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—Anonymous

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### Blizzard Band Royalty



**WILL AHRENS and PEARL GUERRERO** were honored Friday night as Blizzard Band Beau and Sweetheart. Pearl and Will have each been band members for 8 years. Both are seniors at WHS. (photos by Jean Boles)

### Guerrero, Ahrens, and Hopson honored Friday night

In ceremonies before the final football game of the 2003 season, Macy Hopson was crowned the 2003 Blizzard Football Sweetheart. During halftime activities, Pearl Guerrero and Will Ahrens were honored as Band Sweetheart and Beau, respectively.

Macy Hopson is a senior and the 17-year-old daughter of Shannon Hamilton and Jay Hopson. She participates in cross-country, basketball, cheerleading, and student council. She is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as this year's Corresponding Secretary. Macy enjoys cheerleading, basketball, running, and being outdoors. She plans to attend college after graduation.

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### Football Sweetheart



**MACY HOPSON**, WHS senior, was crowned Friday evening.

## Business Forum speaker encourages leaders to "think outside the box"

by Jean Boles, editor

Twenty-one interested businessmen and businesswomen gathered November 6, for the first monthly Business Forum. The meeting was hosted by the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation.

Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development of WABIC, presided over the informal meeting and reminded those in attendance to "keep a positive attitude about their businesses and Winters."

Conner said there are 310 businesses in the Winters area including part-time and home-based businesses. He said WABIC has recently heard

from 15-20 individuals who are interested in starting or expanding a business in this area.

Some of Conner's encouraging comments included the following facts:

- that Winters has over 700 manufacturing jobs in a community of 3000
- there are over a million square feet of manufacturing and warehouse space under roof in Winters
- the manufacturing companies in Runnels County together are the largest users of rolled steel in Texas
- Winters is served by over 20 trucking companies with

over 17,000 trucks in and out of Winters

• Selkirk (Dry Mfg.) is currently undergoing a half-million dollar expansion.

Guest speaker was Russ Altman, counselor with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Abilene.

The SBDC network is the federal government's largest and most productive small business management and technical assistance program. In partnership with Congress, the SBA and Texas Tech University, the SBDC has grown and currently assists in serving

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## Commissioners rescind request for CVE trooper, but one likely to be assigned to Runnels County

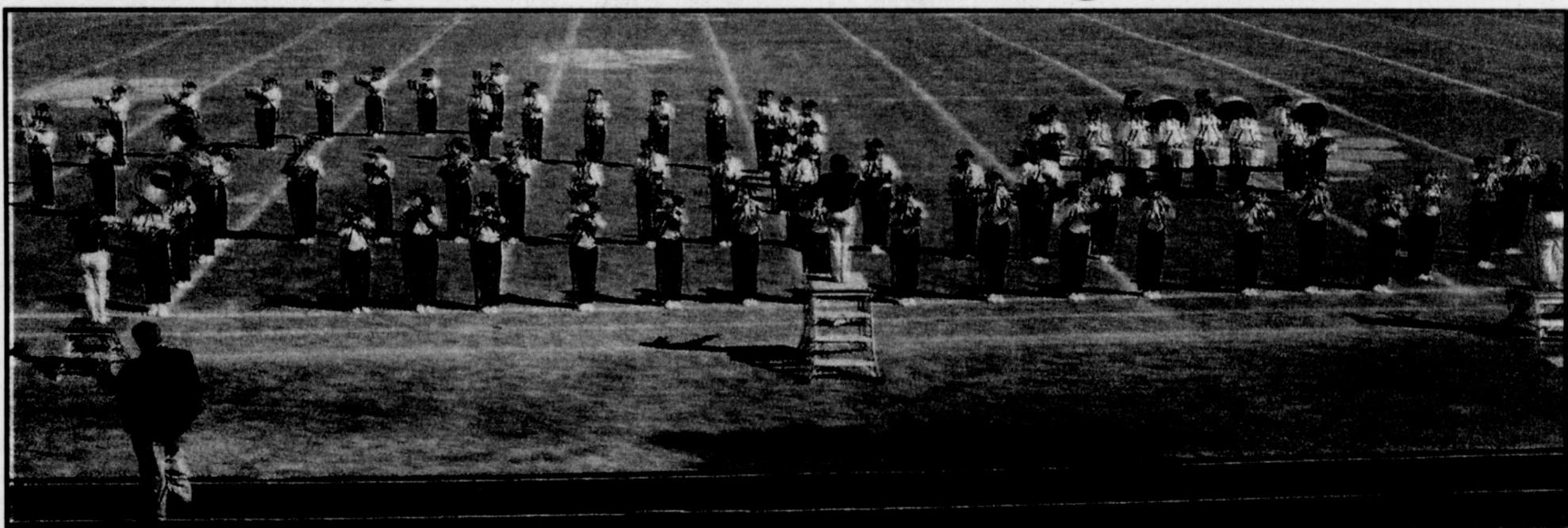
A one hour discussion, which eventually made no difference in the outcome of the matter being discussed, took up most of the regular meeting of Runnels County Commissioners on Monday morning.

Commissioners had, in an earlier meeting, requested placement of a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement trooper in Runnels County. The discussion on Monday, mostly between truckers, farmers and heavy haulers, and three representatives of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) Division of the Texas Department of Public Safety, centered on fair applications of the law. Most of the ten or so "truckers" in attendance felt CVE officers were "nitpicking." CVE representative, Captain Cummings, said his troopers wrote "lots of warnings and not near as many citations."

At the conclusion of the hour-long discussion, County Judge Marilyn Egan asked Captain Cummings whether the request, or withdrawing the request, made any difference to DPS whether the trooper

See **COMMISSIONERS**, page 8

## 'The Pride of West Texas' Marching Blizzard Band



THE MARCHING BLIZZARD BAND presents their routine at the recent UIL Marching Contest in Brady. The 72-member band, under the direction of Phil Mooney, lower left, received a Division II Excellent rating. (photo courtesy of Mike Neal)

### Reception Sunday for local doctors

North Runnels Auxiliary will host a community-wide reception for Dr. Ajoy Chhabra and Dr. Sarah Endicott on Sunday, Nov. 16, from 2-4 p.m. at North Runnels Hospital.

Anyone wanting to help with the reception or bring cookies is asked to call Bettye Pinkerton at 754-4488, Theresa Patterson at 754-4029, or Shelia Paschal at 723-2697.

## WISD trustees consider upcoming expenditures

by Jean Boles, editor

The majority of discussion during Monday night's meeting of the trustees of Winters ISD concerned major priorities for the school district.

Superintendent Danny Clack presented a list of considerations including the following:

- Purchasing two 72-73 passenger busses at approximately \$52,000 each.
- Reconditioning the school's track at a cost of \$44,800 to \$55,000.

• Reconditioning the tennis courts at an estimated cost of \$8,500.

• Purchasing a Student Activity Bus at \$43,000 or, if allowed by Department of Public Safety's rule, a passenger van (program model) at a cost of approximately \$19,000

• Purchasing a maintenance pickup if the van is not available.

• Remodeling the administration building. This would See **EXPENDITURES**, pg. 5

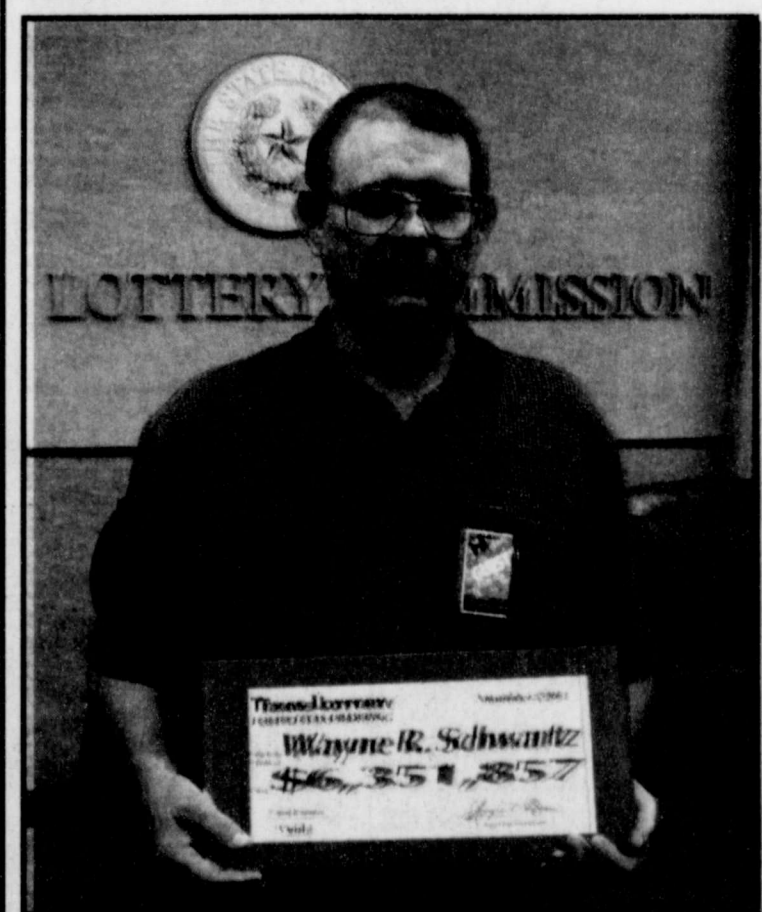
## Diabetes seminar next week

The Runnels County Family and Consumer Science Committee, along with local health care providers, will conduct a Do Well, Be Well With Diabetes seminar at the North Runnels Home Health Office at 106 N. Main.

Registration fee is \$15 for the 3-day seminar on Nov. 17, 19, and 21. Because effective diabetes education is comprehensive, participants are asked to attend all three sessions which will cover topics including diabetes medicines, checkups, foot care, nutrition, exercise, and managing blood sugar.

For further information, call Patricia Hohensee at Texas Cooperative Extension at 365-5042, or call North Runnels Clinic at 754-1317. Registration is limited to 25 persons.

## Multi-millionaire—



**WAYNE SCHWARTZ** displays a replica of his \$6.3 million check received at Lotto headquarters in Austin on November 5, 2003. Schwartz opted to take the cash value of his \$10 million winning ticket purchased Oct. 1 at West Dale Grocery in Winters. (courtesy photo)

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# Editorial

## Oil Bidness

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Not too long ago, all that medium and large independent oil companies were talking about was going "international." We are a few years into that effort, and, while there are some who have made entries into the far reaches of the world, many are too busy drilling for gas right here at home.

It is likely that there has always been some reluctance among U.S. independents about dipping their toes into the international arena. Sure there are some that were, and are, enthusiastic about going for the big targets outside their home country. But, there were just as many who were really unsure how they could make that happen for their company.

After all, there are many hurdles to leap and no less pot-holes to avoid when a company heads into foreign lands in search of oil, gas, and profit. The risks are real, too, especially when a company with limited resources tries to enter the arena where the rules change daily and the costs can get out of control in the blink of an eye.

But, when you competitor says he will do it and your choices for finding new reserves and new production are dwindling here at home, everyone feels the pressure to move to areas of high potential. What to do....?

Lo and behold, something stepped up to give some relief for those looking for new resources: natural gas at very attractive prices.

A very real need for natural gas in the U.S. has provided the perfect opportunity to make money inside our own borders. Gas prices (being what they are) provide the incentive to drill for gas reserves that will add to the resource base of a significant number of independents for years to come, while increasing current take-home revenue as we speak.

To be honest, it isn't all roses and champagne operating in the good 'ole USA. There are tax issues, environmental concerns, permitting and regulatory messes, and a

number of other standard difficulties that any good company has to work through. But, at least you can trust the structure of law to work most of the time. You can also be reasonably assured that the guy across the table is usually in the deal to make money but not to steal something from you.

Trust me — you can't always be sure of that in every corner of the world.

Gas is the saving grace for today.

For a while, at least, international endeavors for some independents can wait.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

#### COMPLETIONS

##### Coleman County

Eratz Investments, Inc. has completed three wells in the Novice Field (2 miles W of Novice) in an unidentifiable zone. The Goodson #4 potential at 25 BOPD (perfs 3621-30) and is loc. in Sec. 23, Blk. 2, T&NO Sur., A-650. The Goodson #5 potential at 30 BOPD (perfs 3630-50) and is loc. in the same Sec. The Goodson #6 potential at 11 BOPD (perfs 3630-50) and is loc. in the same Sec.

##### Nolan County

Pioneer Exploration, Ltd. has completed the Petty #16 in the E.A. Field (3 miles SW of Nolan) at an initial rate of 168 BOPD in the Cambrian (perfs 6129-38). Loc. is Sec. 6, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur.

##### Runnels County

Imperial Gas Resources has completed the Aldridge Brothers #4 in the Goldsboro Field (8 miles NE of Crews) at an initial rate of 5 BOPD, 15 MCFPD, and 30 BWPD in the Gray (perfs 4118-32). Loc. is D. Moses Sur. No. 521, A-386.

#### STAKINGS

##### Nolan County

Pioneer Exploration, Ltd. has staked the TXL-K- #9 in the Northwest Hylton Field, 5 miles S of Nolan (Depth 5500). Loc. is 3087 FNL & 840 FWL of Sec. 21, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-444.

##### Taylor County

Colo Construction Co., Inc. has staked the McAninca #2 in the Casady Field, 4 miles NW of Merkel (Depth 5500). Loc. is 2238 FNL & 2104 FEL of Sec. 22, Blk. 18, T&PRR Sur., A-852.

## Letter to the Editor

### The powers that be...

Dear Editor,

In this world, we read, watch, and deal with all kinds of powers, positive and negative.

From the very childhood we hear and read about the power of the church and school. We have to deal with the power of parents, older brothers and sisters, older relatives, and neighbors.

In law school, we were taught about different types of powers (Right is Might). At Texas Christian University (TCU), Political Science Department, Graduate School, we learned about different types of power (Bureaucracy). At California Coast University (CCU) power of leadership and management was the issue. Among the general public we hear about different kinds of power (power of the governments), mostly about the negative part of it.

Sometimes when the negative part of human power bothers me, I pray to God and lean to the positive power of mother nature. After work I go to the Winters Country Club and watch the West Texas sunset. In the mornings I walk around the block and watch the sunrise. When I look at the picturesque sunrise or sunset on the east or west horizon, which keeps changing every second, they calm me down and make me feel great!

Last week when our school kids gave a program at Lions Club, I was overwhelmed by other types of positive powers — power of literature and music. When some kids read their literature with a lot of positive power and enthusiasm, I became impressed, moved, and deeply influenced.

When the band started playing, I got goose bumps all over my body, and tears started running from my eyes unconsciously, uncontrollably, and embarrassingly. I tried to hide my emotion from the roaring Lions. At the end, I became excited, calm, overpowered, and overwhelmed. Other than the band director, the rest of the band members were school kids. But the power of the music from every instrument had the same positive powerful effect on me. This event made me feel that there is a lot more positive power than negative; only if we observe it, notice it, recognize it, respect it, honor it, and digest it.

We have to concentrate, meditate, and discipline ourselves to absorb it, enjoy it, appreciate it, and be thankful for it.

The least I can do for this positive power that I enjoyed is to write this to you, to say thank you to our school district educators, parents, band director, and mostly our kids who blew so hard from the bottom of their hearts for the Lions to enjoy.

Thank you to the positive constructive power of literature and music, and all those behind it! More positive power to you literature and music.

Aref Hassan, Ph.D.  
City Manager

## Obituaries

### Mary E. Moore

**BALLINGER**—Mary E. Moore, 76, passed away at 1:50 p.m. Sunday, November 2, 2003, at her residence.

She was born November 25, 1926, in Mereta, Texas, to Seth Robinson and Florence Blount Robinson. She married John Moore on May 8, 1946, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. Moore was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband, John Moore of Ballinger; two sons, Jim Moore and wife Bette and Jack Moore and wife Beth, all of Sacramento, California; one daughter, Sherry Gullett and husband Bob of Sacramento; one brother, Dub Robinson and wife Jearretta of Ballinger, Texas; one sister, Katie Lee of Ballinger; six grandchildren, Tammie McGivens, Julie Powell, Jennifer Candela, Kristin Moore, Kimberly Moore, and Megan Clancy; and four great-grandchildren.

Family visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Thursday, November 6, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger. Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 7, at the Crews Cemetery in Crews, Texas, with Father Louis Moeller and Father Hugh Wade co-officiating.

### Gary P. McShan

**BALLINGER**—Gary P. McShan, 65, passed away Friday afternoon, November 7, 2003, in Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

He was born October 5, 1938, in Ballinger to Raymond Ralph and Claudia Kathleen Smith McShan. He was a member of the Texas National Guard during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. McShan was a field service engineer for 20 years for a computer company based in California and an auto mechanic most of his life. He also owned several other businesses. He attended First United Methodist Church in Ballinger.

He was preceded in death by his mother; a sister, Janet Rae Tinsley; and a daughter, Laura Leigh.

Survivors include his wife, Sue McShan of Ballinger; one son, Wayne McShan of San Angelo; his father, Raymond R. McShan of Ballinger; one stepgrandson, Jason Lee and wife Amanda of San Angelo; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 11, in the Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger. Arrangements were directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

### Albin B. Halfmann

**ROWENA**—Albin Bernard Halfmann, 82, a lifelong resident of Runnels County, passed away early Sunday morning November 9, 2003, in Ballinger.

He was born October 4, 1912, in Rowena to Bernard and Balbina Geistmann Halfmann. He attended Lowake School and was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a Sergeant on the island of Saipan in the Marianas. He married Alice Steinbach on February 20, 1950, in Rhineland, Texas.

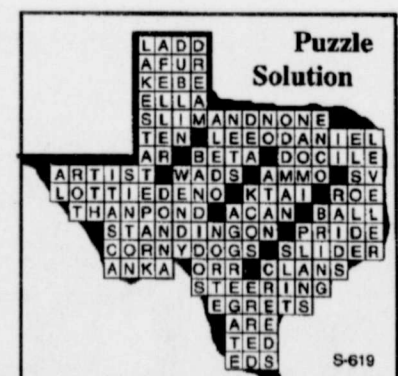
Mr. Halfmann was a farmer in the Rowena-Lowake area. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena and an honorary member of the Knights of Columbus. He also served as a director of the Lowake Co-op Gin and was an officer for Germania Insurance. Some of his favorite pastimes included polka dancing and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his wife on January 17, 1981; his parents; three sisters, Lena Gruber, Annie Dierschke, and Ella DeShayes; and one brother, Arthur Halfmann.

Survivors include one daughter, Sharon Bateson and husband John of Colleyville; one son, David Halfmann of Rowena; two grandchildren, Christine and Thomas Bateson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary was at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 10, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena. Mass of Christian Burial was at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 11, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Prasad Gallela celebrating. Interment followed in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Rowena. Arrangements were directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Memorials may be made to the Lowake Community Center, c/o August Haechten, P.O. Box 66, Lowake, TX 76855; St. Joseph Cemetery Fund; or a favorite charity.



### Considering a new business?

If you are considering a new business enterprise, expanding a current business, or wanting to buy a business, contact the Winters Area Business & Industrial Corporation. WABIC can provide assistance in how to start a business, in developing a plan, or locating a building or land. Call 754-4542 or e-mail rconner@winters-texas.us.



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# Community

## Pastor's Points

**Editor's Note:** This column features a different Winters minister each week in no particular order. Comments may or may not reflect the opinions or views of *The Winters Enterprise*.

### God used a lot of stuff

by Terry Loehman, Pastor of New Beginnings Church

God used words and made a world. God used the dust of the ground and made man. God used a rib and made a woman. God used Noah to build an ark. God used water to destroy the earth. God used a burning bush to reach Moses. God used Moses to lead his people out of bondage. God used snakes, blood, frogs, lice, flies, boils, hail, fire, locusts, and death to convince Pharaoh to set His people free. He also used a Red Sea.

God used a rock to get water. God used Samson and the jaw bone of a donkey to slay a thousand men. God used a young boy tending sheep and one smooth stone to kill a giant (and he had four smooth stones left over!). God used a fiery furnace to show Nebuchadnezzar His power. He also used a lion.

God used a virgin for Him to enter into the flesh. God used fishermen, tax collectors, and a doctor to be His apostles. God used five loaves of bread and two fishes to feed over five thousand people and had twelve baskets left over!

God used a fish to get His tax money. God used a rooster to save Peter and show him his unfaithfulness. God used spit and dirt to heal a blind man. God used a storm to teach His disciples about faith. God used a herd of swine to get rid of some demons. God used a child to show us how to enter into His kingdom. He also used a child to help bring me to salvation. God used a prodigal son to teach about love. God used a sycamore tree to help Zacchaeus be able to see Him.

God used some wood made into a cross to give us salvation. God used His blood so we could be saved. God used an empty tomb so we could live forever. God used a book to put His words in so that we would know about all the other stuff I'm talking about.

So what in the world would make you think He can't use you?



**RUSS ALTMAN**, of the Small Business Development Center in Abilene, speaks before a group of interested businessmen and women during a forum at the Rock Hotel on Nov. 6. The meeting was hosted by the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation. The next forum is scheduled for mid-December. (photo by Jean Boles)

## BUSINESS, continued

an approximate 1.25 million small business owners and entrepreneurs each year.

He explained how his company has the resources to assist small businesses "any way we can."

Altman challenged those present at the meeting to "think outside the box."

"With internet services available, retail is now global. The internet lets you choose to live in Winters while selling your product all over the world. And we (SBDC) can help you do this."

"And remember—it's critical to have a business plan — to set objectives, milestones, and make yourself keep to the schedule," Altman said.

The Small Business Development Center is located at 500

Chestnut, Suite 601, in Abilene. Consultations are made by appointment by calling 325-670-0300 or 1-888-670-0300. One-on-one consulting by trained professionals is offered at no charge. This includes all aspects of running a business including business plan development, financial planning, marketing, international trade and intellectual properties.

The next Winters Business Forum will be mid-December. Details will be published as made available to *The Winters Enterprise*.

For more information or assistance in starting or expanding a business in the Winters area, call Randall Conner, WABIC, at 325-754-4542.

## Ministerial Alliance to provide food baskets for Thanksgiving

The Winters Ministerial Alliance will provide Thanksgiving baskets this year to those who will not enjoy a nice Thanksgiving meal due to income restrictions.

The baskets are intended to feed those, at the beginning of the holidays, who would not ordinarily be able to have a Thanksgiving celebration. Limit one basket per family, and baskets can only be picked up by or delivered to the family named in the application.

A family does not have to utilize the Food Pantry in order to be eligible for a basket.

Applications may be made by returning the application form below to the Winters Outreach Center or by mailing it

to: P.O. Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567. Applications may also be picked up at the Food Pantry, 141 N. Church Street.

Applications MUST be received by November 19 to ensure a basket can be reserved for your family. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF DISTRIBUTION, NOVEMBER 25.

Baskets may be picked up at the Food Pantry on Tuesday, November 25, from noon to 1:00 p.m. Baskets will be delivered on Tuesday, November 25, ONLY from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS. Please have someone at your home to receive your basket.

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## Country Club to host Fish Fry this Saturday

Members of the Winters Country Club will be hosting a Fish Fry Saturday, Nov. 15, from 5-7 p.m. at the club.

Menu items include fried fish, red beans, hush puppies, French fries, onion rings, and your choice of tea or soft drink. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults; children age 10 and under eat free.

Purchase your ticket from any club member or at the Winters Country Club. You may contact Hank Bourdo at 754-2048; Sharon Kennedy, 754-5282; Jan Sims, 754-4186; Rick Dry, 754-5013; Connie Mac Gibbs, 754-4782; or the clubhouse, 754-4679.

Carry-outs will be available.

## "Pray for the Fish" at Ruth SS Class

The Ruth Sunday School Class had their monthly potluck on Monday, November 3, 2003, at Jones Hall.

Very special guests were Lea and Monte Angel. Monte presented a wonderful devotion in song. He even had a song titled "Pray for the Fish." Members present were

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**Birthday boy is Lynn Giles.**

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**VOLUNTEERS** gathered Monday morning at St. John's Lutheran Church to stuff envelopes for the annual Thanksgiving fund drive for the Winters Relief Fund. The letters are being sent to prospective donors but anyone willing to help may contact the Winters Relief Fund by calling any of the local churches. Clockwise from lower left are Georgia Orr, Mark Edge, Maureen Davis, Pat Simpson, Billy Simpson, Ken Williams, Tommie O'Dell, Glenn Dittmer, and Mrs. Rosser Goode. All funds collected to go help the needy in this area with utilities, medicine, and special needs. (photo by Jean Boles)

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- Nov. 14-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 5-9 p.m., "Christmas in November," Civic Center, Abilene 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Nov. 15-10 a.m.-7 p.m., "Christmas in November," Civic Center, Abilene 5-7 p.m., Fish Fry, Winters Country Club
- Nov. 16-12-5 p.m., "Christmas in November," Civic Center, Abilene 2-4 p.m., Doctors' Reception, North Runnels Hospital
- Nov. 17-8:30 a.m.-Noon, Runnels County Extension Diabetes Seminar, North Runnels Home Health Agency 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 6:30 p.m., Foreign Mission Banquet, First Baptist Church, Winters
- Nov. 18-8:30 a.m.-Noon, Runnels County Extension Diabetes Seminar, North Runnels Home Health Agency 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 4-5 p.m., Reading Hour, Winters Public Library 4:30 p.m., Library Board, Winters Public Library 5:30 p.m., Senior 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 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star Women's Service League Jr. High UIL Competition, Brady Festival of Trees "Golden Memories" Gala, Civic Center, Abilene
- Nov. 19-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office 8:30 a.m.-Noon, Runnels County Extension Diabetes Seminar, North Runnels Home Health Agency 9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 8-10 p.m., Parent Consultation Night, Call for appointment!
- Nov. 20-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center Jr. High UIL, San Saba



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## Blizzards lose to Coleman in final game of season

By Charles Murphy, Sports Writer for The Winters Enterprise

If total yards, 256 for Winters and 140 for Coleman, or first downs, 12 for Winters and 9 for Coleman, were what determined the winner, the Blizzards would have come away with a victory Friday night. But that was not the case, as the Coleman Bluecats took a 13-9 victory in the last football game of the season.

Coleman won the toss and chose to receive, setting up on their own 23 after the kickoff. The Blizzard defense promptly forced a 3 and out and the Bluecats punted on 4th and 1. Winters took over at their own 27, and drove to the 49.

Then, facing 4th and 5, it appeared the Blizzards would go for it. A quick kick by Benjie Valles rolled dead at the Coleman 30 yard line. The Bluecats strung together three first downs with 12 plays and faced a first and 10 at the Blizzard 12. Three plays later, they faced a 4th and 26. A pass netted 20 and the Blizzards took over at their own 8 yard line.

During the drive, the first quarter ended in a 0-0 tie. A diving catch by Tim Fenwick on 3rd and 13 picked up 28 and a first down at the 35 yard line. After a gain of 2 by Eric Lopez, and a 15 yard scamper

by Valles, a late hit left the Blizzards facing 4th and 22. Winters elected to punt.

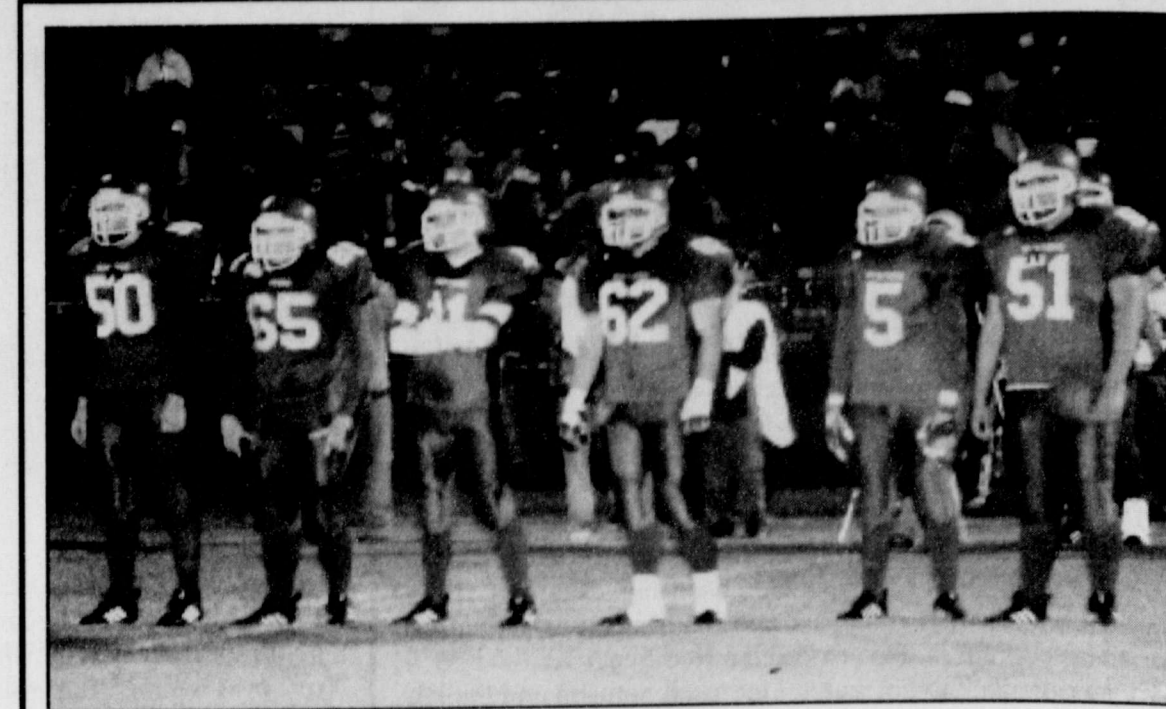
A roughing the kicker penalty gave the Blizzards an automatic first down. Completions by Valles to Tim Fenwick of 4 and 25, and to Lopez of 14 and 17, as well as runs by Lopez for 7 and Frank Perez for 13, saw the Blizzards at the 4 yard line with a 1st and 6.

The Coleman defense stiffened and left Winters with a 4th and goal from the 3. From here, Valles hit a 20 yard field goal and the Blizzards took the lead at 2:59 left in the half.

The next 2:57 minutes proved to be the difference in the game as the Bluecats scored on a 19 yard run and a 70 yard interception return of a Valles pass with only 2 seconds left in the half. The half ended with Coleman up 13-3.

The Blizzard took the opening second half kickoff and drove 75 yards for their only touchdown as Eric Lopez scored from five yards out. During the drive, Lopez gained 25 yards on five carries and Valles hit Frank Perez for 32 and Tim Fenwick for 15 on 4th and 10.

A pass interference call on 4th and 4 gave the Blizzards a crucial first down midway



SENIOR BLIZZARDS and honorary captains for their final game for Winters High School Friday night were Wacey Cason #50, Will Ahrens #65, Eric Lopez #11, Jerry Hord #62, Jeremy Sherman #5, and Francisco Santos #51.  
(photo by Jean Boles)

through the drive. The Valles extra point sailed wide and the Coleman lead was cut to 13-9 with 7:08 left in the game.

Interceptions and fumbles proved to much for the Blizzard offense to overcome as the Winters defense shut Coleman down for the remainder of the contest.

One Blizzard "fumble" stands out as Valles found Fenwick for a huge gain inside the Bluecat 20 with four minutes left to play. As Fenwick dove for the apparent catch, the ball came out when he hit the ground. With no whistle blow-

ing the play dead, a Coleman defender picked up the ball and returned it to the 45 yard line. (I kept looking for the red flag to come out and the officials to go to the monitor to view the instant replay to clear things up). After an official pow-wow, the Bluecats were given the ball and a first down at their own 45 yard line.

The Blizzard defense promptly forced a 3 and out, and facing a 4th and 9, the Bluecats punted. With 1:57 left in the contest, the Blizzards took over at their own 26 yard line. Valles found Fenwick for

15 on first down. After a loss of five and an incompleting, Valles again hit Fenwick for 17 on 3rd and 17. Another completion to Fenwick for 11, and a Coleman personal foul placed the ball at the Coleman 20 for a 1st and 10 with 1:11 left in the contest. Three incompleting and a sack spelled doom for the Blizzards as Coleman took over at the 26 yard line with 40 seconds left.

The Bluecats took a knee and the Blizzards took their ninth loss of the season with a 13-9 defeat.



MAX HARRISON #27 sacks the Bluecat quarterback for a big loss on the play.  
(photo by Jean Boles)



TIM FENWICK #40 snags the pass and eludes the tackler during a last ditch effort for the varsity Blizzards against the Coleman Bluecats.  
(photo by Jean Boles)

### District 9-2A Season Standings

Team	DISTRICT	SEASON
	W L T	W L T
Jim Ned	5 0 0	10 0 0
Bangs	4 1 0	6 4 0
San Saba	3 2 0	5 5 0
Goldthwaite	2 3 0	4 6 0
Coleman	1 4 0	3 7 0
Winters	0 5 0	1 8 0

### STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	Winters	Coleman
First downs	6	9
Rushing yards	32-148	29-118
Passing yards	108	22
Total yards	256	140
Comp-Att-Int	7-14-2	4-9-0
Fumbles-lost	3-1	2-0
Penalties	8-88	2-25

By Quarters	Winters	Coleman
	0, 3, 6, 0	9
	0, 13, 0, 0	13

### INDIVIDUAL STATS

Not available.

### 8th grade takes 28-0 win over Coleman

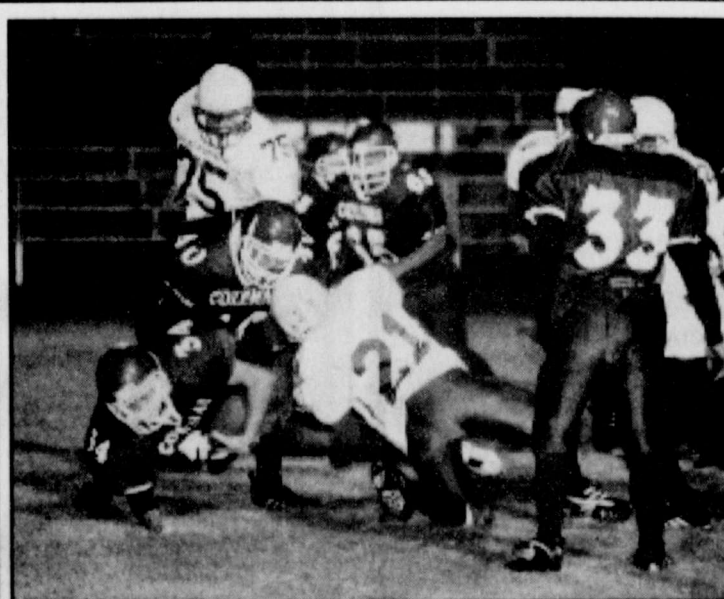
The 8th grade Breezes ended their 2003 season with a big 28-0 win over the Coleman Bluecats Thursday evening.

Tory Burns and Tad Martin each scored two touchdowns on big runs for the 8th grade squad.

Justin Fenwick intercepted the pass and scampered 53 yards for the touchdown for his junior varsity Blizzards.



BENJIE VALLES, varsity Blizzard quarterback, checks out his receivers before making the pass against the Bluecats.  
(photo by Jean Boles)



JUAN HERNANDEZ #21 makes the tackle against the Coleman Bluecats in junior varsity action. Coming to help is Ty Cason #75.  
(photo courtesy of Mike Neal)

### 2003 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE WINTERS-OPPONENT
Aug. 29	Menard	T	8:00	3-49
Sept. 5	Cross Plains	H	8:00	7-21
Sept. 12	Mason	H	7:30	5-36
Sept. 19	Wall	T	8:00	0-47
Sept. 26	Robert Lee	T	8:00	49-7
Oct. 3	OPEN			
Oct. 10	Bangs▲	T	7:30	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	0-75
Nov. 7	Coleman▲	H	7:30	9-13

★ Homecoming ▲ District Games

### 2003 Jr. Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE WINTERS-OPPONENT
Aug. 28	Menard	H	6:30	12-0
Sept. 4	Cross Plains	T	6:30	18-8
Sept. 11	Mason	T	6:30	rained out
Sept. 18	Wall	H	6:30	not available
Sept. 25	Albany	T	6:30	0-59
Oct. 2	OPEN			
Oct. 9	Bangs▲	H	6:00	rained out
Oct. 16	Goldthwaite▲	H	6:00	0-36
Oct. 23★	San Saba▲	T	6:00	14-32
Oct. 30	Jim Ned▲	H	6:00	6-54
Nov. 6	Coleman▲	T	6:00	6-48

★ Homecoming ▲ District Games

### 2003 Jr. High Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE WINTERS-OPPONENT
Sept. 4	Cross Plains	T	5 - 8th only	8TH 6-0
Sept. 11	Mason	H	5 & 6:30	8TH 9-0 9TH 0-26
Sept. 18	Wall	T	5 & 6:30	8TH 5-27 9TH 0-24
Sept. 25	Roscoe/Robert Lee	H	5 & 6:30	8TH 0-3 9TH 0-26
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	5 & 6:30	32-28 6-22
Oct. 30	Jim Ned▲	T	5 & 6:30	0-22 0-36
Nov. 6	Coleman▲	H	5 & 6:30	28-0 0-36

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**AARON TAYLOR demonstrates some defensive maneuvers to Christian Sandoval, age 9, while Kolton Garcia, 8, watches intently. The young players are members of the Blizzards, pee wee division. Aaron, a 2000 graduate of Winters High School, volunteered his skills to work with the kids before being deployed to Iraq last week. He is the son of Barry and Susie Taylor and currently serving in the U. S. Army.**  
(photo by Jean Boles)

## EXPENDITURES, continued

include replacing the front door to meet ADA requirements, and replacing the carpet possibly with tile except for the board room.

Clack also added that within the next two years, the high school building should be evaluated for the possibility of remodeling and/or a five year plan should be developed for the Winters High School instructional facility.

Clack stressed that none of these issues are critical but would need addressing in the near future.

The track is almost seven years old, which, according to Clack, is the life expectancy for a track of this nature. He said the track is already worn down to the asphalt in places and the longer the school waits to repair the track, the more extensive (and costly) the work will be. He went on to say that the track is used almost daily by students and community members, and that Winters will be hosting four track meets this year.

When discussing the school's bus situation, Clack reminded board members that the Texas Education Agency recommends that schools get a new bus every year or every other year, and that "we're

three or five years behind right now."

According to Jimmy Butler, WISD Business Manager, the status of some buses as of 9/4/03 is as follows:

Model	Mileage
1982	426,000
1985	232,000
1990	201,000
1998	192,000
1993	185,000
1991	170,000
1994	168,000
1996	91,000
2002	37,000

Butler said a minimum of five large buses were needed during the football season to transport players and the band, and projections are for a significant increase in band members for next year.

As with the track surface, the longer repairs are put off, the more damage occurs on the tennis courts, which, in turn, are more costly to repair. The school's tennis program involves more than 50 students at the present time.

Lewis Bergman and Randall Conner presented an idea to trustees about the possibility of a low-frequency radio station, based out of one of four vacant rooms in the high school building. Students who participate in UIL events such as current events, speech, debate and

sports would assist in broadcasts. Local churches would also have the opportunity to use the broadcast. According to Bergman, a 10-watt station would have a 5-mile broadcast radius while a 100-watt station would reach a 15-mile radius. A portable unit would be available for live sports coverage.

Clack said he understands there will be "little or no cost to the district."

While advertising is not allowed on this type of non-profit station, sponsorships will be requested.

Bergman and Conner were not asking for any action from the board but simply presenting a proposal which might be available in the next few months. Bergman said, "When the window of opportunity opens, it's only for about four days for this deal, and if you don't have your proposal ready, you won't be granted the license."

WISD technology director Mike Neal will be preparing the application for the radio station if and when the board approves such action.

Elementary Principal Brilla Magee reported on "a very successful" first day of UIL literary contests on Monday which brought about 400 students to the WISD campus.

Short reports were also given by Secondary Principal David Hale, Assistant Principal David Evans, and Athletic Director Bret Barrick.

Present for the November 10 meeting were trustees Larry Walker, Jerry Sims, Manuel Vera, Shelia Paschal, Cheryl Bryan, Bob Prewit and Allen Andrae; Superintendent Clack and Business Manager Butler.

**Parent Consultation Night at WISD**  
Wed., Nov. 19, 8-10 p.m.  
Call 754-5574 for an appointment.

## WHS Boys team 15th at regional cross-country

The cross-country runners competed in regional competition in Arlington on Saturday, November 8.

The boys team placed 15th. Members include Jose Hernandez, Javier Rodriguez, Jonathan Meyer, Juan Hernandez, Bryce Wilkerson, Ismael Aragon, and Anthony Ramirez.

Briana Parramore competed in the girls division and did a good job. This was Briana's

fourth year to qualify for the regional meet.

Coach Deb Whittenburg says that these students should be commended for their hard work and accomplishments.

Individual scores:

Briana Parramore, 73rd, 14:31  
Jose Hernandez, 48th, 18:36  
Javier Rodriguez, 49th, 18:38  
Jonathan Meyer, 89th, 19:41  
Juan Hernandez, 105th, 20:15  
Bryce Wilkerson, 112th, 20:30  
Ismael Aragon, 117th, 20:42  
Anthony Ramirez, 155th, 25:04.



## School Days, School Days

### Linda Villarreal

*Special Education Teacher, Coach*

Linda Villarreal was employed by Winters ISD in August 2003 as a Special Education teacher and 7th grade girls basketball, track, and tennis coach.

She graduated from Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. Linda holds elementary teacher certification and is currently pursuing certification in General Special Education. Also at ASU, her minor field of study included Life-Earth Science.

Miss Villarreal previously



taught a reading recovery program at Ballinger Elementary School. Presently, she is residing in Rowena.

### Basketball '03

*Catch the Action*

Nov. 15—Hawley, 10 a.m., Here, JVG, VG  
Nov. 15—S.A. Central & Lakeview, 10 a.m., Central, VB  
Nov. 17—Bangs, Here, 5 p.m., 7G, 8G  
Nov. 17—Bangs, There, 5 p.m., 7B, 8B, 9B  
Nov. 18—Baird, TBA, There, JVG, VG  
Nov. 20-22—Eula Tourney, There, TBA, JVG, JVB

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JVG Junior Varsity Girls  
JVB Junior Varsity Boys  
9B Freshman Boys  
8B 8th Boys 8G 8th Girls  
7B 7th Boys 7G 7th Girls  
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## HONORED, continued

Pearl Guerrero is the daughter of Rachel Guerrero and Mario Espino, who she loves as a father. She is a senior at Winters High School and has actively participated in band for eight years. She served as Assistant Drum Major her junior year and is currently Head Drum Major.

She competed in the Small Schools Academic Challenge where her team qualified for State her junior year. This year, she is participating in Current Events and History UIL contest.

After graduating in May of 2004, Pearl plans to attend college and pursue a degree in Nursing. She is a member of the New Beginnings Church.

Will Ahrens, a senior student, is the son of Ted and Mary Beth Ahrens. He has been in band since the fifth grade and plays the alto saxophone and the baritone saxophone for the Winters High School Band. He is on the Winters Blizzards varsity football team and also participates in powerlifting and UIL events. During his free

time, Will enjoys playing bass guitar, hunting, and eating.

He plans to attend Angelo State University, but has yet to decide upon a major.

### CAFETERIA MENU

Nov. 17-Nov. 21

*Subject to change\**

#### Breakfast

Monday-Nov. 17

Pancake Puppies

Juice

Tuesday-Nov. 18

Donuts

Cereal

Juice

Wednesday-Nov. 19

Biscuits & Sausage

Juice

Thursday-Nov. 20

Cinnamon Roll

Cereal

Juice

Friday-Nov. 21

Breakfast Pockets

Juice

#### Lunch

Monday-Nov. 17

Ham

Macaroni & Cheese

Fried Okra

Cornbread

Peaches

Tuesday-Nov. 18

Chalupas w/Lettuce & Tomatoes

Cole Slaw

Spanish Rice

Brownie

Wednesday-Nov. 19

Chicken Fried Steak

Potatoes & Gravy

Green Beans

Hot Roll

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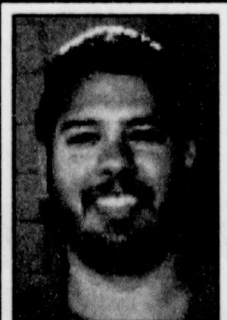
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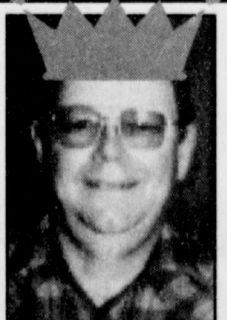
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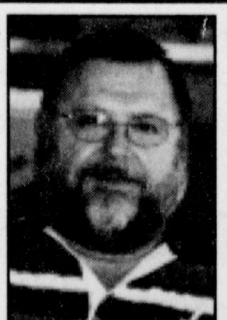
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George Mostad

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Randall Conner

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Mike Neal

9-1  
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## And the winner is . . . (drum roll here). . . George Mostad!

by Jean Boles, editor

Whew! That was close. Guess all those extra years of living and sports viewing gave George Mostad the edge over Mike Neal in our annual Fearless Football Forecaster contest. George jumped out to an early lead this season but Mike slowly and steadily closed in. But George hung on for the title — no prize, mind you, just the title. (Although we did put in a request for a trip to Tahiti, but don't pack your bags just yet).

I want to thank all our Forecasters for their contributions each week. For letting us "bug" you week after week. For sending in your picks so promptly that we didn't have to whine at you (although that is one of my favorite past-times).

Seriously, thanks again to Brilla, René, Randall, Mike and King George. We appreciate you!



## Life



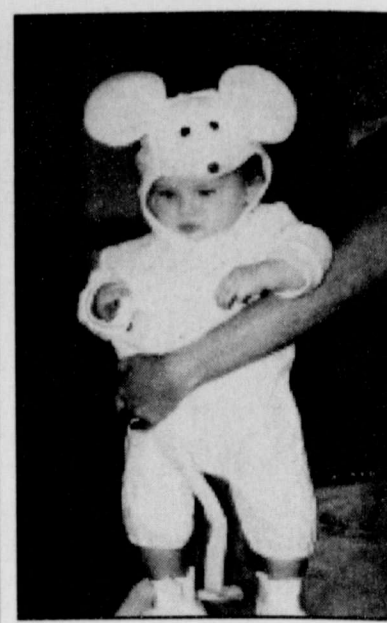
ENJOYING THE FALL FESTIVAL and costume contest at the Halloween Carnival were (l-r) Hannah Franklin, Kelsea Esquivel, Camille Kurtz, Michelle Kruse, Caitlin Kurtz, and Zanny Slimp. The 2003 festival was attended by more than three times the number of adults and children as in the past years. (photo courtesy of Mike Neal)



**COWBOY HAYDEN BURLESON**, age 1, keeps his pony under control to win first place in his division. (photo by Randall Boles)



**BROOKLYNN ANDERSON**, age 4, took first place honors with her Cinderella attire in the 2-5 year old division. (photo courtesy of Mike Neal)



**HALEY RINIGER** was cute as a button in this mouse creation, in the baby division. Haley is 6 months old. (photo by Randall Boles)

A complete list of winners was not available from the Winters Chamber of Commerce. The Winters Enterprise congratulates all the winners and entrants of the 2003 costume contest.

## Home health care information available to consumers

The Texas Association for Home Care enthusiastically supports a new initiative that will help consumers choose the most appropriate home health agency to serve the needs of elderly, disabled, and frail Texans.

"The data that is now available to Texans gives the consumers an opportunity to do some comparative shopping when trying to determine which home health agency fits their circumstances. It not only is a great tool for consumers, but it provides agencies with a

benchmark so they can determine what areas of service need to be improved," said, Anita Bradberry, Executive Director of the Texas Association for Home Care, a trade association with over 500 members.

The federally mandated consumer database, known as Home Health Compare, was launched Tuesday, November 4, 2003. Consumers can access the data by logging onto the public web site at <www.medicare.gov>. Once on the site, consumers can easily

navigate using their zip code or county to compare agencies in their communities. Data was supplied by Medicare certified home health agencies to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The comparative data addresses 11 quality home care specific categories from June 2002 through May 2003. Services and outcomes measured include patients who have progressed or are doing better at such day-to-day living activities as getting dressed, bathing, mobility and taking their daily medications.

"Texas is in close proximity to the national average on the selected quality measures. However, that does not mean we do not have room to improve, and this tool will enable agencies to identify where they need to improve in their delivery of services," said Ms. Bradberry.

In Texas, almost 180,000 elderly, disabled, and frail citizens currently have their needs

met through a home health care agency according to the Texas Medical Foundation.

"While we are excited that we now have the means to share this important data with consumers, I believe it is also important to remember home health care provides tens of thousands of our most vulnerable citizens the choice to remain in their homes instead of institutionalized care. Home health care saves the taxpayers of Texas money while providing care with dignity to their loved ones," said Ms. Bradberry.

"We look at this program as an opportunity for home health providers in Texas to improve the quality of service in the state and to give consumers more choice in providing care for their loved ones," concluded Ms. Bradberry.

Questions about the Home Health Compare initiative can be addressed to the Texas Association for Home Care at (800) 880-8893.

## In Appreciation

## Card of Thanks

My family and I would like to thank everyone for the kindness and thoughtfulness that was expressed after my injury.

We would like to thank Mary Wilkerson, Becky Airhart, Linda DeLaCruz, Becky Drake, Mr. Clack, and Dora and Danny Martinez for coming to the hospital with me.

Thanks to Barbara Heathcott, Robert and Rhonda Cook, and everyone who came by the house after the game to check up on me.

A special thanks to everyone who came to see me at Shannon Hospital after my surgery.

Also, thanks for all the prayers and the many calls I received during my hospital stay.

Of course, thanks to my Grandma, my aunts and cousins for always being there for me.

Thanks to everyone who brought meals to my family. Thanks to all my buddies and teachers that have helped me at school and at home.

I realize that I couldn't ask for better friends. God bless you all!

Jeremy Mendoza  
and family

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## Town Crier

## Makinna Elizabeth Peterson

Cody and Shawna Peterson of Deshler, Nebraska, are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Makinna Elizabeth Peterson, on Tuesday, October 28, 2003, in Hebron, Nebraska. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Donald and Elaine Peterson of Smith Center, Kansas. Maternal grandparents are Larry and Kris Siebenneicher of Deshler, Nebraska.

Paternal great-grandmothers are Dorothy Paske of Winters and Imogene Peterson of Lebanon, Kansas. Maternal great-grandparents are Eugene and Vera Siebenneicher of Deshler, Nebraska.

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# Life

## Texas' First Lady, Anita Perry, to speak at 8th annual Windcrest Festival of Trees "Golden Memories" Gala

The Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center Volunteer Charity Board is pleased to announce that Texas' First Lady, Anita Perry, will be the guest speaker at the eighth annual Windcrest Festival of Trees "Golden Memories" Gala to be held on Tuesday, November 18, at the Abilene Civic Center.

For the past seven years, Festival of Trees has been an integral part of the Sears Methodist Retirement System's aid in the fight against Alzheimer's. During that time, more than a quarter of a million dollars has been raised to meet the growing charitable needs of Alzheimer's residents who have outlived their resources. In 2002, \$304,634 was expended toward charitable assistance at Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center.

Mrs. Perry is a graduate of West Texas State University, with a master's degree in nursing from University of Texas

Health Science Center in San Antonio. She has continued her work in health care as Texas' First Lady through her efforts



to increase state immunization rates, raise awareness of breast cancer and Alzheimer's disease, and promote the field of nursing. She also serves as an ambassador for the Texas Council on Family Violence.

"Those afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease struggle with a loss of recognition of those in their everyday life but will remember the past," said Margaret Hoogstra, chair of this year's Festival and a Windcrest Family member. "These golden memories are inspirational of this year's theme and will be meaningful to those who have

seen the disease in someone they know."

The event will include an opening reception, dinner, silent auction, and the Live Auction of a bronze titled "Horse Raid" by J.D. Woods, artwork by Sweetwater artist Mondel Rogers, and a 7-course gourmet Alaskan seafood dinner for eight by Abilenians Bill and Tril Stratton. Tickets for the event are still available through November 13 (today) and can be obtained by calling Windcrest at 325-692-1533.

Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center, located in southwest Abilene at 6050 Hospital Drive, has brought to the forefront the specialized services and innovative programs needed for Alzheimer's care. This 120-bed center is a facility of the Sears Methodist Retirement System, Inc. a faith based system which is recognized nationally by the Continuing Care Accreditation Commission.

## Stenholm criticizes inadequate funding for U.S. veterans healthcare system

Congressman Charlie Stenholm said he is deeply disappointed that the Republican leadership stripped out \$1.3 billion in emergency funding for veterans' healthcare from the \$87 billion War Supplemental Spending Bill shortly before it was considered for final approval.

"In the budget resolution we passed last spring, we promised our veterans enough money for a quality healthcare system, but now that it's time to follow through on that promise, we're leaving them nearly two billion dollars short," Stenholm said. "It's time to live up to our promises and provide the VA with the money it needs to take care of the men and women who sacrificed so much to defend our nation. Soldiers live by the creed that no one is left behind in the field of battle. We must make it our creed that no veteran will be left behind when it comes to how our nation repays the debts we owe these brave men and women. This must be our sacred obligation as Americans."

Earlier this month, Stenholm joined an overwhelming bipartisan majority of the U.S. House of Representatives to express support for the Senate provision that would add funding for veterans' healthcare. Despite broad support of this provision, Congressional negotiators agreed to strip the fund-

ing from the War Supplemental Spending Bill in response to opposition by the Bush Administration. Bush officials had indicated they would recommend the President veto the bill if it included the Senate provision providing additional funding for veterans' healthcare.

The Fiscal Year 2004 federal budget promised \$1.8 billion more than Congress has approved for veterans' healthcare so far this year. That significant gap, which the Senate provision was intended to help cover, means the waiting list of veterans seeking treatment will grow even longer.

"It's easy to forget that VA healthcare affects more than older veterans who served our country many years ago," Stenholm said. "The healthcare of our young veterans who are overseas today is at stake because when they come home they will be our new generation of American veterans. Currently thousands of veterans are waiting six months or longer to see a doctor. We have to fix this for our current veterans and for those right now putting their lives on the line in Iraq."

The VA operates the nation's largest healthcare system, providing medical services to 4.9 million veterans in 2003. However, the VA healthcare system has been chronically underfunded, resulting in long delays

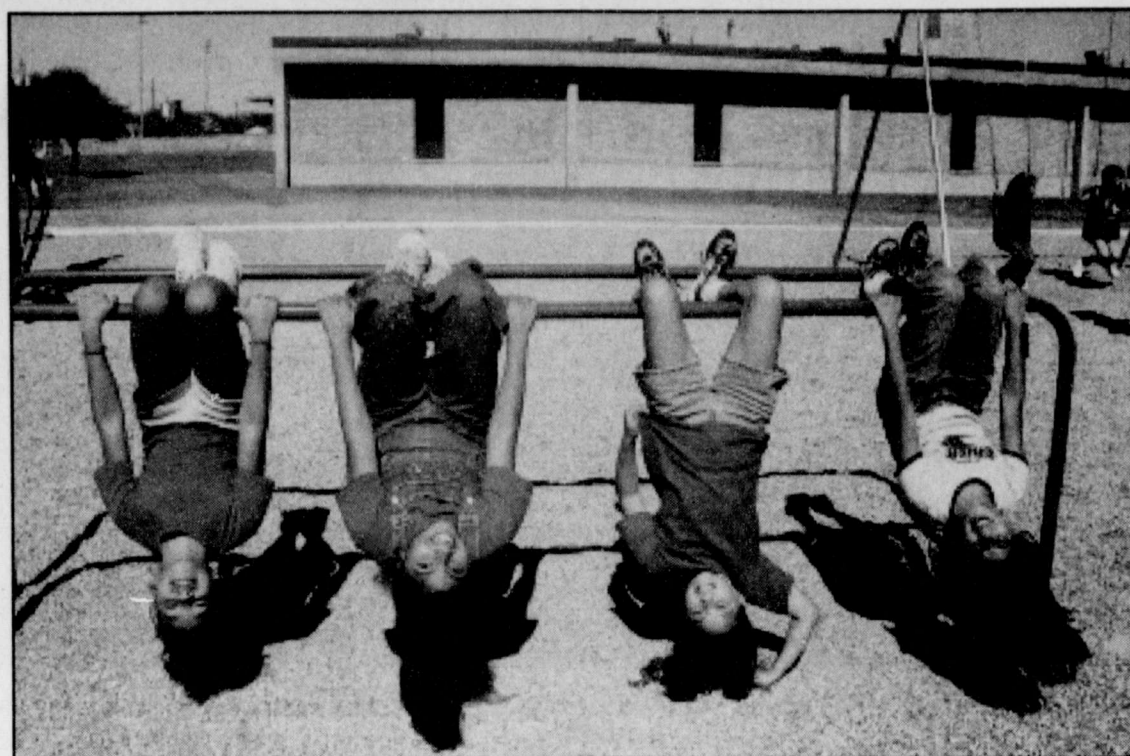
for medical service. According to the VA, as many as 310,000 veterans are on waiting lists for medical care, with many of those veterans waiting as much as six months for an appointment. Though resources are already stretched thin, the VA has proposed closing additional hospitals and other medical facilities in the months to come in order to help close the budget shortfalls facing the VA health system.

Despite Stenholm's concerns that the War Supplemental Spending Bill shortchanges our veterans, he voted for this legislation because it contains funds that support our troops' hazardous duties overseas. "I am deeply troubled by the degree to which this bill fails our veterans, but we have to give our men and women in uniform the funds they need each day they are away from home," Stenholm said.

In addition, Stenholm recently voted for H.R. 3365, which would increase the Military Death Gratuity for families of troops killed in the line of duty from \$6,000 to \$12,000. The measure also makes the entire death gratuity tax exempt.

"I strongly support giving our men and women in uniform all the resources they need to do their jobs," Stenholm said, "but we also must take care of our soldiers' families if tragedy

## Just hanging out...



... AND ENJOYING 80-plus degree fall weather during recess at Winters Elementary School are (l-r) Bianca Carrillo, age 10, Cristal Trevino, age 11, Kelsea Garcia, age 10, and Caroline Rodriguez, age 11. Temperatures fell to the high 30's last week, then climbed into the 70's again this week.

(photo by Jean Boles)

## Friendly Poets Society sponsoring free poetry contest

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special spiritual poetry contest sponsored by Friendly Poets Society, free to everyone. There are over 40 prizes in all, totaling more than \$4,000.

To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 2255 N. University Parkway, Ste 15 #196, Provo, Utah 84604. Or enter online at <www.friendlypoets.com>.

The deadline for entering is December 6.

Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference. A typical poem might be a love poem, or nature poem, one that inspires the reader.

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**ACROSS**

1 this Alan starred in TX-based film "The Big Land"

5 TXism: "\_\_\_ piece" (long way)

6 Jacksonville AM

7 TX singer \_\_\_ Mae Morse

8 TXism: "you got two chances: \_\_\_"

16 XIT Ranch covered \_\_\_ counties

17 this gov. resigned in '41 to enter the U.S. Senate

21 TX "Cowpoke" creator Reid (init.)

22 barbed-wire tycoon TX John \_\_\_ Million Gates

23 easily led or taught 21-across

29 "split" \_\_\_

30 29-across for a mischief maker

31 init. of TX Stevie Ray without the "R"

32 this woman was famous gambler in early TX

34 Kingville FM

35 TX case: \_\_\_ vs. Wade

36 TXism: "lower \_\_\_ scum"

37 TXism: "packed like sardines in \_\_\_"

38 TXism: "ole \_\_\_ and chain" (spouse)

39 hymn: "\_\_\_ the Promises"

41 TX singer Charley

**DOWN**

1 "Caddo" \_\_\_ near Karnack

2 TXism: "red and yellow, kill \_\_\_ (coral snake)"

3 in Erath Co. on 377

4 TX Hagman's "I \_\_\_ of Jeannie"

9 in east central Parker Co.

10 Gulf shrimp catchers

11 agcy. that watches for drugs on so. border (abbr.)

12 TXism: "close but \_\_\_ cigar"

13 \_\_\_ out

14 TX poet Shihab Nye 15 name before Exxon

18 TX Kenny's "The Gambler, Part \_\_\_"

19 Spanish publication: "\_\_\_ Texas"

20 adjustable refrigerator foot?

22 outlaws south of the border

24 nickname for TX Abraham Lincoln Neiman

25 TXism: "\_\_\_ gut" (liquor)

26 class meetings at a TX univ. (abbr.)

27 in Hill Co. on 81

28 seat of San Patricio Co.

29 fast food restaurant named for this Plano, TX woman

30 "\_\_\_ impasse"

33 in Hidalgo Co. off hwy. 83

34 El Paso TV station

35 surprise attacks

37 sum of the parts

38 TXism: "\_\_\_ home the bacon"

40 old name: "Rio Grande del \_\_\_"

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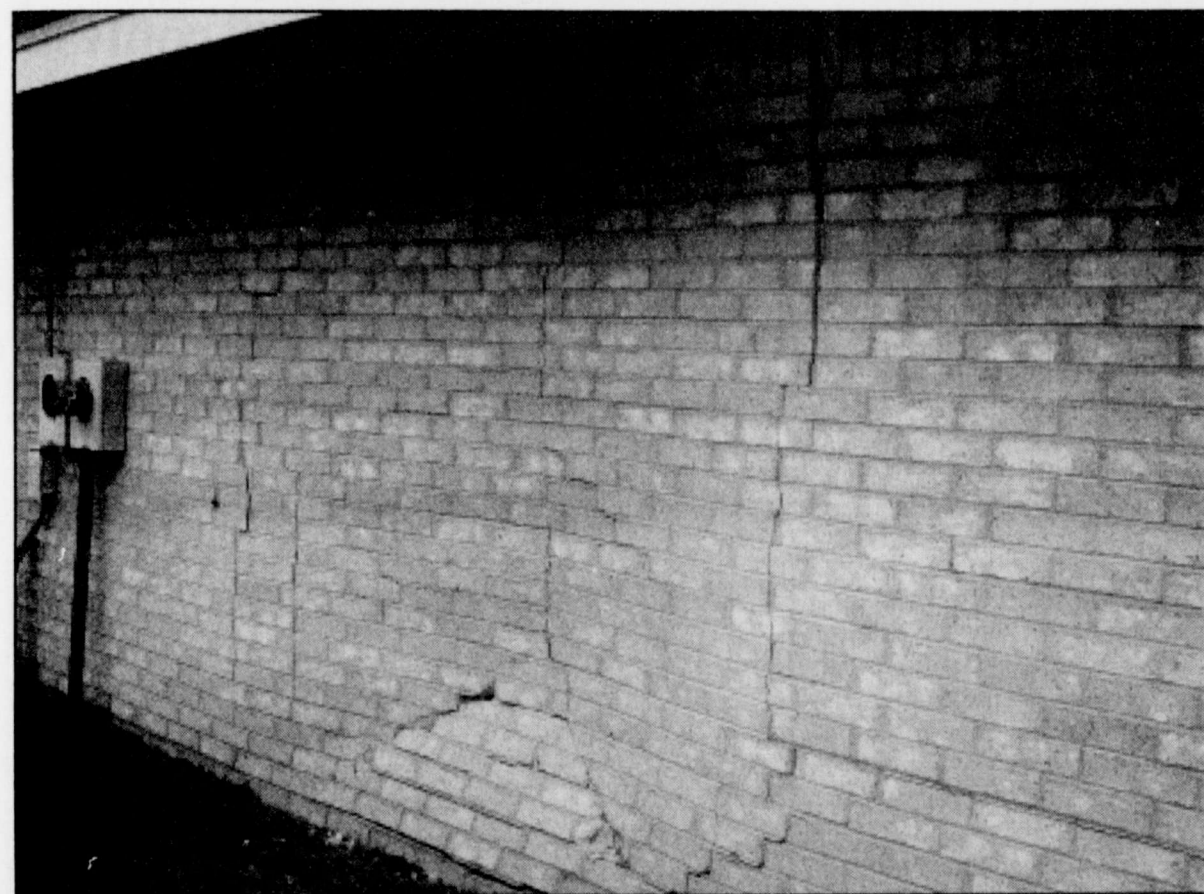
## Life



NICKI HARLE, center, is congratulated by Winters City Manager Aref Hassan, as she announces her candidacy as Republican nominee for State Representative in District 53. Harle made a stop at the Winters City Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 5, and spoke to a crowd of supporters including (l-r) Susan Conner, Dr. Rob Harle, Rick Rickard, Kay Sharpes and Hank Bourdo.

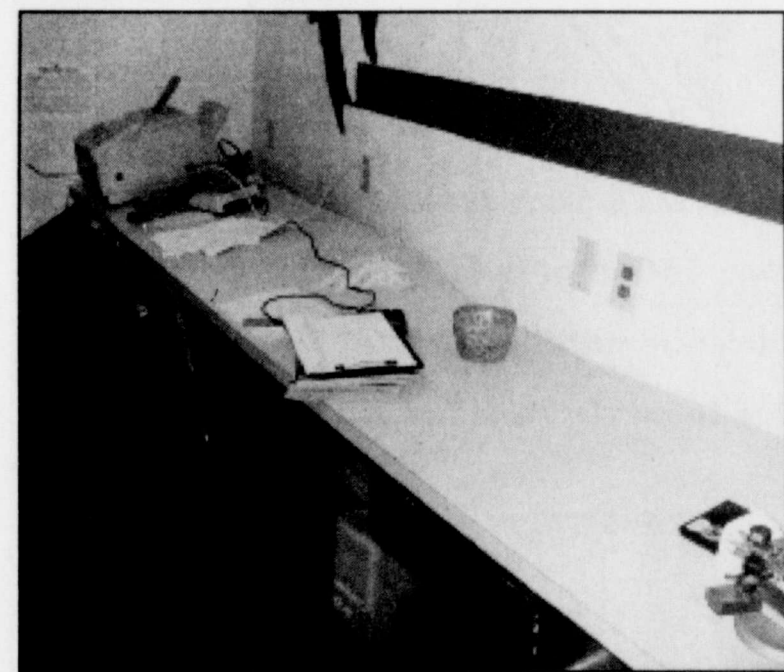
(photo by Jean Boles)

## The wall didn't come crumbling down, but was close



THE EAST SIDE OF FIRST AMERICAN BANK was apparently hit by a vehicle sometime between 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, and 7:45 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6. Police are continuing the investigation and search for the unknown suspect(s).

(photo by Jennifer Cravens)



DAMAGE TO AN INSIDE WALL of the bank is apparent. If you have information, please contact the Winters Police Dept. at 754-4121. Related information about this crime may be worth a reward.

(photo by Jennifer Cravens)

## COMMISSIONERS, cont'd

would be assigned to Runnels County. Captain Cummings said the position was already open and it would make no difference.

Following that, Commissioners voted to rescind their request for the trooper in Runnels County.

Captain Cummings indicated after the meeting that the CVE trooper could be assigned as early as December 1, but it may be February 2004 before one is assigned.

In other business items at the meeting, Judge Egan presented plaques of appreciation to Edward Studer and Mike Riley for their assistance in acquiring and getting county offices "hooked up" to the wire-

## Nicki Harle announces candidacy as Republican State Representative

Pledging to take her conservative values to the Texas Legislature, Baird resident Nicki Harle recently announced her candidacy as Republican nominee for State Representative in District 53. The 15-county district includes Callahan, Coleman, Concho, Crockett, Kerr, Kimble, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Real, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, and Sutton Counties.

Harle visited with supporters during a campaign visit in Winters on November 5, at the City Hall.

"I'm running for the Texas House of Representatives because I believe the people of District 53 deserve a Representative who will listen to constituents and work with Texas' leadership to solve the problems facing rural Texans," Harle said. "We must protect our natural resources and preserve the quality of life for those who follow us in the years

ahead. Without the right representation, we stand the very real possibility that rural Texas will be forgotten by the big city mentality that is becoming prevalent in Austin."

Harle has served as the first and only executive director of the Texas Midwest Community Network, a regional organization covering 25 rural counties working with local elected officials and community leaders in more than 40 small cities on the very problems that face all of rural Texas.

Texas Speaker of the House Tom Craddick recognized her leadership role in these vital areas by appointing her to the governing board of the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), a state agency established by the 77th Legislature.

"I have gained first hand knowledge of the unique challenges small town leaders must deal with on a daily basis. Infrastructure maintenance and leg-

islative mandates continue to stretch local resources beyond capacity," the Texas native said. "We must not allow rural Texas to be forgotten in the rush to expand the urban landscape."

Married to Dr. Rob Harle in 1974, the couple raised three sons who all graduated from Baird High School and received honors at Texas Tech University. A fifth generation Texan, Harle was instilled at a young age with a strong work ethic and desire to serve others. Raised in a rice farming family, she observed as her parents farmed and ranched in Colorado County while serving in city government and community service roles.

Harle pledges to conduct an aggressive grass roots campaign "because it is important for candidates to meet the public, listen to their concerns and understand the needs of the district. As State Representative, I will bring a lifetime of experiences and an involved rural perspective to the Texas Legislature."

## "Texas Recycles Every Day"—

## Recycling Awareness Day is Nov. 15

Texas Recycles Day (TRD), the statewide, public awareness campaign to encourage Texans to start recycling or increase their recycling efforts, will be held on Saturday, November 15.

With this year's theme of "Texas Recycles Every Day", co-sponsors Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality hope to raise awareness and encourage Texans to make recycling a part of their daily lives. Events focusing on Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rebuy are being held now through November 17 in communities across the state.

This is the 11th year for the event to be held. TRD was the nation's first statewide recy-

cling campaign, which served as the model for America Recycles Day. In celebration of America Recycles Day, everyone is invited to pledge to recycle and buy recycled more, or support an America Recycles Day recycling event on, or leading up to, November 15.

By pledging to begin or renew their commitment to recycling, participants are automatically entered into a drawing. Nationally, 8 prizes will be awarded, including a 2004 Ford Focus PZEV (Partial Zero Emission Vehicle), five aluminum Trek Model 4300 24-speed bicycles, and spa vaca-

tion packages. All pledges must be submitted no later than midnight November 15, 2003.

For details and to enter the contest, visit <[www.america-recyclesday.org](http://www.america-recyclesday.org)>.

Any individual, group, or company can participate in or hold a Texas Recycles Day event. To participate in TRD events, download publications, or learn more about recycling, go to <[www.texasrecyclesday.org](http://www.texasrecyclesday.org)>.

Texas Recycles Day is an ongoing program to promote the economic and environmental benefits of waste reduction and recycling.

## Texas Recycles Day is this Saturday, November 15.

You can celebrate Texas Recycles Day by donating used items to charity, taking your own bags to the store, or simply recycling your aluminum cans.

Whatever you do, get acquainted with Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rebuy by visiting [www.texasrecyclesday.org](http://www.texasrecyclesday.org) or by calling 1-800-CLEAN-TX. Because Texas Recycles Every Day!

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The event runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 14, 15, and 16, 2003. Shopping hours are Friday, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Admission is free. Concessions are also available.

This year there will be 137 booths offering a variety of arts and crafts for sale including Christmas ornaments, pottery, clothing, jewelry, Christmas Nativity Scenes from around the world, stain glass creations, ironwork and rustic furniture, t-shirts, children's toys, household items, and specialty foods. Many of the items are handmade and one-of-a-kind.

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## Life

# Lisa Loehman and Fabian Gomez united in marriage



Mrs. Fabian Gomez

Lisa Loehman and Fabian Gomez, both of Odessa, were united in marriage Saturday, November 1, 2003, at New Beginnings Church in Winters. Pastor Terry Loehman, father of the bride, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Terry and Noelisa Loehman of Winters. Grandparents are Claudelle Kirkland and Shorty of Grape Creek, the late Noel Graves of Hatchel, Weetona Loehman of Winters, and Eddie Loehman Sr. of Odessa.

The groom is the son of Martha and Johnny Alvarado and Alvin and Becky Gomez, all of Odessa.

Noelisa Loehman of Winters served as her daughter's matron of honor. Damian Gomez, brother of the groom, of Odessa, was best man.

After the reception and family dinner, the couple celebrated their honeymoon in Dallas. The couple will reside in Odessa.



(courtesy photo)

**CLASSMATES OF THE WHS CLASS OF 1963** are (l-r) Mike Bedford, Richard McMillian, Tommy Young, Manuel Esquivel, Ronnie Willingham, James Burleson, Carolyn Helm Brown, Louis Sneed, Carolyn Scott Tidmore, Billie Briley, and Wanda Power Farris. Not pictured but attending the reunion on Oct. 23 & 24 were Jerry Chambliss, Edwin Deike, Wayne Dobbins, Lanny England, Alvis Jackson, Sharon Johnson Grissom, Mike Marks, Linda Eoff, Nelva Anne Rudd Hayes, and Beverly Huddleston Passow.

## WHS Class of '63 gathers for 40-year reunion

contributed by Mike Bedford

The Winters High School Class of 1963 met for their 40th reunion Friday and Saturday, October 23-24, 2003.

Nineteen class members, along with several spouses and friends, enjoyed visiting and reminiscing during the Homecoming game and activities afterward.

On Saturday, members gathered to tour the Winters High School as well as the gym. Mike Bedford recalled Coach Ed Cheek using a paddle during junior high basketball practice each time a player missed a lay up. Times have changed!

The late Robert Christian, Principal, was not hesitant to

bring out his favorite paddle for the least offenses. Many other memories involving various teachers were discussed as significant events in our lives.

Who could forget Robert Gans, Mrs. Bauer, Mattie Cooke, Mrs. Kruse, Mr. Middleton, and the Librarian, Mrs. Frazier, who must have been 80 years old our senior year.

Then we had the great coaching staff of L. G. Wilson, Jerry English, Robert James and Bill Bryant.

After visiting the Rock Hotel and Z. I. Hale Museum on Saturday, the class members, spouses and guests all gathered

to eat dinner at The Shed in Wingate. Jerry Chambliss provided music at the class's request.

Many classmates could not attend due to other commitments but said they would try to attend the next reunion scheduled for 2008. Dickie Hale Gerig, who could not attend, is putting together a memory book from input provided by classmates updating what has happened to them over the last 40 years.

Classmates who have passed away over the years include Jerrell Elliott, Joey Kozelsky, Greta Riddle Blackshire, Dan Roberts, LaRoss Sheppard, and Jerry Sneed.

## County officials' terms expiring; election filing period starts Dec. 3

—Commissioner Wheelless not to seek re-election—

Runnels County Commissioner, Precinct #1, Skipper Wheelless announced at the conclusion of Monday's Commissioners Court meeting he would not seek re-election at the conclusion of his current term in December, 2004.

Wheelless, who has served four terms, said he had decided to not seek re-election for "personal reasons."

The filing period for those who are seeking election in Runnels County begins December 3 and closes at 6:00 p.m. January 2, 2004.

Runnels County elected office terms which are expiring and up for election in 2004 are as follows:

Sheriff-position currently held by Bill Baird;

County Attorney-position currently held by Stuart Holden;

County Tax Assessor-Collector-currently held by Robin Burgess;

County Commissioner, Precinct #1-currently held by Skipper Wheelless;

County Commissioner, Precinct #3-position currently held by Thurman Self;

Constable, Precinct #1-position currently held by Charles Moeller;

Constable, Precinct #2-position currently held by Archie Jobe.

Filing fee for the positions of Sheriff, County Attorney, Tax Assessor-Collector, and Commissioners positions is \$750. Filing fee for the Constable positions is \$375.

In lieu of the filing fee, candidates may present signatures of 56 voters when filing for the positions of Sheriff, County

Attorney or Tax Assessor-Collector; 50 voters for the Commissioner and Constable positions.

Prior to making any expenditures, candidates should obtain and file an "Appointment of Campaign Treasurer" form from the Runnels County Clerk's office.

Candidates wishing to file in the Republican Primary should contact:

Bill Cervenka  
Republican Chairman  
2718 C.R. 400  
Ballinger, TX 76821  
(325)442-4431

Filers in the Democratic Primary should contact:

Delphine Rodriguez  
Democratic Chairman  
1209 N. 7th Street  
Ballinger, TX 76821  
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## Former Winters resident appointed to Frisco's Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors

MJ Haire, director of events and services at Hall Office Park in Frisco, Texas, has been named a member of the City of Frisco's Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors by the City Council. Mark Depker, executive vice-president of Hall Financial Group, developer of the award winning Hall Office Park in Frisco, recently made the announcement.

Originally from Winters, Ms. Haire attended Angelo State University and currently resides in Frisco with her second-grade daughter, Morgan. MJ (Martha) is the daughter of Maxine Pritchard and the late Pat Pritchard of Winters.

"MJ is an outstanding representative of Hall Office Park to our tenants and to the community as a whole," said Donald Braun, president of Hall Financial Group. "She puts her heart into every project, no matter how big or small, ensuring a successful outcome every time. She will be a true asset to the Frisco Convention and Visitors Bureau."

At Hall Office Park, Ms. Haire manages "HOP To It" Services, which supplies tenants with resources to enhance productivity, relieve stress, and encourage and support both personal and professional growth including: A four-person concierge department Intranet providing tenants convenient time-saving resources such as massage therapy sessions, laundry and dry cleaning



MJ (Pritchard) Haire

pick up and delivery, valet car washing and detailing, and discounts to area restaurants and entertainment Hall Office Park Conference Center with event planning, catering and the latest presentation technology for corporate events and meetings of all shapes and sizes, HOP Notes, a bi-monthly newsletter for all park tenants Holiday tenant events, ice cream socials, blood drives, mammograms, and flu shots.

In addition, Ms. Haire and her team planned and executed the Art and Soul in the Workplace event featuring the opening of the Texas Sculpture Garden to the public. The 2,500 guests enjoyed tours of the Texas Sculpture Garden, specialty cuisine and wines, and performances by Brave Combo, the Frisco High School marching band, and the Chris Morgan Jazz Trio.

During her 12-year tenure with the company, she has served as the training coordinator and on-site property manager for a Hall Financial Group multi-family commu-

nity in Midland, where she was awarded the "Manager of the Year Award" from the Midland Apartment Association.

Ms. Haire is very active within the City of Frisco. She chaired the 2002 and 2003 Taste of Frisco and co-chaired Frisco's 2002 4th of July Centennial Celebration and 2003 Frisco FreedomFest — bringing a combined 100,000 area residents and guests to Hall Office Park and Frisco. She served on the Board of the Frisco Education Foundation, and is a member of the Frisco Chamber of Commerce and its Business Retention and Expansion committee. She also takes pride in her many volunteer efforts, including the rebuilding of Friendship Park, the school supply and holiday toy drives for Frisco's Family Service Center, and fundraising efforts for the United Way and American Diabetes Association.

The purpose of the Frisco Convention and Visitors Bureau Board is to enhance the economic vitality of the area by advising the City Council and City staff on the sales and marketing of Frisco to the convention, meeting, and leisure travel markets. Each director is qualified by experience and/or training to consider and vote on matters within the jurisdiction of the Board and is a qualified voter of Frisco.

Frisco is located just north of Dallas and is one of the fastest growing cities in Texas.

## Award-winning artist's work on exhibit at The Carnegie Library of Ballinger

The Carnegie Library of Ballinger will be the site of an art exhibit featuring "Power of Watercolor" by Susan Mansell and sponsored by Ballinger National Bank and the Creative Arts Club of Abilene. The exhibit, to be held in the Mary Sykes Auditorium, will be open to the public on November 15 and 16 from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. both afternoons. The Carnegie Library is located at 204 North Eighth Street, Ballinger.

A signature member of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America and the Texas Watercolor Society, Mansell's watercolors have been on display across the nation. Her paintings have garnered many awards, including the Watercolor Magic award in the National Watercolor Society show in California, the Bosque Conservatory Silver Medal Award and Breckenridge Fine Arts Award, and the Kohler Award at Brownwood's Stars of Texas Show, and most recently, the Segaul Family Award in the Adirondacks National Exhibition of Ameri-

can Watercolors in New York.

Mansell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Brown of Ballinger, began painting with watercolors eight years ago. Her work is representational, and many of her paintings are of her family and the area in and around Ballinger. She currently has a painting of the award winning "Texas Grill" touring the United States with the National Watercolor Society, and "Harley, the Anniversary Gift" touring Texas with the Texas Watercolor Society Show. Ten percent of all sales will be donated to the Carnegie Library.



(courtesy photo)

"POWER OF WATERCOLOR" by Susan Mansell will be on exhibit Nov. 15 & 16 from 2-5 p.m. at The Carnegie Library of Ballinger.

### Winters Country Club

invites you to their

## Fish Fry

**Saturday, Nov. 15  
5:00-7:00 PM  
Country Club**



**\$6.00**  
Adults

Children age 10 & under eat **Free**

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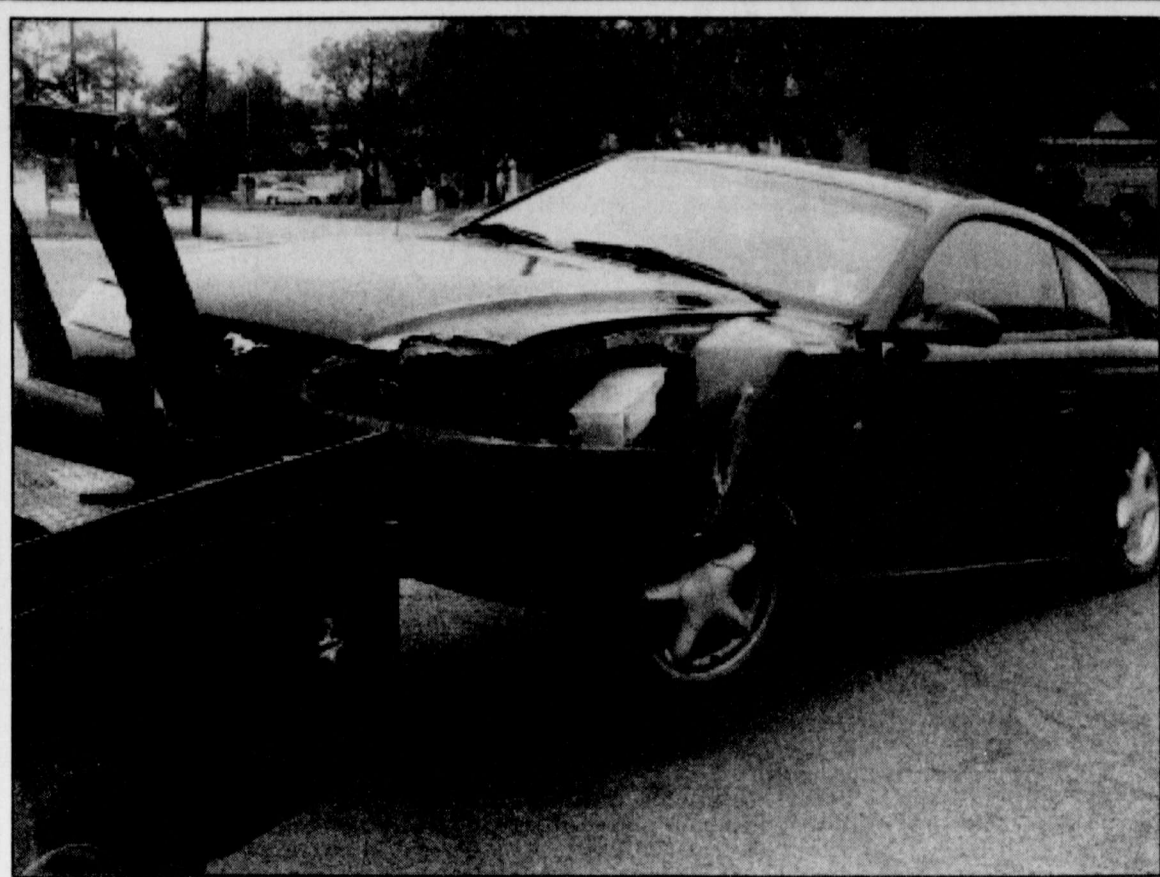
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# Law & Order



(photo by Jean Boles)

**AN ACCIDENT POSSIBLY CAUSED BY SLIPPERY ROADS** occurred on a drizzly Friday, Nov. 7, at approximately 12:05 p.m. at the intersection of Tinkle and Grant streets. This 1997 Mustang, driven by Mr. Guadalupe Lopez, 44, of Winters, was traveling east on Tinkle when a 1977 Chevrolet pickup traveling south on Grant failed to stop. The driver of the pickup was Mr. Reynaldo Cavazos, 49, of Winters, who attempted to stop but slid into Tinkle Street and the approaching vehicle. Cavazos was cited for failure to yield right of way. There were no injuries in the 2-vehicle accident.

## 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 November 3, 2003, through November 9, 2003.

Officers:

- filed a report of Burglary of a Habitation in the 400 block of S. Melwood.
- filed a report of Family Disturbance in the 200 block of Circle Drive.
- arrested a white male on Winters Municipal Court warrants.
- filed a report of Criminal Mischief in the 300 block of S. Main.
- arrested a white male in the 700 block of Heights Street for Misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana.

## Runnels County law takes first at pistol shoot

Four members of Runnels County law enforcement agencies teamed up to compete in the Tom Green County Pistol Shoot on Saturday, November 8, 2003. The event was held at the San Angelo Gun Club Range amid rain and cold temperatures.

The Runnels County team placed first among eight com-

petitor teams. The team was composed of Keith Williamson, Winters Chief of Police; Bill Baird, Runnels County Sheriff; Robert Garza, Runnels County Sheriff's Deputy; and Charles Hensley, retired Border Patrolman.

In individual divisions, Hensley and Baird took second and third place, respectively.

## Official Records

### County Court Dispositions

Nicolas Mata vs. Jesse Hernandez, application for protective order granted until Nov. 2, 2004

### Criminal Cases Filed October 30

Michael Wayne Cortez, filed for assault

Robert McBride, filed for theft by check

Mary Owens, filed for theft by check

Miguel Esparza Zapata, filed for driving while intoxicated

### Marriage Licenses Filed November 4

Christopher Joe Cooper and Crystal Leane Childers

### District Court Civil Cases Filed October 31

Bank of America vs. Jimmy E. Pitt, account

### Divorce Cases Filed November 5

Kevin Wayne Newsom vs. Cecyle Jo Newsom

### BID NOTICE

The City of Winters is accepting sealed bids on a 1996 Chevrolet 4-door passenger car 2G1WL52M7T117456, 1995 Chevrolet 4-door passenger car 1G1BL52PXS180165, and 1991 Chevrolet 4-door passenger car 1G1BL5378MR127501 to be sold as is.

Bids will be accepted at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas 79567, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Bid deadline is 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 19, 2003, at which time bids will be opened.

Bids will be reviewed and awarded by the City Council at their regular meeting on Monday, November 24, 2003, at 6:00 p.m.

The City reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids. 14-45(2tc)

## Legal Notice

### NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF RUNNELS

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

DATED November 3, 2003, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of **Runnels County, Texas**, by the Clerk of said Court on said date and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on November 3, 2003, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in December, 2003, the same being the 2nd day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Ballinger, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Runnels and the State of Texas, to-wit:

### CAUSE NO. STYLING OF CASE AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

3791 Winters Independent School District, City of Winters, and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Masdonia Silva AKA Masdonio Silva, Estefana Silva (In Rem Only), Masdonia Silva, Jr., Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masdonio Silva (In Rem Only), Andres Silva, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masdonia Silva (In Rem Only), Santiago Silva, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masdonio Silva (In Rem Only), Florinda Silva, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masdonio Silva (In Rem Only), Pablo Silva, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masdonio Silva (In Rem Only), Rudy Silva Jalomo AKA Rudy Jalomo, Jr., Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masdonio Silva (In Rem Only), Christina Jalomo, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masdonio Silva (In Rem Only), Freddie Silva Jalomo AKA Freddie Jalomo, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masdonio Silva (In Rem Only), Marcos Jalomo, a minor, whose parent and legal guardian is Masdonio Silva (In Rem Only), and Anita Silva Martinez AKA Anita Martinez, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masdonio Silva (In Rem Only)

A 90 feet by 220 feet tract of land in Abstract 193, D. Floyd Survey No. 518, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 495, Pages 492, 494, and 496 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas)

House and Improvements only on a 90 feet by 220 feet tract of land in Abstract 104, D. Floyd Survey No. 518, Runnels County, Texas

4084 Winters Independent School District and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Manuel Herrera AKA Manual Herrera and Maria Hernandez

Lot 3, Block 14, Southside Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 70, Page 211 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas)

4096 Winters Independent School District, City of Winters, and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Trinidad Castor and Maria Castor (In Rem Only)

Lots 14, 15, and 16, Block 5, Reeves Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 124, Page 428 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas)

4131 Winters Independent School District and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. L.D. Smith, Roy Shipman, Individually and as Shareholders of Shipman & Company, a dissolved Texas corporation, Lienholder (In Rem Only), The Unknown Shareholders of Shipman & Company, a dissolved Texas corporation and M.E. Donica

The North 3 feet of Lot 3, Block 1, Cathey Addition to the Town of Wingate, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 53, Page 458 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas)

Lot 4, Block 1, Cathey Addition to the Town of Wingate, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 53, Page 458 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas)

4132 Winters Independent School District and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Woodie McArthur

1.0 acre, more or less, out of the E. Smith Survey, Abstract 1138, Block 51, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 249, Page 420 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas)

4133 Winters Independent School District, City of Winters, and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Beatrice Quintero and Miguel Aragon

Lot 10, Block 1 of the Vancil Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 112, Page 518 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas)

4136 The County of Runnels, Texas, Winters Independent School District, and The City of Winters vs. Stephen Briley, Mincy Briley, and Security State Bank, Wingate, Lienholder (In Rem Only)

Lot 8, Block 9, Southside Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 47, Page 585 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas)

Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Meeks Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 199, Page 236 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas)

4138 Winters Independent School District, City of Winters, and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Rita Stephenson McMorris, Arch John Hood, Barry Logan, Randy I. Logan, Greg Logan, Jennifer Monet Martin, Carl Hood, Rex Hood, Fred Mike Hood, and Teresa Peirson

All of Lots 5 and 6, Burton Place Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 234, Page 179 of the Deed Records and Volume 81, Page 482 of the Probate Records, Runnels County, Texas)

4163 City of Winters, Winters Independent School District, and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. La Ross Sheppard (In Rem Only), Sim Odell Sheppard (In Rem Only), and Edna Johnson (In Rem Only)

Lot 8 and the West 26 feet of Lot 9, Block 1, Westmoreland Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 364, Page 274 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas)

4167 Winters Independent School District, City of Winters, and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Elma Flores

Lot 8, Block 27, College Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 205, Page 682 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas)

4172 Winters Independent School District and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. O.A. Beck, S.P. Beck, E.F. Beck, Gertie Beck, J.W. Wood, J.C. Wood, M.L. Wood, and The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of J.J. Wood, deceased

The West one-half of Lot One AKA Block 1, Moore Addition AKA Moorehead's Addition to the Town of Crews, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 45, Page 1 of the Map and Plat Records, Runnels County, Texas)

Lots 1 and 3, Block B, Trout Addition to the Town of Crews, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 132, Page 505 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas)

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED November 3, 2003, at Ballinger, Texas.

By **William Baird**  
SHERIFF, Runnels County, Texas

**Dottie Routh**  
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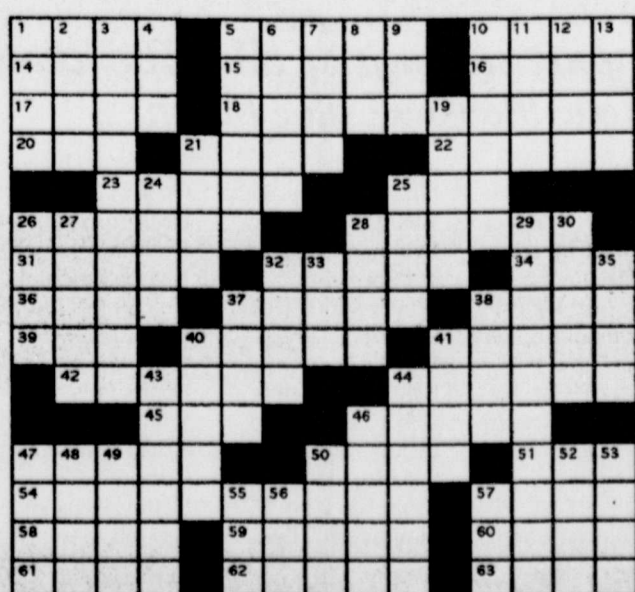
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The following property held in trust by the Winters Independent School District, City of Winters, and County of Runnels is offered for sale pursuant to Section 34.05 of the Texas Property Tax Code. The property will be sold on the first Tuesday in December, 2003, the same being the 2nd day of said month at the Courthouse door of Runnels County, in the city of Ballinger, beginning at 10:00 a.m. for cash or cashier's check to the highest bidder.

- Lot 11, Block 20, College Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas
- A 55 foot by 110 foot tract of land, being part of Lot 1, Block E, Murray East Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas
- South 145 feet of Lot 1 and South 145 feet & East 26 feet of Lot 2, Block 10, College Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas
- South 104 feet of Lot 3, Block 7, Murray Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas
- A tract of land 60 feet by 120.5 feet, more or less, out of the Thomas Green Survey No. 490, Abstract 232, in the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas; and a Woodlake Mobile Home, Serial No. 4328044712, Label No. TEX0194534, located on said property
- A tract of land 66 feet by 208 feet out of Block 4 to the town of Wingate, Runnels County, Texas

**Additional information is available at the Runnels County Tax Office in Ballinger, Texas, and the Winters I.S.D. tax office in Winters, Texas.**

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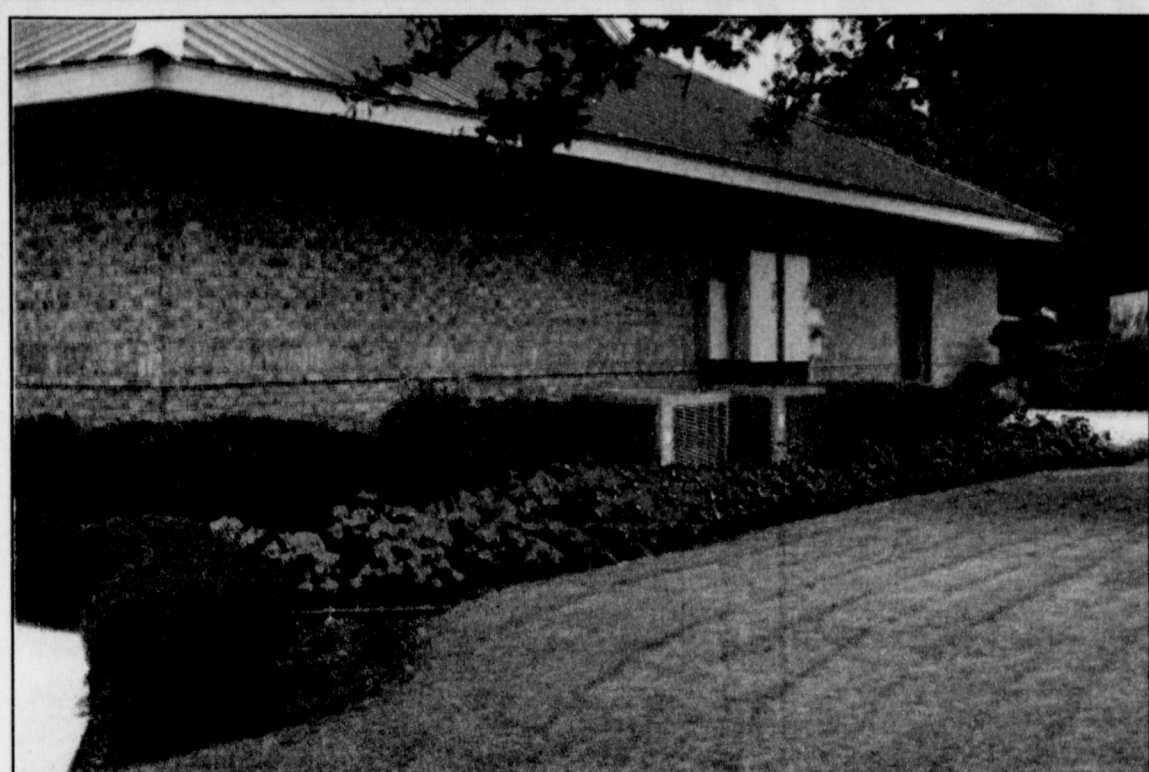
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# Outdoors



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## Don't get left out in the cold!

While winter has not yet arrived to West Texas, planning ahead will help maximize your home's energy efficiency during the cold weather months. WTU Retail Energy offers the following tips to help you manage your home energy expenses this winter.

### Thermostat Settings

Turning the thermostat back between 10 and 15 percent for eight hours each day can reduce your energy bill up to 10 percent annually. A programmable thermostat will auto-adjust the temperature according to your schedule. These are available at most home improvement stores and cost as little as \$25. Also, reduce your heating costs as much as \$15 a month by keeping the fan on your central heating unit set to the "auto" position.

### Furnaces

Check your furnace now to ensure it is in good working order. This can help avoid hassles when you need to heat your home in a hurry. If you require repairs by a licensed contractor, you may also enjoy faster and lower-priced services by beating the peak demand for house calls.

### Space Heaters

Electric space heaters are only cost-efficient if the thermostat controlling the furnace is set back to a lower temperature — from 70 degrees to 60

degrees for example. The amount of money saved by using space heaters depends on:

1. How much you adjust your thermostat settings,
2. How many hours per day you set back your thermostat, and
3. The size of the area where you are using the space heater. The smaller the area you are trying to warm, the more effective the heater will be.

### Fireplaces

Fireplaces are popular, but one of the most inefficient heat sources. To reduce the loss of warm air up a chimney:

- Always keep the damper closed when a fire is not burning.

- Ensure the seal on the flue damper is tight and that the fireplace hearth is well caulked.

- Consider using a flue sealer to plug and insulate the chimney when the fireplace is not in use. Inflatable versions are available for around \$30 to \$50, or you can make your own by stuffing foam or a pillow into a heavy plastic bag and inserting it up the chimney from inside your home. Remember to attach a long and colorful string to remind you it is there before starting your first winter fire.

To direct more heat from the fire into the room:

- Lower the thermostat to approximately 55 degrees, open the dampers at the bottom of the firebox or open the nearest window slightly, and close doors leading into that room.

- Place a heavy, cast-iron plate called a fireback at the back of your fireplace. When a fire is burning this radiates more heat into the room before it is lost up the chimney.

### Weatherizing Your Home

A few simple and affordable steps could potentially reduce your energy bill by as much as 10 percent.

- Test your home for air tightness. On a windy day, hold a lit incense stick near any locations where there is a possible leak, such as closed windows, doors, electrical outlets, ceiling fixtures and attic hatches. If the smoke stream travels horizontally, you have located an air leak.

- Caulk and weather-strip any air leaks with a few supplies available from your local home center.

- Dirty spots in your insulation may indicate air leaks. Seal the holes by stapling sheets of plastic over them and caulking the edges of the plastic.

For more energy efficiency tips, visit the WTU Retail Energy Web site at <<http://www.wturetailenergy.com/tip.htm>>.

## Runnels County Rumors

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

**2004 DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL SIGN UP**—Sign up for the 2004 DCP began Oct. 1, 2003. Contact the county office to schedule an appointment to enroll your farm.

When updating the 2004 contract, you may elect to receive your advance direct payments any time from December 2003 through September 2004.

### 2004 PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Farm Changes: report any farming operation changes so that we can keep your records current. This includes changes in landownership, tenants, or crop share arrangements.

- Plan to update your payment limitation documents and other program eligibility records starting in October 2004.

- Reconstitutions: changes that require farm reconstitutions should be reported as soon as possible so we can update your records prior to 2004 DCP sign up.

**2001-2002 CROP DISASTER PROGRAM**—The county office continues to accept applications under the Crop Disaster Program. A final application date has not been announced, but don't wait. Come in and apply today.

To be eligible, a unit must have suffered a production loss of at least 35 percent in either 2001 or 2002.

The program also includes compensation for quality losses. To be eligible for a quality adjustment, a unit must have at least a 20 percent loss in quality on the affected crop in either 2001 or 2002.

**NAP DEADLINE APPROACHING**—The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) can soften financial losses caused by natural disasters, but only if you've timely applied for coverage and paid the application fee. The application deadline date for certain 2004 NAP crops is approaching.

NAP kicks in when natural disasters result in a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop. NAP coverage is equivalent to that provided Catastrophic Risk Protection

Plan (CAT) insurance and is available for commercial crops or agricultural commodities produced for food or fiber for which CAT is not available. NAP coverage is not available for livestock.

Producers who already have coverage on 2003 NAP crops may choose to continue on the same crops for 2004, if the applicable service fee is paid by the application closing date. A new CCC-471, application for coverage, does not require a signature when applying for continuous coverage of the same crop or crops.

Producers who choose to add or delete a crop from previous year's coverage or change crop shares must timely file a new CCC-471 and timely pay a service fee.

Producers with 2003 NAP coverage must remember to complete the following to qualify for benefits:

- Timely file acreage reports and keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods. For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required.

- File a Notice of Loss within 15 days of when the loss is apparent. Those of you with NAP policies on native and improved grasses, and forage sorghum for grazing have until 15 days after the first frost to timely file a notice of loss, if you feel that your grazing was below normal this year.

NAP application deadlines:

- December 1, 2003—Last day to purchase 2004 coverage for Native and Improved Grass

- December 15, 2003—Last day to timely certify Native and Improves Grasses with NAP coverage.

- March 15, 2004—Last day to purchase 2004 coverage for forage sorghum and haygrazer.

**LIVESTOCK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LAP) SIGN-UP**—November 21, 2003 is the final date to apply for the Livestock Assistance Program. The program provides relief to livestock producers who suffered grazing losses due to drought, severe weather and related causes that occurred in either 2001 or 2002.

**REMEMBER: THERE ARE NO LATE-FILE PROVISIONS!**

### SPOUSAL SIGNATURES

Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the county office by either spouse.

There are exceptions to the rule. Spouses may not sign FSA-211s on behalf of each other or sign on behalf of the other as an authorized signatory for partnerships, joint ventures, corporations or other similar entities. Spouses must have a power of attorney on file or sign personally for claim settlements, such as promissory notes, and on security documents for price support loans.

Individual signatures are also required on certain Farm Loan Program and Farm Storage Facility Loan documents.

A spouse's authority to sign documents on behalf of the other spouse does not entitle the spouse to review or receive agency records of the other spouse.

## Youth's First Deer—



**KELSEA ESQUIVEL**, age 9, proudly displays a spike shot with her New England Firearm .223 rifle west of Winters on October 26, 2003, during the special youth season. Kelsea is the daughter of Manie and Patty Esquivel of Winters. (courtesy photo)

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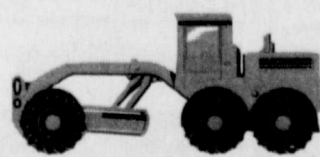
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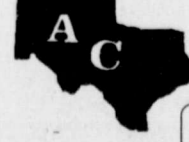


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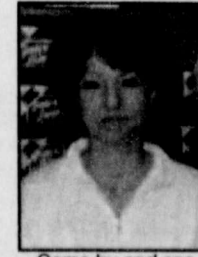
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