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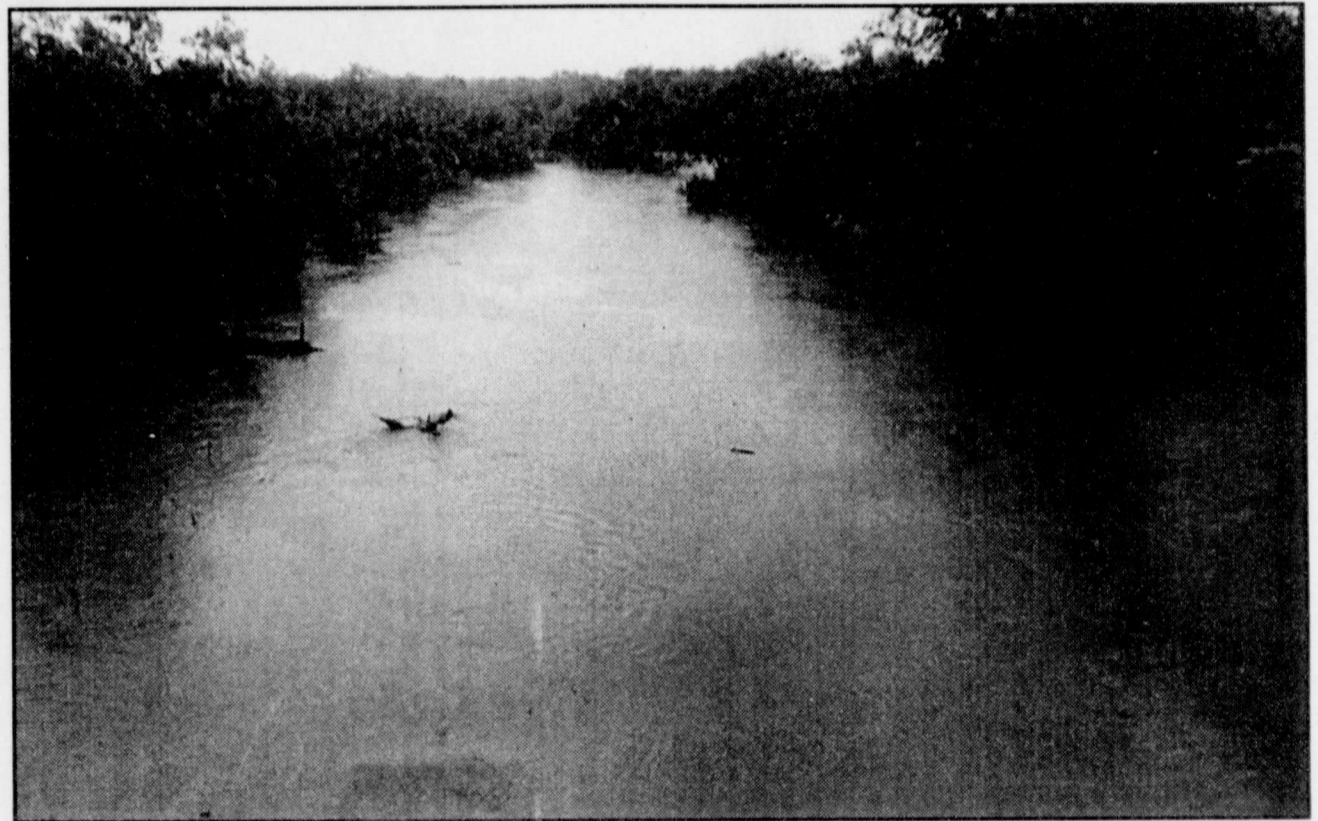
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And the rains came — finally!

Eight inch rainfall makes dent in drought crisis; Stage III water rationing still in effect



WATER RUNS OVER THE SPILLWAY from the old Winters lake into Elm Creek Reservoir in background following the wonderful weekend rains. A steady stream of Winters residents and farmers visited the lake to see the rare flow.



ELM CREEK BANKS OVERFLOW Saturday morning following rains which dumped more than 7 inches of much needed moisture in the area. Elm Creek empties into the old Winters lake which feeds into Elm Creek Reservoir, the water supply for the City of Winters.

by Jean Boles, editor

"When it rains, it pours," or so the saying goes. Folks in the Winters area experienced some of that phenomenon when as much as eight glorious inches of rain fell over the weekend, quenching the extremely thirsty land and uplifting spirits of everyone around.

Although all of West Texas had fallen victim to the scorching heat and drought for several months,

some areas around Winters had received teasing rainfall now and then. But like an unwanted stepchild, Winters had been all but ignored in the rain department.

Numerous prayer services had been held, and the community banded together with a common, and very critical need. Rain.

The Bible says, "Wait on the Lord, be of good courage and He will strengthen thy heart" (Psalm 27:14), and "My God shall sup-

ply all your needs" (Phil. 4:19).

And the rain began Friday, dropping about an inch and a half, then Saturday the heavens really opened up, giving more than five inches in some areas. A couple of showers on Sunday added another inch or so.

Around noon on Saturday, where for months only dry, powdery dust could be found, water flowed out of the banks of Elm Creek that feeds into the old Win-

ters lake which maintains the Elm Creek Reservoir.

On Sunday afternoon, water was flowing over the spillway of the old lake into the Reservoir, and a continuous stream of smiling Winters residents driving to see the long awaited flow could be seen along the roads.

City Water Superintendent Jack Davis, Jr. said his crew started transferring (pumping) water from the old lake into the

Reservoir Monday morning, and would do so for twenty-four hours. He would then assess the lake level, check the kilowatts

used and determine the cost before reporting to the City Council.

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Where it rained —

Roeneal Boles	5.6 inches, 5 mi. SE of Winters
Wingate Gin	3.0 inches, 15 mi. NW of Winters
Dawson McGuffin	8.0 inches, 511 Albert, Winters
Roy Rice	7.28 inches, 1000 N. Rogers, Winters
Jack Pritchard	4.4 inches, 2 mi. SW of Wingate
Hilda Kurtz	7.0 inches, Crews community, E. of city
Charlie Blackshear	5.0 inches, 8 mi. N. of city, at Bradshaw

City without water during rainstorm

Residents of Winters awoke to two surprises Saturday morning — a wonderful downpour of rainfall but no water coming from any faucet.

According to Water Superintendent Jack Davis, Jr., who was in San Antonio attending a school board convention, the water supply stopped about 8:30 a.m. when controls at both water towers got wet and experienced electrical problems causing them to register "full" when they were actually empty. This shut off the electronic message to the treatment plant which sends water to the towers.

Local water department employees tried to fix the problem but were unable to bypass the controls at the towers. A local electrician and another from Abilene were called in to repair the electrical problems to resume filling the towers.

Water service was resumed about noon all over town.

FUMC Vacation Bible School set for June 12-16

The First United Methodist Church invites all children ages three through those entering the sixth grade to star in Bible adventures at HolyWord Studios Vacation Bible School.

HolyWord Studios begins
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Not your average WHS graduate— Arthur Martinez... "Let the journey begin"

by Deb Pritchard, assistant editor

So often these days, our response to the teenage population is based on the negative. Today's youth have three "eyes" — the two they see with and the one that comes out of their mouths. "I" want this... "I" deserve that... "I" should have this, because "I" am...

Self-centeredness is their life and self-fulfillment is their goal. So when you happen upon a teen who doesn't fit that mold

"I want to make my mom proud of what I become. Everything I do, I'm doing for my mom. It's never mattered what anyone else thought."

—Arthur Martinez

—one who has only two eyes and can actually "see reality" — it throws you for a loop.

It makes you ask, "why" are you different —and not the norm, as it's defined in today's society. Not only does it make you question —it warms your heart.

Winters' Arthur Martinez is one such teen.

Arthur graduated from Winters High School May 26, 2000, ranked third in his class with a 97.289 grade point average. He was president of his senior class and vice-president of his junior

class. He ran track, qualifying for regionals in the sprint relay his sophomore and junior years.

That's a high school career to be proud of, but during school, Arthur also worked 30 to 35 hours a week at Wes-T-Go. In three weeks, he leaves for the United States Naval Academy.

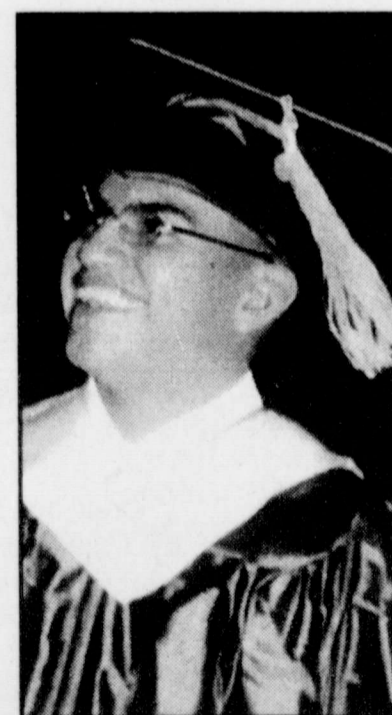
Arthur is the first appointee from Winters on record. He will attend the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, to earn

a college degree and train to be an officer in the military.

The United States has awarded him \$300,000 in scholarships to attend the academy. In return, he will give the USA, five years of service following graduation as an officer in either the Navy or the Marine Corps.

The financial assistance for his education is certainly a blessing, since he knew his mom would be unable to provide any monetary support — no matter how much she wanted to help.

Arthur said he's been working



since he was 7 years old where he worked in the cotton fields, hoeing cotton. This past summer, he put in 80-hour weeks at Wes-T-Go Convenience Store, primarily to earn money for a down payment on a car — though he gave some money to his mom.

"Mom never took away from what I earned," Arthur said with conviction, "she took what I gave her. I kept the money I needed and

See ARTHUR, page 8

Fire east of Winters burns home to ground; investigation pending arrival of state fire marshal

A house fire east of Winters burned a two story home to the ground in the early morning hours on Thursday, June 1, 2000.

Winters firefighters were called to a fire at the home of Carolyn Kraatz on County Road 315 northwest of Crews at 6:14 a.m.

No one was reported home at the time of the fire when neighbor Dennis McBeth called the Winters VFD. Eleven firefighters, three fire trucks, an emergency

rescue unit, and a county water truck went to the scene.

However, by the time firefighters arrived the second story of the home had completely burned and was lying on top of the first floor structure. Only two of the home's four walls were still remaining.

According to Deputy Sheriff Robert Garza, "The fire will be investigated, but I couldn't tell you when right now. We're waiting for the state fire marshal to show up."

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- June 8-9 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School, First Baptist Church
- 10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 10 a.m., 39+, First United Methodist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- June 9-9 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7 p.m., Family Night, First Baptist Church
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- ASA Pixie League State Softball Tournament Begins, Abilene
- June 10-9 a.m., March for Jesus, Ted Meyer Park
- Noon, FUMC Youth Bake Sale, Wal-Mart SuperCenter, Abilene
- June 11-4 p.m., Z.I. Hale Museum Membership Meeting, Rock Hotel
- June 12-9 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School, First United Methodist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 12:30 p.m., Retired Teachers Luncheon, First United Methodist Church
- 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary, Post Home
- June 13-9 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School, First United Methodist Church
- 10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Ballinger
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 2-3 p.m., Summer Reading Club, Winters Public Library
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control Board, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Woman's Club
- June 14-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
- 9 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School, First United Methodist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- June 15-9 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School, First United Methodist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Jim Bowie Days & Song of Silver, Menard

Areawide "March for Jesus" is Saturday

The third annual areawide "March for Jesus" will be held in Winters on Saturday, June 10. People will be coming from Ballinger, Bronte, Coleman,

Tuscola, and the surrounding area to join Winters residents.

According to Tom Pelton, president of March for Jesus 2000, over 150 nations are participating

in Jesus Day this year. He is expecting over 10 million people to participate worldwide, 1 million in the United States. Five hundred

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Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©2000



I was perusing a daily publication recently and came upon an article, by a New York writer no less, concerning the "emerging conflict between Texas cattle ranchers and Texas oil companies" (paraphrased to save space).

The title caught my eye, so I took some time to read it. When I noticed that it was written by someone who's experience with oil and gas is limited to a visit to the local gas station, I really got interested.

The article discussed how the declining oil and gas business was little more than a blip on the economic radar screen for Texas and as such was fast becoming a target for ranchers (and others). The thesis was that now that the oil industry no longer had much power, it was an easy target for all its past sins.

Those sins would include environmental contamination, "excess" profits, and all-around bad behavior.

Now, if I dwell too much more on the substance of the article, I'll have to credit the writer and the publication. Don't want to do that, so let's examine the issues raised by the article instead.

Is the oil business just a blip, now?

Far from it. While the industry's dominance of the state's economy has indeed decreased, the oil and gas business' collective economic firepower is enormous and dwarfs any other single industry in cash flow generated and economic

impact at the community level.

The industry in Texas is only in decline in its daily production. But, so is the entire United States. Alaska is fast becoming an also-ran in daily production after once leading even Texas (although only for a few short months several years ago). The declining domestic oil and gas production is another topic for another day.

Is the industry a target? Are ranchers "finally standing up to the big bad oil and gas business" only now because of some perceived weakened state of the oil patch?

The oil and gas industry has always been a target because of its deep pockets and bad PR. Things in Texas are not all that different. Cattle ranchers are indeed forming a group to sue operators who have left wells unplugged. This is more due to the number of trial lawyers who got knocked out of the tobacco settlement than a true attack by oppressed cattle producers tearing away their "bonds" of many years of oil company political power.

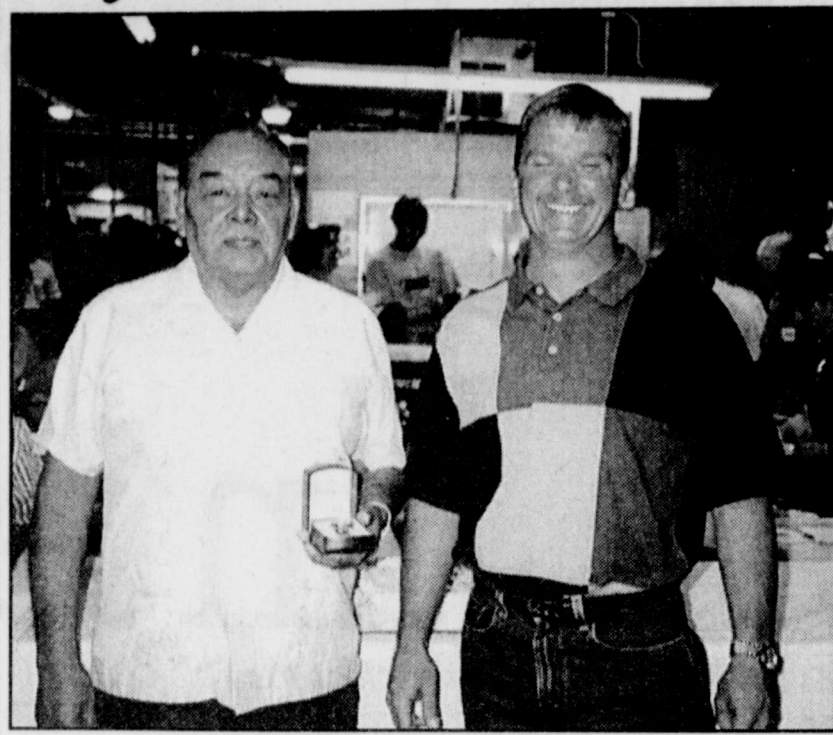
One thing writers from New York ought to learn: don't start pitting Texan against Texan. The backlash can be severe.

Until next time...

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

Not Available This Week

Dry's Retirees—



JORGE VILLARREAL (left) of Winters is congratulated by Alfred Yates, head of the Assembly II Department. Mr. Villarreal retired from Dry Manufacturing on March 1, 2000, after 27 years of service.



HUGH THATE (left) of Coleman retired May 12, 2000, after working 14 years at Dry Manufacturing's Aluminum Plant in Coleman. Supervisor Cliff Chambers offers a handshake and his gratitude.

Ballinger Athletic Director Danny Slaughter reprimanded for incident

Head football coach and athletic director at Ballinger High School, Danny Slaughter was reprimanded and given a five-day suspension with no pay for an incident which happened on May 11.

In a called meeting on Tuesday night, May 30, the Ballinger Independent School Board went immediately into executive (closed) session which lasted just over an hour. Emerging from the executive session, Board President Charles Frerich told those in attendance Superintendent Rodney Flanagan would have a statement to make before the board voted on recommendation of disciplinary action of the athletic director. The board unanimously approved the recommendation. Trustee Herbie Dankworth was not present.

That prepared statement read by Mr. Flanagan is as follows:

The Ballinger I.S.D. Administration and School Board of Trustees would like to respond to the incident that occurred on May 11, 2000, involving Athletic Director Danny Slaughter. At this time, we would like to say that in no way does the Administration or the Board condone Coach Slaughter's action and the following details of the incident.

On May 11, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. Athletic Director Danny Slaughter did what he thought would be a joke played on the off-season team of about sixty-one young men. In preparation for the Little Olympics, Coach Slaughter had been cleaning a starter pistol owned by B.I.S.D. and used by the athletic department. A starter pistol does not meet the definition of a firearm as defined in The Texas Association of School Board Policy Manual under FNCG (LEGAL). A firearm is defined as "...any device designed, made, or adapted to expel a projectile through a barrel by using the energy generated by an explosion or burning substance or any device readily convertible to that use; Penal Code 46.03(a), 46.01(3)."

A starter pistol does not have an open-ended barrel from which a projectile can be ejected. On the spur of the moment, not thinking it through, Coach Slaughter, thinking it would be funny, walked into the dressing room with the starter pistol behind his back, and asked the team in a light-hearted manner, "Who has not been lifting after school?" At that time, football players pointed to a student. Coach Slaughter then asked the student if that was true, and the student nodded his head

that it was indeed true. At that point, Coach Slaughter took the starter pistol from behind his back and pointed it at the ceiling in the student's direction and discharged it. There was a great deal of laughter and Coach Slaughter did not see anyone who appeared to be upset. Coach Slaughter then told the student that he did not even flinch when the pistol went off and that he would have been in trouble, had it been a real gun. At this time, all the players laughed because they knew the pistol was a starter pistol.

Several days passed before the incident was brought to the attention of the Superintendent. At this time, Mr. Flanagan (Superintendent) contacted Coach Slaughter to verify what had transpired. Immediately following, the campus principal was informed of the incident. Coach Slaughter then voluntarily apologized to all team members present at the time of the occurrence. In addition, Administration felt that even though there was absolutely no intent to harm anyone and it was done jokingly, official action needed to be taken. Coach Slaughter received a written reprimand which will be placed in his personnel record. (A written reprimand will remain in the employee's personnel file for the life of the employee. The written reprimand gives administration a tool to further punish, e.g. dismissal, should further infractions occur.)

If a student had committed the same type of act "jokingly," the disciplinary action administered would have been no less than three days suspension.

With this in mind, Administration felt that because Coach Slaughter should be an example to the students, he should receive equal if not more severe punishment. Administration will recommend to the Board of Trustees that Coach Slaughter receive a five day suspension without pay to commence upon Board approval.

Coach Slaughter agreed to abide by the terms laid forth in the statement concerning the suspension without pay.

The Administration and the Board of Trustees back Coach Slaughter in his athletic programs and will continue to do so, but felt that this punishment was necessary due to the nature of the offense and climate in our country today.

Slaughter is a Ballinger native who was named the Bearcats coach in 1997. He has led the Bearcats to consecutive playoff berths in 1998 and 1999. He was a coach and teacher within the Winters Independent School District from June 1981 to May 1993.

God's Great Rescue—

Lutherans plan three day Bible School, June 20-22

St. John's Lutheran Church will host their Vacation Bible School for three days only, Tuesday through Thursday, June 20, 21, and 22. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

"God's Great Rescue" is this year's theme for VBS and the three days will be filled with fun, crafts, games, refreshments, and

Bible study. The Lutheran VBS will be open to 4-year-olds through those children just completing the fifth grade.

The church is located at 1100 West Parsonage. For more information contact the church office at 754-4820 or Sherry Kurtz at 754-5626.

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Wednesday, June 14: Roast & gravy, potatoes & carrots, boiled cabbage, roll, and cake.

Thursday, June 15: Chicken & rice, English peas, tossed salad, bread, and Jello.

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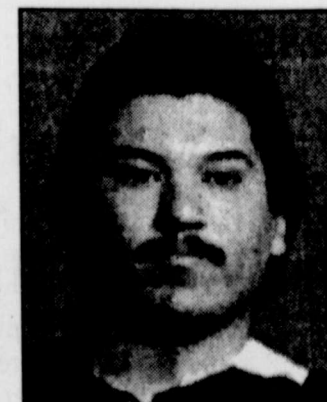
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We thought of you with love today, and this is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday, and the days before that too. We think of you in silence, and we often speak your name, but all we have now are memories, and your picture in a frame. Our memories are our keepsake, with which we will never part. God has you in His keeping. We have you in our hearts.



We miss you, Your loving family

Kenny Green receives first American Legion Jack Morgan Jr. scholarship

by Jean Diener, American Legion Auxiliary President

Poppy donations

On Saturday, May 20, 2000, two auxiliarians solicited donations from the kind folks of Winters. Response was great; weather was heavenly. We had a lot to be thankful for. All of our poppies were sold and still donations were received. We would like to thank Lawrence Bros. IGA for permitting us to set up our table in front of their store.

Jack Morgan Jr. Scholarship

This was the first time our Auxiliary gave a scholarship. On Friday, May 19, 2000, we were privileged to present a \$200 scholarship to Kenny D. Green of Winters High School.

This young man deserved this scholarship; he did a great job writing an essay on "Keeping Our Schools Drug and Alcohol Free." He identified causative factors, current effective programs, and suggested other good potential solutions. Most of all he did not let anyone "off the hook" — adults, teenagers. We are all responsible and must be accountable, Kenny says.

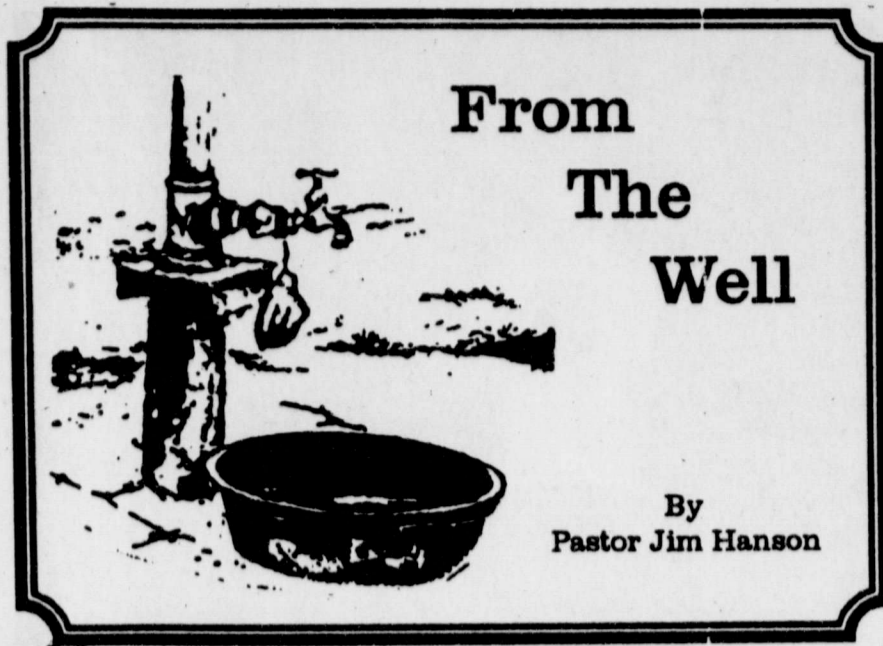
We are very thankful to the Jack Morgan Sr. family for their support. It was this support that

provided the funds for the scholarship, and the American Legion Auxiliary wanted to honor their deceased son who was a member of the American Legion Post 261, U.S. Marine, a Vietnam veteran, and a very good friend to everyone he met — young and old.

A Post presentation tidbit: While soliciting poppy donations a very nice, young lady came up to me and made a monetary donation. She walked away and glanced down at the poppy tag and noticed it was from the American Legion Auxiliary. She then turned back towards me and asked if I was the lady who presented the Jack Morgan Jr. scholarship. I responded, yes. She was most thankful for our presenting this award to her son Kenny. She did inform me that he received another scholarship in Industrial Arts and for being in the Top 10. This will help him to go to Texas State Technical College — computers/information systems in the health field.

New officers

At the May 2 meeting, the following were voted in by acclamation: Melba Emmert, vice-president and treasurer; Jean Diener, president and temporary secretary.



From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

Yellowstone National Park is an awesome place. Two and two-tenths (2.2) million acres. Named by Native American Indians because of the varieties of yellow rock in Yellowstone's Grand Canyon. Osborn Russell, a fur trader who entered the area in 1836 wrote

of the "wild romantic splendor surrounded by majestic battlements" and wished he "could spend the remainder of my days in a place like this." A Jesuit missionary by the name of Father Pierre-Jean De Smet referred to it as "the most marvelous spot of all the northern half of the continent." In September of 1869, three men from Montana, seeing Great Fountain Geyser spray water and steam 100 feet into the air "could not contain our enthusiasm, with one accord we all too off our hats and yelled with all our might." So marvelous are the wonders of Yellowstone.

Well, on May 31, 2000, Aref Hassan, Ramona and myself found ourselves in a Bed and Breakfast place just across the Yellowstone River from the park. Sometime in the last few years I had asked Aref, "What place in the United States would you really like to visit?" It didn't take him but a few seconds to reply, "Yellowstone Park."

So, I told him, "Someday we'll go there together." I was quite familiar with the park. My father had loaded up his wife and four sons in a 1929 Plymouth, borrowed a trailer, filled it with a tent, Coleman stove, bed rolls, and food... and we took off from Saint Paul, Minnesota. It was an unforgettable trip, one I have not forgotten. I have a picture of us all sitting on a rock in the middle of the Yellowstone River.

My remembrances of that first expedition were: Old Faithful geyser, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, and the animals — mostly the bears. The Upper Falls of the Yellowstone are 109 feet, and the Lower Falls are 308 feet, 2 times that of Niagara Falls. The canyon is 1,540 feet deep. Created by a great volcanic cataclysm a few hundred years ago. The colors are magnificent: shades of grey, pink, and lavender. But mostly of orange and yellow. When I was first there, years ago, an old friend of my father happened to be there too, and seeing the canyon for the first time exclaimed, "My goodness, I'm glad I wasn't here when this happened!" Nathaniel Langford in 1870 responded with these words, "I realized my own littleness, my helplessness, my dread exposure to destruction, my inability to cope with or even comprehend the mighty architecture of nature." When we three saw it, our responses were similar. "Soo big! Sooo beautiful! So great is the creation of God" came out of the soul of Aref. Ramona and me, too.

Old Faithful did not disappoint us either. We got to see it "blow its lid" twice. The second time it was better than the first. Higher. It averages 130 feet up into the air. And lasts for 2 to 5 minutes. We were impressed. The geyser doesn't go off every hour on the hour, but it does erupt 21 to 23 times every day.

But what took up most of our time was looking for the wildlife. The animals for whom the park is home. We saw a grizzly mama and her cub... who was climbing up a tree. Through field glasses and from a long way away. And we saw a mama black bear and her twin cubs, not too far from the road. Her little ones didn't mind her any better than our kids did. It was fun to watch. In fact, the animals are the greatest attraction for me. We saw so many elk and buffalo. They really run the park. When they get on the road... you stop! And wait. Until they are ready to move. Ever try to move a buffalo? And they will come even into your yard. Our host Merv Olson told us of the time that a buffalo came into his yard, and set himself down on the rock — under which was located the key to the cabin. It took some time and gentle persuasion from his pickup to get the animal off the rock so the key could be retrieved and the cabin door unlocked. After all, whose park is it? And who was there first?

It was a wonderful time together. When we first came to the park, we went to a Visitor's Center in Mammoth. There we saw a video which gave some history of the park, and really oriented us to the area. One of the things that was said of the park really connected with Aref. A remarkable woman said, "There is something about the mountains. To go to the mountains is to go home." It's true. That's the way we all felt.

The park was set aside and apart for the people of the United States by an act of Congress on March 1, 1872. The Yellowstone Park Act created "A public park or pleasuring ground for the benefit and enjoyment of the people" and was to be preserved in its natural condition. And so it was. And is. And we three are glad. It was a wonderful time. To be together. And to immerse ourselves in God's creation. For a week. Seven (7) days. Just like "In the beginning." And even as God saw it, we did too. And, as the Bible says... "It was very good." So, we say "Thank God." And praise Him. For "He had done marvelous things!"

The future has a way of arriving unannounced.

—George F. Will

Three Days Only!

God's Vacation Bible School

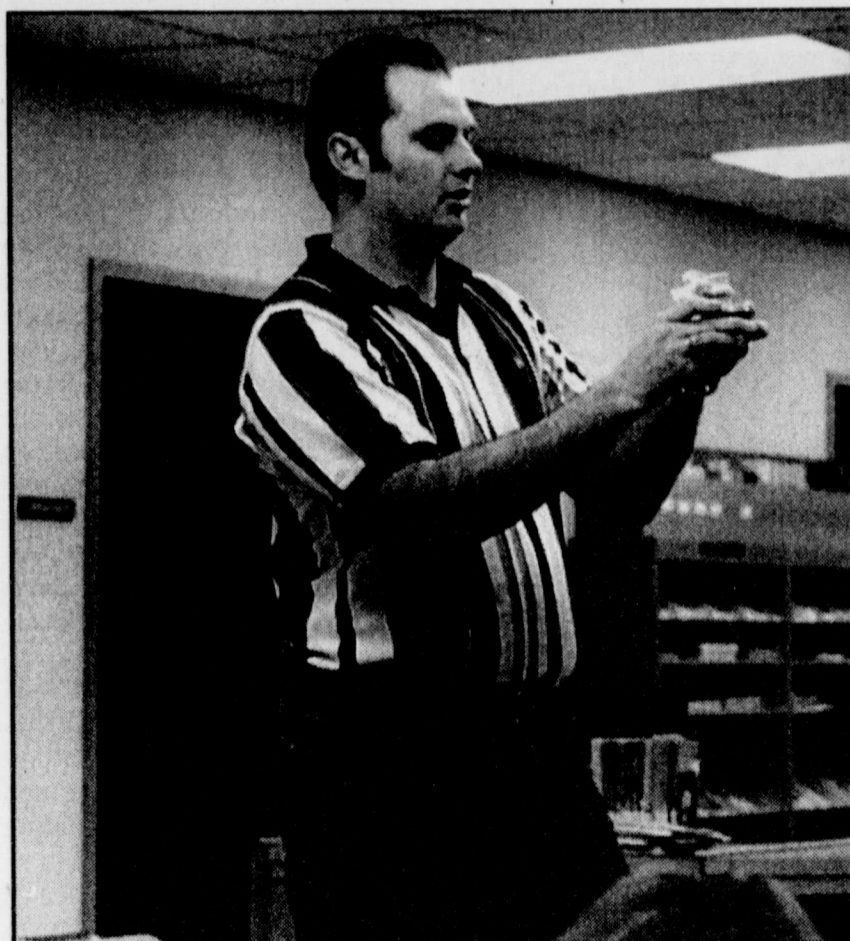
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DR. DAN KILLOUGH, local chiropractor, explains parts of the spinal column to members of the sixth grade during Career Day. Eight professional businessmen and businesswomen visited with the enthusiastic youngsters who were able to question all of the presenters about their occupations.

Career Day teaches sixth graders about various occupations

Career Day was held for the sixth grade students of Winters Elementary School on Friday, May 12.

Presenters were Dr. Dan Killough of Killough Chiropractic; Dr. Todd Rabon of Pioneer Vet Clinic; Jean Boles of The Winters Enterprise; Bill Walker and Andy Smith of Alderman-Cave; Mary Lou Garrett, director of Clinical Education of the Department of Physical Therapy from Hardin-Simmons University of Abilene;

Attorney Kenneth Slimp; and LeAnn Allison, meteorologist from KTXS-TV.

Sixth graders learned about different jobs and the education and experience required for each occupation.

Career education is a component required in the guidance curriculum for Texas schools.

The guidance counselor for Winters Elementary School is Mary Wilkerson.

WHS Classes of 1980-1990 to meet for fellowship, fun

A reunion has been planned Saturday, June 24, 2000, for the 1980-1990 classes of Winters High School.

Classmates should meet at the high school building at 1:00 p.m. for a tour of the high school facilities. Immediately following at approximately 2:00 p.m., fun and games will be enjoyed at the Elm Creek Reservoir Lake Pavilion.

An evening meal will be catered by The Shed and will be

served at the Wingate restaurant. Price for the meal will be \$8 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-10.

Some addresses are still needed. If you are a member of one of these classes or know someone who is, please contact Tammy (Gibbs) Kaczyk, 754-4736; Amy (Tuggle) Wheat, 754-4882; and Christy (Collins) Lindley, 754-4959.

Raising funds for YEC— FUMC youth to conduct bake sale

Teens from the First United Methodist Church of Winters will hold a bake sale at the Wal-Mart SuperCenter in Abilene on Saturday, June 10, beginning at noon.

The purpose of the fund-raiser is to acquire funds for the Texas Youth Evangelism Conference (YEC) to be held at the Alamo Dome in San Antonio, June 22-24.

FUMC youth are also selling chocolate candy bars for \$1 each. Free will donations are welcomed at the church office.

For more information, contact Albert or Christy Bernal at (800) 605-4510 or FUMC at 754-5213.

Correction

Incorrect information was published in a front page story about two junior high students in the June 1, 2000, edition of our paper.

Rachel Davis was recognized for a score of 21 in English. Katy Wilkerson was recognized for a score of 22 in reading.

The Winters Enterprise apologizes for this error.

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May 30, 2000

An Open Letter to the residents of Winters, Texas

Dear Friends,

As all of you know, we in Winters have been facing one of the worst times of drought that anyone can remember. Some of our citizens, who have lived here most of their lives, have never seen things as dry as they now are.

A number of years ago, the membership of First Baptist Church, chose to have a water well dug for the expressed purpose of being able to water our trees, shrubs and grass. For the last several years we have used this well for that purpose. A few months ago, we again began to use the water well as usual.

However, during the last few weeks, it has come to our attention that our use of this water for the purpose of watering our trees, shrubs and grass, has caused some of our citizens to be offended. We genuinely and sincerely regret that this has happened.

While we were breaking no law or ordinance, we do realize that as a "Body of Christ" we should have been more sensitive to the feelings and emotions of our community - and we failed in that respect.

As a result, our church voted on Sunday, May 21, 2000, that we would no longer use our well water for the purpose of watering our trees, shrubs and grass, for as long as the water rationing plan is in effect for the entire community. Second, we will make our well water available "Free of charge" to any member of the community (for household use) as long as the drought continues. Third, we ask that you accept our sincere apology for being insensitive to the over-all emotion of our city. As long as there is one drop of water in our water well, we want it to be used for the common good of all.

It is our prayer, that God in His grace would open the heavens and pour out the blessing of rain that we all need. But until that happens may we draw together in a spirit of unity and love and trust in His unfailing goodness.

Sincerely,

Barry Taylor
Pastor - First Baptist Church



WHS STUDENTS EARNING THE HIGHEST CLASS AVERAGES during the 1999-2000 school year were senior Cari Trojcek, junior Jamie Reeves, sophomore Joseph Joeris, and freshman Stacey Walden. The four students were recognized during the Awards Day assembly, May 19.



EARNING ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT HONORS for the 2000 spring semester were (front, l-r) Michelle Paschal, Jana Presley, Kayla Colburn, Staci Bishop, Mandy Pritchard, (middle) Arthur Martinez, Kendra Hope, Lori Bredemeyer, Shelley Meyer, Jamie Reeves, Kirk Byrd, (back) Matt Angel, Joseph Joeris, John Bahlman, Zeke Martinez, and Craig Conner. These students maintained an "A" average while participating in spring athletics.



DARCI LINDSEY AND ARTHUR MARTINEZ were named WHS Blizzard Band Beau and Sweetheart during the spring band concert on Thursday, May 18.

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

My participation in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Big Country All-Star football game and banquet would not have been possible without the caring, supportive help of the Winters' businesses and the Blizzard Athletic Booster Club.

I would like to thank Winters Funeral Home, Alderman-Cave Feeds, Bob Loyd L.P. Gas, The Shed, Bishop & Sons, Higginbotham Bros., Security State Bank, Premium Pump Service, Bedford-Norman Insurance, Mac Oil Field, Winters Flower Shop & More, Bob's Tire & Auto Supply, Casa Cabana, Wes-T-Go, First Baptist Church, Gary & Shanna Bear, Calcote Dirt Contracting, and the Winters Athletic Booster Club for their financial sponsorship.

It was a great honor to represent Winters. The memory will last forever.

Thank you again.
Wes Calcote #21

Nine Winters students on ASU Dean's List

Area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo are listed on the Dean's List for the spring semester at the university.

Those listed include Jaime Lynn Bahlman, an interdisciplinary studies major; Carissa Aileen Buchanan, an early childhood major; Kevin M. Conner, a computer science major; Austin T. Jobe, an accounting major; Jason D. Jordan, a computer science major; Melinda J. Kraatz, a psychology major; Justin Michael Minzenmayer, a kinesiology major; Robyn R. Parramore, an interdisciplinary studies major; and Susan A. Ripple, an accounting major.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

This weekend—Winters' Pixie team to play in state tourney

The "Red Hots" of Winters will play in the ASA Pixie League-State Softball Tournament for girls 8 and under this weekend.

The team will play at James Sellers Field in Abilene, Friday, June 9 through Sunday, June 11.

Team members include Sonya Armendariz, Sybil Bridgeman, Sarah Campos, Tiffany Cravens, Ashley DeLaCruz, Sandy Esquivel, Corey Gallimore, Kelsea Garcia, Tana Gibbs, Brianna Mesey, Andrea Smith, Cheyenne Smith, Riley Spill, and Brittany Woffenden. Coaches are Kenny Gibbs and Bill Mesey.

The community is encouraged to attend and support the local girls.

Brown named to Baylor's spring Dean's List

Linsey Nicole Brown was among 1,936 students named to the Dean's List for the 2000 spring session at Baylor University.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Miss Brown is currently a junior at Baylor. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown of Winters.

Retired Teachers to install officers for 2000-2001

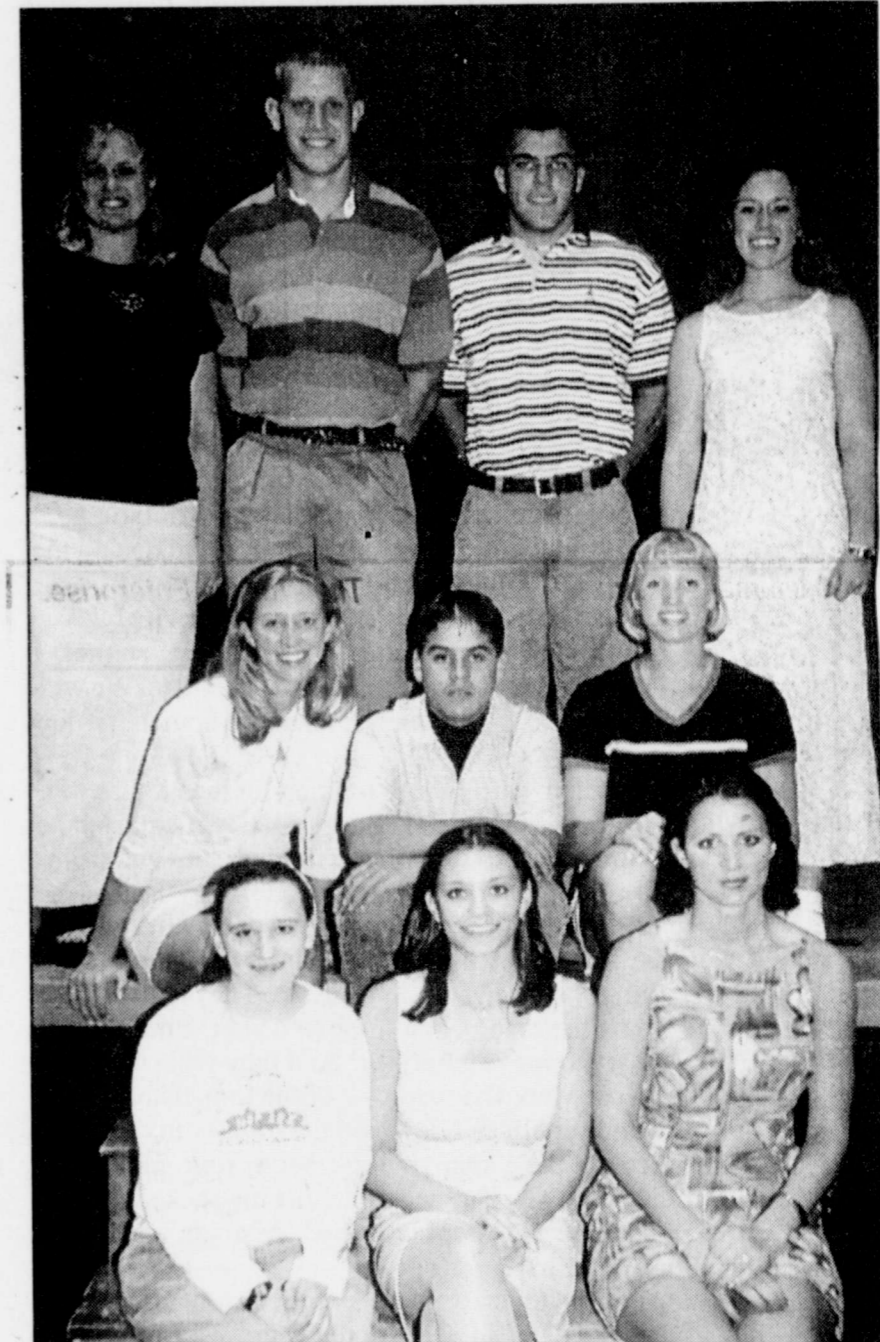
The Runnels County Unit of Texas Retired Teachers Association will have their final meeting of the year on Monday, June 12, 2000, in the First United Methodist Church in Winters.

A salad luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by installation of new officers for 2000-2001.

All new public school retirees and all other retired persons are invited to be guests of the present members at this luncheon meeting.



ACHIEVING PERFECT ATTENDANCE DURING THE 1999-2000 school year were (front, l-r) Kirby Meyers, Travis Grohman, Jeffrey Jordan, (middle) Veronica Flores, G.G. Hernandez, Tracie Morrison, (back) Will Blaine, Ben Blaine, Josh Minzenmayer, and Jose Santos. Not pictured were Brandon Ripple, Cole Hogan, and Johnathan Plumley.



MERIT "W" AWARDS WERE PRESENTED to (front, l-r) Cari Trojcek, Misty Melton, Jana Presley, (middle) Kacy McCuiston, G.G. Hernandez, Michelle Paschal, (back) Tracie Morrison, John Bahlman, Kirk Byrd, and Lori Bredemeyer.

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VBS, continued

Monday, June 12, and continues through Friday, June 16. VBS will meet at the Methodist Church daily from 9 a.m. to noon.

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HolyWord Studios is an exciting way for children to learn God's story is their story. They will join nearly one million children in North America in studying this VBS curriculum and take part in a hands-on mission project that will reach needy children across the globe.

For more information or to pre-register your child, call the church at 754-5213, Maurine Davis at 754-4450, or Karen Mills at 754-5060.

More school stories to come

The Winters Enterprise will feature more school related pictures and results of events in future editions of the paper during the month of June.

"SHOOT TO CHILL" BASKETBALL CAMP 2000
June 26-29, 2000
Winters High School Gymnasium

Session #1 Ages 6-7-8 8:30-10 AM
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Session #3 Ages 12-15 1-3:30 PM

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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

People say that lots of germs are passed around on a dollar bill. Not so—nothing can live on a dollar these days.

Hilda Kurtz



Woodrow and Dorothy Worthington of Banning, California, were visitors at Hopewell Church on Sunday.

Nila and Therin Osborne spent Sunday afternoon at the wedding of their granddaughter, Stefanie McCallian, to Simon Camacho at the Winters Community Center. They were glad to see all that came.

Enjoying lunch after church services Sunday with Selma Wilkerson were Bro. Ferris and Ramona Akins and Woodrow and Dorothy Worthington.

Marcene Hall of Dallas picked up her son T.C. on Friday. Paul and Joe Stoker came by Sunday afternoon to see Leona and Roy Mathies.

Selma Wilkerson visited Harvey Mae and Noble Fabian during the week.

Visiting Fairy and Wilbert Allcorn on Saturday was good friend, Mac Gorman of Houston.

Doris Wood attended the meeting of Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Abilene on Friday night. On Saturday, they attended the FCA football game in Abilene. Doris' grandson, Wes Calcote, played for the South team who won the game.

Dale and Linda Duggan were in Abilene Saturday and visited with Kyle, Katy, and Kelton Grigsby. Dale, Kyle, and Will attended the FCA game in Abilene on Saturday. Will and Leslie Duggan of Winters came and had supper with Dale and Linda on Monday night.

Margie Jacob and her family and friends returned home Monday after four days at the Serenity Lodge. They enjoyed swimming, cooking out, and freezing home-

made ice cream.

Those visiting the Jacobs were Sharon and Jerry Engler and family of Brownwood; Brenda Jacob of Midland; Elizabeth Havlak; Brenda Brown of Greenwood and friend Alex of Italy; and Cookie, Cory, and Brad VanZandt. Also Stacy McMinn, Carol and Mike Kozelsky; Kathryn, Scott, and Jeanna Kozelsky of College Station; and Debra Nance of Austin.

I'm proud of our last rain shower of over 7 inches of rain last week. It is good to see water in my tanks, too.

Audine and Roy McBeth started going to Bible school at First Baptist Church on Monday. Audine said to be sure to put in the McBeth news that they had four inches of rain and will probably have more before this is printed.

Jerry Prater and Eileen Cartwright spent Wednesday in Abilene and did a lot of shopping. On Friday, Kenny Cartwright attended the Abilene Public Library's Book Sale at the Civic Center.

Each and everyone of us in our community are deeply sorry about Carolyn Kraatz's house burning over the weekend.

Carolyn Webb spent the weekend in Austin visiting her son, Gene Webb. She came home with her three granddaughters, Ashley, Stephanie, and Amanda will visit till Monday.

Weekend visitors with Georgia and Connie Gibbs were Travis and Linda Ford, Horace Gibbs of Rising Star, and Connie Gibbs of Winters.

Z.I. Hale Museum to hold annual meeting and membership drive

The Z. I. Hale Museum, Inc. will hold its Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, June 11, 2000, at 4 p.m. in The Rock Hotel Heritage Center.

There will be a program on area history, and refreshments will be served.

All members should have received a ballot in the mail recently for the election of directors. These ballots should be returned by mail or brought to the annual meeting. Officers will be elected at the meeting.

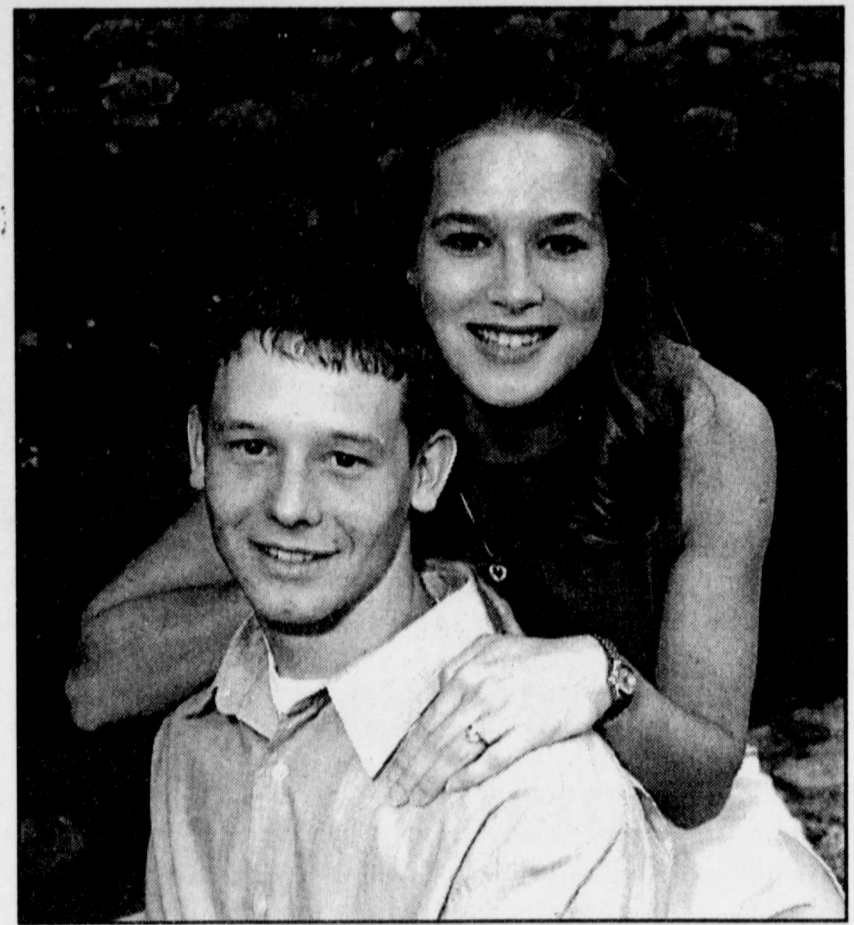
All Hale Museum members are reminded to send in their annual

dues at this time. Families and businesses are encouraged to become members of the museum association.

Dues and other fund-raising activities are used to support the operation of the museum and its many activities. Rental of The Rock Hotel generates less than one half of its operating costs, so extra gifts are appreciated.

Family memberships are \$15 and business memberships are \$40. Lifetime memberships are \$125. Dues may be sent to Z.I. Hale Museum, P.O. Box 42, Winters, TX, 79567.

Engagement



Matthew Harrison and Courtney Lange

Lange and Harrison to marry

Doyle and Debra Rinn and John and Tina Lange are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney, to Matthew Harrison, son of Phil and Vickey Harrison.

The wedding is set for July 22, 2000, at the First Baptist Church of Ballinger.

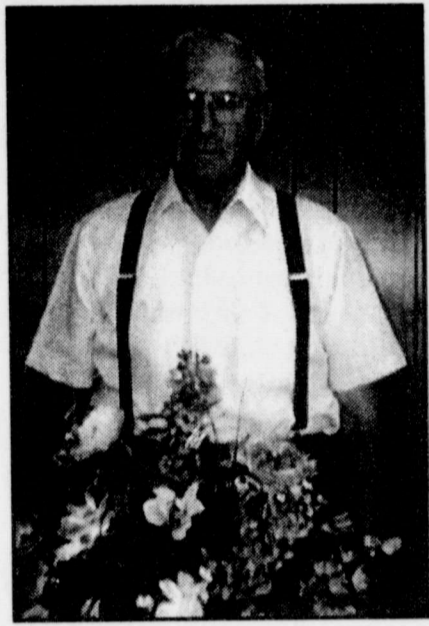
M.L. Dobbins honored on his 86th birthday

Members and friends of the Dobbins family met in the Winters Housing Authority on Sunday to celebrate M.L.'s 86th birthday.

A lot of visiting and a lot of memories were discussed before the noon meal catered by Janet Cason.

Those present were M.L. and Odessa Dobbins of Winters; Jerry and Melba Dobbins of Irving; Marthelia Sikes of Abilene; Jessica and Samantha Allen of Brighton, Colorado; Malinda, Kenadee and Sydnee Brown of Marion, Arkansas; David and Marc Dobbins of Junction; and Kit Dobbins of San Angelo.

Also Wayne and Carolyn Dobbins of Sundown; Helen Young of Tahoka; Mac and Mandy Young of Hurst; Joe and Glenda Draper of Bronte; Omega and Chester Snow of Yukon, Oklahoma; and



Jim and Betty Hazeldine of Norman, Oklahoma.

Visitors were Dwayne and Gail Williams, and Lavera and Paul Tharp.

Beginning Computer Skills Course

Winters I.S.D. is offering adult computer instruction for beginners and beyond. No prior computer skills are necessary for the Beginning Computer Skills course. Training will be offered introducing beginning computer skills and the features of Windows 98 operating system; shopping guide for a computer; and much more. These courses are all hands-on with course materials furnished and geared for the beginner.

Class size is limited, so each participant must register prior to first class date. Course dates will be Tuesday and Thursday evening, June 20 and 22 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The course cost is \$25 and will be taught in the Junior High School computer lab located at 705 Rogers Street. To enroll and/or inquire call 754-5574 ext. 100 or stop by the School Administration/Tax Office at 603 N. Heights Street.

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Shoot to Chill Basketball Camp set for June 26-29

The "Shoot to Chill" Basketball Camp will be held from June 26-29, 2000, in the WHS gym.

Boys and girls, ages 6 to 15, who have not been enrolled in Winters High School are eligible to attend.

Cost of the camp is \$30 per camper and includes instruction, use of equipment and facilities, and camp t-shirt.

The daily camp will be divided into three sessions with ages 6-8 performing from 8:30-10 a.m.; ages 9-11 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.;

and ages 12-15 from 1-3:30 p.m.

Registration forms are available by contacting Coach Ken Fowler at 754-5106 or 754-5574, ext. 121. Final day for registration is Friday, June 19.

The purpose of the camp is to help each child improve in the fundamentals of basketball with special emphasis on shooting and competition. Instructors will stress the development of self-confidence, positive attitude, and a love for the game.



28th Annual Fiesta del Concho, June 16-18

Fiesta del Concho translated into English means "Party on the River," and this year it truly will mean party on the river.

The 28th Annual Fiesta del Concho's theme this year is "Fiesta — It's Cool" and will again be entirely on the banks of the Concho River.

All food, arts & crafts activity booths, and children's area will be in the Plaza area and former Neff's Amusement Park area, freeing up the El Paseo area around Old Town for a carnival. Just across the river from the Plaza will continue to be the home of the Armadillo Races, and entertainment at the RiverStage. This year's entertainment will consist of the "Doug Supernaw Concert" at 8 p.m. Friday, KCDC's Country Showdown on

Saturday afternoon, and on Saturday at 8 p.m., "BackBeat... a Tribute to the Beatles Concert." Sunday the RiverStage will host local entertainment.

The parade will begin Saturday evening at 7 p.m. The Fiesta will begin on Friday, June 16, at 4 p.m. and close at 11 p.m.; Saturday's hours are 12 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. Worship Christ on the Concho will be at the RiverStage. The other activities begin at noon and conclude at 6 p.m.

Mark your calendar now, and come join "Fiesta — It's Cool"... Fiesta del Concho, June 16-18.

For more information on accommodations, call 1-800-375-1206.

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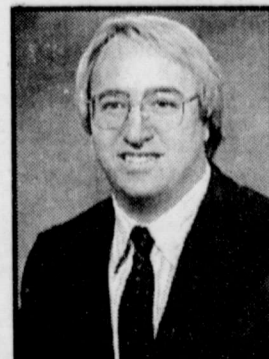
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DON'T SELL IT, JUST BACK IT UP. Some residents experienced some minor flooding in streets when more than eight inches of rain fell within the city over the weekend.

Brownies learn about variety of animals at Nature Center

Members of Brownie Troop #338 took a field trip to San Angelo's Nature Center on May 13, 2000.

Brownies were given a lecture by Rod Dearth on the types of animals — those with bones and those without. He further discussed with the girls the eating habits of the animals. Animals were categorized into three areas: carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores. The girls were given time to search through the Nature Center to find animals that fit each category.

Following discussion, animals were brought out for the girls to see firsthand, touch, and hold if possible.

The girls first touched and held a grown opossum. Later they

were given the opportunity to hold a baby opossum and learn how the little ones can hang upside down by their tail. Grown opossums cannot hang upside down by their tail because of size and weight.

Rod showed the girls a male and female land tortoise and talked about their habitat. They learned these animals are on the endangered list.

The group also touched and held a milk snake. Rod told the girls how to tell these snakes apart from a coral snake and discussed what they eat.

He also brought out two different types of rattlesnakes to teach the girls what they look like and how they sound.

The favorite animal for the

girls was the baby opossum. The girls earned their "Animals" trip patch by attending this field trip.

After leaving the Nature Center, the troop went out to eat at McDonald's. The girls had a great time playing on the play equipment as well.

Brownies attending the field trip were Abby Guy, Lisa Dees, Haley Kaczyk, Hannah Lugo, Miranda Torres, and Regan Newsom. Accompanying the girls were troop leaders Laura and Ral Dees. Others attending were Donna and Ashley Guy, Mark and Tammy Kaczyk, Regina and Alex Newsom, and Eve and Diane Torres. Brownie members unable to attend were Shelby Gehrels, Ursula Estrada, and Sarah Campos.



OPOSSUMS HUNTER & MIDNIGHT from the San Angelo Nature Center are displayed for Brownie Troop #338 members (from left) Hannah Lugo, Regan Newsom, Abby Guy, Miranda Torres, Lisa Dees, and Haley Kaczyk.

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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

Rain! Rain! Come again

Information for this article was taken from a thesis, "History of Runnels County," written by Houston Self for his degree from Texas Tech (1931). He was a coach in Winters and married Juanita Pentecost, a local girl.

The second section was from a thesis, "History of Runnels County from 1683-1960," by Glenn Smith of Ballinger for his degree from Trinity University.

When drought comes everyone suffers. In this section of the country, rainfall is always uncertain. In 1906, rainfall was 37.82 inches; in 1917, it was 110.61. An average for Runnels County is about 25 inches.

The first severe drought of which there is an account was in 1864. However, the old settlers who were in the county at this time, and who lived through the drought of 1886, compared it to the one of 1884. According to their report, it was the worst drought prior to 1886.

The drought of 1886 was a landmark in the history of West Texas. It has not been uncommon for old settlers to refer to the two events taking place — before and after the drought. The drought was a giant calamity, as disastrous for West Texas as was the Civil War with all its privations.

In 1909, the drought of 1886 was still a topic of conversation. In 1885-86, drought caused famine in this county. People were compelled to call for help and cattle died by the hundreds.

Beginning in August of 1917,



Charlsie Poe

just six inches of rain fell for the twelve months. By the end of summer in 1918, the banks had loaned all the money they could, and the stores had been carrying some farmers for four years — on credit for three years.

A mass meeting in August appointed a Drought Relief Committee.

According to a report in *The Ballinger Ledger* on August 30, 1918, merchants and bankers could no longer bear the burden and a resolution was presented to the government for help with the following facts listed:

- Our cropage has been reduced for the past three years, and in 1918 there was a complete failure.

- Second, our country has lost 50% of its population and 90% of its livestock.

- Third, our people are so pressed financially that they are sacrificing everything on the farm and ranch for mere existence.

- Fourth, rainfall has been less than normal for three years and for the last year it is less than five inches.

- Fifth, there is nothing on which to base credit that is readily convertible.

Then just as it seemed that no

one could exist in the dehydrated land any longer, the rain began to fall. In October of 1918, slow drenching rains had up to four inches, and over 5-1/2 more inches of moisture fell during the remaining two months of the year. The worst drought in the recorded history of Runnels County was over. (And World War ended.)

Good rains in 1919 sent cotton production back up to 47,245 bales and the renewed prosperity brought people back in the county.

Late in October, a train composed of nine coaches "loaded to the guard rails" pulled into Ballinger from Brownwood and "people piled off in great numbers." Cotton prices soared to over 40 cents per pound and farmers recouped their losses from the drought just passed.

Cheer up! Put on a happy face. It will rain again. It always has.

Jim Bowie Days & Song of Silver set June 15-18

Vacation fun will not be complete without the most entertaining weekend of the summer June 15-18 in Menard.

Sponsored by the Menard Chamber of Commerce, the 13th annual Jim Bowie Days will offer a variety of activities for the entire family.

Scheduled are: an arts & crafts fair, entertainment, games, food booths, & a Saturday night dance.

The big Jim Bowie Days weekend will lead off with the musical production, *Song of Silver*, locally produced, directed, and performed with a cast of about one hundred. The outdoor performances begin at sundown and the two-hour production is an action-packed historical account. Performances are scheduled for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 15, 16, and 17.

For more information, contact the Menard Chamber of Commerce, Box 64, Menard, Texas 76859, 915-396-2365.

MARCH, continued

cities in the U.S. alone will participate.

Activities will begin in Winters at Ted Meyer Park at 9:00 a.m. with singing and praise. The march will start at 10:00 a.m. and will go from the park down Main Street to the area north of the new post office. From there, the march will go by Senior Citizens Nursing Home and Our House and end back at the park.

Everyone is asked to bring sandwiches, chips, and drinks so that a picnic lunch may be shared together after the march.

For additional information or to purchase shirts or tee shirts, contact Noelisa Loehman at 754-4328.



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EDNA BEATY & DAUGHTER BETTY COWLISHAW (sitting), former residents of Winters, proudly pose with Betty's son, Keith Cowlishaw (far back) and his children (clockwise from left) Jeremy, Rhonda, Brooke, Robin, Samuel, and Laura.

Housing loans available to qualified applicants

The Texas USDA Rural Development Agency has Housing Loan Programs available to assist qualified very low, low, and moderate income applicants in the construction or purchase of a home.

These loans require no down payment or mortgage insurance and can be made for up to 100 percent of the market value of the property. In some cases, this allows for financing of the closing costs.

Loan terms are from 30 to 33 years, with fixed interest rates. Payment assistance is available.

Based on family size and income, the interest rate could be as low as one percent.

The agency also administers Home Repair Loans and Grants for qualified very low income owner-occupants.

Grant funds of up to \$7,500 are available for homeowners age 62 and over who cannot repay a loan. The grants must be used to remove health and safety hazards such as repairing roofs, heating, electrical, plumbing systems, water and waste disposal, installing screens, windows, insulation, and other items to make the home safe.

Home repair loans up to \$20,000 may include similar purposes as the grant, but may also be used to modernize and bring a home up to standards, make changes for convenience, add a room, remodel or make overall improvements to the home.

The loan term can be up to 20 years, with a fixed one percent interest rate.

For information concerning these programs, contact the Rural Development office at 2608A Hwy. 277 South, Brownwood, or call (915) 643-1585, extension 4.

"Conquering Breast Cancer Piece by Piece" to benefit women who cannot afford annual mammograms

Vera West Women's Center is pleased to announce a new project in the fight against breast cancer. "In honor of the second anniversary of Vera West Women's Center, we are announcing a new project for women," said Sarah Mulkey, director, Women's Health.

"Conquering Breast Cancer Piece by Piece" is a project to help the hundreds of women in the Texas Midwest who cannot afford annual mammograms.

The project has two different

phases, the first phase includes involving community members in making or donating quilts. The second phase, will be a women's health celebration in October where the quilts will be auctioned with proceeds being used to provide mammograms for women in the 22 county area Hendrick serves.

Community members may purchase a quilt block, create their own quilt, sponsor a quilt on behalf of an organization or donate

\$10 to the "Hand and Heart Quilt" which will memorialize women whose lives were cut short by breast cancer. The hearts will represent those memorialized and hands will honor survivors of breast cancer.

For more information about the project, community members may call Vera West Women's Center at 670-3950. Women throughout the region will be eligible to receive the sponsored mammograms.

The Fort Griffin Fandangle begins Thursday, June 22

The Fort Griffin Fandangle of Albany, Texas, will be held on June 22, 23, 24 and June 29, 30, and July 1.

The nationally known historical musical show will begin under the Texas sky each evening at 8:30 p.m. in the Prairie Theater just outside of Albany.

The Fandangle Parade, featuring some of the favorite sets such as the stagecoach and the steam-driven calliope, will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 29.

There is something in the Fandangle for everyone — music, dancing, drama, and pageantry. Within the wide range of variety lies the theme of the show — the portrayal of the feelings of the western pioneers as they met life day to day.

Ticket prices range from \$5 to \$15, depending on seating. For more information, call 915-762-3838.

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Sinus Care Center

Students should utilize reading skills over break to prevent "summer loss"; parents can play a key role

According to a recent survey of kindergarten through sixth grade teachers from throughout the country, 77 percent said students return to school after summer break reading at levels that are either worse or the same as when they left for break.

Of the 35 percent of teachers who said kids return to school at a worse reading level, 57 percent said they spend more than a month getting kids back up to speed.

While local elementary Principal Tammy Bright and third grade teacher Linda Mitchell, can't verify the statistics, both agree that students regress in their reading abilities, especially if they don't actively practice the skills over the summer break.

"I can't start on true third grade skills," said Mitchell, "until I can go through a second grade review. I do agree (with the conclusions drawn from the survey), that students read too little over the summer months. They come back and if they didn't read, you can tell."

The Shopforschool.com Summer Reading Survey, which questioned 900 K-6th grade teachers in states around the country, also found that parents can play a key role in helping to avoid what teachers call "summer loss"—the loss of reading skills while kids are on summer break.

"Parents need to understand,"

continued Mitchell, "that kids need to read not only for enjoyment, but for understanding as well. Question your children after they read. See if they understood it—or just read because you told them to."

"Children should read to their parents, too," said Mitchell, "so they can see if they are understanding (what they are reading.) If children see parents believe reading is important, it can make a big difference."

If parents read to their children, Mitchell points out, they are modeling a positive experience. "They can model inflection (the tone in which the book should be read) and enjoyment. They should realize that they can read for enjoyment, and not just to win a contest."

Bright emphasizes the opportunities available to the Winters' children. "There is the Summer Reading Program at the Winters Public Library; they can read to younger siblings; and there are some great magazines for kids like *Highlights* and *Sports Illustrated for Kids*."

"It doesn't have to be a structured library book," Bright continued, "it can be more enjoyment reading, or interest. It's like riding a bicycle—if you don't use it for a long time, you have to practice to get back up to speed."

"Once you (as a parent) start

showing an interest in their reading, they don't realize they are learning—but rather, having fun," said Mitchell. "Read a novel on a trip," she said, "get the whole family involved. I remember a trip we took and I began reading 'Charlotte's Web.'"

"Well I was just reading along and turned around to the back seat. Both of the boys had fallen asleep, so I stopped. Mike (her husband) looked at her and said, 'Well what happened to Wilbur?'"

Bright adds about keeping up with academic skills over the summer, "The same holds true for math. When you go to the grocery store, tell your child you need three cans of corn, or let them calculate the cost (depending on their age)."

Mitchell said, "Let them calculate prices at McDonalds or Burger King—is it cheaper to get the 'meal deal' or buy each item separately. Make them look at it as a game, instead of 'is this all I can have?'" "Read road signs on a trip—figure mileage," said Bright, "it's all thinking and reasoning skills."

The Winters Public Library Summer Reading Program began this week. It meets every Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 3 p.m., and will continue through July 11. They will not meet on July 4.

Library hours are from 1 to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

WHS Class of '60 sets July reunion

The Winters High School Class of 1960 has scheduled their 40th reunion to be held in Winters during the 4th of July weekend. The seniors, their families, and friends will gather at the Rock Hotel at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 1st.

Dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m. at The Shed at Wingate. A breakfast is planned for Sunday morning with the location to be announced.

Invitations have been sent to class members but addresses are needed for the following members: Edna Lewallen Landreth, Walter Kraatz, Sara Rice Jacobs, Jackie Haswell Norman, Louis Dietz, Patsy Simpson Ferguson, Patricia Wood Bryant, Gary Onken, Lance Teten, Nina Hord Warton, Sammy Albro, Barbara Gerhart Sanders, Randy Davis, David Whitley, Linda Simpson and Loeta Hunter.

If you have addresses for these people, please contact Nona Burton at 365-2703 or Kay Guy at 754-5248.

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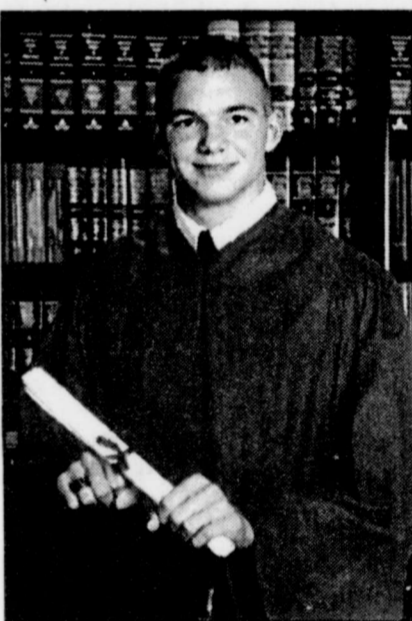
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Grandson of former residents graduates with honors

Christopher Prichard, 18, recently graduated with honors from Katy High School in Katy, Texas. He is the son of Bobby and Debbie Prichard of Katy and the grandson of Weldon and Peggy Holbrooks of Stamford and formerly of Winters.

While in high school, Chris was involved in sports medicine and was very active as a trainer for the football and soccer teams. He was presented with a service award and a scholarship from Fort Bend Telephone Company during the Senior Honors night.

Chris will attend Texas Tech University in the fall.



Chris Prichard

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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, May 28, 2000, through Saturday, June 3, 2000. Winters Police Officers:

* received a report that a 40-year-old female of Winters had entered into a residence in the 100 block of N. Grant Street without the owner's permission. The trespasser allegedly entered into the apartment through a window to speak with her estranged boyfriend. The owner requested charges be filed for criminal trespassing and the matter has been referred to the County Attorney.

* received a report of an assault occurring in the 700 block of Roberts Street. A 30-year-old female of Midland stated she had been beaten by her husband the previous night and held for over 12 hours before being released. The female stated she was forced to lay across a bed while being repeatedly struck with a belt across her back, arms, and legs. The female was taken to North Runnels Hospital and treated for extensive injuries. The female who was covered in welts consistent with belt marks stated she was beaten for disrespecting her husband in front of his mother. Jose Herrera Lopez of Midland was located and arrested for assault causing bodily injury and taken to Runnels County Jail.

* responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of W. Dale Street. A 15-year-old female and a 22-year-old male were arguing over custody of a baby. Both parties stated they had gotten into a shoving match, but neither party wished to file charges. A separation was made to prevent further problems.

* stopped a 1999 Ford pickup for a traffic violation in the 800 block of S. Main Street. A license check of the driver showed her license to be under suspension for a D.W.I. charge. Lissa Gail Cammack of Abilene was arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to Runnels County Jail.

* stopped a 1972 Chevy pickup in the 500 block of N. Main for failure to yield from a driveway. A 19-year-old male of Winters was found to be operating the vehicle without insurance, expired registration and motor vehicle inspection. The male was issued a citation for displaying expired registration and no liability insurance and the pickup was impounded.

* received report of an assault in the 500 block of N. Fannin. A 79-year-old female of Winters was allegedly assaulted by a 58-year-old male of Winters. This case has been referred to Adult Protective Services and is under investigation as injury to the elderly.

* received a report of vandalism in the 200 block of Wood Street. A 19-year-old male of Winters alleged that a 21-year-old female had become enraged over his alleged infidelity. The female allegedly shredded the male's clothing along with a number of personal items including sports trading cards, music CDs, and a watch. This case has been referred to the County Attorney as criminal mischief Class B.

* responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of N. Heights Street. A 25-year-old male alleged being assaulted by a 29-year-old female related to him. Injuries were observed to the male. The female was contacted and injuries were observed on her as well. Both parties had a strong odor of alcohol about their persons. Both parties wished to file charges and the officer arrested both parties. Johnny Wayne Liggins and Dorothy Liggins Smith were taken to Runnels County Jail and booked for assault causing bodily injury.

* responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of W. Dale Street. A 25-year-old female reported being assaulted by a 20-year-old male related to her. The female stated the male was suicidal and had pulled her hair out and shoved her into a wall. The male was found to have barricaded himself in the house and officers had to kick in the door. James Wilcox was located and arrested for assault causing bodily injury and taken to Runnels County Jail. Both subjects are from Winters.

* observed a 1998 Dodge car travelling at a high rate of speed on W. Parsonage attempt to brake too late and skid through a stop sign. A traffic stop was attempted and the vehicle accelerated and appeared to be attempting to elude officers who followed the vehicle for approximately six blocks before stopping in the 700 block of Van Ness Street. The driver observed to have a strong odor of alcohol on his person and seemed unable to stand on his own. The driver refused the sobriety tasks. Agapito Tamez was arrested for driving while intoxicated Class B and taken to Runnels County Jail where he subsequently provided a blood alcohol specimen nearly three times the legal limit.

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

Official Records

County Court

Dispositions
Jose Isabel Gallegos, resisting arrest, dismissed, completed pretrial deferred adjudication

Benigno Delarosa, theft, dismissed, made restitution and completed pretrial diversion

Alfonzo Campos Jr., assault, dismissed, insufficient evidence

Criminal Cases Filed

May 23
William D. Shore, filed for theft of merchandise by check

Marriage Licenses

May 30
Dustin Ray Fentress and Roxanne Danae Dankworth
Larry Frank Lancaster Jr. and Robin Ann Sherman
William Lawrence Meyers and Mary Lou Coleman
James B. Strength and Della Rue Condra

May 31

Eric Thomas Amsler and Courtney Lee Ewing

June 1

Lionel Burr Brewer and Virginia Warren Robbins
Jason M.D. Gollihar and Jana Racheal Wilson

District Court

Civil Cases Filed
June 2
Charlie Grohman vs. Carolyn Kraatz, suit for exemplary damages

Divorce Cases Filed

May 30
Lacy Jaye Hoyt vs. Jeffery Blake Hoyt

Justice of the Peace

Precinct 1
Civil Cases Filed
May 25
Donna K. Elkins vs. Mr. and Mrs. David Bradshaw, suit for eviction

May 31
J.C. Harrell vs. James Harrell, suit for eviction

Felony Cases Filed

May 30
Bobby Lewis Beddo, filed for aggravated assault serious bodily injury to a public servant

Small Claims Cases Filed

May 22
Alderman-Cave Feeds vs. H.K. Lane, suit on account

Alderman-Cave Feeds vs. Dan Simpson, suit on account

Alderman-Cave Feeds vs. Keith New, suit on account

Alderman-Cave Feeds vs. Merk Carroll dba Carroll Farms, suit on account

Alderman-Cave Feeds vs. Pete Walden, suit on account

Alderman-Cave Feeds vs. Bud Poage, suit on account

May 31

Citifinancial Inc., fka Commercial Credit Corp., vs. James Powers, promissory note

Lone Star Gas, a division of Enserch Corp., vs. Raymond C. Barrow, suit on account

Criminal Cases Filed

May 26
William Justin Byler, filed for minor in possession of alcohol

Justin Allen Pullin, filed for minor in possession of alcohol

Local veteran groups sponsor Memorial Day services

by Keith Thomason
Commander

American Legion Post #261

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign War held a Memorial Day Service at Northview Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 29.

Billy Ray, Commander of the VFW, served as master of ceremonies. Gary Porter, American Legion Chaplain, gave the opening prayer and read an emotional poem, "A Soldier Died Today." A trumpet solo of "Taps" by Jim Lincycumb followed, and Porter closed the service with a prayer.

The VFW and American Legion members placed memorial flags on all veterans' graves in the Winters cemeteries in remembrance for their service and sacrifice.

Raising funds for cancer research—

Winters to host first annual "Relay for Life" July 14-15

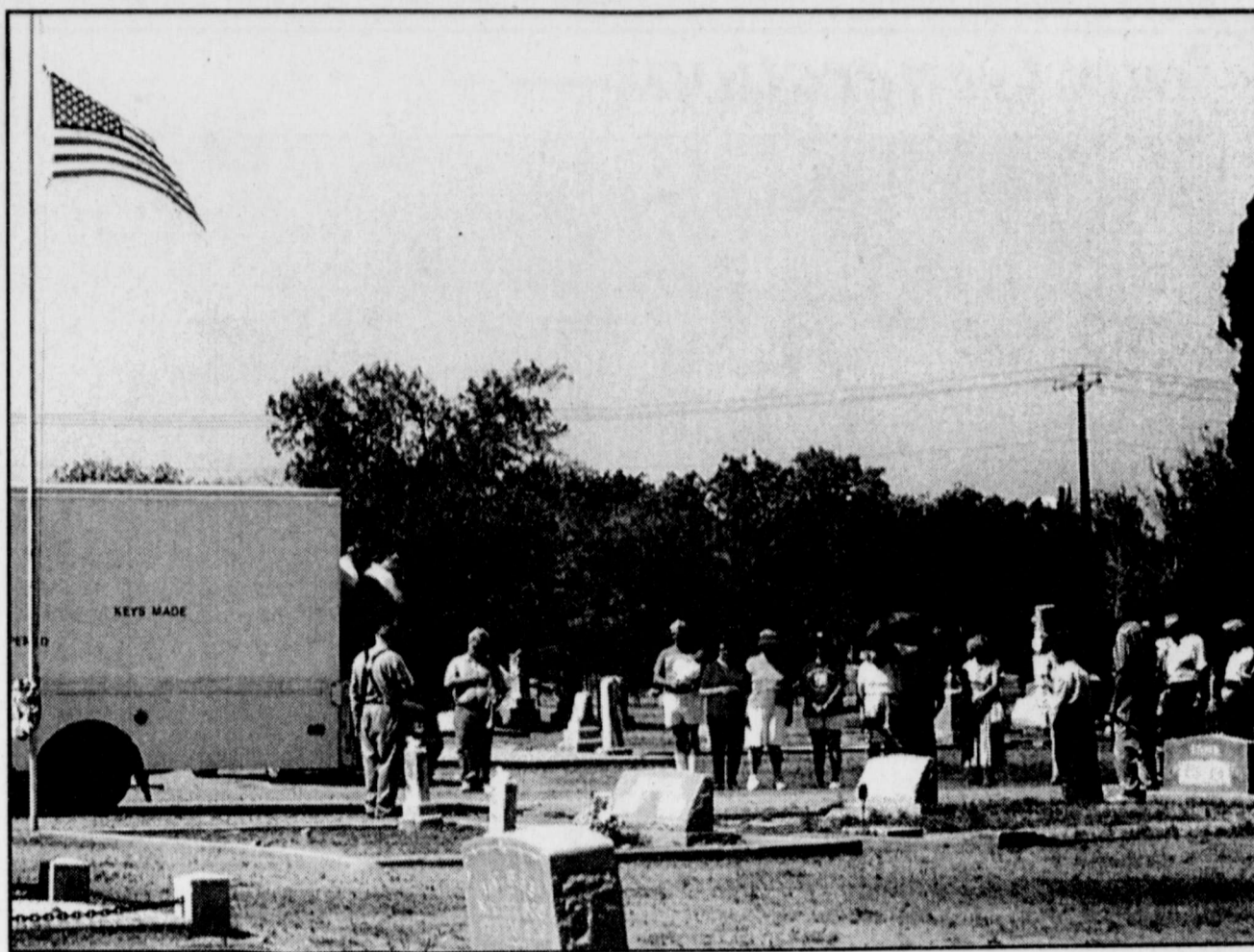
The Winters community will host a "Relay for Life" on Friday and Saturday, July 14-15, 2000. The relay is a team event to fight cancer as sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

The event will be held at the Winters High School Track Complex with setup beginning at 5 p.m. The relay will begin at 7 p.m. with a lap by cancer survivors. All other participants will begin on lap two and continue throughout the night. An awards ceremony and closing lap ending the event will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

A special Candlelight Ceremony will be held at 10 p.m. on Friday to honor those who have won the battle with cancer and to memorialize those who have lost the battle with cancer. Luminaries may be purchased for \$5 up to ceremony time.

All local organizations, businesses, youth groups, clubs, Sunday School classes, and interested groups or individuals are invited to participate. There are no age limitations and families are encouraged to participate.

Registration is \$50 per team. Each team will be allowed up to



VETERANS AND THEIR LOVED ONES bow their heads in prayer during the Memorial Day service at Northview Cemetery on May 29.

ARTHUR, continued

got what I wanted. I gave Mom money for whatever she needed. I didn't want Mom's help. I told myself I can do for myself and manage to pay for it (car).

"Mom raised me to understand that money doesn't grow on trees — I saw she needed help. Even though she's wanted to do it (financial support), I knew I would do what I needed to do."

Originally, Arthur had enlisted with the Navy, but due to his academic background, was encouraged to apply to the Academy.

Through intensive efforts by Recruiter Hal Vickers, WHS counselor Becky Reel, and Arthur's boss, Zeldia Stewart, he was able to earn a congressional nomination by Congressman Charles Stenholm.

His appointment was based on leadership qualities, physical ability, academics, and medical background. The program is highly selective and it is rare for a student to be accepted directly from high school.

Arthur reports to the Academy on June 29. He will spend the next 8 weeks of his summer in rigorous training before beginning classes in the fall. "The first year is the roughest," said Arthur. "The instructors are constantly criticizing and do everything they can think of to put you beyond your limit."

There will be no school vacations to speak of, with only a month off the entire year. He will spend his sophomore and junior year summers at sea.

As he was being interviewed on graduation day, Arthur said, "I was feeling really good about leaving Winters — excited to be getting away and doing something else."

"But I realized this morning as we practiced for commencement, tonight will be the last time I will see some of these people. So on second thought, it's really hitting me about leaving my family and friends."

"I'm gonna go to Annapolis with my southern drawl and people are probably going to make fun of me. I'm going to be no better than anyone else... everyone is in the Top 10% of their class. I've heard you go in with a 4.0 (GPA in high school) and end up with a 2.0 at the Naval Academy."

His concern comes with his study habits. "I've never had to

study much. I have a photographic memory — I just look at something and I know it. I remember one time in Mr. (John) Key's class, we had to learn 108 lines of a play. I knew mine in two days. Mr. Key was so impressed he gave me a 100 for the quarter."

Though Senior English and Mrs. Cynthia Davis were his downfall in the race for valedictorian, he says she helped him a lot in his preparation for the academy.

In addition, he acknowledges that Mr. David Hale was a good teacher. He admires Hale for his teaching abilities and the fact that he has "lots of degrees in various subjects."

While musing over his teachers and high school preparation for college, Arthur admitted he will have to develop study habits. "I'll have to — just break down and learn how to do it (study)."

Arthur is quick to admit he hates failure and doesn't like "not to succeed." "It's just me, not my family. Being valedictorian was not a big thing for me — I'm glad Matt (Angel) got it."

"Some of my friends say... ah, 'the smart Mexican.' I appreciate and respect if kids look up to me — but I mess up too. I want kids to do their best in school."

"I've always been aimed down the right road — but I have had a few detours along the way," Arthur says as he gives an unprecedented sly smile. "I want to make my mom proud of what I become. Everything I do, I'm doing for my mom. It's never mattered what anyone else thought."

Head track coach and science teacher Chuck Lipsey says of Arthur, "Academically, he's at the top of his class... he's worked to make money for his family, and still participated in athletics. You couldn't ask for a kid to give any more than Arthur does."

Arthur admits there's not much free time. He says he doesn't cruise around or hang out. He stays at home with his family and friends.

"He's dependable... on time... and made good choices," continued Lipsey. "There were times (San Angelo Relays) where we'd run all day — he'd come home and work that night — and be up and running again the next day — unlike some people... a lot of other people!"

"He's just a normal kid who takes pride in how he looks, how he acts — his actions. Evidently his mom has done a great job of raising him, and he's very proud of her," said Lipsey.

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Last chance to enter "Dad & Me Contest"

Three prize packages worth \$100 each to be awarded in the June 15th Father's Day edition

Dad could be in for a big treat with Father's Day fast approaching, but you must hurry in order to qualify him as an entrant in the first annual "Dad & Me Contest" sponsored by *The Winters Enterprise*. Deadline for entry is noon, Monday, June 12.

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Prize package #3 includes a KC for 4 from The Shed, a DeWalt High Performance Cooler from Higginbotham Bros., a monogrammed cap from The Stitchin' Post, and a one year subscription to *The Winters Enterprise*.

"Dad & Me" photos and a \$10 entry fee should be brought or sent to *The Enterprise* office at 104 N. Main, Winters, Texas, 79567, before noon on Monday, June 12. Winners will be announced in the June 15 issue.

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Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 29th day of June, 2000, said estray will be sold at public auction at Producers Livestock in San Angelo.

Witness my hand this 5th day of June, 2000.
WILLIAM BAIRD
 Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas **11-23(2tc)**

Public Notice
 Elm Creek Water Control District will meet in regular session on Tuesday, June 13, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Activity Center, 600 Wood, Winters, Texas.

OPEN COMMUNITY MEETING FOR NORTH RUNNELS HOSPITAL

The public is invited to attend the North Runnels Hospital Board of Directors meeting, Monday, June 19, 2000, at 7 p.m. at the Winters Community Center. The main purpose of this meeting is to give the community an opportunity to give feedback to the Hospital Board of Directors and to be involved by having direct input into the direction of local resources and services.

The Board is considering converting the local hospital into a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) which is a limited service hospital designed to combine potentially improved reimbursement with cost savings from relaxed operating requirements to help ensure financial viability.

The center for Rural Health Initiatives, the State Office of Rural Health for the State of Texas serves as the administering agency for this program, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Health.

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"I'll give the council all the information and then we'll decide whether to pump more water (from the old lake) by using electricity or a gravity flow," he said. Davis reports that the old lake had filled and the level in the Reservoir had already risen about 5-6 inches.

But the drought, which has been worsening for the past three years, is in no way over. Davis is also quick to add that citizens of Winters will remain in stage III of the water rationing plan until more definite improvements are seen.

No plans have yet been made to fill the city swimming pool either, according to a City Hall spokesperson.

City Administrator Aref Hassan was out of town and could not be reached for comment on whether increased water rates would be lowered any time soon. "Everyone should tell the Good Lord 'thank you'," said a smiling Davis.

First Baptist Church held a praise service Sunday night, thanking God for His generous blessing of rain.

With recent, unseasonably hot temperatures as high as 107 degrees adding to the miserable drought, the local water situation had reached a critical state.

On May 25, city council members voted to move Winters into stage III of the water rationing plan, prohibiting any outside water. At that time, Elm Creek Reservoir, which is 30 feet deep, had only four feet of water and Winters had less than eight months' supply of water left. Water rates had been increased to deter excessive use and help pay for wells which had been drilled to aid the water crisis.

The weekend rains helped fill empty stock tanks and water standing in the fields has postponed completion of cotton planting.



FLOODED FIELDS are somewhat of a mixed blessing to cotton farmers right now. Although the area desperately needed the weekend rains, farmers will be unable to complete their cotton planting until the fields dry.

CRP enrollment increased; crop insurance bill passed

by Congressman Charlie Stenholm

USDA increases CRP enrollment—The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will enroll approximately 2.5 million acres of environmentally sensitive farmland into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

The announcement by USDA increases the total CRP enrollment to approximately 33.5 million acres, as of October 2000. The current CRP enrollment cap is 36.4 million acres.

Runnels County has been offered 3,559 acres in CRP and has accepted 3,471 acres.

House passes crop insurance bill—The week of May 26, the House gave final approval to the "Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000," legislation to reform the nation's crop insurance program and provide emergency disaster assistance to agricultural producers.

Affordability: This legislation will make crop insurance more affordable by permanently increasing the federal subsidy, lowering the producer's premium. On a 50/1000 policy, producer premium will be lowered from 45% to 33% and at the 75/100 level, producer premium will be lowered from 75% to 45%.

Actual Production History (APH):

This bill sets a minimum level for any year's production to determine a farm's APH. The average will be calculated with no single year being less than 60% of the long-term county average yield.

Livestock risk management pilot program: The legislation makes available up to \$75 million over four years to conduct pilot programs to help livestock producers manage risks.

Participation through cooperatives & non-profits: Cooperatives and producer associations will be permitted to purchase crop insurance on behalf of their members in states where rebating laws do not prohibit the payment of licensing fees in connection with the purchase of insurance. Policies must be delivered through state-licensed companies and agents.

Premium discounts for good performance: The Risk Management Agency (RMA) will be directed to develop criteria to lower the cost of

insurance to producers who seldom make claims.

Catastrophic risk protection options: Producers who choose full subsidized catastrophic coverage will have the option of increasing their level of coverage (currently at 50/55, and estimated as high as 75/1000) if they choose to have payments triggered by area-wide losses.

Limiting double insurance: In an effort to combat fraud without overly-restricting a farm's business flexibility, the bill would limit the INITIAL indemnity payment for the first crop of a producer who chooses to plant a second crop on the same acreage in the same year.

If no indemnity is paid on the second crop, then the producer will receive FULL indemnity on the first.

Increasing fines & penalties: Producers, agents, or officials who supply false information would be subject to the higher of the gains received or \$10,000. They can also be barred from program participation for up to five years.

Extension News & Views

By Mike Mauldin, Extension Agent-Ag

Northwest Runnels County to be hormone herbicide regulated

The Northwest part of Runnels County will be a Herbicide Regulated area again this year.

The dates that this regulation is in effect are May 26 to October 1, 2000. All persons within the designated area are asked to abide with these regulations.

The regulations are as follows:

That portion of Runnels County beginning on the West county line at the point of intersection with the Colorado River, east-southeasterly along the Colorado River to its intersection with U.S. Highway 83, thence north along U.S. Highway 83 to its intersection with the north county line, thence westerly along

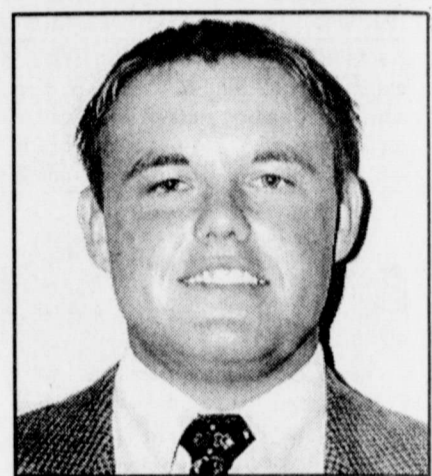
the north Runnels County line to the northwest corner of the county, thence southerly along the west county line to the Colorado River, the point of beginning, is regulated by the Texas Herbicide Law. In regulated areas, no permit is required from October 1 through May 25 of the following year. The application of Ester formulations of other regulated herbicides will be allowed beginning May 26 through September 30 of each year provided that a spray permit is obtained prior to each application.

Tom Guthrie appointed Assistant Runnels County Extension Agent

Tom Guthrie, a native of Santa Anna, was unanimously approved as the new Assistant County Extension Agent by Runnels County commissioners at a special meeting Wednesday, May 31.

Guthrie is a May graduate of Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science. His first day on the job in Runnels County was Monday, June 5.

The new agent replaces Brandon Morgan who was recently appointed County Extension Agent in Stephens County.



Tom Guthrie

Seeking contestants for Farm Bureau contests

The annual Runnels County Farm Bureau Queen, Junior Queen and Talent Find Contests will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 16, 2000, in the meeting room of Runnels County Farm Bureau office at 809 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger.

Queen contestants must be single, 16-19 years old as of September 1, 2000, and be a daughter or sister of a Texas Farm Bureau member.

Junior Queen contestants must be single, 14-15 years old as of September 1, 2000, and be a daughter or sister of a Texas Farm

Bureau member. Talent Find contestants must be 16-19 years old as of September 1, 2000, and must be a Texas Farm Bureau member or a member of a Texas Farm Family.

Applications are available at the Runnels County Farm Bureau office, 809 Hutchings Ave., Ballinger, Texas 76821.

Deadline for applications is Monday, July 10, 2000, at 5:00 p.m. at the Runnels County Farm Bureau office.

Please contact the office at 365-2562 for more information.

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Runnels County Rumors
From the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service

FINAL PLANTING DATES—Farmers in Runnels County will be interested in these final planting dates:
Cotton June 20
Milo June 20
Haygrazer ... August 15
Sesame July 10
Vegetables .. June 1
Melons July 1
Peanuts July 1.
CRP EMERGENCY

GRAZING—Emergency Grazing of CRP acreage has been extended to June 29, 2000, for Runnels County.
No additional charges will be assessed for producers that continue to graze the same acreage.
There will be a charge of 10% of the annual rental payment for any new acreage grazed or any new application filed during the extended period.

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