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A smile is a powerful weapon; you can even break ice with it.

—Anonymous

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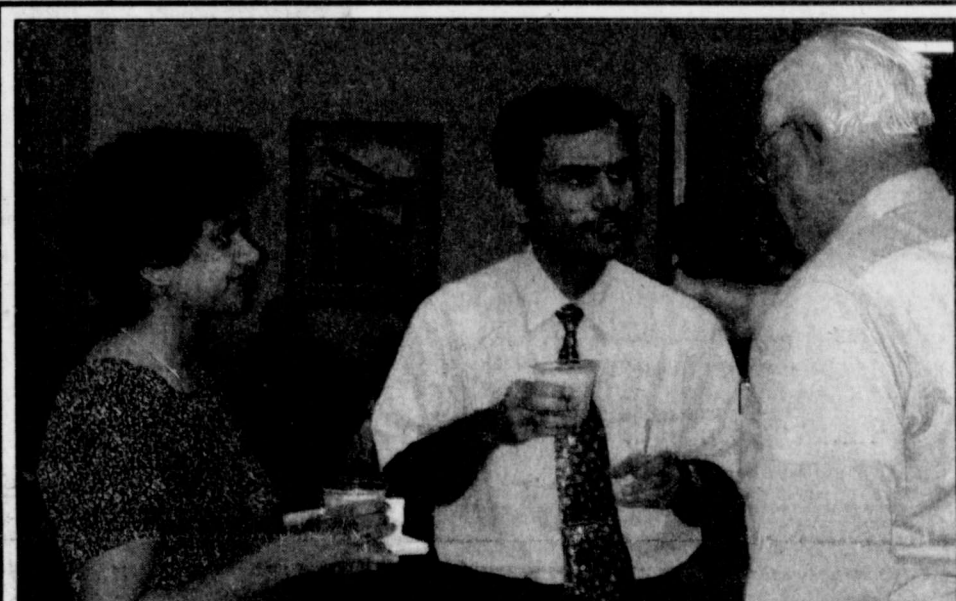
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W. L. (BEDE) ENGLAND, 90, of Winters, suffered a broken neck in this two-vehicle accident at 9:05 Sunday morning. According to DPS officer Michael Gray, England was traveling south on US 83 near the intersection of FM 298 when he apparently made a U-turn in extremely dense fog. His 1990 Chevrolet pickup was struck by a 2002 Chevrolet Trail Blazer traveling north on 83, driven by Raul Rodriguez, 55, of San Angelo. Rodriguez was taken to Abilene Regional Medical Center. His passenger, Robert Pena, 37, also of San Angelo, was transported to North Runnels Hospital in Winters. Mr. England was taken to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, then air lifted to University Medical Center in Lubbock. (photo by Jean Boles)



SARAH ENDICOTT, M.D. (center) was honored during a reception Sunday at North Runnels Hospital hosted by the hospital auxiliary. At left is Dr. Endicott's husband, Chuck, along with Bettye Pinkerton, Auxiliary President. Dr. Endicott came to NRH on September 9, 2002.



A. J. CHHABRA, M.D. (center), along with wife, Jana, enjoys visiting with Dub Davis during the Sunday afternoon reception hosted by North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary. Dr. Chhabra began working in Winters on September 30, 2002. (photos by Jean Boles)

Kristina Bullard new librarian at Winters Public Library



The Winters Public Library Board of Directors is pleased to introduce Kristina Bullard as new librarian.

Kristina is a 1995 graduate of Carrizozo High School in Carrizozo, New Mexico. She then attended Sul Ross University in Alpine.

She is married to Les Bullard and they have one daughter, Electra, who is one year old.

Les is a local ranch manager. The couple are members of the Catholic church.

Kristina said she "loves" her job and is enjoying meeting new people in Winters.

The Library is open Monday through Friday from noon until 6:00 p.m., and Saturday mornings from 10:00 until noon. A special children's Story Hour is each Tuesday from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

In addition to new book releases and magazines, the Library offers internet services.

The Library is funded through donations and fundraisers, with contributions from Runnels County and the City of Winters. Big Country Library Systems and various other grants provide the majority of funds.

Anyone wanting to donate may contact the Library at 120 N. Main, Winters, Texas 79567.

County to acquire used backhoe for \$28,380

In a short, 20-minute special meeting on Tuesday, Runnels County Commissioners breezed through a short agenda.

Commissioners approved entering into an equipment lease purchase agreement for a used Caterpillar backhoe to be used

in Precinct #1. The agreement calls for the county to pay \$5,676 per year for five years to Outsource Lease, Inc.

County employees will have an extra holiday this year with action taken at Tuesday's meeting. Commissioners agreed to allow county officials and employees to take Friday, December 26, as a holiday this year.

Action on allowing a county employee to serve on the Early Ballot Voting Board or as a precinct clerk in the primary and general elections was tabled until the legality of the action could be determined.

Commissioners also approved the installation of a communication line across a county road in Precinct 4.

And we have clearance — finally!



CITY EMPLOYEES, including Street Superintendent Charles Grenwelge operating this front loader, were finally given the go-ahead last Friday to demolish the remains of the Medina house on Main Street. The two-story, wood framed house suffered extensive damage in a fire on February 26, 2002, and had been the subject of a long struggle to clear. According to City Manager Aref Hassan, even the demolition crew faced more problems when they discovered a basement under the house. (photo by Jean Boles)

Volunteers and donations needed for building Thanksgiving baskets

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

Anyone willing to help defray the cost of baskets can send a donation to Winters Ministerial Alliance, P. O. Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567, or make a donation through your church.

The Ministerial Alliance will be distributing about 110 baskets this year. Some food is obtained from the Abilene Food Bank, but some items

must be purchased. The cost of each basket will run about \$25-30.

Volunteers are needed on Tuesday, November 25, at 8:00 a.m. at the Winters Outreach Center to put the baskets together. Volunteers will also be needed to distribute the baskets at 3:00 p.m. that same day.

The City of Winters welcomes tourists

Visit our lake parks.

Call 723-2081 for information.

The Winters Enterprise office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, for the Thanksgiving holidays. We will re-open on Monday, December 1, at 8:30 a.m. Have a very blessed Thanksgiving!

Editorial

Oil Bidness

by Reg Boles © 2003



You may have heard that the Barnett Shale in north Texas has expanded its designation as a "tight gas." What does this really mean?

A tight gas designation is something certified by the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) and is to be based on sound evidence that the field has lesser flow properties than the average sand. The idea of setting up this designation was based on encouraging development of such less-desirable gas reservoirs. It has its roots in the old regulated gas market where certain gas reservoirs were designated "deep gas," "tight gas," etc.

The designation referred to in the Barnett Shale is a strictly-Texas-thing, now. The RRC has unanimously approved the designation which will cover a 10-county area, including all of Tarrant (think Fort Worth) County. This designation has impact in Texas only, as there is no federal regulation of natural gas (thank goodness!).

From here forward (until the law expires in 2010 or so), any well that produces gas from the Barnett Shale in one of the 10 counties will get a state tax break.

The Texas legislature some years back voted to reduce (or nearly eliminate in some cases) the severance tax on certain "difficult gas" typically paid to the State of Texas. Normally, 7.5% of the value of natural gas is paid to the state. With the tight gas designation, the tax will be reduced or even temporarily eliminated. (Turns out that it is too complicated for this non-lawyer to understand, so you will have to go to your friendly neighborhood library to find out exactly how the amount of tax reduction is calculated.)

But, either way, it is a method by which the RRC can spur on development of gas in the Barnett Shale. While some might argue that there doesn't seem to be any shortage of people trying to develop gas in the Barnett Shale, the idea is to promote new development and production that might not otherwise occur.

Some say it is also a way for RRC commissioners to champion the causes of their con-

stituency (the oil and gas business), making them look good in the process. After all, there is very little for the RRC to lose by designating the area tight to reduce taxes for producers, so the chances they will deny such requests (the Barnett Shale request was put forth by Devon Energy) are low.

If that upsets you in some way, talk to your state legislator, as he or she provided this authority to the RRC.

More likely, you will be glad this was done because any reduction in taxes is a win for everybody. And, if you happen to be an operator in this 10-county area, you will have more money to re-invest, longer productive lives in the field, and more companies that can make marginal projects viable.

In any event, you, as a fellow Texas taxpayer, deserve to know the score on this recent big news (at least in the oil business) item.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY COMPLETIONS

Nolan County

Pioneer Exploration, Ltd. has completed the B. Hanks -A- #50 in the Northwest Hylton Field (6 miles S of Nolan) at an initial rate of 46 BOPD & 7 BWPD in the Breckenridge (perfs 3534-62). Loc. is Sec. 28, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-1460.

Texas Crude Operators has completed the Moore -30- #1 in the North Blackwell Field, 6 miles SW of Blackwell) at an initial rate of 121 BOPD in the Ellenburger (perfs 6561-6619). Loc. is Sec. 30, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-1253.

Taylor County

R.L. Adkins Corp. has completed two wells in the Taylor County Regular Field (2 miles N of Tuscola) in an unidentified zone. The Wagstaff-A&S Railway Unit #2 potentialized at 19 BOPD and 15 BWPD (perfs 4178-88) and is loc. in Sec. 20, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur. The Southall #4 potentialized at 20 BOPD and 12 BWPD (perfs 4190-4200) and is loc. in Sec. 42, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur., A-1270.

STAKINGS

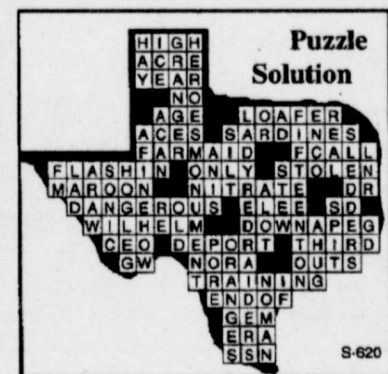
Taylor County

Tom Graham Drilling Co. has staked the Graham #4 in the Taylor County Regular Field, 3 miles N of Tuscola (Depth 2200). Loc. is 500 FNL & 20 FWL in the Sec. 67, LAL Sur., A-1550.

DEADLINES

General News & Display Ads - Noon Monday

Classified Ads - 5 p.m. Monday



City manager thanks emergency personnel for special visit

Dear Editor:

Being a child, growing to an adult, and becoming a parent are natural cycles of our lives.

According to Thomas A. Harris, M.D., in his book titled, "I'm OK, You're OK," acting like a parent, adult or a child are attitudes. Harris has done a transactional analysis of different people at different ages, in different environments, backgrounds and educations, and found that in every age and background, we transact from one mode to the other — a child, at times, acts like an adult or parent; so are the adults who act like children. He believes that 'changes from one state to another are apparent in manner, appearance, words, and gestures.'

On Wednesday, November 12, we gave a program at our Head Start facility in Winters. On that day I vividly experienced Thomas Harris' point of view.

When the teachers were teaching in a very simple way to the kids at their level, and Jason Young was showing them the video on fire prevention, I behaved like an adult and listened. When I talked about fire prevention, I was acting like a parent and told the children what to do and what not to do. When I went outside to see the helicopter, however, immediately my mode changed to that of a child. I wanted to ride in the chopper and have my picture taken just like the children.

However, I analyzed the situation in my adult mode and enjoyed it even more. Being with some of the community children, their caretakers and teachers was enjoyable to begin with. To observe uniformed police officers with their marked and equipped vehicles, fire fighters with their fire truck, emergency medical service staff with their ambulance, equipped emergency helicopter and staff, the newspaper editor with her camera, all in one place at one time were real respect to our children's safety.

Children are the foundation of our families, communities, and societies. Respecting them and demonstrating public service in an alert for their safety is respectful to our community and our society.

On behalf of our elected city officials, staff and our community, I wholeheartedly thank those who took the time to educate the kids on safety measures and means. Respecting our children and their safety is respecting ourselves and our values. Their love is unconditional. We must love them unconditionally and let them know it and feel it.

Sincerely,
Aref Hassan,
City Manager

Editor's note: Just to clarify a point — none of the children sat in the helicopter while it was running or flew in the helicopter. The Shannon Air Med staff were extremely patient and careful with each child who wanted to sit inside the aircraft.

Need a laugh?

When someone asks you, "A penny for your thoughts," and you put your two cents in, what happens to the other penny?

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Letters to the Editor

Family thankful for those who serve in time of need

We believe in giving credit when it is due.

We are very proud of the fire department — each and every one of the crew. We are also proud of the police department, not just one of them, but the whole force. We are also very proud of the E.M.S. crew for the work they do — for the work they did Sunday morning; for brother Jack and Frances for the dispatch work. The way all the forces worked together Sunday morning was a blessing.

We would just like to say we are very proud of the police, firemen, and E.M.S.

May God bless each and every one of you. May you have a good Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Wright Family

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

I want to thank everyone who came to my assistance on Sunday, Nov. 16, when I had a little accident behind City Hall.

Thanks to the girls across the street, the police officers, and many others, I do not know names, but I appreciate

everyone's help. I am grateful to the EMTs, the ambulance service, the staff at North Runnels Hospital including Dr. Chhabra and nurses Cindy Ashley and Carolyn Belk.

Thanks again.

Omega Priddy

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness during our loss of Pat.

Thanks for the prayers, memorials, cards, flowers, and food. Thanks to all the ladies who brought and prepared such a nice lunch for us at the First United Methodist Church.

A special thanks to Paige Baize and Monte Angel, to Dr. Chhabra and Dr. Endicott, to Hospice and their staff, to the nurses at North Runnels Hospital, and to the staffs at Heritage Oaks Estates in Ballinger and the Senior Citizens Retirement Home in Winters for their care of Pat.

My family joins me in saying "Thank You."

Maxine Pritchard; Pat & Doris Pritchard; Kyra & Reed Minter & family; Tracie & Rodney Denton & family; Andi, Mandi, and Jarrett Gerhart, James & Tamara Smith & family; Red & Michelle Gerhart & family; Mary Lynn, Ronald, Alisa & Jana Presley; Joe, Donna, Marcie, Michael, Aaron & Brian Pritchard; M.J. & Morgan Haire, Whitney & Robert Ellison.

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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*.

Thinking about Thanksgiving

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

November is here and darkness crosses the land in which we live. It seems to get darker each day and, of course, it is. During this time of the year the nation takes time to offer thanks for the harvest and the abundant resources of this land. Even though this holiday witnesses many households gathering for a festive meal, Christians recognize that the source of all good things is the God who feeds the birds and clothes the grass of the field. Gathered at Christ's supper, we offer thanksgiving for the bread of life and the cup of blessing. And here, as we share these gifts, we are knit together into a community whose mission is among the poor and those in need. We offer thanks to God for the bounty of the land and seek to share these riches with all in need.

The very act of giving thanks assumes that one is thanking another. Those of us in the church give witness that it is God who has given us the gifts of food and family and community. We point to this God as the creator of the wonderful diversity of the universe; it is this God whom we thank on this day of Thanksgiving. But our witness also proclaims these gifts as gifts for all, and here we have a sense of trouble in our minds. We know of our use and abuse in these gifts. We are aware of the ways in which we squander and hoard even as we see that the pattern of giving away is what brings life to others.

The response to this tension ought not to be that of calling off Thanksgiving but rather going deeper into it. Simply open our eyes and ears to this creator of all things. Open our imaginations to God's rich and passionate regard for life (the life He created). Say yes, and acknowledge with a yes, that all that we have comes from God who gives it away and would teach us that path of stewardship and living. On Thanksgiving Day, we open our eyes in thanksgiving to all our fellow humans and creatures and the earth itself and pray that this vision remain before us in the days ahead. Happy Thanksgiving (to God, the source of all that we have).

No one ever said at the end of his days, "I have read my Bible too much, I have thought of God too much, I have prayed too much, I have been too careful with my soul."
—J. C. Ryle

Winters Relief Fund needs donations

The Winters Ministerial Alliance is continuing the annual Winters Relief Fund Drive. The drive is conducted each year before Thanksgiving to raise funds to help the needy in the community with medicine, utilities, and special needs.

Donations can be sent to Winters Relief Fund, P. O. Box 211, Winters, 79567. All donations to this fund go to the benefit of those in need.



Thank You, Friends

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We will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27.

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ADDITIONAL SHIPPING DOCKS are under construction at the Selkirk facility, formerly known as Dry Manufacturing, on the south side of West Dale. According to company spokeswoman, Susan Ashley, the work is being done "to expand the manufacturing and distribution facility due to anticipated growth." Work is expected to be completed in late December or early January. Selkirk, based out of Dallas, has facilities in three states, Mexico, and Canada. (photo by Jean Boles)

Woman's Club enjoys style show with Stein Mart fashions

The Winters Woman's Club enjoyed a fun evening with a style show on Tuesday, November 11, at the Rock Hotel. Pat Ambrose served as co-

ordinator and the variety of fashions was furnished by Stein Mart of Abilene.

Models were Phyllis Boles, Virginia Brown, Betty John

Byrns, Sandy Griffin, Becky Hays, Ouida Nichols, Rhea Parramore and Donna Smith. Stacy Garzas was Mistress of Ceremonies for Steinmart.

Hostesses were Pat Ambrose, Jane Allcorn, Jane Bourdo, Cheryl Bryan, Joyce Carbery and Brenda Bahlman.

There were 24 members and 26 guests present.

EMERGENCY HELP FROM THE FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHES CLOSET

For help with food and clothes, the Winters Outreach Center is open from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

There are no evening openings at this time.

L-G's Place to serve Turkey Dinner Nov. 26

L-G's Place, 237 S. Main, will be serving their annual Turkey Dinner on Wednesday, November 26, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Items on the menu include turkey and dressing, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, cranberries, and bread.

Pie slices and cake squares will also be available. No other food items will be available during this time.

Place your order early at 754-4118!

L-G's also takes this time to thank their patrons.

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- Nov. 20-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Jr. High UIL, San Saba
Great American Smokeout
- Nov. 21-8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Flu Shots, Texas Dept. of Health
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Nov. 22-9 a.m.-4 p.m., Arts & Crafts Show, Community Center
- Nov. 24-9:30-10:30 a.m., SS Rep, Winters Housing Authority
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
2-5 p.m., Pig Validation for Ballinger 4-H & FFA Exhibitors, Ballinger Show Barn
6 p.m., City Council, City Hall
7 p.m., Wingate Masonic Lodge
InFO, San Angelo
- Nov. 25-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
3-7 p.m., Pig Validation for Miles 4-H & FFA Exhibitors, Miles Show Barn
4-5 p.m., Reading Hour, Winters Public Library
4:30 p.m., 4-H Meeting, Training for Calf Scrambles, Show Barn
6-8 p.m., Pig Validation for Winters 4-H & FFA Exhibitors, Winters Show Barn
7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Stadium
7 p.m., WVFD Auxiliary
Thanksgiving Basket Pickup & Delivery
- Nov. 26-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
County Pecan Show Entry Deadline - Due to Extension Office
- Nov. 27-No Sr. Citizens Meal
Happy Thanksgiving!
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Monday, Nov. 24: Ham & cheese sandwich, soup, chips, fruit salad, and cookies.

Tuesday, Nov. 25: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, and cobbler.

Wednesday, Nov. 26: Chicken & biscuits, asparagus, carrot salad, cherry dumpeake.

Thursday, Nov. 27: Happy Thanksgiving! Holiday.

Friday, Nov. 28: Holiday.

Meals are served at 11:30 a.m. daily. Any one who does not take the meals regularly are asked to reserve a lunch by contacting the Activity Center at 754-4205 by 10 a.m.

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'Wall of Honor' planned for display in gym foyer

Did you earn all-district athletic honors at Winters High School? Then your help is needed.

Winters ISD is planning a "Wall of Honor" for any athlete who earned first team all-district (or higher) honors in any athletic event. The "Wall" will include 8x10 photos, framed in black, with the athlete's name and honors, and will be displayed in the foyer of the gymnasium.

Photos are needed of past outstanding athletes, along with verification of honors. If an athlete earned first-team all-district honors in more than one sport, the athlete may choose which photo will be displayed. While only one photo will be hung, all district, regional, and other honors in all sports will be listed.

Black and white or color photos will be accepted at either *The Winters Enterprise* office or the WISD Administration office, and will be returned as soon as they are scanned. Pictures will be enlarged or reduced for the 8x10 frames.

If the photo is mailed, a self-addressed, stamped envelope must be included for returning the picture.

While there is no charge for this exciting display that will no doubt add pride to Winters ISD, donations are welcome to help defray cost.

Danny Clack, WISD Superintendent, said, "I've seen this done at other schools and it can be really quite impressive. And while we're certainly not going to charge anyone for displaying their photo, we certainly aren't going to turn down any donations to help pay for the project."

The project is already underway and Clack said he hopes to have many of the photos displayed by the time district basketball begins in January.

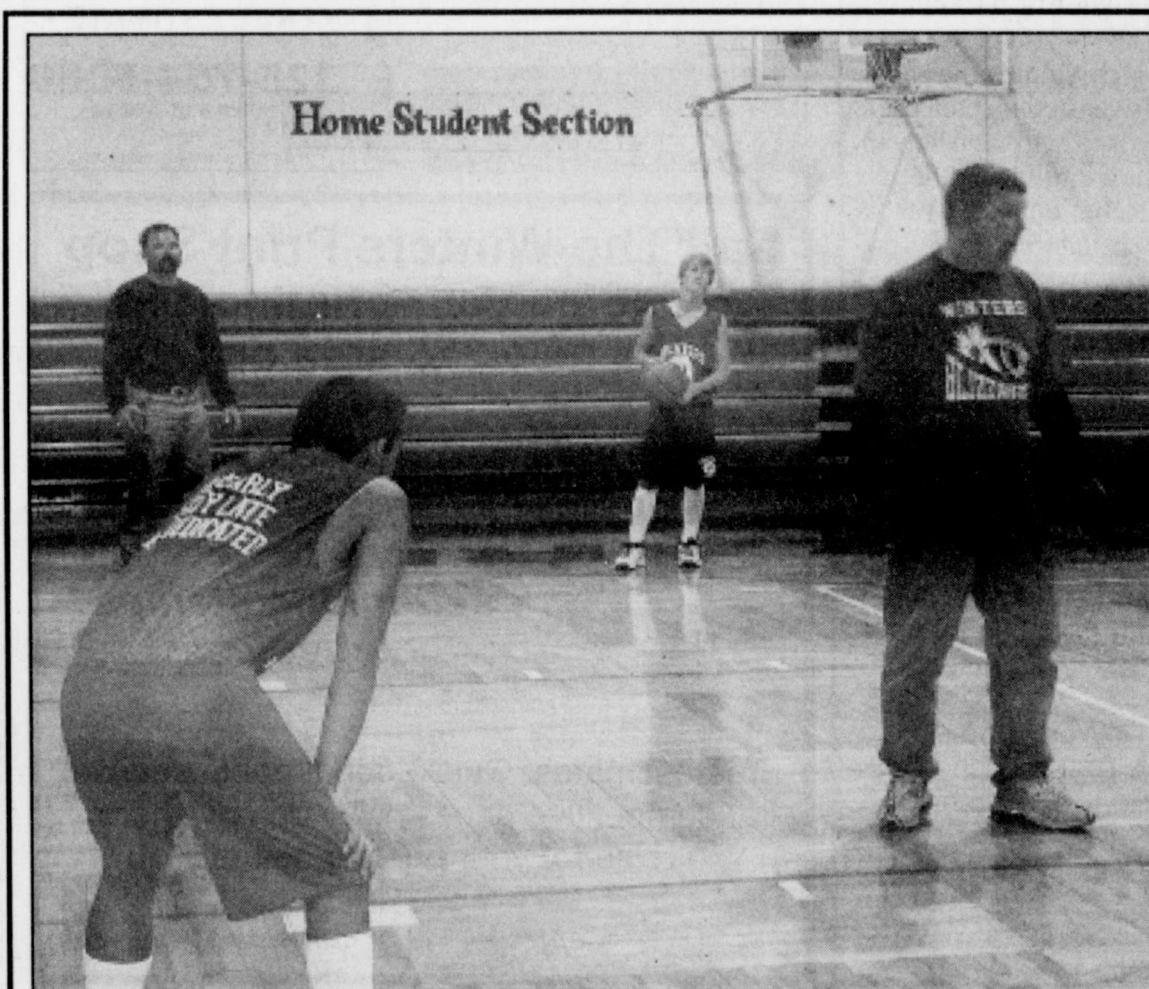
Anyone willing to donate may do so at the school administration office or the high school office. Checks may be mailed to WISD Administration Office, 603 Heights, Winters, Texas 79567.



WINTERS FACULTY MEMBERS provided quite a spread for visiting teachers such as those shown during the recent UIL academic meet for elementary students. The hospitality room featured a variety of delicious treats and was received with high praise from teachers and guests from area district schools. Winters hosted the two-day event which brought around 400 students to the WISD campus. (photo by Jean Boles)



ELEMENTARY UIL ACADEMIC WINNERS from Winters ISD include (back row, l-r) Camille Kurtz, Caitlyn Kurtz, Crystal Sanchez, Missy Calcote, Abby Guy, Ty Black, Angel Barron, Thomas Lugo, Nickolas Kraatz, and Alonso Floress. Second row, l-r, Kelsea Esquivel, Haley Kaczyk, Shelby Gehrels, Zannie Slimp, Kelton Bredemeyer, Michael Alatorre, Bryce Mikeska, Zachary Benivamondez. Hannah Wade is at center. (photo by Jean Boles)



COACH DAVID WOOD (right) and Coach Todd Harrison (far left) take their players through drills in preparation for the basketball season which started with scrimmages and tournaments last week. The first 'home' games for junior varsity and varsity girls and boys will be Monday, November 24, against the Stamford Bulldogs. (photo by Jean Boles)



JOSEPH STOECKER, left, and BRITTANY STEWART, 6th grade band students, were among about 70 other band members in the 5th, 6th, and 7th grades who joined forces with the WHS Marching Blizzards Band during halftime of the Winters vs. Coleman football game. (photo by Jean Boles)

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Nov. 24—Goldthwaite, 5 p.m., There, 7B, 8B, 9B
Nov. 25—Eula, TBA, There, JVG, JVB, VG, VB

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Blueberry Muffins

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Tuesday-Nov. 25

Pigs in a Blanket

Cereal

Juice

Wednesday-Nov. 26

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Thursday-Nov. 27

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Friday-Nov. 28

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Lunch

Monday-Nov. 24

Frito Pie

Corn

Fruit Salad

Oatmeal Cookies

Tuesday-Nov. 25

Tacos w/Lettuce & Tomato

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And it came from the sky —



GETTING A REALLY CLOSE LOOK at the helicopter they watched land near their school last Wednesday are students in the Winters Head Start program. The pilot and medical staff of the Shannon Air Med helicopter spoke with the students and employees, even allowing some of the braver children to sit inside. Members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department, Emergency Medical Service, and Police Department were also on hand to explain their duties to keep the children safe. (photo by Jean Boles)



ONE BRAVE STUDENT at Winters Head Start enjoyed a view from Pilot Curtis' seat in the Shannon Air Med helicopter which made a visit to the school on November 12, along with members of the North Runnels Emergency Medical Service, Winters Police Department and Winters Volunteer Fire Department. (photo by Jean Boles)

Extension News & Views

by Marty Gibbs, CEA-AG

County Pecan Show set Dec. 2

The 2003 Runnels County Pecan Show will be Tuesday, December 2, in Citizens State Bank of Miles. Pecans may be entered at the County Extension Office in Ballinger, Ballinger Feed and Seed, Alderman Cave in Winters, First National Bank in Rowena, and Citizens State Bank of Miles. Entries will be accepted through Wednesday, November 26.

Each single entry should consist of not less than 45 pecans of the same variety. They should not be cleaned or rubbed to the extent that the shape or color is altered. They should be packed in paper or plastic bag with the exhibitor's name, address, and variety of pecan (if known). A grower is limited to one entry of each named variety they grow. However, a grower may enter as many seedling, hybrids, or natives as they wish.

The public is invited to view the pecans at Citizens State Bank in Miles from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2.

Don't forget —
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Runnels Soil & Water Conservation District News

by Kay Mansell, District Technician

Plant a tree

Don't miss the trees that you have waited for all year. Order now to ensure the trees you want are available.

In cooperation with the Texas Forest Service Nursery near Lubbock, the Runnels Soil & Water Conservation District (RSWCD) will be offering quality hardwood and evergreen tree seedlings for sale to area residents through the Windbreak Tree Program.

These seedlings are healthy, viable seedlings that are well adapted to the soil and weather conditions in Runnels County.

Runnels SWCD will be offering three categories of seedlings this year: conifers, hardwoods, and wildlife packets.

Twelve-inch conifers (Afghanistan pine, Arizona Cypress, Austrian pine, Italian Stone Pine, and red cedar) have a 28 cubic-inch root volume and are \$30.00 for 15 trees in

felt containers. Bullet-plastic containers have a 10 cubic-inch root volume and are \$20.00 for 15 trees.

Bareroot hardwoods (aromatic sumac, black cherry, bur oak, catalpa, desert willow, green ash, hackberry, honeylocust, lacebark elm, nanking cherry, Russian olive, sand cherry, sand plum, shumard oak, and smooth sumac) are approximately 24 inches in height and sell for \$25.00 for 50 trees.

The wildlife packets (100 trees in 4 species) contain species beneficial to wildlife habitat and nutrition. Types of wildlife packets available are deer, turkey, squirrel, and quail and pheasant and are priced at \$46.00 per packet.

This program will conclude on January 23, 2004, and seedlings will arrive at the Natural Resources Conservation Ser-

vice (NRCS) office in Ballinger on February 5, 2004.

Please consider that ordering early will have trees reserved before stocks are depleted.

Technical assistance in planning your windbreak is available. For more information, call 365-3514 ext. 3 or come by the NRCS office at 2000 Hutchins Avenue in Ballinger and place your order.

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4-H'ers to train for calf scrambles at next meeting

by Colby Pritchard, club reporter

The Winters 4-H Club will host their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 25, at the Winters Stock Show Barn. The meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m.

The program for the month will be Calf Scramble Training so wear appropriate clothing to catch calves. Members are also reminded to bring turkey raffle tickets and money.

A drawing for an 8-10 lb. smoked turkey will be held at the meeting with delivery guaranteed to the winner before Thanksgiving. All proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for nursing home residents.

Camille, Caitlyn, and Keegan Kurtz, along with Camille Kruse, will provide the refreshments. Abby Guy will give the inspiration. Camille Kruse and Wiley Guy will lead the pledges.

Booster Club selling window decals and player buttons

The Winters Athletic Booster Club is taking orders for window decals and player buttons.

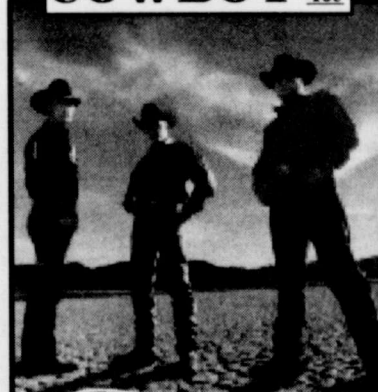
Window decals are available in basketball, baseball, band, track, football, softball, tennis and golf, at a cost of \$6.00 each. These decals must be ordered no later by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25.

Player buttons are \$4.00 each and will be made available at the beginning of each sport season.

The Booster Club provides a variety of supplies and equipment for all sports at WISD, as well the Athletic Banquet in the spring. Parents and guardians of any student in ANY sport at Winters ISD is encouraged to participate in the Booster Club.

For more information, please contact Yolanda Bridgeman at 754-4685, Mike Neal at 754-5433, Belinda Schwartz at 754-5606 or Amy Wheat at 754-4882.

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Texas Department of Health issues flu advisory, urges shots

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) has issued a statewide health advisory reporting heavier-than-usual influenza activity in the state and urging people to get a flu shot.

"It's not unusual to have flu occur this early in the season. What's unusual is to have this much of it this early," said Texas Commissioner of Health Eduardo Sanchez.

Influenza, or flu, has been reported in several Texas counties.

"Get a flu shot," Sanchez advised. "That's the first line of defense."

Authorities report that the flu vaccine is in plentiful supply this year. People wanting to get a flu shot should contact their doctors, employers, or local public health departments or watch for announcements from supermarkets and other businesses offering the shot to the public.

Flu season officially begins in October and runs through May, usually reaching its peak in Texas in January and February.

This season's vaccine protects against the A/Panama, A/New Caledonia and B/Hong Kong strains of the influenza virus and against other similar strains.

Most people six months or older can receive the flu vaccine, but it is especially encour-

aged for children six months to 23 months, people 50 and older, residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, diabetics, women who will be in their second or third trimester of pregnancy during flu season, people with weakened immune systems, and people who have asthma or other chronic respiratory, heart, or kidney conditions.

It takes about two weeks for the vaccine to be effective.

Influenza is a viral respiratory illness marked by the sudden onset of fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches. The illness is spread when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks, sending the highly contagious virus into the air.

As a flu control measure, Sanchez stressed that people with flu symptoms should stay home to avoid infecting classmates or colleagues.

Influenza is not a reportable illness in Texas, so exact flu case numbers are not known. Instead TDH relies on a surveillance network of reporting sites around the state to track influenza levels and identify circulating strains of the virus.

More information about the flu is available on-line at www.tdh.state.tx.us.

Flu shots at Texas Dept. of Health Nov. 21

The Runnels County Field Office of the Texas Department of Health announces that Influenza/Pneumococcal Immunizations will be given Friday, November 21, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location is at the Texas Department of Health field office in the Professional Building, Suite 108, on Grant Street entry.

Anyone wishing to receive the shot should call 754-4945 to schedule an appointment. Medicare and Medicaid will be accepted; please bring your card for verification.

For more information, call 754-4945 Monday through Friday.

Clough named Commander of Tarleton State ROTC

Cadet Wylie Clough has been appointed Commander of the Tarleton State University ROTC Program. The program currently consists of over 100 cadets.

Clough is a senior at TSU and will receive a Bachelor of Science in Sports Medicine upon graduation. He is in his final year of his Green to Gold Army ROTC Scholarship. This year, he was also elected as an officer of the Physical Education Department Honor Society.

Upon completion of the ROTC program in August 2004, Wylie will be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and return to active duty. He first enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1995.

The newly appointed Commander is a 1994 graduate of Winters High School and is the son of Margie Clough and Joe Ivey, both of Winters.



Wylie Clough

Aaron Taylor graduates AIT; now stationed in Iraq

Army Pvt. Aaron R. Taylor has graduated from the field artillery firefinder radar operator advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

The student learned to establish and maintain radio and wire communications; operate and maintain firefinder radars and associated equipment;

construct fortifications, bunkers, and crew-served weapons emplacements; and perform operator maintenance on prime movers, radar systems, and related equipment.

Taylor is a 2000 Winters High School graduate and the son of Barry and Susie Taylor. He is currently stationed in Iraq.



BRENDA GROHMAN, owner of Something Special in Winters, thanks Raymond Lindsey for his purchase of a unique 'Shave & Haircut 25¢' plaque. Lindsey, owner of Raymond's Clip Joint, was Brenda's first customer of opening day on Saturday, November 15. Lindsey said he was thrilled to find such a fitting sign in the store which features many one-of-a-kind gift items. Something Special is located at 103 S. Main and is open from 5-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information call 365-6442. (photo by Jean Boles)

Christmas in Miles Arts & Crafts Fair slated Nov. 29

The residents of Miles would like to invite you to their annual Christmas in Miles Arts and Crafts Fair. This will be held Saturday, Nov. 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Weatherby Hall in downtown Miles.

More than 30 vendors will display such items as jewelry, woodcrafts and furniture, leather goods, Christmas decorations, Kolaches, jams and jellies, pecans, peanut butter fudge, clothes, purses, crocheted items, and more.

The Miles Library will have a free book giveaway at the hall, and a mini-garage sale will raise funds for animal welfare.

Members of the United Methodist Church will serve a noon luncheon, along with coffee, tea, and dessert.

Santa Claus will pay a visit to the fair at 10 a.m.

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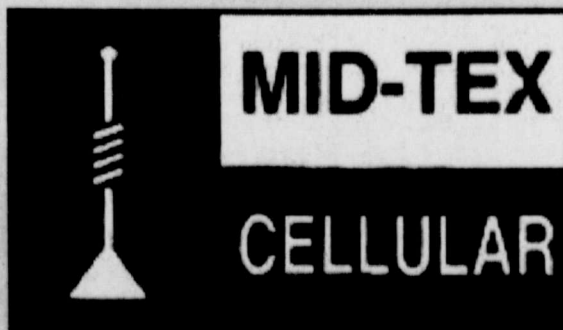
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Today, November 20, the American Cancer Society® (ACS), the nation's leading voluntary health agency, hosts the 27th Great American Smokeout® to help millions of smokers kick the habit and help youth understand the importance of never starting to smoke.

The Great American Smokeout® promotion is the American Cancer Society's annual, nationally recognized day when smokers are asked to put down their cigarettes, cigars, spit tobacco, or any tobacco product because they all have the potential to cause cancer. Because it is known that approximately 32 million smokers (out of 46 million current smokers) want to quit smoking completely, ACS will continue to offer support and education to the public. The promise of an addiction-free life has encouraged many smokers to join in and prove to themselves that they can live a day without cigarettes and that they can, therefore, live the rest of their lives without them.

Approximately 10,900 Texans will be diagnosed with lung cancer in 2003 and of those, 9,900 will die. Nationwide, 171,900 will be diagnosed and 157,200 will die. The American Cancer Society is sending a message this year

with a poster stating "It's Never Too Late to Quit," proclaiming that quitting smoking significantly reduces your risk of cancer, not only of the lung, but also mouth, nasal cavities, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, stomach, pancreas, and other organs.

Smokers who are ready to kick the habit can find help through the American Cancer Society's Quitline by calling toll-free, 1-877-YES-QUIT. The Quitline, funded by the Texas Department of Health using Tobacco Settlement funds, offers free telephone counseling services, advice and cessation materials to smokers, age 13 and older.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Cigarette Smoking Among Adults - United States, 2001" report shows a slow but continued decline in adult smoking rates from 25 percent in 1993 to 22.8 percent in 2001.

Current or former smokers may enroll in a National Lung Screening Trial (NLST), a cancer screening trial funded by the National Cancer Institute that will take place at 30 study sites throughout the United States, including The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. The trial, slated to last eight years, will examine the risks and ben-

efits of spiral CT scans compared to chest X-rays. NLST will enroll 50,000 participants nationwide. To learn more about the screening trial, call 713-792-5340 or visit <www.mdanderson.org/nlst>.

The Great American Smokeout® is not just about adult smokers and cessation. As the times change and our understanding of the addictive cycle of nicotine increases, ACS is working to prevent children from ever becoming smokers. More than 88 percent of current adult smokers started before they were 18 years old. That's why the Great American Smokeout® is also focusing on promotions that will communicate to our children the social disadvantages of smoking and provide them with the tools to recognize and avoid negative social influences.

For information about cancer, call toll-free anytime 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the American Cancer Society® web site at <www.cancer.org>.

If you are ready to quit smoking, you should know that you're not alone. There are many resources available in your area to support your decision. For more information, contact the following agency: Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, 1-800-588-8728 or 673-2242.

Free health test for consumers

Pain, discomfort, and illness affect millions of people everyday.

Featured on Fox News, FreeWellnessTest.com Inc., a nonprofit organization, offers consumers a free detailed analysis of some of the factors that contribute to those ailments, along with referrals to physicians in the consumers' geographic areas.

"I only wish information like this had been available for me, before I had my stroke," stated William Miedel, director. "I feel strongly that it might have helped to identify the problem before it ran its course."

"Other people may receive the help they need before they find themselves in a similar situation by reading and taking action on their own custom Wellness report."

While the report is not intended to replace proper medical attention from a licensed medical practitioner, it is a comprehensive tool to help people who are suffering from a variety of ailments consider some of the possible actions they can take to alleviate health problems.

Consumers visit FreeWellnessTest.com and complete a free 10-minute form, which contains questions about allergies, the circulatory system, the immune system, weight, digestive, dental, and urinary health. In return, they receive a free detailed report ranging from 10 to 30 pages in length, depending on the items they selected. At the end of the free report, consumers are provided with the names of doctors to follow-up.

"Our objective is to provide a service that may help consumers get the medical help they need before it becomes an issue," added Miedel.

"We want to encourage people to seek the medical help they need today."

Blessed Daze

by Jean Boles

Two 'ifs', one 'and' and no 'buts'

As a member of the Winters Beautification Committee and a person who looks at things a little differently, I can't help but notice the abundance of cigarette butts thrown on the ground.

If you've read my columns for very long you probably already know I'm pretty much against cigarette smoking altogether.

No, I take that back. I'm not "pretty much" against it; I'm downright against it.

Besides being stinky and costly, I firmly believe that nasty, addictive habit took the lives of both of my parents. That's a whole different chapter in my life that affects me each and every day.

So I'm not the most sympathetic person toward cigarettes, and when I see discarded butts and other pieces of the nasty tobacco thrown down, I resent the stuff even more.

"For Pete's sake," you might say. "It's only a little piece of paper filled with drugs. How bad can that be?" Glad you asked.

If those little pieces of trash are "no big deal" to you smokers, why not just put them in your pocket or purse when you're finished? Just toss that butt back in your car instead of on my sidewalk. Put the fire out on your car seat or use the top of your shoe — just not my flower pots or windowsills or anything I pay taxes on.

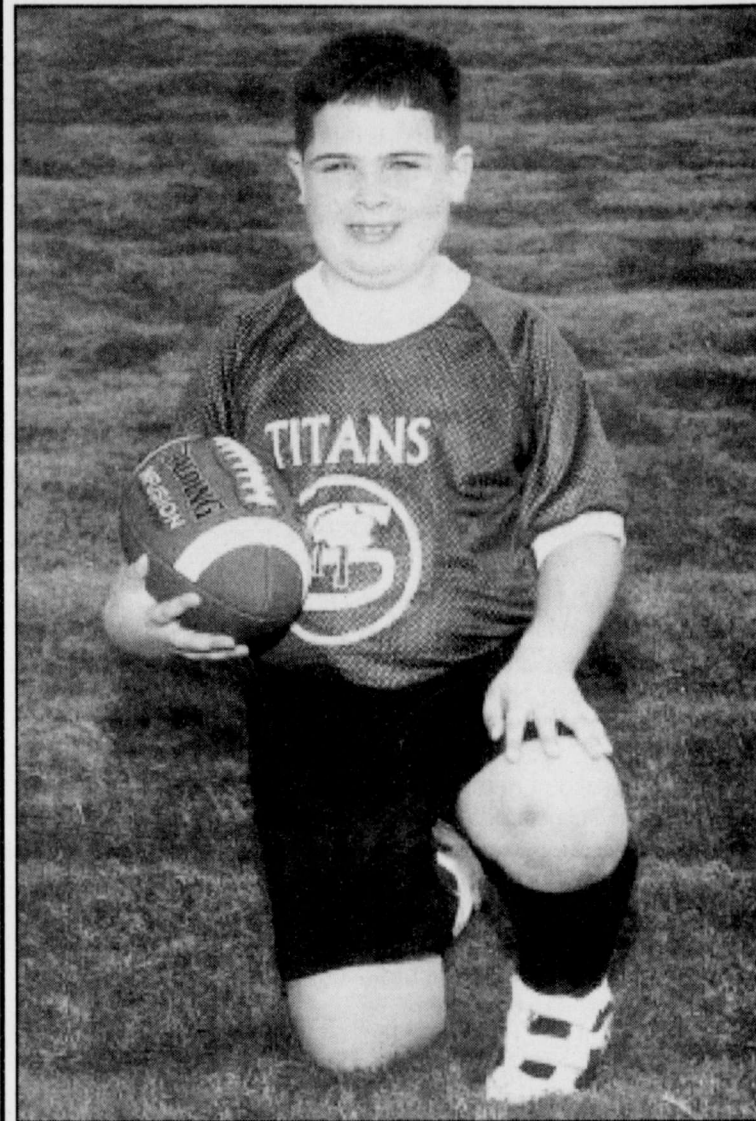
And don't throw your blazing butt out the car window. Ever hear of forest fires? Not that we have a lot of forests in this area but I do recall a burn ban due to extremely dry con-

ditions. And do you smokers think there's a cigarette butt fairy who comes by and cleans up your litter?

So, please, do me and the rest of the anti-smoking world

a favor. If you absolutely think you need to smoke, keep your butts to yourself. If you'll do that, I'll keep one opinion to myself — just not about smoking, of course.

Going to State—



(courtesy photo) TYLER VEST, grandson of Randy and Linda Jones of Winters, will play in the State Flag Football Tournament in Burnet, Texas, November 21 & 22. Tyler and his team, The Titans, are 6-1 in regular season play. They are in the nine and under category flag-football for the Stephenville Parks and Recreation Department (SPARD).

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "living on the hog"

5 early Fort Worth lawless area: "Hell's Half"

6 TX Roger Miller's "Dang Me" was '64

7 TXism: "pay him never mind"

8 TXism: "in a coon's (long time)"

9 TXism: "porch sitter"

15 high cards

16 TXism: "packed like in a can"

18 TX Willie concert series (2 wds.)

20 TX Tommy Lee was Woodrow

22 TXism: "a the pan"

27 TX Roy Orbison's "The Lonely"

28 rustled cattle

29 A&M's color, with white

30 with "sodium," it's fertilizer

32 Pepper

33 TXism: "as lightning striking your zipper"

36 Gen. Robt. _____

37 TX ABC reporter Donaldson (init.)

38 San Antonio's King William Street is named after King _____ of Prussia

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DOWN

1 horse morsels

2 TX Blue Bell product: _____ cream

3 ex-mayor of Fort Worth Kay _____

4 TX war memorial: "Texas _____"

8 TXism: "opened up of worms"

9 TX Tech women

10 TXism: "put up shut up"

11 It's classified in TX newspapers

12 El Paso theater has a Wuritzer organ

13 name before Exxon

14 TXism: "McCoy"

15 TXism: "that's _____ do you do"

16 Rio Grande sediment

17 tobogganers

19 rare birds seen at Bentsen State Park

21 TX pitching legend Ryan (init.)

22 not an AM station

23 TX boy

24 TXism: "got _____ deal" (cheated)

25 TX drive-in eatery

26 TXism for "pistol"

28 TXism: "in his own juice"

31 TXism: "got _____ of arrows in his quiver" (capable)

34 "Streets of Laredo" was _____ make of "Texas Rangers"

35 _____ Ocean, TX

37 TXism: "would have to prime my mouth to _____ (thirsty)"

40 embrace (2 wds.)

41 Dallas Co. named for this George (init.)

44 sweat outlet

45 fruit grown in the Rio Grande Valley

51 TX Roddenberry line: "where _____ has gone before"

52 TXism: "_____ he's a rooster, he'll crow" (inevitable)

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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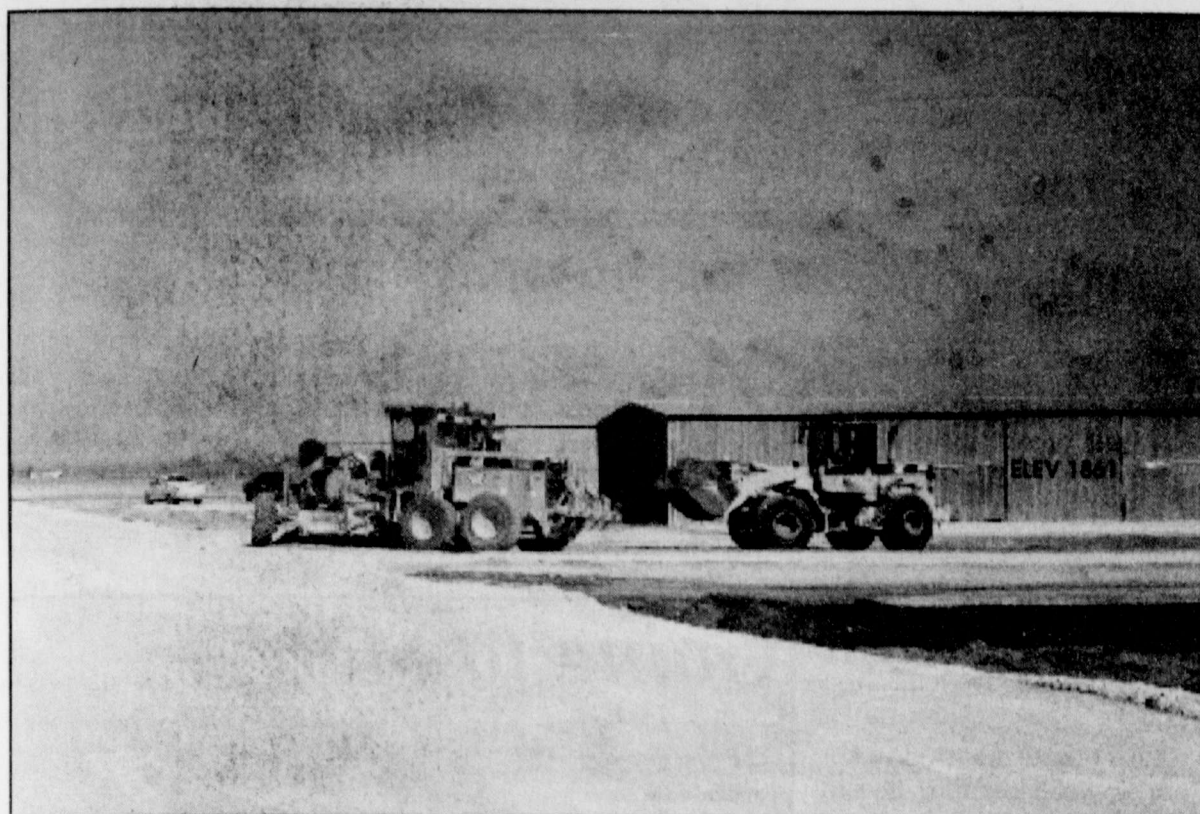
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Law & Order

Legal Notice



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SHOULDERING UP THE TAXIWAYS was completed last week as part of the extensive remodeling project at the Winters Airport. Reece Construction workers hope to apply the new runway surface this week which is the final step in the project; but, of course, much of the construction depends on the weather and temperatures.

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 10, 2003, through November 16, 2003. Officers:

- arrested a subject in the 600 block of Heights Street for Driving While License Suspended.
- investigated a hit and run accident in the 500 block of Lamar Street. The driver of the suspect vehicle was located, and the case cleared.
- filed a report of theft at Winters High School for numerous credit cards allegedly taken from an employee's purse.
- filed a report of harrasment.
- arrested a subject for Public Intoxication in the 300 block of N. Main Street.
- filed a criminal mischief report taken in the 300 block of Bluebonnet Drive.
- filed a criminal mischief report taken in the 600 block of Commerce Street.
- assisted the Department of Public Safety at a major two-car accident on Highway 83 North.
- investigated a one-car accident behind City Hall.

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Jimmy Terrence Winans, driving while intoxicated, pleaded not guilty and requested jury trial, jury ruled defendant not guilty

Civil Cases Filed November 12

New South Federal Savings Bank vs. Debra Winchester, suit on note

District Court Civil Cases Filed November 7

Security State Bank vs. John Simmons and Melissa Simmons, account

November 11

State of Texas vs. Monty Wayne Darnell, occupational driver's license

November 13

Eva Garcia vs. Miles Independent School District, transfer from Travis County

Divorce Cases Filed November 10

Andrew H. Smith vs. Ann Marie Smith

NOTICE

October 23, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

We reside at 1208 West Dale in Winters, Texas 79567. This residence is in the Dale and Bright addition, Block 12 LT, Pt. 2.

Notices were posted at Winters City Hall, North Runnels Hospital, and WISD Administration Building on October 10, 2003. These notices state that we wish to be disannexed.

Sincerely,
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Voter Registration #16698
Sondra K. Petty, Precinct 3,
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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Comptroller Strayhorn Announces Counties Qualifying for 2004 Tax Credits

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn recently released a list of 219 counties where businesses can apply for millions of dollars in state tax breaks next year.

The franchise tax credits for economic development were enacted in 1999 by the 76th Legislature and include a research credit, a job creation credit and an investment credit.

These tax credits saved taxpayers more than \$43 million on their 2001 and 2002 franchise tax reports.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.window.state.tx.us/news/30930taxcredit.html>

SOURCE: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn (www.window.state.tx.us).

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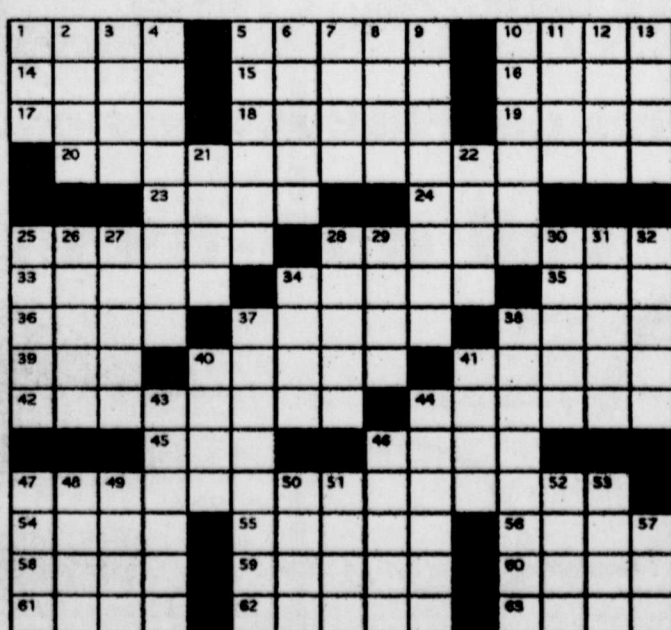
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ACROSS

1. Plays a role
5. Drinks served cold
10. Color
14. Chicago's business district
15. Dizzy
16. Hit the ceiling
17. Highly rated
18. Goo
19. Over
20. Is frugal
23. 500s
24. Container
25. ___ Company; TV comedy of the '70s & '80s
28. Being there
33. Laughs loudly
34. Holy
35. Word with carry or catch
36. Pronoun
37. Tilt
38. Joe's follower, biblically
39. Carbohydrate: suff.
40. Hinder the growth of
41. Atlanta's Omni
42. Sweet
44. Lowers
45. Apiece
46. Leif's father
47. Self-righteous
54. Corp. bigwig
55. Hot under the collar
56. Long waterway
58. Moneieur Descartes
59. Central points
60. "Now ___ me down..."
61. Adjourns
62. Grows
63. Unit of force

DOWN

1. Site of Tuskegee Univ.
2. Chickens' home
3. Permanent brand
4. Buyers
5. Crushes
6. City on the Rhone
7. Island accessories
8. 98.6 deg.
9. Glossiest
10. Patrons of Husbandry
11. Ruler's wife
12. U. S. writer James
13. Evergreen trees
21. Unspectacular marks
22. Place for a swallow
25. Group of scouts
26. Part of Congress
27. Occurring less often
28. Means of transportation
29. Monthly payment
30. Tom, Dick and Harry
31. Carbon copy
32. Girls' names
34. Smear
37. Rousing
38. Spider
40. Graf ___
41. In ___; shortly
43. Seasonings
44. Star of TV's Gunsmoke
46. Diner
47. In this spot
48. Cart pullers
49. Make loans
50. 1982 Disney film
51. ___ ball; enjoyed oneself
52. Hair type
53. ___ Eater, Mongolia
57. 2



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. Masedonia Silva AKA Masedonio Silva, Estefana Silva (In Rem Only), Masedonia Silva, Jr., Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masedonio Silva (In Rem Only), Andres Silva, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masedonia Silva (In Rem Only), Santiago Silva, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masedonio Silva (In Rem Only), Florinda Silva, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masedonio Silva (In Rem Only), Pablo Silva, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masedonio Silva (In Rem Only), Rudy Silva Jalomo AKA Rudy Jalomo, Jr., Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masedonio Silva (In Rem Only), Christina Jalomo, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masedonio Silva (In Rem Only), Freddie Silva Jalomo AKA Freddie Jalomo, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masedonio Silva (In Rem Only), Marcos Jalomo, a minor, whose parent and legal guardian is Masedonio Silva (In Rem Only), and Anita Silva Martinez AKA Anita Martinez, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masedonio 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, Mincey 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.

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Garage Sales

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• 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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TexSCAN Week of November 16, 2003

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Outdoors

Pest Management News

by Rick Minzenmayer, IPM-Agent, Runnels & Tom Green counties

GENERAL SITUATION

Temperatures have definitely cooled down and the Concho Valley has been blessed with some additional moisture. The cool wet weather is just what the doctor ordered for wheat farmers, but cotton farmers could have used another couple of weeks of warm dry weather.

On the other hand, cotton has really progressed the past several weeks, and, generally, early indications show a slightly higher yield than was originally expected. Looking on the bright side, the cotton market is great right now. Hopefully, it will stay up and lint yields will stay above average.

This is one of the best wheat crops I have seen in a long time. Armyworms and greenbugs have been a problem in many areas and fields have been treated for one or both of these pests in Tom Green, Concho, Runnels, and Coke counties.

I have received several calls this week from producers in Coleman County asking about armyworms as well. If the wheat is old enough and has an adequate root system, producers can reduce insect populations by grazing. Do not graze wheat until the secondary root system has developed enough to anchor the plant. Grazing is a proven and a well-recognized practice for reducing greenbug populations.

It's a little different situation for armyworms. They can take out a wheat field in a short period of time. A good hard freeze will eliminate the armyworm problems and cool weather will certainly slow down their feeding. If armyworm larval numbers exceed 4-5 larvae per square foot and seedling stand loss or foliage loss on older plants is evident, control measures are recommended. Lorsban® at 1 pint per acre has been doing an excellent job of controlling both armyworms and greenbugs. If greenbugs are the only problem, then Dimethoate would be a good choice. The economic threshold for greenbugs in wheat three to six inches tall, is 100 to 300 greenbugs per linear foot. But keep in mind, populations of 25 to 50 green-

bugs per foot in very young wheat may warrant treatment.

With the excellent soil moisture we have now, weeds are doing quite well. Broadleaf weed control may already be needed on some of the early planted fields.

If you are planning on using a hormone herbicide such as 2,4-D to control the broadleaf weeds, be sure and read the label for information on application timing. Most of the 2,4-D labels indicate that the wheat needs to be past the tillering stage before applying the herbicide.

You may need to switch to some other class of herbicide if you need to spray now. Others would include Ally®, Amber®, Glean®, Finesse® as well as some others. Remember, each of these products vary on crop rotation requirements so read the label carefully before applying the herbicide.

COTTON—Cotton harvest has begun on some dryland fields and many of the irrigated cotton fields have been defoliated. Once the weather clears, producers will begin cotton harvesting operations in a big way.

Regrowth has been a challenge this year in many fields. It is getting a little easier to remove the juvenile growth the later we get into the season. Gramoxone® Max will not do it by itself. It's best to tank mix 4-5 oz. of Ginstar® or 1 ounce of Aim® per acre with the Gramoxone® Max. This mix will do a better job of preparing crop for harvest. Increasing rates of Gramoxone® Max will only freeze more leaves on the plant. A light rate of paraquat 2-3 oz. per acre with the addition of ethephon (Prep®) has done a good job of dropping some leaves and opening up those upper bolls. I would wait until the field is at least 65-70% open before beginning with the harvest aides. Give me a call if you have any questions.

BOLL WEEVILS—Boll weevil trap catches have increased significantly over the past several weeks on our western edge, and the TBWF is currently spraying several thousand acres of cotton. This migration of weevils from the west is not only costing the

SRP cotton producers but also the two zones north of St. Lawrence. A good hard freeze would be very beneficial right now to help reduce the cost of this problem.

According to Roger Hal-denby, Editor of PCG Email Services, Weevils from the St. Lawrence area and other parts of Glasscock County not involved in active eradication have moved into the edges of the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, as well as the Rolling Plains Central Zone and Southern Rolling Plains Zone.

The cost to growers in the zones being affected by migrating boll weevils is amounting to millions of dollars. The latest report shows 309,562 acres were treated in these three zones in the week ending Nov. 2. The same report shows that 1,951,667 cumulative acres have been treated in the Permian Basin alone this season.

At an estimated average treatment cost per acre between \$3.25-\$3.50, it can be easily surmised that over a million dollars has been spent in just one week.



WINTERS LIONS CLUB MEMBERS, Michael Mostad (left) and Kenneth Slimp, gather flags on Veterans Day while Mike Meyer serves as driver. The flags are placed along Main Street and West Dale Street on major holidays by various members of the Lions Club.

(photo by Jean Boles)

The Winters Enterprise office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, for the Thanksgiving holidays. We will re-open on Monday, December 1, at 8:30 a.m. Have a very blessed Thanksgiving!

Runnels County Rumors

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

MARKETING ASSISTANCE LOANS, LDPs

Marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments can mean the difference between a good year and a not-so-good year. With that in mind, it's important to comply with the rules.

To be eligible for loans and LDP's, you must:

- comply with conservation and wetland protection requirements
- report how you use cropland acreage on the farm
- have beneficial interest in the commodity on the date the loan or LDP is requested and, in the case of a loan, retain beneficial interest while the loan is outstanding
- ensure that the commodity meets CCC minimum grade and quality standards.

Beneficial interest means you retain the ability to make decisions about the commodity, are responsible for loss or damage to the commodity, and have title to the commodity. Once you lose beneficial interest in a commodity, the commodity is ineligible for loan or LDP—even if you regain beneficial interest.

For commodities to be eligible for loans or LDPs, they must have been produced by an eligible producer, be in existence and in a storable condition and be merchantable for food, feed, or other uses as determined by CCC. The quality of the commodity in farm storage must be maintained throughout the term of the

loan.

Starting with the 2003 crop, individuals and entities whose previous 3-year average adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds \$2.5 million are ineligible for LDPs and market loan gains unless they can show that at least 75 percent of their AGI comes from agriculture. The good news is that this does not prevent an individual from receiving marketing assistance loans or redeeming them with commodity certificates.

The 2002 Farm Bill set limits on payments a "person" can receive. The total of LDPs and market loan gains received by a producer is limited to \$75,000 for each crop year. That means \$75,000 for wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, rice, soybeans, other oilseeds, dry peas, lentils, and small chick-peas; and, \$75,000 for peanuts, wool, mohair, and honey.

You do not have to participate in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program to be eligible for loans or LDPs.

Violating provisions of the loan and LDP program may trigger administrative actions, such as assessing liquidated damages, calling the loan, and denial of future farm-stored loans and LDPs.

The most common violations are removing or disposing of a commodity being used as loan collateral without prior authorization and providing an incorrect quantity certification.

USING E-FORMS—You can now file your marketing

assistance loans and LDP's electronically from the comfort of your home or anywhere you can access the Internet—anytime day or night.

The e-forms website is available to view at anytime, but to actually file a form electronically, users must get a user ID and password through WebCAAF (an authentication & authorization service). This can be accomplished by visiting www.fsa.usda.gov and selecting the "e-forms."

This website also provides information on receiving electronic filing capability and with downloading the CCC forms required to file for Marketing Assistance Loans and LDPs. User IDs and passwords are also available through your local FSA office.

LOANS FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED APPLICANTS—The Farm Service Agency can make direct and guaranteed loans to socially disadvantaged applicants to buy and operate family-size farms and ranches. Funds for these loans are reserved each year.

A socially disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to his

or her individual qualities.

For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders.

Direct loans may be made to applicants by FSA for both farm operating and farm ownership loans. Guaranteed farm loans also may be made for ownership or operating purposes, and may be made by any lending institution subject to federal or state supervision (e.g., banks and units of the Farm Credit System) and guaranteed by FSA. FSA typically guarantees up to 90 percent of a loan against any loss that might be incurred if the loan fails. Although not typical, certain situations may warrant increased guarantees up to 95 percent.

Persons who are primarily and directly engaged in farming and ranching on family-sized operations may apply. Socially disadvantaged loan applications do not receive automatic approval. Individual applicants under this program must meet all requirements for FSAs regular farm loan program assistance.

Contact the county office or USDA Service Center for more information.

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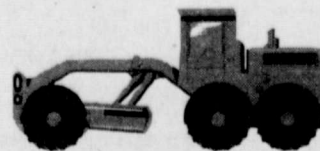
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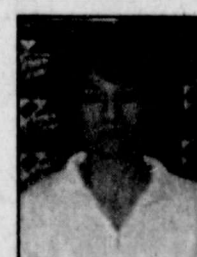
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