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If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. But if you look at Christ, you'll be at rest!
—Corrie ten Boom

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Winters graduate takes oath as Secretary of State

Runnels County well represented at Connor ceremony in Austin

by Jean Boles, editor

With around sixty well-wishers from Winters and Runnels County among the crowd of dignitaries which included Governor Rick Perry, Geoffrey S. Connor took the oath of office as the 104th Secretary of State of Texas on September 26, 2003, in Austin.

The Winters/Runnels County entourage was seated in a reserved section on the Senate floor and was identified by bright blue lapel ribbons which read, "Geoff, Winters is Proud of You."

Dignitaries and guests were welcomed by The Hon-

orable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor of Texas. His Excellency Arturo Ontaneda-Luciano, Consul General of Ecuador, Dean of the Consular Corps of Houston gave Greetings from the Diplomatic Community, followed by The Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of Texas.

Reflecting their friendship, Governor Perry turned to Connor and joked, "You know, I can still change my mind," referring to Connor's appointment.

The Governor then praised Connor for his "tireless work
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(photo by Jean Boles)

GEOFFREY SCOTT CONNOR, right, takes the Oath of Office as the 104th Secretary of State of Texas in ceremonies held September 26, 2003, in the Senate Chamber of the Texas Capitol in Austin. Administering the Oath is The Honorable Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas. Sharing the special event are parents Michael Connor of Winters and Pam Underwood Hodges of San Angelo.



MICHAEL CONNOR stands proudly with son, Geoffrey S. Connor, who was sworn in as the 104th Secretary of State of Texas during ceremonies in Austin on September 26. Mike is a longtime resident of Winters. More photos on page 8.
(photo by Jean Boles)

Mike Connor: one proud papa

by Jean Boles, editor

Most parents are proud of their children and their accomplishments.

But one Winters man has reason as big as Texas to be especially proud of his son.

Standing on the podium in the Texas Senate Chamber on September 26, 2003, Mike Connor of Winters watched as his only son placed his hand on Sam Houston's Bible. Minutes later, Geoffrey Scott Connor was sworn in as the 104th Secretary of State of Texas in ceremonies at the State Capital in Austin.

"I always knew he would strive for great things and accomplish a lot in life," said a beaming Mike Connor.

According to his father, Geoff has always been interested in politics and history.

"When other kids were out running around, Geoff was in his room reading old English and French history," said Mike. "Then he'd want to discuss it at the breakfast table."

He smiled when he told how Geoff "gave

us absolutely no problems as a teenager except when he got the 'I-know-it-all' attitude."

The proud papa said the family went to Washington, D.C. when Geoff was about 15 years old and "that impressed the heck out of him."

Immediately following his graduation from Winters High School in 1981, Geoff told his dad he wanted to be a foreign diplomat.

The rest is history.

The father and son talk by phone often and Geoff visits when time allows.

"I am so very proud of him," Mike says. "Even if he weren't my son, he's a good man. He's a Christian and he cares deeply for people. And regardless of his accomplishments, I think he'll always remember his roots."

Mike Connor is Supervisor for the tool and die shop and Maintenance Department of Selkirk, formerly Dry Manufacturing, where he has worked for almost forty years.

City Council approves tax decrease

by Jean Boles, editor

In little more than a half hour, members of the Winters City Council covered all the agenda items for their regular monthly meeting Monday night, September 29.

Mayor Dawson McGuffin opened the floor for public comment on the 2003-04 budget; however, no comments were made, and the public hearing was closed. The Council then approved the ordinance for the 03-04 budget.

Council members unanimously approved the 2003 tax decrease ordinance of 73¢ per \$100 of appraised value. This change marks a 2¢ decrease

from last year's rate.

In response to a request to be disannexed by Winters resident Duane Petty, City Attorney Ken Slimp advised the Council of state regulations Mr. Petty will need to follow before the Council approves the disannexation.

Petty, who was not present Monday night, had asked to be annexed on the condition he receive sewer and water services from the City. According to City Manager Aref Hassan, water was no problem; but the sewer lines need to be replaced at quite a substantial cost. The City failed, howev-

er, to receive a STEP grant which would have provided the money necessary to upgrade the sewer lines on Petty's property. Because the City does not have sufficient funds to do the repairs, the Council agrees that Mr. Petty should be allowed to be disannexed pending the completion of all legal stipulations. No action was taken by the Council.

After a brief discussion, Council members voted to approve a request by Jerry Chambliss of the Bluff Creek Ramblers singing group to waive the Community Center fee for
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Antique tractor pull this Saturday

Winters Junior Livestock Show Association, in cooperation with the Texas Antique Tractor Pullers Association, will have an antique tractor pull Saturday, October 4.

The Pull will take place at the Winters Rodeo Arena on County Road 206 just north of Winters.

All proceeds from the gate and concessions will go directly to the Premium Sale at the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show to benefit all exhibitors of Runnels County.

The Pull will begin at noon, with the antique tractors pulling first. Off Road pullers are welcome and they will follow the tractor pulls. Kiddie pulls on pedal tractors will also be held for young children.

The public is encouraged to attend and enjoy a day of family fun—at the same time, supporting the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale.

For more information, contact Johnny Pritchard at 754-5243 or Barron Guy at 754-5708.

Our Little Miss Oct. 5 at WHS auditorium

The Runnels Area Our Little Miss Beauty Pageant is being held once again in the Winters-Ballinger area. The competition will be held Sunday, October 5, 2003, at the Winters High School Auditorium.

Registration will begin at 1:00 with the competition starting at 2:00.

All girls between the ages of 0-17 are invited to compete. The girls will compete in interview, sportswear, and party dress. No talent is required.

If you would like more information on entering the Runnels Area Our Little Miss Pageant, please call Glenda Matthews at 325-677-0881 or email her at <gmatthews@cox.net>.



(photo by Jean Boles)

MAYOR DAWSON MCGUFFIN (second from left) accepts a \$500 check from Ricky Strube, Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development board member, to be used in renovating the local Scout Hut. Also present during the ceremony at Winters City Hall on Sept. 23, were (left) Tony Resendez, Natural Resources Conservation Service RC&D Coordinator of Brady, (center) Winters City Manager Aref Hassan, and Charles Frerich, NRCS of Ballinger. See related story on page 6.

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Editorial

Oil Bidness

by Reg Boles © 2003



We talked about coalbed methane a few weeks ago, and I wanted to extend our discussion a bit further as this source of natural gas becomes increasingly important.

First thing, the U.S. Geological Survey (the folks who keep track of such things for the federal government) have taken to calling it Coalbed Natural Gas instead of Coalbed Methane. While this is more technically correct (the hydrocarbons released from the coal contain more than just methane), the industry has continued to call it Coalbed Methane or CBM (most of it is methane anyway). We will, too.

An increasingly studied topic is the water released by the production of CBM and what to do with it.

It turns out that water is a natural product of CBM production, even though it acts in the opposite direction of conventional oil production. In an oil well, water production, where it exists, tends to increase with time, particularly as a percentage of the total fluid produced. In CBM production, water production decreases as time goes on. The reasons are a topic for another day.

But, suffice it to say that water is produced in such quantities with CBM that handling and disposal is a design concern for any operation.

In the press, this water has been represented as "highly-polluted water" and as a "toxic wastewater." While any chemical compound, including potable water, can be described as toxic waste by some zealots, the water produced with CBM actually has many safe uses, including drinking water in some instances.

The problems that CBM produced water can have are sodium and solids. If too salty or too heavy in minerals, no one wants to drink it, not even livestock. But, for the most part, CBM produced water is at least appropriate for irrigation and livestock, if not drinkable, with only minor processing.

The industry, from economic necessity, is hard at work finding ways to draw an advantage from produced CBM water. It is being tested and processed for approval by municipalities in a number of Rocky Mountain states. Where it isn't good enough for humans, livestock are lapping it up on ranches in the west. And, where it doesn't cut either taste barrier, it will be injected back into the ground.

But, the story doesn't stop there. Scientists are studying new treatment methods to allow more uses for produced water that will be beneficial to people, animals, and the land. Several big producers are poised to launch new proprietary programs for CBM produced water.

And, while they may be driven to some extent for the preservation of land and environment, they are drawn to finding solutions by the economic benefit the producer will reap with successful, low cost (even profitable) uses of CBM produced water.

We'll talk more about this abundant resource only now finding its way into your furnaces and cook tops another time.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

Not Available This Week

Letter to the Editor

In support of our kids, coaches, and educators

I have a "thought" book, compiled by Katherine Karvelas, given to me by Dr. Russell. The second thought on page 15 reads: "The glory of success is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

On the Friday our football team played Mason, my wife and I were there. Every time our kids were falling, they were rising back up like courageous men tackling and striving again to win. Our coaches were running as much as our kids to keep them on the ball. When one of our kids was injured, we noticed a complete sympathy silence all over the

stadium. We noticed the alertness of our school superintendent, our high school principal, and the other educators.

That is character; that is love; that is patriotism; that is courage; that is dedication; and that is winning. A scoreboard is just for numbers without feeling.

A healthy mind is in a healthy body, and healthy education is the product of a healthy mind. That is what physical education, including football, is all about; not winning and losing. Winning and losing are means for the goal. We cannot deny that a few of us look at the scoreboard instead of the injured kid lying on the football field. That is okay, too. Some of us were not as excited as if the score was the other way around. That is okay, too. Maybe that was from too much pride and love for the kids and their winning. Every event and action, and reaction to an event have causes and effects, and we cannot deny that either.

Our Mayor and Council are the fathers of our city. They were behind me for twelve years on winning and losing situations. Therefore, I qualify to pledge on behalf of the City fathers, city staff, my wife, and myself, to stand behind our kids, coaches and other educators. We will not hesitate to do anything within the rule of law and our disposal to boost their morale.

After all, as Katherine Karvelas says, "The harder you fall, the higher you bounce."

Dr. Aref Hassan
City Manager

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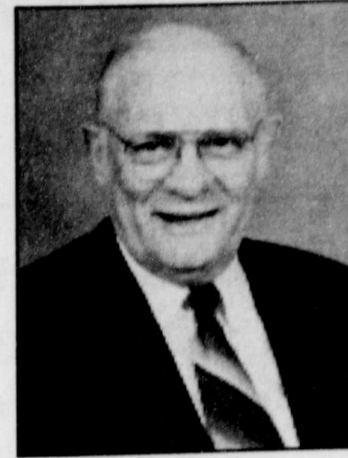
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Obituaries

Floyd D. Busbee



HOUSTON—Floyd D. Busbee, 74, passed away Thursday, September 11, 2003, in Methodist Hospital.

He was born September 9, 1929, in Pumphrey and graduated from Winters High School in 1947. He was a 1957 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He married Betty J. Evans on October 17, 1953, in Abilene. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Busbee was the longtime owner of Meadowbrook Business Services, Inc., an accounting firm. He was a member of First United Methodist Church downtown and a teacher of the Adult Sunday School Class, "One in the Lord."

Survivors include his wife, Betty J. Busbee, who would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary October 17, 2003, and resides at 8239 Howard Dr., Houston, TX 77017; one daughter, Debbie Schools and husband Curtis of Mechanicsville, Virginia; two sons, Greg Busbee and wife Tara of Grand Terrace, California, and Phil Busbee and wife Claudia of San Francisco, California; nine grandchildren, Stacey and Justin Adair, Ronnie, Heather, and Natalie Schools, and Allie, Nathan, Alexis, and Ashley Busbee.

Family visitation was from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Sunday, September 14, at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home. Funeral services were at 11:00 a.m. Monday, September 15, at First United Methodist Church, Main at Clay, with Reverend Ann Spears and Reverend Phil Busbee officiating. Interment was at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery, directed by Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home.

Mark Edwin "G Paw" Kiser

WASKOM—Mark Edwin "G Paw" Kiser, 76, passed away Thursday, September 11, 2003, in Louisiana.

He was born August 26, 1927, to Rubin and Ruth Kiser at Winters, Texas, where he attended public schools. He married Kay Shafer on April 23, 1995, in Seminole.

Mr. Kiser headed a successful power-washing business for many years. He was a member of First Assembly of God in Waskom where he served on the Church Board. He enjoyed researching the Bible, and, over the years, donated and handed out three to 4,000 "Do You Know Jesus" tracts. He was an avid "junk" sale shopper and collector, a loving father, husband, brother, and friend. He will be remembered and missed by many.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Shafer Kiser; two sons, Mark Kiser of Waskom and Ronnie Kiser of Lubbock; his stepchildren and their spouses, David and Linda Edwards of Bossier City, Louisiana, Tommy and Weynette Edwards of Henderson, Kay and Charlie Gaude of Waskom, and James and Susan Shafer of Yellville, Arkansas; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Leon and Pauline Kiser of Midlothian, Eldon and Sylvia Kiser of Midlothian; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorothy and Doyle Rinn, Jackie Raborn, Reba Hord, all of Ballinger, and Mary Jane and Charley Blackshear of Winters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Saturday, September 13, at the First Assembly of God in Waskom with Reverend Howard officiating. Burial was in Restland Cemetery in Waskom, directed by Sullivan Funeral Home of Waskom.

Pallbearers were William Edwards, Elliot Goude, Mark Kiser Jr., James Kiser, Tommy Edwards, and James Shafer.

Terry Allen Atwood

LEVELLAND—Terry Allen Atwood, 48, passed away at his home in Levelland after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

He was born July 12, 1955, in Andrews to Bobby and Betty Jackson Atwood.

Mr. Atwood worked in the oilfield for over 25 years. He was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his mother, Betty Atwood Taft of Levelland; one son, Bobby Lane Atwood of Houston; one grandson, Caleb Atwood of Houston; two sisters, Penny Lange and husband Bill of Rowena and Pam Green and husband Rodney of Kilgore; two nephews, Patrick and Chris Lange; and one niece, Hailey Green.

Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 27, at the Protestant Cemetery in Rowena. Arrangements were directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Memorials may be made to Vista Care Hospice, 1010 Slide Road, Lubbock, TX 79416; University Medical Center of Lubbock; or a favorite charity.

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

Our family would like to express our gratitude for your kindness throughout the illness and death of Earl Emmert.

Thanks to Dr. Endicott, Brenda, and the NRH staff for their extraordinary compassion and competence. Winters is blessed to have care of this quality.

Thanks to Reverend Georgia Orr for guiding us through this passage, and like the First Teacher, reminding us, regenerating us both in humanity and divinity.

Thanks to Mike Meyer and Linda Dry; to Mike, for letting us lean on him, steady and sturdy, as we found our way; to Linda, for listening and bringing us back to our lives. God works through them both. Their business is an exemplary service to the community; their integrity in business is a benefit beyond measure, unique in these days of corporate greed.

Thanks to Dr. Jimmy Smith for his kindness and understanding of the healing link between Earl and the animals he loved. Thanks to Doyle Pumphrey, Bobby Mayo, Brenda Burton, Debbie Bryan, Carroll Wilson, and all the people who were truly neighborly, beyond the impersonality of daily business.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Patel and their dear family for providing friendship and a resting place, more than an impersonal "Inn." They made us feel at home.

Thanks to Maudella Reeves for always being a friend, and to the Methodist women who welcomed us, fed us, and gave us the gift of fellowship, a way of coming together and bidding our past ties to the future generations of family.

The Emmert family

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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 special week for me — maybe you too?

by Glenn Dittmer, Pastor St. John's Lutheran Church

This is one of those weeks that is special to only a person like me. This past Monday was the festival day of St. Michael and All Angels; on the 30th was the remembrance of Jerome (420 A.D.), a biblical scholar and translator of Scripture. Then coming up on Saturday is Francis of Assisi (1226 A.D.). You can see why only a person like me could get excited about this week.

On the festival of St. Michael and All Angels, we ponder the richness and variety of God's created order and the limits of our knowledge of it. The scriptures speak of angels who worship God in heaven, and in both testaments angels are God's messengers on earth. The imagery of angels as message bearers can also be seen in poetry, songs, pictures, sculptures, etc., in our times as well. But they are remembered most vividly as they appear to the shepherds and announce the birth of our Savior. Michael's name appears in the book of Daniel as the heavenly being who leads the faithful dead to God's throne on the day of resurrection. Then in the book of Revelation, Michael fights a cosmic battle against Satan. I would not want to fight Michael at any time. The angels can be forceful when they have to be for the sake of the will of God and doing what God commands them to do.

To help people understand all that and even more, Jerome (translator and teacher) happens on the scene (circa 420) and translates scriptures, not in the classical Latin of the day but into the Latin that was spoken and written by the majority of the people of his day. That translation is known as the Vulgate, which comes from the Latin word for common. Jerome today is known as a saint, but he could be anything but saintly. He was well known during his lifetime for his short temper and his arrogance, but he was also quick to admit to his personal faults. God can and does use people of vastly different temperaments to effect His will.

Thanks to the work of Jerome, many people received the word of God in their own language and lived a life of faith and service to those in need. The Vulgate is even read to this day in some denominations.

Francis of Assisi was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. In those days, you could become wealthy just selling cloth, very fine cloth to just about everyone, including the kings and queens and members of their courts. The year is around 1226. Francis felt something was wrong with his life, and in a public confrontation with his father, he renounced his wealth and future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. Under his leadership, the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) was formed. They followed literally Jesus' words to his disciples that they should take nothing on their journey and receive no payment for their work. Their task in preaching was to "use words if necessary." Today we call that living out the gospel message in the very actions of our lives and how we interact with other people. In very many places, this time of year has been a traditional time to bless pets and animals, creatures Francis called his brothers and sisters.

Runnels Baptist Association to host annual meeting Oct. 20

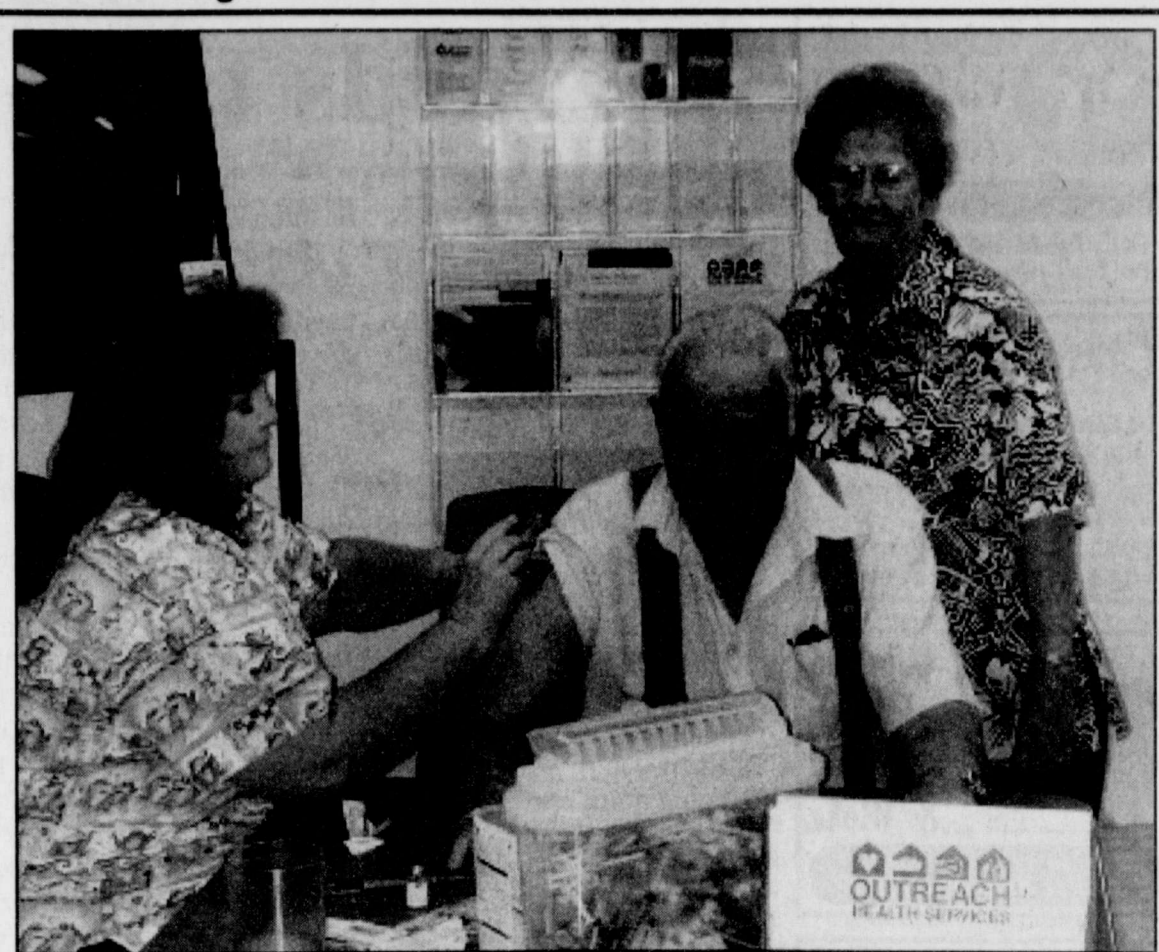
The Runnels Baptist Association will meet on Monday, October 20, for its 96th annual meeting. The meeting will be held at Robert Lee Baptist Church, Robert Lee.

The afternoon session will begin at 4:00 p.m. Representatives from children's homes, hospitals, and universities will speak. Rick Davis, with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will be the state mission speaker.

The evening meal will be served by the host church at 6:00 p.m.

The evening session will begin at 7:00 p.m. Committee reports will be given during that time. The annual sermon will be given by Basillio Esquivel, pastor of Nueva Vida (New Life), Robert Lee. Moderator, Eddie Tingle, will preside at all sessions.

The public is invited to attend.



AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION... or in this case, just a few cc's, is worth the time and trouble for Doyle Pumphrey as he receives his flu vaccine from Cinci Webb, RN with Outreach Health Services of Abilene. Outreach hosted the flu shot clinic at the Winters Senior Citizens Activity Center on September 24. Pauline Briley patiently waits her turn. (photo by Jean Boles)

Somebody Cares Ministries says thanks for support

Somebody Cares Ministries would like to thank all of the community members who supported our children and youth in their fundraiser for Summer Camp 2004. The turnout was tremendous and really helped our young people see in action the compassionate individuals who live in the Winters area.

We cannot name all the vendors who helped, but without the area and local businesses who donated items, it would not have been as profitable.

We also want to thank Grupo Adoracion from San Angelo, Hearts' Cry, Jennifer Fuentes, and all the students from ACU who came to help. We thank John and Winnie Kraatz for providing the lighting for our performance.

Also the area churches and pastors who came or encouraged their members to come and be a part.

Most of all we want to thank ALL of those who came out and participated with their presence.

Wynette Halford

Country Club News

by Brenda Clough, Ladies Golf Association President

The ladies met for regular play on Tuesday. Winning team was Brenda Clough, Jan Sims, and Mary Ellen Moore.

Wednesday night scramble resulted in a tie and will be a carryover for this week.

Ladies hosted a spouse/guest scramble on Sunday afternoon followed by a hamburger supper. The game ended

in a two-way tie. A playoff was held and after three holes winning team was Charley Black-shear, Mary Jane Blackshear, Dickie Clough, and Brenda Clough.

An ABC scramble will be held on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 5. You may call the Country Club at 754-4679 for more information.

Reading hour at library on Tuesdays in October

Winters Public Librarian Christina Bullard invites children of kindergarten age and

younger to the library each Tuesday in October for reading hour.

Volunteer(s) are available from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Please come!

Thank you for reading The Winters Enterprise!

Developing the Winters Workforce

by Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development

Last in a series of 6 articles

The West Texas Workforce Center in Abilene provides a variety of services to businesses and employees. One of these is financial assistance for training.

The Workforce Center can provide customized training for businesses to bring their employees to higher skill levels. The programs, in partnership with Texas State Technical College, Western Texas College, or other colleges, can be partially funded through the Texas Workforce Commission. Also, a grant program—Workforce Investment Fund—is available to small and medium size businesses within the West Central Texas Region to help these businesses develop their own training programs. Any business which needs specialized training should contact the Workforce Center to see what assistance is available.

Tax credits are available to businesses who hire certain workers. The Work Opportunity Tax Credit is a federal income tax credit that reduces tax liability. If you hire any of the following workers, you may qualify for a \$2400 per worker per year tax credit:

- Qualified TANF recipient (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)
- Qualified low income veteran
- Qualified ex-felon
- High-risk youth
- Vocational rehabilitation referral

- Qualified summer youth from low income family
- Qualified food stamp recipient
- Qualified SSI recipient.

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- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Directors
- OPEN DATE for football games
- Oct. 3 - 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- OPEN DATE for varsity football game
- Oct. 4 - 8 a.m., Mazeland Homecoming, Winters Community Center
- 9 a.m., Beautification Committee Meeting, Public Library
- Noon, Tractor Pull, Rodeo Arena
- 3 p.m., Bike-A-Thon, Porter Henderson Lot, Ballinger
- Oct. 5 - 2 p.m., Our Little Miss Pageant, WHS Auditorium
- ABC Scramble, Country Club
- Oct. 6 - 9 a.m., Ministerial Alliance, School Cafeteria
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- Oct. 7 - 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 3 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum, Rock Hotel
- 4-5 p.m., Reading Hour, Winters Public Library
- 5:30 p.m., Project Grad 2004, School Cafeteria
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Stadium
- 7 p.m., American Legion, Post Home
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- 7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
- Oct. 8 - 7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Oct. 9 - 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. Bangs, There
- 6 p.m., JV vs. Bangs, Blizzard Stadium
- Winters Country Club Meeting

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School

Blizzards take big win 49-7 over Steers

by Charles Murphy, Sports Writer for The Winters Enterprise

The look on everyone's faces was not unlike those folks riding a roller coaster that they really don't trust after the first four minutes of the meeting between the Winters Blizzards and the Robert Lee Steers.

It took Robert Lee only six plays to cover the 80 yards for the first score of the night on a 36 yard pass. Combined with the extra point kick, the Steers led 7-0 with 8:16 left in the first quarter, and you could have heard ice melt in the Blizzard stands.

Four minutes later the Blizzards answered as Eric Lopez capped a 64 yard drive with an 11 yard run. Benji Valles's extra point kick tied the score with 4:17 left in the quarter.

After the kickoff the Blizzard defense forced a 3 and out and the offense took over at the Robert Lee 44 yard line. It didn't take long for the Blizzards to take the lead.

On the first play Valles found Frank Perez for a 44 yard touchdown with 1:45 left in the first period. The extra point try was missed and Winters led 13-7.

The ensuing kickoff fooled the Steers as Cody Pritchard came up with the onside kick and set the Blizzards up at the midfield stripe. The offense was unable to capitalize as Valles was intercepted on 3rd and 15.

Set up at their own 46 yard line, Robert Lee was forced to give up the ball on downs as the Blizzard defense stiffened

on 4th and 4.

This drive began at the Blue 39, and took six plays to find paydirt. Court Pike sparked the drive with a 30 yard run to the 19. On 2nd and 9 Valles hit Tim Fenwick for the score. Valles's extra point kick was good and with 10:05 left, the Blizzards were up 20-7.

Another three and out by the Blizzard "D" forced a Robert Lee punt and set the Blizzards up at midfield. Valles hit Hallis Gibbs for a 14 yard gain to the 25 and a first down. Facing 2nd and 10 Valles was intercepted, setting Robert Lee up at their own 27.

Three plays later Fenwick set the Blizzards up at their own 18 with an interception. On first down Valles connected with Pete Griffin on an 82 yard catch and run and a 27-7 lead with 5:25 left in the half. After an exchange of interceptions, the half ended with Winters up 27-7.

Winters received the second half kickoff and proceeded to pad their lead as Pike capped the drive with a 17 yard run. The try for two by Pike was good and the lead was 35-7 with 9:40 left in the third quarter.

After exchanging possessions the Blizzards set up at their own 28 yard line with 3:01 left in the third quarter.

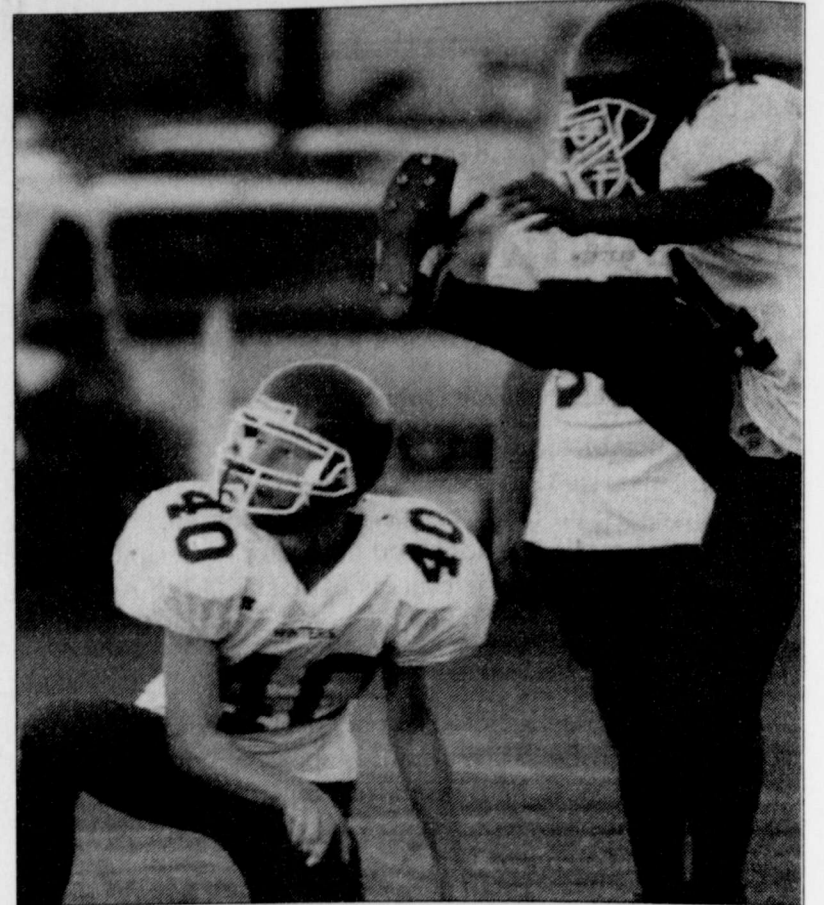
On first down Pike busted loose for 61 yards to the Robert Lee 9 yard line. Pike covered the nine yards only to have it called back on a holding call. Frank Perez took it to the one on two carries, and

Aaron Colburn finished with the quarterback sneak for the score. Valles's kick was good and the Blizzards were up 42-7 with 1:03 left in the third period. The quarter ended with the Blizzards holding that lead.

After another 3 and out the Blizzard offense set up at the Robert Lee 42 yard line. This drive featured Cody Pritchard, Frank Perez and Aaron Colburn. Pritchard finished the scoring with a 20 yard run and with 7:52 remaining in the contest, Jesus Nava rang true on the extra point. The Blizzards took a commanding 49-7 lead.

The next 7:52 was uneventful and the Blizzards took their first victory of the year 49-7. In this win the Blizzards cranked out almost 600 yards of offense while allowing Robert Lee little more than 200.

Winters will get a little breather with an open date this Friday before facing the Dragons at Bangs on October 10.



TIM FENWICK keeps his eye on the ball kicked by Benji Valles during warm-up before the Varsity Blizzards trampled the Robert Lee Steers last Friday night. (photo courtesy of Mike Neal)



COURT PIKE covers 16 yards for the Blizzard score as Jose Hernandez #84 comes in for the block. Also pictured is Will Ahrens #65. (photo courtesy of Mike Neal)

Winters/Robert Lee Statistics		
Winters	13 14 15 7-49	
Robert Lee	7 0 0 0-7	
First Quarter		
Robert Lee-Saucedo Omar 36 pass from Brandon Soliz (Ruben Torres kick) 8:16		
Winters-Eric Lopez 11 run (Benji Valles kick) 4:17		
Winters-Frank Perez 44 pass from Valles (kick filed) 1:45		
Second Quarter		
Winters-Tim Fenwick 19 pass from Valles (Valles kick) 10:05		
Winters-Pete Griffin 80 pass from Valles (Valles kick) 5:25		
Third Quarter		
Winters-Court Lee 16 run (conversion run) 9:40		
Winters-Aaron Colburn 7 run (Valles kick) 1:05		
Fourth Quarter		
Winters-Cody Pritchard 20 run (Jesus Nava kick) 7:52		
	Winters	Robert Lee
First Downs	15	8
Rushes-Yards	43-326	37-89
Passing Yards	256	115
Comp-Att-Int	18-23-3	6-9-2
Fumbles-Avg	0-0	4-34
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-75	2-20

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JOSE MORENO #83 takes the handoff from Allan Green #22 as Ty Cason #75 and Jonathan Meyer #50 provide blocking during the Junior Varsity game against Albany. Randy Jackson #81 is at left. (photo courtesy of Mike Neal)

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Steers sneak past 8th grade Breezes

The 8th grade Breezes lost a tough game 8-0 to Robert Lee's combined team of 7th and 8th graders.

The Breezes offense moved the ball all night but was unable to get it in the end zone. Robert Lee scored with 58 seconds left on the clock then converted a 2-point try to go up 8-0.

Outstanding offensive plays were made by Tory Burns and Tad Martin. Defensive standouts were Julian Perez, Kevin Cook and Wylie Guy.

Following an open date this week, the 8th grade Breezes will meet the Bangs Dragons on October 9.

7th grade falls to Roscoe

The 7th grade Breezes lost to the 7th grade team from Roscoe last Thursday afternoon 56-0.

With an open date this week, the Breezes understand there is a lot of work that needs to be done before the next game at Bangs on October 9.

Albany Lions demolish JV Blizzards

contributed by Jessica Pritchard, WHS Senior

The Winters Junior Varsity Blizzards played both offense and defense due to lack of depth.

James Vasquez, a starting runningback for the JV Blizzards, had an appendectomy last week and will miss the rest of the season. The JV Blizzards are now 2-2 for the season and will face the Bangs Dragons at Blizzard Stadium on October 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Although the score was one-sided, the Blizzards played hard and the game was a learning experience. The team started the season with 21 players and are now down to 18 due to injuries and other circumstances, so every player was allowed to gain some field time. Many

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	7-21
Sept. 12	Mason	H	7:30	5-36
Sept. 19	Wall	T	8:00	0-47
Sept. 26	Robert Lee	T	8:00	49-7
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	18-8
Sept. 11	Mason	T	6:30	rained out
Sept. 18	Wall	H	6:30	not available
Sept. 25	Albany	T	6:30	0-59
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	SCORE WINTERS-OPPONENT
Sept. 4	Cross Plains	T	5 - 8th only	8th 8-0 7th 9-24
Sept. 11	Mason	H	5 & 6:30	8th 5-0 7th 9-24
Sept. 18	Wall	T	5 & 6:30	8th 5-27 7th 5-24
Sept. 25	Roscoe/Robert Lee	H	5 & 6:30	8th 5-27 7th 5-24
Oct. 2	OPEN			
Oct. 9	Bangs▲	T	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 16	Goldthwaite▲	T	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 23	San Saba▲	H	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 30	Jim Ned▲	T	5 & 6:30	
Nov. 6	Coleman▲	H	5 & 6:30	
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MICHAEL PEREZ of the Breezes Cross-Country Team covers the mile and a half run at the Coleman meet. (photo courtesy of Deb Pritchard)

Varsity boys place second at Coleman meet

Winters Cross Country
The Winters Cross-Country team competed in the Coleman meet on Saturday, September 27.

The varsity boys team placed second. Medaling in the varsity division was Jose Hernandez with a fourth place finish, and Javier Rodriguez placed sixth.

In the girls division, Briana Parramore medaled with an eighth place finish.

In the junior high divisions, Camille Kruse, Jessica Barker, and Michael Perez won medals. Camille Kruse won her fourth race.

The high school team will run in Miles on Thursday, October 2, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Individual places:
Varsity Boys (placed 2nd) - 5K run -

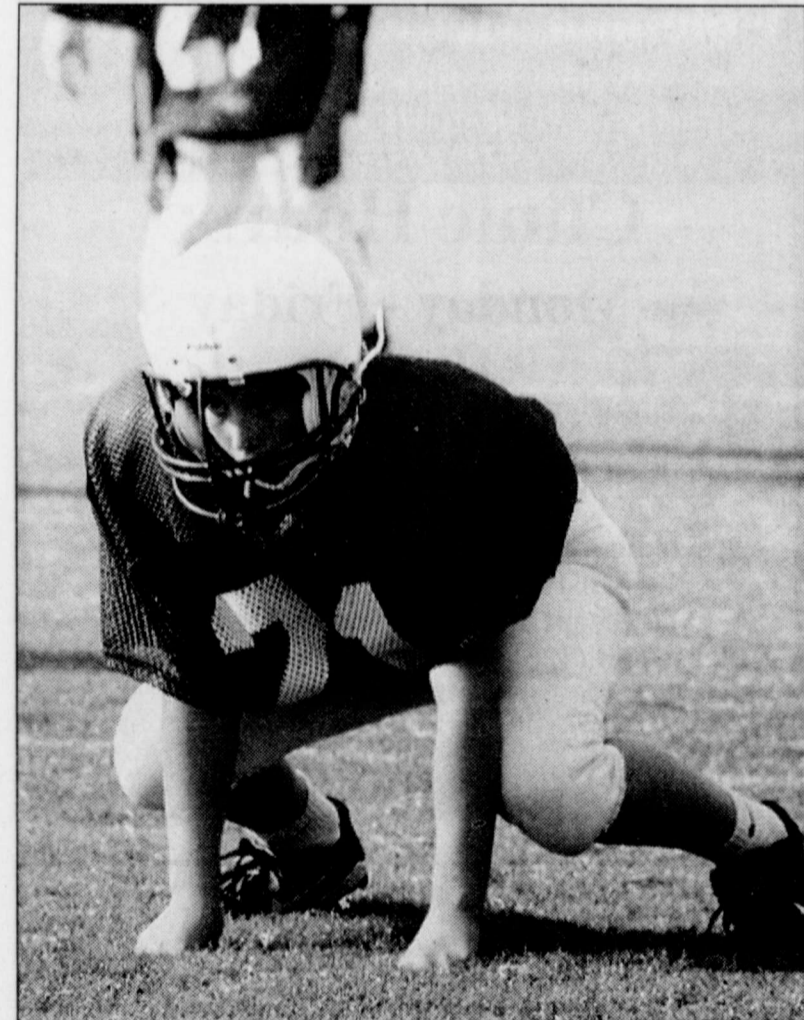
Jose Hernandez (4th) 21:14
Javier Rodriguez (6th) 21:25
Juan Hernandez (20th) 23:02
Ismael Aragon (23rd) 23:35
Jonathan Meyer (27th) 24:29
Bryce Wilkerson (28th) 24:30
Luke Hale (41st) 29:05
Anthony Ramirez (45th) 32:31

Varsity Girls
Briana Parramore (8th) 14:35
Vanessa Perez (25th) 15:30
Jessica Meyer (41st) 16:58
Ashley Laird (42nd) 17:11
Jr. High Boys (1-1/2 miles)
Michael Perez (15th) 10:36
Richard Perez (32nd) 11:41
Kevin Bredemeyer (34th) 11:56
Colby Pritchard (45th) 12:15

Jr. High Girls Division I
Sarah Rodriguez (52nd) 15:00
Jr. High Girls Division II (1-1/2 miles)
Camille Kruse 91st 11:08
Jessica Barker (4th) 11:23
Eleana Valdez (50th) 13:56
Brittany Woffenden (54th) 14:12
Coaching the Cross Country teams for Winters is Deb Whittenburg.



LUKE HALE, WHS sophomore, is among 90 members of the Marching Blizzard Band which performed at halftime of the Winters vs. Wall football game. At left is Chance Hogan. In only its third year under the direction of Phil Mooney, the band has grown from less than 20 members. (photo by Jean Boles)



ETHAN COFFMAN #21 stares down his opponent during 7th grade action for the Breezes. (photo by Jean Boles)

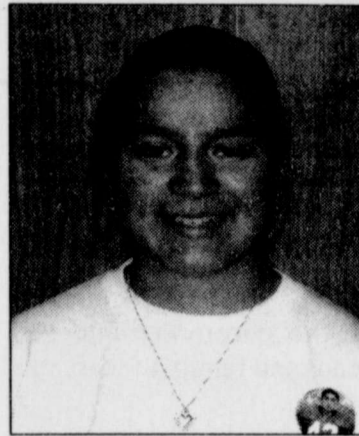
School Days, School Days

Kathy Whitaker Fifth Grade Teacher

Winters High School graduate Kathy Whitaker was employed by Winters ISD in July 2003 to teach fifth grade.

She chose to continue her education at Cisco Junior College and Angelo State University and received her Associate and Bachelor of Science degrees in General Studies. Her major field of study was Interdisciplinary Studies, with a minor in English. While at college, Kathy was named to the Dean's List and was a member of The ASU Ram Band.

Prior to college graduation, Mrs. Whitaker worked at KinderCare Learning Center for two years. She



and husband Nathan reside in Winters where he works at Pizza Hut. They are members of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Abilene.

Kathy's hobbies include reading, shopping, and spending time with her family.

Homecoming Activities, Fall Carnival among plans by Athletic Booster Club

A flurry of fall activities was discussed by the Winters Athletic Booster Club in their regular meeting of September 23.

Homecoming Week will be October 20-24 and will include a community-wide pep rally on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 8 p.m. at Blizzard Stadium. With a continued watch on the county's burn ban, plans are still undecided regarding a bonfire.

The Winters Literary and Service Club will host their annual Turkey & Dressing Meal at the school cafeteria. More details will be forthcoming.

The Coronation of Homecoming King and Queen will take place at approximately 7:00 p.m., prior to the 7:30 p.m. kickoff against San Saba.

The Fall Carnival will be Saturday, November 1, from 7-11 p.m. in the Yellow

Activity Center. Although the Carnival will be the day after Halloween, the celebration will include the traditional Halloween Carnival activities such as a Haunted House, basketball throw, milk can throw, crazy golf, money booth, cakewalk, and spin the wheel. Children's bingo and regular bingo are included.

The Athletic Booster Club is still seeking organizations, business and families to sponsor booths and Bingo prize donations (prize or monetary). Please contact Karen Colburn at 754-5143, Belinda Schwartz at 754-5606, Rhonda Neal at 754-5433, or Deb Pritchard 754-754-5243 if you are willing to contribute.

This is the largest fundraising project the Booster Club sponsors. All proceeds help support all athletic programs at Winters ISD.

Plans were also made for a Parent Night at the last game of the regular season against Coleman on November 7. Photos will be taken prior to the game. Football Sweetheart, Band Beau and Band Sweetheart will also be crowned at this time.

Project Graduation to meet Oct. 7

The parents of the Senior Class of 2004 will be having a Project Graduation meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2003. The meeting will be held at the Winters ISD Cafeteria and will begin at 5:30 p.m.

All Senior parents are encouraged to attend this important 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.

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Reds medal in Bocce tourney

The Runnels County Reds Special Olympics Bocce team traveled to Abilene September 27 to participate in the Area 14 Bocce Tournament.

The teams participated in doubles competition. Gold medal winners were Billy

Bennefield/Sammy Escobar; Rhonda Williams/Shannon Cowan and Bill Hudgens/Ken Webb, all of Ballinger.

Silver medal winners were Lacie Dean/Christy Islas of Ballinger and Melissa

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"Texas will benefit from Geoff Connor's service in many ways as we work together to improve economic opportunities in the global marketplace, improve conditions along the Texas border and increase voter turnout in Texas elections," Perry said.

The Oath of Office was administered by The Honorable Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas.

"This seems like a dream, so surreal," said the newly appointed Secretary of State. "And I'm glad we have a governor who didn't change his mind," he said to the laughter of the audience.

Connor acknowledged his friends and family and spoke of being born in Ballinger and raised in Winters, of his grandmothers living in Ballinger and his father living in Winters, of the past rivalry of the two towns, and jokingly said this makes him keenly aware of the term "dual citizenship."

"Texas is not like any other state," he continued. "We are a state that extends much farther than our borders. I am very grateful to have the opportunity serve the people of Texas in this capacity," Connor said.

Following the ceremony, in a show of appreciation, Secretary Connor held a private luncheon in his Capitol office in the historic East Wing for the Runnels County supporters.

"This was very meaningful to have people from my hometown," said Connor, "especially when I'm far from home. I work in a different world here so it was good to look out during the ceremony and see friends and family to share this with me."

Charles Bahlman of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation presented Secretary Connor a scrapbook of more than 400 signatures with notes of congratulations and memories from students, former classmates, residents and friends in the Winters area.

The large keepsake book was the idea of Winters resident, Dorine Kozelsky, who expressed her regrets for being unable to attend the ceremony but wanted to send her congratulations. She mentioned to Randall Conner of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation that she wished she could send a big card, and the idea blossomed. Pages of the scrapbook were circulated all over Winters then gathered Thursday evening for Friday's presentation.

Connor was born in Ballinger in 1963, moving with his family to Winters in 1966. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and active in various social and community activities until his graduation from Winters High School in 1981.

He attended Southwest Texas State University (now

Texas State University) in San Marcos, graduating in 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and a concentration in European affairs.

In 1985 Connor moved from London to Austin and began his studies at the University of Texas Law School. He completed a doctorate in jurisprudence in May of 1988, and was admitted to the Bar later that year. He became board-certified in administrative law in 1995. He has served with the Agriculture Department, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, as well as Deputy General Counsel to Governor William P. Clements.

Connor is believed to be the highest-ranking official to come from Runnels County. There was previously a member of the Texas House of Representatives from Winters, H. O. Jones, who served from 1933-35. He occupied the historic house at 601 N. Heights, which, coincidentally was later owned by Connor's family. Connor lived there from 1976-81, when he moved away to college.

Secretary Connor's father, Michael Connor, still resides in Winters. His mother, Pamela Underwood Hodges, resides in San Angelo. Both of his grandmothers, Bobbie Underwood and Nell Connor, live in Ballinger. His sisters, Jill McNew, resides in Ft. Bening, Georgia, and Jacqueline Graham lives in San Antonio.

Reunion Time

Reunions planned at 2003 Homecoming

Several Winters High School classes have planned reunions during the Homecoming Weekend of Oct. 24 and 25, 2003. Winters will play San Saba Friday night in Blizzard Stadium in a district contest at 7:30 p.m. Fellowship will follow immediately following the game in the old gym at the south end of the football field.

CLASS OF 1953
The Class of 1953 will have their 50th reunion.

Class members are invited to attend the Friday evening meal at the cafeteria prior to the game. This will give everyone a chance to see people from other classes.

Saturday is the big day with members meeting at the cafeteria at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Garner Young will call the group to order at 11:30. Virginia Black will call roll; Archie Nelson will introduce guests; and Bob Holland will lead a recitation of the class motto, "With the ropes of the past we will ring the bells of the future." Saturday's lunch will be catered by Dean's Shed Restaurant. A business meeting will follow. Benny Mayo will perform a special song, and Winford Hogan will summarize world events of the last 50 years.

A memorial service will honor classmates and spouses: Mary L. Bishop, Missie Doran Craig, Monore (Joe) Hoelscher, Patsy Scott Hogan, Walt Defenbaugh, Vernon Bowman, Frank Milliff, Lester Somerville, Julia Pruette, Mary Whitehead Russell, Jeanette Swanner Hodges, Carlton Vick, Dan Standley, Johnny Post, and Adalene Williams Stathem.

Prior to closing, all will sing the WHS School Song. Saturday's official meeting will end in prayer.

An informal gathering at Dean's Shed in Wingate is planned for supper. All ex-school friends are welcome.

For more information, please contact Joe Bryan at 754-1629, Virginia Black 754-5159, or Jerry Dobbins 972-255-4733.

CLASS OF 1963
The 1963 graduating class of Winters High School will hold their 40th class reunion.

Plans are for the Alumni to attend the homecoming football game and then meet in the old gym for on-going reunion activities after the game.

Activities are planned for Saturday afternoon and evening, concluding with a dinner at Dean's Shed Restaurant & Catering in Wingate.

The classes of 1962 and 1964 are especially invited to join the festivities, as are any other interested parties.

Quite a number of classmates' addresses and phone numbers are still needed.

For further information or to report addresses, please contact: Mike Bedford, 278 CR 271, Tuscola, TX 79562, 325-743-2510, <mikewbedford@cs.com>; or Carolyn Helm Brown, 443 E. Schroder Dr., Bayfield, CO 81122, 970-884-

2189, <docbrown@frontier.net>.

CLASS OF 1978
The Class of 1978 will have their 25th reunion.

If you have any information about class members, please contact Phil and Karen Colburn at 754-5143, Gary and Belinda Schwartz at 754-5606, or Marsha Smith at 754-5066.

CLASS OF 1973
The WHS Class of 1973 invites their class members to attend the homecoming football game on Friday, Oct. 24, 2003, and then meet in the old gym with the other alumni after the game.

If there is any interest in meeting on Saturday, Oct. 25, plans will be made after the football game.

Each class member is asked to help spread this message to other members they might know.

For further information or to report addresses, please contact Landa Grohman at 502 CR 361, Winters, TX 79567 or e-mail <landazoe@hotmail.com>.

Mazeland Homecoming set Oct. 4

The Mazeland School 2003 Homecoming will be Saturday, October 4, 2003, at the Winters Community Center.

Former classmates, teachers, and friends will gather from 8:00 a.m. till ?

A catered meal will be served at noon. Please RSVP to EvaLeta Smith, 104 Bishop, Winters, TX 79567, (325) 754-4748 or Bonnie Jane Elliott, (325) 944-7430.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

More photos of Geoffrey Connor's ceremony and private reception for Runnels County friends and relatives, along with personal comments, will be featured in the October 9 edition of The Winters Enterprise.

COUNCIL, continued

a music jamboree. Approval was given contingent upon the Ramblers' responsibility of keeping the Center clean and damage-free. Proceeds from the jamboree will benefit the Winters Volunteer Fire Department and the Police Department.

Mr. Preston Barker was nominated to serve on the Runnels County Appraisal District board of directors.

Council members reviewed several pieces of correspondence, including letters of resignation from Police Chief Brian McGonagill and Officer Kim Wilkerson.

Without executive session, the Council approved hiring Keith Williamson as new Police Chief and Rick Grissam as new Police Officer.

City Manager Hassan re-

ferred the Council to letters for recruitment to police chiefs of Brownwood, San Angelo, Abilene, and Coleman.

Present for the September 29 meeting were Councilmen Tommy Russell, Steve Esquivel, Jimmy Butler and Hank Bourdo; City Attorney Slimp, Mayor McGuffin, and City Manager Hassan. Councilman Mike Meyer was absent.

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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

Class of 1943 to meet October 11

The Class of 1943 will celebrate their high school graduation in fine fashion on Saturday, October 11, at the home of Estella Bredemeyer, 600 S. Arlington.

The noon meal will be furnished by classmates still living in Winters, but everyone is asked to bring a memory of school days, classmates who are older or younger, spouse or friend.

Class sponsor, Floy Hodge, will be "popping wheelies;" Nadine Robinson, former PE teacher, will probably require push-ups from everyone; Bob Best and Alton Jones will vie for who can tell the tallest tale.

Local classmates write, "Let's have a real celebration and a day of great fun!"

Please RSVP to Ouida Nichols 325-754-4171, Enid Anderson 325-754-4122, or Estella Bredemeyer 325-754-5268, or write Ouida Nichols at 406 E. Truitt, Winters, Texas 79567.

City of Winters receives matching grant from RC&D

The Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, Inc., has announced the City of Winters has been awarded a matching grant of \$500 through the 2003 Matching Grant Program. These grant funds will complement the local efforts toward the building renovation of the Winters Scout Hut on Main Street.

Ricky Strube, Concho Valley RC&D board member said, "We received seven applications for worth community projects in thirteen counties. Our Grant Evaluation Committee reviewed and rated each proposal based on community need, expected benefits and local commitment. Our goal was to make these funds available to the communities and organizations in our 13-county area for local projects."

The RC&D program is authorized by USDA and administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The individual RC&D councils direct the program to the needs of the local communities. For more information about the RC&D programs call 325-365-3415.

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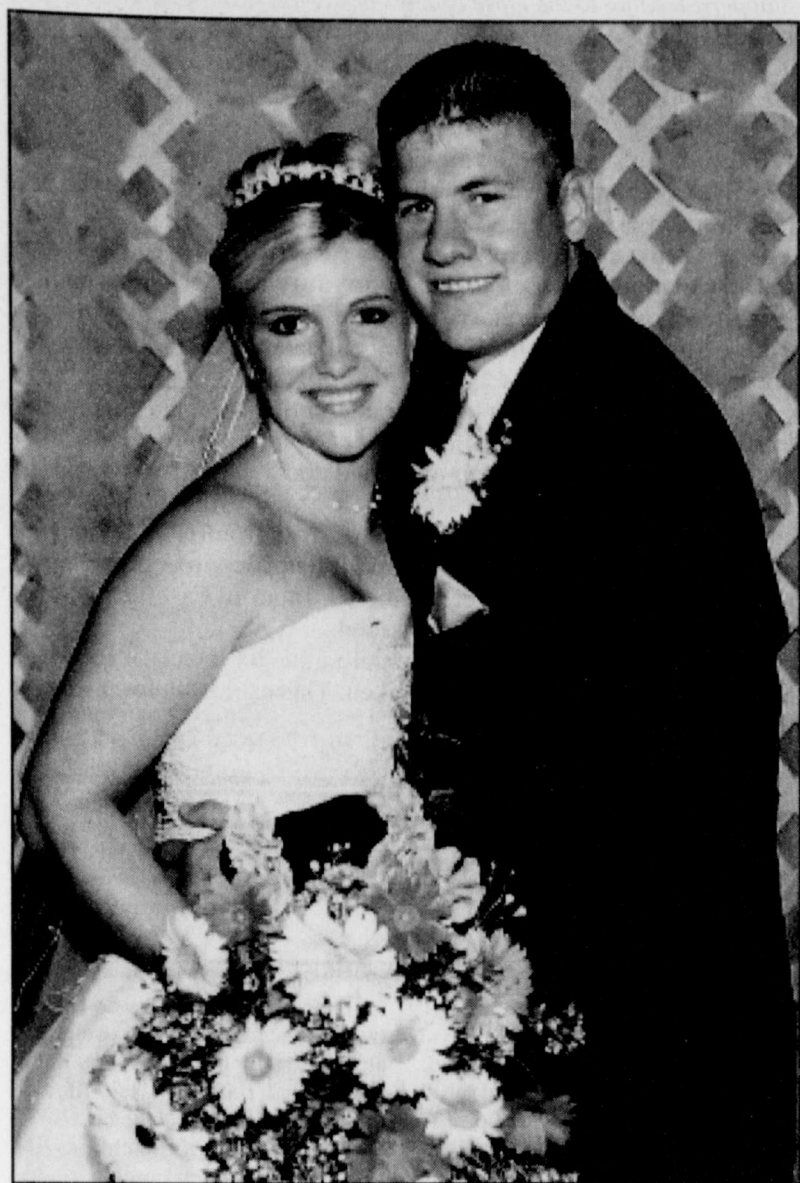
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Life

Misty Pritchard and Stuart Sutton exchange Christian wedding vows



Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Sutton

Misty Dawn Pritchard of Lubbock and Stuart Lee Sutton of Dimmitt exchanged Christian wedding vows at seven o'clock in the evening on Saturday, August 23, 2003, at The Historic Watson Building in Lubbock. The double ring ceremony was officiated by Gary Bear, Youth Minister of First Baptist Church in Winters.

Misty is the daughter of Johnny and Deb Pritchard of Winters and Leta Pritchard of Houston. Grandparents are Jack and Lucille Pritchard of Wingate, Jack and Mildred Chapman of Noblesville, Indiana, and Bobbie Cleveland of Lago Vista, Texas.

Stuart is the son of Eddie and June Sutton of Dimmitt and the grandson of J.W. and Maida Sutton of Sonora and James and Jane Alexander of San Angelo.

Parents and grandparents of the bride and groom were seated by Cody, Colby, and Collyn Pritchard, brothers of

the bride, and Houston Sutton, brother of the groom.

Fran Kidwell, organist and family friend of the bride, played music while guests were seated, as well as the bridal march and recessional.

Soloists were Tammy Griffith, the groom's family friend, of Dimmitt, and Shanna Bear, a friend of the bride's family, of Winters. Tammy sang "The Power of Love" and "A Moment Like This." Shanna performed "If You Could See What I See Now."

Registry attendants were Kourtney Cathey of Winters and Chanda Hoppe of Wichita Falls, both childhood friends of the bride, and Stephanie Puckett and Mary Bradley, both of Lubbock and friends of the bride and groom.

The altar was adorned with white lattice woven with tulle, white pillars, wrought iron candlestick holders with white candles, and green ferns.

Entry of the bride was an-

nounced as brothers Colby and Collyn Pritchard rang bells.

The bride, shared in marriage to Stuart by her family and escorted by her father, wore a sleeveless gown of white satin, featuring seed pearls, with a fitted waist and full tulle skirt. The bride's bouquet was made of gerber daisies in shades of pinks, greens, and pastels.

Serving as their sister's maids of honor were Marie Payne and Mandy Pritchard, both of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Carol Lunsford and Starla Warren, college friends of the bride, of Lubbock, and Brooke Tounget of Lubbock and Jamie Bishop of Austin, childhood friends of the bride.

The bride's attendants wore pink tea-length dresses of different styles with accents of sage green satin ribbon. They carried small bouquets of pastel colored gerber daisies tied with satin ribbon.

The groom was attired in a black tuxedo with silver appointments.

Serving as his brother's best man was Justin Sutton of College Station. Groomsmen were Aaron King, fraternity brother, of Lubbock; Will Sanders, childhood friend of the groom, of Dimmitt; Michael Prewit, childhood friend of the bride, of Lubbock; Charlie Sanders, fraternity brother and childhood friend of the groom, of Lubbock; Fred Popanz, friend of the bride and groom, of Lubbock; and Cameron Lust, childhood friend of the groom, of Dimmitt.

The best man and groomsmen wore black tuxedos with sage green and silver vests and ties.

Corey Pritchard, brother of the bride, of Winters, served as ringbearer. Candlelighters were Cody Pritchard and Houston Sutton. Ushers were Brandon Patschke and Nathan Jordan, fraternity brothers of the groom, of Lubbock, and Travis Crow and Derek Buckley, childhood friends of the groom, of Dimmitt.

Clouds of white tulle, flowers, greenery, and lights with accents of pink and sage adorned the hall. Tall vases of gerber daisies and candles

decorated the tables.

The buffet table featured shaved meats, cheeses, vegetables and dips, rolls, chips and dips, and cascading fresh fruits.

The bride's four-tiered wedding cake of chocolate, vanilla, and poppyseed was enhanced with gerber daisies. The groom's red velvet cake with chocolate icing was topped with chocolate-dipped strawberries. Both cakes were made by Carol Kozelsky of Winters. Also on the cake tables were nuts, homemade mints, chocolate-dipped strawberries, and punch, all appointed in colors of pink and sage green.

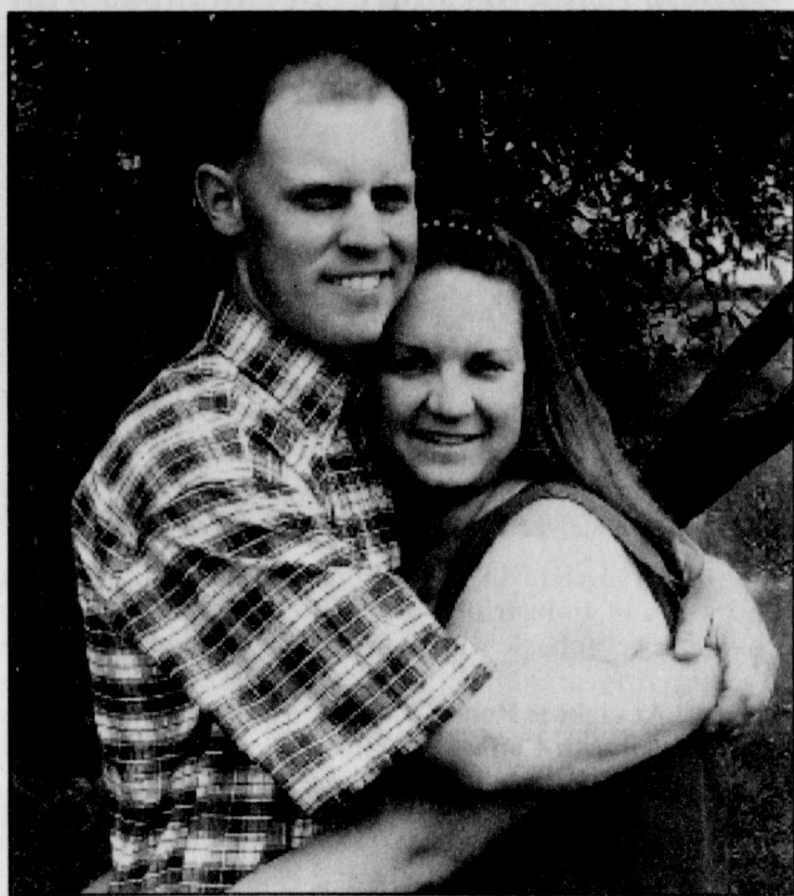
Serving cake were Penny Pritchard of Winters, Cheryl Pritchard of Lubbock, Katherine Pritchard of Waco, DeeAnna Chapman of Noblesville, Indiana, all aunts of the bride; and Sheila Halfmann of San Angelo and Elizabeth Alexander of Wisconsin, aunts of the groom.

Serving as the house party were Steve and Penny Pritchard of Winters, Brett and Sherri Mikeska of Wingate, Denny and Barbara Heathcott of Winters, Mary Slimp of Winters, Scott and Melissa Gerhart of Winters, Joe and Donna Pritchard of Wingate, Ken Slimp of Winters, Cheryl Pritchard of Winters, and Nancy Chapman of Indianapolis, Indiana.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Winters High School and attended Texas Tech University. She is currently enrolled in nursing school at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

The groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1998 and received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Texas Tech University in December 2002. He is employed with First United Bank in Dimmitt.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple resides in Dimmitt.



Jonathan Bean & Jennifer Prewit

Prewit, Bean announce upcoming marriage

Bob and Sue Prewit of Winters and Wrennah Gabbert of San Angelo and Mike Bean of Fort Worth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Jennifer Prewit and Jonathan Bean.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Winters High School and is currently employed as store manager at Abilene Ag. The prospective groom graduated from Cleburne High School in 1994 and is employed by the San Angelo Fire Department.

The wedding will be October 25, 2003, at 4:00 p.m. in St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters.

Dr. Smith de-horns steer at 4-H meeting

The Winters 4-H Club held their September meeting on Monday, Sept. 22.

Local veterinarian Dr. Jimmy Smith presented the program for the club at Pioneer Vet Clinic. Club members watched Dr. Smith dehorn a show steer as he spoke about the work he does as a veterinarian.

Following the program, 4-H'ers held a brief business meeting at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church Fellowship Hall with President John Heathcott

presiding. It was reported that a great turnout of 4-H members served, cleaned tables, and assisted with clean-up at the Winters Dove Fest as their September community service project. They were presented \$250 for their efforts.

In other business, the upcoming Bike-A-Thon and banquet were discussed as well as fall projects. The club voted to work at the Winters Antique Tractor Pull as their October community service project.

Refreshments were provided by the Guy and Heathcott families.

Quilters Guild to meet Oct. 13

Abilene Quilters Guild will meet Monday, Oct. 13, 2003, at Wylie United Methodist Church, 3130 Antilley Road, Abilene. Meet and greet will begin at 6:45 p.m.

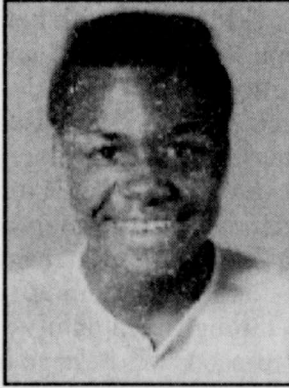
The program, "Amish Quilt Makers and Their Quilts," will begin at 7 p.m. Shelley Hilton Pace, owner/

designer of Wild Prairie Patterns, will lecture and offer a slide presentation.


Shelley will also present a workshop, "Almost Amish," which will feature the exploration of traditional Amish quilt designs by making the most captivating of all — the Sunshine and Shadow quilt.

The workshop will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Chimney Square Apartments Meeting Room, 3201 South 23rd, Abilene, from 9 a.m. until noon. Space is limited and there is a fee.

For more information or to enroll, contact Lori Oglesby at 325-690-1453.



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Identity of birthday boy may be found elsewhere in this issue.

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Law & Order

Winters residents share special times with Geoffrey Connor, Texas Secretary of State



CHARLES BAHLMAN, President of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation, presents Secretary Connor a scrapbook with more than 400 signatures and greetings from area students, friends, classmates, and well-wishers. At right is Renee Calcote who attended Winters High School with Connor. (photos by Jean Boles)



PLEDGING ALLEGIANCE to the flag are (second from left to right) **Thomas R. Phillips**, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas; **Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst**, **Governor Rick Perry**, **Secretary Connor**, and **Barry R. McBee**, First Assistant Attorney General of Texas. At left is **Arturo Ontaneda-Luciano**, Consul General of Ecuador.



CLASSMATES OF WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL enjoyed reminiscing about "old times" during the private luncheon hosted for **Runnels County** guests by Secretary Connor. Left to right are **Vickie Bryan Blackerby**, **Tancy Layton Kendrick**, **Renee Pierce Calcote**, **Connor**, and **Lisa Bryan Blake**.



RANDALL CONNER (right), not related to **Geoffrey Connor**, spends a few minutes offering his congratulations and best wishes to the new Secretary of State. Conner was responsible for compiling the keepsake scrapbook with more than 400 signatures presented to Secretary Connor.

CTO holds open house at new location

It was on July 7, 2001, that Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. staff members watched in horror as their offices went up in fire. Very little could be salvaged, but one thing that was not taken away was the indomitable spirit of every worker.

From the Saturday it burned until this past Tuesday when they opened "their building" located on South Commercial, not one member had ever lost faith. It was recently that CTO moved from their temporary location in the Coleman County State Bank Building to their new "home" which at one time housed Century 21.

A very tearful and happy CTO Executive Director Merridee McClatchy welcomed over 200 visitors who came to "celebrate" the happy occasion. While greeting them, McClatchy said, "This is not just the time to celebrate an Open House and a new building though this is wonderful. This is the time to celebrate an end to a journey that started on July 7, 2001, when our building burned to the ground. We would like to thank the staff and those in the community who have and continue to support us in many ways. Please

celebrate with us in our 'new home.' This is the first time we have had a 'home' of our own and we thank so many along with our Board of Directors."

CTO Board Chairperson Rev. Kermit Sorrells also welcomed the group and thanked each one present. Rev. Sorrells said, "We, the board members, gave the staff all the support we could. This building will help Coleman, the many people, and the counties that CTO serves. We also wish to thank our great God above who has blessed us."

In a tour of the building, the staff and their positions were named. Those on staff are Doris Haynes, Office Manager, Novice; Veronica Flores, Receptionist, Coleman; Holly Hunter, Administrative Secretary, Santa Anna; Becky Morgan, Accounting Clerk, Coleman; Lori Moran, Accounting Clerk, Coleman; Betty Tabor, Assistant Executive Director/Financial Manager, Winters. Also Crystal McBride, Accounting Clerk, Coleman; Rebecca Black, Accounting Clerk, Winters; Tammy Smith, Information Technologist, Coleman; Nina Childress, Transportation Specialist, Coleman; Staci Richard, Fam-

ily and Community Specialist, Coleman; Jennifer Brann Health/Nutrition Specialist, Santa Anna; Mary Morrison, Health/Nutrition Clerk, Coleman.

And Zona Marshall, Staff Development/Mental Health Specialist; Cathy Hale/Disability/Transition Specialist, Coleman; Mary Ann Woffenden, Education Specialist, Winters; Ireenne Hohmann, Education Mentor, Coleman; Marylyn Hanley, Head Start Operations Manager /Early Head Start Specialist; and Hanna Adams, Community Service Coordinator, Burkett.

For each attending the Open House, an artificial Blue Bonnet was presented and tied on it was a card showing the Community in Action with helping people, changing lives, and offering hope. The Mission Statement says it all, "Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. provides a vision of a better tomorrow for all people by providing opportunities for changing lives and strengthening families through community partnerships. CTO is preparing families for the future by giving hope and dignity through helping people."

Birthday boy is Jerry Mac Jackson.

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 September 22, 2003, through September 28, 2003. Officers:

- arrested a subject, on warrant, charged with theft under \$50.
- filed a report of criminal mischief occurring in the 500 block of N. Cryer Street.
- arrested a subject on North Main Street who was stopped for a traffic violation and was found to be driving while license suspended.
- filed a report of burglary of a motor vehicle in the 500 block of Tinkle Street. A .22 caliber rifle was allegedly stolen. This case is under investigation.
- were involved in a pursuit after attempting to stop a pickup for a traffic violation. The driver fled the scene on foot following a minor accident. The driver has been identified and a warrant issued for his arrest.
- arrested a subject on an assault warrant from Hockley County after contacting the subject on a stop for a traffic violation.
- answered a disturbance call in the 100 block of East Pierce Street. Criminal trespass warnings were issued.
- filed a report of criminal mischief in the 200 block of East Dale Street. A window was allegedly broken. This case is under investigation.

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Tonya Scott, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs, \$162.06 restitution, \$40 hot check fees

Samuel Lee Rardin, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 60 days in county jail, assessed \$251 court costs, \$203.70 restitution

Edith Maddox Rodgers, driving while license invalid, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

James M. Bilyeu, theft of merchandise by check, case dismissed, defendant deceased

Rhonda Cheryl Keesee, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 40 hours community service

Criminal Cases Filed September 13

Alfred Keith Armentrout, filed for failure to appear

Shay Elizabeth Fischer, filed for driving while license invalid

Jason Buckley Pickett, filed for providing alcohol to a minor

Wendy Cortez, filed for theft by check

Soine Fisher, filed for theft by check

Latasha Hubbard, filed for theft by check

Wendy Kraatz, filed for theft by check

Brandon Smetana, filed for theft by check

District Court Civil Cases Filed September 24

First National Bank of Ballinger vs. Bank Image Com LTD and B-Com Ventures, breach of contract

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed September 22

Michael Eldred, filed for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

Criminal Cases Filed September 12

Dustin Clark Holland, filed for open container, Keystone Lite

Tony Alan Holland, filed for open container, Keystone Lite

David Taylor Ferguson, filed on two counts: for minor in possession of alcohol and for minor in consumption

Michael David Keesee, filed for open container, 12-ounce beer

Allen Lawrence Hotchkiss, filed for possession open container, alcoholic beverage in vehicle

September 13

Todd Everett Klutts, filed for open container, alcoholic beverage

Scott Thomas Blum, filed for open container, alcoholic beverage

Chad Eric Laisure, filed for open container, beer

Joseph Rodney Baird, filed for open container, Shiner bock

Joan Womack Baird, filed for open container, Shiner bock

Kristin Nicole Durkey, filed for minor in possession

John William Bishop II, filed for minor in possession, alcohol

Felipe Gomez, Jr., filed on three counts: for possession open container, alcoholic beverage in vehicle; for minor in possession of alcohol; and for minor driving under the influence, alcohol

Juan Gabriel Guerrero, filed on two counts: possession open container, alcoholic beverage in vehicle, and for minor in possession of alcohol

September 17

Kyle Lee Springer, filed for failure to yield at yield construction

September 20

Seth Brewer, filed for unplugged shotgun

John Greenwalt, filed for no hunting license

Small Claims Cases Filed September 25

Guardian Responsible Drivers vs. Randal E. Wills, account

Guardian Responsible Drivers vs. Henri Faye Brown, account

Guardian Responsible Drivers vs. Ricardo Garcia, account

Guardian Responsible Drivers vs. Charlie Brewer, account

Guardian Responsible Drivers vs. John Devila, account

Guardian Responsible Drivers vs. Bennito Juarez, account

Guardian Responsible Drivers vs. Edward Dulaney, account

Guardian Responsible Drivers vs. John A. Allbright account

Mandatory to use 325 area code starting Sunday, Oct. 5

The grace period for using the old 915 area code expires soon. Mandatory dialing using the new 325 area code becomes effective October 5, 2003.

According to the PUC, current estimates predict that the 915 area code will run out of numbers in early 2004. The three-way split approved by the PUC will prevent the need for additional area codes in the three regions for an estimated 17-20 years.

After the Oct. 5 deadline, customers who dial the old area code will get a recorded reminder until Dec. 7, 2003.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WINTERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PUBLIC HEARING HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY PROGRAM OCTOBER 13, 2003 7:00 PM

A public hearing is required to consider comments, suggestions, and concerns on the implementation and administration of a high school equivalency program for Winters High School. If approved by the local Board of Trustees, this program will be administered within the Computer Enhanced Education Campus (CEEC) program for any student, age sixteen years and older, qualifying under Texas Education Agency guidelines for at-risk students.

For more information related to this program, call Danny Clack, Superintendent, Winters I.S.D. at 325-754-5574, or stop by the Winters I.S.D. Administration Building at 603 North Heights Street, Winters, Texas 79567.

14-40(2c)

NOTICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WINTERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PUBLIC HEARING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE INDICATOR SYSTEM OCTOBER 13, 2003 7:15 PM

A public hearing is required to consider comments, suggestions, and concerns on the ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE INDICATOR SYSTEM for the 2002-2003 school year. This report details accountability indicators and information that can be used to rate the effectiveness of a local school district in comparison to state and regional ratings. A copy of this report is available at the Winters I.S.D. Administration Office, The Winters Enterprise, and the Winters City Administration Office.

For more information related to this program, call Danny Clack, Superintendent, Winters I.S.D. at 325-754-5574, or stop by the Winters I.S.D. Administration Building at 603 North Heights Street, Winters, Texas 79567.

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NO. 6396 NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CARLTON EARL EMMERT

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of CARLTON EARL EMMERT were issued to the undersigned on the 22nd day of September, 2003, in the proceeding indicated below, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time prescribed by law. Please forward all claims to PATRICIA EMMERT, c/o Kenneth H. Slimp, P.O. Box 157, Winters, TX 79567. PATRICIA EMMERT Independent Executor of the Estate of CARLTON EARL EMMERT, Deceased, Cause No. 6396, County Court of Runnels County, Texas

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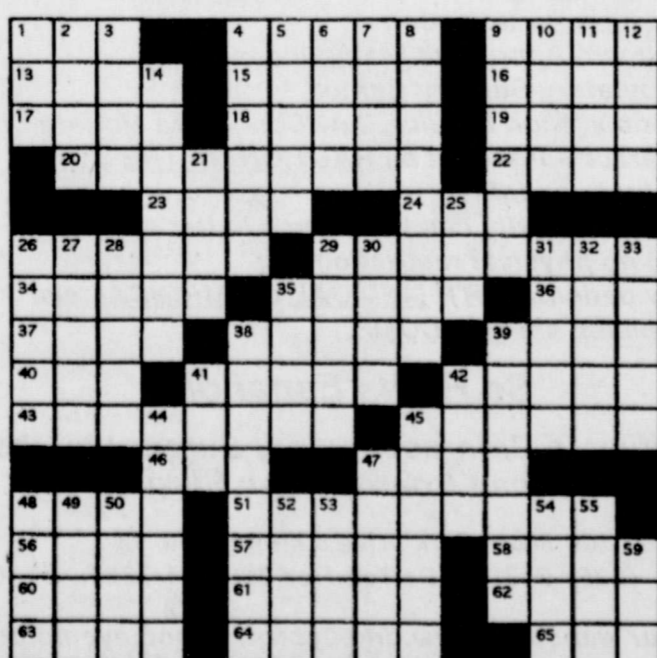
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New Listing-1305 W. Dale-4B/2B house on 10 acres. 2 water wells. Great location. Close to town.

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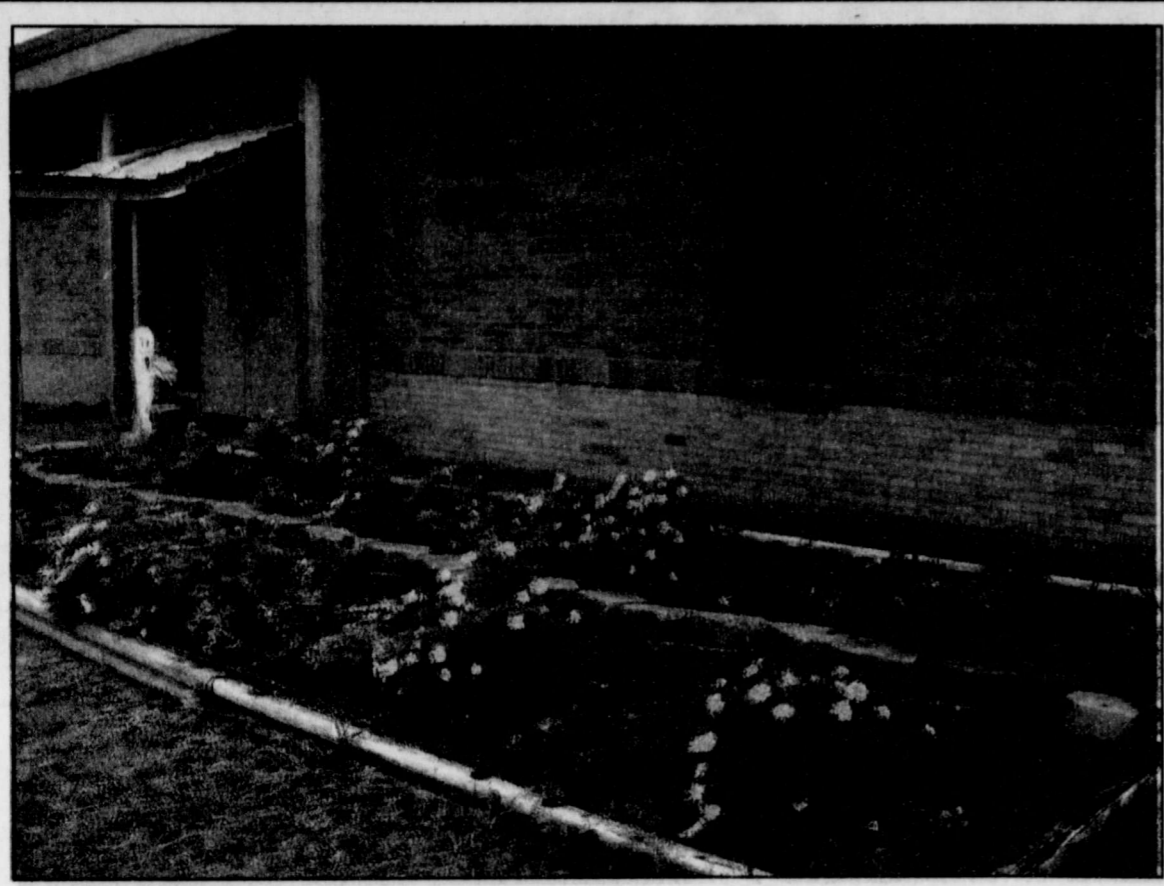
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Outdoors



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Cattle Raisers to hold membership gathering October 23 in Abilene

—RSVP required by Oct. 21—

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and Fort Dodge Animal Health, Walco-Abilene have teamed up to offer a free program on preventative maintenance and treatment of stocker cattle. It will be held on Thursday, Oct. 23, at the Abilene Livestock Auction. You don't have to be a TSCRA member to attend.

Registration begins at 7 p.m., followed by the educational session at 7:30 and a short presentation on TSCRA. A complimentary dinner will be served at 8:30, and there will be plenty of time to meet and visit with other cattle producers.

"The purpose of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers

Association's Membership Gatherings is two-fold," says TSCRA President Bob McCan. "We want to provide local opportunities for cattle producers to meet, visit, and get some good information. But more importantly, we want to concentrate on gathering up some new members.

"Please come and bring your friends and neighbors who should be members of TSCRA," McCan urges.

There is no charge to attend the gathering; however, to help in planning for the event, please RSVP by Oct. 21. Call the Walco office at (325) 673-4692 or TSCRA at 1 (800) 242-7820, ext. 145.

Abilene Livestock Auction may be reached from the access road on the north side of Interstate 20. From the west, take the exit to FM 600; from the east, take the exit to Hwy. 351. Follow the signs to the auction. If you have questions, contact Bill Scott at (806) 681-8833 or Kevin Johnson at (325) 529-4366.

Bike-A-Thon time!

The annual Runnels County 4-H/Wal-Mart Bike-A-Thon will kick off National 4-H Week on Saturday, October 4, 2003.

Wal-Mart has graciously been a huge supporter for the fund-raiser and the County 4-H program. They generously match the money raised up to \$2,000. Without the pledges, contributions, and help from Wal-Mart, the county's 4-H program would not be as successful as it is in developing the youth's potential.

Each 4-H club member will be asking individuals for pledges or donations. The money raised will go to the support of the Runnels County 4-H youth. This includes sending youth to district and state competitions, banquets, and other educational and recreational events.

The Bike-A-Thon will gather at the Porter Henderson parking lot just west of Wal-Mart on Saturday, October 4, at 3:00 p.m. Riders will ride west on the service road adjacent to Hwy. 67 where intersections will be controlled for safety. The public's cooperation is needed to maintain safety of the bikers.

Four-H'ers should remember that your Bike-a-Thon money is due on MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, by 5:00 p.m. to the Extension Office if you want to participate in the contest and earn great prizes that will be given out at the County Achievement 4-H Banquet on October 18.

Runnels County Rumors

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

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

Nominations for the county committee election were due in the county office by the close of business Sept. 5. The next step in the election process is mailing the ballots, which will begin on Oct. 18. Voters have until Dec. 1 to return their ballots to the county office.

Anyone who meets the requirements in 1 or 2, plus 3, below, is eligible to vote.

1. Be of legal voting age and have an interest in a farm or ranch as either of the following:

- An owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper, or
- A partner in a general partnership or member of a joint venture that has an interest in a farm as an owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper; or

2. Not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm; and

3. Eligible to participate in any FSA program that is provided for by law, regardless of the status of funding.

Runnels County is divided into 3 local administrative areas (LAA). Each LAA is represented by one member on the county committee. A person may vote in only one LAA in each county. LAA #2, the Northeast portion of Runnels County, is holding the committee election this year.

Contact the county office if you have questions about voter eligibility.

COMMODITY LOANS AVAILABLE

Commodity loans are available to all farmers growing eligible commodities, regardless of DCP program participation.

The Farm Bill changed the rules so that all farmers may apply for low interest, 9-month loans on 2003 crops stored on the farm in an eligible structure. This marketing tool is a great way to utilize some working capital while you wait for local prices to rise, pay off higher interest notes with low interest money or purchase next year's inputs at reduced rates.

2001 & 2002 CROP DISASTER PROGRAM

We are still taking applications for the 2001 & 2002 Crop Disaster Program (CDP).

Qualifying producers have a choice of receiving payments for crop losses due to weather for either the 2001 crop year or the 2002 crop year, but not both. CDP will provide assistance for losses due to low yields, prevented planting, reduced quality and value loss crops. The maximum payment amount is \$80,000 per "person."

To be eligible, your crop production must have been reduced by more than 35 percent from the "expected production." Quality loss payments are available when the loss in quality exceeds 20%. The disaster payment is based on 50% of the payment rate for producers with insurance or NAP and 45% of the payment rate if you didn't purchase some type of coverage.

Summarize for us your verifiable and reliable documentation and account for the

crop's production.

2003 CROP LOSSES

Once again we are in a year with weather-related problems. At this time there is no program to cover 2003 crop losses.

If your 2003 crops sustained a weather-related yield reduction, contact your insurance company within 15 days of the loss. If you have NAP coverage, contact our office within 15 days after the loss is apparent.

NAP YIELD UPDATE

Production records for individual crops need to be filed with our office to establish an approved NAP yield.

If this is the first year you participated in NAP you can provide prior years' production and acreage to establish a yield. If you participated in NAP in previous years you must report your production and acreage on a yearly basis to keep your yield up to date.

Records submitted must be reliable and verifiable. Records need to show crop disposition.

LIVESTOCK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LAP) SIGN-UP

Although LAP is a grazing loss program, payments are based on the lesser of the calculated pasture value or the value of livestock feed allowance multiplied by the producer's maximum grazing loss. The eligible amount is 50 percent of the loss amount.

A producer's LAP payment will be reduced by the amount(s) the producer received under 2002 Cattle Feed

Program, Livestock Compensation Program I and Livestock Compensation Program II regardless of whether the LAP payment is for 2001 and 2002. Payments are limited to \$40,000. Adjusted gross income (AGI) limitations apply.

Sign-up ends October 24, 2003. Late filed provisions do not apply.

DCP SIGN-UP

The DCP sign-up period for fiscal year 2004 is Oct. 1, 2003, to June 1, 2004. The CCC-509 form, "Direct and Counter-cyclical Program Contract," includes base acres, payment acres, payments yields, producer payment shares, advance direct and counter-cyclical payment selections and signatures of the producer and county office representative.

Farm producers must apply for DCP on an annual basis and can opt out of participating in DCP for any year if they so choose.

The following documents are required and applicable determinations must be made before the county committee can approve a producer's share for payment:

- a farm operating plan (CCC-502 and related forms)
- an average adjusted gross income certification (CCC-526)
- a certification of compliance with highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions (AD-1026).

A certification of the acreage of all cropland on the farm (FSA-578) is needed before final payments can be issued.

For the latest information on weather, crops, & disaster assistance from the Texas Department of Agriculture

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Winters Antique Tractor Pull

Saturday, October 4

- Winters Rodeo Arena-north of Winters off U.S. Hwy 83, turn right on CR 206, arena on left, 1/2 mile east on 206
- Pulls begin at noon
- Off Road pullers welcome. Off roads will follow tractor pulls.
- Kiddie pulls on pedal tractors for young children
- Full concessions available all day long

\$5 Adults — \$3 Children

Sponsored by the Winters Junior Livestock Show Association in conjunction with the Texas Antique Tractor Pullers Association. All proceeds from the gate and concession stand will go directly to the Premium Sale at the Runnels County Stock Show to benefit ALL exhibitors. FMI call Johnny Pritchard, 754-5243, Barron Guy, 754-5708

The public is encouraged to attend and enjoy a day of family fun!