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L-K Water District Board under fire

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District on November 5, 2003, the Board came under fire from a group of about 18 irrigators in the District concerning what they believed were proposed District rules changes. The group opposed pumping restrictions on wells, putting limits on pump horsepower, and any other rule that would put more restrictions on drilling and pumping than are already in place. They also demanded to know when these rules are going into effect.

Prior to the November 5 meeting, two of the irrigators had requested and received copies of draft rules revisions from the District manager, Allan Lange, who informed them at the time that the draft was a collection of rules and ideas

from other Districts for the Board to explore and that they had not yet been sent out to the Board for review. Lange said, "There is nothing set in stone, these are just for discussion during the Board rules workshop to be held at the Board Meeting on November 5. The Board requested that we start reviewing the existing rules and present ideas or rules from other districts for the Board to look at to see what other districts around here are doing."

Board President A.H. (Chico) Denis again explained at the November 5 meeting that the draft copy was a compilation of rules from other districts that the manager gathered for the Board to explore. However, comments in opposition to the perceived rule change proposals took up so much time that **See L-K BOARD, pg. 8**



COLBY PRITCHARD, dressed as Governor William Bradford, reads a copy of the proclamation of the first Thanksgiving gathering with the native Americans as Pocohontas (Cymer Langston) waits her turn at left. The Winters 7th and 8th grade classes spent Tuesday reenacting events of the early days of Thanksgiving. A unique feast featuring rabbit, turkey, deer, mussels and other seafood, potato cakes and other foods was enjoyed by all the junior high students. *(photo by Jean Boles)*



GETTING A JUMP ON CHRISTMAS with some shopping at the annual Arts and Crafts Show Saturday are Mamie Reed (left) and Sondra Petty. The show was sponsored by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce and offered a variety of gift items such as body creams, Christmas ornaments, metal designs, jewelry, and baked goods. *(photo by Jean Boles)*

Blood drive at North Runnels Hospital Dec. 1

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be parked at North Runnels Hospital on Monday, December 1, from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Meek Blood Center provides blood to North Runnels Hospital and fifteen other medical facilities in the Texas Midwest. The last blood drive, held on August 13, resulted in twelve pints of blood. The mission at Meek Blood Center is to ensure blood availability at all times.

"Blood drives held in the month of December are especially important," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "Donations typically fall off the closer it gets to Christmas, so the blood drives we have the in first part of December help

us build our supply.

"The need for blood continues during the holidays. Cancer patients still require treatment, people still have surgery, premature babies are born, and there are more accidents due to increased highway travel," Baker continued.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health, and free of infection. There is no upper age limit.

Aspirin, ibuprofen, Tylenol, and most maintenance medications, including blood pressure, cholesterol, hormones, allergy, thyroid, asthma, and anti-depressants are acceptable.

There are some restrictions regarding some medications, certain medical conditions, and some travel areas outside the U.S. Those who have questions regarding eligibility may call 325-670-2805.

Donors are asked to eat a meal and to drink plenty of fluids prior to giving blood.

Each donor will receive a "Texas Blood Donor" T-shirt and a complimentary total cholesterol reading. Cholesterol results may be obtained two days after the blood drive by calling 325-670-2799.

Ballinger teacher killed in one-vehicle accident

A Ballinger Junior High School teacher and coach was killed in a one-vehicle accident on Saturday, November 22.

Cecyle Newsom, 37, was traveling south on County Road 459 at about 2:20 p.m. when she lost control of the 1999 Ford F350 pickup she was driving and the pickup rolled over.

According to Texas Department of Public Safety trooper Michael Gray, who investigated the accident, Newsom apparently ran off the road to the right, overcorrected, and ran into the ditch on the left, then crossed the road again and the pickup rolled, ejecting her from the vehicle. She was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash, according to Gray.

Two of Newsom's sons were in the pickup with her at the time of the accident and

were also thrown from the vehicle. Cooper Newsom, 7, was treated at Ballinger Memorial Hospital and released. Conner Newsom, 12, was airlifted to Shannon Medical Center for treatment and was later released.

Cooper Newsom walked to a neighboring house to call 9-1-1.

Newsom was the wife of Kevin Newsom, Agricultural Science teacher at Ballinger High School and mother of a third son, Logan, a sophomore at Ballinger High School.

Her funeral service was held on Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Ballinger with burial in Levelland.

Christmas in Olde Ballinger is Saturday

Ballinger will host their annual Christmas in Olde Ballinger this Saturday, Nov. 29.

Arts and crafts booths will be on display on the courthouse lawn with items for sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Christmas parade kicks off downtown at 10 a.m. Miss Merry Christmas will be crowned at approximately 11 a.m., immediately following the parade.

Various entertainment is scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m.

Higginbotham's hosting Ladies Night Out Dec. 1

Higginbotham's of Winters will be hosting its annual Ladies Night Out on Monday, December 1, from 6-8 p.m.

During this special two hours, you will be able to take advantage of great deals on Christmas decorations and gifts. Door prizes will be given away throughout the evening. Refreshments will also be served.

Higginbotham's is located at 205 N. Main. Call 754-4582 for more information.



WINTERS HEAD START STUDENTS enjoy an up-close view of a firetruck as Jason Young sounds the siren while Raymond Lindsey explains parts of the truck. Young and Lindsey are members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department who were on hand for a day of demonstrations by emergency services including Winters Police Department, Shannon Air Med helicopter, and North Runnels EMS. *(photo by Jean Boles)*

The City of Winters welcomes tourists. Visit our lake parks. Call 723-2081 for information.

Editorial

Letters to the Editor

Hospice, an exceptional provider

November is National Hospice Month. I have seen very little in print and would like to make a few comments.

Hospice is a fully covered Medicare benefit for eligible patients, with no out-of-pocket expense. Thirty percent (30%) of all eligible persons use any part of their Medicare hospice benefit, even though they have already paid for it. Only 7% of the entire Medicare hospice benefit is being used.

Hospice is not just for cancer patients. Hospice is designed to provide care to anyone in the last six months of life.

Hospice is not "giving up." It is changing the focus of care to enhance quality of life. The hospice team of nurses, social workers, volunteers, chaplains, and physicians accompanies patients and their families on

this difficult journey. They are trained to relieve physical, emotional, and spiritual pain and suffering.

Hospice care eases the fear of dying. It allows patients to die with dignity and in a way that enhances the beauty and meaning of life and death for them and their families. It is unfortunate that in the enlightened age we live, people still die protracted and painful deaths because some physicians and well-intentioned, but misguided families and friends, seem unwilling or unable to admit that the person is terminal.

If you or anyone you care about has a life-limiting illness, please contact your physician or a local hospice to receive this exceptional benefit.

Dory Rabb

City manager thanks those involved in clearing burned structure

Dear Editor:
Fire is a good friend and can be the worst enemy. There are many writings, poems, and songs about the positive and negative power of fire. "Chariots of Fire" is the best example. We need fire for many purposes. When fire gets out of control though, it gets ugly and destructive.

The house at 305 N. Main caught fire on February 26, 2002. On February 27, the Fire Marshal Inspection was conducted. At that time, we noticed the damage to the building and appearance of our town and Central Business District (CBD).

We tried to clean this mess as quickly as possible. The harder we tried, the harder the task became, without receiving any cooperation. By Friday November 14, 2003, most of the legal and technical difficulties were solved.

Charlie Grenwelge, our street superintendent, and his team lined up their resources, including a track front loader and a dump truck borrowed from Thurman Self, Commissioner of Precinct 3, to tackle the ugly beast.

Being next to a highway, a church, trees we wanted to save, and residential occupancies made it even harder. However, on this day, at exactly 8:25 a.m., Charlie, riding the County's front loader with confidence, pride, power, and safety measures tackled the structure with his first hard blast, boom!, and "the walls came tumbling down!" By the end of the day, it was the end of ugliness and the beginning of the bright side.

By Tuesday, November 18, the trash was gone, and the lot cleaned. Sometimes destruc-

tion is constructive, and this was the perfect time. My office telephone started ringing constantly, and every time a happy, relieved, and concerned citizen was thanking the city for cleaning the mess.

On behalf of the city elected officials and our community, it is my duty to thank those who did the job.

We thank Thurman Self for lending us his track front loader and the dump truck. Without that type of loader, this job would have been a nightmare. We had two dump trucks. The third one expedited the task quite a bit. We wrote a special thank you letter to Mr. Self and the county judge for their cooperation.

Without the dedication of our own human resources though, even the best equipment could not have been effective.

Thank you, Charlie, and everyone in the street department, for a job well done!

Thanks to the citizens who took the time to call us, stop us on the way to stores or at stores to thank us.

In a big city, like Dallas, we would not have been this much appreciated. We try harder and hope we can do better in all aspects of our services, to receive more thank you calls and visits.

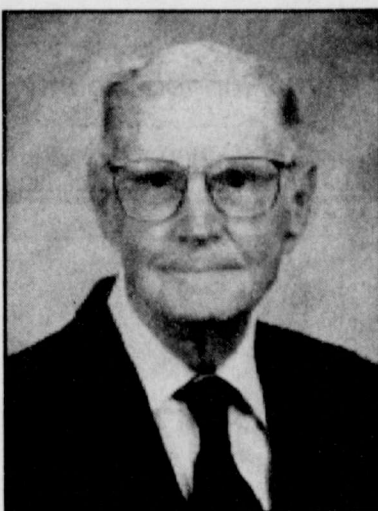
It feels good to be appreciated - loud and clear, wholeheartedly, unconditionally, without any strings and politics attached - being thanked feels good!

It is important to feel important. It feeds, nourishes, and builds morale. We are public servants, and public service is important to us.

Sincerely,
Aref Hassan, Ph.D
City Manager

Obituaries

W.L. (Bede) England



WINTERS—W.L. (Bede) England, 90, died Friday, November 21, 2003, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born April 16, 1913, in the Pumphrey community and grew up in the Pumphrey and Baldwin communities, except for a few years at Abernathy, Texas. He married Edna Williams on December 21, 1938, in the Caps First Baptist Church.

Mr. England was a retired farmer, a lifetime member of Drasco Baptist Church, and a trustee of the Baldwin School.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Author and Mattie Lee Daniel England; two brothers, Tom and Jim England; and two sisters, Hassie Akins and Ima Hodges.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Williams England of Winters; one son and daughter-in-law, Lanny and Mandie England of Winters; three daughters, Kay Busher and husband Bud of Winters, Lu Shoemaker and husband Bill of Abilene, and Donna Riddle and husband Doyle of San Angelo; three granddaughters, Landa Floyd, Julie England, and Kelli Hubach; six grandsons, Loren England, Luke England, Kevin Busher, Tom Shoemaker, Mike Shoemaker, and Dennis Riddle; and twenty great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, November 23, at the First Baptist Church in Winters with Reverend Barry Taylor and Reverend James Vermillion co-officiating. A private family burial was scheduled for a later date. Family visitation was after the memorial service at Jones Hall of the First Baptist Church.

Grandsons were pallbearers.

Jetty Inis Hukill

OLTON—Jetty Inis Hukill, 91, passed away at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 18, 2003, in Runningwater Draw Care Center.

She was born October 13, 1912, in O'Brien, the daughter of the late Cecil Glona and Maude Velma Barnett. She grew up in O'Brien where she attended schools and graduated from Amherst High School. She married Judson Paul Hukill on December 22, 1934, in Earth, Texas.

Mrs. Hukill was a homemaker and had farmed in the Hart Camp-Fieldton area for 65 years. She was a member of Fieldton Baptist Church where she taught a women's Sunday School class. She later was a member of First Baptist Church in Olton.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Wayne Barnett and Bacyl Barnett; and one sister, Lorato Johnston.

Survivors include her husband, Judson Paul Hukill of Olton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Wayland Dean and Sue Hukill of Winters and Dewey and Patricia Hukill of Olton; one sister, Lynell Ratliff of Dunamuir, California; six grandchildren and their spouses, Wes and Lori Hukill of Pampa, Paula Hukill of Alamogordo, New Mexico, Dana Landrum of Amarillo, Kregg and Lezlie Hukill of Plainview, Kelli and John Smith of Amarillo, and Kevin and Tamra Hukill of Olton; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 21, in First Baptist Church with Max Barnett, her nephew, and Reverend Kyle Screun, pastor, co-officiating. Burial was in Littlefield Memorial Park. Arrangements were directed by Foskey-Lilley, McGill Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Runningwater Draw Care Center.

Edgar Leon Brown

KILGORE—Edgar Leon Brown, 81, passed away Tuesday morning, November 18, 2003, at his home.

He was born January 27, 1922, in Rome, Georgia, to Ferrell and Romye Brown. He grew up in Winters and graduated from Spade High School in 1941. He served in the United States Army during World War II.

Mr. Brown retired after 35 years of service from American Supply Company in Kilgore. He continued to work after retirement with A.E. Robertson Specialty Company of Kilgore. He was a member of the San Angelo Masonic Lodge #28.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Brown of Kilgore; a stepson, Dan Shipler and wife Lindeen of Fort Worth; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Virginia Cole of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Nita and Fred Hinz of Leveland; two sisters-in-law, Eileen Darby and husband Doyle of Tampa, Florida, and Gertrude Van Devender and husband Tom of Seattle, Washington; two brothers-in-law, Ronnie Slade and wife Teresa of Gladewater and Clarence Slade and wife Edna Mae of Independence, Iowa; one aunt, Hazel Baggett of Winters; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 22, at Kilgore Memorial Gardens in Kilgore. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Kilgore.

Rufus (Copper) Williams

BALLINGER—Rufus (Copper) Williams, 81, passed away Tuesday, November 18, 2003, at his residence.

He was born January 1, 1922, in the Dale community to Marion Howard and Birdie Beatrice (Watkins) Williams. He married Dorothy Turner on December 31, 1956. He served in the U.S. Army with the 26th Infantry division, 328 Regiment Medics as Staff Sergeant over evacuation of the wounded. He received the Bronze Star for evacuation of the wounded while under fire.

Rufus, better known as Copper to his family and friends, was manager of Handy Liquor store for over 27 years prior to his retirement. He was an avid fisherman who enjoyed his time at Lake Amistad with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Annie Williams; two brothers, J.C. (Dick) Williams and Marion (Skeeter) Howard Williams, Jr.; and one stepson, Henry Rieken.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Williams of Ballinger; one son, Ricky Williams of Ballinger; two stepsons, Jimmy Rieken of Ballinger and Billy Rieken of Killeen; one stepdaughter, Patricia Jones of San Angelo; one sister, Margaret Carter of Abilene; twenty grandchildren and great-grandchildren, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Family visitation was from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Friday, November 21, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger.

Graveside service with military honors was at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 22, at Old Runnels Cemetery near Ballinger with Carlos Valenzuela of First Baptist Hispanic Mission of San Angelo officiating.

Grandsons Jay Rieken, Jody Rieken, Kerry Rieken, Travis Rieken, Henry Rieken, Christopher Mueller, Randy Williams, and Lee Williams served as pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers were Norval Meredith, David Ueckert, Si Smith, W.B. Phelps, Butch Poe, J.B. McGuire, Doyle Pumphrey, James Pechal, Gene Piel, and Roy Minor.

In Appreciation

Gloria and I would like to take this means to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, calls, and those who came by while I was in the hospital and after I returned home.

We are truly blessed to have such caring friends and neighbors.

Ronnie & Gloria Poehls

The Winters Fire Department would like to express its appreciation to the staff of the Winters Elementary School for allowing disruption of their regular classes last week for the purpose of fire prevention training.

We thoroughly enjoy teaching fire prevention to the students and know that in an emergency situation, it may save a life.

Winters Fire Department

What better time than Thanksgiving to express our sincere gratitude to those who have made monetary donations throughout the year to North Runnels Hospital and its Auxiliary. Your recent monetary donations at Saturday's Arts and Crafts Show were most welcome.

We extend a special thanks to those who provided baked goods for the Arts and Crafts Show, as well as to the employees who so generously gave their time to work at the booth.

We are truly blessed to have loving and caring residents in our community who support the hospital.

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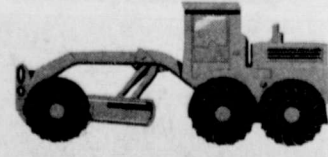
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Community

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*.

Thanksgiving thoughts

by Barry Taylor, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Winters

Thanksgiving this year will be different in the Taylor family. For the first time in over 27 years, we will not have all of our family together. Aaron is in Iraq. He will not be with us for Thanksgiving, nor will we have him around the Christmas tree as we celebrate, in December, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Will we be sad? Sure. It will not be the same for any of us, or for the thousands of others who experience the emptiness of a holiday without loved ones.

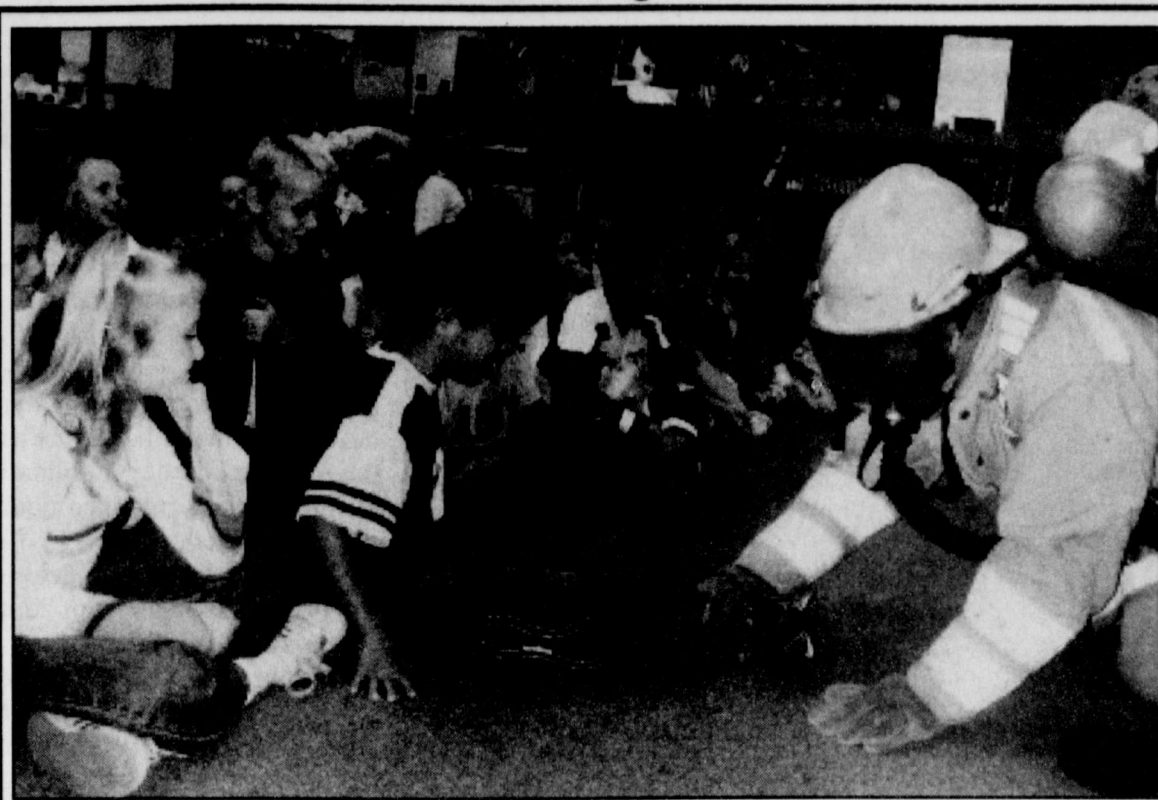
Can we still be thankful? Of course we can and we must. The Apostle Paul wrote, "In all things give thanks, for this is the will of God." There is always something for which we can be thankful. A number of years ago, I read the story of one of the great theologians, Matthew Henry. It seems that one day while traveling, he was overtaken by a group of robbers who stole his money. However, instead of being vengeful and angry he wrote that God had blessed him with an attitude of thanksgiving. While I cannot remember all of the things for which Matthew Henry was thankful, there are three that I have kept close to my heart.

First, he was thankful that they had taken only his money. The real wealth of a person is beyond money. Vance Havnor once said, "The poorest man on earth is the one who's only wealth is his money." Family, health, freedom, and love are of greater value than all of the money of the world.

Second, he was thankful that the robbery had not changed his attitude of others. When things go wrong in life, one of our first temptations is to become cynical, skeptical, and bitter. Matthew Henry realized that no one could take his "attitude" unless he was willing to let it go. He chose that no one would steal part of his life.

Third, he was thankful that he had been robbed and was not the robber. Of all the things he shared concerning this event in his life, the one that touched me the most was this picture of a gracious heart. Far better to be the one who has been mistreated and maligned by the things in life, than to be the instrument through which they come to hurt the lives of others.

While things will be different for many of our families this year, Susie and I are comforted with the fact that our sons and daughters are willing to sacrifice for a noble cause - to bring freedom and liberty to a people that has never known that blessing, and to fight those who would rob our nation of the very fiber of our way of life. Will we be successful as a nation? No one can really say. We just don't know. But we do know this, 382 years ago a group of pilgrims left the security of the old for the promise of the new. They lost much. However, what they gained is the true story of Thanksgiving.



THIS FRIENDLY FIREMAN doesn't scare this second grader during a demonstration at school during Fire Prevention Week. Maybe Marshall Scates doesn't mind working with the fireman who just happens to be his grandfather, Victor Santoya, a member of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department. Local firemen spoke to students in Winters Elementary School, reminding them of the dangers of fire, the rules for taking care of themselves in dangerous situations, and that firemen are always willing to help them. Students are reminded that December 15 is the deadline for the Fire Prevention Poster Contest.

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Wednesday, Dec. 3: Ham, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, broccoli salad, hot roll, and pecan pie.

Thursday, Dec. 4: Meatball casserole, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, and cookies.

Friday, Dec. 5: Hamburger, French fries, pea salad, pickles & onions, and dessert.

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

Blessed Daze

by Jean Boles

My first turkey — more than just a meal; a true Thanksgiving adventure

Are you blessed to be the one to host Thanksgiving dinner?

From experience, I know this can be overwhelming, yet rewarding and memorable.

I'll never forget the first year I cooked a turkey. Why didn't somebody tell me there was a bag of stuff inside the bird and that I was supposed to remove it? Heck, I thought I was doing good just to take that netting off before I threw the turkey in the oven for three days.

Then there was the task of making dressing.

Dressing. What an unusual term, I thought. Dressing sounded like something with a sort of regal ring to it; not something you squish together from old, dried bread, cold cornbread, raw eggs, turkey

juice, salt, pepper and something I'd never heard of — sage.

Of course, being only 20 years old didn't help. Although I was married at that time, I could hardly tie my shoelaces, let alone make a Thanksgiving feast.

But, never one to back away from a challenge that involves flames and using sharp objects, I thought, "How hard can this be?"

I had my mother's recipe and it was a good one. Her dressing always turned out perfectly so I assumed mine would too. But I hit a small snag; none of the ingredients had amounts listed. My little card simply read, "Now add some sage."

With the scent of Mom's

dressings burned into my brain, I knew how it was supposed to smell.

Well, I mixed up everything I could find and felt good about being able to use all that old bread with the green tinge and not let it go to waste. Then I added the sage and sniffed my vat of ingredients. Nope, that wasn't quite right. Add some more sage. Sniff. Not ready yet. More sage. After all, it's just this pale green, fluffy stuff. So I assumed that half that little can would be just about right.

By this time, my dressing had taken on a glowing green hue. But it did smell better and I reasoned that cooking would magically remove much of that green tinge since most of my stuff turned black sooner or later.

So I cooked it. But since I had an oven with a non-functioning temperature knob, I just guessed. (Which has pretty much been my cooking motto all my life).

After an hour, I took out my prize dressing — my very green, very spicy dressing with the consistency of slow-moving lava that every now and then would belch a giant bubble from the middle.

Since my hubby and I had to spend Thanksgiving away from family, and I was determined not to be sad, I had invited friends over who also had to be away from home and family.

I promised them we'd make our own memories. I just didn't know that my dressing would be a part of scary flashbacks for years to come.

But I tried to make the best of the situation. As we gathered around the table, with the dressing still gurgling and the turkey-with-the-surprise-inside, we joined hands, asked for a blessing on our food (a really BIG blessing), and thanked the good Lord for precious, brave friends.

Then we had a reading of Dr. Seuss' *Green Eggs and Ham*. Somehow it seemed fitting.

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- Nov. 27-No Sr. Citizens Meal
Happy Thanksgiving!
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
The Winters Enterprise Office Closed
- Nov. 28-No Sr. Citizens Meal
7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Nov. 29-9 a.m.-5 p.m., Christmas in Miles Arts & Crafts Fair, Weatherby Hall
9 a.m.-5 p.m., Christmas in Olde Ballinger Arts & Crafts Show, Courthouse Square
10 a.m., Ballinger Christmas Parade
- Dec. 1- 9 a.m., Ministerial Alliance, School Cafeteria
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
1-3 p.m., Rannels County Pecan Show, Citizens State Bank, Miles
1-6 p.m., Blood Drive, North Rannels Hospital
6-8 p.m., Ladies Night Out, Higginbotham's in Winters
7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- Dec. 2- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
3 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum, Rock Hotel
7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
7 p.m., American Legion, Post Home
7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Stadium
Commercial Real Estate Conference, A&M University, College Station
- Dec. 3- 7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Extension's CEU Course, Methodist Hall, Menard
- Dec. 4- 10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, Texas Department of Health
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center



Ladies,

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THIS BEAUTIFUL TROPHY CASE displays some very special trophies won by the Winters High School varsity Blizzard football team during the 2002 season. The Winters team reached the state semifinals for the first time since 1962, under the direction of Head Coach Chuck Lipsey. The wood and glass case was made by Bob Cason of Brownwood, the proud grandfather of Blizzard Wacey Cason, and purchased by the Winters Athletic Booster Club. (photo by Jean Boles)

Students beware!

Top ten college application mistakes

The holiday season means that college application time has arrived for high school seniors. America's admissions officers will be sorting through thousands of applications during the coming weeks. ACT, the company that produces the college admissions exam, suggests that before you apply to a college, check out the following list of the top mistakes students make on their applications, according to high school guidance counselors and admissions officers.

- 1. Misspellings and grammatical errors.** This is a big pet peeve of admissions people. If you misspell on something as important as the application, it shows that either you don't care or you aren't good at spelling. Some students even misspell their intended major. But don't stop with a spell check. Proofread for grammatical errors too.
- 2. Applying on-line, but the application isn't submitted.** If you apply on-line, you should receive confirmation that the college or university received it. Confirmation could be an e-mail message, a web page response, or a credit card receipt. Follow through and make sure that your application has been submitted.
- 3. Forgotten signatures.** Make sure you sign and date the form. Often students overlook it if it's on the back of the form. Check that all spaces are completed.
- 4. Not reading carefully.** Know the difference between county and country. If the form asks what county you live in, the United States should not be the answer.

5. Listing extracurricular activities that aren't. Those that make the list include sports, the arts, formal organizations, and volunteer work. Talking on the phone and hanging out with friends don't make the cut. Make sure your activity information is accurate. Colleges may check with your high school.

6. Not telling your guidance counselor where you've applied. Let your guidance counselor know which colleges you're applying to, and ask to review your high school transcript before it's sent to colleges. Sometimes transcripts have errors.

7. Writing illegibly. First impressions count, so take your time and use your best handwriting. It will make a better impression.

8. Using an e-mail address that friends might laugh about, but colleges won't. Select a professional e-mail address. Keep your fun address for friends, but select an address using your name for college admissions.

9. Not checking your e-mail regularly. If you've given an e-mail address, the college will use it. You don't want to miss out on anything because you didn't read your e-mail.

10. Letting Mom or Dad help you fill out your application. Admissions people know if your parents help, whether you have two different styles of handwriting or if your admissions essay sounds more like a 45-year-old than a 17-year-old. It's fine to get advice, but do the work yourself.

For more college planning help, visit the student section at ACT's website, www.act.org.

\$1,500 ag scholarship available

Applications for the Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program can be found at www.monsanto.com or www.NAFB.com. This \$1,500 scholarship requires that your family be actively engaged in production agriculture.

A minimum of 18 on the ACT and a combined verbal and math score of at least 850 on the SAT is needed. Also you must be interested in pursuing a career in agriculture.

Deadline for application is Feb. 15, 2004.

Various scholarship applications available at Counselor's Office.



WORKING TOGETHER to make corn husk dolls as part of the junior high Thanksgiving celebration are (l-r) Claudia Corona, Sandy Esquivel and Brittany Woffenden. Assisted by faculty and parents, students in the 7th and 8th grades spent Tuesday learning crafts shared by Pilgrims and Indians such as candle making, cloth dyeing, quilting, hunting skills, and cooking a wide assortment of foods. More photos will be published in next week's *Winters Enterprise*. (photo by Jean Boles)

2ND SIX WEEKS ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL & PRIMARY GRADE PARADE

Winters Independent School District 2003-2004

| FIRST GRADE | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Sierra Aleman | Missy Calcote | Joanna Perez | Haley Kaczyk |
| Christa Bahlman | Alicia Chavis | Alicia Reyes | Zannie Slimp |
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| Ethan Bredemeyer | Dylan Day | Megann Willborn | |
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| Taylor Hooper | Katie Lara | | |
| Bailey Hubbard | Vicki Madrid | | |
| Gabby Jimenez | Austin Odom | | |
| Luke Kraatz | Max Perez | | |
| Rudy Lara | Christopher Potts | | |
| Adreanna Lopez | Corey Pritchard | | |
| Jacob McMinn | Jaymee Pritchard | | |
| Magally Mendoza | Audrie Reyes | | |
| Nina Mooney | Emily Reyes | | |
| Racheal Nunez | Eusebio Reyna | | |
| Maci Oliver | Taylor Riffe | | |
| J.T. Ortiz | Vanessa Sanchez | | |
| Marisol Ortiz | Marshall Seates | | |
| Gabby Pena | Zachary Schwartz | | |
| Luke Prather | Sadie Smith | | |
| Jennifer Rios | Iesha Tamez | | |
| Mando Rodriguez | Julia Tamez | | |
| Olivia Rodriguez | Justin Ventress | | |
| Amanda Ruiz | James Wilkerson | | |
| Victoria Sanchez | Sierra Woffenden | | |
| Kaylynn Squyres | | | |
| Katlin Stewart | | | |
| Christian Tamez | | | |
| Cedie Taylor | | | |
| David Torres | | | |
| Logan Tounget | | | |
| Cody Towle | | | |
| Bianca Trevino | | | |
| Christopher Valles | | | |
| Katie Wade | | | |
| Ryan Young | | | |
| SECOND GRADE | | | |
| Ty Black | | | |
| Lauren Bredemeyer | | | |
| THIRD GRADE | | | |
| | "A" | | |
| Zachary Benivamondez | | | |
| Jordan Busher | | | |
| Bryce Mikeska | | | |
| Hannah Wade | | | |
| | "A-B" | | |
| Jasmine Black | | | |
| Junior Espino | | | |
| Lane Gibbs | | | |
| Brittany Gray | | | |
| McKenzie Hooper | | | |
| Hannah Johnson | | | |
| Amanda Lambert | | | |
| Elisha Mata | | | |
| Sabrina Oswalt | | | |
| FOURTH GRADE | | | |
| | "A" | | |
| Cannon Bryan | | | |
| Kelsea Esquivel | | | |
| Caitlin Kurtz | | | |
| Camille Kurtz | | | |
| Archie Mills | | | |
| Sterling Sanders | | | |
| Cristian Sandoval | | | |
| | "A-B" | | |
| Cameron Bean | | | |
| Strait Daniel | | | |
| Hannah Franklin | | | |
| Michelle Kruse | | | |
| Sarah Lara | | | |
| Payton Middleton | | | |
| Christopher Perez | | | |
| Jack Pritchard | | | |
| Kenny Schooler | | | |
| LeaAnn Taylor | | | |
| Madelyn Tounget | | | |
| | "B" | | |
| Ashley Castillo | | | |
| Andrew Chavis | | | |
| Jessica Escobar | | | |
| Fabian Esquivel | | | |
| Joe Gallegos | | | |
| Nikolas Kraatz | | | |
| Tomas Lugo | | | |
| Reba Malo | | | |
| James Martinez | | | |
| Tori Reyna | | | |
| Joey Salinas | | | |
| Anthony Sanchez | | | |
| Allie Towle | | | |
| FIFTH GRADE | | | |
| | "A" | | |
| Kelton Bredemeyer | | | |
| Bianca Carrillo | | | |
| Lisa Dees | | | |
| Korry Huddleston | | | |
| | "B" | | |
| Marcus Herrera | | | |
| Shelby Knight | | | |
| SIXTH GRADE | | | |
| | "A" | | |
| Hayden Bergman | | | |
| Sybil Bridgeman | | | |
| Jacie Frierson | | | |
| Josh Lujano | | | |
| Coltyn Pritchard | | | |
| Devon Rodriguez | | | |
| A.J. Tamez | | | |
| | "A-B" | | |
| Cindy Chavez | | | |
| Zuleyma Garcia | | | |
| Tana Gibbs | | | |
| Ryan Hagle | | | |
| Jacinto Hernandez | | | |
| Kevin Jackson | | | |
| Braden Mikeska | | | |
| Kathleen Mills | | | |
| Danielle Pinkerton | | | |
| Lacey Pope | | | |
| Juan Ramirez | | | |
| Kenneth Reel | | | |
| Manuel Roman | | | |
| Brittany Stewart | | | |
| Joseph Stoecker | | | |
| Deven Towle | | | |
| Joby Winfrey | | | |

AdventuresInEducation.org provides online college planning tools for families

Adventures In Education (AIE), a public-service Web site of TG, now offers two online calculators to help families and students estimate college costs and plan for the future. The Early College-Cost Estimator and College Aid Calculator are user-friendly tools, designed for AIE by Think Ahead Inc., to help families make informed decisions about college planning. Both calculators are available at www.AIE.org.

Specific features of the Early College Cost Estimator allow families with children of all ages to:

- * Calculate current and future college costs,
- * Design a saving and borrowing plan for college financing,
- * Estimate eligibility for financial aid years in advance,
- * Print a detailed college financial analysis report,
- * Analyze the effects of saving and borrowing.

The College Aid Calculator provides families with a close

look at financial aid eligibility at both public and private institutions and allows users to:

- * Estimate Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for public and private colleges.
- * Calculate an inflation adjusted EFC any number of years into the future,
- * Obtain before and after "what if" results for changes in income and assets,
- * Access an educational loan calculator to compare loan types and estimate loan repayment.
- * Print an EFC estimate report to save for future reference.

"In addition to the other valuable information on AIE, these online tools can help families and students understand college costs and how to prepare for college both academically and financially," said Milt Wright, TG president and chief executive officer. "TG is pleased to offer these resources to help all families and students realize their educational and career dreams."

Keeping track

| WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD RECORDS | | |
|---|-------------|------------------------|
| BLIZZARD | | BLIZZARDS |
| 100M DASH | 10.17 | KIMBERLY BRIDGEMAN '02 |
| 200M DASH | 23.73 | DEVON RODRIGUEZ '02 |
| 400M DASH | 53.70 | MICHELLE KRUSE '02 |
| 800M DASH | 2:07.00 | BRADEN MIKESKA '02 |
| 1600M | 4:52.00 | DEVON RODRIGUEZ '02 |
| 3200M | 10:01.00 | DEVON RODRIGUEZ '02 |
| 6400M | 20:45.00 | DEVON RODRIGUEZ '02 |
| 12800M | 41:51.00 | DEVON RODRIGUEZ '02 |
| 25600M | 83:56.00 | DEVON RODRIGUEZ '02 |
| 51200M | 167:47.00 | DEVON RODRIGUEZ '02 |
| 102400M | 334:48.00 | DEVON RODRIGUEZ '02 |
| 204800M | 669:29.00 | DEVON RODRIGUEZ '02 |
| 409600M | 1338:00.00 | DEVON RODRIGUEZ '02 |
| 819200M | 2676:00.00 | DEVON RODRIGUEZ '02 |
| 1638400M | 5352:00.00 | DEVON RODRIGUEZ '02 |
| 3276800M | 10704:00.00 | DEVON RODRIGUEZ '02 |

BLIZZARD TRACK RECORDS are now displayed on this large board at the west end of the school gymnasium. Information includes athletes' names, event, date and record set. The display was the idea of former Winters coach and WHS graduate, Brian Green, who gathered the stats. The board was purchased by the Winters Athletic Booster Club. (photo by Jean Boles)

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TEAM MEMBERS are (l-r) Head Coach Matt Odom, Aaron Colburn #15, 6'1" forward; Jose Hernandez #14, 5'9" guard; L. J. Nitsch #52, 6'0" forward; Michael Liggins #55, 5'9" guard; Wacey Cason #11, 6'1" post; Jeremy Sherman #25, 5'9" guard; Scott Bryan #32, 6'5" post; Tim Fenwick #5, 5'10" guard; Max Harrison #23, 6'3" forward; Pete Griffin #41, 5'11" forward; Benjie Valles #50, 5'11" guard; and Assistant Coach Todd Harrison.

(photo by Jean Boles)

Basketball '03

Catch the Action



Dec. 1—San Saba, 5 p.m., There, 7G, 8G
 Dec. 1—San Saba, 5 p.m. Here, 7B, 8B, 9B
 Dec. 2—Irion County, 5 p.m., There, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
 Dec. 4-6—Ballinger Tournament, TBA, There, VG, VB
 Dec. 4-6—Hawley Tournament, TBA, There, JVG, JVB

VG Varsity Girls VB Varsity Boys
 JVG Junior Varsity Girls
 JVB Junior Varsity Boys
 9B Freshman Boys
 8B 8th Boys 8G 8th Girls
 7B 7th Boys 7G 7th Girls
 *Denotes District Games

NOTICE OF HOLIDAY CLOSING
 The Winters I.S.D. Tax and Administration Office will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 26, thru Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, for a school holiday. If you would like to make a tax payment, please use our "After Hours Payments" drop at the front door. The office will reopen Dec. 1, 2003.

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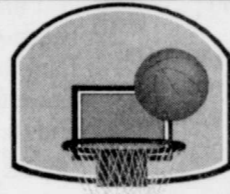
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Matt Odom
 Head Basketball Coach



Head Basketball Coach Matt Odom comes to Winters from the Bronte school district. He is a native of Ft. Worth and is a graduate of Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Educa-

tion. He is married to Traci and they have a son, Austin, age 7, and a daughter, Marlee, age 2.

In his first year as Head Basketball Coach in Winters, Odom says, "I am extremely excited about the possibilities for the upcoming basketball season. Obviously, we'd like to be successful each and every time we play a game, but as a team, the players have set goals that are a little more long range." "Our main goal is and all ways will be to make the play-off." Coach Odom continues, "If we can gain some confidence early and continue to work hard, I think we can achieve this goal. Ultimately, we want this basketball season to be a positive experience for all the players involved."

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
 Opponent: Foran Date: 11-18-03
 Place: Baird

| POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | TOT |
| WINTERS | 5 | 12 | 9 | 10 | | 36 |
| OPPONENT | 28 | 19 | 11 | 23 | | 81 |

Free throws made: 11 of 18 for 60%
Player's Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Jennifer Gray 9 0 0 9 0
 Ashly Samson 3 1 2 0
 Macy Hopson injured
 Amber Green 6 4 2 1
 Cecelia Bear 7 2 2 2
 Erica Lagano 4 2 1 0
 Marcie Paschal 2 4 2 1
 Kari Walker 8 4 1 1
 Suzanne Jones 6 2 2 0

*Denotes High Point Individual for Winters

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
 Opponent: Foran Date: 11-21-03
 Place: Foran

| POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|---|----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | TOT |
| WINTERS | 4 | 12 | 8 | 6 | | 30 |
| OPPONENT | 17 | 4 | 14 | 7 | | 42 |

Free throws made: 13 of 25 for 52%
Player's Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Jennifer Gray 0 0 0 0
 Ashly Samson 10 3 2 0
 Macy Hopson injured
 Amber Green 0 3 2 0
 Cecelia Bear 8 0 0 0
 Erica Lagano 9 1 2 0
 Marcie Paschal 3 3 1 1
 Kari Walker 2 2 2 2
 Suzanne Jones 1 2 2 0

*Denotes High Point Individual for Winters

Team: 8th Girls 'A' Coach: Linda Grohman
 Opponent: Bangs Date: 11-17-03
 Place: Winters

| POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | TOT |
| WINTERS | 13 | 6 | 8 | 11 | | 38 |
| OPPONENT | 6 | 0 | 3 | 0 | | 9 |

Free throws made: 6 of 12 for 50%
Player's Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Candi Mendoza 4
 Aracelle Flores 5
 Shelby Walker 8
 Christina Marennes 5
 Susan Sorell 6
 Kyle Knight 8
 Lillian Garcia 2

*Denotes High Point Individual for Winters

Coach's Comments: I am very proud of each of the players. They knew what they should do and they did it. This team has a lot of potential.

Team: 8th Girls 'B' Coach: Linda Grohman
 Opponent: Bangs Date: 11-17-03
 Place: Winters

| POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|---|----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | TOT |
| WINTERS | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 6 |
| OPPONENT | 11 | 13 | 15 | 9 | | 48 |

Free throws made: 5 of 8 for 62%
Player's Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Tim Fenwick 5 1
 Wacey Cason 1 7
 Jose Hernandez 0 0
 Aaron Colburn 0 7
 Max Harrison 13 12
 Jeremy Sherman 0 0
 Scott Bryan 0 1
 Pete Griffin 0 0
 Benjie Valles 12 5
 L. J. Nitsch 6 6
 Michael Liggins 2 2

*Denotes High Point Individual for Winters

Coach's Comments: The team did an excellent job of rebounding and hitting on defense. I am very proud of how well we played on this first game. We will have an exciting season.

Photos and information needed for 'Wall of Honor'

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 honors in other all-district sports will be listed.

Black and white or color photos will be accepted at The Winters Enterprise or the WISD Administration office. 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 to participate in the display, donations are needed to help defray costs.

WISD Superintendent Danny Clack said he has seen this type of project at other schools and would like to see it expand here. The display 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 administration office at 603 Heights, Winters, Texas 79567, or the high school office.



CARING AND SHARING items for the Winters Food Pantry were members of the Winters Student Council including (l-r) April Leverett, Amber Leverett, Raquel Rios, Adrienne Reyna, Sandy Reyna, Claudia Llanas, and Shyla Garza. These ladies were among other Student Council members who gathered Thanksgiving goodies through a food drive at Lawrence Bros. IGA Supermarket. For their assistance, the Winters Ministerial Alliance rewarded the students with a banana split party on Friday, November 21. Dairy Queen provided the ice cream 'boats.' (photo by Jean Boles)

Punt, Pass & Kick contest results

The sectional meet was held at McMurry University in Abilene on November 1. Coach Deb Whittenburg escorted the students.

Winters students who competed and their results were as follows:

- Sterling Sanders (4th), 108' 4"
- Devon Rodriguez (10th), 150' 11"
- Ashley DeLaCruz (3rd), 164' 3"
- Braden Mikeska (14th), 173' 7"
- Jacinto Hernandez (12th), 214' 11"

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I am thankful for my family because they take care of me, like when I'm sick, they get me medicine. I am thankful for God because he's the BEST! I am thankful for Christmas because it's Jesus' birthday.

Ryan Young

I am thankful for friends because they are nice. I am thankful for my cousins because they help me when I can't get stuff. I am thankful for my parents because when I'm hurt they run out of the house real fast to help me.

Kristy Martinez

I am thankful for stuffed animals because they're not real and I'm not scared of them. I am thankful for cake because it's sweet. I am also thankful for apples because they're good.

J.T. Ortiz

I am thankful for my mom and dad and Jesus because they tell me a lot of things and take care of me. I am also thankful for my brother because he loves me. I know this because everytime it's my birthday he comes to my house and gives me presents.

Jennifer Rios

I am thankful for my baby Lexius because she's my one favorite cousin. I am thankful for my family because they protect me and they're my favorite family. I am also thankful for my dog, DeDe, if she was still here, but she ran away.

Jacob McMinn

I am thankful for eating turkey because I like turkey. I am thankful for playing football because I'm going to be in a football game when I grow up. I am thankful for riding my big bike.

David Sanchez

I am thankful that my dad plays football outside with me. I am thankful that I play tag with my dad. I am thankful that the sun gets hot.

Michael Marentes

I am thankful for the freedom, if we were slaves we would hardly get to do anything. I am thankful for my family to be together because it is nice. I am thankful for everybody to be alive because it is good to be alive.

Jordan Frierson

I am thankful for food so we don't die. I am thankful for my dog because he scares stuff off so I don't be afraid. I am thankful for parents so we can know what to eat and what's good for your body.

Kendall Ferguson

I am thankful for my family because they're nice. I am thankful for God and Jesus because they're in Heaven. I am thankful for my friends because they play with me a lot.

Luke Kraatz

I am thankful for my cat because when a stranger walks up it jumps on their back. I am thankful for all my pets because when somebody comes by they bark at them and the people think they're going to attack them, but they're not. I am thankful for having best friends because they like to play with me.

Jared Esquivel

I am thankful for God because He gives us food. I am thankful for my family because we can do Thanksgiving at my Grandma's house. I am also thankful for Jesus because He is taking care of the sheep.

Michael Chavis

I am thankful for salad because God made it. I am thankful for turkey because God got it. I am thankful that God made the pilgrims and indians glad.

Daryl Hagle

I am thankful for my mom and dad because they love me. I know this because they tuck me in at

night. I'm also thankful for my brother and sister. Abby lets me sleep with her and Wiley gives me a hug after basketball games. I am thankful for my dogs because they make me happy and they don't jump out anymore and go eat at Casa.

Ashley Guy

I am thankful for my doggy because he's fun to play with. I am thankful for my cousin, Jared, because he's fun to play with. I am thankful for my dad because he buys me games for my gameboy.

Ty Cortez



Mrs. Sneed's First Grade Class

I am thankful for the Mayflower because it's the BIGGEST ship ever and it's taller than a tower! I am thankful for the indians and pilgrims, they were nice, ate together, and got along. I am thankful for whale sharks because they're the biggest ever in the whole world and almost the size of a whale!

Shelton Bryan

I am thankful for my new baby brother named Chaney, because I never had a brother before! I am thankful for my dog named Casper because he's white and special to me! I am thankful for my mom and dad because they take care of me and feed me!

Christa Bahlman

I am thankful for my daddy because he's special and tickles me. I am thankful for my momma because she's nice and tickles me. I am thankful for my dogs because they love me by licking me!

Katlin Stewart

I am thankful for my mom and dad because they love me. I am thankful for God because he died for our sins. I am thankful for my home because it keeps me warm.

Angel Niedecken

I am thankful for the sun because it keeps alive and plants plants. I am thankful for my family because I love them for being nice to me. I am thankful for school because I learn to read and get smarter.

Luke Prather

I am thankful for my family because they are nice to me and not mean. I am also thankful for my little twin brothers, Chance and Chase, because they share toys with me. I am thankful for learning at school because you write stuff, draw stuff, and paint stuff.

Cody Towe

I am thankful for my one-year-old brother, Miguel, because he loves me and I love him. I am thankful for my friends, Buddy, Stefan, Cody, and Ryan, because they play at recess with me. I am thankful for school because I like to learn math, phonics, and homework.

Mando Rodriguez

I am thankful for Thanksgiving because the pilgrims had the first Thanksgiving. I am thankful for Christmas because it's a holiday and God made all the holidays. I am thankful for my brothers, Benny, R.J. Brett, Thomas, Matthew, and my sisters, June and Brittany (like Brittany Spears) because they are thankful for me.

Buddy Burgess

I am thankful for my family because I love them and they're fun! I am thankful for my house because I like it. I am thankful for my friends, Ashley, Racheal, Brandi, and Christa, because we play on the swings at the playground.

Logan Tounget

I am thankful for God because he protects us and I love him. I am thankful for my friends Darryl, Coy, and Cody, because I like to play with them a lot. I am thankful for spending time with my mom because I love her!

Jordan Hamrick

I am thankful because my mom and dad love me. I am thankful because I can eat corn dogs and hot dogs. I am thankful because I have five cats. I am thankful because I have two brothers and three sisters.

A.J. Rodriguez

I am thankful for Jesus because he is God's son. I am thankful for my teacher, Mrs. Sneed, because she helps us learn. I am thankful for my mom and dad because they love me and buy me stuff.

Racheal Nunez

I am thankful for Jesus because he chose disciples to baptize and tell the Good News that Jesus was God's son. I am thankful for my cousins Jordan, Cody, Collyn, B.J., and Brandi, because they play guns with me. I am thankful for my Sunday School teacher, Miss Hope, because she teaches us the Word of God.

Ethan Bredemeyer

I am thankful for my mom because she helps me clean up my room. I am thankful for my brother because he looks out for me. I am thankful for my dad because he brought food to me when I was sick.

Coy Barrick

I am thankful for teachers, food, cereal, tractors, and my doggy Barney.

Nathan De la Cruz



Mrs. Pringle's First Grade Class

I am thankful for the pilgrims because they came to America. I am thankful for God because He protects us. I am thankful for the teachers because they help us learn.

Kaylynn Squyres

I am thankful for my teachers because I like school. I am thankful for my food because God gives it to us. I am thankful for the world because it is where you get stuff.

Kimble Bridgeman

I am thankful for my house because I have a room. I am thankful for my parents because they help me. I am thankful for my sister because I love her.

Danielle Black

I am thankful for turkey because it's great. I am thankful for my house because it keeps me warm. I am thankful for my clothes because they are good.

Albert Campos

I am thankful for my dog because I love it. I am thankful for my mom because she makes food.

Jessie Childers

I am thankful for my dog because he is good. I am thankful for my mom and dad because they are nice. I am thankful for my sister because she sleeps with me.

Megan Day

I am thankful for video games because my friends and I play with them. I am thankful for my cat and dog because they are good and keep me warm.

Joseph Deanda

I am thankful for the world because we have air. I am thankful for God because He made people. I am thankful for my house because it keeps me warm.

Taylor Hooper

I am thankful for my mom because she gives me food. I am thankful for my dad because he lets me go to the store. I am thankful for my baby sister because she is sweet.

Ethaniel Reyes

I am thankful for my doggy because when I am sick he sleeps with me. I am thankful for my mommy because she tucks me in bed. I am thankful for my granny because she gets things down for me.

Sierra Aleman

I am thankful for my brothers and sisters because they play with me. I am thankful for my clothes because they fit me. I am thankful for my dad because he wasn't hurt bad in a wreck.

Gabby Pena

I am thankful for my brother because he takes care of me when I am hurt. I am thankful for my sister because she helps me a lot. I am thankful for my mom because she helps me be healthy.

Adreanna Lopez

I am thankful for the whole world because it is God's world. I am thankful for my house because it gives me shelter. I am thankful for all my cousins because they take care of me.

David Torres

I am thankful for my house because I like to live in it. I am thankful for my mom because she helps me with my homework. I am thankful for my dad because he buys me stuff.

Christopher Valles

I am thankful for school because I can learn. I am thankful for my house because it's cozy. I am thankful for my friends because they play with me.

J'Nae Hagle

I am thankful for my family because they care about me. I am thankful for my dog because she protects me from snakes. I am thankful for my life because I get to do stuff.

Katie Wade



Mrs. Mostad's First Grade Class

I am thankful for food because we can eat it. I am thankful for my baby sister and my brothers because they play with me.

Marisol Ortiz

I am thankful for the flag because we live in a good country. I am thankful for all my friends because they are nice to me.

Rudy Lara

I am thankful for God because He is nice. I am thankful for my baby sister because she is nice.

Bailey Hubbard

I am thankful for playing outside because I like playing outside. I am thankful for watching a movie because I like it.

Jason Escobar

I am thankful for my brothers and sisters because they are always nice to me. I am thankful for my friends because they always play with me.

Stephon Cleghorn

I am thankful for my mom because she is special. I am thankful for my dad because he loves me.

Cedie Taylor

I am thankful for my sister because I love her. I am thankful for my mom because she's fun. I am thankful for my dad because when it's summer he plays with me.

Bianca Trevino

I am thankful for my brother because he is really special to me. I am thankful for my family because they are always nice to me and they do stuff that is good.

Magally Mendoza

I am thankful for my family because they are nice to me. I am thankful for my cousins because they treat me right.

Jimmy John Ripley

I am thankful for sharing because I like to share my toys with Nikki and Bailey, and my sister, Gracie. I am thankful for having friends because I play with them and they play with me.

Gabby Jimenez

I am thankful for my mommy because she is going to have a new baby. I am thankful for my family because they are so special to me.

Victoria Sanchez

I am thankful for my mom and dad because they take care of me. I am thankful for my sister because she is very nice to me.

Amanda Ruiz

I am thankful for my family because they take care of me. I am thankful for the fruit that God gave me because it helps me grow. I am thankful for my friends because they play with me a lot.

Nina Mooney

I am thankful for flags because I like America. I am thankful for my mom because she is sweet.

Maci Oliver



How to cook a turkey

by the Winters Elementary Kindergarten classes

Mrs. Butler's Bunch

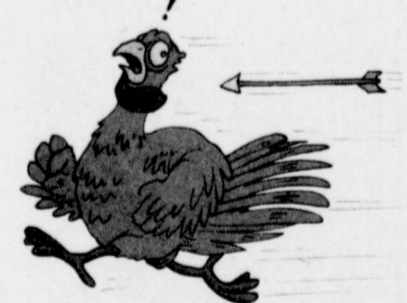
Get a shotgun or sling shot and go hunting. Shoot and kill the turkey dead. Pick it up and take the feathers off of it. Cut off its head, beak, and cut out the heart.

Then wash the turkey off and chop it up. Get out a big cooking pan and put the turkey in the pan.

Put some flour and barbecue sauce or tomato sauce on it and put it in the oven. Cook it for 30 minutes at 30 degrees.

Slice it and put garlic salt, pepper, and some onions on it before you eat it. It should feed 100 people.

Be careful, there are bones in it.



Mrs. Parramore's Class

First you have to hunting with your gun and shoot a turkey. Then take the blood out and the geathers and the meat.

Throw the turkey in the sink and wash it. Now put it in a big pan, but spray the pan first with pan spray. Shake pepper and salt on the turkey. Put some hot sauce and sugar on it.

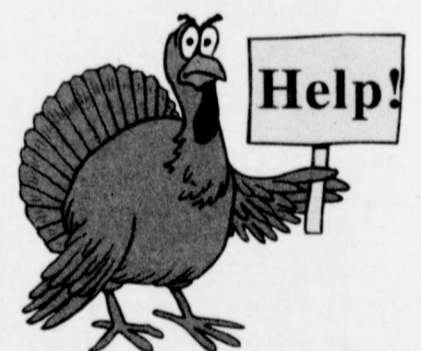
Put it in the oven to cook it. You have to really roast it. Turn the oven on. It has to be very hot, all the way to number 100! Cook it for 15 minutes. Then poke a toothpick in it to see if it's done. If it's not done, cook it seven more minutes, till it's ready.

Take it out of the oven, but get some hot pads first so you don't burn your hands. Get a big knife out of a drawer and cut the bones out. Leave the bones on a plate.

Put some more salt on the turkey. Set the turket on the table to eat it. Get a fork and a knife and a plate.

You have to have pumpkin

pie for dinner too, and apples, and grapes, and mashed potatoes. Buy all that stuff at the store first. Then you sit down and eat it, and they you say, "Yummy! That turkey's good!!"



Mrs. Tekell's Class

To get a turkey for Thanksgiving you need to go to the woods and look for a big red and brown turkey. Shoot it with a rifle in the tummy or the back. Then you will need to pull the feathers off and you can keep them for your collection or put them on your bow and arrow.

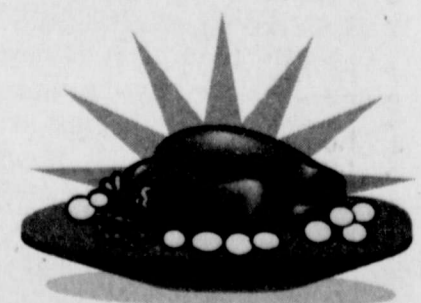
After you pull off the feathers you need to pull off the head. You can hang the head of the turkey up like deer horns. You need to wash the turkey and get all the blood off.

Then you put it in a bucket and put it in the back of the truck to take home. Put it in a pan and put salt, pepper, water, jalapenos, sugar, some red colored sauce, and tarter sauce, and applesauce, and apple juice.

Put it in the oven at 100 degrees for 10 minutes. Then get it out of the oven and chop the bones off and suck the meat off the bones. Eat it.

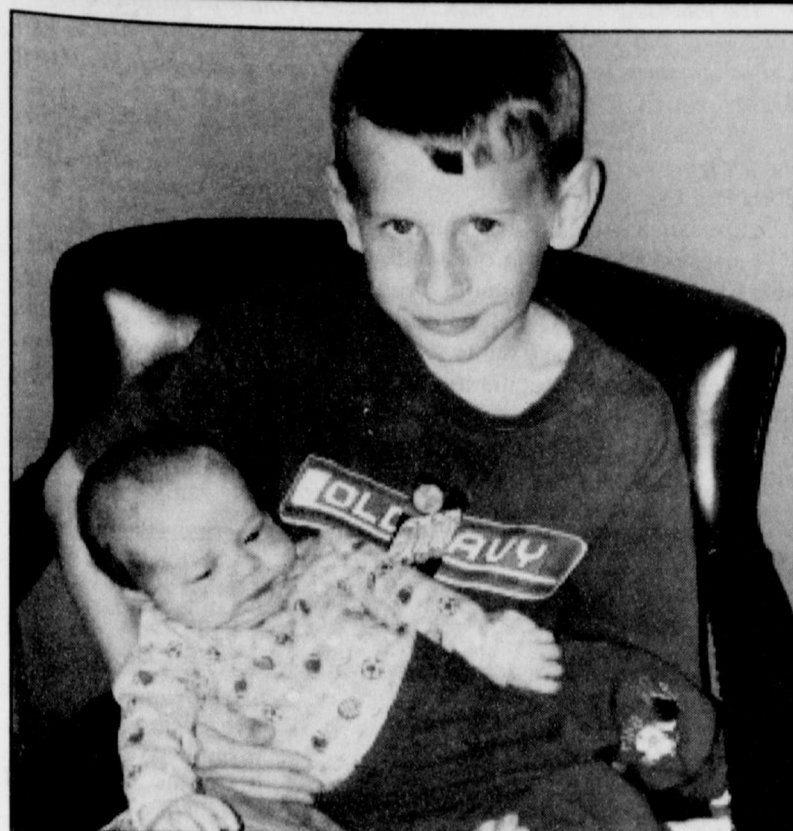
You need to have potatoes, apples, corn, green beans, red beans, pickles, tomatoes, hot dogs, grapes, catfish, and salad to go with it.

Chocolate would make it really good. Yum-yum.



Life

Town Crier



Dayvin Kade Oats & big brother Brady

Big brother, Brady, 5, is proud to announce the arrival of his brother, Dayvin Kade Oats.

Dayvin was born Thursday, October 23, 2003, at 2:55 p.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Dayvin weighed in at 8 lbs and measured 20 1/2" in length.

Proud parents are Dereck and Christy Oats of Winters.

Maternal grandparents are Bill Calcote of Winters and Linda Calcote of Abilene. Maternal great-grandparents are Dixie Calcote of Winters and Cecil Tekell of Wingate.

Paternal grandparents are Donnie and Linda Oats of Winters. Paternal great-grandmother is Lucretia Oats of Winters.

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the Winters Public Library pause after cleaning this 1974 Thunderbird boat. The 19-ft. cruiser was donated to the Library to sell for funds to benefit Library projects. Lending a hand were (l-r) Bettye Pinkerton, Ouida Nichols, Becky Hays, Rhonda Neal, Mike Neal, and Anthony Rusk. Helping but not pictured were Susian Parsons and Jiggs Nichols. The boat sports an inboard/outboard 165 hp engine that does not run. Price also includes a galvanized tilt tandem trailer with brakes, lights and plates in great condition. Call Winters Public Library, afternoons, at 325-754-4251, or Mike Neal, evenings, at 325-754-5433.

(photo by Randall Boles)

GIVING: The best thing to give to Your enemy is forgiveness; An opponent, tolerance; A friend, your heart; Your child; a good example; Yourself, respect; All men, charity

— F. M. Balfour

Country Club News

by Brenda Clough, Ladies Golf Association President

The club took advantage of an exceptionally warm November afternoon and held a scramble on Saturday. Winning team was Oscar Torres, Mickey Hernandez, Jimmy Patton, Beth Whitlow, and Lance Correwl. Oscar Torres won closest to the pin.

Weather permitting, the

monthly Sunday scramble will be held on Dec. 7. Tee-off will be at 1:30 p.m.

The club has also planned a New Year's Eve dance. Tickets will be \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per couple. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact the Country Club at 754-4679.

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- Tex Ritter sang
- "High" title
- Dolly's "Can Do"
- TXism: "that'll your butter!" (exciting)
- TX-Mex mafia: "El"
- TXism: "in the of luxury"
- resell Cowboy tickets
- Stephens of Cowboy cheerleader films
- Aloha State
- TXism: "a man" (good roper)
- actress De Carlo of "Calamity Jane and Sam Bass"
- breathes a "relief"
- "tender tender" result
- Confederate general Robert
- "Cattle Kings of Texas" photographer Dian
- TXism: "shook with eternity" (died)
- Gulf sandbar
- TX Tommy Lee Jones film: "Eyes of"
- TXism: "hungry as dog"
- 365 days (abbr.)
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CTO assigns caseworker to Runnels County

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc., announces that a Runnels County Outreach Community Services Caseworker is now located at 601 West Pierce. Office hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For assistance in Runnels County with electric, gas, and limited emergency funds, contact the caseworker at 754-4443 for an appointment.

Writers' Club to host Christmas party on Dec. 9

The San Angelo Writers' Club will meet for their annual Christmas party at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the Golden Corral, 1601 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo.

Those attending are asked to bring a Christmas story, poem or song to read or perform. There will also be an election of officers for the upcoming year.

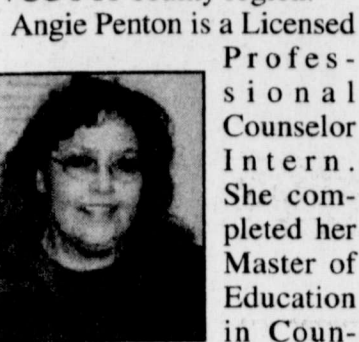
Reservations are not necessary for the Dutch-treat dinner, and guests are welcome.

For more information, contact Barbara Barton, 949-7303.

Law & Order

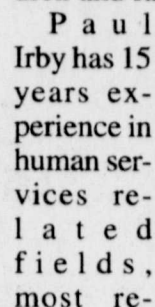
CVCC expands staff to help meet the needs of area crime victims

Two new professional staff members join Regional Crime Victim Crisis Center in Abilene to help meet the needs of the growing numbers of crime victims seeking assistance in CVCC's 11-county region.



Angie Penton is a Licensed Professional Counselor Intern. She completed her Master of Education in Coun-

selling and Human Development from Hardin-Simmons University in December 2001. Penton comes to CVCC with 10 years experience in providing intensive case management and counseling services to children and families.



Paul Irby has 15 years experience in human services related fields, most re-

cently with the Texas Families Together and Safe program. He earned a Master of Arts in Religion from Hardin-Simmons University and is scheduled to complete his Master of Arts in Family Psychology from HSU next May. As part of his degree plan, Irby works with the Ministry of Counseling and Enrichment and the Family Psychology Center on the HSU campus.

Penton and Irby join CVCC's four other professional staff members and 60-plus para-professional volun-

teers to provide counseling and assistance to victims of violent crime in Abilene and the surrounding area. The number of victims served by CVCC increased 43% last year.

Services are confidential and free of charge. For help or information, call CVCC's 24-hour hotline: 677-6785.

CVCC provides victim assistance and prevention programs in the following counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Nolan, Runnels, Shackelford, Taylor and Throckmorton.

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 17, 2003, through November 23, 2003. Officers:

- arrested a subject for outstanding Municipal Warrants.
- arrested a subject for outstanding Municipal Warrants. Subject also filed on for Possession of a Prohibited Weapon, an illegal knife.
- filed a report of Assault in the 400 block of Tinkle Street. Case is to be forwarded to the County Attorney and is pending prosecution.
- filed a report of Retaliation Against a Witness. The case is to be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office.
- investigated a vehicle accident at Main and Dale streets. One citation issued for Following Too Closely.

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Manuel Torres, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs, \$1,386.58 restitution, \$85 hot check fees

Manuel Torres, failure to appear, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Criminal Cases Filed

November 18

Alfredo Hubbard Gibbs, filed for driving while intoxicated

Joe Samuel Lopez, filed for driving while license invalid

Richard Ornelas, Jr., filed for driving while license invalid

Patrick Joe Smith, filed for driving while license invalid

November 20

Carl Elledge, filed for theft by check

Eric Ryan Hale, filed for driving while intoxicated (subsequent offense)

Doraine Kelly, filed for theft by check

Abel Salinas, filed for theft by check

District Court

Divorce Cases Filed

November 18

Sheri Lyn Collins vs. Willie J. Collins, Jr.

Divorces Granted

October 12

Lino Cortez Arisppe and Norma Arisppe

November 10

Eusebio Escobar and Linda Escobar

Justice of the Peace

Precinct 1

Felony Cases Filed

October 12

Tyrone Watkins, filed for felony driving while intoxicated

November 4

Jeremiah Lynn Smith, filed for possession of controlled substance

Small Claims Cases Filed

October 27

GBE of Abilene LLC, KCCN/KCSE Radio vs. Michael Boone, account

Criminal Cases Filed

October 24

Bill T. Book, filed with discharging a firearm from a public road

November 15

Ralph B. Hendrix, filed for untagged turkey

L-K BOARD, cont'd

there was no time for Board members to review the rules, so the workshop itself was postponed until November 12. Board members thanked the group for attending and expressed appreciation for their comments.

Board President A.H. Denis opened the subsequent November 12 Rules Workshop with a statement that the meeting was strictly a workshop with no official action to take place, but if anyone wanted to address the Board they could do so. Of the seven members of the public in attendance, three made it known they were in favor of more restrictions on well pumping.

Following the public comment period, the Board was finally able to review and address the rules and ideas from other districts. Changes to well spacing, well density, production limits, meters, limits on pump horsepower and certain other rules currently in force in other districts were discussed and then dropped from further consideration. Amendments that will get the current rules into compliance with legisla-

tive changes in the Water Code in 2001 and 2003 will be considered further. The Board has not proposed any rule changes at this time.

However, from the comments and phone calls received by the District office since the November 5 meeting, it is obvious that including the public in this initial review of all the rules backfired due to misunderstanding of, and misinformation about, the draft rules working papers and the rule adoption process itself.

Since most residents in the District have not gone through the rules process, the following is an outline of what takes place. There is no set timeline for this process.

1) Board has workshops to review its rules and other information and ideas from both residents in the District and from other districts.

2) If the Board decides that changes need to be made to the rules, any draft changes are submitted to attorneys for review to verify that they are in compliance with the law.

3) After review, these draft rules, and/or changes may be-

come proposed rules.

4) Summaries of proposed rules are published in the local newspapers telling the public where copies of the rules can be obtained. As in past rules revisions, copies of the summaries are posted at signs and elevators where farmers and ranchers congregate.

5) Complete copies of rules are available at the District office and usually at public libraries and county court houses.

6) Following publication of the summary of the proposed rules in the newspaper and public posting, the public is given 30 days to present written comments on these proposed rules to the District.

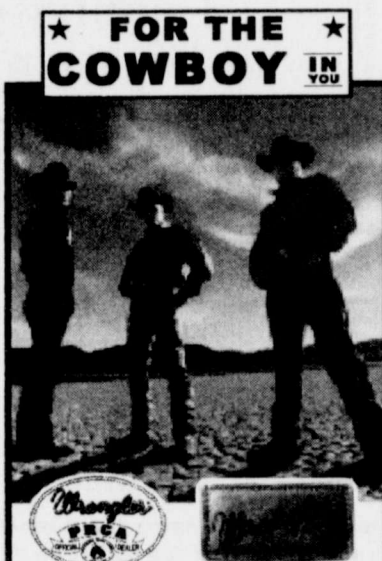
7) The Board reviews the comments and makes changes as deemed necessary to comply with the goals of the District and schedules a public hearing(s) for comments on the proposed rules.

8) Following the public hearing(s), the Board may adopt changes to the rules.

9) At any time during this entire process, the Board may decide to stop the process and

no further action would take place unless the process is started again.

Hopefully, this has addressed concerns about the review of District rules and explained the procedures involved in changing or amending rules. Should anyone have questions about rule procedures or any other questions, please call the district at 325-469-3988.



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Texas is part of a national effort to reduce deaths and injuries from traffic crashes. From November 18 to December 1, state troopers, police officers, and sheriffs' deputies throughout Texas will be cracking down on drivers and passengers who aren't using safety belts.

In addition to messages on television, radio, and billboards, motorists on Texas streets and highways now will also be seeing mobile buckle up reminders on 2,200 H-E-B trucks. San Antonio-based H.E. Butt Grocery Company will display Click It or Ticket decals in English or Spanish

on their fleet which travels more than 50 million miles each year.

"We know that combining stepped up law enforcement with public education works to get people to buckle up," said Carol Rawson, the deputy director of the Texas Department of Transportation's traffic operations division. "We welcome H-E-B's involvement in this important effort."

The grocery company plans to keep large Click It or Ticket decals on rear doors of their trucks for at least three years. The annual advertising value of the H-E-B contribution is estimated at \$13 million.

Texas law requires drivers and front seat passengers to use safety belts. Children and teens up to the age of 17 have to be buckled up in the front and back seat. Child safety seats are required for children under four years old or less than three feet tall. Fines for violations range from \$25 to \$200.

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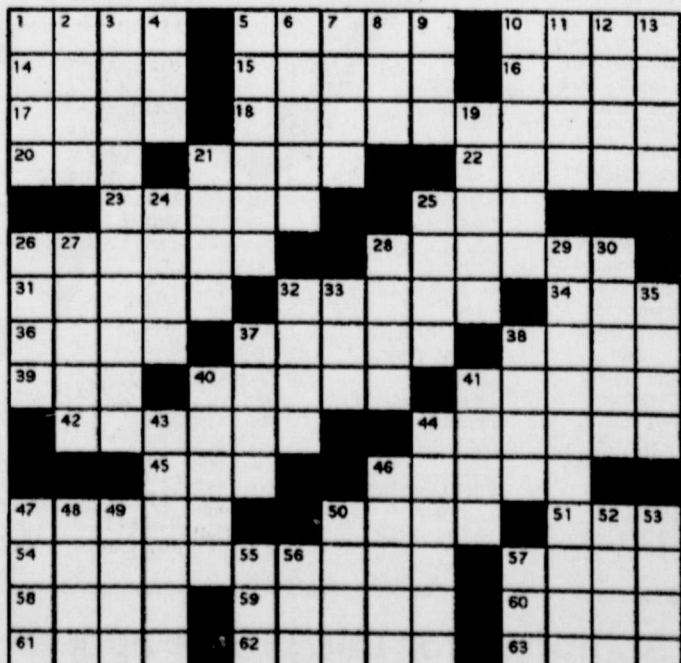
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16. Jutting piece
17. Ms. Home
18. Bulder
20. Time period: abbr.
21. Early Coloradans
22. Thing worth having
23. Made a blunder
25. Life history, for short
26. Crop up
28. Sunbathed
31. Deadly
32. Talks
34. Prefix for judgmental or productive or productive
36. Parched
37. Bonds
38. Mythological ship
39. Grande
40. Opposite of wordy
41. Noisy impacts
42. Pitfalls
44. Put up one's money in advance
45. "You ___!"
46. Toot one's own horn
47. Burr
50. Work wk. opens
51. Diamond man
54. Cutting surface
57. Length times width
58. Princely title
59. In ___; perfectly straight
60. Ricky Ricardo's portrayer
61. Give temporarily
62. Reptile
63. Jewish month

DOWN

1. Cronies
2. Away from the wind
3. Idea
4. Ate up
5. Dog owner
6. Fed the kitty
7. Cars rarely seen today
8. Holiday
9. Summer abroad
10. 9 Down, for one
11. Girl
12. Bacchanals' cry
13. Small impression
19. Primary conduits
21. Mountains
24. Utter written words
25. Equipment for the Braves
26. Yonder
27. Capital city
28. Fib
29. Filled with great delight
30. Belief
32. Train units
33. Pronoun
35. Prying
37. Vegetable
38. Potables
40. General direction
41. Mrs. López & Mrs. Gómez
43. On the train
44. Think about
46. Carried
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48. French weapon
49. Harness part
50. Florence's position on The Jeffersons
52. High plateau
53. Duo
55. Ovine cry
56. Dated
57. City in Oklahoma



Outdoors



THIS 'WELCOME TO WINTERS SIGN' at the west entrance to the town on Hwy. 153 is scheduled for a clean up by the Winters Beautification Committee and volunteers after the Christmas holidays. The Committee, which will meet Saturday, Dec. 6, at 9 a.m. in the Public Library, is also considering plans for updated entrance signs to Winters.
(photo by Jean Boles)

Training, CEUs offered by area Extension offices

On December 3, a five-hour CEU course will be held at the Methodist Hall in Menard. This training is being hosted by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Department of Agriculture. The target audience is ag producers and home owners. For more details and to register for the meeting, call Billy Kniffen at 325-396-4787.

On December 10, an SPCB/TDA Conference will be held at the Abilene Civic Center. This training is being hosted by the City of Abilene,

Texas Cooperative Extension, and the Texas Department of Agriculture. The target audience is landscape/turf. For more details and to register for the meeting, call Gary Bomar at 325-672-6048.

On December 11, a five-hour CEU course will be held at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center in San Angelo. This training is being hosted by the Texas Department of Agriculture and Texas Cooperative Extension. The target audience is right-of-way certified appli-

cators. For more details and to register for the meeting, call Cain Cline at 210-820-0288.

On December 12, a three-hour course will be conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension Offices of Coleman, Concho, and Runnels counties in Coleman County. The target audience is owners of rangeland. For more details and to register for the meeting, call Lance Rasch at 325-625-4519. Also see related story.

On December 17, a five-hour course will be held at the Taylor County Extension Office. This training is being hosted by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Department of Agriculture. The target audience is ag producers and home owners. For more details and to register for the meeting, call Gary Bomar at 325-672-6048.

Extension News & Views

by Lance Rasch, CEA-AG, Coleman County

Area counties to offer Rangeland Restoration series

Texas Cooperative Extension in Coleman, Concho, and Runnels counties will host a four-part educational series concentrating on Rangeland Restoration for West Central Texas.

For the past six years, this area has experienced below normal rainfall and most pastures have shown a decline in perennial forages with an invasion of unwanted weeds. This program is designed to assist livestock ranchers in making important decisions to restore their pastures. Cost will be \$10.00 for each program or \$30.00 for producers who sign up to attend all four programs and become a participant of the Rangeland Restoration series.

The first program in this series will be held Friday, December 12, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Coleman. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 9 a.m. Three continuing education units will be offered to pesticide license holders.

Topics discussed will include current rangeland conditions - evaluating your range and pastures, rangeland improvement considerations, and selection of native and improved grasses. The program will conclude with a catered

lunch. For the December 12 program, please R.S.V.P. by 5 p.m., Tuesday, December 9, 2003.

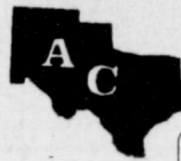
The three additional programs in this series will be offered in 2004. Part two of this program will be a Brush Appreciation Day on May 18, 2004, in Concho County; part three will be a continuation of the series in August 2004 in Runnels County (date to be announced); and part four will be a graduation and field tour offered only to those who register for the entire course.

There will be several ben-

efits to registering for the entire course. Producers will have an opportunity to obtain a total of 13 CEUs, course materials at each program, meals, and graduation certificates and awards to be presented at the conclusion of this series.

For more information on the Rangeland Restoration series, or to sign up for the course, contact Lance Rasch, CEA-Ag-Coleman County at (325) 625-4519; Marty Gibbs, CEA-Ag-Runnels County at (325) 365-2219; or Michael Palmer, CEA-Ag-Concho County at (325) 732-4304.

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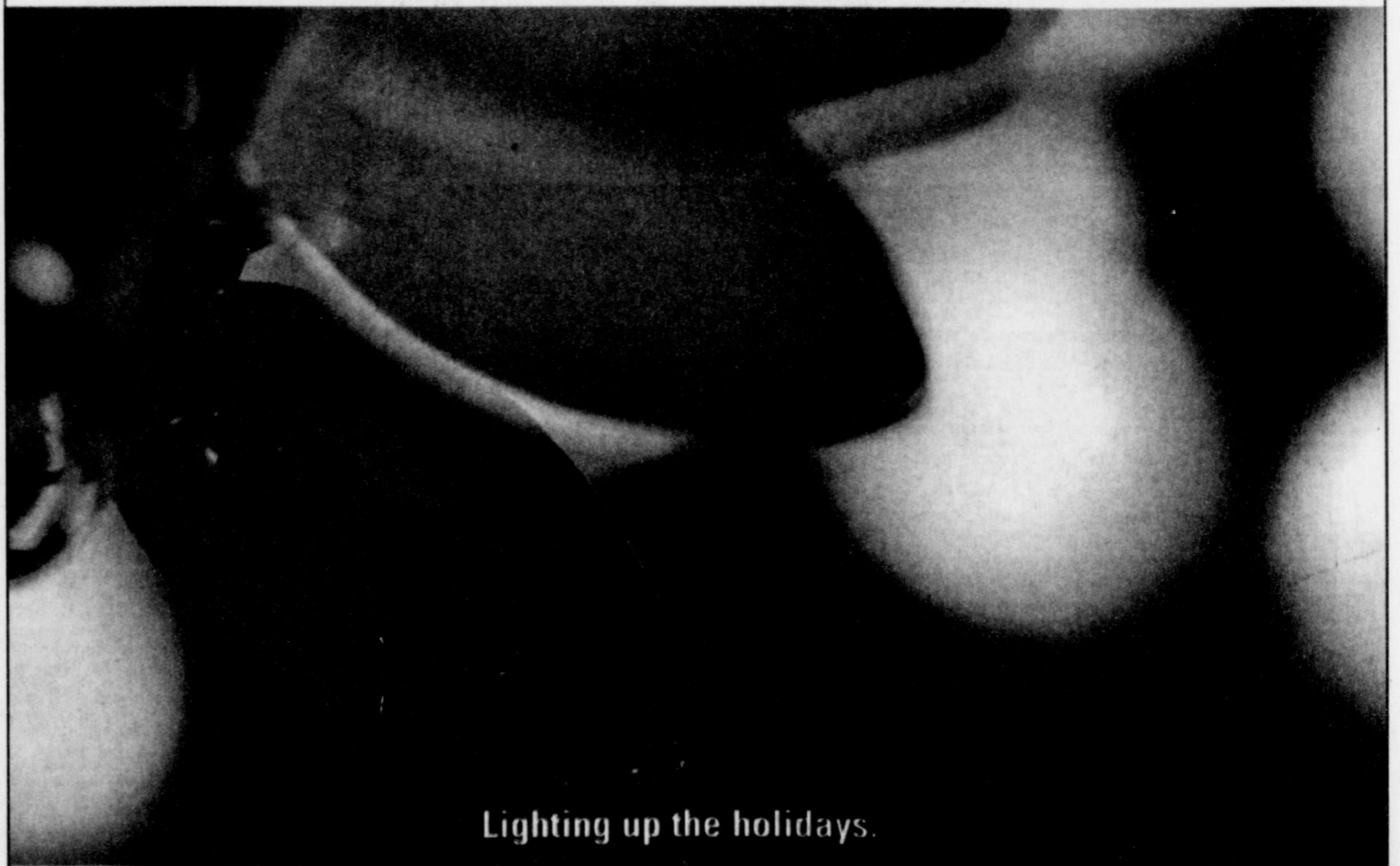
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