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Fall Carnival set for Saturday night

— Kids will also trick-or-treat Saturday —

Due to a conflict with the football game on Oct. 31, Halloween festivities have been planned for the area Nov. 1. The Winters Athletic Booster Club will host their annual carnival, and Saturday has also been designated by the Winters Police Department as the official "Trick-or-Treat" night.

The fall carnival will be held at the Activity Building on the elementary campus from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. A costume contest, sponsored by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, begins at 7:30 p.m. Bingo for children begins at 7:30 p.m. and for adults at 8:00 p.m.

In addition to bingo and the costume contest, other booths and activities for the evening include a haunted house, floating money booth, cake walk, basketball toss, and spin the wheel. Project Graduation 2004 will have a variety of concessions available throughout the evening for sale.

Any businesses willing to donate bingo prizes are asked to contact Phil Colburn 754-5143, Belinda Schwartz 754-5606, Mark and Yolanda Bridgeman 754-4685, or Cindy and Cody Hord 743-2381. Your donation would be greatly appreciated.

Many youngsters enjoy all the festivities and booths the carnival has to offer in this safe and supervised environment. Your participation and

sponsorship of a booth would be greatly appreciated. Any organization who would like to sponsor a booth for the annual event is also asked to contact

Phil, Belinda, Mark, Yolanda, Cindy, or Cody at the numbers listed above.

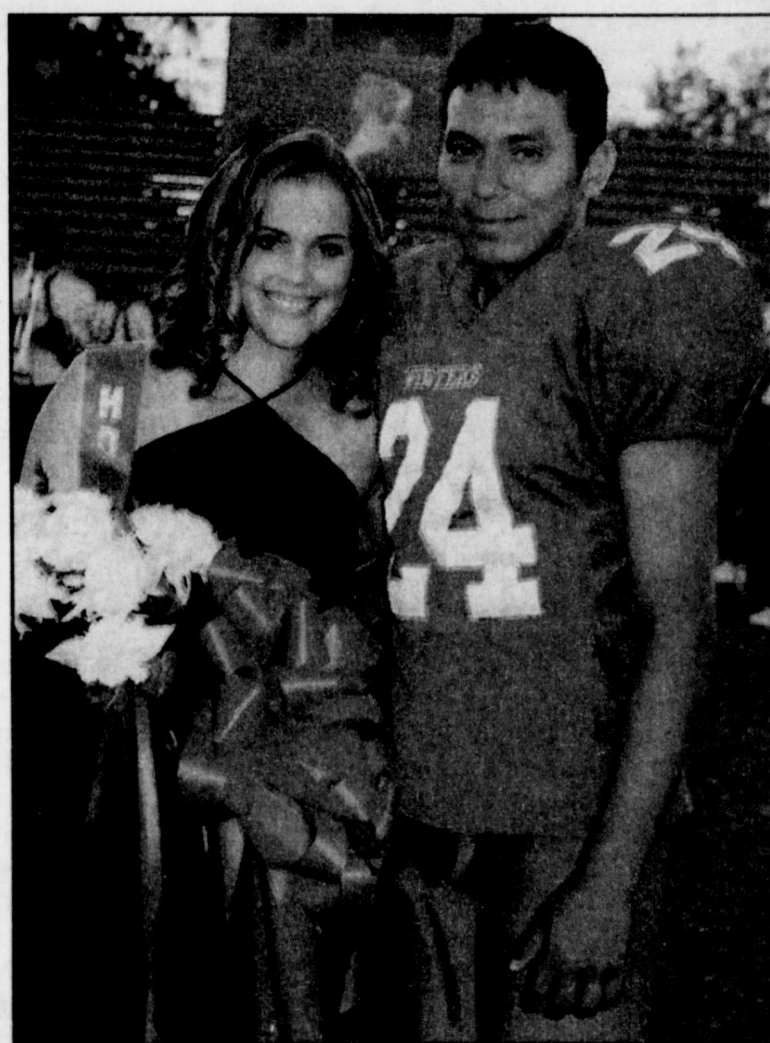
The carnival is one of the major fundraisers of the year

for the Booster Club which supports all WHS athletic teams.

No Boo-tique is planned this year.

All area youngsters are encouraged to attend and participate in this structured and safe Halloween celebration.

2003 Blizzard Homecoming Royalty



BRIANA PARRAMORE and **BENJIE VALLES** were crowned Homecoming Queen and King prior to Friday night's football game against San Saba. Both students are seniors at Winters High School and involved in numerous activities including various sports and National Honor Society.



MARTHA O'DELL was honored as Coming Home Queen at Homecoming 2003. She is a 1953 graduate of Winters High School after attending Wingate schools through the 8th grade. She was escorted by her husband, Suvern O'Dell. See related story on page 2.

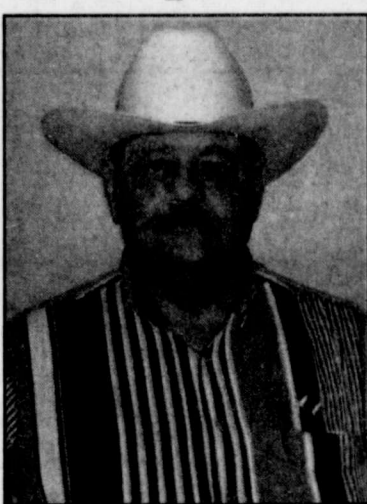
(photos by Jean Boles)

Ronnie Lusk, new sergeant of Winters Police Dept.

Ronnie Lusk will join the Winters Police Department as Sergeant effective November 1, 2003. His hiring brings the police force to full staff with a total of four officers.

Coming to Winters from Stamford, Sgt. Lusk has 21-1/2 years of law enforcement experience. He graduated from the Council of Governments Lubbock Academy in 1982 and began his first duty at Shallowater, Texas. He then went to the Texas Tech Police Department at the Health Site Center. Thereafter, Lusk transferred to Stamford and over nearly a twenty year period had worked his way up the ranks from night patrol to sergeant to lieutenant to captain.

He has three sons and three grandchildren. Corey and wife Roxanne of Albuquerque, New Mexico, have two children, Heather, age 12, and Zack, 4. Kevin and Celey, 3,



reside in Stamford, as does Casey.

Lusk is a people person and is very community-oriented. He enjoys golfing, fishing, and playing shuffleboard. He and fiancée Rebecca Baccus will be moving to Winters.

Lusk says he enjoys what he has seen of Winters. "The town is clean, and there are a lot of trees which are a lot greener (than where I'm from). I plan to retire here."

WISD earns state's highest fiscal accountability rating

Winters Independent School District officials announced that the district received a rating of "Superior Achievement" under Texas' new Schools FIRST financial

accountability rating system. The Superior Achievement rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of WISD's financial management and reporting system.

This is the first year of Schools FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999.

The primary goal of Schools FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of

See WISD, page 8

Winters Business Forum Nov. 6

by Randall Conner,
Director of Economic Development, Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation

Need ideas to help your business grow? Interested in starting a new business? Looking for ways to improve your business efficiency? Thinking about a part-time or home-based business?

Winters Business Forum will provide resource personnel each month to assist Winters area businesses grow and

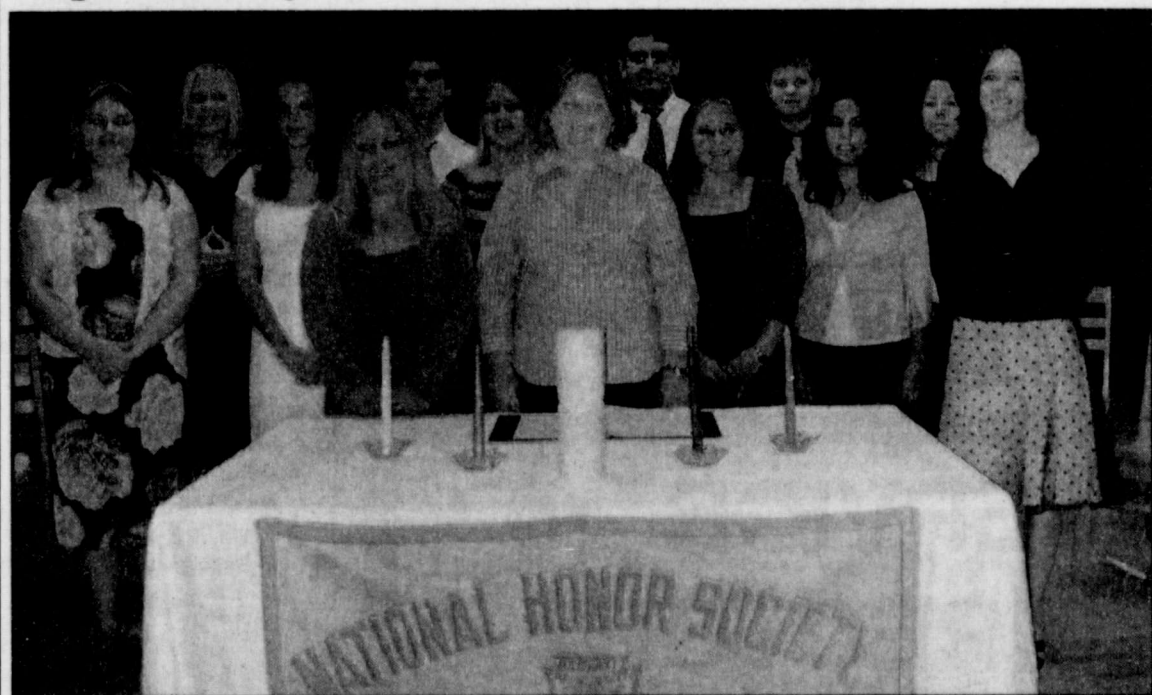
expand. It is sponsored by the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation. There is no cost to attend, and anyone is welcome.

The first session will be held at noon on Nov. 6, 2003, at The Rock Hotel Heritage Center. Judy Wilhelm, director of the Abilene Small Business Development Center, will

talk about how the SBDC can help our businesses grow. She will have a great amount of information to share with the business community.

Please call 754-4542 or e-mail <rconner@winters-texas.us> to make reservations for pizza or you may bring your own brown bag lunch.

Top students join National Honor Society



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY of Winters High School welcomed these inductees in a ceremony on October 14 at the school auditorium. Left to right are Amanda Ripple, Marci Paschal, April Leverett, Kathryn Hatler, Pete Griffin, Kinsey Airhart, Jacki Ledbetter, Jacob Bridgeman, Rachel Davis, Chase Langston, Claudia Llanas, Shyla Garza, and Katy Wilkerson. These inductees join eight present members of the WHS organization. Club sponsor is Mandie England.

(photo by Jean Boles)

National Honor Society inducts members

Thirteen junior and senior students of Winters High School were inducted into the local National Honor Society in ceremonies on October 14 in the school auditorium.

New members are Jacki Ledbetter, Kinsey Airhart, Jacob Bridgeman, Rachel Davis,

Shyla Garza, Pete Griffin, Kathryn Hatler, Chase Langston, April Leverett, Claudia Llanas, Marci Paschal, Amanda Ripple, and Katy Wilkerson.

Officers are Benjie Valles, president; Will Ahrens, vice-president; Maegan Schwartz,

secretary; Macy Hopson, corresponding secretary; Tayna Price, treasurer; Briana Parramore, reporter; Jennifer Hagle, parliamentarian; and Jessica Pritchard, historian.

Club advisor is Mrs. Mandie England.

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Editorial

Oil Bidness

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One of the newer members of the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) is calling for a "Texas Energy Plan," but I have mixed emotions about the effort. Don't get me wrong. Any attention to planning our energy future is a plus. There are just certain limitations in attempting to construct an energy plan for a single state, and, in my opinion, the angle from which this idea is pitched might benefit from some creative modification.

The new RRC Chairman, Victor Carrillo, recently sent a letter to the Honorable Rick Perry requesting that the governor "issue an executive order creating a Texas Energy Planning Council." Now, adding to my mixed emotions on the topic, I am always suspicious of any government official requesting more government for which to spend my tax money. So, upon reading a copy of this letter, I immediately became skeptical.

But, upon further examination of the letter, I note certain goals that resemble some of my own regarding understanding the future of energy and planning a path to take advantage of those future expectations. After all, I am sure you have read some of my blathering about the so-called "federal energy policy" and its failure to address properly a comprehensive plan for the future.

While Mr. Carrillo's letter, out of necessity, is light on details and heavy on political posturing, the general statements about covering all of the supply bases and "positioning ourselves" to take advantage of future trends caught my attention in a positive way. The letter affirms that we must recognize that energy is an extremely important part of our economy and that we should plan to optimize its use to benefit our economy now and in the future.

There is just this one little thing. On my reading, the letter is written from the perspective of trying to manage the energy CONSUMPTION of the state by looking at conventional and alternative sources. While some references to Texas' role as an energy supplier are mentioned, the idea seems to be to study, diversify, and expand our sources of energy, not so much as provider, but as consumer.

This language mirrors the ideals of the national policy, but it is not the only way to look at things, particularly since Texas is a net energy exporter.

First of all, if we are practical for a moment, one can recognize that a state can do very little to impact consumption on a sufficiently-high level to make a real difference. If we as a state resolve to conserve

more petroleum and use more coal instead of oil and gas, it is likely that such a move would only result in a shift of consumption somewhere else in the U.S. And, do we really want to discourage use of a product that we export? Besides, economic reality tends to take care of conservation, it rarely can be forced, even by a strong-willed government.

Here is where the "creative modification" comes in. I suggest we look at the future of energy from an entrepreneurial perspective. In other words, let's examine how Texas can position itself to produce and market petroleum more efficiently, how we can prepare to market alternative fuels better than anyone else, and how Texas can be on the leading edge of providing knowledge, materials, and supply of fuel cells and other energy sources on the horizon.

If we take this approach, the state will be in a great position no matter what happens in the future with the traditional oil and gas industry and its eventual competitors. That is an energy policy I could learn to love.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

None This Week

STAKINGS

Callahan County

Permission has been granted to inject water into the Gray Sand in the Lake Coleman Field in the E. Johnson #1, 8 miles SE of Oplin (Depth 3058-70). Loc. is Sec. 115, Blk. 2, H&TC Sur., A-193.

Coleman County

Permission has been granted to Rice Drilling Company for a new pressure maintenance project in the Gardner #4 well in the Coleman County Regular Field, 6 miles NE of Santa Anna (Depth 2400). Loc. is in the Absalom Williams Sur. No. 655.

Nolan County

Pioneer Exploration Ltd. has staked the B. Hanks A/B Unit #1 in the Northwest Hylton Field, 8 mile N of Nolan (Depth 6300). Loc. is 50 FNL & 352 FWL of Sec. 28, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-1460.

Pioneer Exploration Ltd. has also applied for a Rule 37 spacing exception for the R. Petty #17 in the E.A. Field, 3 miles SW of Nolan (Depth 6288). Loc. is 1253 FEL & 2257 FSL of Sec. 6, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-1066.

Permission has been granted Cockrell Production Company to expand its waterflood project in the Frymire #15 and Frymire #22 in the West Lake Trammel Field, 6 miles SW of Sweetwater (Depth 5250). These wells are loc. in Sec. 80, Blk. 22, T&PRR Sur.

Taylor County

Tom Graham Drilling Co. has applied for a Rule 37 spacing exception for the Graham #5 in the Taylor County Regular Field, 3 miles N of Tuscola (Depth 2200). Loc. is 500 FNL & 20 FWL of Sec. 67, Spoons Sur., A-1550.

Letter to the Editor

City Manager responds to spitting story

Dear Jean Boles:

When I first arrived in Winters, I read the *Winters Enterprise* to find out the citizens' input on city services. The more I read it the more I liked it. Now I read all of it and enjoy it. I think I'm getting addicted and becoming a *Winters Enterprise-aholic*.

Your editorial "And a big ol' PTHOO to you, too" was well-worded, educational, an eye-opener and humorous. Reading it put a smile on my face. On a serious note, we men do many, many silly things that we cannot see from a lady's eyes. Spitting in public is only one of them.

While I was reading "PTHOO" my mind went to the sidewalks of Afghanistan following Naswaries. Naswar is powdered green tobacco plus ash plus moisture plus green coloring. A Naswari is the person who puts naswar in his mouth. Naswaries keep the naswar for one or two minutes in their mouth then spit it out on sidewalks - PTHOO!

Why do they do that? Maybe the substance in tobacco calms them down because most of them are wild, crazy and nervous. It appears, however, that they use it also to look tough, mean, wild and to get noticed. They look proud of what they are doing. Their teeth look ugly and they lose them in early ages (forties and fifties), and they are proud of that, too.

The Naswar PTHOO on sidewalks looks like bird excrement. Sometimes while I'm driving I notice the birds' excrement on my windshield and it reminds me of Naswaries PTHOO.

To hopefully make you feel a little better about spit PTHOO, I say this: There is always a bright side to every event. Next time you see someone spit, say to yourself, "Thank God I was not on Afghanistan's sidewalks, walking behind a Naswari, and the wind blowing against us — PTHOO!"

Sincerely,
Dr. Aref Hassan,
Winters City Manager

Obituary

Troy Foster

NOVICE—Troy Foster, 76, died Thursday, October 23, 2003, in a local hospital.

He was born September 9, 1927, in Littlefield and grew up near Wingate in the Happy Valley community. He married Billie Lee on November 4, 1950, in Fort Worth. He served in the United States Navy and Naval Reserve.

Mr. Foster was a barber in Abilene in the late 1950s and 1960s and then worked in Louisiana, Illinois, and Texas as a pipe fitter. He was later a line driver for Merchants Fast Motor Lines for nine years. He moved to Novice in 1975. In 1986, he returned to barbering in Winters until retiring in 2000. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Novice and the American Legion in Winters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one grandson.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Foster of Novice; one daughter, Marla Jones of Blue Ridge; one son, Brett Foster of Sanger; three grandchildren, Amanda Jones of Dallas, Josh Jones of Blue Ridge, and Brandon Foster of Sanger; and two brothers, Eudean Foster of Abilene and Don Foster of Buffalo Gap.

Family visitation was from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, October 26, at Winters Funeral Home. Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Monday, October 27, at the Counts Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

In Appreciation

From the editor —

With October being "Pastor Appreciation Month," I want to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful pastors who contribute to our weekly feature, Pastor's Points.

These men and women have committed their lives to serving our Lord and their fellow man. Their lives, which are lived under a microscope most of the time, are extremely full and busy. They are pretty much on call 24/7, so I realize that writing a column for our newspaper is an added task for them. But they've all been extremely generous with their time and writing, and I just want to let them know that our readers and I deeply appreciate them.

Thanks again to Barry Taylor, Ferris Akins, Lola Scott, Wynette Halford, Bob Jones, Georgia Orr, Mark Edge, Terry Loehman, and Glen Dittmer.

Jean Boles

Card of Thanks

Dear Brother Barry,

We want to use this opportunity of Pastor Appreciation Month to tell you how much we do love and appreciate you. You and Susie are an inspiration to us as you allow Jesus to shine in and through your lives.

As you face Aaron's going to Iraq, we want you to know that you and he are in our prayers and will continue to be.

Holding him — and you — before the throne of grace is a responsibility and a privilege for us.

It is a blessing to us as your church family to see and feel the love that you have for your family. We also thank you for sharing that same love with us.

God bless you. We love you.
Your First Baptist
Church family

Martha O'Dell honored as Coming Home Queen

Selected as 2003 Coming Home Queen last Friday evening was Martha O'Dell. She was born February 26, 1935 on the family farm four miles south of Wingate. She attended school at Wingate until the 8th grade, then transferred to Winters in the fall of 1949.

She was an active member of the pep squad and served on the Gail staff her senior year. (She said she couldn't type very well back then so she would write out her stories in longhand and her friends would type them for her).

She graduated from high school in May, 1953, and on June 6, 1953 married Suvern O'Dell, "the love of her life" after he returned from Korea. They immediately began farming. During the early years of their marriage she was a stay-at-home mother raising her two daughters; one born in 1956 and the second born in 1958. She was very active in her children's lives, attending many school activities and basketball games. She and her husband were 4H leaders and served as district leaders as well.

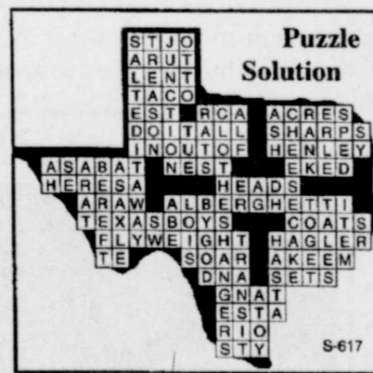
As her children grew up she worked at the Wingate Cafe and in the early 1970's bought the cafe, then sold it and went to work at Dry Manufacturing for a couple of years.

Martha belongs to the Sew and Sew Sewing Club of Wingate and enjoys arts and crafts, and buying things for her four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and one great-grandson.

She and Suvern are members of the Wingate Baptist Church where she serves as secretary.

Full grown oaks are not produced in three years; neither are servants of God.

—Douglas Rumford



Puzzle Solution

ADAM DEBIT ANTE
TODD ELATE PEAL
TOME CONTAGIOUS
AMI POPE RENTE
SHADE TIC
ASSURE RISERS
THING GRUNT BENT
TOOT CREST EPEE
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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 Pastor Terry Loehman, New Beginnings Church

The Game (my testimony)

It was in a tough game. I kept running up against their defense and getting tackled. In the first quarter, it wasn't too bad. Well, at least I hadn't noticed it as much. I had made a lot of mistakes and fumbled a couple of times, but I shook it off and went on.

Deep in the second quarter I noticed that I seemed to be struggling quite a bit. I was making even more mistakes and was starting to lose grip on the game. My teammates believed in me, though, and they kept backing me and blocking for me.

I was really getting tired and was wearing down quickly. You could look at my face and tell I was ready to go into the locker room for halftime.

Remember at the first of the game I thought I had it all figured out. I had watched films of the other team and had learned a lot of their plays but they still took me by surprise. Well, I finally made it to halftime. I would rest and go back out in the third quarter and show 'em what I was made of!

The third quarter started out pretty well, but then they started getting to me again. Although I had scored a couple of times earlier in the game, I was getting shut down now. I even had to take an injury time out and missed part of the game. After I "walked off" my injury and got back in the game, the situation was getting desperate.

Late in the fourth quarter I was in the huddle and desperately needed a good play. It was fourth and long, and Coach called a "turnover play." I didn't understand why he called that. I thought he was crazy!

He said, "Go out about five yards, then turn around and fall to your knees and turn your life over to Jesus."

It was the perfect play and it worked great! The next thing I knew, suddenly I was winning again. There had been some blood shed way early in the game, but it had paid off.

Although it was still not easy going, I was winning and was headed for the Super Bowl!

I finally got to that point in the game where I knew I had it won. My coach was smart when he called that play, and now I'm at the point of the game where all I have to do is just take a knee. God bless you all.

Organizations may qualify for \$500 CTC mini-grant

Hurry! — application deadline is Nov. 14

All community-based organizations that reach youth and/or their parents or caregivers are invited to apply for a \$500 mini-grant from the College for Texans Campaign (CTC).

The application is due by November 14, 2003.

Please visit the web site <www.the.cb.state.tx.us/SAMC/Minigrants/> for:

- 1) your easy-to-complete application with complete eligibility information and other helpful details,
- 2) evaluation-selection criteria,
- 3) lists of organizations that received \$500 mini-grants during the first round of grants,
- 4) a final report form due by September 15, 2004, and
- 5) more information.

Examples of organizations that qualify: faith-based organizations; outreach programs; after-school programs; youth- or parent-focused groups; mentoring or tutoring out-

reach; chambers of commerce or partners in education; business-education councils or coalitions; ethnic-heritage organizations; civic, service, and volunteer organizations; community, health, or scholarship foundations.

Also leadership groups; state, county, or local agencies; arts, music, drama, cultural, academic, enrichment or athletic groups; special-needs groups; senior citizens organizations; hospitals; public housing groups; and educational non-profit groups.

Although schools and institutions of higher education are ineligible to receive a mini-grant, their student councils, PTAs, booster clubs, alumni groups, student leadership organizations, etc. are eligible.

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Dr. Dan Killough takes over Dr. Bill Tatum's Practice



Dr. Dan Killough of Winters has purchased the chiropractic practice of Dr. Bill Tatum in Ballinger.

Dr. Killough received a Bachelor of Science degree from Angelo State University. He majored in biology and has a minor in chemistry. He is also a graduate of Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas.

Dr. Killough has practiced in Winters for 4 years and is pleased that Dr. Tatum will be in the office during this time of transition.

Dr. Tatum will serve as a consultant to Dr. Killough. All patient records will remain in the business office in Ballinger.

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TAKING THE FIELD AFTER 50 YEARS are these members of the Winters High School Class of 1953 who attended the homecoming game Friday evening. Left to right, Ben Colburn of Levelland, Bob Holland of Ft. Worth, and Benny Mayo of Red Oak were among ex-Blizzard players acknowledged during halftime. Holland's teammates kidded him about being able to wear his letter jacket as well as the "stolen" practice jersey. The Class of '53 enjoyed a well-attended reunion on Saturday. A group photo will be published in next week's edition of *The Winters Enterprise*. (photo by Jean Boles)

Senior Citizens Nursing Home News

by Billie Ruth Bishop, Activities Director

In last week's newspaper I announced that Trick or Treat would be on Friday, Oct. 31, Halloween night. But due to other activities, we are changing our time to Saturday night, November 1, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The residents are looking forward to this time of fun, so all you kinds come out and visit them for treats.

There will be balloons on the doors of those residents who will be expecting visitors.

Also, as you walk through the Home, go to the dining room for more treats. There will be refreshments for all. You may leave through the dining room door.

We extend sympathy to all the families of Hilda Bredemeyer, Troy Foster and Pat Pritchard.

Chamber office to locate former Sno Queens

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is attempting to locate former Sno-Queens.

If you know the whereabouts of any of these ladies, please contact Julie Frierson at the chamber office at 754-5210, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. until noon, or Ruth Cooper at 754-4551.

The Chamber of Commerce needs any available information no later than October 31, 2003.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church to host Fall Festival November 9

What began as a celebration of Armistice in 1922, has since evolved into a tradition that spans 81 years. Members of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rowena, continue the tradition by hosting their 81st Annual Fall Festival on Sunday, November 9, 2003, at St. Joseph Hall and surround grounds.

Ricky and Teresa Strube are general chairmen for the event, while Ralph and Donna Willberg assist as co-chairmen. Kitchen co-ordinators are Jeanie Irby and Linda Urbanek. Festival Workers co-ordinators are Martha Lange and Norman Multer.

The theme of this year's festival is "All Creatures Great and Small — The Lord God Made Them All."

A flag-raising ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m. in front of St. Joseph School to begin the day's activities. Members of Rowena VFW Post 9196 will conduct the ceremony.

The noon meal will feature turkey, dressing, and the famous Rowena German-style sausage with all the trimmings. Serving will be from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Prices are \$6.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children and \$6.00 for all plates-to-go.

Plates-to-go will feature a drive-through window as well as a walk-up window. Sausage will be sold by the pound, cooked or uncooked, and can be bought at both the drive-through and walk-up windows and the Sausage House.

Sausage sandwiches will be sold for \$2.00 beginning at 4:30 p.m. and end when the auction is completed.

Handicapped parking and seating will be available.

A Country Store featuring handmade items, plants and baked goods will be open throughout the day.

Children's games, bingo and entertainment begin at 11:45 a.m. and continue until 3:45 p.m.

An auction of cotton and merchandise begins at 1:30 p.m. inside the Parish Hall and will end when all merchandise is sold.

Tickets are being sold for two drawings; the first takes place at 4:00 p.m. and features handmade sampler quilt, two afghans and a doily. The second drawing will take place during the auction. Prizes include a 27" Sanyo flat screen TV, Fuji digital camera and a Craftsman 50-piece socket set.

Tickets for these items may be purchased from any parishioner or on the day of the festival.

Mass for festival workers will be held Saturday, November 8 at 5 p.m. in St. Joseph Church.

The people of St. Joseph Parish and the Community of Rowena invite everyone to join them as "the tradition lives on" — a celebration of thanksgiving to God for home, family and country.

Country Club News

by Brenda Clough, Ladies Golf Association President

Ladies met for regular play on Tuesday. Winning team was Brenda Clough, Jan Sims, Mary Ellen Moore, and Beth Whitlow. This was the last Tuesday play until next spring, but the ladies decided to play on Sunday afternoons as weather permits.

Wednesday night scramble ended in a tie. Winning teams were: Armando Tamez, Louis DeLaCruz, and Kevin McMahon; Mel Kennedy, Bill Hall, and Sherry Gilmore. This was the last Wednesday scramble until spring.

The club will have an ABC scramble this Sunday afternoon with tee-off at 1:30 p.m. Game night will continue each Thursday evening. The club also has a fish fry scheduled for Nov. 15 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now, \$6.00 for adults, children age 9 and under eat free. You may purchase tickets at the club or from any board member. Contact the country club at 754-4679 for additional information.

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Wednesday, Nov. 5: Turkey & dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, and pumpkin pie.

Thursday, Nov. 6: Tator tot casserole, corn, tossed salad, and bread.

Friday, Nov. 7: Sausage, blackeyed peas, macaroni & tomatoes, cornbread, 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.

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- Oct. 30- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 5 p.m., Hale Museum Board of Directors, Rock Hotel 5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. Jim Ned, There
- 6 p.m., JV vs. Jim Ned, Blizzard Stadium
- Oct. 31- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco 7:30 p.m., Varsity vs. Jim Ned, There
- Happy Halloween!*
- Nov. 1- 7-11 p.m., Fall Carnival, WISD Activity Bldg. Kids "Trick-or-Treat" Night
- Nov. 2- 1:30 p.m., ABC Scramble, Winters Country Club
- Nov. 3- 9 a.m., Ministerial Alliance, School Cafeteria 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7-8:30 p.m., Asperger's Support Group, Abilene 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- Nov. 4- 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., Sr. Parents Meeting, School Cafeteria 7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Stadium 7 p.m., Financial Aid Workshop, High School Auditorium 7 p.m., American Legion, Post Home
- Nov. 5- 7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Nov. 6- 10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, Texas Dept. of Health 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center Noon, WABC Business Forum, Rock Hotel 5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. Coleman, Blizzard Stadium 6 p.m., JV vs. Coleman, There 6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office

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Blizzards fall to Armadillos 15-7

by Charles Murphy, sports writer for *The Winters Enterprise*



SCOTT BRYAN turns the corner after snagging the first down pass during varsity action Friday night. (photo by Jean Boles)

The homecoming crowd was excited as the Blizzards won the toss and elected to receive the opening kickoff from the San Saba Armadillos Friday night in Blizzard Stadium. After the kickoff, the Blizzards set up at their own 10 yard line. A loss of 3 and a gain of 4 brought up third and nine. Benjie Valles found John Heathcott for 25 yards and a first down at the 36 yard line. An incomplete pass on first down and a late intentional grounding call on second down left the Blizzard offense facing third and 25.

The third down Valles pass was intercepted by San Saba and fumbled, then recovered by Max Harrison. But a holding call on the Blizzards ne-

gated the whole thing.

Now facing third and 35, San Saba was guilty of pass interference and gave the Blizzards the first down at their own 24 (12 yards closer to their own goal line than when they started this set of downs).

First down saw an interception set the Armadillos up at the Winters 34 yard line. With 8:50 left in the first quarter, the Dillos scored on a 26 yard pass. The extra point was good and San Saba had a 7-0 lead.

The kickoff return set the Blizzards up at their own 25 yard line. Eric Lopez gained eleven yards on first down. Two incompletions and a short gain by Lopez left the offense facing fourth and six. In punt formation, the deep snap sailed high and the punter, Lopez, chased it down and eventually got the kick off, setting San Saba up at their own 35 yard line. Twelve plays and four first downs later, the Dillos turned the ball over on downs at the Winters 7 yard line after a Wacey Cason sack.

A loss of four on first down brought up second and 14 from the three yard line. The Dillo defense trapped Michael Liggins in the end zone for a safety with 11:10 left in the half.

After the free kick, San Saba set up at their own 36 yard line. Two plays later, Tim Fenwick pounced on the San Saba fumble at midfield. After netting one yard on first and second downs, Valles was intercepted at the Blizzard 49. One play later, Matthew Cook pounced on another San Saba fumble at the Blizzard 45.

The Blizzard offense appeared to come to life after a gain of six by Liggins and a Valles completion to Liggins for 33, setting up the Blizzards with a first and ten at the San Saba 25 yard line. A holding call on first down brought up first and 20. Valles found Scott Bryan for seven on first down but a second down fumble turned the ball over at the Blizzard 32 yard line.

Four plays later, San Saba struck paydirt with a 50 yard

touchdown pass. The try for two failed and with 4:42 left in the half, San Saba held a 15-0 advantage.

The ensuing kickoff set the Blizzards up at their own 32 yard line. Frank Perez picked up four yards and Lopez gained two. Facing third and four, Valles found Lopez for 21 to the San Saba 43. On first down, Valles scampered for 14 to the San Saba 29. A loss of ten on first down and an incompleton on second would bring up third and 20. Valles found Fenwick for 40 yards and a touchdown. The Valles extra point was good and with 1:40, the Blizzards were back in the game, facing a 15-7 deficit. The half ended with no more fireworks.

The second half proved to be a lesson in futility as neither offense could get anything going. Highlights of the second half included the Blizzard defense turning the ball over on downs several times and Matt Tekell coming up with a San Saba fumble at the Blizzard 22. This gave the offense a chance to put together an 11 play drive only to be forced to punt.

Punts and more penalties by both teams highlighted the fourth quarter as the game ended with San Saba at the Blizzard goal line but not getting in.

The Armadillos took the ugly 15-7 win.

Winters will face the undefeated Jim Ned Indians this Friday night at Tuscola. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	Winters	San Saba
First downs	9	15
Rushing yards	22-28	21-121
Passing yards	98	101
Total yards	126	222
Comp-Att-Int	3-24-1	6-17-0
Punts-Ave.	2-1	0-0
Fumbles-lost	9-80	4-20

SCORING SUMMARY

By Quarters	Winters	San Saba
1st	0	7
2nd	7	8
3rd	0	0
4th	0	0

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing: Benjie Valles 7-23-2, 133 yds., 1 touchdown.
Receiving: Lopez 3-49; Liggins 2-39; Heathcott 1-25; Bryan 1-6; Fenwick 2-45
Rushing: Valles 4-5; Perez 2-4; Lopez 8-20; Liggins 3-15; Pritchard 1-5.



AARON COLBURN #15 and Jerry Hord #62 close in on the San Saba runner who loses the ball stripped by John Heathcott #42. (photo by Jean Boles)



COURT PIKE breaks through the pile to gain extra yardage for the junior varsity Blizzards against the Armadillos Thursday evening. (photo courtesy of Mike Neal)

District 9-2A

Season Standings

Team	DISTRICT			SEASON		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Jim Ned	3	0	0	8	0	0
Bangs	2	1	0	4	4	0
San Saba	2	1	0	3	4	0
Winters	0	3	0	1	6	0
Coleman	0	3	0	2	6	0
Goldthwaite	2	1	0	4	4	0

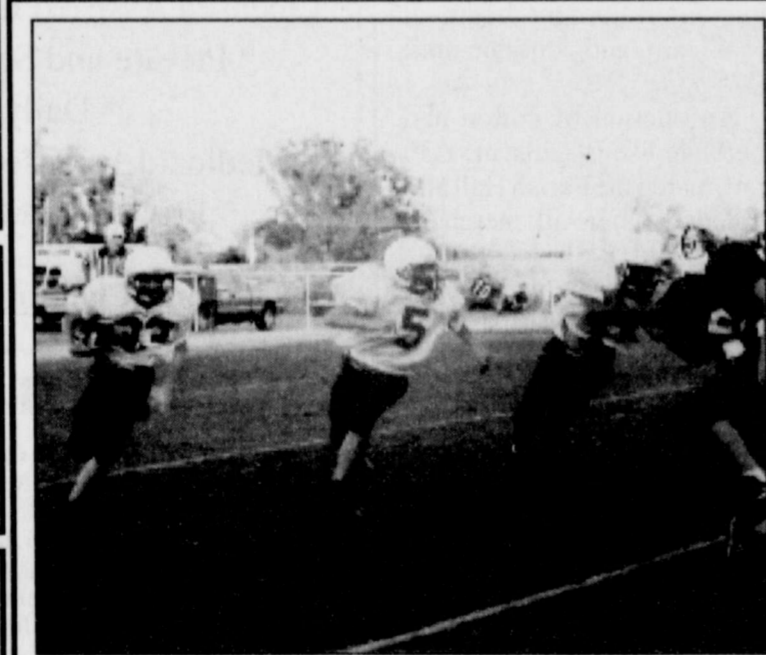
8th Breezes "dig in" to hold on to 32-28 win

The Winters 8th grade Breezes' defense held tough with a goal line stand to take the 32-28 win over the San Saba Armadillos Thursday evening.

The Breezes came from behind 28-8 and held onto the win.

Coach Kerry Huddleston said, "Our entire defense played tough, especially the second half."

Julian Perez was a key player with several runs to sustain the Winters drives, scored one touchdown and had one interception at the end of the game.



TORY BURNS #33 looks for the block behind Tad Martin #5 as Alex Harrison takes out his defender during 8th grade action against San Saba. (photo by Randall Boles)

7th grade loses to San Saba 22-6

The 7th grade Breezes fell to the San Saba Armadillos 22-6 last Thursday in Winters.

Ethan Coffman brought the Winters fans to their feet with a 55-yard run which set up the Breezes touchdown scored by Raphael Galloway. Outstanding on defense were Colby Pritchard and Kevin Bredemeyer.

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2003 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
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	6-49
Oct. 17	Goldthwaite▲	T	7:30	0-32
Oct. 24★	San Saba▲	H	7:30	7-15
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
Aug. 28	Menard	H	8:30	12-0
Sept. 4	Cross Plains	T	6:30	18-8
Sept. 11	Mason	T	6:30	rained out
Sept. 18	Waller	T	6:30	unavailable
Sept. 25	Albany	T	6:30	0-59
Oct. 2	OPEN			
Oct. 9	OPEN			
Oct. 16	OPEN			
Oct. 23★	San Saba★▲	T	6:00	14-32
Oct. 30	Jim Ned▲	T	6:00	
Nov. 6	Coleman▲	T	6:00	

★ Homecoming ▲ District Games

2003 Jr. High Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Sept. 4	Cross Plains	T	5 - 8th only	
Sept. 11	Mason	H	6:30	
Sept. 18	Wall	T	5 & 6:30	8TH 7TH 6-27 0-24
Sept. 25	Robert Lee	H	6:30	
Oct. 2	OPEN			
Oct. 9	Bangs▲	T	5 & 6:30	rained out
Oct. 16	Goldthwaite▲	T	5 & 6:30	unavailable
Oct. 23	San Saba▲	H	6:00	
Oct. 30	Jim Ned▲	T	5 & 6:30	
Nov. 6	Coleman▲	H	5 & 6:30	

▲ District Games

School



CAMILLE KURTZ, decked out in straw hat and bow tie, co-emceed the fourth graders' musical program of "Celebrate You and Me." Twin sister, Caitlin, was also emcee of the Oct. 21 performance.
(photo by Jean Boles)



"CELEBRATE YOU AND ME" is performed by members of the Winters Elementary 4th grade class last week. The fast-paced musical, under the direction of music teacher Fran Kidwell, emphasized self-esteem.
(photo by Jean Boles)

Varsity C-C boys runners-up at district meet; advance to regionals

Parramore of varsity girls division also qualifies; 7th grade boys win district

The cross-country teams did a good job at the district meet on Monday, according to coach Deb Whittenburg.

The varsity boys were runners-up, which qualifies them for the regional meet Nov. 8 in Arlington. Team members include Javier Rodriguez, Jose Hernandez, Jonathan Meyer, Juan Hernandez, Bryce Wilkerson, and Ismael Aragon.

The varsity girls were fifth overall. Briana Parramore qualified for regional by placing in the top ten.

In the junior high divisions, the seventh grade boys won their division. Team members include Michael Perez, Rich-

ard Perez, Kevin Bredemeyer, Corey Fenwick, and Colby Pritchard. In the junior high girls division, the team was sixth. Camille Kruse won her division and teammate Jessica Barker was a close second.

Individual scores:

Varsity boys

Javier Rodriguez, 4th, 19:01
Jose Hernandez, 5th, 19:16
Jonathan Meyer, 10th, 19:49
Juan Hernandez, 15th, 20:40
Bryce Wilkerson, 21st, 21:09
Ismael Aragon, 27th, 22:41

JV Boys

Anthony Ramirez, 5th
Luke Hale, 8th

Varsity Girls

Briana Parramore, 9th, 13:42
Patricia Carrillo, 13th, 14:11

Macy Hopson, 22nd, 14:46
Kari Walker, 35th, 15:29
Jessica Meyer, 36th, 15:48

JV Girls

Ashley Laird, 5th, 15:26
Amy Kraatz, 17th, 16:49

7th Grade Boys (1.5 miles)

Michael Perez, 2nd, 10:02
Richard Perez, 3rd, 10:34
Kevin Bredemeyer, 5th, 11:18
Corey Fenwick, 6th, 11:28
Colby Pritchard, 8th, 11:37

7th Grade Girls (1.5 miles)

Camille Kruse, 1st, 10:28
Jessica Barker, 2nd, 10:36
Elena Valdez, 20th, 12:36
Juana Harrison, 48th, 14:15
Marie Perez, 49th, 14:16

8th Grade Girls (1.5 miles)

Sarah Rodriguez, 27th, 14:29

**Good Luck at
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Our apology

We inadvertently omitted Brittany Woffenden's name from the caption of the junior high girls cross-country team. Though not captured, Brittany is a member. She currently is mending a stress fracture and is looking forward to running again soon. Please accept our apology for the error.

Scholarships available for eligible students planning to attend Angelo State

Students planning to attend Angelo State University, may be eligible to receive a Carr Academic Scholarship.

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- have financial need.

Other areas in which students are given consideration are academic record, extracurricular activities, honesty and integrity, initiative and motivation, leadership, moral character, and special talents and abilities.

The priority deadline for applications is February 1, 2004, but they will be accepted through June 1, 2004. For more information on a Carr Scholarship you may visit the financial aid office at Angelo State University, call them at (325) 942-2246, or e-mail Carr@angelo.edu.

Financial aid workshop Nov. 4

Winters High School will host a financial aid workshop, Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Jim Glosbrenner with the Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center will speak. Topics to be covered include:

- 1) FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- 2) Student loans
- 3) Scholarships.

A question and answer session will follow.

At least one \$100 scholarship will be given away at the meeting.

All junior and senior students and parents are urged to attend, as well as anyone else who might be interested.

Registration deadline is Nov. 7 for next ACT test

College-bound high school students who want to take the ACT Assessment have two chances to register before the Dec. 13 national test date. The postmark registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 7. There is also a late registration postmark deadline on Nov. 20 (an additional fee is required for late registration). Students can get information from their high school counselor or register online at <www.act.org>.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The ACT is a curriculum-based achievement test, not an aptitude test. There are four sections, covering English, reading, math, and science. The tests cover material that students study in high school.

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

Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA, the type of college-prep courses taken, and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

To learn more about the ACT Assessment, including registration forms and test locations, contact your local high school counselor or go to the ACT website <www.act.org>, which also offers helpful information including test prep advice, sample tests, and a free financial aid needs calculator.

Senior parents meeting, Tues., November 4

The parents of the Senior Class of 2004 will be having a Project Graduation meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2003. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Winters ISD cafeteria.

If you have any questions please contact Janet Cason at 754-5205 or Mary Beth Ahrens at 743-8035.

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Friday-Nov. 7
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Wednesday-Nov. 5
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Overall 53-37	50-40	66-24	60-30	63-27

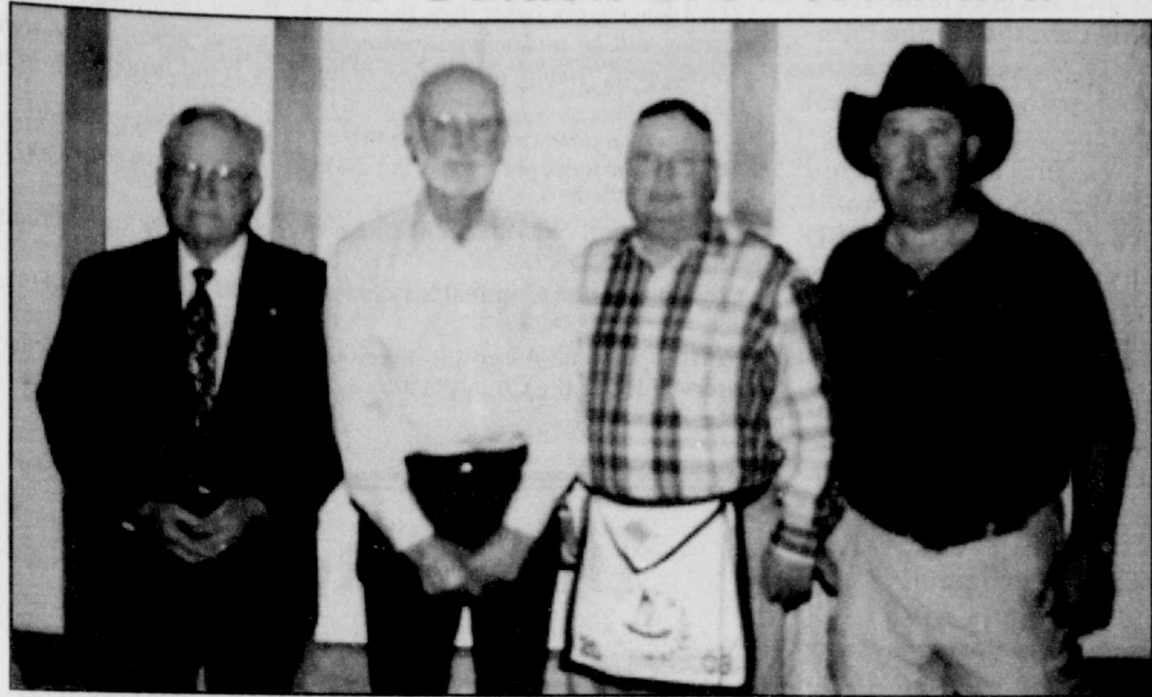
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Two receive 50 Year Service Pins; One bestowed the Golden Trowel Award—



C. RAY DEAN (far left) and JIM KING (second from left) of Wingate were presented with 50-year membership pins by the Wingate Lodge for their faithful service and dedication to the ideals of Masonry. Dean was also presented with the Golden Trowel Award for his consistent service to his community and the Masonic Lodge. The Golden Trowel is the highest award within the Blue Lodge that a member can receive. Also pictured are District Deputy Grand Master Faron Pfeiffer (second from right) and Wingate Master Hank Bourdo. (photo courtesy of Vicky Hensley)

Community Builder Award Recipient—



RANDALL CONNOR (second from left) of Winters was recently honored by the Wingate Masonic Lodge with the Community Builder Award. This award is presented to individuals who have been active within their local communities in various activities and is the highest award bestowed by the Masons to a non-member. Pictured with Randall is wife Susan, Wingate Master Hank Bourdo (far left), and District Deputy Grand Master Faron Pfeiffer (far right). (photo courtesy of Vicky Hensley)

City Council focuses on unsightly properties

by Jean Boles, editor

Mike Neal, president of the Winters Beautification Committee, spoke to City Council members at their regular meeting Monday evening, offering suggestions from his organization.

"We're very serious about the appearance of our community and want to work hand-in-hand with the city to do whatever we can," said Neal. "We are willing to help notify offenders with 'courtesy' letters, then submit our lists to the City who can then take the appropriate legal steps if the property is not improved."

He asked about the possibility of the city hiring a Code Enforcement officer at some time in the future.

Neal shared information about the city of DeLeon which, through a joint effort between their beautification committee and the city, was able to clean up eighty lots and get rid of twenty abandoned vehicles, "making a great im-

provement in the community."

Mayor Dawson McGuffin thanked Neal for his efforts, saying, "We appreciate the Beautification Committee and all you're doing. We're not happy with the way things look now. But a few people can't do this (change the city)—it'll take everybody working together to change the way we look."

McGuffin went on to say, "Parents need to teach their children to be responsible in taking care of trash and having pride in our community. And if someone is colorblind and needs help picking out paint, we'll be glad to help."

City Manager Aref Hassan reminded Mr. Neal and the Council of the importance of following all the legal steps in handling code violations.

He said, "Partnership of the City with the Beautification Committee is always a good gesture. It is an important part of every community to have a

clean community."

Councilman Jimmy Butler asked Dr. Hassan on the status of the burned house on Main Street belonging to Oscar Medina.

Dr. Hassan said, "We have followed all the legal steps because we can't dump (the burned materials) just anywhere."

Hassan said he has contacted BFI Waste Systems to secure proper dumpsters which will cost approximately \$250 per load for asbestos, shingles and other possibly toxic materials. He further stated that the project will be handled by members of the City's Street Department who will clear the property as soon as the street paving project is completed. However, Dr. Hassan did not give a specific timeline for clearing the Medina property. He said the limbs and other wood would be taken to the City's sewer farm property and burned under supervision.

In other action, the Council approved the following:

- allocating fifty percent of the motel occupancy tax to be used for construction and maintenance of an information kiosk to be located on the corner of Main and State streets. This will include landscaping in that immediate area.

- the 2003 tax roll of 1,300 names.

- placing ads in newspapers for sealed bids and processing the sale of three surplus police department vehicles.
- the hiring of Ronnie Lusk as new police sergeant with the Winters Police Department.

Present for the October 27 meeting were Aldermen Mike Meyer, Jimmy Butler and Hank Bourdo; City Attorney Kenneth Slimp; Mayor McGuffin; and City Manager Hassan. Aldermen Tommy Russell and Steve Esquivel were absent.

Asperger's support group to meet Nov. 3

Parents, family members, and friends of people with Asperger's Syndrome, a form of autism, are invited to attend an area support group on Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center in Abilene. The Family Life Center is located at 1442 North Second.

For this meeting, Steve Queen, director of the Ministry of Counsel, has a special program planned for the sib-

lings of people with Asperger's. Adults will have a "share and compare" time to exchange experiences, successes, and war stories. Activities for children with Asperger's will be provided. Please make reservations in order that there will be adequate supervision.

Call 1-800-375-8793 or 1-325-672-9999 to make a reservation or for more information.

Writers' Club to meet Nov. 11

The San Angelo Writers' Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 11 N. Park, San Angelo.

Club member Mike Thompson, author of the audio book "Charlie Deegan," will speak to the group about writing film scripts.

An informal social period will precede the meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in writing, whether or not a published author, is invited to attend.

For more information, call Barbara Barton at 949-7303.

Stenholm expresses disappointment with vote on rural health care

Congressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) expressed his disappointment that the House of Representatives on Sept. 23 narrowly voted (202-213) against his motion to instruct negotiators working out the differences in Medicare prescription drug legislation between the House and the Senate to agree to provisions important for rural health care.

Stenholm's motion called on negotiators to accept the

following priorities for rural health care:

- 1) Guaranteed prescription drug coverage through a fall-back option through Medicare in areas where private drug plans are not available;

- 2) The best provisions improving Medicare payments to health care providers in rural areas that were included in the Senate or House bill (S.1/H.R. 1);

- 3) Reject the cut in payments to hospitals in the House bill which will adversely affect hospitals in rural areas and undercut the benefits of the rural health care improvements. The

American Hospital Association estimated that the provision in the House passed bill reducing hospital payments would cost the 27 hospitals in the 17th District of Texas \$24,188,539.

"I will continue to speak out on behalf of rural health care and build bipartisan support for legislation that will provide this critical health care assistance to rural communities."

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Cecilia Ovalles graduates basic combat training

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Army National Guard Pvt. Cecilia M. Ovalles has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

She is the granddaughter of Jacinta Ovalles and Santiago Ovalles, both of Winters, Texas.

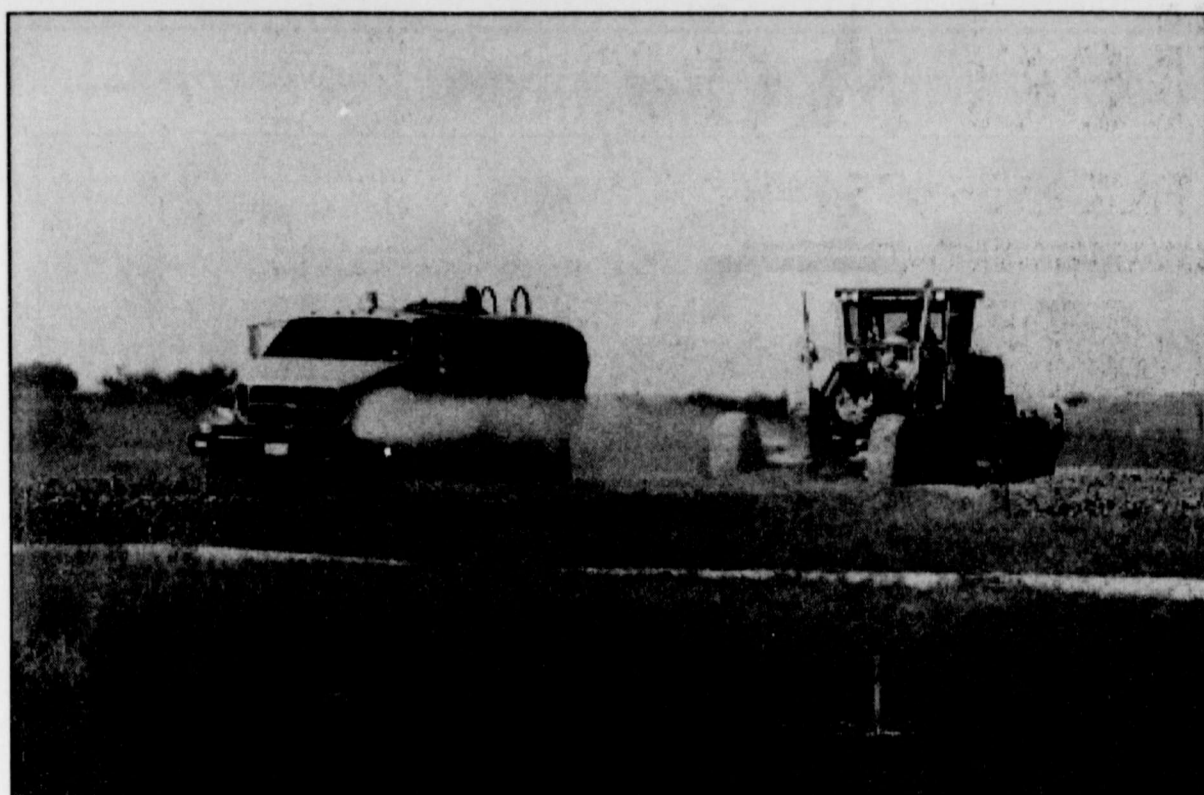
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 To donate prizes or sponsor a booth, call Phil Colburn 754-5143, Belinda Schwartz 754-5606, Mark & Yolanda Bridgeman 754-4685, or Cindy & Cody Hord 743-2381.

Law & Order



WORK IS UNDERWAY at the Winters Airport where the taxiways are being dug out before being replaced. Also planned is resurfacing the runway. The project cost is \$300,000; with ten percent of that money coming from matching funds of \$15,000 from the City and \$15,000 from community contributions. The remaining \$270,000 is funded by grant money from the Texas Department of Transportation. (photo by Jean Boles)

DPS offers safety tips for trick-or-treaters

Darkness settles and Jack-o-lantern's ghoulish smile beckons little ghosts and hobgoblins to come out to play. In hopes that all the night's partakers return home safe and sound, the Texas Department of Safety is reminding Texans to be safe and responsible this Halloween.

"Halloween is a fun time for both children and adults, but oftentimes people act or drive carelessly or are not aware of their surroundings," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "Many pedestrians will be on the streets, and drivers need to watch for them."

To prevent tragedy befalling our children, motorists are urged to drive slowly in neighborhoods and to be on the look-

out for trick-or-treaters. Safety tips for trick-or-treaters include:

- Look both ways before crossing roadways. Always walk, don't run.
- Cross the roadway at intersections and crosswalks when possible.
- Avoid toy guns and knives — they could be mistaken for the real thing.
- Wear costumes that are light in color, and short enough to avoid tripping.
- Wear shoes that fit.
- Reflective material of some kind on the costume is strongly encouraged.
- Avoid masks — use face paint instead for better visibility and peripheral vision.
- Travel in groups with adult

supervision.

- Do not enter the cars and homes of strangers.
- Avoid homes without visible porch lights.
- Carry a flashlight and make sure an adult accompanies small children.
- Exercise caution when crossing streets.
- Never trick-or-treat in unfamiliar areas.
- Take all treats home for an adult to inspect before eating anything. Never eat unwrapped candy.
- Make sure children know their home phone number and how to call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost.

WISD, continued

school districts' financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

"We are very pleased with Winters ISD's Schools FIRST rating," said WISD Superintendent Danny Clack, "as it shows that our district is making the most of our taxpayers' dollars. This rating shows that Winters schools are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently."

The Schools FIRST accountability rating system assigns one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, with the highest being "Superior Achievement," followed by "Above-Standard Achievement," "Standard Achievement" and "Substandard Achievement."

Districts with serious data quality problems may receive additional rating of "Suspended—Data Quality." Districts that receive the "Substandard Achievement" or "Suspended—Data Quality" ratings under Schools FIRST must file a corrective action plan with the Texas Education Agency.

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Police Beat

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

The following are calls investigated by the Winters Police Department during the week of October 20, 2003, through October 26, 2003.

- Officers:
- filed a report of Criminal Mischief in the 300 block of E. Truett Street.
 - filed a report of Criminal Mischief in the 400 block of East Dale Street.
 - investigated an Assault in the 400 block of S. Main. The case was forwarded to the County Attorney and is pending prosecution.

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Luis Alberto Sanchez, driving while license invalid, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$250, plus \$211 court costs

Loretta Horton, assault, 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

Mike Estevan Lopez, 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

Mike Estevan Lopez, driving while license suspended, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Kerry Patton, theft by check, case dismissed, defendant paid restitution and hot check fees

Juan Tamez Ochoa, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$251 court costs, \$96.20 restitution, assigned 40 hours community service

Anthony Moreno, failure to appear, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Criminal Cases Filed October 16

Phillip Boyd Boggess, filed on two counts: for possession of marijuana and for providing alcohol to a minor

Maria D. Garcia, filed for theft of service

Joshua David Gibbs, filed for failure to appear

Paul Juarez, filed for failure to appear

Timothy Madrid, filed for driving while intoxicated

Katrina Rodriguez, filed for criminal mischief

Civil Cases Filed October 10

Bruce Carlin vs. Helen Hovorak, personal injury

October 13
Brenda Marie Burton vs. Tommy Dwight Burton, application for protective order

Marriage Licenses Filed October 21

Edward Boyd Jennings and Ann Wilbanks Hays

Eric Paul Molinar and Janessa K. Hopkins

District Court Civil Cases Filed October 20

In re: order for foreclosure concerning Carla King and 208 County Road 238, Rowena, Texas 76875, application for foreclosure

Divorces Granted October 9

Enrique G. Torres and Carmen S. Torres

William McArthur Westerman and Elisha Nicole Westerman

October 16

Gary Lynn Thomas and Janet Isabell Thomas

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed October 9

Martha Carson, filed for driving while intoxicated with a child 15 years of age

October 21

Tyrone Watkins, filed for felony driving while intoxicated

Criminal Cases Filed October 14

Joseph Tyler Davis, filed for minor in possession

October 17

Lacindia Kay Moore, failure to report accident immediately

RRC adopts Williams' rule to assist victims of family violence

On October 21, 2003, the Railroad Commission adopted a rule proposed by Commissioner Michael L. Williams to provide a waiver to victims of family violence for deposits required by gas utilities. This provision is similar to one in place at the Public Utility Commission (PUC) for electric utility and telecommunications service providers.

"Texans in need now have easier access to a service necessary for cooking, bathing, heating and laundry," said Williams. "With over 180,000 instances of family violence in Texas last year, I feel confident that this waiver will be utilized to transition those victims into safe homes, potentially saving

lives."

"TXU applauds the Railroad Commission's efforts to allow victims of family violence to receive a waiver from paying a deposit for natural gas service," stated Autry Warren, Director Gas Regulatory at TXU Business Services.

The amendment provides that a gas utility must waive any deposit requirement for an applicant who has been determined to be a victim of family violence by a family violence center, treating medical personnel, or law enforcement agency personnel. Applicants only need to submit certification as developed by the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV). The certification let-

ter will be available on the TCFV website <www.tcfv.org>.

"Combined with waivers provided by the PUC for utility and telephone deposits, the availability of the gas waiver to victims of family violence will enable victims to establish all the basic, critical services in a new, safe home," commented Sheryl Cates, Executive Director of the Texas Council on Family Violence. "For this reason, the gas deposit waiver will be of great help to victims of family violence."

"This rule will greatly help victims of domestic violence by providing financial ease, safety for the victim and her children from batterer, and gas

for hot water and heat for cooking," said Deborah Tucker, Executive Director of the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Abuse.

"All of these would help victims make a transition into a life free of violence."

This amendment differs from PUC rules in that it allows for certification from law enforcement agency personnel. Of the 183,440 reported instances of family violence last year, only 11,257 adult victims sought shelter through the aid of a family violence center.

"This additional option was added because in most cases, law enforcement personnel are the first and only responders to acts of family violence," said Williams. "I want to make sure that victims have easy access to assistance."

Legal Notices

BID NOTICE

North Runnels Hospital District is advertising for bids for employee health insurance.

All bids must be delivered to the office of the Administrator, North Runnels Hospital, 7821 East Highway 153, Winters, Texas, on or before December 1, 2003, by 5:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 14-43(2tc)

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The Winters Independent School District will hold a hearing for public questions and comments concerning the Superior Achievement Rating that the district received under Texas' new Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system.

The regular monthly meeting of the Winters I.S.D. Board of Trustees will follow this hearing. 14-44(2tc)

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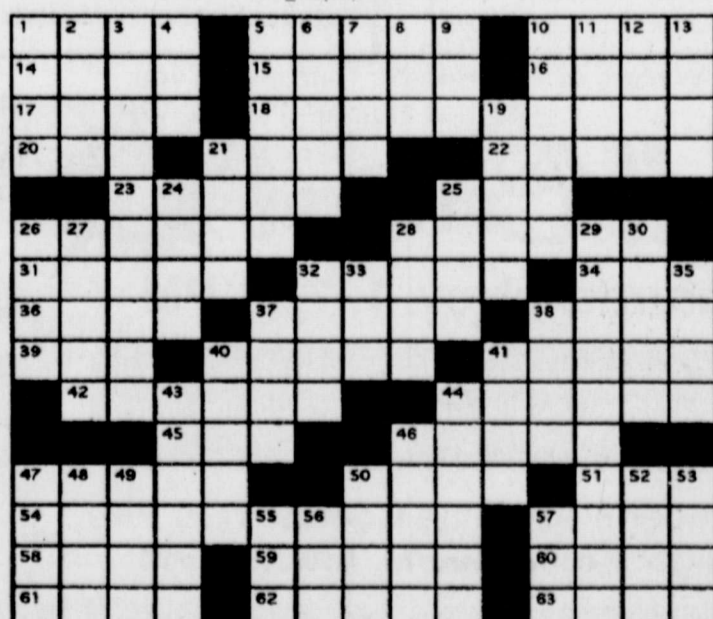
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14-43(2tc)

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14-44(1tc)

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14-38(tfc)

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14-38(tfc)

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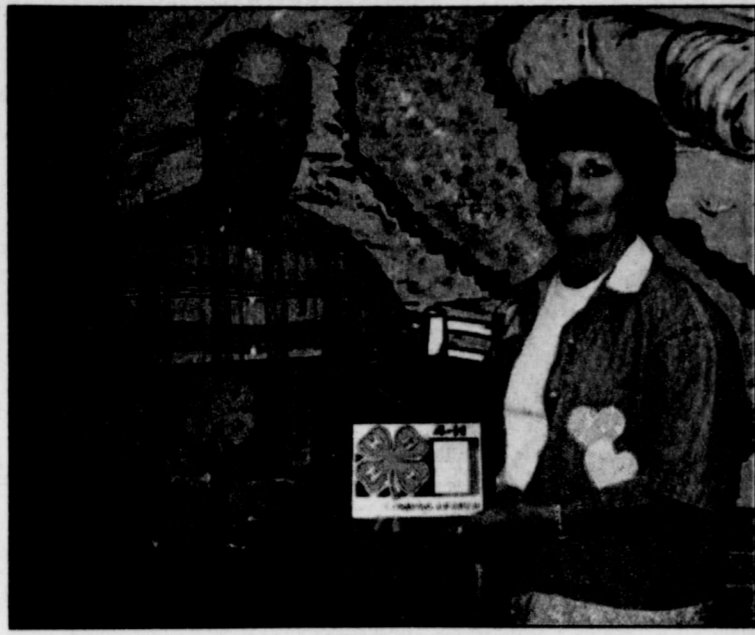
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Outstanding 4-H Leaders—



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MIKE HALFMANN of the Ballinger 4-H Club and **BELINDA SCHWARTZ** (right) of the Winters 4-H Club were named Outstanding 4-H Leaders at the Runnels County 4-H Banquet on Saturday evening, October 18.

Historic farm and ranch applications due Nov. 15

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminds Texans that applications for the 2003 Family Land Heritage Program are due November 15.

The Texas Department of Agriculture Family Land Heritage Program recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for 100 years or more. Since the program started in 1974, TDA has recognized 3,773 farms and ranches in 220 Texas counties.

Combs commended past honorees and those who have submitted their applications for this year's program for their hard work in making Texas agriculture what it is today — the second largest industry in the state.

"Each family's agricultural

legacy is an integral part of our state's agricultural success," Combs said. "This program recognizes each family's contribution to Texas agriculture and the county where their ancestors settled."

Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during a ceremony in March in Austin. Each family's agricultural history also will be chronicled in a registry. Honorees can also obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property.

Applications are available through county judges, TDA's website at www.agr.state.tx.us or by contacting Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or (512) 463-2631.

Stenholm seeking applications for U.S. Service Academies

Congressman Charles Stenholm is looking for well rounded students who may be interested in attending one of the U.S. Service Academies with the class entering in July 2004.

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Extension News & Views

by Patricia Hohensee, Extension Agent-FCS

4-H'ers recognized at 2003 Runnels County Achievement Banquet

The 2003 Runnels County Achievement Banquet was held Saturday, October 18, at the Ballinger High School Cafeteria in Ballinger. Approximately 170 4-H'ers and their families attended the banquet which capitalized on the achievements of the 4-H'ers in Runnels County. Jennifer Englert, Chairman of the Runnels County 4-H Council, was the Mistress of Ceremonies for the night.

Tom Guthrie, County Extension Agent for Agriculture in Mills County, gave an enlightening talk encouraging 4-H'ers to be proud and ambitious in their 4-H endeavors. Mr. Guthrie, former Assistant County Extension Agent for Agriculture in Runnels County, stressed the importance of being dedicated to 4-H project work.

Picked as outstanding club officers for the past year were Stacy King, Ballinger 4-H; Tyler Englert, Norton 4-H; Russell Pelzel, Rowena 4-H; Maegan Schwartz, Winters 4-H and Amber Glass, Miles 4-H. Named as Outstanding Leaders were Mike Halfmann of the Ballinger 4-H Club and Belinda Schwartz of the Win-

ters 4-H Club. Mark Zentner of Rowena, with Ben E. Keith, was named Friend of 4-H.

Silver Star winners were Eric Schwertner, son of Steve and Linda Schwertner; Tyler Englert, son of Robert and Rose Englert; and Alisha Multer, daughter of Tony and Norma Multer. Assisting with these award presentations were Runnels County Commissioners Ricky Strube and Freddie Grohman.

Runnels County is proud to have five outstanding senior 4-H'ers as their Gold Star winners. They are Amy Schwertner, daughter of Steve and Linda Schwertner of Miles; Jennifer Englert, daughter of Robert and Rose Englert of Norton; Jacob Kalina, son of Curtis and Donna Kalina of Miles; Ashley McCoy, daughter of Cindy McCoy of Rowena; and Meagan Minzenmayer, daughter of Rick and Mary Minzenmayer of Ballinger. Runnels County Judge Marilyn Egan presented the honorees with their 4-H Gold Star awards, the highest award given on the county level. These five 4-H'ers will be honored at the District 7 4-H Gold Star Banquet in

Abilene on October 27.

Bike-a-thon awards were also awarded from the recent 4-H/Wal-Mart Bike-a-thon with Jackie Pospichal of Wal-Mart assisting in awards presentations. Receiving the top award of a 19" color TV was Reba Frye of Ballinger, who collected \$419.50. Second place honors of a ten speed bicycle went to Kristopher Strube of Ballinger and third place, a cd/cassette player, went to Courtney Gibbs of Ballinger. Runnels County 4-H'ers collected over \$3,127 as a result of their Bike-a-thon

efforts.

Year pins and project pins were presented to the 4-Hers in attendance as well as record book plaques and plates to 4-Hers who prepared record books.

Special thanks go to donors who helped finance this year's banquet. Runnels County 4-H appreciates Runnels County Farm Bureau and Coleman County Electric Co-op for the funds they provided to help honor the 4-H youth of Runnels County and their many accomplishments.

Ag Talk

by Congressman Charles Stenholm

• U.S. increases share of world wheat market

There's some good news for U.S. wheat producers. The U.S. share of the world wheat market will probably reach 30 percent this year, as exports jump 5.5 million tons, after hitting an all-time low of 21 percent last year.

According to the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), the reasons for the increased U.S. share are largely weather-related.

The U.S. has harvested one of its largest wheat crops, while weather has reduced the European Union's crop by 10 million tons. According to the experts, this in turn could cause Europe's wheat exports to be off by 25 million tons.

On the subject of trade, U.S. agricultural exports were up 5 percent in the first 11 months of fiscal year 2003; however, agricultural imports into the U.S. have increased 11 percent, which is a new record.

While this isn't particularly good news, it is worth keeping in mind that U.S. agricultural exports make an important contribution to the nation's trade balance and will continue to.

• Mexico reopens border to U.S.

Mexico has reopened its border to cattle coming from the U.S. after closing the border and quarantining 40 head of cattle for two days. However, tests revealed that the cattle have bovine papular stomatitis — NOT foot and mouth disease as first suspected.

The cattle had mouth lesions which prompted Mexico to close the border prior to conducting foot and mouth disease tests. Bovine papular stomatitis is a disease occasionally found in young cattle and even occurs in Mexico.

Last year the United States shipped 106,000 head of cattle to Mexico, making it the number one foreign consumer of U.S. beef.

Under these circumstances, the United States must remain vigilant to ensure that the U.S. cattle herd is free from diseases like BSE and foot and mouth disease.

• Mad Cow disease in Japan

Japan's recent discovery of Mad Cow disease in a 23-month old animal will have no effect on U.S. action to reopen our border to Canadian cattle under 30 months of age.

The USDA is unconvinced that Japan's finding represents a new form of "Mad Cow" disease.

One little Indian—



RILEY WEST, 3-1/2 years old, sits atop a cannon perched with tomahawk in hand at Fort Chadbourne Ranch near Blackwell. He is the son of Alisa and Kelly West of Ballinger, the grandson of Garland and Lana Richards of Blackwell, and the great-grandson of Nell Richards of Ballinger. (courtesy photo)

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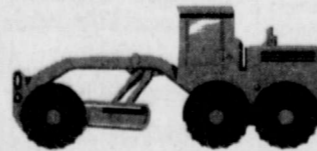
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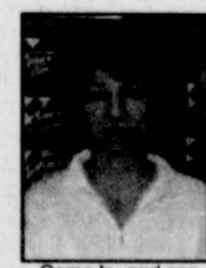
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Hunting forecast for Runnels County promising for 2003-2004

Combined factors should make this is a very special season for area hunters

by Ralph Suarez, TPWD wildlife biologist

DEER — We have recently completed our annual spotlight deer surveys and I am very pleased to announce our findings. Deer numbers are up over much of the area mainly due to good range conditions. Again we recorded a very large fawn crop this year with high survival rates which will add to the overall number of deer found out on the range. Last year's mild and fairly wet winter allowed deer to come into this season in very good body condition. Most of the "spring bloom" went to build reserves and was not used up building deteriorated bodies. The good body condition will allow doe deer to raise strong, healthy fawns for future generations to enjoy. Likewise, the good range conditions have also allowed buck deer to recover from rutting activities quickly and started them on their way to producing this year's set of antlers. And what antlers we have seen! This season looks to be as good, or dare I say,

maybe even better than last season. I don't have to tell anyone about the high quality antlers that were seen and taken last year. Last season was one of the better years on record for the total number of quality deer harvested. I can honestly say that we have seen some of the largest antlered deer on low fence pastures this year than I can remember recording. Several bucks that will score 150 B&C inches or better were observed on several ranches throughout the area. Some of the bucks harvested already have shown very good antler production and good body weights. A buck harvested already this season in southern Runnels County gross scored 158 B&C inches. A buck that was killed in Concho County scored in the high 140's and field dressed 162 lbs. Some of the intensely managed high fence properties have observed several bucks that will score better than 160 B&C inches. These kinds of deer are usually products of several factors that come together in a special way. The reduced com-

petition from livestock, timely rainfall, good range management, and other intangible factors should make this a very special season for area hunters. The improved conditions and large fawn survival will make it necessary for hunters to spend some time harvesting doe deer from these ranges. Animal numbers should be maintained at levels that will allow all deer found on the range adequate nutrition, especially during stress periods like cold, wet weather or a dry spring and summer.

QUAIL — Get your dog and your gun ready for what should be a spectacular season of quail hunting. Quail populations around the area seem to be at the highest levels in 10 years. Quail seem to be every where this year and should provide sportsmen with tremendous hunting opportunities. Quail are very hard to manage for sustained production year after year. They are very cyclic and are very dependent on mother nature to help them pull off a successful hatch. This year

we seemed to have had the rains at the right time for quail to do their thing. The mild winter we had last year allowed for many young quail to make it into this summer's breeding season. The large breeding population along with improved range conditions and a multitude of insects, which allowed young chicks to survive, will provide area hunters with one of the best seasons on record. If quail population dynamics hold to be true, we have spent the last three years building to this point and unfortunately history indicates that the quail population will not be this good next season. They spend several years building to a boom and then crash rather quickly. This is the cyclic nature of quail populations. Research indicates that almost 80% of the quail will perish each year, with or without hunting. Hunting accounts for a very small percentage of quail mortality each season. Hunt them if you got them because they probably won't be this good next season.

TURKEY — Turkey numbers are way up again this year. Some areas appear to have had better reproduction than others. The 10 inches of rain that we received during the last part of May and first part of June may have adversely affected the hatching effort of turkey. The heavy rains came at a very critical time for turkey production. April and May were for the most part dry. Nesting conditions did not improve until mid June, at which time most hens had already tried to nest. Some hens that did pull off a hatch had to deal with 10 inches of rain or more at the time when their poults were very young. They heavy rains more than likely killed many young turkey poults and disrupted those hens still trying to nest. Some areas did not see a large number of turkeys born and raised this year. The improved late nesting conditions had hens trying to re-nest late into the summer. This accounted for the fact that young poults were still being observed in

August and September. Four summers of good reproduction have put us back in the turkey business. So much so that I now here landowners commenting about the fact that they have too many turkey. Turkey hunting should be great this year.

DOVE — Dove hunting was tricky this year. The one thing we can count on is that it will probably rain sometime around the first day of dove season. Well it did. It rained all week before dove season and several days after the opener. The dry spring left us without many sunflower patches to concentrate birds and to hunt over. Cut milo fields were some of the better hunting areas to be found. Reports on dove hunting ranged from excellent to bust. Early fronts had dove moving in and out of the area earlier than they normally do. This did not help matters any. There were and still are plenty of dove in the area if you have a food source to attract them. Happy hunting.



This nice 9 point 145 lb. buck was taken by Mike Belitz northeast of winters last season. Look at the double left eye guard.

2003-2004 HUNTING SEASONS CALENDAR RUNNELS COUNTY

WHITE TAILED DEER—General Season: November 1, 2003-January 4, 2004; Special Late General Season: January 5-18, 2004 (antlerless and spiked bucks only). **Bag limit for all seasons combined: 5 deer, no more than 2 bucks.**

JAVELINA—October 1, 2003-February 29, 2004. **Bag limit: 2 per season.**

SQUIRREL—No closed season. No bag limit.

TURKEY—General Season: November 1, 2003-January 4, 2004 (either sex); Spring Season: April 3-May 9, 2004 (gobblers only). **Bag limit: 4 (all seasons combined.)**

QUAIL—Saturday, October 25, 2003 through Sunday, February 29, 2004. **Daily bag limit: 15 quail, 45 in possession.**

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Hunter's appreciation dinner Saturday Nov. 1

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There will be lots of hunting related door prizes. The Chamber will be raffling off several very nice items this year. The Rotary Club will also have tickets at the dinner for their 4-wheeler raffle for \$20.00 each.

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The Big Buck Contest is in its 19th year. There are no changes in the rules this year. You may sign up at several locations in the area through November 1, 2003. For more information about the buck contest, contact Johnny Hurt at 365-2078.

Top 15 signs you are growing older

You sink your teeth in a steak and they stay there.

You turn off the lights for economical reasons, not romantic ones.

You read the obituaries to find eligible women.

Old ladies offer to help you cross the street.

Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.

College kids call you mister.

The gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bifocals.

A beautiful girl walks by and nothing happens.

After painting the town red, you need to take a long rest before applying a second coat.

It takes you all night to do what you used to do all night long.

You have all the answers but nobody is asking the questions.

After climbing the ladder of success and reaching the top, you realize that it was leaning on the wrong wall.

The best part of the day is over when the alarm clock rings.

All the names in your little black book end with MD.

You get all your exercise acting as a pallbearer for your friends who exercised.

Top five signs you've hired the wrong hunting guide:

Blows into big sea shell horn to attract game; bunch of Vikings show up instead.

Completely outfitted with "Barney" camping equipment.

As you close in on a deer, he whispers (Elmer Fudd voice), "Be vehhwey vehhwey quiet."

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And the number one sign you've hired the wrong hunting guide:

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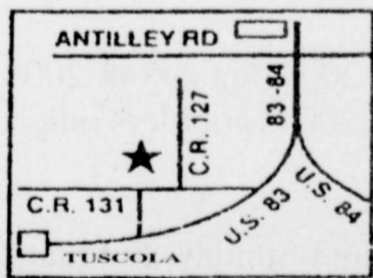


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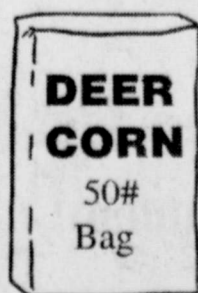
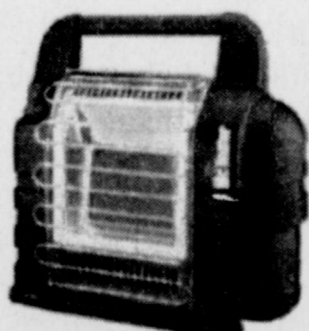
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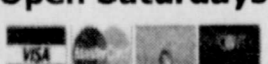
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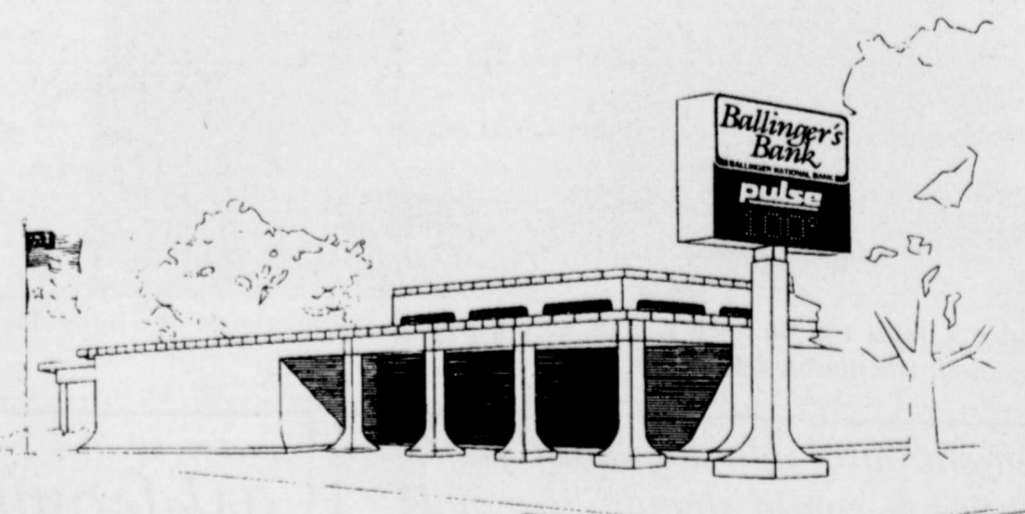
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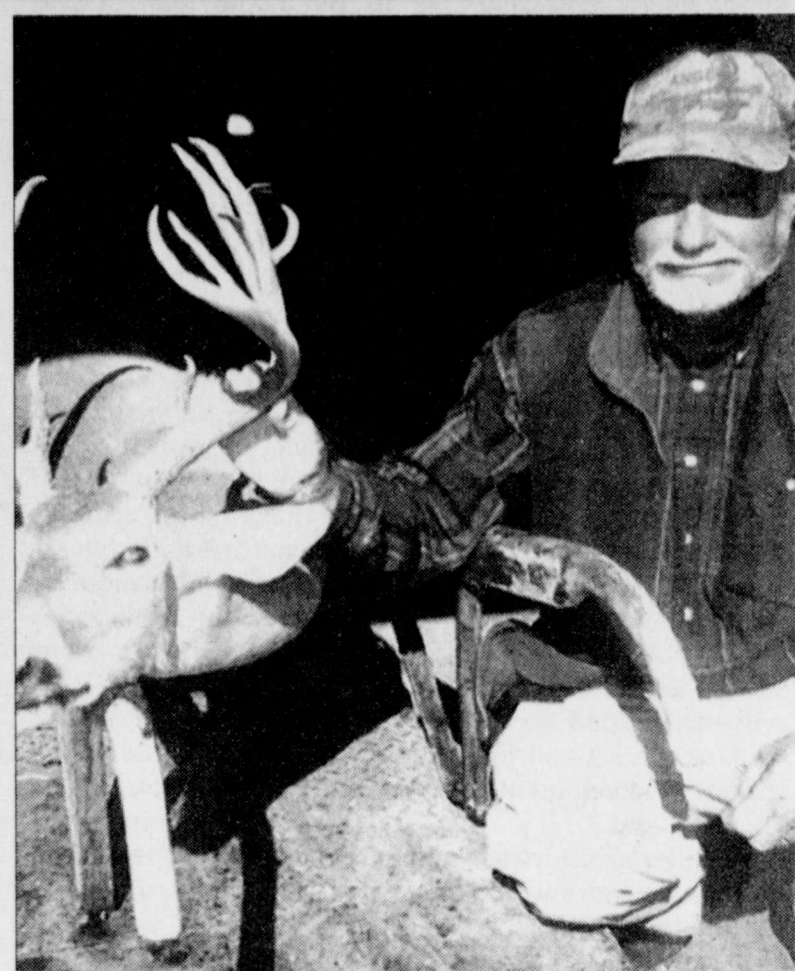
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Peel the skin forward up to the ears and jaw, exposing the head/neck junction. Cut into the neck approximately three inches down from this junction. Circle the neck, cutting down to the spinal column (Figure 3). After this cut is complete, grasp the antler bases and twist the head off the neck. This should allow the

hide to be rolled up and put in a freezer until transported to the taxidermist. These cuts should allow ample hide for the taxidermist to work with in mounting. Remember, the taxidermist can cut off excess hide but he can't add what he doesn't have.

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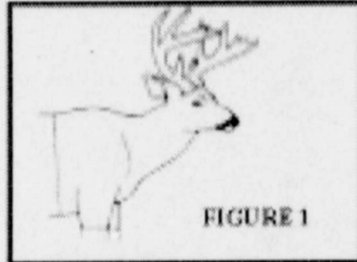


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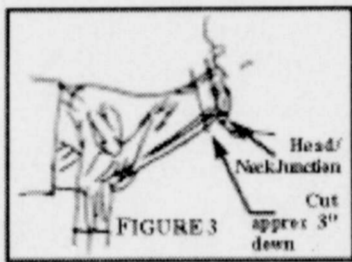


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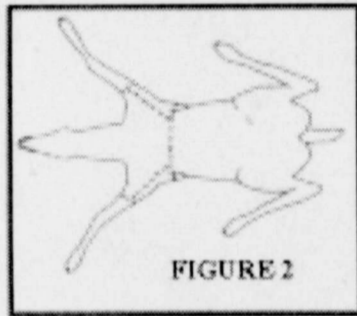


FIGURE 2

Note: Because of the various diseases that wild game can transmit to humans, always use extreme caution when handling the carcass. Use rubber or latex gloves and thoroughly wash hands with soap and water after handling.

TPWD General deer harvest recommendations for 2003-2004

Landowners and hunters are reminded that the general hunting season for white-tailed deer in Runnels County will open Saturday, November 1, 2003 and continue through January 4, 2004. The legal bag limit is 5 deer, no more than 2 bucks. No special permits are required for harvesting antlerless deer, however, both bucks and antlerless deer must be properly tagged with an appropriate tag from a valid hunting license. There will be a special late general season; January 5-18 (antlerless and spike bucks only). The bag limit on buck deer is 2, all seasons combined.

Deer populations vary from area to area and even from ranch to ranch. The either sex regulation allows landowners and hunters the flexibility to harvest antlerless deer on his/her property in order to keep deer numbers in balance with available food supply. It does not automatically mean that a heavy antlerless deer harvest is needed. The recommended harvest rates for both bucks and antlerless deer, provided by the department, should be used only as a general guideline for harvesting deer. If more intense management is desired, we suggest that land managers survey their own

properties. This will allow for a more accurate representation of deer numbers on their ranch. Please note that in most cases the department recommends more antlerless deer to be harvested than bucks.

The recommended guideline for harvesting antlerless deer thought most of Runnels County is 1 antlerless deer per 125 acres. The recommended harvest rate on bucks is 1 per 200 acres.

For more information concerning harvest rates or wildlife management planning, contact Wildlife Biologist, Ralph Suarez, at 325-732-4434.

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With more than 913,000 hunters, Texas ranks second in the nation for number of people engaged in hunting. Those hunters spent 1.3 billion dollars for hunting in Texas in 1996, according to the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation, conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1996.

Texas hunters spent more than 17 million days at this popular sport. Since the 1930's, hunters have funded the bulk of wildlife conservation efforts in Texas through the Wildlife Restoration Program, and continue to do so today.

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• 2 lbs. pork, ground

• 5 Tbls. sage

• 3 Tbls. paprika

• 2 Tbls. salt

• 2 tsps. black pepper

• 4 Tbls. fennel seed, crushed

• 3 Tbls. oregano

• 3 Tbls. basil

• 2 tsps. cayenne pepper

• 1 tsp. garlic powder, or to taste

Add all seasonings to ground meat, mix as you would for a meatloaf. Can be put in casings if desired. Sausage is moist and spicy. To make Hot Sausage, add red pepper sauce and dried red pepper to this recipe. One pound of recipe should serve four.

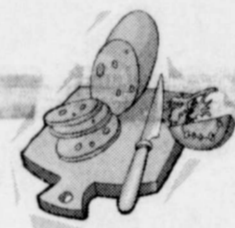
Cooking Suggestions;

1. Cook venison Italian sausage in tomato juice, tomato puree or spaghetti sauce. Bring the liquid of your choice to a boil and gently simmer pierced sausages until sausage juices run clear. The sausage enhances the sauce, and the sauce livens up the sausage.

2. Poach gently in Pheasant Stock. Do not pierce sausage, unless you want the sausage to flavor the broth. Resulting broth may be used as a soup base.

3. Poach gently in Beef Bouillon. Pierce sausage and serve broth as consommé for a first course. Float parsley on top for garnish.

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Runnels County Predator Contest

by Marty Gibbs
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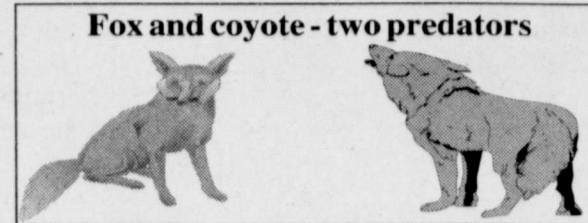
The Runnels County Livestock and Wildlife Protection Association and the Texas Sheep and Goat Predator Management Board will again sponsor a predator contest in Runnels County.

The contest is open to all predators taken in Runnels County. Points will be assigned to each predator checked in and the total used to determine winners in May, 2004.

The contest will run from November 1, 2003 through May 9, 2004. Predators include coyote, fox, bobcat, feral hog and raccoon. They may be checked in at the following locations: Alderman-Cave Feeds, Winters and Ballinger Feed and Seed in Ballinger.

This contest will not only reward hunters, but will assist landowners and wildlife managers with predator management in Runnels County. For more information, contact the Runnels County Extension office at (325) 365-2219.

- Prizes will be as follows:**
 First Place - \$400
 Second Place - \$300
 Third Place - \$200
 Fourth Place - \$100



Phil Springer holds the Ruger model 77MKII 25-06 w/3x9x40 scope donated by Ballinger National Bank. Also pictured is John Werner.



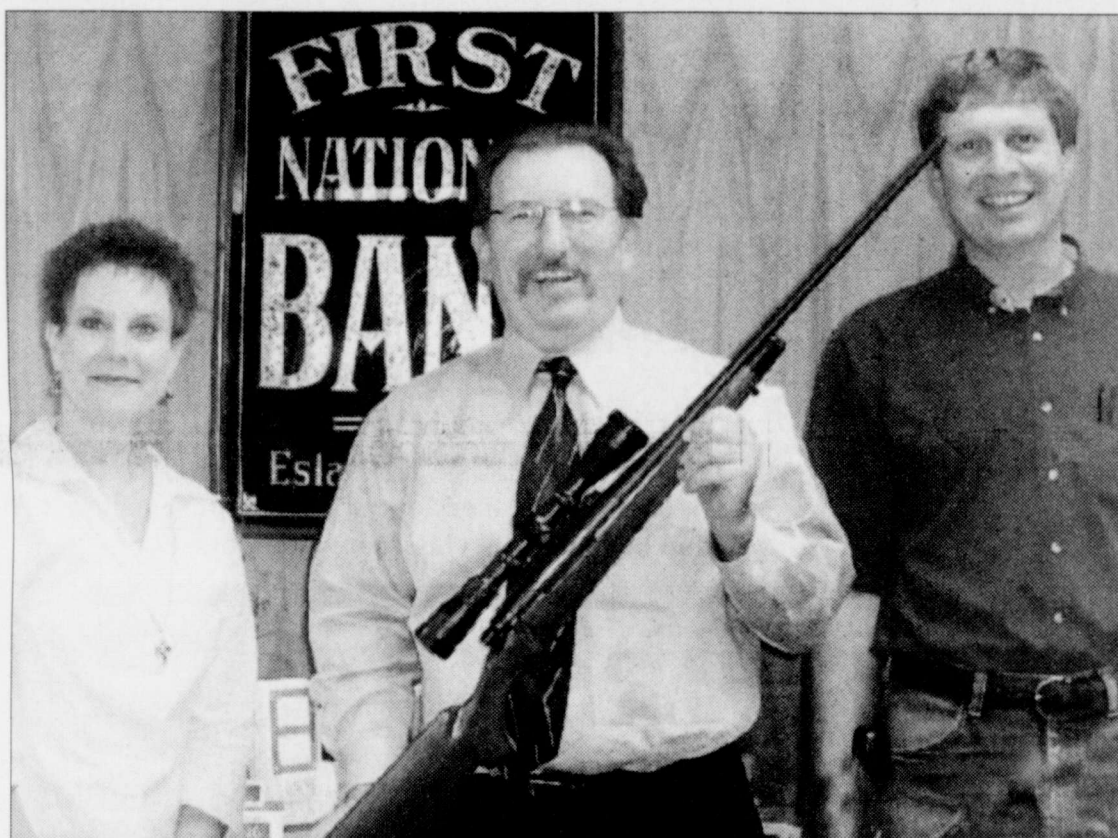
This knife made by Si Smith (center) and sheath made by Jimmy Caughron (left) were donated for the hunter's appreciation dinner drawings. Also pictured is John Werner.

Texas Game Wardens Top 10 Check List for Hunters

1. Review the Outdoor Annual and check for open season dates and bag limits for the county you are hunting.
2. Check for legal means and methods in the county you are hunting.
3. Carry your current hunting license.
4. Clearly identify your target before pulling the trigger.
5. Carry a sharp knife; cut out the date (month and day) of kill on deer and turkey tags and immediately after kill, attach appropriate tag to the deer or turkey.
6. Carry a ball-point pen; fill out ranch and county name on back of deer and turkey tags.
7. Carry your hunter safety certification card, if applicable, with you in the field.
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Stan Bickel holds the Remington Model 700 Mountain Rifle 2270 WIN. with 3x9x40 scope donated by The First National Bank of Ballinger. Also pictured is Mary Minzenmayer and Johnny Hurt.

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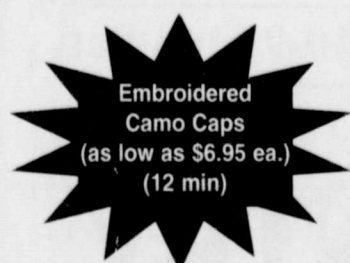
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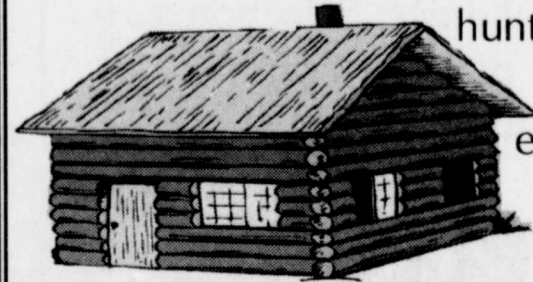
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Buckskin Brigade Wildlife Camp Revisited

by Russell Pelzel

The summer of 2001 I attended the North Texas Buckskin Brigade, a leadership/wildlife camp, held each July at the Krooked River Ranch in Lueders, Texas. The camp is designed for youth, ages 13 to 18, both male and female.

The camp had made such an impact on me, that I made it my goal to earn the right to return as an assistant herd leader. Fortunately, I was able to do several presentations and projects. By entering my record book, which had all the activities I had done, I earned a chance to go back to Krooked River Ranch for a doe hunt during the winter. I also was chosen to come back as an assistant herd leader for the 2003 Buckskin Brigade Camp. It was a great experience to get to go back and help other cadets through learning experiences I had been through the year before. From classroom speeches, to field excursions and activities, to working on projects, the camp itself did not change at



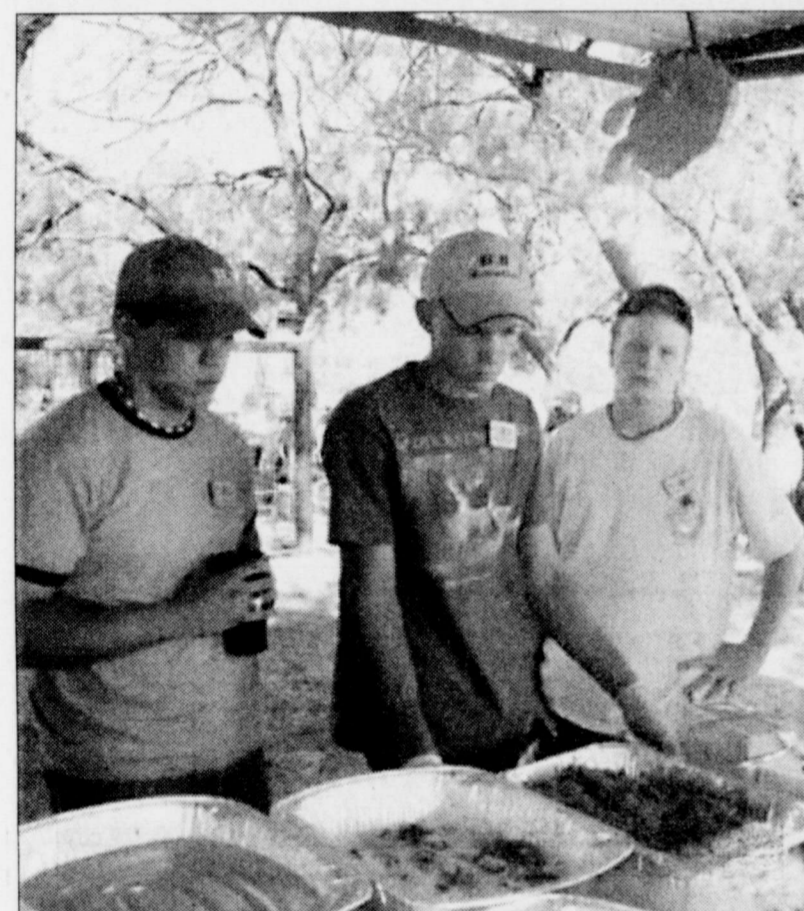
Ballinger student Russell Pelzel takes his place among the Buckskin Brigade camp instructors as an Assistant Herd Leader.

all. We still got very little sleep and our mental and physical capabilities were extensively challenged. Also, I learned so much about the qualities of being a strong leader.

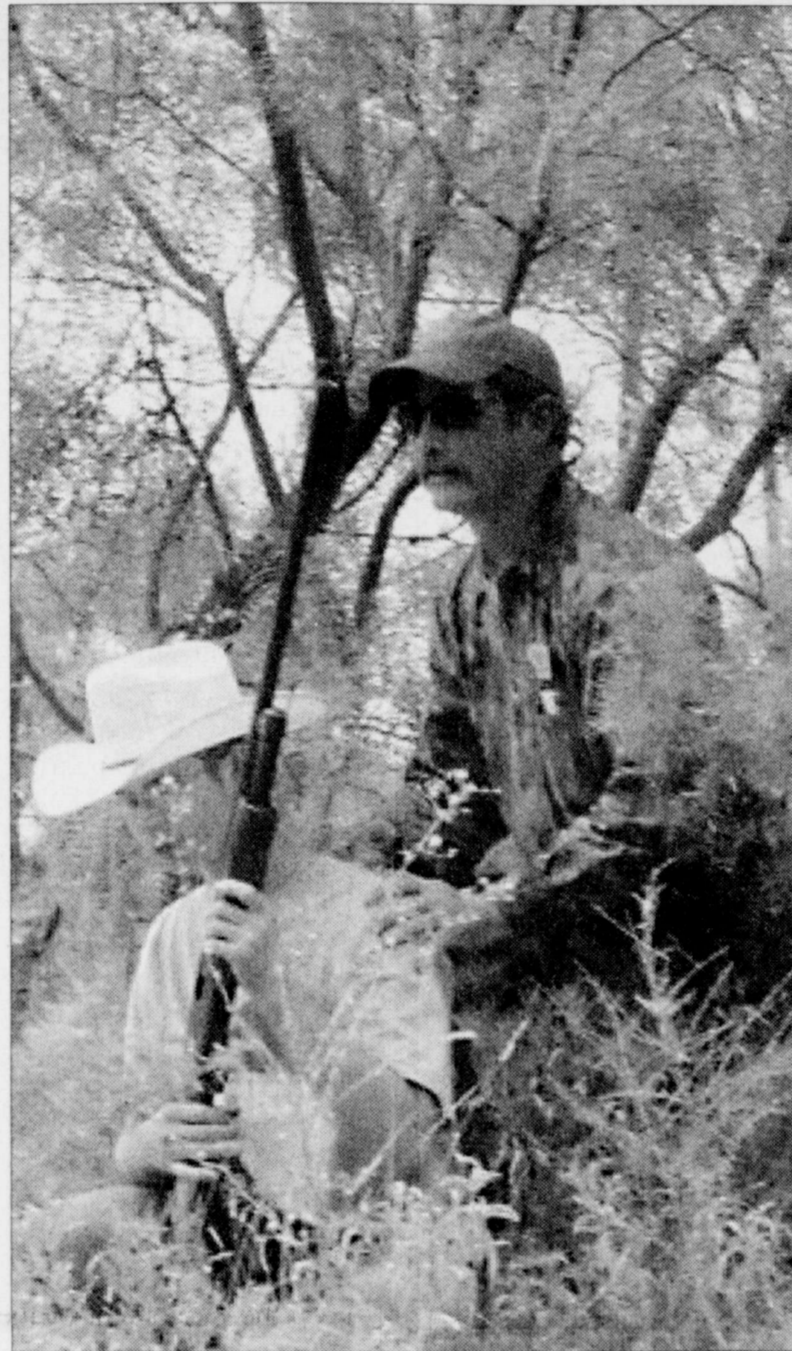
Now that I've been an assistant herd leader, my goal is to someday go back as a herd leader or secret agent. I also plan to apply to the Bobwhite Brigade, which is based on quail preservation.



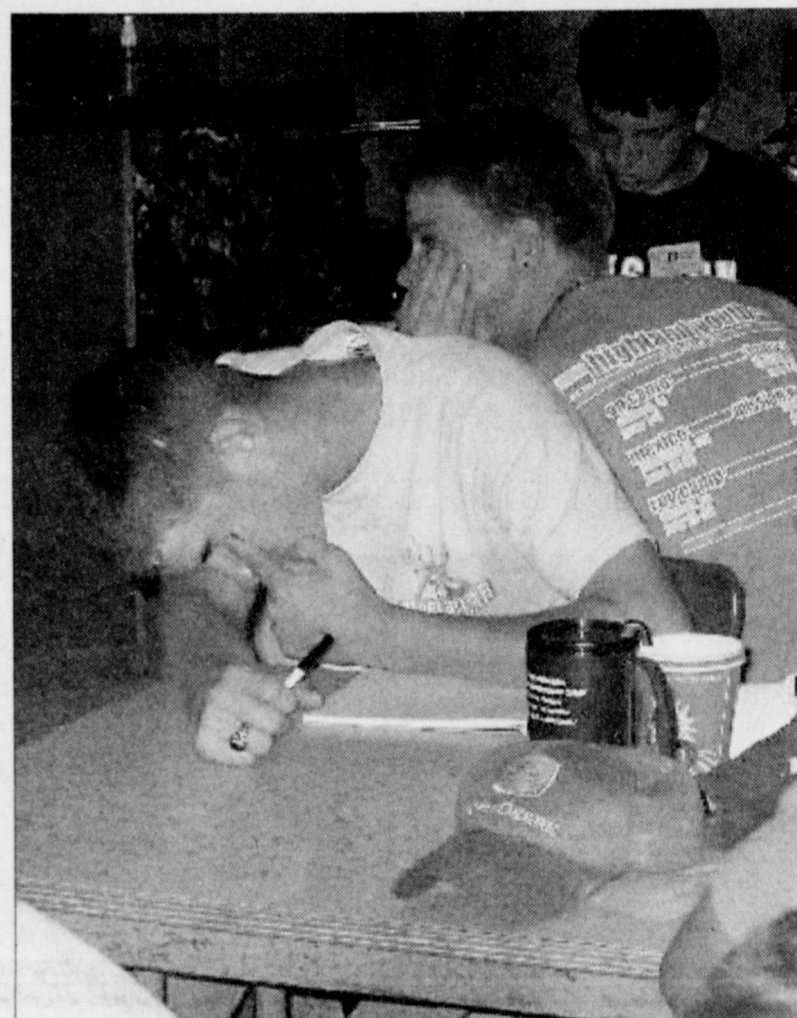
Instruction on proper handling and processing of deer once brought in from the hunt.



Although the camp is challenges the physical stamina, there was always plenty of good food to eat.



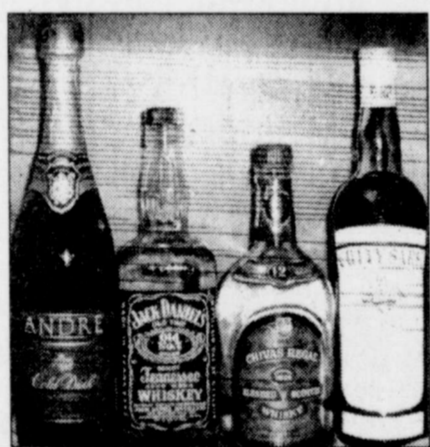
All cadets are instructed in gun safety. Time in the field allows the hunter to learn hunting skills and proper weapon handling.



A lot of time was spent out of doors, but some instruction had to be given in a classroom environment.

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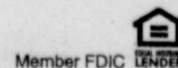
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Joe Smith of Dallas, with guide David Huff, gets ready for the flush by Jr and Honey. Jr is the lead dog and Honey is the backing dog. This quail hunt took place in the eastern half of Runnels County.



Quail hunting north of Lake Ivie in Runnels County. Tara (hidden by tree) and Bo working for Randy Baird of Akron, Ohio.

Cajun-fried Turkey

A Moist Alternative to Oven-Roasted Turkey
by Chef Patrick Mould
For News USA

(NUE) - Tired of the same old turkey dinner? Well, Cajun-fried turkey is a fast alternative that's moist and delicious and has become one of the fastest-growing cooking trends around. It's a concept that started in the 1970s in Southern Louisiana and is now starting to take off across the country.

It takes about 48 minutes to fry a 12-pound bird at 350 degrees Fahrenheit. The result is incredibly succulent, flavorful meat, wonderfully crispy skin and no greasy taste.

- Here's what you'll need to serve eight to ten people:
- * One 10- to 12-pound fresh or thawed turkey.
 - * One 26- to 30-quart turkey frying kit.
 - * Filled propane tank.
 - * Paper bags and paper towels.
 - * LouAna Cajun Marinade & Injector.
 - * Three gallons of LouAna Peanut Frying Oil.

Why Peanut Frying Oil?

LouAna Peanut Frying Oil, the leading national brand, has a high smoke point that's better suited for frying and has a nutty flavor. The oil also sears the outside of the turkey quickly. That seals in the flavor of the injectable marinade and keeps the turkey moist.

If you keep the oil at a constant 350° F, you'll keep the fat content of the turkey at the lowest levels possible and have the best tasting turkey.

Safety First

* Pick out a level spot in your yard. Never fry indoors, near flammable materials or on a wooden deck.

* Keep children and pets away.

* Never leave the turkey fryer unattended.

* Use a deep-fat fryer thermometer to make sure you're frying at a constant 350° F. Peanut frying oil will begin to smoke at 425° F. If the oil begins to smoke, reduce heat immediately.

* Never lower a frozen or partially thawed turkey into hot oil because it will boil over.

* Wear oven mitts.

* Avoid the use of alcohol and keep a fire extinguisher nearby as you would with any type of outdoor cooking.

Marinating and Frying

* Remove the giblets and neck. Inject LouAna Cajun Marinade into the breast, thighs and legs—one ounce of marinade for each pound. This helps keep the turkey moist.

* Pat the turkey dry inside and out.

* Pour three gallons of LouAna Peanut Frying Oil into the pot. Place the pot on the propane cooker;

light the burner, and heat the oil to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

* Place the turkey in the fryer basket, breast side up. Lower it into the hot oil slowly and carefully. The oil will froth and bubble, so be careful it doesn't spill.

* Allow the turkey to cook four minutes per pound. Shut off the gas to the fryer. Using the fryer basket, lift the turkey out of the oil.

* Move the basket to a nearby area that has been lined with paper bags. Insert a meat thermometer into the thickest part of the breast and thigh. It should register at least 180° F.

* Place the turkey on its back on the platter lined with paper bags or towels to absorb any oil.

You should let the fried turkey sit for ten minutes, then carve, serve and enjoy.

Visit www.louana.com for complete information on preparation, frying and safety.

LouAna Chef Patrick Mould is the owner of Chef Patrick Mould's Louisiana School of Cooking in St. Martinville, La., the author of "Recipes From a Chef" and a staff writer for Emeril Lagasse's Web site.



The Rut in Texas White-tailed Deer

(Article taken from Texas Parks and Wildlife website. Study done in 1998.)

The phenomenon known as "the rut" is the period when deer breed. People often ask biologists when the rut is going to occur. It's a question biologists commonly hear in the fall. Many hunters want to make sure they plan hunting vacations to include that magical time when bucks lose all caution and deer are moving.

Can hunting the rut help? You bet. Anything that encourages bucks to move enhances the chance of seeing one. Buck deer, like most male mammals, seem to lose a lot of their natural caution when the scent of a receptive female is in the air. One of the tips gained from this study is that rutting bucks can be found during most of the hunting season in many regions of the state. Consistently successful hunters spend a lot of time in the field throughout the hunting season, not just during the peak of the rut.

Hunters and ranchers often encourage Texas Parks and Wildlife to move the season later to give deer a chance to breed. The study showed that no matter when the rut occurred, the vast majority of does were bred. Individual ranch and deer herd management is much more important than timing of the hunting season. The data will assist

TPWD in determining whether the number of bucks in an area has an effect on breeding season length and success. There are many interacting factors which affect breeding.

The breeding study involved the examination of 2,436 does, the largest number of deer ever utilized in a Texas breeding study. The date of conception can be determined by looking at fetus length. An average of 200 days from conception was used to determine fawning dates. Biologists got as much

information as they could from the does collected. They looked at the timing of the rut and at breeding success on 16 study areas throughout Texas for three years.

All years were combined to produce the graphs that show the rut timing. In most areas the rut varied very little from year to year. You can use the map and graphs to determine the timing of the rut in your area of interest. Will the information help with the planning of your hunt? You be the judge.

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Wild Boar

How did they get here?

Early Spanish explorers were probably the first to introduce hogs in Texas over 300 years ago. As colonization increased, hog numbers subsequently increased.

They provided an important source of cured meat and lard for settlers. During the fight for Texas independence as people fled for safety into the United States or Mexico, many hogs escaped or were released. It was not until the mid 1800's when hostilities between the United States and Mexico ended that settlers once again began bringing livestock back into Texas. The livestock included hogs which ranged freely and many escaped contributing to the feral population.

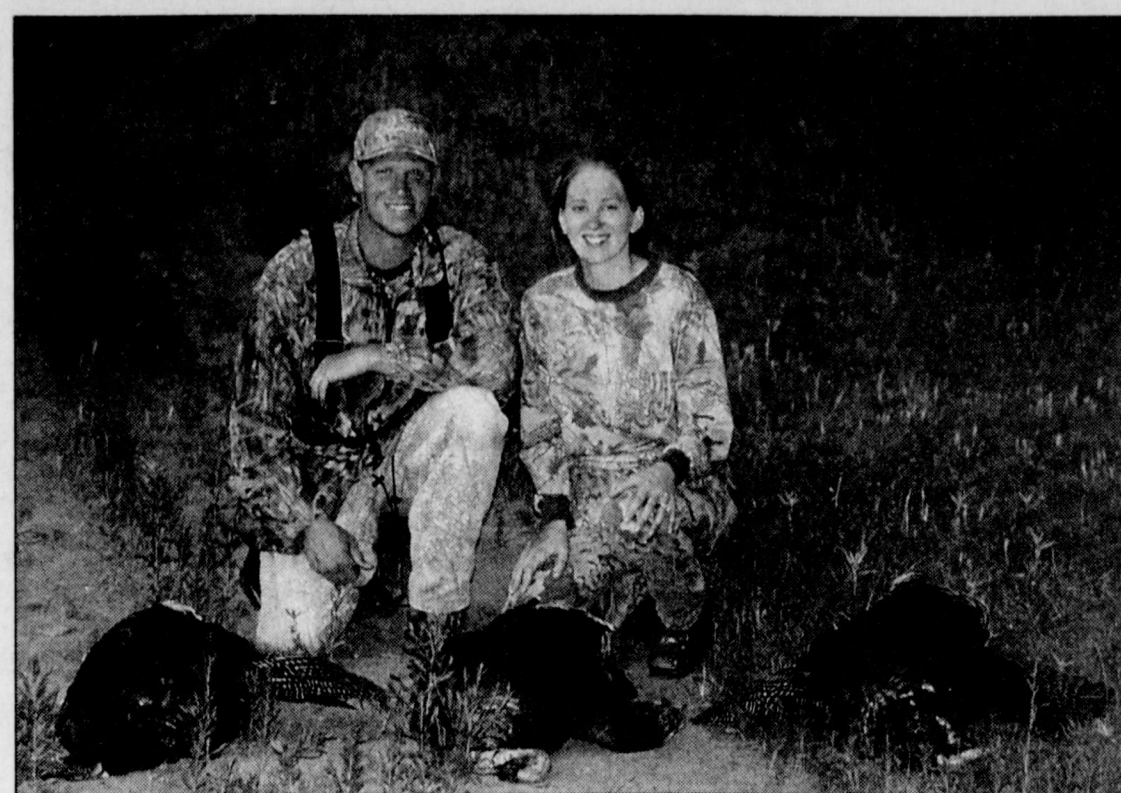
In the 1930's European wild hogs, "Russian boars" were first imported and introduced into Texas by ranchers and sportsmen for sport hunting. Most of these eventually escaped from game ranches and began free ranging and breeding with feral hogs. Due to this crossbreeding, there are very few, if any, true European hogs remaining in Texas.

Feral hogs (*Sus Scrofa*) are members of the family Suidae and in Texas include the European wild hog, feral hogs, and European-feral cross-breeds.

There are currently an estimated two million feral hogs in Texas. In Texas, the feral hog is an unprotected, non-game animal. Therefore, they may be taken by any means or methods at any time of the year.

There are no seasons or bag limits, but a hunting license and landowner permission is required to hunt them. Some Texas landowners, already battling to reduce hog populations using snares, traps or dogs, are seizing the opportunities that hunting allows.

The most popular way to hunt hogs is from a stand near a corn feeder. However, stalking can be an exciting hunt for those who can manage to stay downwind from the quarry



This couple from Rockwall, Texas were proud to take these three tom turkeys home. They were taken north of Lake Ivie during the Spring Turkey Season.

Top three hunter safety precautions

Last year, 35 total hunting accidents were reported in Texas, down from 43 the year before. Most were caused by careless or improper use of a firearm.

1. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction, and treat every firearm as if it is loaded and dangerous.

Individuals have been seriously injured, even killed, by guns thought to be unloaded. Another hazard are guns thought to be toys.

2. Be sure of your target and what is in front of and beyond it. Be aware of your safe zone of fire.

Emergency rooms see individuals with shotgun pellets in them almost every season. Injuries from smaller caliber firearms, such as a 22, are also common. These types of ammunition can travel up to a mile unobstructed.

3. Don't drink alcohol or

take drugs before or while handling firearms or bow and arrows.

Very often, alcohol is a factor in hunting accidents. A first time hunter dropped his gun while climbing down from a tree. He was drunk. He nearly shot off his leg, but luckily he survived.

Additional safety tips include:

- handle firearms, arrows and ammunition carefully;
 - unload firearms and unstring conventional bows when not in use.
 - control your emotions;
 - wear hearing and eye protection; and
 - be aware of additional circumstances that require more vigilant precautions.
- It promises to be a better than average year for hunters. Making it a safe season as well will make it that much more memorable.

TPWD Game Warden Field Notes

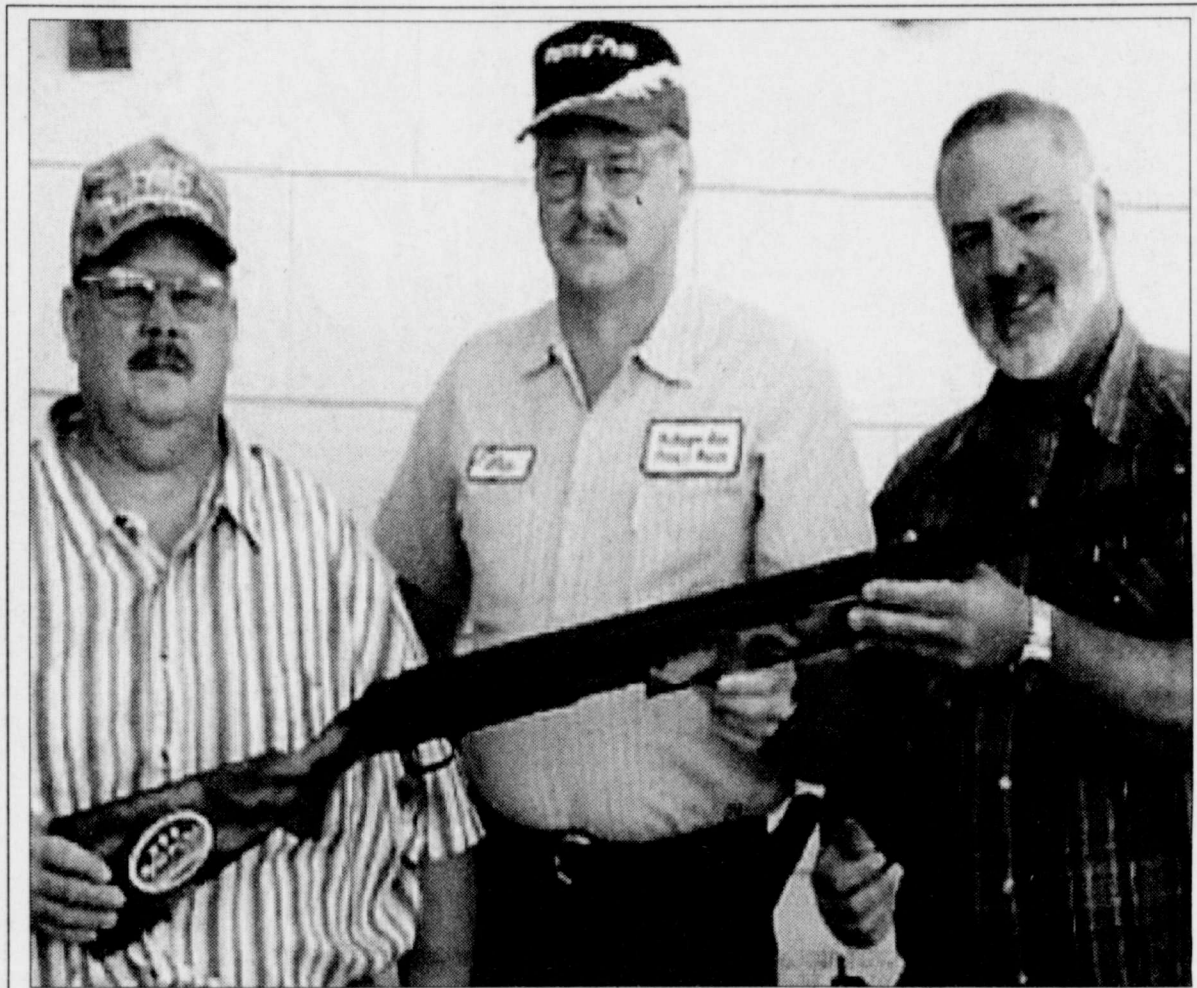
Flattery Will Get You Nowhere — A Montgomery County game warden was driving to the San Jacinto River to release a captured alligator when he noticed a pickup in front of him weaving from ditch to ditch. After a short investigation, the suspect was arrested and charged with DWI. He was also issued citations for the following violations: expired registration, no insurance, and driving without a valid license. This was the suspect's fourth DWI, and he's been without a license since 1982. On the way to the jail, the suspect asked the warden "Do you smoke?" The warden replied, "No, sir." "Do you dip?" The warden replied, "No, sir." "Well, are you married?" The warden said, "No sir." The suspect then said, "Boy, you just ain't got nothin' goin' for you, do you?"

Free at Last — A Lubbock County game warden received a call from the Lubbock International Airport Police about a man who had tried to smuggle a Texas horned lizard through

security. The warden responded and found that the man had squeezed the horned lizard into an empty water bottle and concealed it in his luggage for his trip back to California. The horned lizard was safely released back into the wild, and the Californian was educated about Texas' desire to keep these threatened species at home.

Too Much Time on Their Hands—Palo Pinto County game wardens were informed that all defendants involved in a five-month investigation into deer poaching had pleaded guilty to all charges. Forty-two cases were filed against seven defendants. The total amount of criminal fines on all cases totaled \$23,016. Three of the defendants had one charge each while the other four had 39 cases filed against them. There were 37 deer killed between October 2002 and April 2003. When asked why they had killed so many deer, they said they were having a contest to see who could kill the most deer. Most of the deer were killed at night while the suspects

were trespassing on private property and others were killed on private property during the day and at night from the road.



Melvin Ischar, Alan Hudgens and John Werner (l to r) hold this Mossberg 12 ga 835 Ultimag shotgun donated by Ballinger Lumber and Ballinger Auto Parts and Repair.

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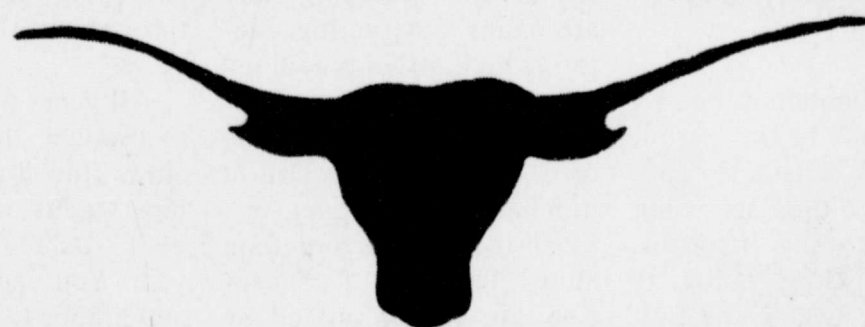
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Lake Ivie continues to produce double digit bass

With all this hunting in the fall it is easy to forget that Runnels County also has some world class fishing at Lake Ivie. Lake Ivie is recognized as one of the premier bass fishing lakes in the south. Lake Ivie continues to produce double digit bass with that 15 pounder just a cast away. Lake Fork gets all the attention being as a bunch of the top fifty bass have come from Fork. But if you have ever fished up there you also realize that Fork gets pretty crowded and many of the fish caught have hook marks.

While Ivie could certainly produce the next state record bass if also boasts a very good population of

crappie, white bass and some very nice catfish. It also is uncrowded except during major bass tournaments. Many times during the week less than 10 boats are out fishing. So if solitude and relaxation are your ideas of fishing then Ivie and Runnels County will fill the bill.

The Lake Ivie fishing lodge owned and operated by Dave Caudle will meet your every need for a relaxing trip. One call handles the meals, lodging, guide, fish cleaning, domino playing, card playing and shooting some bumper pool. The lodge has been featured in several fishing magazines and will be detailed on a nation wide

fishing show in the near future. The only thing that has not changed about the camp in the past five years is the price. At the camp the steaks will be hot, tender and big. Grilled jalapenos will start the traditional first night in camp steak dinner. Some of the menu items at the camp will be featured in a major fishing publication next year.

So if getting away for a hunting, fishing or just relaxing outdoor experience Runnels County and the Lake Ivie Fishing Camp will fill the bill.

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Hunting tips & tricks

• After dragging a deer for almost 2 hours a few years ago, I have found an easier way to get your deer out of the woods. Put a 4-foot by 4-foot plastic tarp folded in your day pack. After dressing out your deer, wrap the deer in the tarp, and put rope through the eyelets on the tarp and tighten. It is now ready to drag out. The tarp keeps out dirt and debris, and the deer slides along the ground a lot smoother. This works great when you have snow on the ground.

• To help find your stand in woods in the dark, put small bicycle reflectors on your stand with double face tape. A small flashlight is all you will need to find it in the dark.

• Tampons are great scent wicks. Tampons are sent free and sterile and come in their own sent free package, they also have their own string to hang them up in a tree, or use to drag behind for a sent line.

• To assist in finding arrows try putting a 1/4-inch piece of reflective tape around the end of your

arrows between the noc and the fletching. It will not affect the flight of your arrow, but will help you to find your arrows in the dark much easier. You just shine your light around, and the tape will make your arrow light up.

• If you hear a hen on one side of you and a Tom on the other, move between them and use the real Hen's noise to call the Tom. It works!

• On the first day of deer season, a good idea is to pack a lunch and sneak into the woods early. Then just sit tight for the rest of the day, and when hunters enter and exit the woods they will spook deer your way

• Hunting is tough on the feet, but if you carry an extra pair of socks and change them at noon, it can make you feel like new person. Be sure your socks are made of wool. If changing in the field and you're deer hunting, carry a Zip Lock bag to put your dirty socks in so the deer don't get wind of you ... and to be kind to your fellow hunters. (Ha-Ha!)

Grilled Wild Turkey Breast

Courtesy "Taste of Home"
1 bone-in wild turkey breast (about 1-1/2 lbs.) split
1 bottle (8 oz.) fat free honey Dijon salad dressing

Place turkey in large resealable plastic bag; add salad dressing. Seal bag and turn to coat; refrigerate overnight, turning occasionally.

Drain and discard marinade. Grill turkey, covered, over indirect medium heat for 44-55 minutes or until juices run clear and a meat thermometer reads 170 degrees.

Quail or Dove Casserole

3 lbs. quail or dove
1-1/2 tps. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. paprika
6 Tbsp. butter
15 oz. can artichokes (opt)
1/4 lb. mushrooms
2 Tbsp. flour
2/3 cup chicken consommé;
3-4 Tbsps. sherry (cream or cooking)

Salt, pepper and paprika meat and fry in 4 tbsps. butter. Place in casserole. Place artichokes between quail or dove. Saute mushrooms in 2 tbsps. butter. Add 2 tbsps. flour. Stir in consommé and sherry. Cook 5 minutes. Pour over meat. Cover and cook at 350 degrees for 1 hour.



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Jason Battle holds the Steiner Big Horn Binoculars donated by First Community Credit Union. Also pictured is Johnny Hurt.



David Ocker and John Werner show off the Stihl Chainsaw donated by Dixie Hardware.



Al Lovell displays a Remington Model 5597 22LR donated by First State Bank of Paint Rock.



Jim Woodruff hands a Cricket Youth Model 222LR to Johnny Hurt, donation made by Edward Jones.



Roy Bowman stand along side a 4x4 Fiberglass Deer Blind donated by Rough Country and Boss Game Systems. Also pictured is Elizabeth Sherman.



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