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GOODNESS—It is not so much what a man is descended from that matters as what he will descend to.

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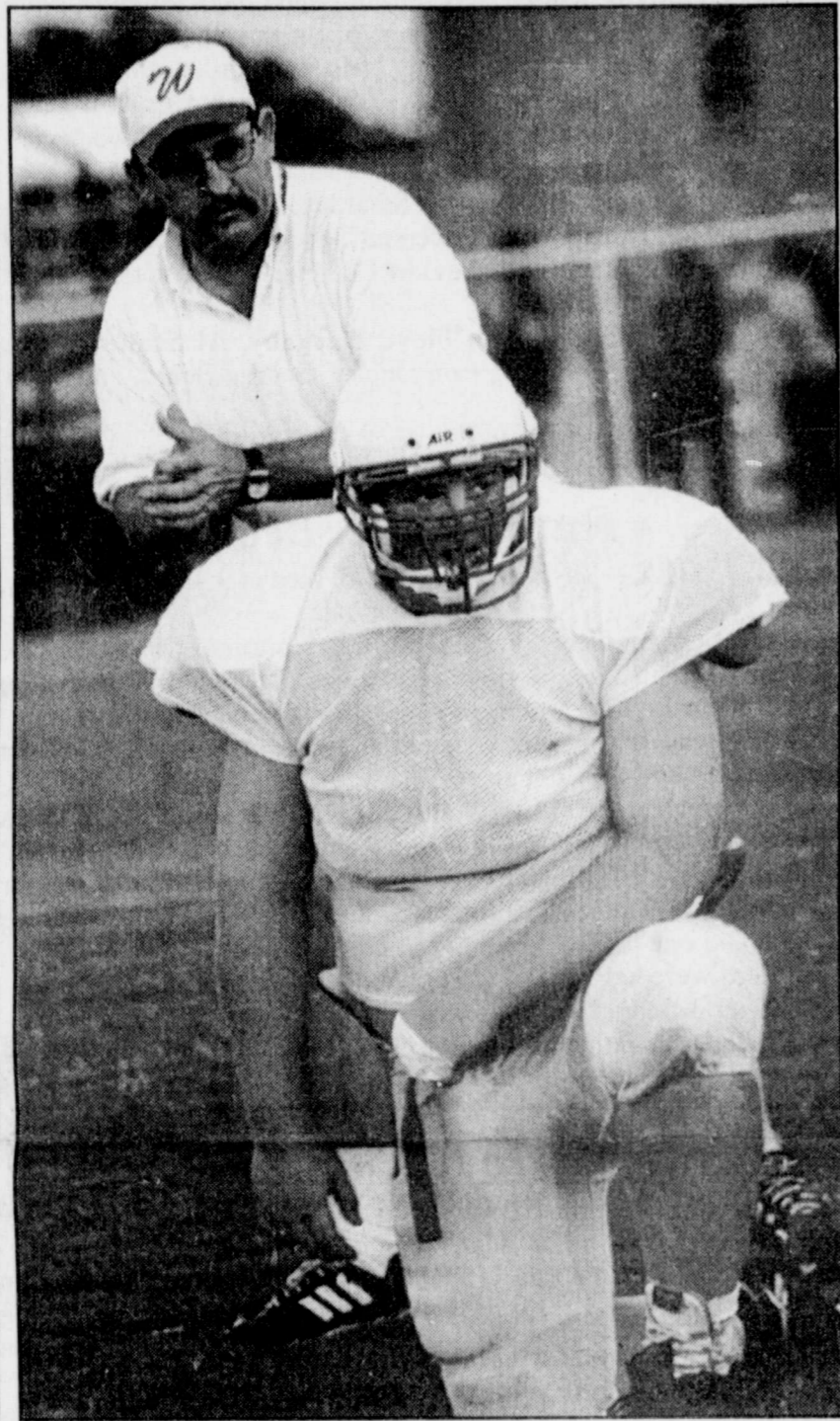
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Ready for some football?



CHRIS HOPPE, varsity lineman, rests his 275 lbs. during the Blizzard scrimmage against Wall Friday evening as Coach Charles Murphy lends encouragement to his Blizzard defense. The Big Blue will scrimmage at Anson on Thursday, August 26, beginning with the junior varsity at 6:00 p.m. in Tiger stadium.

WISD receives \$45,000 grant to enhance Internet access

Winters Independent School District has received a Non-Competitive Grant for Texas Public Schools in the amount of \$45,000 from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board, a state agency in Austin.

These Public School Technology Advancement and Distance Learning Grants will allow Winters ISD to purchase the necessary equipment to enhance Internet access.

Noncompetitive grants for up

to \$600,000 will fund workstations, networking hardware, ISP costs, videoconferencing equipment and other related telecommunications costs in order for the qualified public schools to expand upon their existing network.

These grant projects begin September 1, 1999.

The public school applicants were required to complete a detailed application. These public school districts and campuses

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Abilene man killed in wreck

A one vehicle accident just one mile south of Winters resulted in the death of an Abilene man on Monday, August 23.

Thomas Edward Harman, 58, was traveling north on US Hwy 83 around 6 p.m. when his 1977 Chevrolet Suburban blew the left rear tire causing him to lose control.

The vehicle veered right into a ditch and the 1995 CM utility trailer he was pulling, jackknifed coming loose from the suburban and overturning one and a quarter times. The suburban flipped one and a half times before landing upside down on the shoulder of the road in the northbound lane.

Department of Public Safety Officer James O'Shields of

Coleman said Harman was killed instantly from a broken neck. According to the DPS report, he was wearing a seatbelt. Justice of the Peace Joyce Weems officially pronounced Harman dead at the scene at 6:30 p.m.

His body was taken to Winters Funeral Home then transported to Heritage Funeral Home in Menard where arrangements were made.

According to DPS Trooper O'Shields, Harman was a gun salesman and was hauling an extremely large quantity of guns at the time of the accident. O'Shields believes the excessive weight caused the accident.

The DPS Trooper was assisted at the scene by the Runnels



THOMAS EDWARD HARMAN, 58, of Abilene was killed instantly Monday evening, August 23, when his 1977 Chevrolet Suburban was involved in an accident while pulling a 1995 CM utility trailer. The accident occurred one mile south of Winters on US Hwy. 83 about 6 p.m.

County Sheriff's Office, Winters Police Department, Winters Volunteer Fire Department, North Runnels EMS, WTU, and "several good citizens" who directed traffic.

Public a 'no show' at tax increase hearing

Council looks at paving contract, airport construction

As an agenda item for the special meeting of the Winters City Council on August 19, public hearings regarding sewer, water and tax rates were opened and closed with no public questions or comments.

Council members will vote on the 1999-2000 budget, water, sewer and tax increases during their regular meeting on Monday, August 30.

Kevin Atnip with Fenix Construction, Inc., informed the Council of a written request addressed to City Manager Aref Hassan dated August 12, 1999, asking the City to pave the driveways for the Winters Housing Authority project.

In his request, he offered to pay the City \$13,000 to perform the work which is part of the extensive remodeling the Fenix Construction is doing at the Housing Authority.

In addition to that request, he was authorized by his company to make a one-time donation to the Winters Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$3,900, if the City would accept the paving offer.

Mr. Atnip talked with Charles Grenwelle, City Street Supervisor, who said this project would

not be feasible for the city. Mr. Grenwelle figured the approximate cost of material to do the project would be well over \$13,000.

Mr. Atnip submitted a second offer in writing dated August 18, 1999, in which he asked the City to only furnish labor and equipment for a figure of \$5,700, and Fenix Construction would still donate \$3,900 to the Fire Department. Atnip stated that his company would furnish all material, rent a compacting roller, and take care of the dump fees. This will eliminate the possibility of material costing more than expected and causing the City to have to spend money from its own budget.

The Housing and Urban Development inspector indicated that he is in support of Mr. Atnip's request.

Jack Davis, Jr., Waterworks Superintendent said that the Fire Department will appreciate the \$3,900 donation from Fenix Construction and that at this time, six firemen have volunteered to help the Street Department with this project.

Fenix Construction will be responsible for finding a place to dump the old material, and will

give the City a release of any liability on this project.

Alderman Steve Esquivel made a motion to approve Mr. Atnip's second offer which was also approved by Aldermen Mike Meyer, Joe Gerhart and Tommy Russell. Alderman Jimmy Butler voted against the motion.

Council members also voted to purchase a previously owned mobile home for the lakekeeper at a cost of \$6,000, plus moving expenses.

City Manager Hassan reported to the Council on the status of the airport project currently underway with the \$200,000 grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

Hassan said work began on August 4. The runways are plowed and the old asphalt and existing base materials have been mixed, graded and compacted. He said lime has been put down which will cure, then six new base materials will be added. After the base materials have been compacted, hot oil will be put over the mixture. Then two inches of crushed rock and pea gravel will be added to the project which should be completed by the end of September.

Hassan also told council mem-

bers that every time he goes to check on the airport project, TxDOT inspectors are there with the contractor in order to "reassure us of the quality of the work that is being performed."

In other action, Mayor Dawson McGuffin and Council members directed Hassan to do a feasibility study on developing a golf course behind the Elm Creek dam. The Mayor and Council were very concerned about hurting the existing golf course at the Winters Country Club and its members.

Hassan stated that his purpose is to work on recreational projects to attract tourists and help the economy of this area. He said he will check with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department about possible grant money for a new golf course at the lake area. He was quick to add that if he "finds anything negative at all about this project, he will inform the Council before doing anything."

After reconvening from executive session, the Council voted to hire Vicki Blackerby as part-time Administrative Secretary.

Also on the agenda was a farewell ceremony for Celeste

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CHARLES BAHLMAN (far right) of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation speaks before more than twenty concerned citizens and business owners Sunday afternoon regarding the proposal to obtain funding to renovate the sidewalks in downtown Winters. The WABIC is urging everyone to take an interest in this worthwhile project which will enhance the city and, among other things, bring more business to the downtown area in a safer, more pleasant environment. Please see page 4 for more details and pledge card.

School trustees approve budget

No tax increase indicated

In a called meeting on Monday, August 23, the Board of Trustees of the Winters Independent School District approved the 1999-2000 budget as submitted.

Voting for the budget were Allen Andrae, Gary Moore, Jerry Sims, and Larry Walker. Opposed were Bob Prewit and Jack Davis, Jr.

Davis said, "I'd like to see us cut back a little bit now on expenses so we'd have a little surplus in case we need it down the road."

He said he's concerned about the recent teacher raises supplied by the state. "This money is planned only for the next two to three years from the state. After that time, we don't know if they (the state) will continue to fund

See SCHOOL, pg. 3

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Aug. 26-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6 p.m., Scrimmage, JV vs. Anson, There
- 7:30 p.m., Scrimmage, Varsity vs. Anson, There
- Foundation Development Workshop, Brady
- Aug. 27-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Aug. 28-7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Depot Daze, Ballinger
- Aug. 29-6 p.m., Revival, Assembly of God Church
- Aug. 30-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6 p.m., Weight Watchers, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., City Council
- 7 p.m., Revival, Assembly of God Church
- 7:30 p.m., School Board
- Aug. 31-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7 p.m., Revival, Assembly of God Church
- 7 p.m., Area Art Association, Ballinger
- Sept. 1-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6 p.m., Chamber Directors
- 7 p.m., Revival, Assembly of God Church
- Sept. 2-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, Texas Department of Health
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 7 p.m., Revival, Assembly of God Church
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Annual Sheep & Goat Field Day, San Angelo

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1999



At present, there exists an interesting phenomenon that reminds me of those episodes of Star Trek that included a parallel universe. It is as if the reality in which we live is not the reality others are living in the oil patch.

While product prices have rebounded, companies are just now forced to justify their efforts to reduce capital spending and employment that were put in motion six months ago when prices were in the pits. The speed with which the world has turned for product prices has swamped the efforts so often employed by companies to reassure shareholders that they can survive a downturn.

So, while committees and CEO's formulated plans to operate on leaner staff and with less capital spending, prices jumped back up to points not seen for some time. Then, on their usual schedule of about a 6-12 month cycle, the plans were finalized. This resulted in a weird juxtaposition of high prices and shrinking companies.

The cyclical nature of the oil patch is not unusual, but the phasing of the upturn (1996-97), downturn (1998), and upturn (1st half 1999) was faster than the business has ever seen. Those of us with susceptibility to motion sickness have had a difficult time remaining upright.

Place all of this motion in the picture with already-lean producing companies, merging mega-companies, fleeing technical professionals, and capital flight. The result is a meld of companies trying to shrink their staff and operating costs, while the opportunities increase all around them. Geologists and engineers are preparing to leave with another bitter taste in their mouth from yet another reduction, while managers are screaming for more help to reap the benefits of rising prices. And, of course, the bankers can't yet bring themselves to look at another loan to an oil and gas company—at least not yet.

So, you have companies with insufficient staff, insufficient capital, and abundant opportunities announcing they are downsizing to meet the needs of the future. Say what?

Already, these companies are formulating plans to steal each others' personnel, exploit new opportunities (somehow), and develop new sources of capital without alerting shareholders that they may have overreacted to the 1998 price swoon.

Not since the days of the recent presidential impeachment have we

heard so many things said, meaning so little, with so little substance. Take it all with a grain of salt and enjoy the ride.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Coke County

L.C.S. Production has completed the Boecking #5 in the Fort Chadbourne Field (7 miles N of Bronte) at an initial rate of 140 BOPD & 33 BWPD in an unidentifiable zone (perms 5545-74). Loc. is 2171 FEL & 1422 FNL of Sec. 347, Blk. 1-A, H&TC Sur., A-316.

Nolan County

Sinclair Oil Corporation has completed the Holt #3 in the R.E.H. Field (15 miles NW of Sweetwater) at an initial rate of 192 BOPD & 11 BWPD in the Hope Sand (perms 4891-4957). Loc. is 1900 FNL & 467 FWL of Sec. 1, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-434.

STAKINGS

Concho County

The Pickens Company has staked two wells and applied to plug back another in the West Millersview Field, 4 miles W of Millersview. The Fritz #8 is loc. 1943 FNL & 2426 FEL of Sec. 125, Blk. 72, T&NO RR Sur., A-890 (Depth 2150). The Fritz #9 is loc. 330 FNL & 1650 FNL of C. Koether Sur. No. 340, A-544 (Depth 2150). The Fritz #2125 plug back is loc. 1700 FEL & 2280 FNL of Sec. 125, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur., A-890.

Nolan County

Chisholm Exploration has staked the Sheffield #1 in the Hodnett's Hill Field, 1 mile N of Nolan (Depth 6500). Loc. is 612 FNL & 1899 FEL of Sec. 44, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur., A-1160.

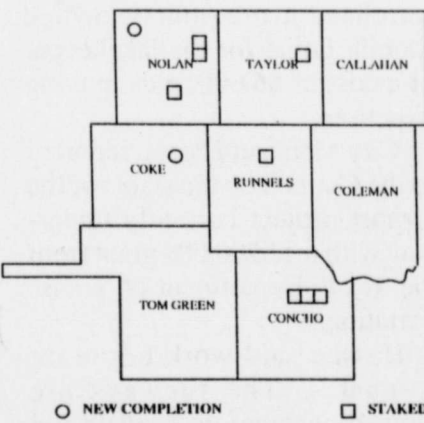
Walter Exploration has applied to re-enter one well and amend the location of another in the Sprague Field, 12 miles SE of Sweetwater (Depth 4000). The Pace #303X re-entry is loc. 1300 FNL & 660 FNL of Sec. 3, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur., A-402. The Robtann -C- #1 has an amended loc. at 1657 FWL & 2049 FSL of Sec. 4, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur.

Runnels County

Jack Fisher, Inc. has staked the Grohman #1 as a Wildcat, 2 miles SW of Winters (Depth 2800). Loc. is 2193 FWL & 1627 FNL of HT&B Sur. No. 52, A-1267.

Taylor County

Gray Oil & Gas, Inc. has staked the E.L. Thornton #1 in the County Regular Field, 3 miles S of Potosi (Depth 2000). Loc. is 624 FWL & 1705 FNL of LAL Sur. No. 57, A-1443.



EVANGELIST and MRS. J.F. BEEBE will be guest speakers at the Winters Assembly of God Church, August 29 through September 3. The Beebees have 32 years of ministerial service.

Assembly of God Church to conduct revival services

Reverend Bob Jones, pastor of Assembly of God Church at 308 Wood Street in Winters, would like to announce revival services with Evangelist and Mrs. J.F. Beebe from Bourbon, Missouri.

Services will begin on Sunday, August 29, and go through Friday, September 3. Sunday services are at 6:00 p.m. Weekday services are scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Evangelist and Mrs. Beebe have ministered in pastoral posi-

tions in Texas, Arkansas, and Missouri, as well as evangelizing in many mid-West and western states for the past 32 years.

Reverend Beebe, an ordained Assemblies of God minister, will be singing each night and will be bringing anointed preaching to the pulpit each evening.

Come praying and believing for a mighty move of God in each service.

Attention!

To all the people who are living, or who have lived in the Drasco community:

You are encouraged to attend the Drasco Homecoming on Labor Day, Sept. 6, 1999, at the Drasco Baptist Church.

Fellowship will begin at 10 a.m., so come and visit old friends.

Reverend Merriel Abbott, retired Methodist minister from Lubbock, will be giving the devotional.

Bring a covered dish to share at the noon meal, as well as old memories of time spent in the Drasco community.

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Thursday, Sept. 2: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot salad, cornbread, and kolaches.

Friday, Sept. 3: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, green beans, garlic bread, and cobbler.

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Obituaries

John Gus Schaffrina

WINTERS—John Gus Schaffrina, 79, died Tuesday, August 17, 1999.

He was born on April 17, 1920, in Callahan County to Otto Schaffrina and August Willmon Schaffrina. He graduated from Baird High School and joined the U.S. Army Air Corps at the age of 20. He is a veteran, having served in Europe during World War II. He married Beulah Marie Nelson on November 1, 1940. He lived in Baird and was active in farming in Callahan County before moving to Winters in 1967.

Mr. Schaffrina was employed by Alderman-Cave before becoming self-employed in welding construction and repair. He was a member of the Methodist Church and a lifetime member of the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his wife on November 3, 1996, and a sister, Kathryn Kniffen.

Survivors include three sons, David Schaffrina and wife Linda of El Paso, Don Schaffrina and wife Margie of Odessa, and Carl Schaffrina of El Cajon, California; two daughters, Jean Lafair and husband Billy of Winters, and Laura Clepper and husband Jimmy of Midland; one brother, James Schaffrina and wife Roselyn of Baird; two sisters, Dorothy Kimbrough and husband Chuck of Bluff Dale, and Anna Leslie and husband Willard of Spring; three brothers-in-law, Eugene Kniffen of Clyde, Ewing Nelson of Abilene, and Clinton Nelson of Midland; one sister-in-law, Zona Phillips of Tehama, California; eleven grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; two uncles; and dozens of cousins, nieces, and nephews, all special.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 21, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Don Roath officiating. Burial with military honors was in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Bill Ray, Floyd Huckaby, Al Scates, Keith Thompson, Louis DeLaCruz, Ron Deiner, George Beard, and Gary Porter.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care.

Raymond H. Lee

BALLINGER—Raymond H. Lee, 78, died at 9:49 a.m. Monday, August 23, 1999, in a San Angelo hospital.

He was born on December 12, 1920, in Norton to Charlie H. Lee and Tina Morgan Lee, pioneering families of Runnels County. He married Gene Taylor on September 19, 1940, in Norton.

Mr. Lee was a farmer and rancher and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Ballinger.

Survivors include his wife, Gene Lee of Ballinger; one son, Charles Lee and wife Denise of Sherman; one daughter, Karen McDaniel and husband David of Ballinger; one sister, Juanita Lee of Salado; four grandchildren, Denise Lee, Josh Cowley, Lee McDaniel, and Julie McAfee; and one great-grandchild, Jacob McAfee.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 25, at Rains-Seale Funeral Chapel in Ballinger with Reverend Ferris Akins officiating. Burial was in the Garden of Memories in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Troy Pillion

SHEP—Troy Pillion, 78, a lifelong resident of the Shep area, died Monday, August 16, 1999, at an Abilene hospital.

He was born on February 5, 1921, in Shep and graduated from Blackwell High School. He was a War World War II veteran, having served in the 124th Cavalry Regiment. He married Maggie Watkins on April 15, 1944.

Mr. Pillion was a self-employed farmer and a member and deacon of Wingate Baptist Church. He also had served as a deacon of the Baptist Church in Shep.

He was preceded in death by his only child, Monte Pillion, on April 23, 1988.

Survivors include his wife, Maggie Pillion of Shep; his daughter-in-law, Sharon Pillion of Abilene; one brother, Carl Pillion of Littlefield; one sister, Davena Hanson of Everett, Washington; three grandchildren, Jason Pillion of Vega, Rebekah Pillion and Meredith Pillion of Abilene; and several nieces.

Visitation was from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 18, at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home in Abilene. Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 19, at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Faith. Reverend Charles Myers and Reverend Kenneth Jones officiated. Burial was in Shep Cemetery, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Abilene Adult Day Care Center, 3518 S. 7th Street, Abilene, TX 79605.

Chris "Ferge" Ferguson

LUBBOCK—Chris "Ferge" Ferguson, 35, died Friday, August 20, 1999 in Lubbock.

He was born April 8, 1964 in Dallas. He was a bartender. Survivors include his parents Gary and Fay Ferguson of Horseshoe Bay; a sister, Cheryl Ferguson of Roswell, New Mexico.

Visitation was from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday, August 22, 1999 at Rains-Seale Funeral Home. Services were held Monday, August 23, at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Ballinger. Reverends Bo Keithly and Glen Ferguson officiated. Burial followed in Old Runnels Cemetery in Ballinger directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to The Church at Horseshoe Bay.

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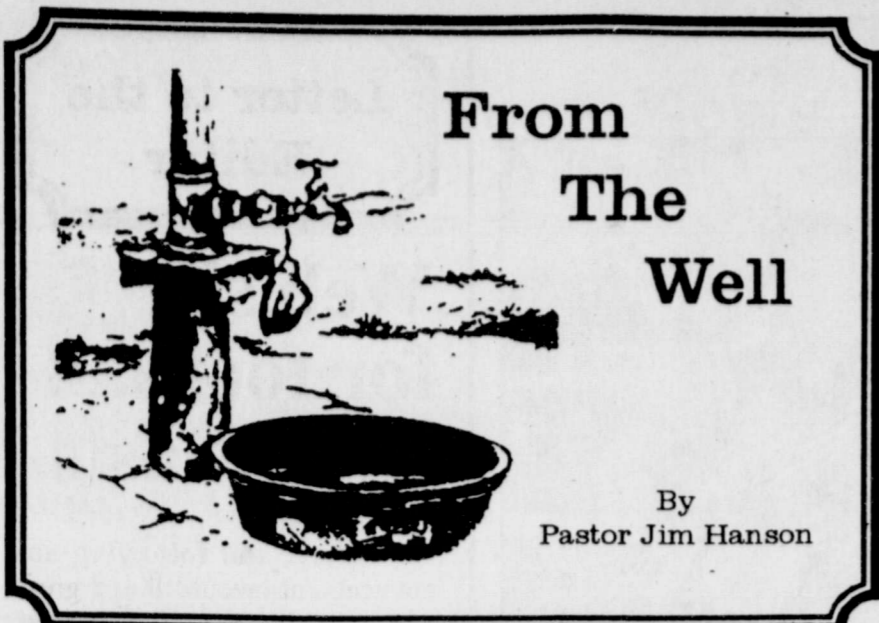
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From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

We used to define the year by the season. Spring. Summer. Fall. Winter. Now, it's different — especially for "Sports Junkies." It's baseball and track, golf, football and basketball. Boys and girls. Men and women. Year-round.

When I was a kid, my parents were strong on sports. Both dad and mother had played basketball in college. They were avid sports fans — especially for the home team. In whatever parish they were serving, you can be sure they were in the stands, cheering for their teams. One of the first gifts I can remember getting from my dad was a softball...and later...a glove. We used to "play catch," almost every day, for 15 to 20 minutes. He had a lot of patience.

Later on, when I was old enough and big enough, it was football, basketball, track, and softball — the four seasons. He and mother followed us boys wherever we played. They both loved the sports. I can remember calling my mother one night. She was 85 years old at the time. I asked her, "Who won the baseball game tonight?" She responded, "The Twins, of course." And then she went on to describe the winning pitcher, the runs, the hits — a brief digest of the game.

They were quite a clergy couple. And, among the many gifts they gave to us — one was a love for good, clean sports. Athletics were good for the body. And, my dad believed, as I do, that the discipline of training, the workouts, the drills, the preparations, the games — were good for the soul. So do I. Even though I am disappointed with the "big bucks," the "team owners," and all the "trading," and athletes for hire — I still am kind of a sports "junkie," and know of a good number of athletes who are not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and bear witness to Him on T.V. when they are interviewed and point their forefinger to the heavens to give credit to Him who is "Number One" in their hearts. It always makes me feel good when I see it.

And, there is sometimes a connection that is made between football and church. When people would object to his services running a few minutes over, he would reply — "Sometimes we need to go into overtime," referring to the struggle that sometimes takes place in church on Sunday morning — the "Flesh/Spirit" struggle.

Anyway, last spring, I received a piece of e-mail, I think it came from Susan Conner. The title of the piece is "Christian Football." Here are the definitions:

QUARTERBACK SNEAK: Church members quietly leave during the invitation.

HALFTIME: The time between Sunday school and worship when many choose to leave.

BENCHWARMER: Those who do not sing, pray, teach, work, or apparently do anything but sit.

BACKFIELD IN MOTION: Making a trip to the back (water fountain or restroom) during the service.

STAYING IN THE POCKET: What happens to a lot of the money that should be given to the Lord's work.

TWO-MINUTE WARNING: The point at which members realize that the sermon is almost over and they begin to collect children and belongings.

INSTANT REPLAY: The preacher loses his notes and falls back on last week's illustration.

SUDDEN DEATH: What happens to the attention span of the congregation if the preacher runs overtime.

TRAP: You're called on to pray and are asleep.

END RUN: Getting out of the sanctuary quickly without speaking to any guest or member.

FLEX DEFENSE: The ability to allow absolutely nothing the preacher said in his sermon to affect your life.

HALFBACK OPTION: The decision by 50% of the congregation not to return for the evening service.

BLITZ: The rush for the restaurant following the close of the service.

I hope it brings a chuckle or two to you. It did to me. And, if the shoe fits, put it on. After all, as my dad said, "Sports are good for the soul." "Good sports" can take the corrections with a smile. And, hopefully, to make some changes.



NEW FLOORING is being installed at the Winters gymnasium, under the supervision of maintenance supervisor Dale Montgomery, second from right. The large Boston parquet 50" squares are laid in opposite directions on the playing floor with a standard wood pattern around the playing area. Montgomery said the work should be completed by the third week in September on the new floor which was needed to replace the old flooring damaged by flooding.

Your local hospital facing a growing crisis

by Scott Anderson, Administrator North Runnels Hospital

There is a silent crisis occurring locally, regionally, and nationally in the healthcare field.

Hospitals are finding it harder and harder to offer the services they have offered in the past, replace aging capital, and offer the newest in technology.

Small hospitals such as North Runnels Hospital are finding it more difficult to just survive. The culprit for this crisis was created by our government in the form of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA).

Without notice to the general public, a major part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 dealt with Medicare cuts in reimbursement to facilities and physicians. Those in the healthcare field recognized the detrimental effects of the Act and began grass roots work to educate the government on the effect of the proposed cuts.

The BBA was intended to implement over a five-year period approximately 10% in cuts in reimbursement to Medicare providers. In the first year, the BBA implemented cuts primarily in home health which resulted in the vast number of closures of home health providers.

Texas led the nation in the number of home health closures with over 400 providers closing within the first year. The closures continue today on a statewide basis.

Locally, the effect was seen with regrettably large numbers of layoffs and the relocation of North Runnels Home Health to the hospital building. These cuts have allowed North Runnels Hospital (NRH) to continue to provide home health services to the community.

In addition, year one brought reductions in inpatient, outpatient and rural health clinic reimbursement. The cuts in these areas were intended to be minor in year one with the major cuts to be implemented in the following years. The cuts to be implemented in the year 2000 are currently estimated

to cut reimbursement for outpatient services by 37%. This represents an additional cut that the market cannot bear.

After 1998, three of the major accounting firms that serve 65% of the hospitals in the State of Texas were commissioned by the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH) to study the effects of the BBA in year one. The findings were astoundingly different and more severe than envisioned when the BBA was passed by Congress.

First, 23% of rural Texans do not have insurance, 20% of rural Texas are covered by Medicare and the number is expected to double. Secondly, there are currently twice the number of Medicare residents living in rural areas compared to urban areas.

The effects of the BBA in rural areas were as follows:

- 75% of all public hospitals in Texas are rural

- In 1985, there were 37 counties without a hospital. In January of 1999 there were 66 counties without a hospital.

- 247 rural health clinics have closed

In 1997, 59 hospitals had combined income of 6.6 million. In 1998, the same 59 hospitals had combined losses of 10.6 million — a 17 million dollar negative impact.

The operating margin for rural hospitals prior to the BBA was a negative 9% and after the BBA, a negative 14%. The difference to break even is expected to be made up through private insurance providers and your local taxes.

Congress expects local facilities to raise taxes to make up the difference. Raising taxes is an option; however, the feasibility of raising taxes to cover the entire reimbursement difference is not a reality since many within the rural community are on fixed incomes.

North Runnels Hospital has had nearly 1 million dollars in revenue reductions on a same ser-

vice basis from 1997-1999. A hospital of this size cannot absorb these losses.

NRH is in a more stable position than many hospitals in the area since debt service is not an issue.

By comparison there are two hospitals in the region that have estimated that they can survive until July of 2000 with no changes in the current reimbursement patterns. NRH estimates that it will become harder to make ends meet in late 2000.

This crisis may not make sense to many, but just imagine if the closest available healthcare was in Abilene or San Angelo. Many lives would be lost in the time it takes to make the trip to either location. The lives saved in our local hospital are too numerous to imagine. It would be a tragedy to lose our local facility.

The local financial impact of the hospital on the Winters community is approximately 1.5 million dollars. Economic development would be impeded without a hospital.

What can you do to help with the crisis? USE your local facility faithfully. North Runnels Hospital has strived to provide the community with quality physicians to allow you to stay in town for most of your healthcare needs.

The following physicians are currently providing care at North Runnels Hospital.

Dr. Swarna — Cardiology Services

Dr. Carter — Ophthalmology

SCHOOL, continued

these raises so we might be scrambling on a local level to come up with that money," said Davis.

Prewit could not be reached for comment regarding his opposition to the budget.

Trustees also voted to amend the 1998-99 budget with five years and Prewit opposed.

Trustee Ronald Presley was absent for the Monday night meeting.

This action followed a called session on August 17, at which time a budget workshop was held.

Present for the August 17 meeting were Andrae, Davis, Moore, Sims, Prewit, Superintendent Mike Harris, Business Manager Jimmy Butler, Curriculum Director Terry Wyatt, and Principals Tammy Bright and Charles Kidwell. Absent was Larry Walker.

Trustees also discussed the need for a Special Education vehicle to be used to transport students to Abilene for deaf education. No action was taken by the trustees.

Surf inside!

Can't make it to the beach? Surf the Web instead! The American Library Association points you to the best at www.ala.org/parentspage/greatsites/.

Services/Cataract Surgery/Yag Laser Surgery

Dr. Funk — Orthopedic Services/Orthopedic Surgery

Dr. Mathur — Gastroenterology Services

Dr. Benson — Urological Services

Dr. Powell — General laproscopic surgery/OB-Gyn Surgery

These physicians enhance the ability of our local physicians to serve you with top quality care in a local setting.

North Runnels Hospital has just recently added Dr. Keith Boles to the full time staff. Dr. Boles provides primary care to the young and the experienced, and has special training in providing care to the pediatric patients in our community.

The combination of Dr. Boles providing pediatric care, Dr. Lee providing internal medicine care, and Dr. Biddix providing primary care should serve the community well.

USE your facility and your physicians. This is the first thing you can do to ensure the survival of your local hospital. If you wait to use the facility only in emergency cases, the facility may not be available when you need it.

The second thing you can do to help would be to write Congressman Charles Stenholm and Representative Kay Bailey Hutchison to voice your concern. Personal letters of support carry more weight than form letters.

See HOSPITAL, page 5

Troy L. Carter, M.D.

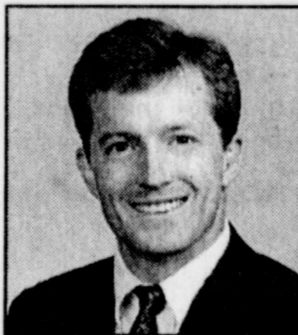
Surgical & Medical Diseases of the Eye

Dr. Troy Carter, a member of Texas Midwest Eye Center in Abilene, has joined with North Runnels Hospital and Dr. Mike Bacigalupi, to offer cataract surgery in Winters.

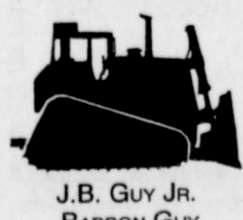
Patients can now be evaluated, have surgery with complete post-op care and never leave Runnels County.

Please call North Runnels Hospital today to schedule an eye exam and cataract screening with Dr. Bacigalupi.

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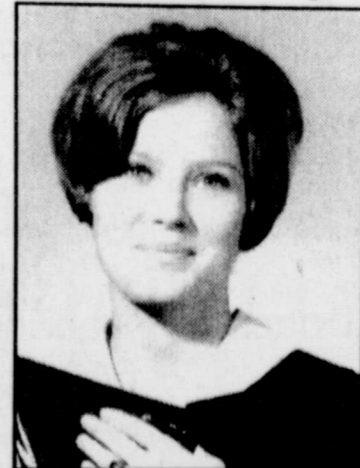
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at their home

917 CR 223, Winters

Family and Friends are cordially invited
to join in the celebration

Happy 50th Birthday



Love, D. A. E. & J.

Identity of birthday girl is revealed elsewhere in this issue.

CAFETERIA MENU

August 30-September 3
Subject to change

Breakfast

Monday-August 30
Biscuit
Sausage
Juice

Tuesday-August 31
Cinnamon Roll
Cereal
Juice

Wednesday-September 1
Toast
Sliced Cheese
Juice

Thursday-September 2
Waffle/Syrup
Oatmeal
Juice

Friday-September 3
Banana Nut Muffins
Cereal
Juice

Lunch

Monday-August 30
Burrito/Chili/Cheese
Tossed Salad
Corn

Tuesday-August 31
Chicken Fillet/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans

Wednesday-September 1
Nacho/Meat/Cheese
Refried Beans
Tossed Salad
Peach Cobbler

Thursday-September 2
Roast Beef/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Roll

Friday-May 21
Hamburger
French Fries
Lettuce/Pickles
Sliced Pears

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Blizzard spirit items for sale

The Winters Booster Club is gearing up for the first game of the season with Blizzard Spirit items. "Storming into 2000" t-shirts are available along with two styles of hats, mugs, seat cushions, and blankets.

The shirts and hats are selling fast with only a limited number available. All items will be sold at the games starting with the Winters vs. Jim Ned junior varsity game on September 2. If you would like any of these items, please contact Teresa Davis at 754-5422 or Kim Jackson at 754-4339.

Concession stand workers needed

Parents of all band students and athletes are reminded to sign up to help in the concession stand during football games.

Cards have been mailed to all parents asking them to choose a night to work. Selection of the work schedule is on a first come, first served basis. There are enough band and athletic parents, that they should have to work only once—if everyone does their part.

The Winters Booster Club supports athletes in all sports, as well as the band. If you did not receive your card, or you need to schedule your time to help, please call Susan Connor at 754-5760, Kim Jackson at 754-4339, or Teresa Davis at 754-5422 to schedule your time to help.

Camp Champs —



WINTERS JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS (standing, from left) Jessica Pritchard, Amanda Poe, Brianna Parramore, (kneeling) Maci Hopson, Rachel Davis, Christina Perrie, and Katy Wilkerson were named Camp Champions at Angelo State University this summer. Only one Jr. High squad received this prestigious award. According to sponsor Cheryl Kruse, the girls won spirit sticks each day of camp and received superior ratings in cheers, dances, stunts, and jumps. Over 15 squads from across the state participated.

Byrds says "Thanks!"

Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Robin Byrd says a great big "Thank You" to everyone who donated a bath towel at the scrimmage Friday night.

Department of Human Services announces local innovation grants

The Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) plans to issue the agency's first local innovation grants to provide welfare avoidance and workforce preparation services. DHS officials are seeking ways to break down barriers which prevent needy Texans from remaining in the workforce and avoiding the need for public assistance.

The Texas Legislature has appropriated \$7.5 million to fund Innovation Grants to organizations in each of the ten DHS service regions.

In Region 02/09, which includes Runnels County, proposals are being solicited to address welfare avoidance and workforce retention. The proposals must demonstrate community collaboration with local groups such as

nonprofit organizations and faith-based entities. They must not duplicate or replace existing services.

If you have a proposal you wish considered, submit it in writing to Barbara Evans, Regional Administrator, c/o Debbie Ake, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 6635, Abilene, Texas 79608 by August 27, 1999. To receive the proposal packet, please call Debbie Ake, Community Services Director, at (915) 690-2201.

DHS regions via Regional Administrators will choose proposals to submit for further consideration. Grant winners will be announced on September 30, 1999, and the projects must begin providing services by December 1999.

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Letter to the Editor

Web site for football enthusiasts

Dear Editor,
I believe the following announcement would be of great interest to the sports fans in your readership.

The Collier-Sharp Football Report, in its' fourth season as the number one authority on Texas High School Football, is pleased to announce that their award winning weekly report is now available for free over the internet.

Each week you will find rankings, point spreads, and game picks for every school from Class A to 5A in the state.

Also, you will find many more features that are not available anywhere else, such as coaches records, current winning and losing streaks, all time scoring streaks, every team's record since 1967, all the playoff scores since 1963, a listing of the years each school has made the playoffs, UIL individual and team records, and much, much more.

You can access the web site at <http://www.collier-sharp.com> any time of the day or night.

Sincerely,
Wes Underwood

**For children's safety—
'Stop' when school buses are loading & unloading**

The Winters Police Department would like to remind everyone to stop their vehicle when school buses are displaying flashing red lights.

Flashing red lights signify that students are loading or unloading. Failure to stop is a violation and drivers will be ticketed/fined.

Help museum Sidewalk project gets go ahead at public meeting

The Z.I. Hale Museum is very dependent on the support of its membership. Each family and business is encouraged to become a part of the museum association.

Family membership is \$15 and business membership is \$40. Lifetime membership is \$125.

Please mail your dues to Z.I. Hale Museum, P.O. Box 42, Winters, Texas 79567.

Bricks for the walkway at the Rock Hotel Heritage Center are still being sold. Cost is \$50 per brick. Bricks can be monogrammed with just about anything — anniversaries, birthdays, special events, in honor of someone, or in remembrance of your family, etc.

Contact Marlene Smith at 754-4961 or Randall Conner at 754-4542.

GRANT, continued
were also required to provide, in matching funds, a minimum of 10% of the funds requested from the TIF Board.

"We are very pleased to receive this award," said Terry Wyatt, WISD Curriculum Director. "We will use TIF Board funds, along with the matching funds we have committed to the project, to enhance our current infrastructure. This grant will give us the opportunity to purchase equipment for expanded Internet access."

Since its creation by the 74th Legislature in 1995, the TIF Board has awarded approximately \$202 million in telecommunications grants. The agency receives approximately \$150 million per year in revenues from telecommunications assessments to disburse over a ten-year period.

CITY COUNCIL, cont'd.
Bahlman, outgoing Planning and Zoning Board Member. However, Mrs. Bahlman was not present so Mayor McGuffin will either present her plaque and proclamation to her between now and the next council meeting or do so at the next regular meeting which is August 30.

Approximately 25 concerned citizens attended the public meeting on Sunday, August 22, at the Winters High School Auditorium concerning the Sidewalk Improvement Project. The meeting was called by the Winters Area and Business Industrial Corporation and the City of Winters.

Charles Bahlman, president of the Industrial Corporation, presided over the meeting, with presentations by Randall Conner, director of economic development, and Scott Hay of Hibbs & Todd Engineers.

Several questions were asked by the attendees, after which the group voted unanimously to go forward with the project, if funding is approved by the Texas Department of Transportation. State approval will not be known until sometime between November and January.

As local matching funds, Winters needs to raise \$44,000 in cash.

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation has pledged \$20,000 of this amount and several businessmen have pledged almost \$3,000. These donations will be voluntary from the community; there will be no assessments to the business or property owners.

Pledges or checks for the Sidewalk Improvement Project should be made to: Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation, P.O. Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567, or may be left at the Chamber of Commerce. The money will be held in escrow by the Industrial Corporation and if the project is not done, the money will be returned to the donor.

A citizens committee to help direct the project will be needed. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact Randall Conner or Charles Bahlman.

Winters Sidewalk Project

I would like to pledge _____ for the Winters Sidewalk Improvement Project.

Name _____

Address _____

Checks for the Sidewalk Project should be made to: Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation, P.O. Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567.

The money will be held in escrow by the Industrial Corporation, and if the project is not done, the money will be returned to the donor. Donations should be deductible as a business expense.

Wright Family Reunion
September 3, 4 & 5
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
Winters Community Center
All family, friends & neighbors are invited to come by!



Do you know of a child, ages birth to 22, who needs special help to succeed in school or who is not developing on level, and is not currently receiving services?

If you do, please contact:

Coleman/Ballinger/Winters Cooperative
Darnell Holden, Director
P.O. Box 47
Ballinger, TX 76821
(915)365-2548

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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

Spring is the time when youth dreams and old age remembers.

Hopewell Church had no visitors on Sunday.

Ladies at Bible study on Monday morning were speaker Fairy Allcorn, Jean Talbott, Ramona Akins, and Nila Osborne.

Eileen Cartwright carried her dad to San Angelo for his doctor appointment on Wednesday. He checked out good.

Scott Amidon, Wanda King's son-in-law and Adeline Grissom's grandson, of Brawley, California, was in a serious car accident. He has had several surgeries.

Dennis, Audine, and Roy McBeth attended the Winters Firemen's Fish Fry on Sunday.

Coleman Foreman spent the day with Lawan on Saturday. She

was in good spirits.

Weekend visitors with Doris Wood were Mr. and Mrs. Connie Bryant of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Calcote and boys of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. John Hord of Wingate, Robert and Douglas Bryant of Abilene, the Douglas Bryants of Brownwood, and Jim and Lucy Calcote of Midland.

Nelda and Betty Thomason of Maverick spent Sunday with Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion. Melinda Kraatz of San Angelo came by during the week. Noble had a nice phone visit with son Lynn who is in Mexico City.

Linda and Travis Ford of Rising Star, Tammy and Haley Kaczuk of Winters, and Connie Mac and Jean Gibbs of Winters celebrated Mark's birthday. Many more happy birthdays, Mark!

Jeanna and Scott Kozelsky came to say bye to Margie Jacob on their way to College Station.

Hildegard and Calvin Schovajsa of San Angelo spent several days with me and did some much needed jobs.

Juanita Shields spent the week-

end with friends in Flower Mound. While there, she attended the graduation exercise for granddaughter Lynly Shields Stephen who received her master's degree in speech and language therapy.

Thelma Nowlin, longtime friend from Perryton, is visiting Juanita Shields this week.

Margie and Cookie VanZandt celebrated Cookie's birthday Wednesday by eating out at Buffalo Gap. Brenda Jacob of Midland came Friday night to see and visit friends and relatives.

On Saturday night, Margie Jacob, Brenda Jacob, Cookie VanZandt, and Sharon Engler attended the "Honey-Do" shower (Honey do this. Honey do that) in Ballinger at the Little Cabin for Justin Busenlehner and Kristi Ellis. Hostesses were Lytle and Amy Halfmann.

On Sunday, Carol and Mike Kozelsky and Scott and Jeanna came to say goodbye on the way to College Station.

Pat Giles of Brownwood spent Friday with Leona and Roy Matthis.



WINTERS VOLUNTEER FIREMEN (l-r) Bob Blackwood, James Lange and Mike Meyer have their hands full filling tea glasses for the large crowd at the annual Firemen's Fish Fry Sunday. Proceeds from the meal will be used to acquire a rural fire truck.

HOSPITAL, continued

Ask them to support HR 1344 which amends the effects of the BBA.

The third thing you can do to help would be to attend the forum with Congressman Stenholm in Abilene at Embassy Suites on Thursday, September 2 at 1:30 p.m. This is a rare opportunity to voice your concern directly. North Runnels Hospital will be given the opportunity to talk to Congressman Stenholm and let him know how the BBA has effected us locally.

This is a silent crisis that will be evident at the point that a community loses its local facility.

I believe that most of the communities that have lost their local hospital would claim that it was the turning point in the financial and economical downfall of that community. The lives we save are yours by maintaining a local health provider. Please help.

Reminder: Hospital forum with Congressman Charles Stenholm on Thursday, Sept. 2 at 1:30 Embassy Suites, Abilene

SSA increases "Substantial Gainful Activity" guide

Effective July 1, 1999, the Social Security Administration (SSA) has raised from \$500 to \$700 the average monthly earnings guidelines to determine whether work done by persons with disabilities is substantial gainful activity (SGA), according to Freddy Franki, Social Security manager in San Angelo.

"This is the primary measure we use to tell if you have the ability to work and is therefore not disabled under Social Security law," Franki said. "It provides an updated indicator of when earnings demonstrate the ability to work for nonblind persons with

disabilities. A different earnings measure for blind persons is currently set at \$1,110."

She said the term "substantial gainful activity" means work activity that involves significant physical or mental effort that is done for pay or profit regardless of whether or not a profit is realized.

"Raising the level of earnings permitted is part of various efforts by Social Security to encourage persons with disabilities to attempt to work. The increase roughly corresponds to wage growth since the last increase in 1990," Franki stated.

Local artist Edith Collins to demonstrate old-age art

Well-known artist Edith Collins will be demonstrating her unique and easy-to-follow method of "Porcelain Painting Techniques" at the next meeting of the newly formed Mid-West Texas Artists' Guild.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 31, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at Mirrored Image on Hutchings Avenue in Ballinger.

All area artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

Police Beat

The information below is taken from reports on file with the Winters Police Department. Some of the information is provided to police by citizens, and in some cases, police have not finished investigating the reports. These reports make up a small percentage of the total calls the Department receives and responds to each week.

Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, August 15, 1999, through Saturday, August 21, 1999. Winters Police Officers:

- investigated a theft in the 300 block of Paloma St. where two sacks of cement mortar mix were taken.
- investigated a minor motor vehicle accident on the IGA grocery store parking lot. The officer determined that the damage was minimal and issued state forms on minor accidents for parties involved to fill out.
- arrested Jeffery Alan Nichols for driving with license suspended following a traffic stop.
- received a report of stolen real estate signs from a local realtor. To date, there have been five stolen.
- received a report of a stolen bicycle from the 500 block of Wood St.
- arrested a juvenile for possession of marijuana class B, following a report of a prowler.
- investigated a report of felony criminal mischief to a motor vehicle.
- investigated a report of felony criminal mischief to a motor vehicle.

Runnels County Crimestoppers offers a cash reward for information which leads to the grand jury indictment or conviction of offenders and the caller does not have to give his or her name. To give a Crimestoppers tip, call your local law enforcement agency at:

Winters Police Department—754-4121
Ballinger Police Department—365-3591
Sheriff's Department—365-2121

Be a friend to thyself, and others will be so too.

—Thomas Fuller

Searching for WHS Class of 1979

The Class of 1979 is planning their 20th reunion for this fall. A date is slated to be announced soon.

Please contact Becky McKnight Boles at 214-553-9823 or e-mail at RegMo@aol.com for more information.

Anyone wanting to help is also welcome to contact Becky.

Official Records

County Court Criminal Dispositions

Paul Trevino, failure to stop at scene of accident, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, plus \$199.25 court costs

Jerry Lee Alvarado, possession of marijuana, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$224.25 court costs

Sherry Cowan, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$85, plus \$199.25 court costs, \$15 hot check fee, and \$65.83 restitution

Angela M. Gray, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$35, plus \$199.25 court costs, \$35 hot check fee, and \$168.77 restitution

James Richard Boaz, speeding (appeal from Justice of the Peace Precinct 1), dismissed, insufficient evidence

Douglas Sparks Giese, speeding (appeal from Justice of the Peace Precinct 1), dismissed, insufficient evidence

Criminal Cases Filed August 16

Orville Ray Pirraglia Jr., filed for driving while license suspended

Marriage Licenses Filed August 16

Santos Leo Uresti and Suzanne Annetta Luera

District Court Divorces Granted August 13

Timothy Allen Brooker and Katherine Maria Brooker

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- TXism: "quaking" (scared)
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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The City of Winters conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the City of Winters by 27 percent on Thursday, August 19, 1999, at 6 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Winters is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on Monday, August 30, 1999, at 6 p.m. at City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Some local residents to receive PUC telephone service survey

Deadline to return survey Aug. 31

Some Winters residents may be receiving surveys from the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection which is surveying Texas telephone customers about the quality of their local telephone service.

Surveys are being mailed to a random sample of GTE business and residential customers.

"We are very eager to know what Texans think of their local telephone service, and I strongly encourage anyone who receives a survey to mail it in promptly," said Saralee Tiede, Chief of the Office of Customer Protection. "The PUC commissioners are very interested in the survey and

will be monitoring the survey results as they come in."

The survey asks customers if they have experienced problems with noisy lines, outages, repair service, unauthorized charges, slamming and availability of high speed Internet service among other issues.

Responses to the surveys should be mailed to the PUC no later than August 31, in the postage-paid envelope that is provided along with the survey.

In the coming months, surveys will be mailed to telephone customers in all regions of the state. The PUC will report survey results when they are available.



Show pride in your community. Keep it clean.

Thank You!

I wish to thank the residents of Winters and the surrounding area for utilizing the physical therapy services offered by Midwest Rehab Associates office in Winters, Texas.

Fred Garcia and I have enjoyed serving the community since July 16, 1998, and appreciate your loyalty and support. I would encourage you to continue to utilize the physical therapy services available to you in Winters.

I relocated from the Winters/Ballinger area at the end of June, 1999 and I am no longer associated with Midwest Rehab Associates in Winters. I leave knowing that the residents of Winters will continue to receive quality physical therapy care with Midwest Rehab Associates.

Thank you for your support.

J. Scott Stubblefield, P.T.



Mamie Dell Reed and Ozzie Reed

Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie Reed to be honored on 60th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie Reed will be honored on their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception on Saturday, August 28, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in their home at 917 CR 223, Winters.

Ozzie was born on May 13, 1921, in Shep, Texas. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and retired from Automotive Wholesellers of Texas.

Mamie was born on January 20, 1921, in Winters, Texas, and is a homemaker.

The couple met at Owen's Drugstore in Winters and were married on September 2, 1939, in Winters. They moved to Lubbock where they lived for thirty-six years before moving to Amarillo for a short period of time. They moved back to Winters in 1980.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed are members of the Main Street Church of Christ, where he is an Elder of the church. They have enjoyed delivering "Meals on Wheels" for the last six years.

The Reeds have one son, Larry Reed and wife Sue of Winters; one daughter, Sondra Petty and husband Duane of Winters; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Mamie's sister, Bonnie Lee, also resides in Winters.

Family and friends are cordially invited to join the celebration.

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Five area students graduated from Texas State Technical College

Five area students were among the largest number of graduates ever in the history of Texas State Technical College to receive degrees and certificates Friday, August 13, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. Four hundred and seven students completed their studies.

The commencement ceremony was held at the Sweetwater High School Auditorium to a standing room only audience of family and friends who watched students walk across the stage from the four TSTC locations at Sweetwater, Abilene, Breckenridge, and Brownwood.

Kelly A. Hill of Winters graduated from the Abilene center as a medical records transcriptionist.

Graduating from the Sweetwater campus were Justin K. Gamble, automotive technician, of Ballinger; Richard Moreno, air conditioning technician, of Winters; and Mildred D. Smith and Elaine Wuertemburg, LVNs, both of Blackwell.

The main speaker for the

evening was Mr. James Mitchell, vice-president of Texas Instruments International. As an administrator of a world-wide corporation that began in Texas, Mr. Mitchell is keenly aware of the importance of highly trained employees and in his speech he said that the audience would remember little of what he said as their speaker, but he hoped they would remember that they faced a necessity for life-long learning that didn't stop with their degree received at graduation.

Also joining Mr. Mitchell was State Representative David Counts who spoke briefly of the importance of TSTC in preparing the Texas workforce for jobs in technology.

Dr. Frank Wright presented the Class of 1999 to President Homer Taylor who conferred degrees on each student after making his charge to the graduates to become ethical leaders at work and in their communities.

"Runnels Is My County" available at Enterprise

Charlsie Poe, author, has announced the second edition of "Runnels Is My County," which is now available for sale at *The Winters Enterprise*, 104 North Main. You may reserve a copy by contacting the paper at 754-4958. In addition, the book is also available by appointment at Charlsie's home, 207 West Truett, 754-5431.

Price of the keepsake publication is \$20, plus \$1.65 tax, and \$3 for mailing. Sales are limited.

"Runnels Is My County" was the official Texas award winner in 1970 as Best Publication of the Year on local and regional history.

The new edition features an index for ease of reference. The book makes an excellent gift, especially to share with younger generations so they may keep in touch with their heritage.

Also available at the same price are a few copies of "Booger Red," by Charlsie Poe.

Words are the small change of thought.

—Jules Renard

Financial Focus

By Jimmy Newsom

Technology evolution leads to investment opportunities

These days, it seems everyone is talking about investing in high-flying technology and Internet stocks. The spectacular price run-ups of these companies has, not surprisingly, spurred tremendous interest on the part of investors.

What are the implications for this groundswell of demand? In the short term, many investors may be left holding the "cyberbag." In fact, several big Internet providers have issued disappointing earnings reports for 1999, and many companies are already trading at prices well below their highs.

This isn't to say that some Internet companies will not thrive in the long run. In all likelihood, there will be a shakeout of these types of firms, and the survivors will come to dominate the market. If you had a crystal ball, you could do pretty well by putting your money into these companies.

Short of that, however, what makes sense for an investor who's interested in participating in "hot" technologies, but who doesn't want to get burned?

To begin with, briefly consider the evolution of technology in the past few decades. Over the past 30 years, we've moved from mainframes to minicomputers to personal computers. During this time, the technology industry has been driven by the need for more computational power. And this power has increased tremendously—today's personal computers have more processing power than the old mainframes that filled up an entire room.

Now, however, the industry is entering a new phase in which the need for increased computational power is becoming secondary to the need for computer-based access to communications channels. For example, people now send ten times as much e-mail as they do regular mail, and personal computer users increasingly rely on the World Wide Web for various forms of commerce. Consequently, Internet traffic is doubling every 100 days.

At the same time that Internet use is growing rapidly, we are also experiencing worldwide deregulation of the telecommunications industry, leading to increased global competition and falling prices for communications services.

The result? More and more people with cheaper and easier access to cyberspace. And, just as regular highways can become congested, so too can the "information superhighway." If you've ever had to wait to get on the Internet or browse the Web, then you're familiar with the bottlenecks that can result from insufficient "bandwidth"—the information-carrying capacity of a communications network.

These capacity shortages are frustrating to Internet users—but they represent big opportunities for companies that can provide solutions to increase bandwidth. These are the companies that may represent attractive investment opportunities in the technology sector. Once bandwidth is expanded, other companies should also benefit, including some that provide content for the Internet or produce communications components and services.

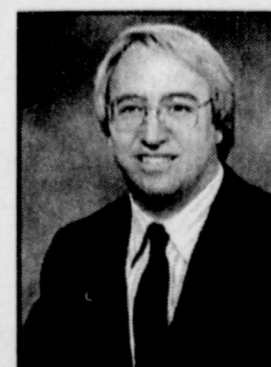
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The RUNNELS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

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WINTERS I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to award bids in the best interest of the district.

Bid proposals must be clearly marked on the envelope "VEHICLE BID."

10-34(2tc)

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LEONA CHAPMOND, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary for the estate of LEONA CHAPMOND were issued on August 23, 1999, in Cause No. 6200 pending in the County Court of Runnels County, Texas, to STANLEY THOMAS CHAPMOND.

The residence of such executor is Travis County, Texas. The address is 1706 Mistywood Drive, Austin, Texas 78746.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated August 23, 1999. Stanley Thomas Chapmond, Independent Executor

10-34(1tp)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Winters will vote on the Proposed General Fund and Waterworks Operating (Enterprise) Fund Budgets for Fiscal Year 1999-2000 on Monday, August 30, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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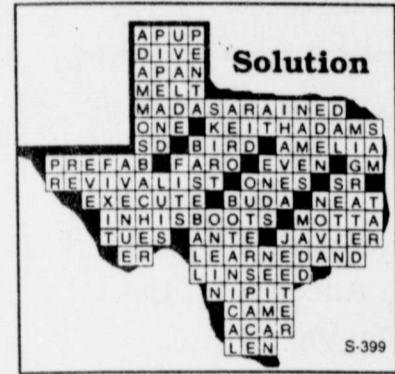
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304 N. CRYER. Friday 5 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-? Clothes, furniture, misc. 10-34(1tp)

111 MEL ST. (near Lutheran Church). Saturday, Aug. 28. 8 AM-3 PM. A little bit of everything. 10-34(1tp)

Miscellaneous

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Chamber seeking hunting lease information

by Carolyn Scarborough

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is putting the finishing touches on its web site and is looking for hunting information.

If you have a hunting lease and would like to have it listed with the Chamber office, please contact Carolyn Scarborough at 754-5210. The information can be provided for the season or daily. A list will be sent out to those requesting the information, so please give specifics.

A community calendar is also up and going. Calendars will be posted in businesses, in the library, and the Chamber office. If you or your organization have an upcoming event, please notify the Chamber office so it may be added to the monthly calendar. November and December works are already underway.

Don't forget the upcoming Arts & Crafts Show on November 13. Be sure to practice your cooking skills and enter the "Taste of West Texas Cook-Off." There are three categories: brisket, beans, and wild game. Cash prizes will be paid to the top three places in all categories. Contact the Chamber office for more details.

Pest Management News

By Richard Minzenmayer,
Extension Agent-Entomology (PM)

GENERAL SITUATION—

Hot, dry, drought conditions continue to plague the Concho Valley. It's too hot and dry to even support any significant insect population.

This year's crop is all but completed. You can easily find open bolls in the earlier planted cotton and the June cotton is cutting out and just trying to hang on right now.

Bollworm/Budworm pheromone traps remain very low as do egg and larval counts in the IPM program fields. Most fields have reached cut out and will be much less susceptible to insect damage within the next week or so. Some have already reached this point of maturity.

Grain sorghum harvest has been completed with yields ranging from 1,500 to 3,800 lbs. per acre. That's certainly not bad considering the adverse weather conditions we have experienced again this year. I am ready for a normal year.

WEEVILS—Latest numbers released by the SPR boll weevil eradication office in San Angelo, indicate that only 462 boll weevils have been trapped so far this

season in the SPR.

With more than 260,000 acres in cotton (a possible record planting) and more than 40,000 traps in place, it is evident that the eradication program is working and running on all gears.

An aggressive Malathion spray program is in effect with a single weevil catch triggering not only that particular field but also any adjacent fields for treatment. This has resulted in a total of 46,000 acres being treated this season in the SPR.

TURNROW MEETINGS—There will be no more turnrow meetings. There aren't enough bad bugs to talk about anymore. Yes!

B.J. Colburn & Ricky Dean named Runnels County chairmen of WTRC 40th Annual Cattleman's Round-up

Runnels County's B.J. Colburn and Ricky Dean are among 150 volunteers throughout Texas who will carry on the tradition of "helping Rehab help others" by serving as 1999 area chairmen for West Texas Rehabilitation Center's 40th Annual Cattleman's Round-Up for Rehab.

Regional chairmen of this year's program are Mike Alexander of Abilene and Carter Behrens of San Angelo and honorary chairman is Rex Allen.

Since 1960, Round-Up has provided friends in the agricultural industry an opportunity to lend their support to WTRC and to date has brought in over \$8,050,000 to Rehab which annually serves more than 17,000 children and adults with disabilities.

Donated livestock—cattle, sheep, goats, or horses—will be

Local farmer/rancher shares "Prayer for Rain"

Editors Note: Local farmer and rancher Kevin Busher brought a copy of the following article from The Cattleman magazine. Kevin says Mr. William White's "Prayer for Rain" expresses his feelings about the local drought conditions.

PRAYER FOR RAIN by William Allen White

"O Lord, in Thy mercy grant us rain and by that we don't mean a shower. We want to go out and watch the lightning rip across the southwestern sky in hot blue forks as the fat clouds roll in on us. We want to hurry home to close the house with the first fat drops the size of marbles, on a suddenly ris-

ing wind, chasing us and plunking on the car hood. We want to scramble all over the house just as the first sheets descend, frantically slamming down the windows.

"O Lord of Hosts, we want to look out of the windows and watch the regiments of close-packed raindrops march diagonally down. We want to hear the gurgle of the gutters under the eaves, and then the sputter of the down spout.

"God of Israel, Isaac, and Jacob, let it come down so hard that the streets and sidewalks seem covered with a six-inch fog of spatter drops. Then let it just keep up for awhile, then begin to taper off, and then turn right around and get a lot worse, swishing, pounding, spattering, pouring, drenching, the thunder coming—Crackity—BAM—and the lightning flashing so fast and furious you can't tell which flash goes with which peal of thunder so that all the women will get

scared and climb on top of the beds and scream at you not to get too close to the window!

"And then, O jealous God, repeat the whole act about three times, and in the middle of the second time, we will climb the attic stairs and put the wash pan under the tiny leak in the roof which usually you can't even notice in an ordinary rain. And after a couple of hours kind of let it taper down, O Lord, to a good steady—rain not a drizzle, but a businesslike one that keeps up until just before dawn and then spits a few drops occasionally during the morning from a gray sky.

"Texas is indeed the Promised Land, O Lord, and if it gets a break it will flow with milk and honey. But we can't live much longer on promise. So in Thine own way and in Thine own time, make up Thy mind, O Lord, and we will bow before Thy judgment, and praise Thine everlasting name. Amen."

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The Texas Country Cleanup campaign will sponsor 40 one-day collection events throughout rural areas of the state this year. Area collection will take place Friday, August 27, from 8:00 a.m.-noon at Wall Co-Op Gin #1, 8 miles east of San Angelo on Highway 87.

Empty plastic pesticide containers must be clean, triple-rinsed or high-pressure rinsed to be accepted. No hazardous waste will be accepted. Tires and oil filters will not be accepted from businesses. TNRCC reserves the right to refuse this service to businesses.

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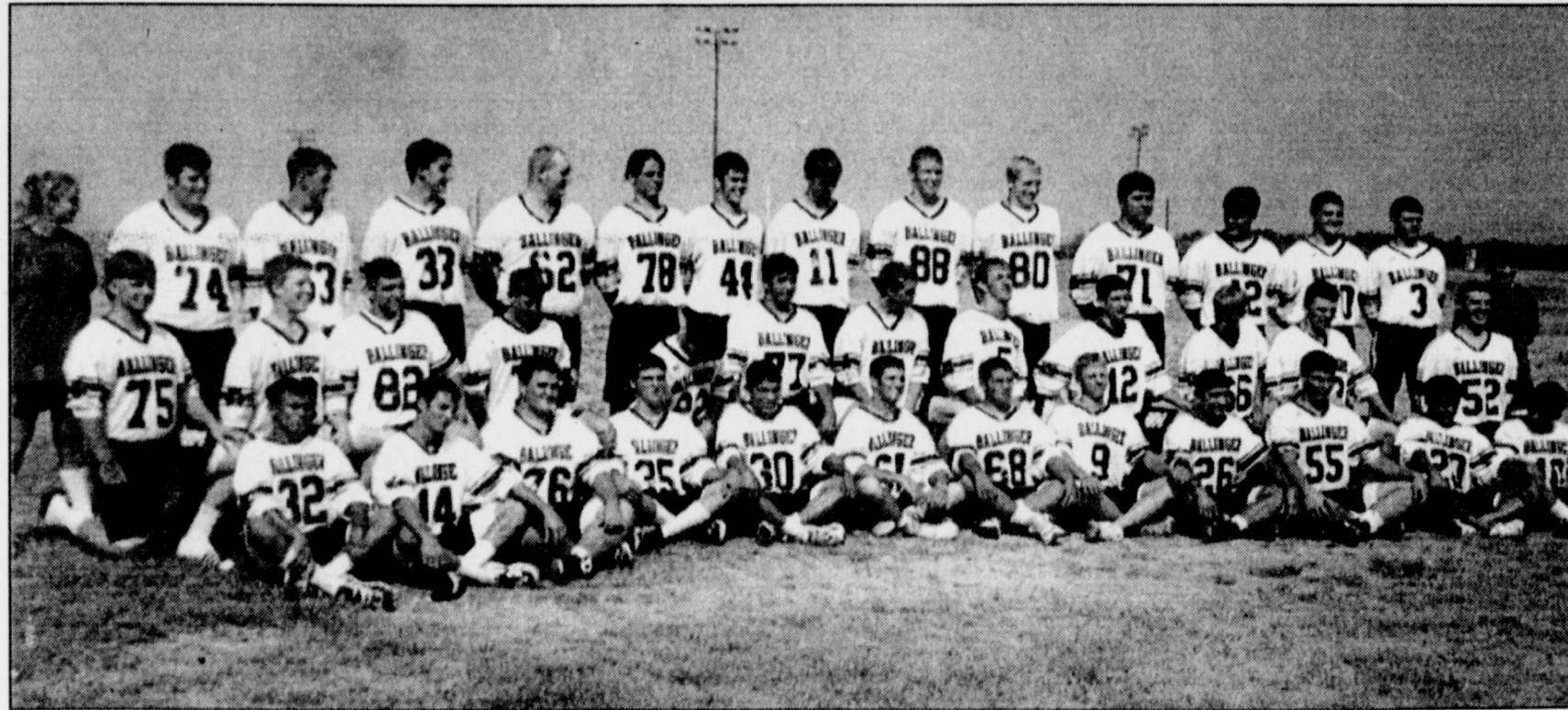
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MEMBERS OF THE BEARCAT VARSITY are, front row, from left, John Escobar, (32), Jimmy Halfmann, (14) Nathan Lange, (76), Jared Wheelless, (35), B. J. Jalomo, (61), Chris Jalomo, (68), Adam Frerich, (9), Caesar Martinez, (26), Chris Workman, (55), Michael Rangel, (20), Fabian Campos, (10). Second row, Larry Lancaster, Shaun Cowan, (60), Mike Garcia (82), Sheldon Sonnenberg (72), Lance Nixon, (64) Jarrod Power (22), John Cuellar (77), Lance Schwertner (7), Blake Wiley (5), Michael Velardo (12), Kris McCormick (66), Mitchell Bogges, (73), and Kevin Bolen, (52). Top row, Holly Morvant, manager, Joey Belden, (74), Kenny Gayoso, (63), Tanner Sykes, (33), Robert Ferguson, (62), Jared Weant, (78), Keller Wall, (45), Tyler McGee (11), Chris Burleson, (88), Joe Hoelscher, (80), Santiago Rodriguez, (71), John Billy Owens, (42), Brandon Goetz, (70), Keith Bogges, (3), Jennifer Tracy, manager. Not pictured is Jeremiah Galvan, (24).

Bearcats basically same team as last year, more experienced

by Don Henry

Special to The Ledger

A year ago, when the Bearcats returned to the football playoffs after a short layoff, they were young, led by a small senior class.

This time around, they will look basically like the same group, but they will be a year older and more experienced.

The schedule produces exactly the same opponents as a year ago — but that doesn't mean the opposition will be any easier.

What this sets up is an exciting season beginning Sept. 3 at Colorado City.

Ballinger's defense will be altered slightly, the offense may lean a bit more on passing, but the presence of much of last year's team is basis for the optimism.

"We will play some tough teams," is Danny Slaughter's assessment of the schedule as he enters his third season as the Bearcats' head coach. "But I feel we have a good team. I feel good about it."

A stack of returning starters — seven each way — who learned last year via on-the-job training will lead the Bearcats this fall.

"We may throw more this year than last," Slaughter said. "We got better throwing the ball late last season, then this summer, the kids learned a lot (about the passing game) playing seven-on-seven."

Returning quarterback Tyler McGee and other Bearcats competed in that 7-on-7 passing game, which brings the optimistic approach to aerial fireworks.

The running game will still be there in the Bearcats' basic wing-T offensive formation. The leading running back returns, plus a pair of former linemen will be moved back to the backfield for power.

The lines, offensively and defensively, are being rearranged, as a result of the position shifts. Also, with a larger squad and more experienced team, Slaughter hopes to platoon more: use more players, so the same few won't be tucked out late in the game.

The personnel changes brought John Billy Owens and Tanner Sykes, a pair of 195-pounders, from the line to the backfield. Both will be used at fullback and have been looking good in workouts, Slaughter said.

Also, a pair of linemen have switched positions, Chris Workman, a 220-pounder, shifting from guard to center, and Larry Lancaster (205) making the opposite change.

Mitchell Bogges is playing at center behind Workman, with Lance Nixon working at the right guard with Lancaster.

Chris Jalomo (185) and Sheldon Sonnenberg are playing at left guard. Brandon Goetz was a starter there last year but is out after undergoing knee surgery. Goetz is expected to return in midseason.

Five players are working at the offensive tackle spots, which are interchangeable in Slaughter's system. Joey Belden leads the group that includes Jared Weant, Robert Ferguson, Shaun Cowan, and Kevin Bolen.

Blake Wiley returns as a starter at tight end, with Joe Hoelscher and Keller Wall making this a very strong position.

Chris Burleson plays at split end, along with Mike Garcia and Mike Velardo. At the receiver positions, coaches hope to rotate the Bearcats, to keep fresh receivers in at all times.

McGee, who started at quarterback a year ago as a sophomore, has added about 15 pounds — to 180 — from last year. Adam Frerich backs him up and also works in the secondary.

Caesar Martinez returns at tailback. Jared Wheelless and B.J. Jalomo add strength at tailback.

Martinez was the Bearcats' leading rusher last year. And despite owning only a 5-foot-8, 150-pound frame, he's fast. He's also strong — one of the team's top powerlifters, Slaughter said.

Defensively, Workman, Bolen, Ferguson and Belden will work at ends, with Owens, Lancaster, and Weant filling the tackle spots. Ballinger hopes to rotate the defensive linemen, to cut down on the fatigue factor.

Sykes (middle), Lance Schwertner (strong side) and Hoelscher (weak side) started at linebacker last year, and all return.

Cowan and B.J. Jalomo are working at the middle spot, Sonnenberg and Wiley at strong and Lance Nixon and

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Wylie district favorite but Bearcats ready to battle for 1999 title in tough district 6-3A

by Don Henry

Special to The Ledger

Abilene Wylie has been established as the District 6-3A favorite, but Ballinger is expected to battle for the title. A year ago, Brady ruled as district champion, with Wylie finishing second and the Bearcats taking the district's third play-off spot.

Ballinger lost to Childress 38-3 in bidistrict and finished the year with a 5-6 record.

The Bearcats will play exactly the same schedule as last year, with the sites reversed from 1998.

"Wylie, because of its numbers (the state's largest Class 3A school) is always going to be strong," Slaughter said.

"Brady lost its coach, but it will be good again. Clyde has a new coach, and they have some good players."

Wylie is ranked as high as ninth in the state in preseason polls.

A challenging nondistrict schedule will prepare the Bearcats for 6-3A foes. Among Ballinger's nondistrict oppo-

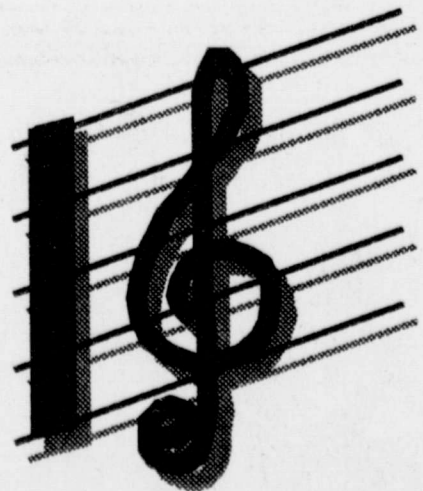
nents, only Greenwood failed to reach the state playoffs last year.

"Llano will be strong again after going to the playoffs," Slaughter said. "Coleman definitely will be stronger (in Class 2A). Greenwood is changing its offense, so I expect it to be tough. Comanche also. Colorado City should be good too."

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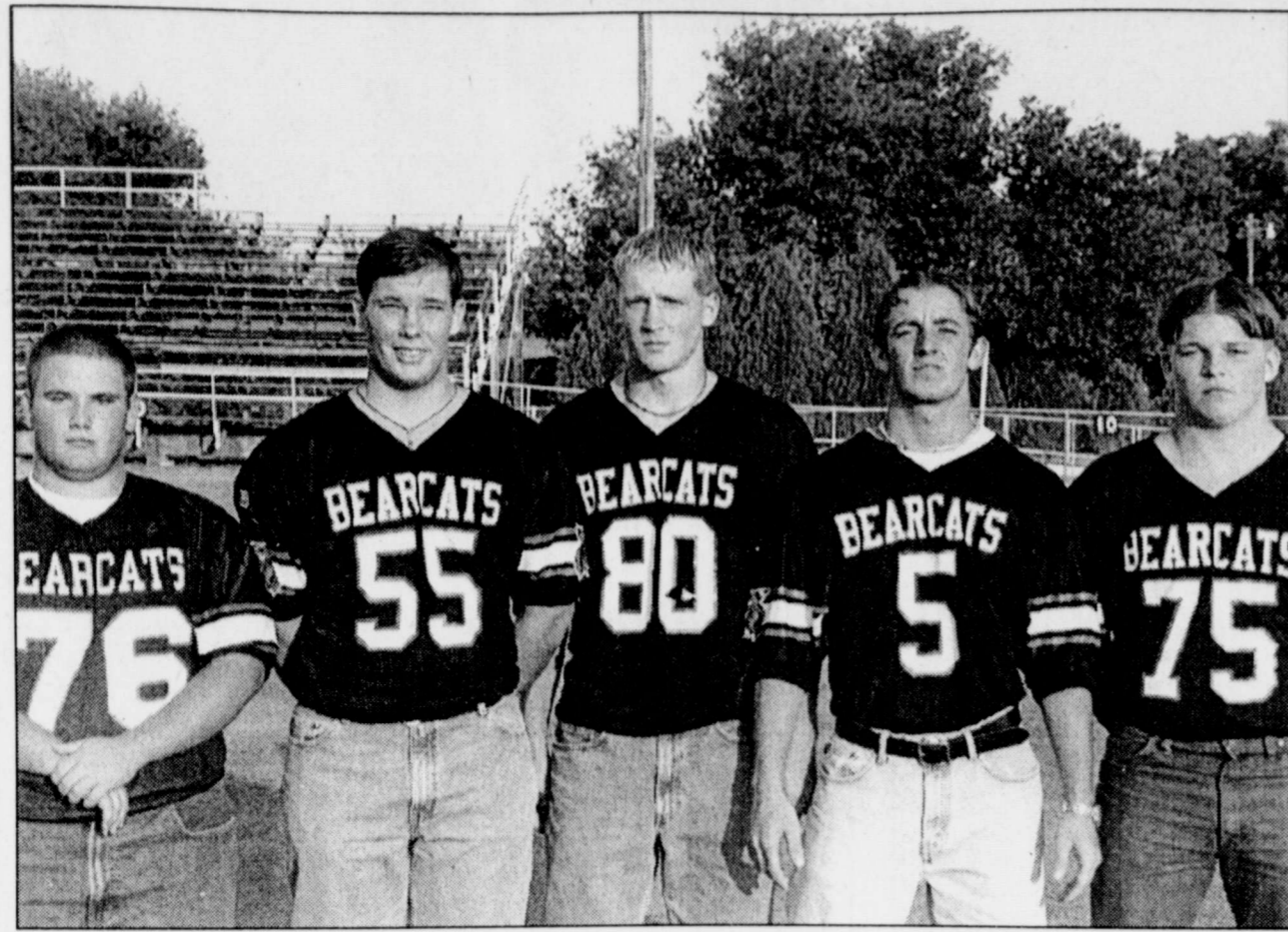


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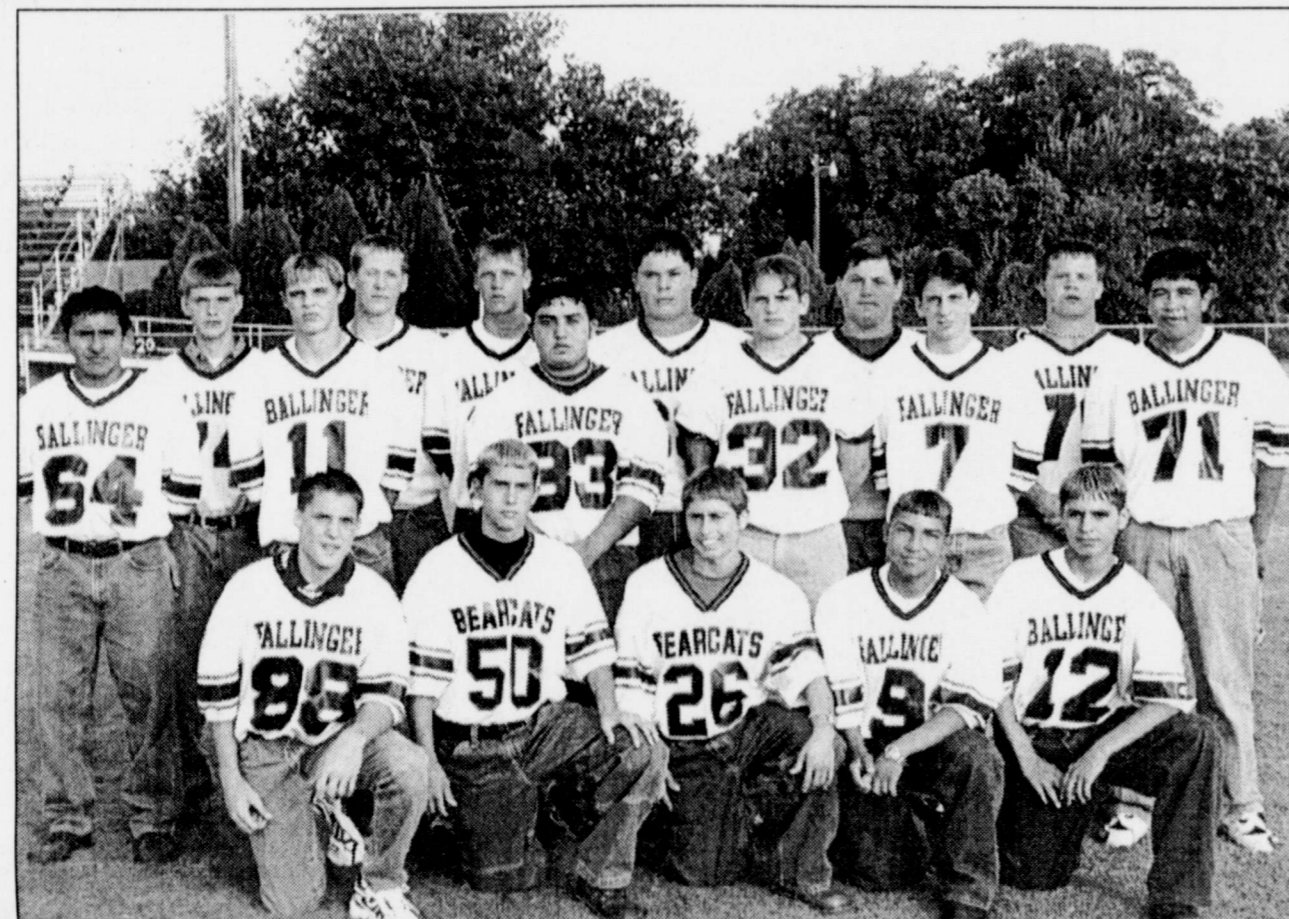
SERVING THE varsity Bearcats as captains this year are, from left, Nathan Lange, Chris Workman, Joe Hoelscher, Blake Wiley and Larry Lancaster.

BEARCAT CHEERLEADERS



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VARSITY CHEERLEADERS for 1999-2000 are, from left, Regina Jalomo, Megan Pollan, Veronica Gonzales, Stephanie Gonzales, Head Cheerleader, Tasha Keesee, Kari Thompson, Lindsey Henry and Sara Travis.



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THE JUNIOR VARSITY Bearcats are, kneeling, from left, Jason Gibbs, Patrick DeNigro, B. J. Narro, Justin Lopez and Mark Majalca. Standing, Gabriel Lopez, John Lee, Tyler Edmonson, Justin Nicholson, Blake Frerich, Ray Lopez, Tyler Carter, Trey Roach, Kerry Goetz, Ace Trowbridge, Brandon Fulton and Oscar Galindo.



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BEARCAT COACHING STAFF: kneeling, Matt Shoemaker, Head Coach Danny Slaughter, Jeff Butts. Standing, Robert Buxkemper, Brent Lucas, Bryan Allen, Craig Slaughter and Will Thompson.



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JUNIOR VARSITY cheerleaders are, from left, Kelly Travis, Chasity Rose, Stephanie Hardwick, Heather Powers, Jessica Kresta, head cheerleader, Robby Bryan, Kayla Burlison and Sharell Posey.

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Fabian Campos at weak line-backer.

Rotation is also the word at cornerback, with Jimmy Halfmann, Michael Rangel, Jeremiah Galvan, Wheelless, Weant and Wall in the picture.

At the safety spots, Frerich, a returnee, and Velardo are the leaders. Weant and Wheelless will work into the rotation.

Kicking is in the competent hands — oops, leg — of Keith Boggess, a second-team all-stater last year.

With accuracy past 50 yards, Boggess is a definite plus in the Ballinger offense. If the offense is stopped inside the 35-yard line, Ballinger is still in scoring range via a Boggess field goal try.

Boggess kicked eight of 14 field goal tries last year, including three over 50 yards and two more measuring 48 yards. He also was perfect on 21 extra-point kicks.

Sykes or Schwertner will handle the punting.

All this gives credence to Slaughter's optimistic assessment of the Bearcats.

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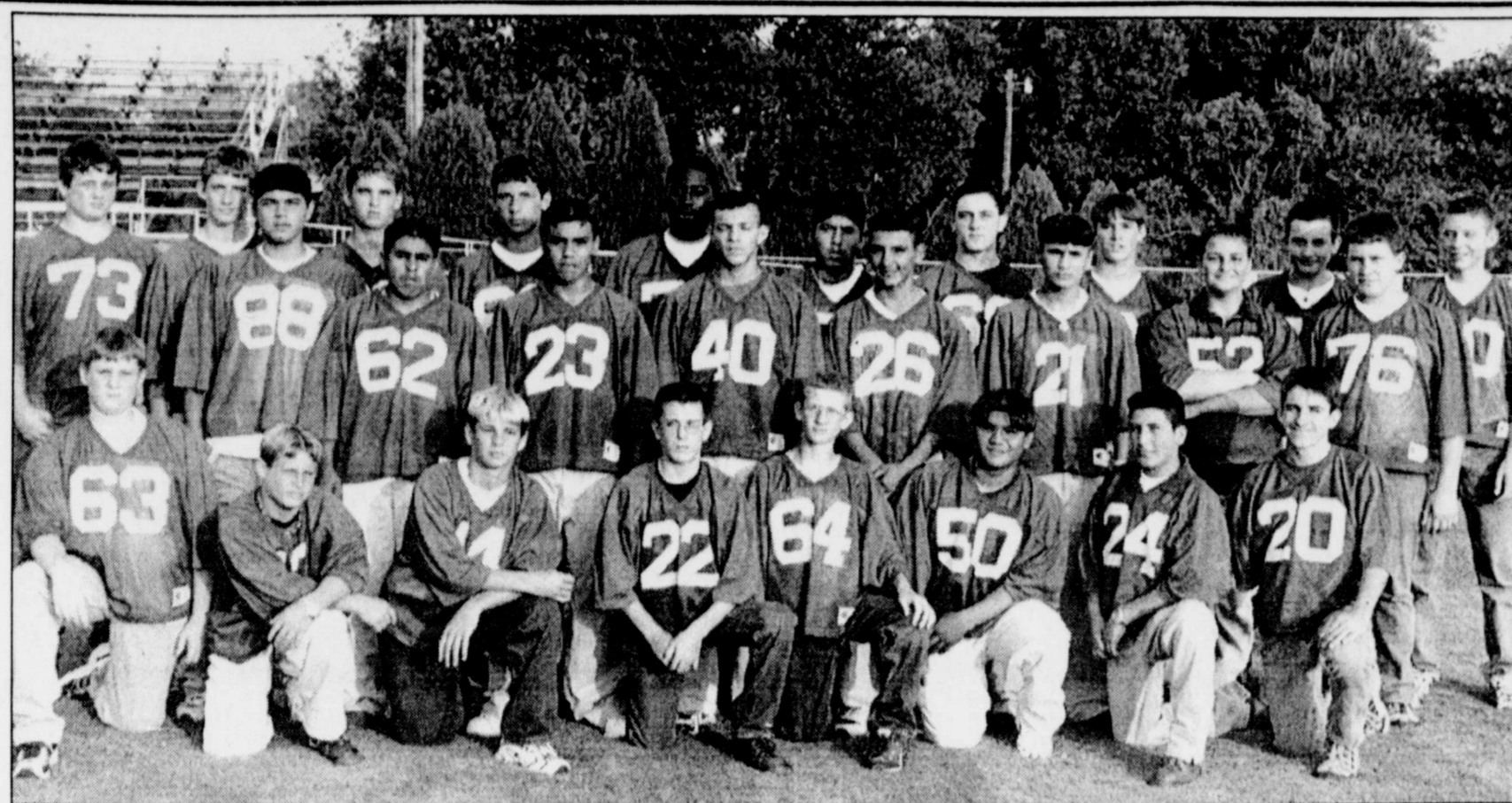
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FRESHMAN BEARCATS are, front row, from left, Eric Hale, Tyler Smith, Zachary Fischer, Justin Trowbridge, Ryan Gleghorn, Roberto Correa, Jeremy Lopez, and Jeffery Hunter. Middle row, Patrick Albarado, Abraham Martinez, Fernando Gonzales, Enrique Gonzales, Joe Lopez, Harvey Rangel, Ben Patterson and J. H. Palmer. Back Row, John Clark, Hunter Simmons, Chaz Delcamp, Randy Williams, Jarrod Clark, Jose Gutierrez, Brandon Dierschke, Zane Denton, Seth Brewer, Jeffery Earnshaw.



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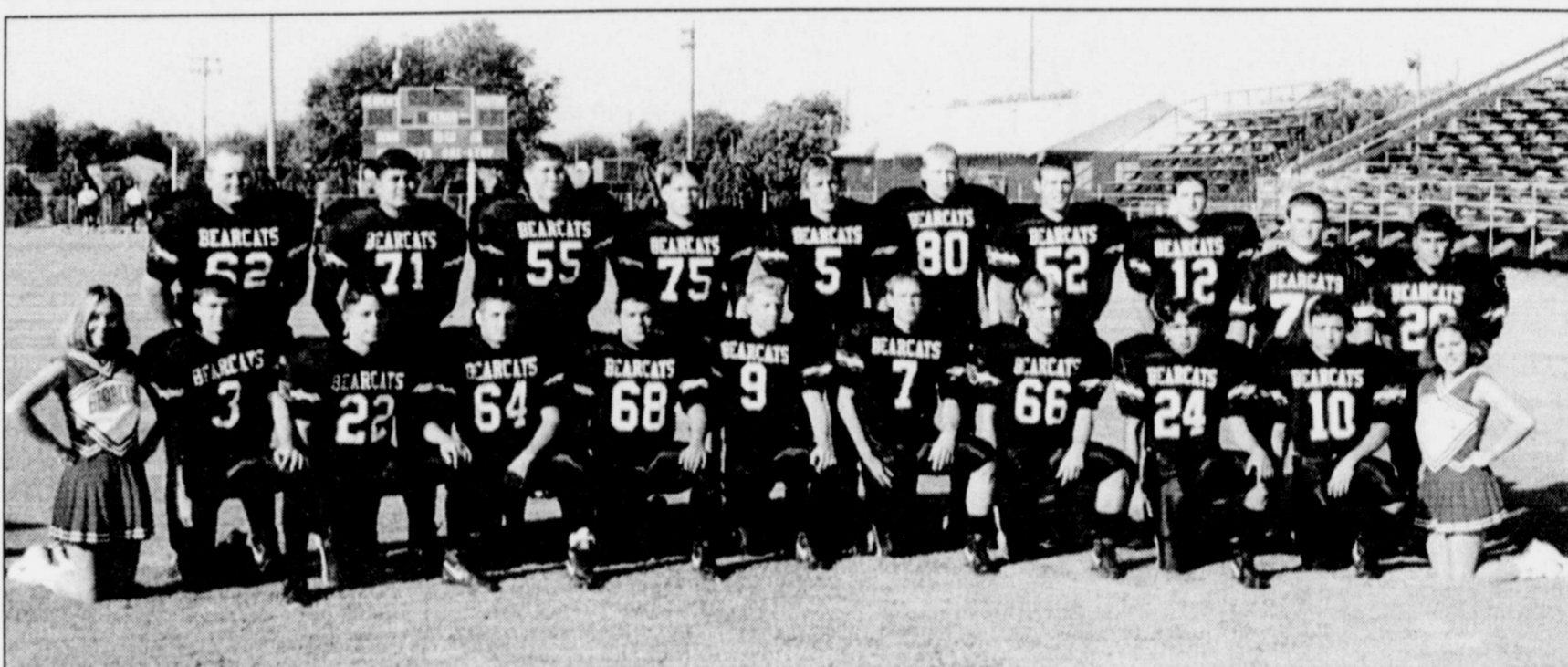
WENDY LANGE is the Bearcat Band's feature twirler.

What is a Bearcat?



One dictionary defines a Bearcat as a person or thing having exceptional power, strength, energy, etc. An encyclopedia lists Bearcat under the name Binturong. The binturong is a kind of civet. All civets communicate with scent. They leave their mark—you'll need to look it up in the encyclopedia to know how they do that!! The Binturong is a forest-dwelling civet cat native to southeastern Asia. We know some Bearcats that don't live in the forest and they leave their marks on the football field!!

THEIR FINAL YEAR



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SENIOR CHEERLEADERS are Tasha Keese and Stephanie Gonzales. Senior Bearcats are, front row, from left, Keith Boggess, Jarrod Power, Lance Nixon, Chris Jalomo, Adam Frerich, Lance Schwertner, Kris McCormick, Jeremiah Galvan and Fabian Campos. Back row, Robert Ferguson, Santiago Rodriguez, Chris Workman, Larry Lancaster, Blake Wiley, Joe Hoelscher, Kevin Bolen, Michael Velardo, Nathan Lange and Michael Rangel.

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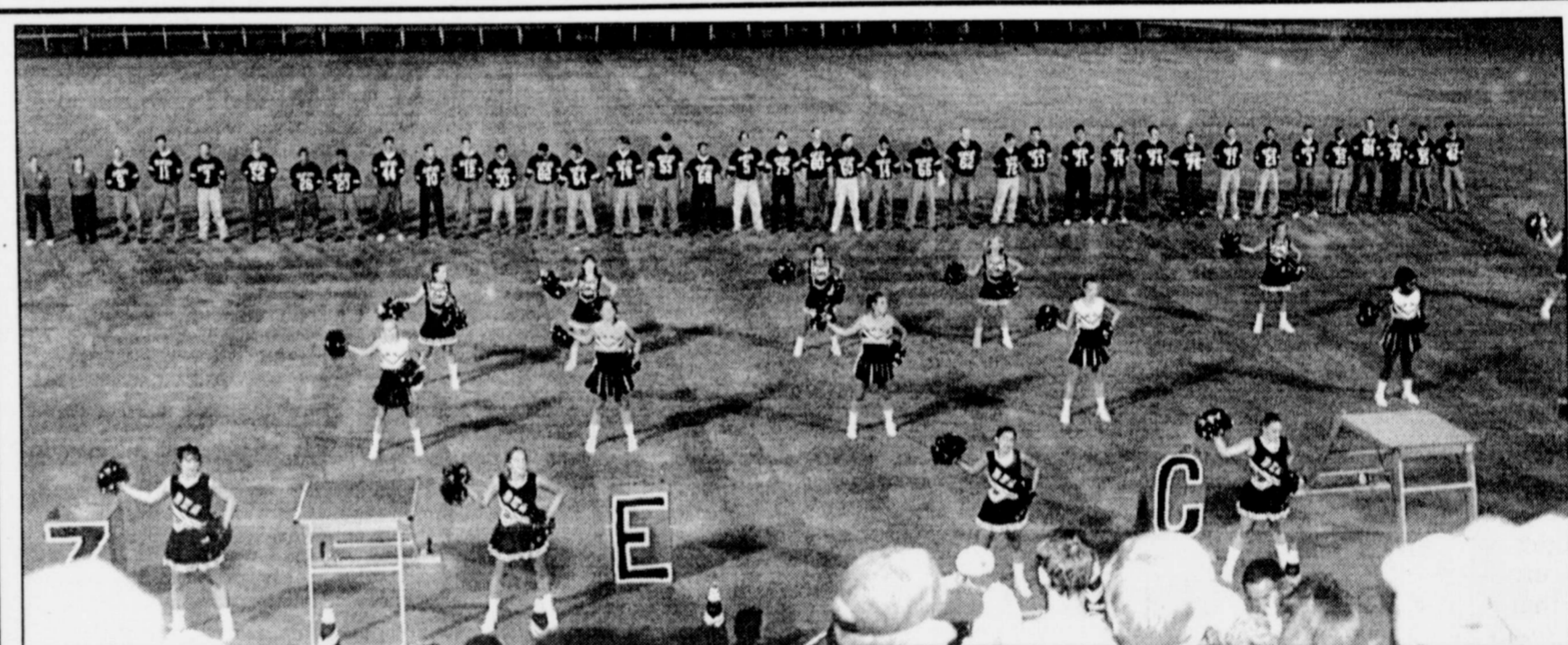
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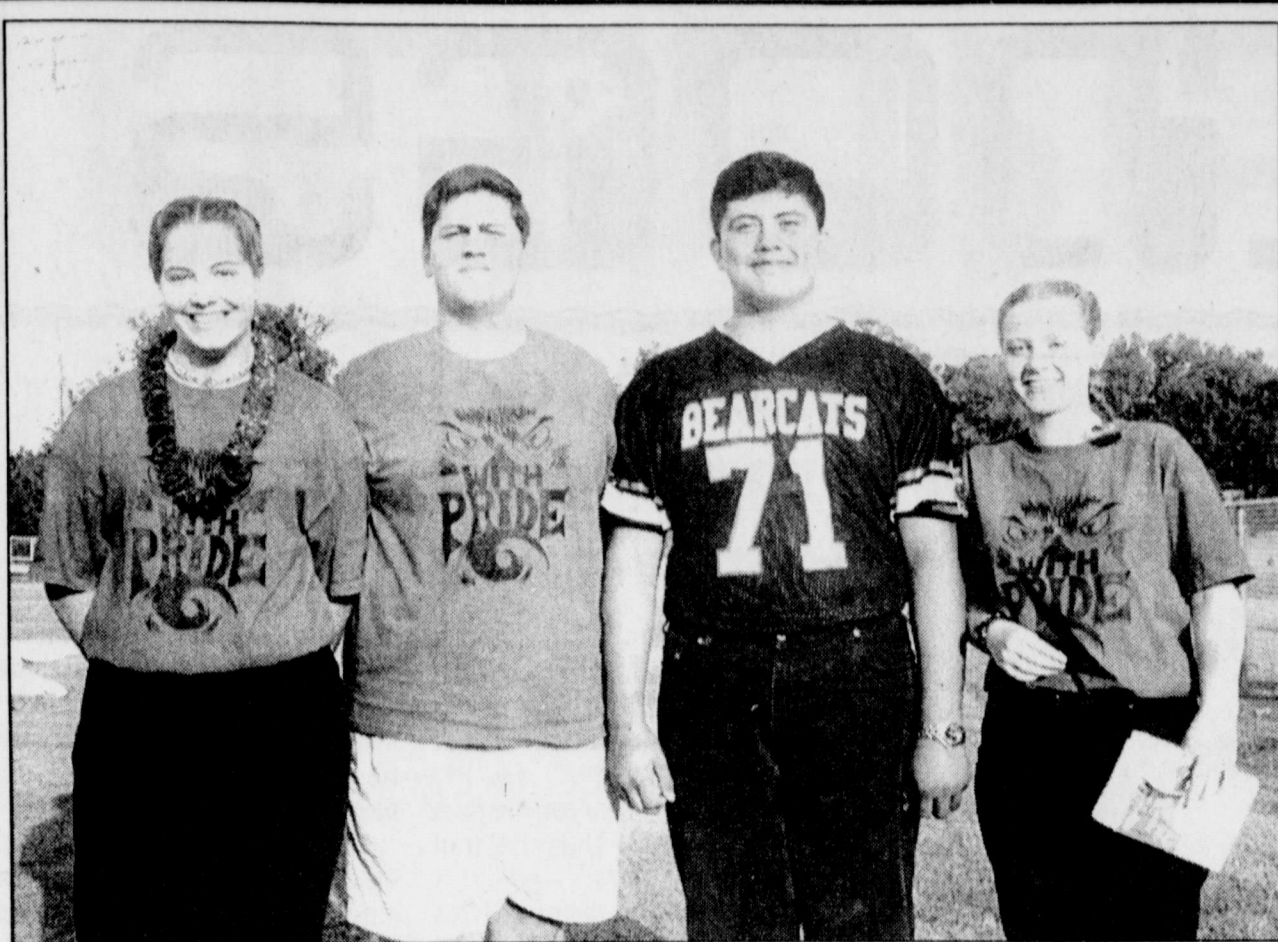
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LEADING THE BEARCAT BAND as Drum Majors this year are, from left, Casey McDonald, Billy Merfeld, Santiago Rodriquez and Lauren Leckie.



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THE BEARCAT BAND FLAG CORPS consists of, bottom, Melissa Hurt, Holly Englert; middle, Cali Dill, Sarah Blesing, Sara Baird; top, Kayla Niehues, Chana Buchanan and Kari Reyes.

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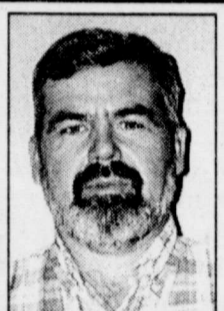
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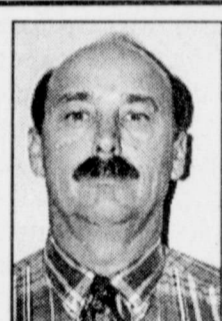
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Bearcat football, Keith and Mitchell. Keith is a kicker and Mitchell is a lineman. He'll probably have plenty of help in his picks.

Diane Carter is a back door business neighbor who has a son, Tyler, a freshman Bearcat. Diane likes to see her son's picture in the paper, but she had to approve the picture we took of her before we could print it!

Johnny Fulton has a son, Brandon, playing football. Johnny is a big Bearcat fan, enthusiastic enough that he has

bared his chest for the world to see!!

Mike Goetz was kind of reluctant because he has an ace picker working with him. But, when I told him he could let Joe Martinez advise him, he agreed to prognosticate. His son, Brandon, is a varsity Bearcat who has recently un-

dergone knee surgery.

Dot Hoelscher's son, Joe, is one of the Bearcat captains. She was the reluctant prognosticator. She told me she has her eyes closed for most of the game!!

John McAlester is the only one of the pickers who doesn't

have a son playing. He works for the probation department and is a regular coffee drinker at Short Stop—with the group that can solve any problem which comes up!



The 1999 Pigskin Prognosticators are a unique group, in the fact that all but one have a son playing football for the Bearcats. Everyone pretty much agreed to do the "job" enthusiastically except one. She said, "I hate football—why would I want to do that?" After a couple of days thinking about it, she came back with an affirmative answer, even saying, "I'm going to win this thing—what's the winner get?"

At that question, I kind of hedged, but finally had to tell her the winner gets a big "thank you." After some thought (she seems to be a thinking type person)—she said that's okay, I'm still going to win this thing.

So, there's the challenge to all the rest of these prognosticators.

This year we have Sam Boggess who has two sons playing

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MILES BULLDOG varsity football team, front row, from left, Gabriel Llanas, Matt Kuhlman, Cliff Gesch, Mark Koegle, Jason Schniers, Justin Ward, Terrell Harris and Jason Marino. Second row, Brandon Churchwell, Cody Driver, Isaac Torres, Drew Reccio, Colby Glass, Eric Mostacci, A. J. Castaneda, Jarrod Fischer, Coach Riddle. Third row, Coach Evans, Jesse Rector, Omer Puente, Jose Diaz, Nathan Glass, Chadd Brown, Matt Groat, Luis Llanas, Ty Groat. Top row, Coach Crawford, Joe Reyes, James Jones, Trevor Probandt, Jay Springer, Clay McGill, Alfred Castaneda, Gabriel Castaneda, Isaac Garza, David Gartman and Coach McGuire.

Miles looking to improve over last year, returning six

by Don Henry

Special to The Ledger

Coach Roy Evans ran into a very pleasant quandary earlier this summer:

He had more players report for fall practice than he had jerseys.

The statistics when Miles began football workouts earlier this month indicated about six more bodies than game jerseys.

"We only ordered about 32 or 33 jerseys, because that's what we usually need," Evans said. "But with about 37 or 38 varsity boys (reporting), we had to go back and order more."

An abundance of bodies is a plus for any football program, especially in a Class A school such as Miles. About two-thirds of the Bulldogs are freshmen and sophomores, which means less experience but more chances for younger players to gain experience.

In addition to the numbers, a Bulldog plus this fall is the return of six offensive and defensive starters as Miles tries to improve on last year's 3-7 record.

Evans is taking over as head coach for his first year at Miles, replacing Don Abbott. Evans was on the Bulldogs' coaching staff for the past two seasons, so he is familiar with the personnel.

Evans will try to build the Bulldogs around the returnees. That enlarged varsity squad also includes 17 lettermen.

Evans seeks a balanced offense this fall, and one of his prime challenges is developing a line to protect the running/passing attack.

"We're in a tough district — Baird is ranked in the state (sixth in one pre-season poll)," Evans said, "but I think we will be competitive. We have to stay healthy, though."

The experience is weighted heavily in the backfield area, with the Bulldogs returning Ty Groat at tailback, Isaac Garza at fullback and Omar Puente at quarterback.

The line-rebuilding project will have returnees Joe Reyes at center, Trevor Probandt at offensive guard and 230-pound Clay McGill at offensive guard.

A year ago, Groat, 150-pounder, rushed for more than

1,000 yards, which means the Bulldogs' opponents will have a man to watch.

"Ty's strong for his size, and he has good speed," Evans said.

The six returnees also started on defense last year, Garza, Puente and Groat in the secondary, Reyes and McGill at defensive end, and Probandt at linebacker.

However, this year, with more experience available, Evans hopes he can hold Puente out of defensive play.

As Evans goes about rebuilding the line, he will look in the direction of Jay Springer, a 215-pound guard to work on the other side of Reyes.

With Groat, the Bulldogs have a definite running threat. And with Puente, there is a passing threat. However, the thrower is just half of a passing game.

You need catchers as well.

"We have to develop some receivers," Evans said. "We have some prospects, we just have to have somebody who can catch it."

A tough district and tough opponents means ... well, a tough challenge to move up in the 13-A standings.

"Baird (with eight starters returning both ways) is ranked, then Bronte and Eden are strong," Evans said.

"We played some tough games last year that didn't go our way. We should — well, we could — have won more than we did," Evans said.

"We had Cross Plains down 21-0 and ran out of gas (and lost).

"Baird (1998 district champion) beat us 21-17, and it was 17-14 in the fourth quarter. Those are the kind of games we need to win."

Evans will be competing this year with a small senior group — six to be exact.

The junior class also is small, "only seven or eight."

Which means Evans will have plenty of time to put that supplemental order of new uniforms to use in the future.

"We're in a tough district...but I think we will be competitive."
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MILES BULLDOG cheerleaders are, sitting, from left, Sandy Garza and Briana Smith. Kneeling, Mandy Gesch, Shelby Millner, Ciji Rankin (mascot), Rachel Hoelscher and Patricia Daniels. Standing, Shandie Holberg, head cheerleader, Keri Hoelscher, Chelsie McCartney and Megan Rowoldt.

Bulldog Varsity Schedule

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| September 03 | Harper | Away |
| September 10 | Robert Lee | Home |
| September 17 | Irion County | Away |
| September 24 | Garden City | Home |
| October 01 | Menard | Away |
| October 08* | Baird | Home |
| October 15** | Santa Anna | Home |
| October 22* | Cross Plains | Away |
| October 29* | Eden | Home |
| November 05* | Bronte | Away |

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| September 09 | Robert Lee | Away |
| September 16 | Irion County | Home |
| September 23 | Garden City | Away |
| September 30 | Menard | Home |
| October 07 | Baird | Away |
| October 14 | Santa Anna | Away |
| October 21 | Cross Plains | Home |
| October 28 | Eden | Away |
| November 04 | Bronte | Home |

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INDIANS



Indians now have stability, numbers

by Don Henry

Special to The Ledger

Stability, numbers, experience and competition could be the keys for an improved football season for the Paint Rock Indians.

Sam Boyd provides the head coaching stability. Twenty-eight players provide the numbers, and four returning starters provide the experience.

So, Boyd hopes all this adds up to a competitive team in the six-man District 10.

"We hope to improve on that," Boyd said, with an emphatic shake of his head, as he talked of the Indians' 2-6 record from 1998.

"We should be much more competitive this year, with the (veteran) kids we have coming back and a bigger squad."

Boyd's handshake is firm when he meets you, he looks you in the eye as he talks, which lets you know he believes in what he's doing. It's all an indication of the commitment he has to make a winner out of the Indians.

The Indians, he says, need to see some stability in their football program. This is his third year as head coach of the Indians, and he hopes that stretch — after Paint Rock went through a series of coaches — gives the Indians some sense of familiarity with what he's trying to accomplish.

Every season he has become more comfortable with the team, and the team has become more comfortable with him.

Is this the season when all the parts fit together?

"We're shooting to make the

playoffs this year," Boyd said. "We'll have to be lucky, though, and stay away from injuries."

"It looks like Highland and Blackwell are the top teams (in the district). We want to get in there if we can."

The district also includes Loraine, Trent and Veribest, which is playing football for the second year and thus has all its starters back.

Paint Rock returns four starters from last year, which lends a touch of experience — and optimism for Indian fans.

A year ago, Carlos Ruiz started at quarterback, Ashley Carpenter played center-end, Casey Hoffman was a starting running back and Brad Mathieson was a regular at end offensively. The foursome also started defensively.

And all are back for more play.

To fill the remaining two starting spots, Boyd is looking for competition from Tobias Correa, Ramiro Ramirez, Jake Whitten and Kyle Whitten.

"We're not real fast," Boyd said, "just average speed, but we'll work hard."

Including the starters, a squad of 28 reported for initial workouts, and that is relatively good size for a six-man school.

In an effort to pile up the points, Boyd will send the Indians out in a multiple offense in quest of the playoffs.

"We'll run one of four formations. If one doesn't work, we'll go to one of the others."

"But we'll have to stay healthy."

We should be much more competitive this year, with the kids we have coming back and a bigger squad.

...Coach Sam Boyd

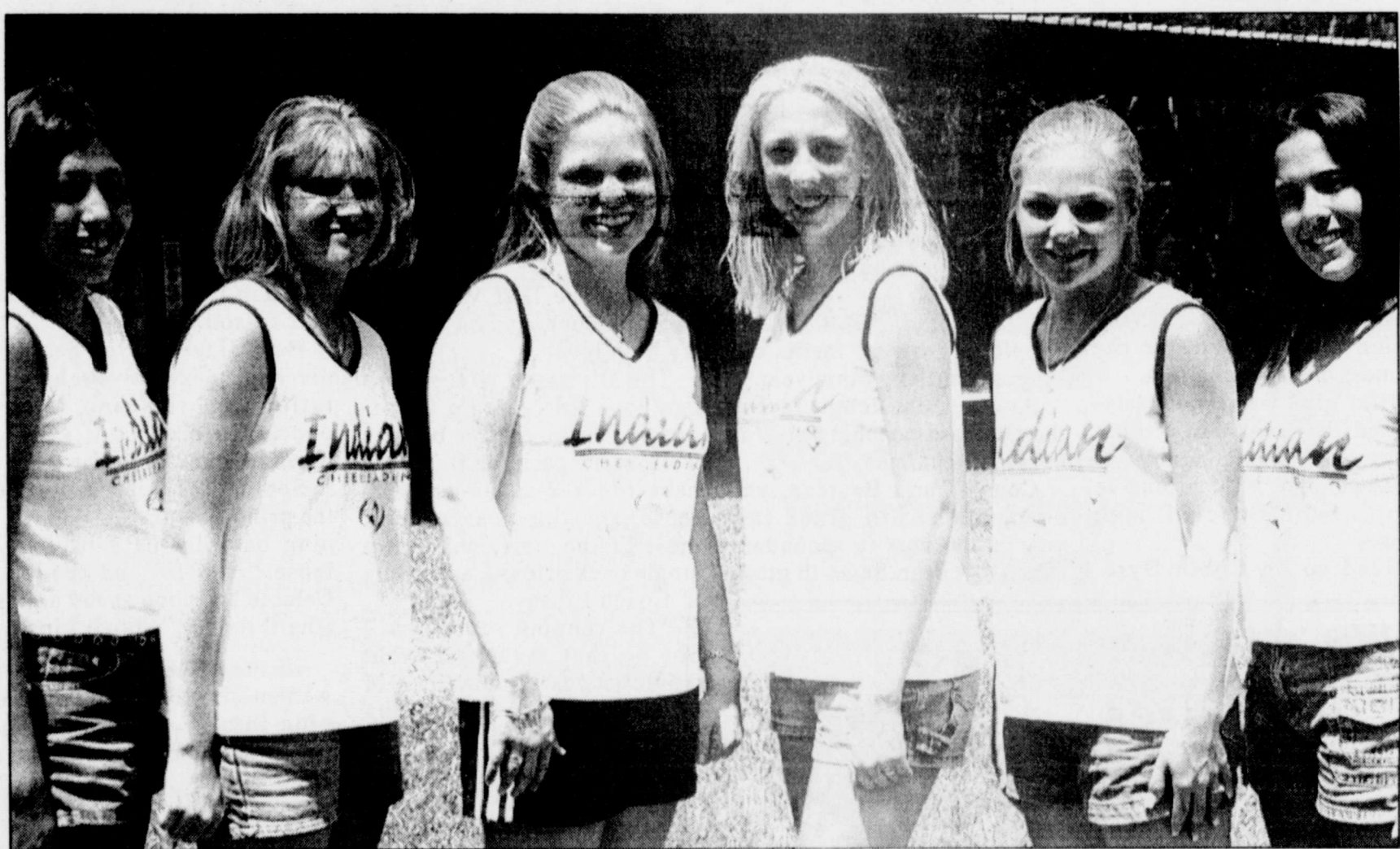
PAINT ROCK INDIANS



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THE PAINT ROCK varsity squad: first row, left to right, Jake Whitten, Carlos Ruiz, Ramiro Ramirez, Brad Mathieson, Casey Hoffman; second row from left, David Knight, Mack Henry, Wes Lowe, Tobias Correa, Willie Haney, Cole Westbrook; top row, from left, Tiffany Owens, Kyle Whitten, Tim Owens, Kevin Brenek, Travis Wallace and Zach Webb.

CHEERING THE INDIANS TO VICTORY



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PAINT ROCK INDIAN cheerleaders are, from left, Melissa Mendez, Kayla Cook, Amber Lieber, Stormi Walker, Jessica Ellison and Sonia Castillo.

Indian Varsity Schedule

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| Sept. 03 | Buena Vista | Away |
| Sept. 10 | Lohn | Home |
| Sept. 16 | Brookesmith J.V. | Home |
| Sept. 24 | Highland | Home |
| Oct. 01 | OPEN | |
| Oct. 08* | Trent | Home |
| Oct. 15** | Veribest | Home |
| Oct. 22* | Loraine | Away |
| Oct. 29* | Highland | Away |
| Nov. 05* | Blackwell | Home |
| Nov. 12 | OPEN | |

*District Games

All Games Begin at 7:30 p.m.

Jr. High Schedule

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|----------|-------------|---|
| Sept. 09 | Olfen | T |
| Sept. 16 | Brookesmith | H |
| Sept. 23 | Novice | T |
| Sept. 30 | Veribest | T |
| Oct. 07 | Highland | H |
| Oct. 14 | Trent | T |
| Oct. 21 | Loraine | H |
| Oct. 28 | Blackwell | T |

All games begin at 6:00 p.m.

Jr. Varsity Schedule

| | | |
|----------|-----------|---|
| Sept. 02 | TBA | |
| Sept. 09 | TBA | |
| Sept. 23 | Novice | T |
| Sept. 30 | Veribest | T |
| Oct. 07 | Highland | H |
| Oct. 14 | TBA | |
| Oct. 21 | Loraine | H |
| Oct. 28 | Blackwell | H |

All games begin at 7:00 p.m.

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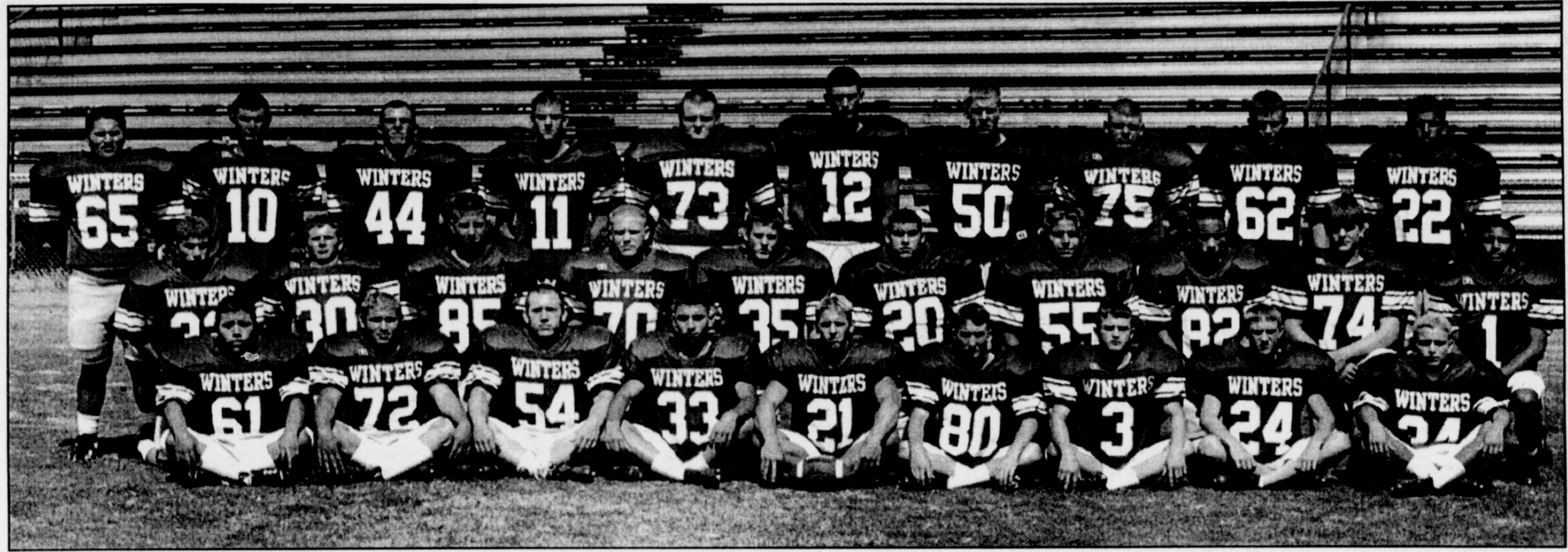
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1999 VARSITY BLIZZARDS



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VARSITY TEAM MEMBERS are, back row, from left, #65 Louis Esquivel, #10 Aaron Pritchard, #44 Kirk Byrd, #11 Wade Parramore, #73 Chris Hoppe, #12 Josh Minzenmayer, #50 John Bahlman, #75 Samson Jackson, #62 Matt Angel, and #22 Ezequiel Martinez. Middle row, #32 Jason Esquivel, #30 Justin Davis, #85 Ben Blaine, #70 Aaron Taylor, #35 Jeremy Hope, #20 Roger Martinez, #55 Chris Lujano, #82 Chris Yanez, #74 Joey Joeris, and #1 Gary Woodbury. Front row, #61 Kevin Flores, #72 Andrew Medina, #54 Craig Conner, #33 Oscar Luz, #21 Wes Calcote, #80 Jeffrey Oats, #3 Taylor Brown, #24 Justin Calcote, and #34 Tony Aguero.

1999 Blizzards sport new faces, new positions

The 1999 Blizzards are hoping for *deja vu* all over again with playoff plans down the road.

After finishing 11-1 last year as bi-district champions, the Blizzards are picked to finish in third place in district 25-2A behind Goldthwaite and Coleman.

Winters came into last season ranked seventh in the state. The pollsters this year don't have such lofty expectations for this Blizzards team, which does not bother the Winters coaches one iota.

"I'm glad we're not state-ranked this year, but I think we're really going to surprise some people," said offensive coordinator Coach Chuck Lipsey.

Head coach Robin Byrd,

now in his seventh year at Winters with a 56-14-1 record, says he thinks this will be another exciting year for Blizzards football. New faces and new positions always provide a fresh challenge for players and coaches alike.

With ten starters back (five on offense and five on defense), many of the junior varsity players are going to have to step up very quickly to the varsity level.

Byrd stated, "Getting new people to grow up fast is our biggest challenge this year."

Another challenge facing the Blizzards coaching staff is coaching changes.

Coach Chris Bearden who coached the 8th grade last year is the varsity secondary coach this year. Seventh grade

coach Shane Mobley moved to varsity defensive lineman coach. Ken Fowler is over the receivers and Robert White also works with the secondary.

Rounding out the coaching

"I'm glad we're not state-ranked this year, but I think we're really going to surprise some people." — Coach Chuck Lipsey

staff will be Biff White and Richard Buchanan on the junior high level.

The Blizzards will sport a new look this year on the offensive side of the ball as well. In the past, the Blizzards have run a 2-and-3-back offense, and this year, at least most of the time, will run a single back offense, according to Coach Lipsey.

"The running scheme will not be that much different from past years but because of a lack of depth in running backs, we are forced to this formation this year," said Lipsey.

This puts more pressure on the passing game than the running game.

WHS junior Josh Minzenmayer will be playing quarterback. Minzenmayer served as backup quarterback last year but spent most of his playing time as receiver and defensive back. Blizzards fans

might well remember the bi-district playoff game against Salado when Minzenmayer suffered a severe ankle break which not only ended his football season but kept him off

the court for the entire basketball season.

But Minzenmayer has undergone an extensive rehabilitation program and is expected to come out strong when he hits the gridiron.

Senior Wes Calcote will be the primary workhorse at running back in the 1-back offense. "At 5'10" and 185 lbs., Calcote has good speed and is a hard runner," stated Lipsey.

In the offensive line there will be some new people stepping into new positions but the Blizzards will still have good size.

Sophomore Chris Hoppe, 6'3", 275 lbs.; junior Samson Jackson, 6'1", 230 lbs.; Chris Lujano, senior, 5'11", 200 lbs.; Craig Conner, senior, 5'10", 195 lbs.; and senior John Bahlman, 6'2", 195 lbs. round out the possible starting offensive lineup.

On defense, seventh year

coach Charles Murphy also has new faces in new positions. Transfer Aaron Taylor, a 6', 215 lb. senior, will be anchoring the split defense at middle linebacker. Craig Conner has moved from linebacker to defensive end and "seems to be adapting well," states Murphy.

Rotating at defensive tackle will be Hoppe, Jackson and junior Louis Esquivel. Lujano will be returning as defensive end.

Coach Byrd stated, "As usual in class 2A, for the Blizzards to do well and get into the playoffs, we have to stay healthy."

With 29 players on the varsity and 33 players on the junior varsity, Coach Byrd can't afford any injuries in some positions.

The Blizzards open the regular season in non-district play on Friday, September 3, against the Jim Ned Indians in Tuscola.

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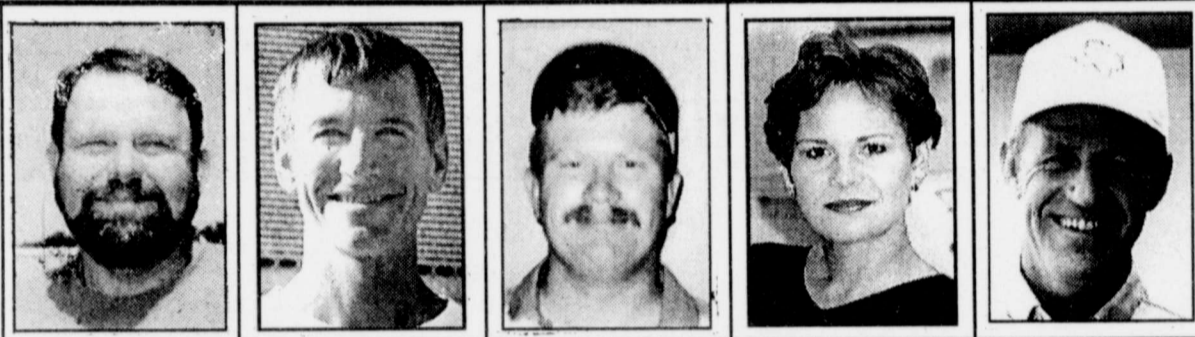


BLIZZARD MASCOT is Tracie Morrison. She will be assisting the varsity cheerleaders during pep rallies and football games.

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Fearless
Football
Forecasters



Dale Montgomery Larry Walker Kevin Floyd Rhonda Goetz Monte Angel

Watch here for weekly predictions and summaries
September 2 through November 11.

Fearless Forecasters pick a great season

by Jean Boles, Winters Enterprise Editor

Back for another year as Fearless Football Forecasters for the varsity Blizzards will be Rhonda Goetz, Larry Walker, Dale Montgomery, Monte Angel and Kevin Floyd.

Last year's Forecasters ran an extremely close race, which was amazing since they all knew there was no actual prize for the winner.

Larry Walker and Dale Montgomery tied for the distinguished (or is it extinguished?) title of Champion Forecaster with records of 68 correct guesses and 32 misinformed choices.

Mr. Montgomery, the in-charge maintenance maestro for Winters schools, has issued the challenge to all Fore-

casters, especially to Mr. Walker. And anyone who knows Walker knows that he's not about to back down from a challenge.

With Larry's "advisory board" at the Wingate gin where he "works" — and I use the term loosely — the competition could get pretty intense.

Another Fearless Forecaster, Monte Angel of MCA Fertilizer, probably carries twice the pressure that the others do. Not only does he have to face public humiliation at all the local coffee shops for any incorrect guesses (after all, everybody there had all the right answers), but he's also my brother-in-law and that alone is enough stress for

anybody.

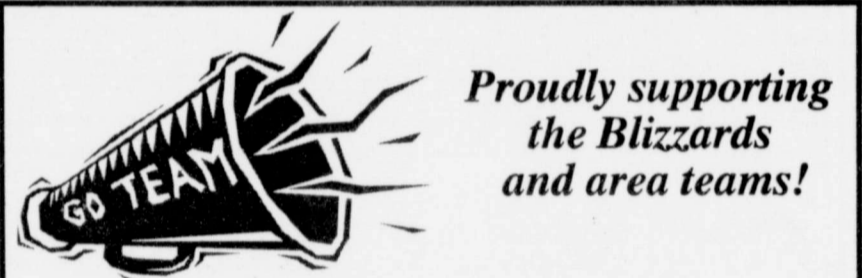
But I have confidence in you, dear Monte, and I'm rooting for you all the way (and remember this if you get my name again for Christmas, O.K.?).

Kevin Floyd, the quietest of the Forecasters, was very diplomatic last year and finished behind Walker and Montgomery (although he told me that he could have won if he had really wanted to).

A salesman for Alderman-Cave, Kevin is on the road most of the time so his sweet wife Landa finds time not only to take care of their two precious little boys but to track down Kevin and get his football picks then lateral all the good info back to my office.

Last, but certainly not least (but definitely the prettiest of the group), is Rhonda Goetz. As secretary for the school superintendent, she wears many hats (and always looks great in any of them). Seriously, she takes care of bunches of people and does it all with a smile. And for anyone who thinks that a lady can't understand football, please know that Rhonda did not finish in last place last year. You go, girl!

So once again, Blizzard fans, we're in for another exciting year with the 1999 Blizzard team, and thanks to our Fearless Forecasters, the season should be a real adventure and another lesson in friendly competition.



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JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM MEMBERS are, back row, from left, Coach Shane Mobley, #22 Alvaro Rodriguez, #21 Will Blaine, #70 Jose Santos, #55 Rusty Jackson, #3 Robert Gibbs, #11 Shane Colburn, #80 Yul Gibbs, #67 Travis Walker, #73 Clay Trojcek, and #54 Matt Tounget. Middle row, #65 Dan DeLaCruz, #44 Mark Moreno, #12 Guy Slimp, #75 Jarred Airhart, #30 Joseph Cuevas, #24 Justin Mendoza, #34 Brian Pritchard, #50 Faubian Ortiz, and #10 Artemio Lopez. Front row, #82 Brandon Davis, #40 Juan Santos, #66 Matt Moreno, #1 Timothy Medina, #85 Justin Lange, #77 Jarrett Gerhart, #20 Dustin Palmertree, and #73 Steven Cuevas. Not pictured is Justin Jones.

BLIZZARD COACHING STAFF



Enterprise photo

COACHES for the 1999-2000 year are, back row, from left, Biff White, Charles Murphy, Richard Buchanan, Shane Mobley, and Ken Fowler. Kneeling, Chris Bearden, Head Coach Robin Byrd, Chuck Lipsey, and Robert White.

Blizzard game updates to be aired on KRUN 1400 AM

Keeping in touch with the Blizzard spirit, KRUN 1400 AM will be airing Winters varsity football game updates on Friday nights during regularly scheduled break-ins of the Ballinger Bearcat broadcast.

In years past, KCSE 103.1 FM broadcast Blizzard games in their entirety. This is no longer possible because, according to station manager Jeri Smith, KRUN AM/KSCE FM was recently purchased by Graham Brothers Entertainment who moved the FM station to the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo. "We regret that this has happened," says Jeri, "but it was a corporate move."

Ms. Smith says that designated individuals will be calling in during the first quarter, at halftime, in the third quarter, and after the game's finale

to give detailed updates. Updates will include scores and key plays & players, as well as comments.

Please tune in to KRUN 1400 AM at 8:00 p.m. each

Friday night beginning September 3. With the beginning of District play, games move to 7:30 p.m., as do broadcasts.

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1999-2000 Varsity Football Schedule

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | TIME | SCORE |
|----------|--------------|------|------|------------------|
| Aug. 20 | Wall* | H | 7:30 | WINTERS-OPPONENT |
| Aug. 26 | Anson* | T | 7:30 | |
| Sept. 3 | Jim Ned | T | 8:00 | |
| Sept. 10 | Merkel | T | 8:00 | |
| Sept. 17 | Ozona | H | 8:00 | |
| Sept. 24 | Goldthwaite▲ | H | 7:30 | |
| Oct. 1 | Bangs▲ | T | 7:30 | |
| Oct. 8★ | San Saba★▲ | H | 7:30 | |
| Oct. 15 | Early▲ | T | 7:30 | |
| Oct. 22 | Hamilton▲ | H | 7:30 | |
| Oct. 29 | Mason▲ | H | 7:30 | |
| Nov. 5 | Coleman▲ | T | 7:30 | |

* Scrimmages ★ Homecoming ▲ District Games

1999-2000 Jr. Varsity Football Schedule

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | TIME | SCORE |
|----------|--------------|------|------|------------------|
| Aug. 20 | Wall* | H | 6:00 | WINTERS-OPPONENT |
| Aug. 26 | Anson* | T | 6:00 | |
| Sept. 2 | Jim Ned | H | 6:30 | |
| Sept. 9 | Merkel | H | 6:30 | |
| Sept. 16 | Ozona | T | 6:30 | |
| Sept. 23 | Goldthwaite▲ | T | 6:00 | |
| Sept. 30 | Bangs▲ | H | 6:00 | |
| Oct. 7 | San Saba▲ | T | 6:00 | |
| Oct. 14 | Early▲ | H | 6:00 | |
| Oct. 21 | Hamilton▲ | T | 6:00 | |
| Oct. 28 | Mason▲ | T | 6:00 | |
| Nov. 4 | Coleman▲ | H | 6:00 | |

* Scrimmage Games ▲ District Games

1999-2000 Jr. High Football Schedule

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | TIME | SCORE |
|----------|--------------|------|----------|------------------|
| Sept. 9 | Merkel | T | 5 & 6:30 | WINTERS-OPPONENT |
| Sept. 16 | OPEN | | | |
| Sept. 23 | Goldthwaite▲ | H | 5 & 6:30 | |
| Sept. 30 | Bangs▲ | T | 5 & 6:30 | |
| Oct. 7 | San Saba▲ | H | 5 & 6:30 | |
| Oct. 14 | Early▲ | T | 5 & 6:30 | |
| Oct. 21 | Hamilton▲ | H | 5 & 6:30 | |
| Oct. 28 | Mason▲ | H | 5 & 6:30 | |
| Nov. 4 | Coleman▲ | T | 5 & 6:30 | |

▲ District Games

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the Blizzards are we.
We are the Blizzards,
Yes, sir-eee!

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Z-Z-ARD
Blizzards, Blizzards!
Yes, sir-eee!



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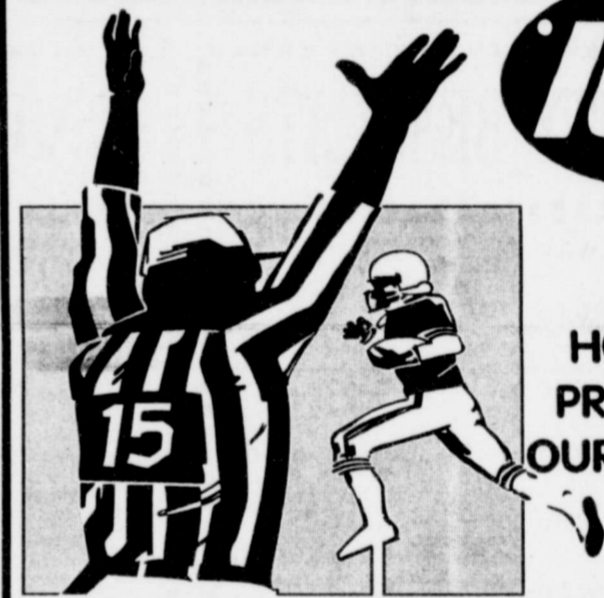
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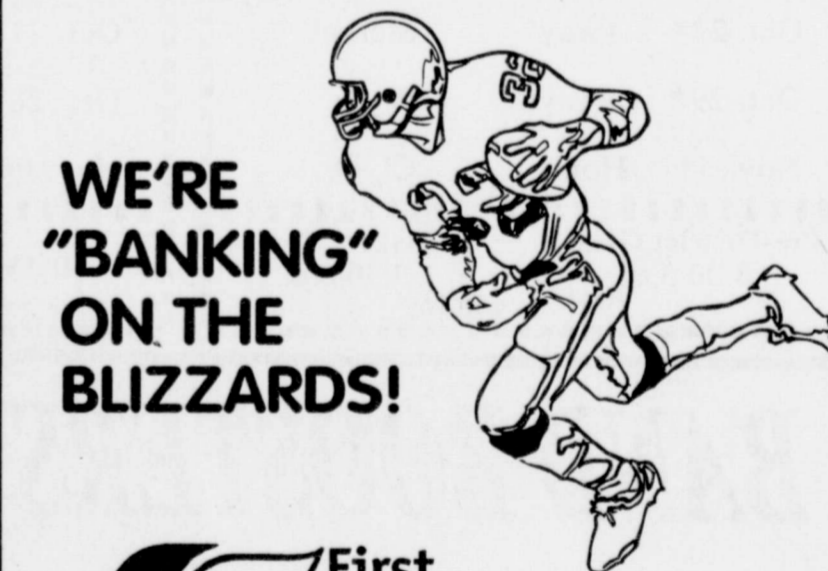
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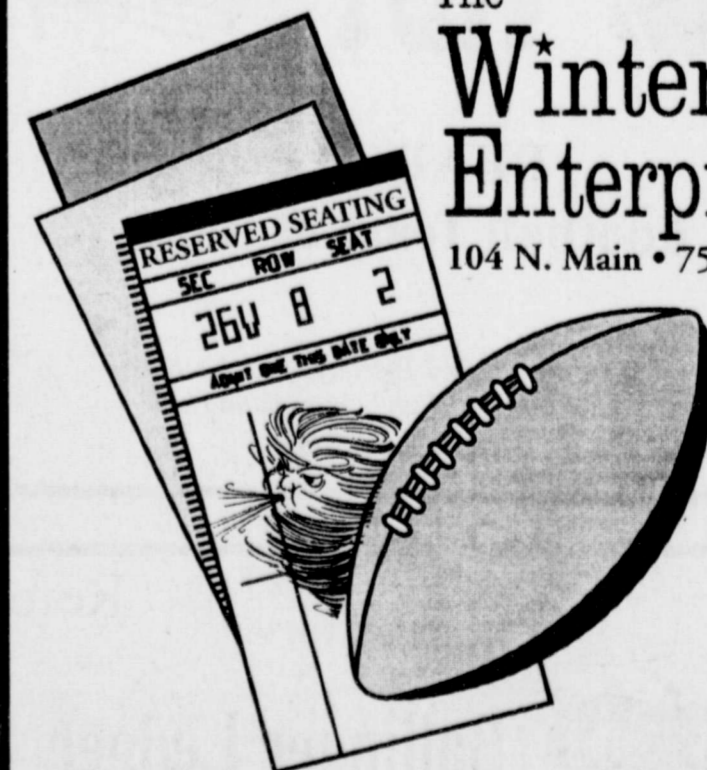
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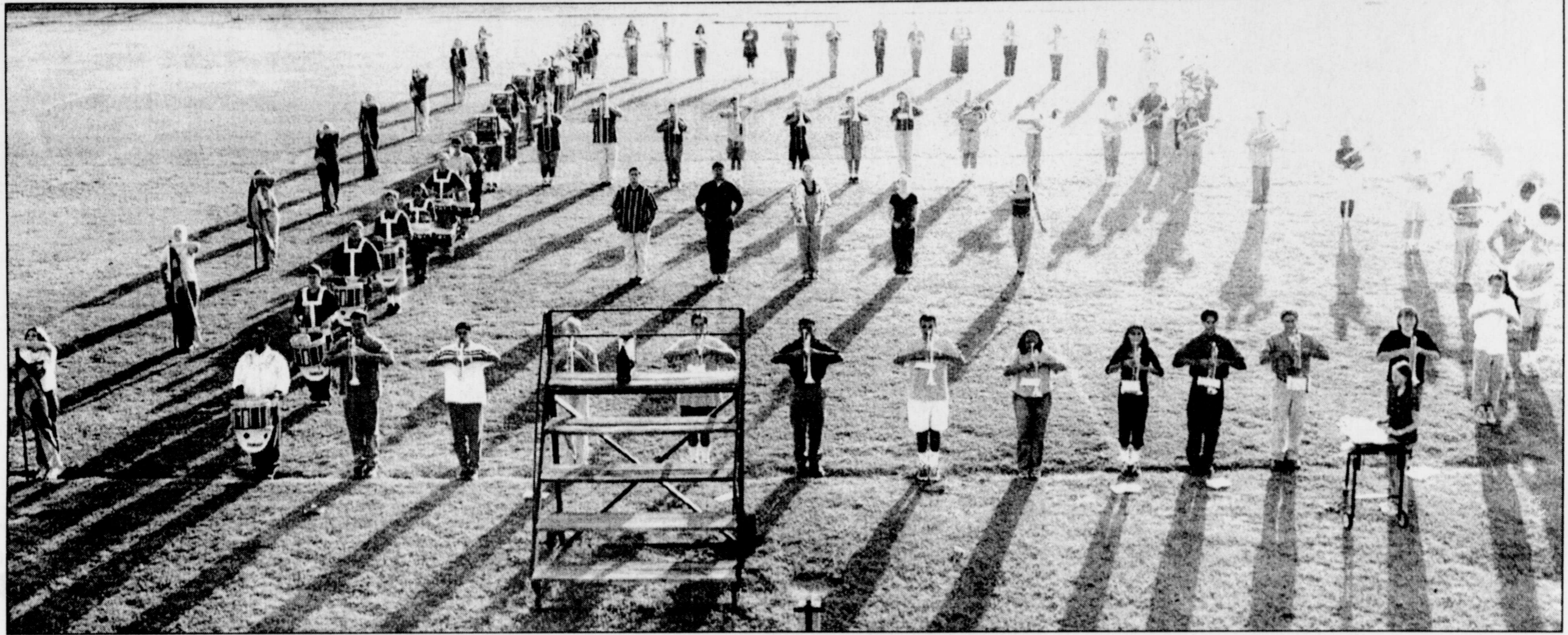
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|-----------|------|-------------|
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| Sept. 10 | Away | Llano |
| Sept. 17 | Home | Coleman |
| Sept. 24 | Home | Greenwood |
| Oct. 01 | Home | Comanche |
| Oct. 08* | Away | Brady |
| Oct. 15** | Home | Grape Creek |
| Oct. 22* | Away | Merkel |
| Oct. 29* | Away | Wylie |
| Nov. 5* | Home | Clyde |

Pre-District Games 8:00 p.m. *District Games 7:30 p.m.
**Homecoming

C: JV BEARCATS

| | | |
|----------|------|-------------|
| Sept. 02 | Home | C. City |
| Sept. 09 | Home | Llano |
| Sept. 16 | Away | Coleman |
| Sept. 23 | Away | Greenwood |
| Sept. 30 | Away | Comanche |
| Oct. 07 | Home | Brady |
| Oct. 14 | Away | Grape Creek |
| Oct. 21 | Home | Merkel |
| Oct. 28 | Home | Wylie |
| Nov. 04 | Away | Clyde |

All JV games begin at 7:00 p.m.

C: FRESHMAN BEARCATS

| | | |
|----------|------|-------------|
| Sept. 02 | Home | C. City |
| Sept. 09 | Home | Llano |
| Sept. 16 | Away | Coleman |
| Sept. 23 | Away | Greenwood |
| Sept. 30 | Away | Comanche |
| Oct. 07 | Home | Brady |
| Oct. 14 | Away | Grape Creek |
| Oct. 21 | Home | Merkel |
| Oct. 28 | Home | Wylie |
| Nov. 04 | Away | Clyde |

All Freshman games begin at 5:30 p.m.

C: 7TH BEARCUBS

| | | |
|----------|------|-------------|
| Sept. 02 | | Open |
| Sept. 09 | Away | Llano |
| Sept. 16 | Home | Coleman |
| Sept. 23 | Home | Greenwood |
| Sept. 30 | Home | Comanche |
| Oct. 07 | Away | Brady |
| Oct. 14 | Home | Grape Creek |
| Oct. 21 | Away | Merkel |
| Oct. 28 | Away | Wylie |
| Nov. 04 | Home | Clyde |

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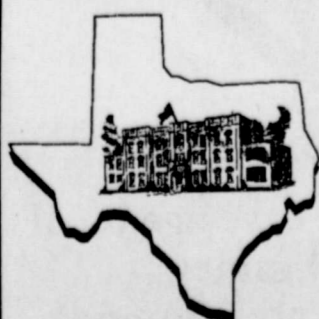
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| Sept. 09 | Away | Llano |
| Sept. 16 | Home | Coleman |
| Sept. 23 | Home | Greenwood |
| Sept. 30 | Home | Comanche |
| Oct. 07 | Away | Brady |
| Oct. 14 | Home | Grape Creek |
| Oct. 21 | Away | Merkel |
| Oct. 28 | Away | Wylie |
| Nov. 04 | Home | Clyde |

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