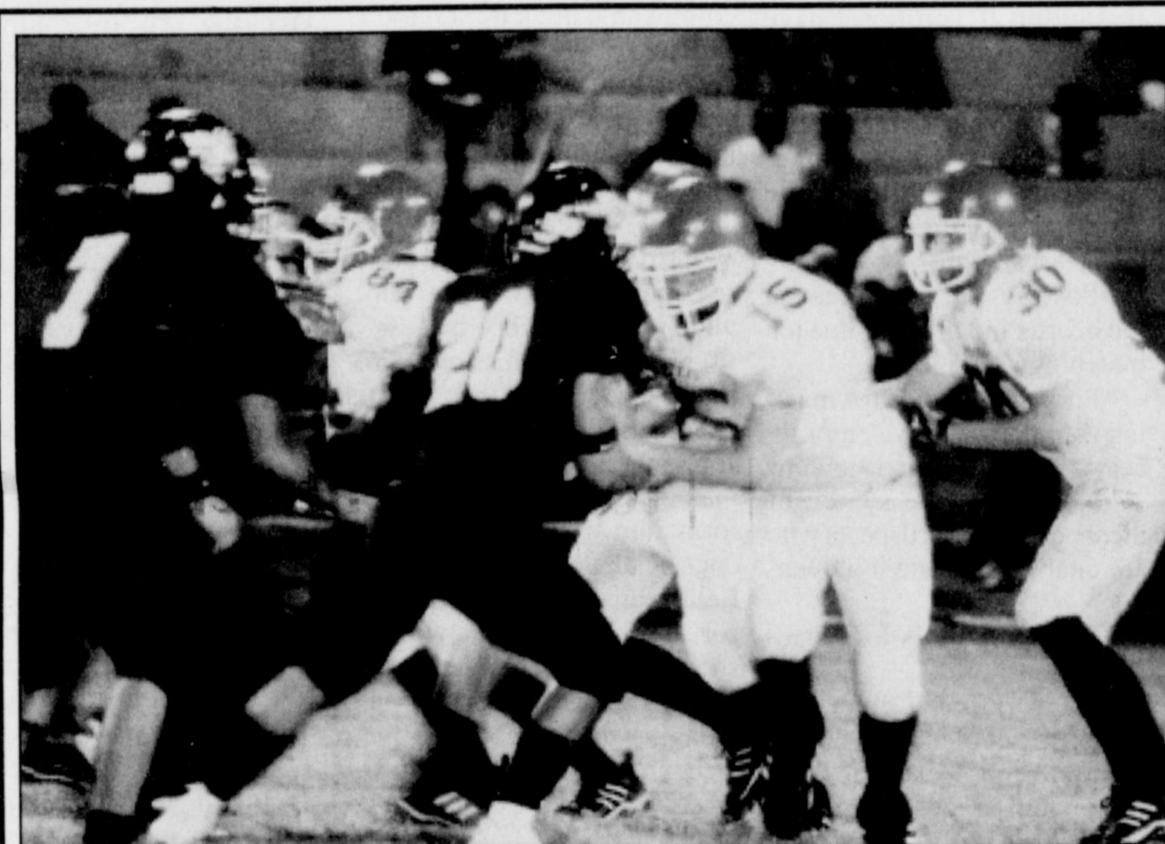
The Blizzards meet Cross Plains at Winters on Friday with kickoff at 8:00 p.m.



THE FIRST SCORE of the 2003 football season came on this field goal kick by Benjie Valles against the Menard Yellowjackets during varsity action Friday night. Holder is Tim Fenwick. (photo by Jean Boles)



DAVID SCATES #21 looks for the opening on a carry against Menard behind the blocking of Wacey Cason. At right is teammate John Heathcott. (photo by Jean Boles)



A BUNCH OF BLIZZARDS holds off the Menard defense during varsity action Friday night. Winters players include Jose Hernandez #84, Aaron Colburn #15, and Cody Pritchard #30. (photo by Jean Boles)

STATISTICAL SUMMARY		
	Winters	Menard
First downs	5	22
Rushing yards	39-50	23-130
Passing yards	58	202
Total yards	108	332
Comp-Att-Int	2-13-0	13-25-2
Punts-Ave.	4-30	1-33
Fumbles-lost	3-1	3-1
Penalties-yards	6-50	9-60

SCORING SUMMARY		
By Quarters		
Winters	0, 0, 0, 3-3	
Menard	21, 14, 14, 0-49	

INDIVIDUAL STATS		
Rushing:	Winters: Valles 13-28, Perez 5-8, Pike 9-15, Scates 2-6, Pritchard 5-3, Colburn 1-10	
Passing:	Benjie Valles 2-13-0-58	



TEMPORARILY SIDELINED are Blizzards Max Harrison #27, who sustained a broken ankle in the scrimmage against Mertzon, and Court Pike #7, who received a serious bone bruise in Friday's contest at Menard. Harrison will be out of action for about eight weeks. Pike is expected to play this Friday against Cross Plains. (photo by Jean Boles)

Blizzard football on delayed broadcast Saturday morning

by Jean Boles, editor

For the second (and possibly last) week, the Friday night Blizzard football game will be broadcast on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. on KRUN by delayed broadcast.

Cody Austin, general manager of KRUN, said, while not the ideal situation, the delayed

broadcast still addresses the needs of Winters residents and others yearning to hear the action of Blizzard football. Austin said he was unable to find a station willing to alter its programming already in place.

For the past few years, Blizzard football has been broad-

cast live over KORQ in Abilene; however, that station was sold and the new owner didn't show any interest in continuing the program.

Local sports announcers Randall Boles and Mark Edge, with the help of spotter David Pafford, have been asked again

to continue their coverage by KRUN.

Austin said he was willing to broadcast two games as a trial run to see if the market is here.

To support Blizzard football, please call KRUN in Ballinger at 365-5500.

Directions to Buffalo Stadium in Cross Plains

From Coleman on U.S. Highway 206 as you enter Cross Plains (blinking light & Dairy Queen), keep traveling north (approximately 8-10 blocks) until you come to the high school. At the high school, turn right (sign says Buffalo Stadium). Go one block (first turn) turn left into stadium. Parking is available in the football lot and gymnasium lot.

2003 Varsity Football Schedule				
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE WINTERS-OPPONENT
Aug. 29	Menard	T	8:00	3-49
Sept. 5	Cross Plains	H	8:00	
Sept. 12	Mason	H	7:30	
Sept. 19	Wall	T	8:00	
Sept. 26	Robert Lee	T	8:00	
Oct. 3	OPEN			
Oct. 10	Bangs▲	T	7:30	
Oct. 17	Goldthwaite▲	T	7:30	
Oct. 24★	San Saba★▲	H	7:30	
Oct. 31	Jim Ned▲	T	7:30	
Nov. 7	Coleman▲	H	7:30	

★ Homecoming ▲ District Games

2003 Jr. Varsity Football Schedule				
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE WINTERS-OPPONENT
Aug. 28	Menard	H	6:30	12-0
Sept. 4	Cross Plains	T	6:30	
Sept. 11	Mason	T	6:30	
Sept. 18	Wall	H	6:30	
Sept. 25	Robert Lee	TBA	TBA	
Oct. 2	OPEN			
Oct. 9	Bangs▲	H	6:00	
Oct. 16	Goldthwaite▲	H	6:00	
Oct. 23★	San Saba★▲	T	6:00	
Oct. 30	Jim Ned▲	H	6:00	
Nov. 6	Coleman▲	T	6:00	

★ Homecoming ▲ District Games

2003 Jr. High Football Schedule			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 4	Cross Plains	T	TBA & 5
Sept. 11	Mason	H	5 & 6:30
Sept. 18	Wall	T	5 & 6:30
Sept. 25	Robert Lee	H	6 & TBA
Oct. 2	OPEN		
Oct. 9	Bangs▲	T	5 & 6:30
Oct. 16	Goldthwaite▲	T	5 & 6:30
Oct. 30	Jim Ned▲	T	5 & 6:30
Nov. 6	Coleman▲	H	5 & 6:30

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School

Volunteers needed for training School fitness equipment now available to public

by Jean Boles, editor

WISD Superintendent Danny Clack has announced the National School Fitness Foundation equipment is now operative and will be available to the community if enough trained volunteers are found.

The special non-profit organization provided \$218,000 worth of exercise equipment for strength and cardiovascular training. The computerized system utilizes data from an identification card the user swipes through the machine. No personal names are used as all data is anonymous via the ID number. The data is then recorded by the company for study. Exercises will be able to receive a printout of progress each day if desired.

The equipment is located in the south end of the yellow activity building near the elementary school.

Mary Wilkerson and Becky

Airhart, WISD faculty, are willing to train community volunteers to supervise workout sessions. Training will be for approximately 2-3 hours and will take place in two different sessions, depending on the number of interested people.

The fitness area will be open 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for the community, depending on school activities. No children are allowed due to safety regulations.

Clack said, "It's important that the community takes advantage of the fitness room and learns how to properly use and maintain the equipment."

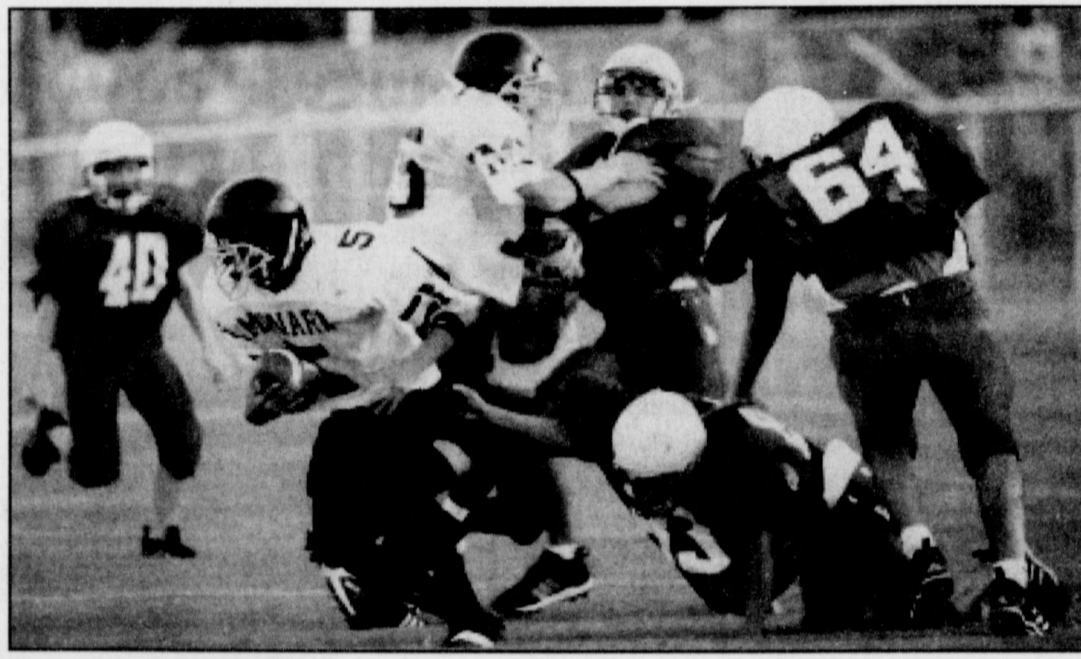
He further stated that as long as the equipment can be maintained properly, there will be no community use fee.

Volunteers are asked to call Mr. Clack at the WISD Administration Office at 754-5574.



(photo courtesy of Mike Neal)

ALLAN GREEN, quarterback for the Junior Varsity Blizzards, heads for the end zone and the first six points of the 2003 season last Thursday. Green covered 20 yards against the Menard Yellowjackets. Winters won the contest 12-0, and will travel to Cross Plains this week.



JOSE MORENO #83 hangs on to the Yellowjacket runner as teammates Justin Fenwick #40, Charlie Dillard (standing center) and Manuel Vega #64 get in the action. The Junior Varsity Blizzards shut out the Menard team in the opening game of the 2003 season.

Parents of Seniors urged to attend Project Graduation meeting Sept. 10

The parents of the Senior Class of 2004 will be having a Project Graduation meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2003. The meeting will be held at the Winters I.S.D. Cafeteria and will begin at 5:15 p.m.

All Senior parents are encouraged to attend this important planning meeting.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, you may contact Janet Cason at 754-5205 or Mary Beth Ahrens at 743-8035.



(photo courtesy of Mike Neal)

JAMES VASQUEZ #35 finds the opening between two Menard defenders, thanks to good blocking from fellow Blizzards during JV action against the Yellowjackets. Winters JV will travel to Cross Plains Thursday night to face the Buffaloes.

Two medal in junior high division at cross-country meet at Eula

Winters Cross-Country teams competed in Eula, Texas last Saturday. The ladies placed 11th with the Blizzards placing 8th.

In the junior high division, Camille Kruse placed 1st in the seventh grade division. Also medalling was Jessica Barker, who placed 3rd.

Results were:
Blizzards

25th, Jose Hernandez, 20:10
28th, Javier Rodriguez, 20:28
41st, Jonathan Meyer, 21:31
46th, Juan Hernandez, 21:49
50th, Ismael Aragon, 22:11
66th, Bryce Wilkerson, 24:03
Luke Hale, 28:24
Anthony Ramirez, 28:24
Lady Blizzards
Patricia Carrillo, 15:02

Kari Walker, 15:08
Briana Parramore, 15:21
Macy Hopson, 15:39
Vanessa Perez, 16:16
Jessica Meyer, 16:16
Ashley Laird, 16:19
Junior High Division
22nd, Colby Pritchard, 8:32
1st, Camille Kruse, 8:19
3rd, Jessica Barker, 8:46
Celisha Jackson, 9:54
Brittany Woffenden, 11:27

Woman's Club to host meal before Mason game

The Winters Woman's Club will host their annual Chicken Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, September 12, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria prior to the Winters vs. Mason football game.

The menu consists of chicken spaghetti, green beans, Texas toast, salad and dessert. Cost is \$3 for children 12 & under and \$6 for adults. Carryouts are available.

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Wall at Coleman
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Wylie at Snyder
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Life

Winters man run over three times by tractor

by Jean Boles, editor

A 64-year-old Winters man remains in Hendrick Medical Center after being run over three times by a tractor last week.

The accident occurred about 8:00 p.m. last Wednesday when Billy Ray was plowing some small acreage behind the Fairview Cemetery west of Winters.

Ray said he had gotten off the small Ford tractor to clean trash off the disc plow. He said he apparently had failed to disengage the gears properly and when he cranked the tractor to restart it, the tractor lurched forward, knocking him to the ground. The right rear wheel ran over him then the front gang of the disc plow ran over him. Ray's leg brace caught on the plow for some distance be-

fore he got himself free, only to be run over again by the back gang.

As he lay in the field with his pelvis broken in four places, Ray was able to call 9-1-1 on his cell phone as the tractor continued plowing in circles. First to arrive on the scene was Winters Police Chief Brian McGonagill who was unable to locate Ray due to darkness. Ray stayed on his phone with the dispatching service, giving his specific location to McGonagill and emergency medical personnel.

Ray was transported to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene where he will remain for an undetermined time before transferring to a veteran's hospital. Ray said his hospitalization is expected to last from six weeks to 90 days.

Justin Lange graduates Naval Training Camp

Airman Apprentice Justin Michael Lange graduated Friday, August 15, 2003, from Naval Training Camp in Great Lakes, Illinois. He is now stationed at Pensacola, Florida.

Proud parents are James and Debbie Lange of Winters and Mona Lange of Abilene.

Grandparents are Neil Lange, Luke Colbath, and Richard and Beth Hamilton, all of Winters.



San Angelo to host Fall Crafts Fair Sept. 20-21

The 29th Annual Fall Crafts Fair will be held at the Concho Pavilion on the San Angelo Fair Grounds on September 20, 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. and September 21, noon - 4:00 p.m.

There will be many unique items for sale. There will also be drawings for hourly door prizes.

No admission will be charged.

Obituaries

Harold Oren Polston

ABILENE—Harold Oren Polston, 84, died Wednesday, August 27, 2003, at an Abilene hospital.

He was born June 19, 1919, in Dade County Missouri to Henry and Flossie Polston. He joined the Army during World War II in Germany, France, and England.

Mr. Polston moved to Abilene in 1951 where he owned his own oil field trucking company. He went to work for WesTex Drilling in 1960, retiring from there as part owner and drilling superintendent in 1977. He then began ranching and was a past director of the Texas Simmental Association. His passions were quail hunting and playing with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Harold Polston; his wife, Pat Polston; and five brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his loving wife, Velta "Tiny" Polston of Abilene; two sons, Benny Polston and wife Becky of Lawn and Bill Polston and wife Carmela of Winters; two daughters, Brenda Polston of Abilene and Linda Speegle and husband Danny of Abilene; one stepson, Lynn Edwards and wife Ann of Abilene; two step-daughters, Linda Morton and husband Ron of Rockhill, South Carolina, Pam VanderWielen and husband Gary of Little Chute, Wisconsin; two sisters, Blanche Grider of Abilene and Alene Halfacre of Odessa; one brother, Lindall Polston of Odessa; grandchildren, Michelle Marcenaro, Paige Polston, Brendan Polston, Jaxon Speegle, and Jaden Speegle; six step-grandchildren, Quint Edwards, Donnie Edwards, David Morton, Sean Nelson, Lance VenderWielen, Jeff VanderWielen; two great grandchildren, Paisley and Peyton Polston.

Family visitation was Thursday, August 28, from 6-8 p.m. at Elmwood Funeral Home in Abilene.

Funeral services were Friday, August 29, at 2:00 p.m. at Wylie Baptist Church with Reverend Oscar Fanning officiating. Burial followed at Elmwood Memorial Park under the direction of Elmwood Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Jamie Clearman, Nort Fiscus, Lloyd Walker, Bartis Knight, Micky Johnson, and Lynn Edwards.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 41, Abilene, Texas 79604.

Fred Price Giles

ODESSA—Fred Price Giles, 70, died Saturday, August 30, 2003, at his residence.

He was born July 3, 1933, in Rannels County on the family farm east of Winters to John Malcolm and Florence Bates Giles. He grew up in Rannels County and graduated from Novice High School.

Mr. Giles served in the United States Army during the Korean conflict. After his discharge, he returned to Rannels County where he farmed. He later farmed and ranched in South Dakota. He returned to Texas and was a car dealer in Littlefield and Brownwood, retiring in 1989. He moved to Odessa in 2000 and lived there until his death. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, and two sisters.

Survivors include one son, Marc Giles and wife Nettie of Odessa; one daughter, Kelly Wright of Abilene; one brother, Abe Giles of Lake Brownwood; one sister, Fairy Alcorn of Winters; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 2, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with his nephew Tony King officiating. Burial followed in the Crews Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Send your college student the news from home with a subscription to **The Winters Enterprise**. Call 325-754-4958 for details

Class of '73 to plan thirty year reunion

A planning meeting for the thirty year reunion of the Winters Class of 1973 is set for Saturday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be in the Winters North Main Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.

Anyone interested in the reunion is invited to attend. Please bring any information you may have about classmates (eg. addresses, e-mail addresses, phone numbers, etc.)

If you have information or want to help but are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Landa Walker Grohman at 502 CR 361, Winters, Texas 79567 or e-mail <landa.zoe@hotmail.com> or contact Lea Mostad Angel at 325-754-4963.



HOMER HODGE (left) receives a Service Award for 57 years in Masonry from James Brown representing the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas. Hodge, of Winters, reached the level of Master Mason during his Masonic career. Also on hand for the celebration of August 26 were Vollie Pierce, Pro-Tem Worshipful Master and Bob Southard, Secretary of Lodge #643. Brown is Past District Deputy Grand Master. Winters and Ballinger Lodges consolidated in 1998. (photo by Jean Boles)

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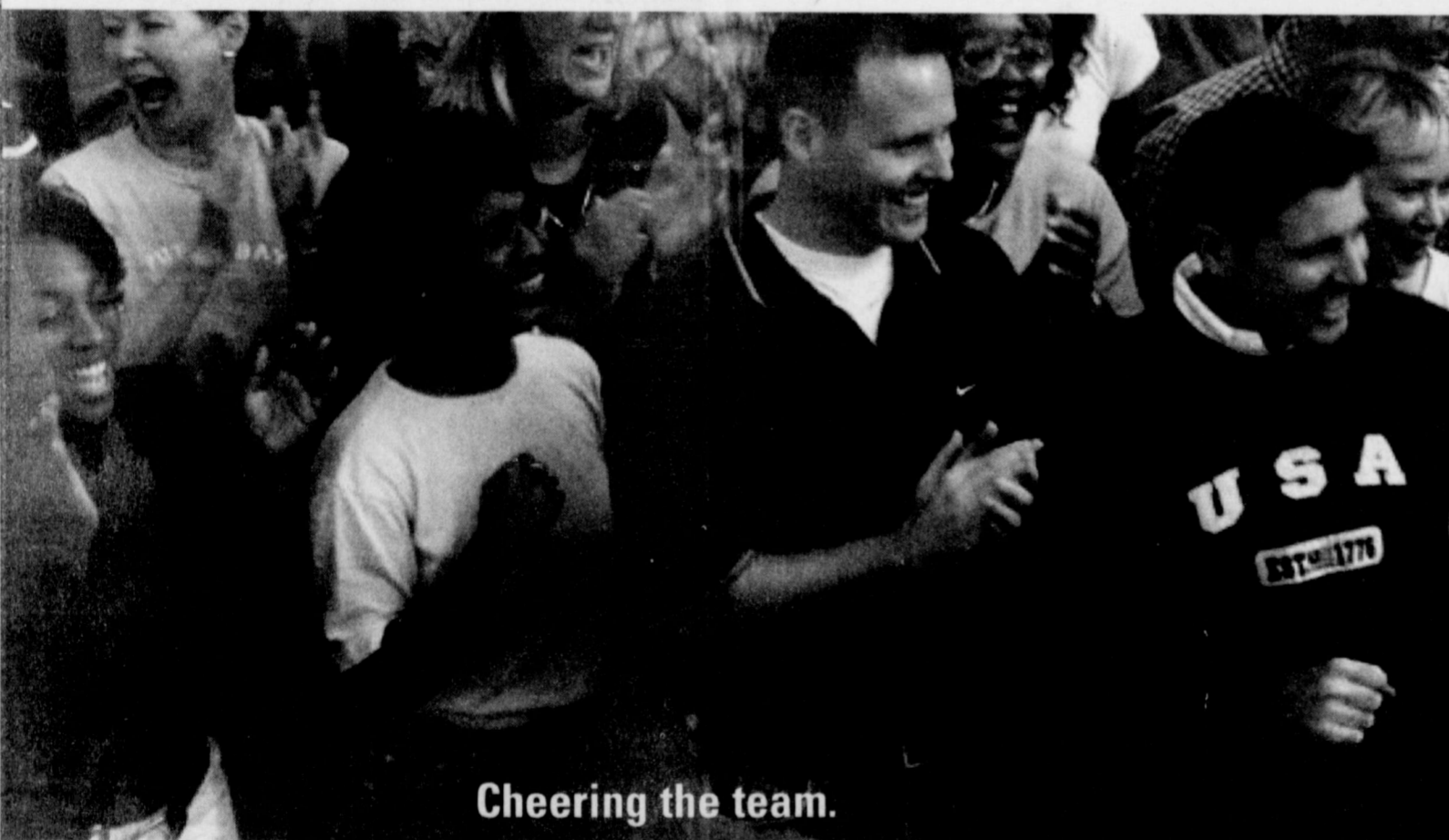
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Sincerely,
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Card of Thanks

The family of Katharine Spill is most grateful for the help we received during her last illness and death.

The delicious and abundant food for our large family, and the cards, flowers, and memorials to honor her are greatly appreciated. The care and support received from North Runnels Home Health, and later from Vista Care Hospice of San Angelo were excellent. Dory Robb and the staff at Vista Care, including the chaplain, enabled us to make her last days both comfortable and serene.

My heartfelt thanks to all.

Enid Anderson and the
Katharine Spill family

Enterprise apologizes for errors and tardiness

by Jean Boles, editor

"What in the world happened to the paper?"

That was the question posed to my office over and over after last week's issue, and for those of you who haven't called, I'd like to explain what happened.

Our newspaper is owned by American Consolidated Media in Dallas with my immediate supervisor located at the *Brownwood Bulletin* which also prints our publication.

In an effort to streamline production costs, Brownwood instructed us (Susan Ripple and me) to electronically send stories, photos and ad information to them and they would put the pages together. So after we sent the information, we had no further control of the final product.

We were as surprised and unhappy as anyone else with the resulting publication which didn't arrive in Winters until around 8 p.m. Wednesday night. That's why the papers weren't on the newsstands until late that night and early Thursday.

We apologize for the errors and inconvenience, and we expect not to have these problems in the future.

Your patronage, ideas, opinions and support are always important to me. Thanks for your understanding.



STEVE OWENS has been named the new manager of the meat department at Lawrence Bros. IGA Supermarket. Owens, who lives in Ballinger, brings more than 20 years of experience to his job and pledges to maintain a top quality, fresh meat section. (photo by Jean Boles)

Telethon hits new high: \$60.5 Million!

The final numbers are in, and the news is great: The 38th annual Jerry Lewis Telethon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association was another record-breaking success.

The Telethon raised \$60,505,234 in contributions and pledges to benefit people with any of more than 40 neuromuscular diseases. The 21-1/2 hour telethon originated from CBS television City in Hollywood beginning Sunday night and was broadcast across the country by some 200 television stations in MDA's "Love Network."

After the show ended at 6 p.m. EDT Monday, Lewis, MDA's national chairman and star of the Telethon, said he was thrilled to have again fulfilled his annual goal of surpassing the previous Telethon's total (\$58.3 million in 2002) by at least \$1.

"I'm consistently humbled by the generosity of the American public. Every year I ask, and, without blinking, you open your hearts and wallets," said Lewis, who has been MDA's leading volunteer 50 years. "You've also let 'my kids' of all ages, and their loved ones, know that they aren't alone in this fight."

Lewis, who continues to cope with the effects of pulmonary fibrosis, was assisted by longtime Telethon anchor Ed McMahon and national co-hosts Jann Carl, Norm Crosby, Cynthia Garrett, Billy Gilman, George Gray, Leyna Nguyen and Bob Zany. Three Muppets also chipped in to help co-host the show.

The show featured performances and appeals by celebrities from the worlds of music, comedy, film, television and theater. Famous names

appeared alongside new faces discovered in a nationwide talent search.

Celebrity performers included Cher, Celine Dion, Clay Aiken, the cast from the Broadway musical "Hairspray," children's musical group the Wiggles, Joan Jett & the Blackhearts, Don Rickles, magicians Burton, and many more.

Highlights of the broadcast included appearances via satellite by best-selling poet and peacemaker Mattie Stepanek. Mattie, 13, who is from Baltimore, serves as MDA National Goodwill Ambassador.

Mattie spoke passionately about the challenges of living with the rare disease mitochondrial myopathy, and the many ways that MDA helps.

Along with its usual colorful variety of entertainment, the show informed viewers about MDA's life-enhancing services and its research involving many of the world's best scientific minds. MDA-funded researchers gave updates on the Association's exploration of cutting-edge methods, such as stem cell and gene therapy, as potential treatments or cures for 40 neuromuscular diseases.

Videotaped profiles and live interviews introduced viewers to several individuals and families from across the country who are served by MDA.

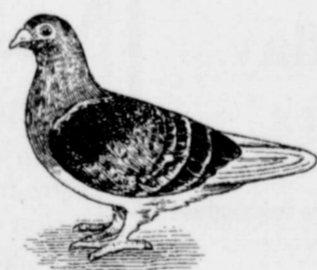
The Telethon spotlight also shone on several MDA national sponsor who made multi-million dollar contributions: ACOSTA, Albertson's, Anheuser-Busch, CITGO, Harley-Davidson, the International Association of Firefighters, 7-Eleven and 7 Up. The Firefighters led the way with a record contribution of \$18.3 million.

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Law & Order

Regional CVCC seeks volunteers

Regional Crime Victim Crisis Center is looking for Runnels County volunteers to train as paraprofessionals in crisis intervention and victim assistance. Applicants accepted into the program receive 44 hours of comprehensive training in helping crime victims and their families. CVCC is a non-profit agency serving hundreds of crime victims, free of charge, each year in its 11 county region. Staff and volunteers operate a 24-hour hotline: 325-677-7895. Applications are now being taken for the next victim assistance training session. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in Runnels County, or would like additional information, call Crime Victim Crisis Center at 325-677-7895 as soon as possible.

Staff members attend Child Crime Conference

How to better combat crimes against children was the focus of a week-long conference in Dallas attended by three Regional Crime Victim Crisis Center staff members recently. Attending the 2003 Crimes Against Children Conference were Linda Walker, CVCC Assistant Director; Donna Kitrick, counselor; and Pam Williams, case manager. Among the nationwide panel of presenters were two detectives from the Abilene Police Department: Sgt. Mike Perry and Det. David Atkins. The conference was presented by the Dallas Police Department and the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center. The goal of the Crimes Against Children Conference was to provide practical information, using current information, the newest ideas and the most successful intervention strategies, to those professionals responsible for combating the many and varied forms of crimes against children. Crime Victim Crisis Center in Abilene is a non-profit organization serving victims of violent crime in Runnels and 10 other counties in its region. Services are free of charge. CVCC operates with five professional staff members and more than 80 paraprofessional volunteers. CVCC is currently accepting applications for new volunteers to train for crisis intervention and victim assistance in Runnels County. For more information, please call 325-677-7895.

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Michael Paul Roman, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 180 days in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$100, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 40 hours community service
Benjamin Matthew Hays, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 40 hours community service
Cipriano Martinez Alonzo, 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
Jeffrey Don Hopson, unlawfully carrying a weapon, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 180 days in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 40 hours community service
Eric Pena, theft, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 180 days in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 32 hours community service
Clint Alan Marentes, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 180 days in county court, probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 40 hours community service
David Molina, Jr., interference with public duties, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 40 hours community service
Armando Reyes Rodriguez, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 30 days in county jail, assessed \$236 court costs

Criminal Cases Filed August 26

Armando Reyes Rodriguez, filed for driving while intoxicated
Thomas Gene Peiser, filed for making alcohol available to a minor
Cervis Melton, filed for burglary of a coin operated machine
Jason Lee Essex, filed for burglary of a coin operated machine
Jessie Martinez Garcia, filed for violation of a protective order

August 27

Francisco Ortiz, filed for assault
Marriage Licenses Filed August 28
Felipe S. Franco and Maria Q. Garza

District Court Divorce Cases Filed August 26

Joe Angel Reyes vs. Ester Garcia Reyes

August 29

Christi Michelle Odom vs. Edward Jay Odom

Civil Cases Filed August 28

Stella F. Webb vs. Toby Moore, individual, and Robert Moore, individual, dba Moore's Plumbing Company, damages

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed August 19

Darin Heath West, filed for aggravated kidnapping
August 25
Scott Brentin Stansberry, filed for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon

August 26

Tyrone Lynn Organ, filed for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

Criminal Cases Filed August 26

Joseph Christopher Cuevas, filed for public intoxication

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Early voting ends Sept. 9

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tions on this year's ballot. "The early voting period ensures that all registered voters have the opportunity to have their voices heard, even if they can't participate on Election Day," said Secretary Connor.

The early voting for Texas' constitutional amendment election runs through September 9. During the early voting period, voters can vote in any polling place located within their county. However, voters who wait until Election Day to cast their ballot may only vote in their assigned precinct. Election Day will be held on Saturday, September 13. "During this election, Texas will be making tremendously important choices which will impact the future of our state for years to come. By not voting, you are letting someone else decide your future for you. That's not the Texas way," said Secretary Connor.

The Texas Secretary of State serves as the state's Chief Elections Officer.

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North Runnels Water Supply Corporation is not required to extend retail water service to a service applicant in a subdivision where the developer of the subdivision has failed to comply with the Subdivision Policy.

Applicable elements of the Subdivision Policy include:

Evaluation by North Runnels Water Supply Corporation of the impact a proposed subdivision service extension will make on North Runnels Water Supply Corporation's water supply and payment of the costs for this evaluation;

Payment of reasonable costs or fees by the developer for providing water supply capacity;

Payment of fees for reserving water supply capacity;

Forfeiture of reserved water supply capacity for failure to pay applicable fees;

Payment of costs of any improvements to North Runnels Water Supply Corporation's system that are necessary to provide the water;

Construction according to design approved by North Runnels Water Supply Corporation and dedication by the developer of water within the subdivision following inspection.

North Runnels Water Supply Corporation's tariff and a map showing North Runnels Water Supply Corporation's service area may be reviewed at North Runnels Water Supply Corporation's offices, at 1020 N. Main, Winters, Tx; the tariff and service area map also are filed of record at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in Austin, Texas and may be reviewed by contacting the TCEQ, c/o Utility Rates and Services Section, Water Utilities Division, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.

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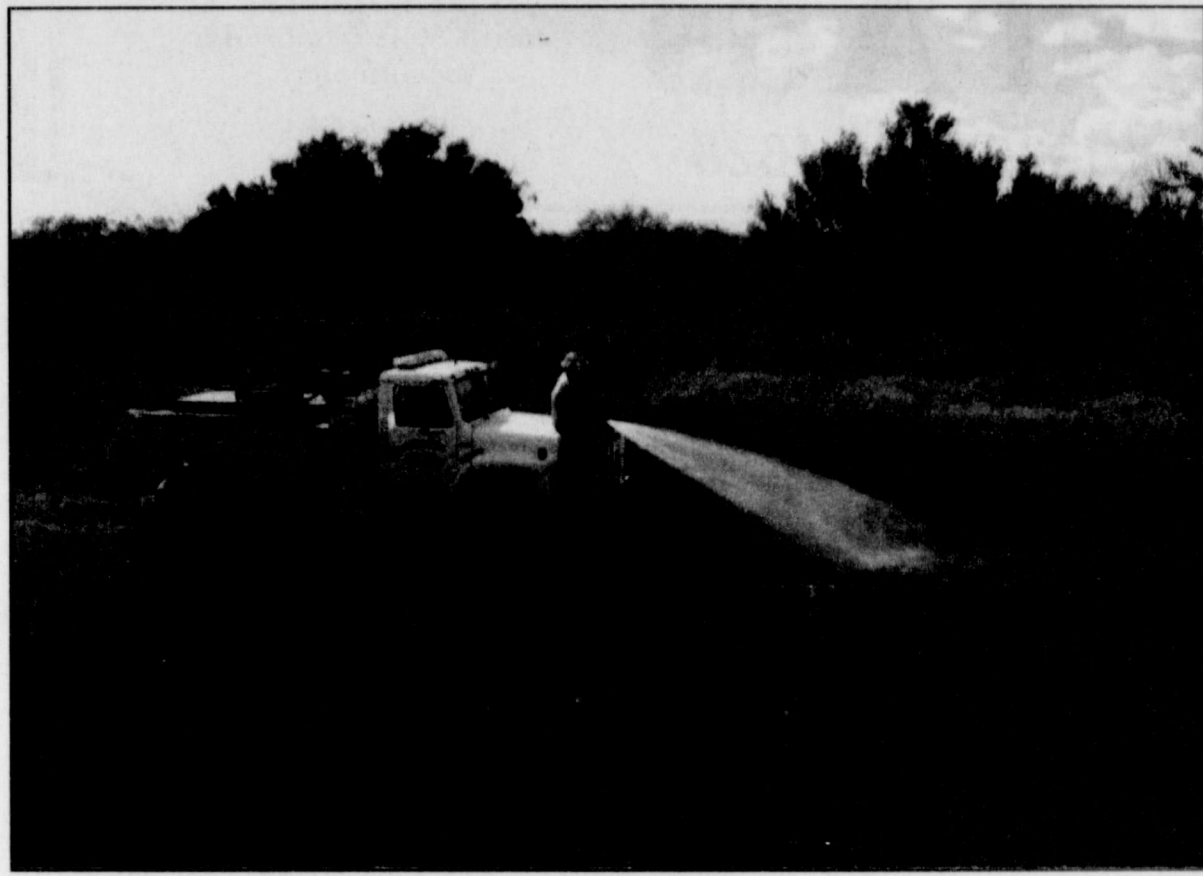
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Outdoors



JASON YOUNG of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department sprays water on an August 27 grass fire below Mill Creek about six miles north of Winters off U.S. Hwy. 83. Young, along with Billy Sherman, at left, and other members of the WVFD extinguished the blaze that apparently started from a welding torch used by a road construction crew. The Winters VFD attended a larger grass fire in the same area on Friday. (photo by Jean Boles)

Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall replica to visit Abilene

A three-quarter-scale traveling replica of "The Wall," the most celebrated component of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be exhibited in Abilene, September 11-14, 2003.

Abilene and El Paso are the only two Texas cities included in the current nationwide tour of the Vietnam Wall Experience, an exhibit created by Dignity Memorial in 1990. It is dedicated to all Americans who served in Vietnam and honors all veterans of the U.S. military.

The Abilene exhibit is sponsored and organized by local veterans working in conjunction with business and civic leaders.

The temporary exhibit will be constructed on the front lawn of the Abilene Zoo, located in Nelson Park at Loop

322 and Highway 36 across from the Taylor County Expo Center. Thousands of people are expected to visit the free exhibit and pay tribute to soldiers, sailors, airman and marines listed on the wall.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C. on November 11, 1982. The memorial is inscribed in chronological order with the names of more than 58,000 men and women who gave their lives in Vietnam or remain missing. It was dedicated to honor the "courage, sacrifice and devotion to duty and country" of all who answered the nation's call.

The replica wall is inscribed with the same 58,000 names and visitors will be able to make rubbings of individual names on the replica wall just as they do at "The Wall" in Washing-

ton. Volunteers will be on-site to assist visitors in finding specific names and in making rubbings.

Serving as honorary co-chairs of the Abilene exhibit are veterans Robert J. Tiffany and Fred Lee Hughes. Lou Murray is chairing a 12-member volunteer committee that is coordinating the logistics, publicity, ceremonies, volunteers, school tours and counseling services that will be provided in conjunction with the wall experience.

Several patriotic ceremonies will mark The Wall's exhibit in Abilene. All will be respectful in keeping with the somber environment of the Wall Experience.

To volunteer, contact Carolyn Adams at 325-698-3995. For other information, contact Lou Murray at 698-7446.

2nd annual West Texas Family Picnic features Gary P. Nunn

The 2nd annual West Texas Family Picnic to benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center will take place on Saturday, September 13, 2003, at Perini Ranch Steakhouse in Buffalo Gap, Texas.

This year's entertainer is a true Texas song master, Gary P. Nunn. With worldwide acclaim, Gary's "London Home-sick Blues" better known for its chorus, "I wanna go home with the Armadillo" became a National Anthem of Texas Music.

Beginning his musical career with a garage band in Brownfield, Texas, Gary played rock and roll through the 1960s. Then the 1970s came and so did "Outlaw Music." Gary played with the "Outlaws" Jerry Jeff Walker, Michael Martin Murphey, Willie Nelson, Tracy Nelson, Jerry Jeff Walker, and the Lost Gonzo Band.

As an accomplished songwriter, his songs were recorded by Rosanne Cash, Willie Nelson, Tracy Nelson, Jerry Jeff Walker, Michael Murphey, David Alan Cole and other nationally known country artists.

By 1980, Gary P. Nunn struck out on his own and found a place in Texas history. In 1985, he was designated Official Ambassador to the world by Texas Governor Mark White, who proposed that the song, "London Home-sick Blues" become the official state song of Texas. His hit song, "What I Like About Texas" also became a true classic and has been referred to as a road map of the great cultural highlights in the State of Texas.

Gary continues to write and record classics such as "It's A Texas Thing," "Red Neck Riviera," "Austin Pickers," and much more. As a Texas institution, Gary has become a "Voice of Texas."

On September 13, guests of all ages need to load up a picnic basket and come to enjoy an evening of music and dancing under the stars with Gary P. Nunn. Be sure and bring your lawn chairs for the outdoor event.

Gates will open at 6:00 p.m. and the show begins at 7:00 p.m.

Adult tickets are \$15, with

children 12 and under free.

Now on sale, tickets may be purchased at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene; Dollar Western Wear, 4754 South 14th, Abilene, Texas; and the Perini Ranch Steakhouse, FM 89 W., Buffalo Gap, Texas.

As long as they last, tickets will also be available at the gate.

For information call the Donor Relations Department at the Rehab Center at (325) 793-3507.

Celebrating 50 years of service to local and area communities, the Rehab, a non-profit organization provides services to over 21,000 patients annually regardless of financial circumstances. Benefits, such as the West Texas Family Picnic help to support the West Texas Rehab's mission and its philosophy of "neighbor helping neighbor."

Sponsors for the Picnic include the Center for Pain Management, KBCY, Perini Ranch Steakhouse and RE/MAX of Abilene.

Filling the boot—



JEREMY SHIELDS of the Winters Volunteer Fire Dept. collects a donation from Leonora Torres. Motorists generously donated \$739.48 on Saturday morning to be contributed by the WVFD to the Jerry Lewis MDA telethon, which was telecast over the Labor Day weekend.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Honor the flags

Starting this school year, students at Texas public schools will recite the Pledge of Allegiance to both the United States and the state of Texas.

Senate Bill 83, requires both pledges to be recited, but does allow parents to have their children excused from the practice.

The Texas Pledge of Allegiance reads as follows: "Honor the Texas flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible."

SB83 also provides a minute of silence following the pledges for students to reflect, pray, meditate, or engage in another silent activity that is not distracting to other students.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and Texas Education Agency.

OIL BIDNESS, cont'd

STAKINGS

Callahan County

Singleton Investments has staked the Ezzell #8 in the Callahan County Regular Field, 5 miles SW of Putnam (Depth 1000). Loc. is 150 FSL & 150 FEL of Sec. 318, SPRR Sur., A-1245.

Coke County

Lavanco Energy, Inc. has staked the Sefcik #1 as a Wildcat, 4 miles SE of Bronte (Depth 5450). Loc. is 330 FSEL & 4422 FSWL of A. Meniecke Sur. No. 385, A-514.

Coleman County

Bob Hughes Oil Company has

staked the D. Lee #3 in the Coleman County Regular Field, 2 miles E of Coleman (Depth 1700). Loc. is 466 FEL & 466 FSL of N.B. Waters Sur. No. 80, A-687.

Concho County

Bowman Energy has staked the Sammie #3 as a Wildcat, 6 miles E of Eden (Depth 3600). Loc. is 660 FWL & 1880 FNL of Sec. 1, BIK. 71, IRR Sur., A-1094.

Bowman Energy has also staked the G. Wood #1 as a Wildcat, 1 mile SE of Eden (Depth 4000). Loc. is 600 FSL & 700 FWL of Sec. 2026, BIK. 72, J. Diemitz Sur., A-118.

Free White Pine Trees

Ten free white pine trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during September 2003.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"The white pines will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "They are fast-growing landscape trees with soft needles and graceful branching. You can use them as specimen trees or as a privacy fence or windbreak...even as a beautiful sheared hedge."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for

planting between October 15 and December 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to *Arbor Day*, the Foundation's bimonthly publication, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE WHITE PINE TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Nebraska 68410, by September 30, 2003.

COUNTY, cont'd

spected an anonymous complaint by "probably an employee" sent to TWCC and found no indications of any mold buildup in the county courthouse. He said he would report to the TWCC, "This is an unfounded complaint."

Commissioner Skipper Wheelless asked Cain why the TWCC had only notified the county of the complaint on August 18, when the complaint was received on April 29. Cain said he could not speak for the TWCC and did not know why there was a delay in forwarding the complaint.

Ending up his session with the Commissioners Court, Cain said, "I have something I want to say about the Judge and this Court. I have been witness to the procedures at two of your meetings. I was here when pub-

lic hearing was held on the proposed budget and heard the complaints about the tax rate and your handling of the county's money.

"The people of Runnels County need to know that you handled the complaints with dignity and courtesy. There are an awful lot of mandates from the state, of which you have no control. You just have to spend the money to carry out the mandates—you have no control over the costs of those mandates.

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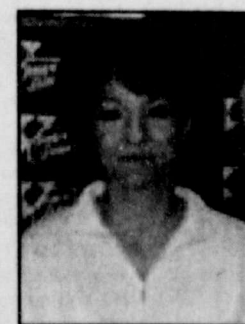


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