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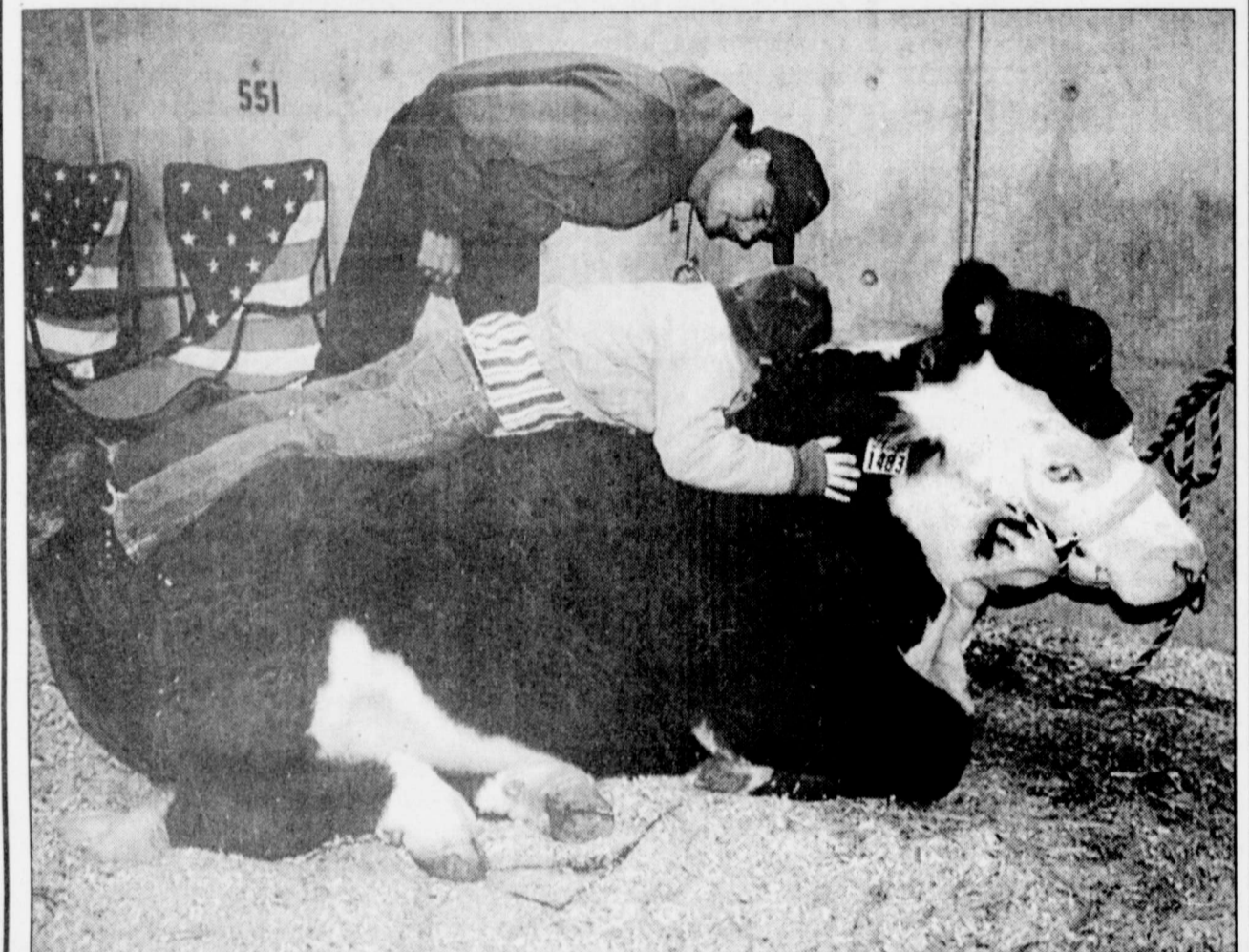
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A Moo...ving Experience—



"NOW DALTON... WE TALKED ABOUT THIS and remember if you cry, Dad said he'd cry and we don't want to cry..." or do we? Winters FFA Advisor Roy Shackelford attempts to comfort son Dalton, 9, who just moments earlier was all smiles after placing fourth in the Junior Market Steer Show with his Polled Hereford. Earning a spot in the auction is an accomplishment every young exhibitor dreams of—however, it wasn't until he realized that "J.B." was not coming home after the famous Ft. Worth Stock Show Sale that Dalton snuggled up with his special friend and had a good old-fashioned cry. (And...yes, Dad's eyes were "glistening" too!)

Unhappy with cost of natural gas?

Write RRC via Internet before Feb. 26 hearing

Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews, and Commissioner Tony Garza have invited Texans to use the Internet to submit their comments for a daylong hearing focusing on natural gas utility issues.

The hearing, which is set for Monday, February 26, is being held in response to the rising cost of natural gas faced by consumers.

Texans are invited to comment on a variety of natural gas issues including: incentives for utilities to minimize the gas costs passed onto consumers; how to better notify consumers on anticipated price fluctuations; and the impact of severe price fluctuations on industries such as agriculture.

An online comment form can be found at the Railroad Commission of Texas website as follows: www.rrc.state.tx.us.

Carolyn Scarborough, librarian at the Winters Public Library, encourages Winters residents to use the Internet services at the library which will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

"The Internet provides an opportunity for all Texans to be part of this very important process," Williams said. "Comments from consumers who have been impacted the most by recent natural gas price fluctuations are not only welcomed, they're encouraged."

"If we are to help the Legislature develop some real solutions, we must hear from all sides," Matthews said. "By providing an opportunity to comment via the Internet, the Railroad Commission of Texas is working to ensure all voices are heard."

"With Texans facing some of the highest natural gas bills in recent memory, who better to ask for suggestions than consumers?" added Garza. "Through use of the Internet, everyone can offer suggestions that will ultimately lead to real reform."

Williams, Matthews, and Garza noted that all comments submitted via the Internet will become part of the official hearing record. Online comments must be submitted by Feb. 26.

The daylong conference on natural gas issues is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 26, in room 1-111 of the RRC of Texas, 1701 North Congress in Austin, beginning at 10 a.m.

The goal of the hearing is to develop specific short-term recommendations to be shared with the 77th Texas Legislature. Recommendations formulated from invited testimony at the hearing and Internet comments will be passed onto the House Committee on Energy Resources and the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

Commissioners agree to consider annexation with Lipan-Kikapoo Water Conservation District

During a special meeting on Tuesday morning, February 20, Runnels County Commissioners agreed to place an item on the agenda for their special meeting next Tuesday, February 27. Added to next week's agenda will be an item concerning an election of the county into the Lipan-Kikapoo Water Conservation District.

Randall Conner, representing a steering committee from the county, asked the commissioners to place the item on the agenda for the next meeting and at that time to consider paying the cost, or at least, part of the cost of holding the election in the county.

In other business, commissioners removed from the table and approved an endorsement agreement with Liberty Marketing Company for producing a county map. Commissioners will provide

the latest map of the county to Liberty Marketing and have an opportunity to correct any errors before the map goes to print.

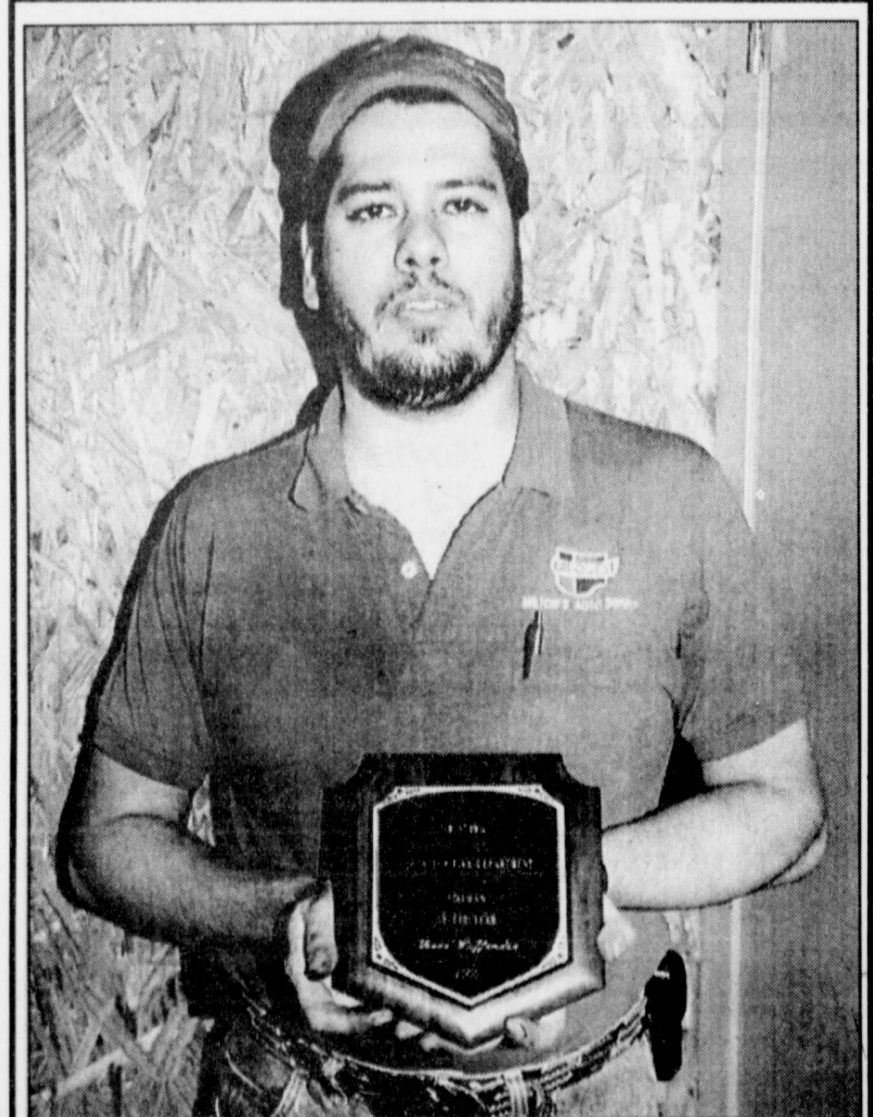
Other business on the agenda and action taken included:

- Approval was given for R&R Well Service, Inc. to cross County Road 332 with a gas line.
- Commissioners agreed to place used county equipment in the Wingate Lions Club Auction on April 7.
- An order was approved to advertise for bids on asphalt and topping rock with bids to be opened in April.
- Approval was given for enter-

ing into a contract with Lexis Publishing for the Texas Litigation Guide for the county law library.

Patricia Hohensee, County Extension Agent invited the county judge and commissioners to attend meetings in Winters and Ballinger to gather information on health care needs in Runnels County. The Winters meeting is scheduled at the Winters Housing Authority meeting room on March 1, from 4:15 to 5:00 p.m. and two meetings in Ballinger at the Medical Plaza Building, from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. and 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.

All commissioners were present for Tuesday's meeting.



WINTERS VOLUNTEER FIREMAN OF THE YEAR Rene Woffenden will compete with some 25 other West Texas fireman for Hill Country Fireman of the Year at the annual convention which will be hosted by Winters on April 7. Woffenden has been with the department since 1997 and currently serves as vice-president of the WFVD. He actively presents programs to area youth and organizations pertaining to fire safety & prevention.

Filings, election dates, early voting scheduled

May 5, 2001, has been set as election day for the City of Winters, North Runnels Hospital and Winters Independent School District.

In the City election, voters will

Last summer baseball/softball registration set for Friday night

The very last sign-up for Winters area baseball and softball summer league is set for Friday night, February 23. Registration will be held beginning at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Parents are reminded to bring birth certificates for each child. Fees are \$40 for the first child and \$35 for every child in an immediate family, thereafter.

No registration forms will be accepted after Wednesday, February 28, 2001. Anyone unable to register on Friday should contact Dawn Green at 754-4430.

select council members for districts 1, 3 and Mayor. Joe Gerhart presently serves in district 1, Tommy Russell in district 3, and Dawson McGuffin is Mayor.

February 19 was the first filing day for candidates and March 21 is the last day.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the City of Winters City Hall located at 310 S. Main, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 18, 2001, and ending on May 1, 2001.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Aref Hassan, City Secretary, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas 79567, and must be received no later than the close of business on April 27, 2001.

Voting on May 5 will be held at the Winters elementary school library. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Four positions are available on the board of trustees of North Runnels Hospital. All positions See ELECTIONS, page 2

Blizzard Royalty —



BRIANA PARRAMORE and GABRIEL G. HERNANDEZ were crowned Glacier Queen and King during ceremonies on February 14 at Winters High School. Briana is the daughter of John and Chris Parramore and is a freshman at WHS. Gabriel, a senior, is the son of Mary and Ruben Hernandez. The pair was elected by popular vote by the entire student body. Other candidates were Holly Woffenden, senior; Joey Joeris and Isha Lara, junior candidates; Stephen Cuevas and Priscilla Ontiveros, sophomore candidates, and Eric Lopez, freshman.

- ### WHAT'S HAPPENING ?
- Feb. 22-11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sliced Ham Luncheon, Rock Hotel
 - 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
 - 5 p.m., Hale Museum Board
 - High School TAAS Reading Exit Exam
 - Feb. 23-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
 - 12:25 p.m., Fellowship of Christian Athletes, WISD Science Lab
 - 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
 - Feb. 24-7 p.m., Winters Squares
 - Feb. 25-5 p.m., Combined Choir Rehearsal, First Baptist Church
 - Feb. 26-9:30-10:30 a.m., SS Rep, Winters Housing Authority
 - 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
 - 5:15 p.m., 4-H, Mt. Carmel Catholic Church Hall
 - 6 p.m., City Council, City Hall
 - 6 p.m., Project Graduation 2001, Winters Public Library
 - 7 p.m., Wingate Masonic Lodge
 - 7 p.m., InFO, San Angelo
 - 7:30 p.m., School Board, Administration Bldg.
 - Feb. 27-9 a.m., Winters Ministerial Alliance, First Baptist Church
 - 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
 - Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
 - 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
 - 7 p.m., WVFD Auxiliary
 - Feb. 28-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
 - 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
 - March 1-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
 - 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©2001



Well, it's no use trying to find and produce oil and gas anymore. A recent press release by a "no-progress" group says it won't do a bit of good to produce an extra 10 billion barrels of oil within U.S. borders.

A "scientific study group" with lots of initials in its title released a "study" last week that said, among other things, that opening up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) will make so little impact on our energy supply that it is not worth considering.

Now, before we get to the "study", you should know that this group releasing the information is an arm of the coalition of anti-energy groups opposed to any type of exploration or production of hydrocarbons in the United States (or the world for that matter). But, I'm sure there is no bias in the reporting of the result of the study-right?

Well, on to the published results of this "important study only now being made available to the general public".

The author of the report says that exhaustive study of the "reserves available" in ANWR and the current level of world oil consumption leads to only "one conclusion: ANWR probably only holds 10 billion barrels or so of oil and that is too small to be of consequence in the period it would be produced."

I'll admit it sounds like some real-life conclusion from a study done by some non-partisan think tank somewhere, armed with computers and guys with white lab coats, and all the facts. But, under closer scrutiny, the image doesn't match up well with the reality.

First of all, the study was likely a study of statistics, not an exhaustive independent study. Further, it was likely produced with the goal in mind of supporting one position—that of keeping ANWR off limits to exploration and development.

Now, even you non-scientists out there probably remember that a scientific study does not begin looking for results to support a pre-conceived conclusion. Rather, it tries to discern a reason for something through investiga-

tion and experimentation, with the result unknown until the data is compiled after all the work is done.

No, it wasn't a scientific study, but, in fact, a really good debate brief. Some of you out there may remember studying debate in school, and you can probably recall that debating does actually require you to have your mind made up before you put together facts and assertions that support your argument.

Secondly, the basic tenets of the "study" were just nonsensical.

A reserves find of 10 billion barrels anywhere is a gigantic discovery. It will generate \$300 billion of direct revenue, and it will be responsible for generation of \$600 billion more of economic activity within the borders of the United States. An elephant find is considered anything of 1 billion barrels or more, and most any company of any size would kill to make a discovery of that size, let alone 10 billion barrels.

Finally, saying that "10 billion barrels is small next to consumption, so it is not worth trying to get" is anything but forthright. That is like saying to the farmer that his/her field of wheat is too insignificant to mess with so just plow it under! Everyone knows it takes all the fields of grain to make a harvest that feeds the world.

So it is with oil. The world is demanding a bunch of it—no barrel at a time. And, they don't mind gulping big swigs like 10 billion barrels every once in a while, either.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY COMPLETIONS

Callahan County

Durango Operating Co., Inc. has completed the Windham -164- #4 in the Durango Field (8 miles E of Oplin) at an initial rate of 10 BOPD & 30 BWPD in the Cook (perfs 1152-56). Loc. is 929 FSL & 1141 FEL of Sec. 164, Blk. 2, GH&H Sur., A-1211.

Nolan County

Pioneer Exploration has completed the B. Hanks -A- #36 in the Northwest Hylton Field (8 miles S of Nolan) at an initial rate of 45 BOPD in the

Breckenridge (perfs 3594-98). Loc. is 2655 FNL & 360 FWL of Sec. 28, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-1460.

Runnels County

Ladd Oil & Gas has completed the Mitchell #1 in the MCL Field (11 miles N of Winters) at an initial rate of 848 MCFPD (AOF) in the Fry (perfs 4172-82). Loc. is 660 FNL & 467 FEL of A.O. Brewer Sur. No. 5, A-949.

Pitencrieff America has completed the Fort Chadbourne Odom Lime Unit #2713 in the Fort Chadbourne Field (7 miles SW of Wingate) at an initial rate of 48 BOPD & 200 BWPD in the Odom Lime (perfs 5236-76). Loc. is 760 FSWL & 1582 FNWL of G. Carroll Sur. No. 284, A-98.

STAKINGS

Coleman County

R&R Well Service has staked the P. Skelton #4 in the Bead Mountain Field, 4 miles SW of Valera (Depth 3200). Loc. is 910 FNL & 720 FEL of Sec. 62, Blk. 1, GH&H Sur., A-1156.

Concho County

LeClair Operating has staked the Peach #1 as a Wildcat, 13 miles NE of Eden (Depth 3000). Loc. is 1800 FNL & 467 FEL of Sec. 34, Blk. 70, H&TC Sur., A-1770.

Nolan County

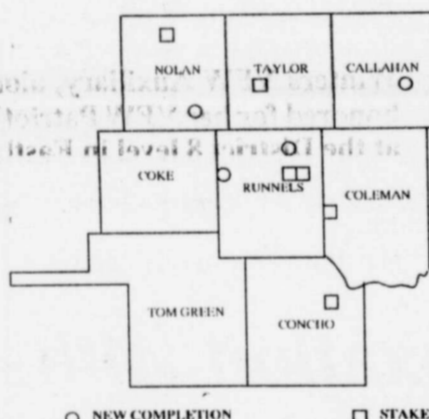
Continental Exploration, L.L.C. has staked the Blackstone Minerals #1 in the County Regular Field, 1 mile NE of Sweetwater (Depth 5500). Loc. is 2640 FEL & 754 FNL of Sec. 31, Blk. 21, T&PRR Sur.

Runnels County

B-J Oil Co. has staked two wells in the Jim Burt Field, 4 miles SE of Winters (Depth 4800). The D.J. Goetz #1 is loc. 3683 FSL & 9332 FWL of J.C. McKean Sur. No. 534, A-371. The D.J. Goetz #2 is loc. 2509 FSL & 7007 FWL of same Sur.

Taylor County

Sundance Resources, Inc. has staked the C.W. Carlisle #2 in the County Regular Field, 1 mile W of Tuscola (Depth 4500). Loc. is 330 FSL & 511 FEL of Sec. 41, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur.



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Feb. 26 thru Mar. 2

Subject to change

Monday, Feb. 26: Mexican cornbread, pinto beans, cole slaw, cornbread, peach crisp.

Tuesday, Feb. 27: Roast & gravy, potatoes & carrots, tossed salad, rolls, chocolate cake.

Wednesday, Feb. 28: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, pumpkin cake.

Thursday, Mar. 1: Potato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pear & cottage cheese, crackers, dessert.

Friday, Mar. 2: Bar-B-Q on a bun, chips, corn salad, pickles & onions, dessert.

Local breeder joins American Simmental Association

James Smith, D.V.M. of Winters has recently become a member of the American Simmental Association (ASA).

"We want to offer a sincere welcome," said ASA Executive Vice-President Jerry Lipsey. "This organization takes great pride on the quality of service it provides to its membership in the form of meaningful breeding data, breed promotion, and management information."

Founded in 1968 when the first Simmental cattle were imported from Europe, ASA was founded on a philosophy that stresses performance in the production of breeding cattle seedstock.

The Simmental breed originated in the Simme Valley of Switzerland, where it was used for three purposes: milk, meat, and work. In the U.S., Simmental has been used exclusively in beef production. The breed is widely acclaimed for its fertility, early growth, outstanding milk production, and docile dispositions.

Headquartered in Bozeman, Montana, ASA has responsibility for maintaining the herdbooks and promoting both breeds. The Association has a total membership exceeding 10,000 including 5,000 junior members.

WSL hosts monthly meeting and program at Lone Star Estates

The Women's Service League held their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 15, at the Lone Star Estates clubhouse.

Lone Star manager Joyce Carbery presented a program about the apartments, followed by a tour of two of the duplexes.

In business, the club voted to give donations to Christmas In April, the Senior Citizens Nurs-

ing Home, and the club's scholarship fund. Future projects were also discussed.

Hostesses for the evening were Tammy Young, Tami Richards, Chrissy Kraatz, and Mandy Mostad. They served chicken spaghetti and the trimmings with a Valentine theme. Ten members were present.

Local pharmacist James Cross speaks to Winters Woman's Club

The Winters Woman's Club met in January at the home of Rhea Parramore. Hostesses for the evening were Bobbie Ludwig, Billie Alderman, and Edna Ruth Self.

President Phyllis Boles called the meeting to order and introduced program chairman, Sandy Griffin. Mrs. Griffin introduced guest speaker, James Cross a local pharmacist and owner of Main Street Drug.

Cross gave an informative program on the latest use of herbal

medicines, generic drugs, and why there is an increase in the cost of prescription drugs. He concluded his presentation with a question and answer session from the members.

A short business meeting followed the program. Several committee reports were given and details of the next meeting were discussed. Refreshments were served.

The club welcomed special guest, Lori Smith.

Literary & Service Club reviews contributions for past year

The Literary and Service Club met on Thursday, February 15, in the home of Selma Wilkerson.

Eris Beard, president, presided over the business meeting. Ruth Cooper gave a report on the contributions given by the club over the past year and discussed how

to disperse funds in 2001.

Hostess Selma Wilkerson gave a report on healthy cooking and tips on purchasing and preparing nutritious meals.

The club welcomed visitor Margie Jacob to the meeting.

ELECTIONS, continued

are for two-year terms. Phil Colburn, current president of the board, said he will not seek another term. Gary Pinkerton says he will run for re-election. Randall Sneed and Doug Wheat are undecided at this time.

Candidates must file between March 1 and March 30 at the hos-

pital.

Voters on May 5 may cast ballots at the elementary school library and at the Wingate Lions Club building.

A trustee election for Place 1 and Place 7 (at-large position) will also be May 5 for the Winters Independent School District.

Larry Walker currently holds Place 7, and has decided he will run for re-election. Allen Andrae, current board president, serves in Place 1, and has not expressed whether or not he will run for re-election.

Anyone seeking a position on the school board should file their candidacy in writing, by March 21, 2001, indicating the district they seek.

Early voting will be conducted at the WISD Business Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning April 18, 2001.

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Marci Paschal wins VFW's local Patriotism Essay Contest and takes third in District 8

by Mary Kurtz, VFW Auxiliary President

The Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and Ladies Auxiliary held a Youth Essay competition in the Winters Elementary School in November 2000. Students in 7th and 8th grade were eligible to participate. Twelve students competed.

Eighth grade English teacher Mrs. Bible supervised her class in participating in the competition. They were to write an essay of 300 to 400 words, typed in the English language. The title was to be "What Does It Mean to be Patriotic?"

Mrs. Bible also helped the students research the subject. Literature about Americanism and Patriotism were studied, and several veterans attended the 8th grade class and shared their memories and thoughts with the students.

Marci Paschal was chosen the first place winner in the Winters competition, and her essay was entered in the District 8 competition in January 2001. She won third place in the District 8 competition and was presented a plaque and a scholarship award of a \$100 U.S. savings bond at the District 8 meeting, Sunday, February 11, in Eastland. On Monday, February 12, at the regular meeting of the Winters Post and Auxiliary, Marci was awarded a certificate and a scholarship award of a \$50 U.S. savings bond from the Winters Post and Auxiliary.

The Post and Auxiliary feel that all the students are winners because they tried and in the process became better citizens through what they learned. It is our hope that they will remember about patriotism and share it with others. As most of them discovered, this is something that is not practiced by many Americans today. The class was awarded with

soda and popcorn refreshments during one of their classes.

Following is Marci's essay and parts of other essays.

"What Does It Mean To Be Patriotic?"

There are many different ways to be patriotic. One way is being loyal and obeying the Constitution and laws. Saluting the flag is another way of showing your patriotism. When you observe the flag, what goes through your mind? Is it "Why do we have to salute that dumb, old flag?" or is it "What does this pledge stand for?" It is a very serious ceremony, honoring your country's freedom and all the people who have sacrificed for it. It is a symbol that America will always be here for you.

Being patriotic also means observing our country's special days. On the Fourth of July, most people only think about shooting fireworks and partying. However,

it means more than that. It's a day to remember the many soldiers and citizens who fought and died while achieving our independence from Britain. Likewise, Veteran's Day is an important day in America for recognizing the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States not only to defend us but to obtain freedom for the whole world. Memorial Day is a day to remember the deceased service men and women from all wars. All of these days serve as reminders to our citizens of the debt we owe for the freedom we enjoy.

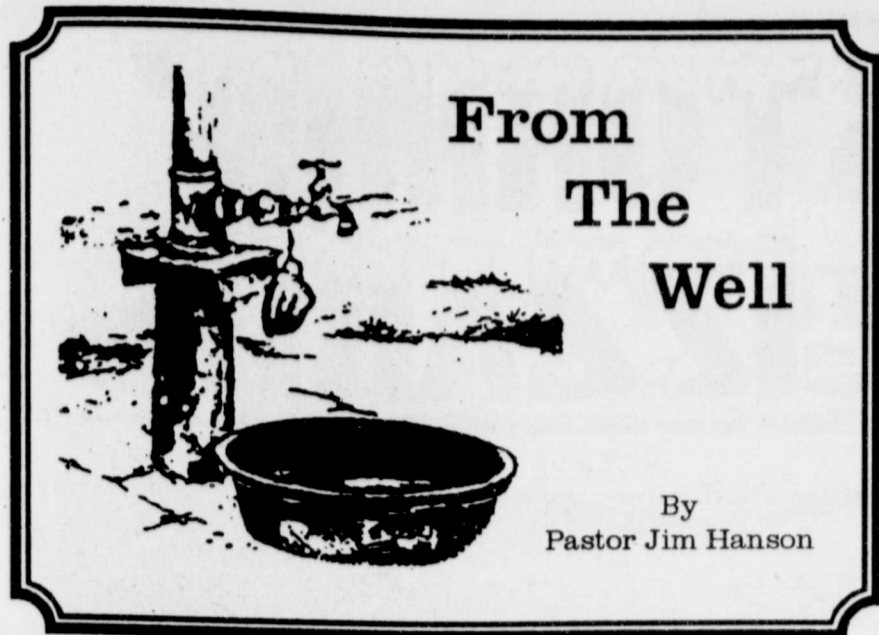
War-time provides many different opportunities for patriotism. Many people help by serving in the Armed Services knowing they may lose their life. Others do what they can to support those in the service. One of our most famous Presidents fought for our country. George Washington fought in the French and Indian Revolution and was the Commander in Chief of

the Continental Army during the American Revolution. People think of him as loyal, patriotic, and a man of unquestionable integrity. During World War II, many people did without things so that the United States could be successful in that war. Even the children would collect cans and trade them in to ensure adequate metal supplies and used their soda pop money to buy war stamps. Many planted their own "victory" gardens to feed their families and neighbors so there would be more food for our soldiers.

We each need to examine our loyalties, patriotism, and respect for the symbols of our country and make sure they are strong.

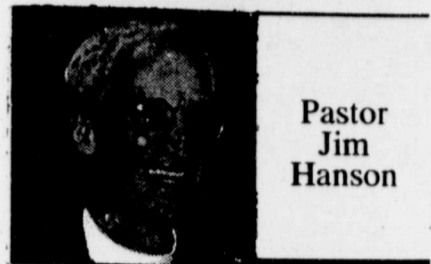
PATRIOTISM IS LOVING ONE'S COUNTRY AND SHOWING IT.

Editor's note: Excerpts from other essays by WISD students will be published in future editions as space allows.



From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

Here's some Wyoming cowboy poetry — for your mind and spirit.

Jake, the rancher, went one day to fix a distant fence.

The wind was cold and dusty and the clouds rolled gray and dense,

As he pounded the last staples in and gathered tools to go. The temperature had fallen and the snow began to blow. When he finally reached his pickup, he felt a heavy heart, From the sound of that ignition, he knew it wouldn't start. So Jake did what most of us do, if we'd been there, He humbly bowed his balding head and sent aloft a prayer. As he turned the key for one last time, he softly cursed his luck. They found him three days later, frozen stiff in that old truck. Now Jake had been around in life and done his share of roamin', But when he saw Heaven he was shocked — it looked just like Wyoming'.

O, there were some differences of course, but just some minor things.

One place had simply disappeared — the town they called Rock Springs.

The BLM had been shut down, and there was no grazin' fees. And the wind in Rawlins and Cheyenne was now a gentle breeze. The Park and Forest Service folks — they didn't fare so well. They'd all been sent to fight some fire in a wilderness called Hell. Though Heaven was a real nice place, Jake had a wondering mind. So he saddled up and lit a shuck, not know'n what he'd find. Then one day up in Cody, on a cold fall afternoon, He saw St. Peter coming and he knew he'd be there soon. Of all the saints in Heaven, his favorite was St. Peter. (Now this line, it ain't needed but it helps with rhyme and meter) So they set and talked a minute or two, or maybe it was three, Nobody was keepin' score — in Heaven time is free.

"I've always heard," Jake said to Pete, "that God will answer prayers.

But one time I asked for help, well He just plain wasn't there. Does God answer prayers of some and ignore the prayers of others? That don't seem exactly square — I know all men are brothers. Or does He randomly reply, without good rhyme or reason? Maybe it's just the time of day? the weather? or the season? Now I ain't trying to act smart, it's just the way I feel.

I was wondering, could you tell me, just what the heck's the deal?" Peter listened very patiently, and when old Jake was done, There were smiles of recognition and he said, "So... you're the one! That day, your truck, it wouldn't start, you sent your prayer a flying. You gave us all a real bad time, with hundreds of us a trying. A thousand angels rushed to check the status of your file, But you know, Jake, we hadn't heard from you in quite a long, long while,

And though all prayers are answered, and God ain't got no quota, He didn't recognize your voice and started a truck, In western North Dakota."

Well, I'm not sure about the theology. And I really did get a chuckle out of this one. Sent to me from a good friend in rural Avoca. He wrote, along with his e-mail, "Just had to think of you when I saw this." I'm glad he sent it. It's like a parable, something Jesus would tell. With a twinkle in his eye. To get us thinking, and hopefully, to get the point.

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Pray nine Hail Mary's during nine days with a lit candle and ask for three favores: one economic, two impossible and on the eighth day publish. On the ninth, let the candle be consumed. Even with out faith they shall be fulfilled.
Thank you Mother Mary.



MARCI PASCHAL (second from right) accepts her plaque, savings bond and certificate of appreciation from Bettye Pinkerton, Mary Kurtz and Betty Thomason (left), members of the Winters VFW Auxiliary, along with Pete Gray of the VFW. Marci, a Winters 8th grader, was honored for her VFW Patriotism Essay, winning first place in the Winters contest and third place at the District 8 level in Eastland.

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Tuesday-Feb. 27
Blueberry Muffins
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Wednesday-Feb. 28
Biscuits
Sausage
Juice
Thursday-March 1
Breakfast Burrito
Cereal
Juice
Friday-March 2
Cereal
Toast
Juice

Lunch
Monday-Feb. 26
Fish Sticks
Macaroni & Cheese
Blackeyed Peas
Hot Roll
Tuesday-Feb. 27
Hot Dog/Chili/Cheese
Tator Tots
Sliced Pickles
Fruit
Cookie
Wednesday-Feb. 28
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
June Peas
Hot Roll
Pudding
Thursday-March 1
Baked Ham/Pineapples
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Roll
Friday-March 2
Hamburger
French Fries
Lettuce
Cookie
Sliced Peaches

Milk Served With All Meals
*Due to commodities conditions served with meals.



"THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES," says a host of Blizzards who gathered for one last good-bye at a recent going-away party to honor Coach Robin Byrd (center, holding cup). Byrd, who has coached at Winters for the past eight seasons, has taken the position as athletic director and head football coach at Menard. The surprise party was hosted by the Winters Athletic Booster Club.

Project Grad 2001 to meet Monday

Project Graduation 2001 will meet Monday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m. at the Winters Public Library to discuss upcoming fund-raisers.

Parents are encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

WES dates to remember

Parents of Winters Elementary students will want to mark their calendars for a few upcoming events.

The elementary will host an Open House on Tuesday, March 6, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Parents and family are encouraged to visit their child's classroom.

The Winters Elementary Select Choir will perform for the community on Thursday, March 8. The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The next day, Friday, March 9, the choir will perform the same program for students in Albany, Lueders, and Abilene.

Spring portraits will be taking by Wayne Hennington Photography on Monday, Mar. 26.

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Basketball Hoopla

Team: 7th Boys Blue Coach: Bill White
Opponent: Cisco Date: Feb. 5, 2001
Place: Cisco

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	TOT	FIN.
WINTERS	12	5	0	6	23	29
OPPONENT	12	2	10	3	27	32

Free throws made: 5 of 10 for 50%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Matt Cordova	1	0	0	0
Bryce Wilkinson	0	0	0	0
Matt Tisdell	0	0	0	0
Colton Powell	0	0	0	0
Frank Perry	0	0	0	0
Jonathan Meyers	0	0	0	0
Justin Ferocick	4	0	0	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters
Coach's Comments: I still don't understand why a team like Coleman who had 20 ball players felt it was necessary to play their 8th graders against our 7th graders and beat them 27-2. But like last week, in the second and fourth quarters, our boys did fine against their 7th graders, 11-5. It was a good second half for our Breezes because they improved big time and still enjoyed playing the game.

Team: 7th Boys White Coach: Bill White
Opponent: Coleman Date: Feb. 12, 2001
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	TOT	FIN.
WINTERS	9	6	10	13	38	39
OPPONENT	4	9	12	13	38	30

Free throws made: 4 of 12 for 33%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Aaron Colburn	0	4	2	0
Jordan Sanchez	1	5	2	0
Drew Seales	23	11	1	0
Marcus Tubbs	6	0	1	0
Christopher Medina	6	3	14	0
L. Nichols	9	7	3	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters
Coach's Comments: If you like a "knock down drag out" to finish your season, then the "pit" was the place to be. Even with the tough loss, the boys finished in second place—which is still very good. On both teams, I would like to say thanks to all the moms and dad for all the support you gave. This is a talented bunch of kids. If they stick together—I can only predict bigger and better than for them.

Team: 8th Boys Coach: Chuck Lindsey
Opponent: Coleman Date: Feb. 12, 2001
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	TOT	FIN.
WINTERS	14	2	5	9	30	32
OPPONENT	13	2	2	6	23	34

Free throws made: 2 of 6 for 33%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Jeremy Mendoza	0	0	0	0
Eric Hernandez	2	0	0	0
Jeff Martinez	0	0	0	0
Pete Griffin	9	0	0	0
Scott Bryan	0	0	0	0
Max Harrison	17	0	0	0
Shane Salinas	4	0	0	0
Matthew Gray	0	0	0	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters
Coach's Comments: Those guys really improved over the season and I was proud of the effort they gave. They got some wins and played in some close ones.

Team: Freshman Boys Coach: Chris Bearden
Opponent: Coleman Date: Feb. 12, 2001
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	TOT	FIN.
WINTERS	13	12	4	5	34	34
OPPONENT	10	14	23	13	60	64

Free throws made: 3 of 14 for 21%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Eric Lopez	14	0	0	0
Justin Lattin	3	0	0	0
Brent Valles	5	0	0	0
Basilio Rocha	0	0	0	0
Jeremy Sherman	0	0	0	0
Colt Hagan	0	0	0	0
Adam Schorram	4	0	0	0
Francisco Santos	0	0	0	0
Ulysses Garcia	2	0	0	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters
Coach's Comments: This was the last game of the year for our basketball team and although we did not win, we gave our best effort for the year. This group of young men battled every game and did it with class. I am very proud to be associated with this team, and you should be proud that they are Blizzards! Thank you guys for an outstanding year.

BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES FEB. 22—MAR. 1, 2001

SOFTBALL
—Feb. 23, Sonora, T, 4 p.m.
—Feb. 27, Eula*, T, 4:30 p.m.
—Mar. 1, Early Tourney, T, TBA

VARSITY BASEBALL
—Feb. 23, Hamlin, T, 4 p.m.
—Feb. 27, Stamford, H, 4:30 p.m.

JR. VARSITY BASEBALL
—Feb. 24, Hamlin, H, 10 a.m.
—Feb. 26, Bangs*, H, 4 p.m.

VARSITY/JV TENNIS
—Feb. 23 & 24, Forsan

*Denotes District Play

TRACK
—Feb. 24, Jim Ned Relays

EXTRA-CURRICULAR
—Feb. 22, High School Exit TAAS Reading
—Feb. 23, FCA, WISD Science Lab, 12:25 p.m.
—Feb. 26, 4-H, Mt. Carmel Catholic Church Hall, 5:15 p.m.
—Feb. 26, Project Graduation 2001, Winters Public Library, 6 p.m.

TSTC to host Junior/Senior Technology Day

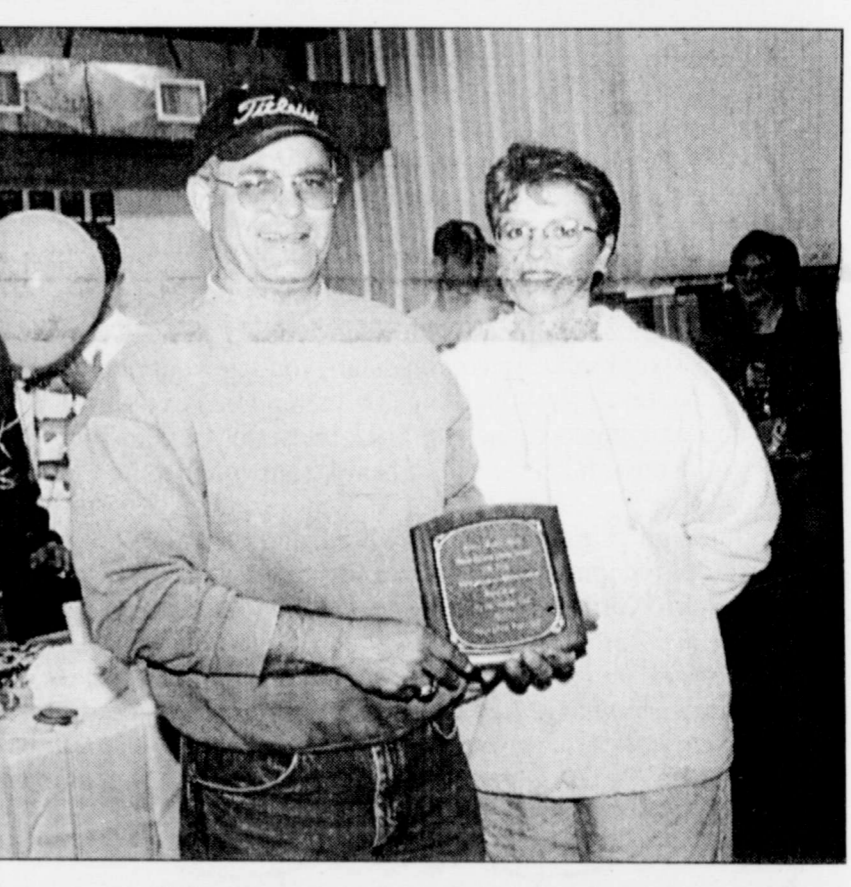
High school juniors and seniors, parents, teachers, and counselors are invited to Texas State Technical College (TSTC) Sweetwater's semi-annual Junior/Senior Technology Day on Friday, March 2, 2001. Visitors will tour the campus and the various technology programs. Lunch will be served at a cost of only \$3 per person!

To sum previous Technology Day surveys, the visiting students said "we want to see the whole campus — we want to become familiar with all aspects of program offerings, student life, and student assistance programs."

Technology Day is the perfect time to explore various technology programs and student life experiences offered by TSTC. See classes and labs in session, meet with instructors, and check out the new student-housing complex. Come and have some fun, too!

The day starts in The Center, TSTC Sweetwater's premiere student recreational facility. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Visitors will be welcomed at 9:00, and tours begin at 9:30 and continue until noon. After lunch, a question and answer session will follow, along with financial aid assistance.

Reservations are required. Please call 915-235-7300 or toll-free 1-800-592-8784 by Friday, February 23.



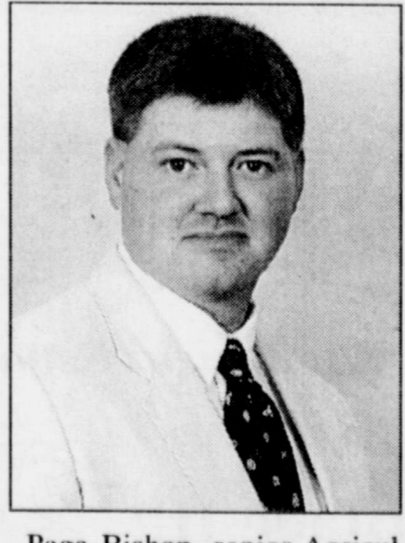
COACH ROBIN BYRD and wife Sherry were recently honored with a surprise going-away party hosted by the Blizzard Athletic Booster Club. Byrd, who served as athletic director and head football coach at Winters for the past eight years, has taken the same position at Menard ISD.

Page Bishop to complete agricultural internship in North Carolina

Trenton, North Carolina. He is under the supervision of farm manager Scott Daniels.

Page will be in the community for ten weeks for the purpose of receiving training in "Managing a 2000 Sow, Farrow to Finish Farm." This arrangement has been made by mutual agreement between Browns of Carolina and Tarleton State University. Page will assist with all activities concerning the swine program. Upon completion of this training period, he will receive the bachelor of science degree in Agricultural Services and Development from Tarleton State University.

Page is the son of Allen and Pat Bishop of Winters and is a 1991 graduate of Winters High School.



Page Bishop, senior Agricultural Services and Development major from Tarleton State University, has begun his student internship with Browns of Carolina in

2001 Breezes Tennis Schedule 7th & 8th Grade Girls & Boys

March 5	Eula at Winters 3:30 p.m.
March 19	Abilene Christian Tournament at ACU in Abilene 3:30 p.m.
March 26	District Tournament at ACU

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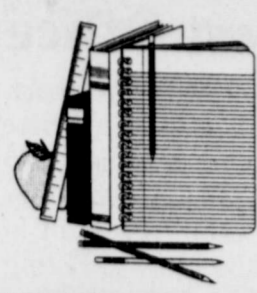
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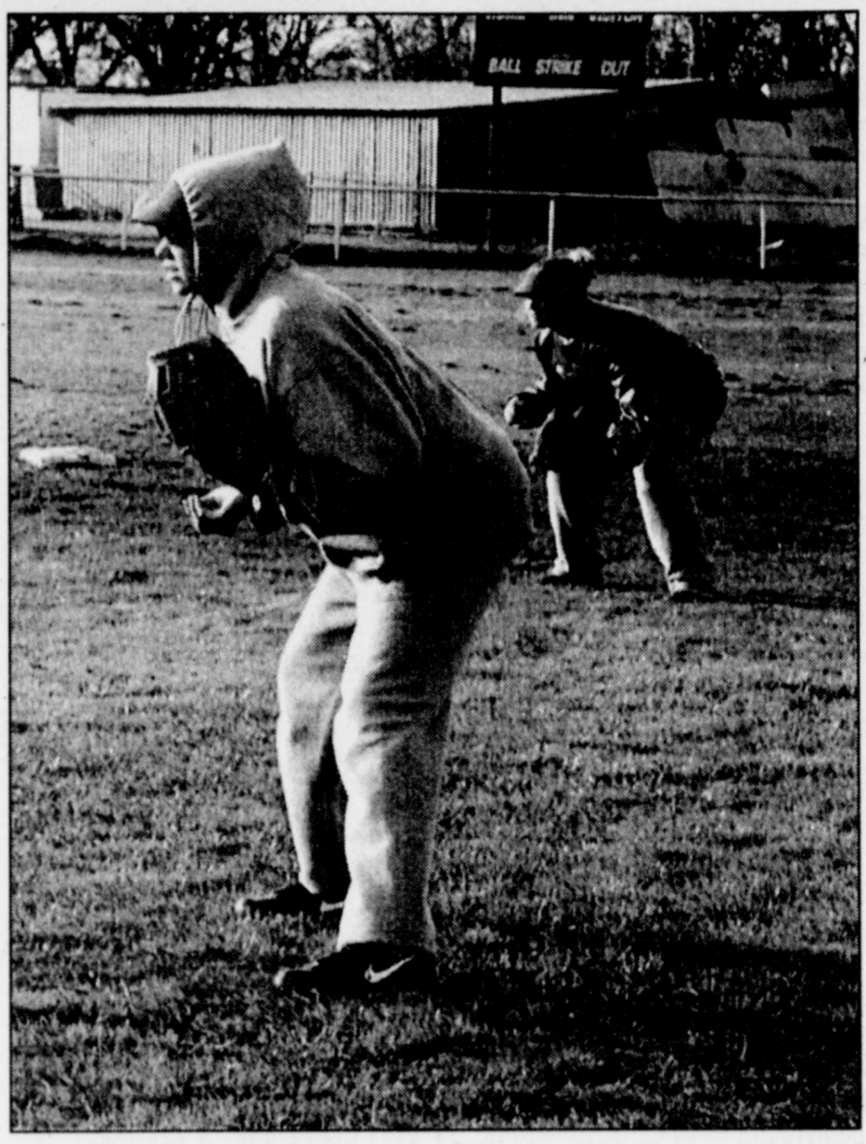
Runnels SWCD announces poster and essay winners



AARON RODRIGUEZ (left) and ASHLEY GARCIA were named 1st and 2nd place winners, respectively, in the Winters 4th grade division of the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District's annual poster and essay contest. Rodriguez also won 2nd place overall. Not pictured is Loren Garcia, who took 3rd place in this division.

Each year, the Runnels Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is proud to sponsor the Conservation Poster and Essay Contest for area students. The themes for the poster con-

test were "Community Waters" and "Habitat for Life." In all, 153 conservation posters were received from students in Ballinger, Winters, Olfen and Miles school districts. Ribbons were awarded for first, second and third place in each grade level at each school district. Other deserving posters were given Honorable Mention ribbons. In addition, posters from each grade level from all the schools were combined and judged to select the overall district winners. Cash awards of \$25, \$15, and \$10, respectively, were presented by the Runnels SWCD to the 1st through 3rd place overall district winners. Also, the first place overall district winner will represent the Runnels SWCD at the Area Awards Banquet to be held in March. The winning poster will be forwarded to compete in regional competition. The Runnels SWCD would like to thank the many administrators, teachers and students who helped make this year's poster and essay contest educational and fun for all of those who took part.



DRESSED MORE FOR A GAME OF ICE HOCKEY than softball, Lady Blizzard first baseman Kayla Colburn (foreground) and second baseman Tracie Morrison bundle up for the start of the 2001 season in a scrimmage vs. Sonora last Friday.



SAFE IS THE CALL AS LADY BLIZZARD CARMEN MARTINEZ slides into home while the Sonora pitcher misses the tag. WHS defeated Sonora in the scrimmage game here in Winters last Friday, 15-0. The Lady Blizzards begin district play next week.

Lady Blizzards open season in Sweetwater

The Lady Blizzard softball team opened their season last week with a tournament in Sweetwater and scrimmage against Sonora here in Winters. The Ladies finished the weekend with a 5-1 record, taking third in the Sweetwater Tourney. "This was a real good weekend for the Lady Blizzards," said Coach Ed Poehls. "They gained a lot of experience during these six games. "These ladies never complain. Sometimes they are put in positions they have never played before and all they ever say is, 'it doesn't matter—I'm ready.' "I'm very proud of their actions on and off the field and I am especially proud of the fact that every single player on the team wants the chance to bat—or a chance to make a play on defense when the game is on the line," added Poehls. "This spells mental toughness and seriousness about being an athlete—and it doesn't just all of a sudden happen. So a big thank you must go to Coach Fowler and Coach Whittenburg for instilling this in our Lady Blizzards throughout the years in basketball and right on through spring sports." The Lady Blizzards travel to Sonora on Friday for a 4 p.m. contest. They will open district play at Eula on Tuesday beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Softball Scoreboard

Team: Varsity Softball
Coach: Ed Poehls
Date & place of game: February 15, 2001-Sweetwater Tourney
Opponent: Sweetwater JV
Winning pitcher: Raquel Retana
Winning catcher: Tracie Morrison

Key plays:	Runs	Hits	Errors
Retana gave up only one hit & struck out 3	1	4	0
WINTERS	15	11	0
OPPONENT	0	4	4

Coach's comments: Game called due to rain. Good catches in the outfield and solid infield play led to no errors and a key to our first win.

Team: Varsity Softball
Coach: Ed Poehls
Date & place of game: February 17, 2001-Sweetwater Tourney
Opponent: San Angelo Central JV
Winning pitcher: Eileen Alvarado
Winning catcher: Kendra Hope

Key plays:	Runs	Hits	Errors
3 errors in 4th allowing 4 runs	5	5	5
WINTERS	6	6	3
OPPONENT	2	5	2

Coach's comments: This was a well played and well pitched game except for one bad inning. Hope had two clutch hit doubles. Colburn, DelaRosa, and Alvarado had run scoring hits.

Team: Varsity Softball
Coach: Ed Poehls
Date & place of game: February 17, 2001-Sweetwater Tourney
Opponent: Loraine
Winning pitcher: Raquel Retana
Winning catcher: Tracie Morrison
Losing pitcher: _____
Losing catcher: _____
Key plays: Great defense.

Runs	Hits	Errors
6	6	3
2	5	2

Coach's comments: Kristian Castillo snagged everything hit at her and when her throws were off target, Kayla Colburn put the glove on them. Key plays by the entire outfield—Hope, Reeves, and Martinez. Jessica DelaRosa recorded all three outs in the 3rd inning with great plays at short stop. Freshman Jessica Barron did a great job at second, recording 4 put outs and no errors. Tracie Morrison did her best job blocking the ball at catcher.

Team: Varsity Softball
Coach: Ed Poehls
Date & place of game: February 17, 2001-Sweetwater Tourney
Opponent: Aspermont
Winning pitcher: Eileen Alvarado
Winning catcher: Kendra Hope
Losing pitcher: _____
Losing catcher: _____
Key plays: One BB, struck out 5. Never quit attitude.

Runs	Hits	Errors
13	9	3
11	8	3

Coach's comments: Clutch hitting and fielding down the stretch. The temperature at game time was 23°, the ground was frozen solid, and the outfield was solid white—but not a single Lady Blizzards complained. Kristian Castillo made a game saving play in the 2nd inning with the bases loaded and two outs. She grabbed a hard hit ball and made a perfect throw to first to end the inning. We trailed 11-1 with three at-bats left. Each team member did their part in scoring 12 runs and holding Aspermont to none to win the game. A great come back!

Team: Varsity Softball
Coach: Ed Poehls
Date & place of game: February 17, 2001-Sweetwater Tourney
Opponent: Levelland JV
Winning pitcher: Raquel Retana
Winning catcher: Tracie Morrison
Losing pitcher: _____
Losing catcher: _____
Key plays: Colburn & Morrison 3 hits each.

Runs	Hits	Errors
12	12	1
0	3	2

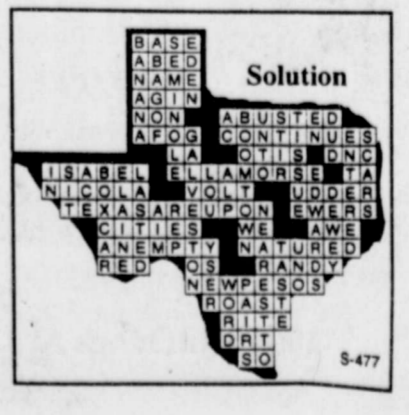
Coach's comments: Great plays in the outfield by Hope, Martinez, and Reeves. Solid infield play with DelaRosa and Colburn seeing most of the action—and no errors. Retana pitched real well, walking 3 and striking out 4. Morrison did a real good job catching.

Enlist now for the Bobwhite or Buckskin Brigade

Parents, got an ambitious teen with a little too much time on his or her hands this summer? Then consider "enlisting" your child in one of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's Bobwhite or Buckskin Brigades. The camps use bobwhite quail and white-tailed deer as vehicles to equip young people with communication skills and leadership development in an outdoor setting. The skills they learn will serve them well regardless of their future career goals. The Buckskin Brigade is set for June 3-7 at La Bandera Ranch near Carrizo Springs. Dates and locations for the three Bobwhite

Brigades are: Rolling Plains camp, June 23-27, Krooked River Ranch, Lueders; South Texas camp, July 15-19, La Bandera Ranch, Carrizo Springs; and East Texas camp, July 22-26, Pinewoods Conservation Center, Broadus. Cadet age limits are 13-17 years old, but preference is given to incoming high school sophomore and junior students (15-16 years old). The intensive four-day camps are designed to make quail or deer experts of their participants. Cadets are schooled in quail or deer biology and management by leading wildlife scientists from across

Texas. After graduating, each cadet is encouraged to present quail or deer management educational programs in his or her home county. The camps have earned several state and national awards for conservation education. The 300 cadets graduated since the camps' debut in 1993 have conducted over 3,000 educational programs. "I'm not sure who's more impressed with the camps—the cadets themselves or their parents," said Dr. Dale Rollins, San Angelo-based Extension wildlife specialist and the camps' originator. "Each year, I have a parent See BRIGADE, page 9



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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

Biscuits and sermons are improved by shortenings

Visitors attending Hopewell Baptist Church morning services were Jack and Virginia Parr.

Nila Osborne wishes to thank everyone for the beautiful birthday cards and the surprise party with refreshments and gifts after Sunday evening services.

Saturday night Therin Osborne had a surprise party for her at home with L.C. and Ouita Porter, Louise Osborne, and John McGallian, all of Winters. Also attending were Carlton and Delores of Glen Cove, Wesley and Karen McGallian, along with Simon and Stefanie Camacho of Wingate. Doris (Tootsie) Tippet of Odessa came Thursday and stayed until Sunday. Everyone brought a dish of food and gifts.

With friends and family like that, getting old is not so bad!

On Friday, Dale and Linda Duggan, Leslie Duggan, and Katy Grigsby of Abilene had supper in Winters. On Sunday, Dale and Linda were in Dallas to visit their cousins Ed and Midge. The Duggans were real proud of their 1.3 inches of rain.

Doris Wood was in Abilene during the week to see Maloev Bryant in the hospital. She also talked to Pat. Doris said her rain gauge showed 2 1/4 inches of rain.

Margie Fisher of San Antonio spent the weekend with Helen Alexander. She also had 2 1/4 inches of rain.

Brookes Parks of Arkansas and his sister, Pete Sprinkle's daughter-in-law, visited with Pat and Earl Cooper on Saturday. Brookes and Larry Cooper grew up together.

Rusty Tounget came by and had a nice visit with Dennis

Hilda Kurtz



McBeth's family during the week.

Visiting during the week with Georgia Gibbs were Saffron, Kenny, Lana, and Tana Gibbs of Winters, Nila Osborne, and Doris Tippet of Odessa.

Coleman went in to see Lawan Foreman at the nursing home in Winters on Sunday. Coleman was glad to have the 1.2 inches of rain.

This weekend the Cartwrights were getting ready for the garden. Saturday, Tiffany and Kenny built fence while Kenny, Jeremy and Eileen picked up rocks for their porch out of their garden.

Saturday, Wayne and Tanya Kraatz went to Ballinger and got onions to plant in their garden. Wayne spent Sunday tilling the garden.

The Cartwright family and Noble Faubion got 1.10 inches of rain on Friday.

Jimmy and Ammantina McAden of Winters came by on Sunday to visit Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion. Rodney Faubion and his family came on Saturday and spent the weekend with Noble and Harvey Mae.

The Cartwright family attended a Valentine's special at their church in Coleman on Wednesday night. On Tuesday, Tiffany, Kenny, and Eileen were in Abilene and watched movies.

Eileen and Kenny's seventh anniversary was Monday.

My daughter Hildegard of San Angelo spent Friday with me and did more odd jobs. (Income tax included.)



THE OLDEST EXISTING STRUCTURE IN RUNNELS COUNTY is the Blue Gap Post Office, located near Content. Built in 1878 and restored in the 1960s, the building was recently acquired by the Z.I. Hale Museum and will be dismantled and moved to Winters where it will be preserved as a part of Runnels County history.

Hale Museum acquires Blue Gap Post Office

The Z.I. Hale Museum has acquired the Blue Gap Post Office building, which is located 16 miles east of Winters near Content. The log cabin was built in 1878 and is the oldest existing structure in Runnels County.

The historical building is being donated by Mr. David W. Copeland of Midland, owner of the property where the Blue Gap Post Office is located.

The building has partially fallen down in recent years, although it was rebuilt in the 1960s. The museum plans to dismantle the structure and move it to Winters where it will be restored to its original look. A location for the building has not been determined at this time.

The Z.I. Hale Museum directors want to express their appreciation to Mr. Copeland for his willingness to allow the museum to preserve this part of Runnels County history.

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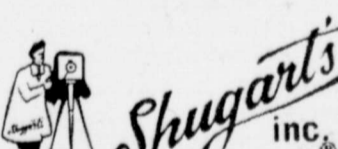
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traditions.

Since 1941, World Day of Prayer has been sponsored in the United States by Church Women, United, a grassroots ecumenical movement of Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian women.

This year's service, written by Christian women of Samoa, focuses on the theme, "Informed

Prayer, Prayerful Action," and is based on the scriptural passage found in Esther 4:1-16.

Everyone is invited to join in the World Day of Prayer 2001 celebration and worship. In Winters, the service will be sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church Women at the church on 1100 West Parsonage, from noon to 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

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Combined Choir Spring Musical to begin rehearsal Sunday, February 25 at First Baptist Church

by Ken Williams, First Baptist Church Music Director

Spring! ... will soon be in the air... and

Music... will also be in the air! The Winters/North Runnels Ministerial Alliance has set April 22, 2001, as the date for the Combined Choir Spring Musical.

The first rehearsal will be Sunday, February 25, at 5:00 p.m. in the choir room at First Baptist Church, Winters. Bring a smile and another singer.

The presentation will be in the form of a musical/drama and is entitled "Bright New Wings."

In an old west frontier setting, God's miraculous work will be seen in the likes of John, Martha,

Lazarus, a sinful woman, and a leper... as they might be dressed like Wyatt Earp, Lily Langtry, or others you've come to associate with frontier America... but they have one thing in common — to use a biological metaphor, they were in a cocoon and, through a transforming experience with Jesus Christ, were brought from the dark and death of sin into freedom and light as He gave them "bright new wings."

We hope and pray that you will prayerfully consider joining us for this dramatic musical experience. The rehearsals will be on Sundays at 5:00 to 5:50 p.m. for the most part, but due to various church schedules, we may have to adjust the rehearsal times to accommodate those priorities.

Audition dates for soloists and character parts will be set after the first rehearsal, February 25, and will be separate, over and above the general rehearsals. There will be a dress rehearsal with the date and time to be arranged.

As the time for the presentation nears, there will be other special rehearsals added to the schedule.

Please join us!

Blessed Daze by Jean Boles

Brace yourself

One of my favorite sayings is "Youth is not a time of life — it is a state of mind."

These words have become especially meaningful to me, only now I'd have to say that "Youth is also a state of mouth."

In case you're wondering just what the heck I'm rambling about, I'll try to explain.

I've always felt that my life has been just a little on the weird side, and for the most part, I'm pretty happy living in the Land of Adventure. But one of my most recent underbites, I mean, undertakings continues to make my eyes water. Orthodontic braces!

I know, I know. It's no big deal unless you just happen to be in the — shall we say — more mature group of the general population.

This is not something that I just happened on. I certainly wasn't ready to trade in my dream vacation with Mel Gibson just so I could fork over some major bucks for a mouth full of metal.

But apparently, my teeth have jumped on the mutiny bandwagon as have many of my body parts which have decided to shift around and head south. So I figured I'd rather wear braces for a couple of years and try to salvage my teeth rather than care for them with a fizzy tablet in a plastic cup every night.

So a year ago I took the plunge, had four teeth yanked out of my head (an adventure in itself), then began a very personal relationship with the man in the white coat and his smiling assistants who all just happen to have perfect choppers.

During my routine visits, one of my favorite things to do while

waiting with other patients, most of whom are under the age of 15, is ask them how long they've had their braces. Then I tell them that I was about their age when I got mine. You should see the panic on their faces! No, it's more like sheer terror. I think it's a hoot.

Of course, the hygienists sorta frown on my scaring the kids like that so they usually try to get me taken care of pretty quickly, so I don't have to wait. I think it all works out pretty well.

But once they call my name, I become "Scared Lady Walking." Then they get me in "the chair" and I think they actually take revenge for my scaring the little kids. I know they all use tiny little pliers and stuff, but sometime I'd swear they have bolt cutters in my mouth. And I've never noticed them strapping anybody else's arms to the chair.

Just kidding, girls. Naw, these highly trained professionals are absolutely wonderful and have helped me get through some pretty tough times. Like when I had 300 mouth ulcers because prongs of wires were catching the entire insides of my cheeks. So my friends, the hygienists, showed me how to take little bits of wax and smush it over the rough areas of my braces.

The whole time they are trying to be serious and explain this to me, I'm thinking about those big waxy red lips I used to wear at Halloween. The kind you had to bite into to hold them over your mouth. So the wax part was a cinch for me.

For months I endured being poked, prodded and cranked on.

The wonderful doctor had even made me a fake tooth to fill one of the giant gaps left where a tooth had been removed. I told him that I didn't want to make whistling noises every time I opened my mouth and have wind blow through the spaces like the Carlsbad Caverns. So he made my "Chiclet" tooth, wired that little puppy alongside the real McCoy's, and then happily chipped away at it month after month to make it smaller as the space closed.

What a guy! He even gave me what is left of my "Chiclet." I'm thinking of making it into a fine piece of jewelry and maybe give it to just the right person.

Then just when I was thinking this whole deal wasn't so bad, I was given rubber bands to attach from my top teeth to the bottom teeth. What fun!

Now if you think a camel can spit... I had to go to the hardware store and ask for five, four-foot fluorescent light bulbs. Between trying to say all those "F's" and work around the rubber bands and metal in my mouth — gosh, I nearly put the poor guy's eyes out. So now I've taken to wearing one of those clear acrylic masks like people wear who handle radioactive material.

But I'm trying to keep a stiff upper lip (pardon the pun). Hopefully, I have only a few months left before parole — I mean before I get my braces off and the stars in the universe and all my teeth are back in alignment.

I'm blessed to be getting straightened teeth, and you'll be blessed if I don't spit on you in the meantime.

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Museum board to host luncheon at The Rock

Friends of the Museum will host a sliced ham luncheon on Thursday, February 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rock Hotel.

The menu includes sliced ham, scalloped potatoes or sweet potatoes, green beans, and angel food cake with cherries and whipped topping. Also available will be tea and coffee.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5 per person.

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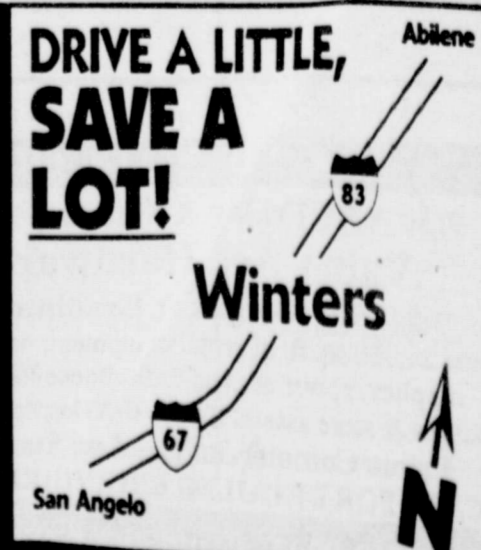
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WVFD Auxiliary elects officers, plans for annual convention

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Trish Jackson will serve as president while Jackie Ozborn was elected vice-president. Teresa Davis is secretary/treasurer; Debbie Lange, reporter/historian; and Tonya Grenwolge, parliamentarian/chaplain.

The auxiliary is currently making plans to help the fire department host the Hill Country Firemen's Association Convention in Winters on April 7. The convention brings firemen and their families to Winters from approximately 25 different towns.

The next meeting of the auxiliary will be Tuesday, February 27. All firemen's wives are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Financial Focus

by Jim Woodruff

Trade vs. buy-and-hold

Trading Tom vs. Buy-and-Hold Betty

You probably know Trading Tom. He's the investor who buys and sells all the time. He advertises how he made a big gain on a simple trade over the Internet. He tells you every time he wins (but probably never when he loses). Tom likes to buy and sell a stock every three months, going through four trades in a 12-month period.

Buy-and-hold Betty, on the other hand, buys a stock and keeps it for the same 12-month period. At the end of the year, if Tom and Betty had market returns on their stocks of ten percent, Betty ends up with a 4.8 percent gain after taxes and commissions. Tom, on the other hand, realized a net loss of 1.8 percent. (Don't we need some more numbers here, like how much the stocks cost and how much commissions were??)

Taxes Take a Bite Out of Gains

Part of the reason Tom ended up losing is that he did so much trading. He paid commissions on four trades, whereas Betty paid commissions only once.

The other factor cutting into Tom's return is his short-term approach. Gains on investment

held less than 12 months are taxed as ordinary income, at rates up to 39.6 percent. However, gains on investments held 12 months or longer are treated more favorably, with tax rates of 20 percent or less.

Increasing the odds against Tom is the fact that he has to make four great decisions, consecutively. The odds of that happening on a consistent basis certainly decrease over time. In fact, based on Charles Ellis' book, Investment Policy: How to Win the Loser's Game, investors lose money an average of 89 percent of the time when they try to time the market.

Betty, on the other hand, only has to make one good decision. Although that doesn't guarantee she'll make money, combining a buy-and-hold philosophy with strategies such as selecting high-quality stocks and diversifying among industries increases her chances of building a successful portfolio.

Internet trading may sound low-cost, but it actually may cost you more in the long run. The best way to achieve success is not by in-and-out trading, but rather by following time-tested strategies.



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Senior Citizens Nursing Home News

By Billie Ruth Bishop



NURSING HOME VALENTINE ROYALTY are King Frank Collins and Queen Nora Wüstinger. The royal couple was crowned and presented gifts during a party last Wednesday.

Residents crown Valentine royalty, celebrate February birthdays

The Senior Citizens Nursing Home King and Queen were crowned on Valentine's Day, February 14. The 2001 King for the nursing home was Frank Collins. Nora Wüstinger was named the 2001 Queen. Congratulations to both!

The royal couple was presented gifts following the crowning. Refreshments were served and games were enjoyed by all.

Residents enjoyed the monthly birthday party on Thursday, February 15, with the Bradshaw Baptist Church as hosts. Honorees were Frank Collins, Odella Coalson, Charlene Cravens, and Edna Parramore. Each honoree was recognized and presented a gift of a handmade lap robe.

We appreciate all who volunteer your time and efforts each month to bring the birthday parties.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. O.B. Johnson who passed away on Friday, February 16.

BRIGADE, continued

lament 'where was this type of camp when we were that age!' "Every year after the camps, I meet a lot of parents who ask whether there could be a career in wildlife management for their child. I tell them there are such careers, but to be successful, you have to outshine the competition. Camps like the Bobwhite and Buckskin Brigade provide a unique opportunity for youth to meet wildlife professionals. The teens can then decide whether this is really the line of work they want to pursue."

The camps' sponsors include: Texas Agricultural Extension Ser-

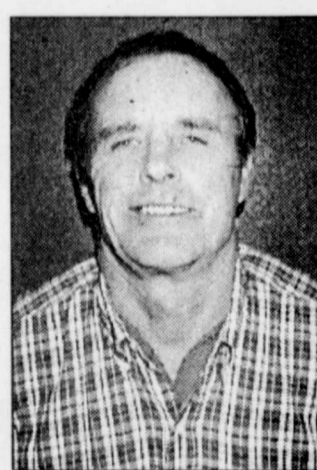
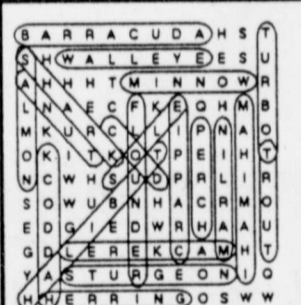
vice, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Quail Unlimited, local soil and water conservation districts, and private landowners.

Applications can be obtained from county Extension offices or from the Internet at <http://texnat.tamu.edu>.

Cost varies among the camps from \$100 to \$200. Scholarships are available for those who request them for at least half the tuition. Organizers stress that inability to pay should not be a reason for not applying. Deadline for applications is April 15.

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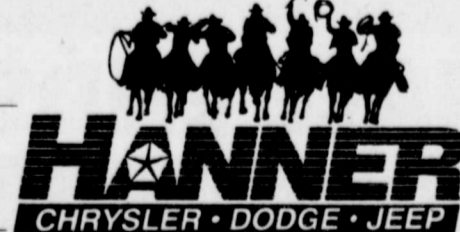
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The workshop is open to everyone. Admission is free.

For more information about the workshop, call Brenda Canul at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6104, or check the TASB Web site at <www.tasb.org> for other dates and locations.

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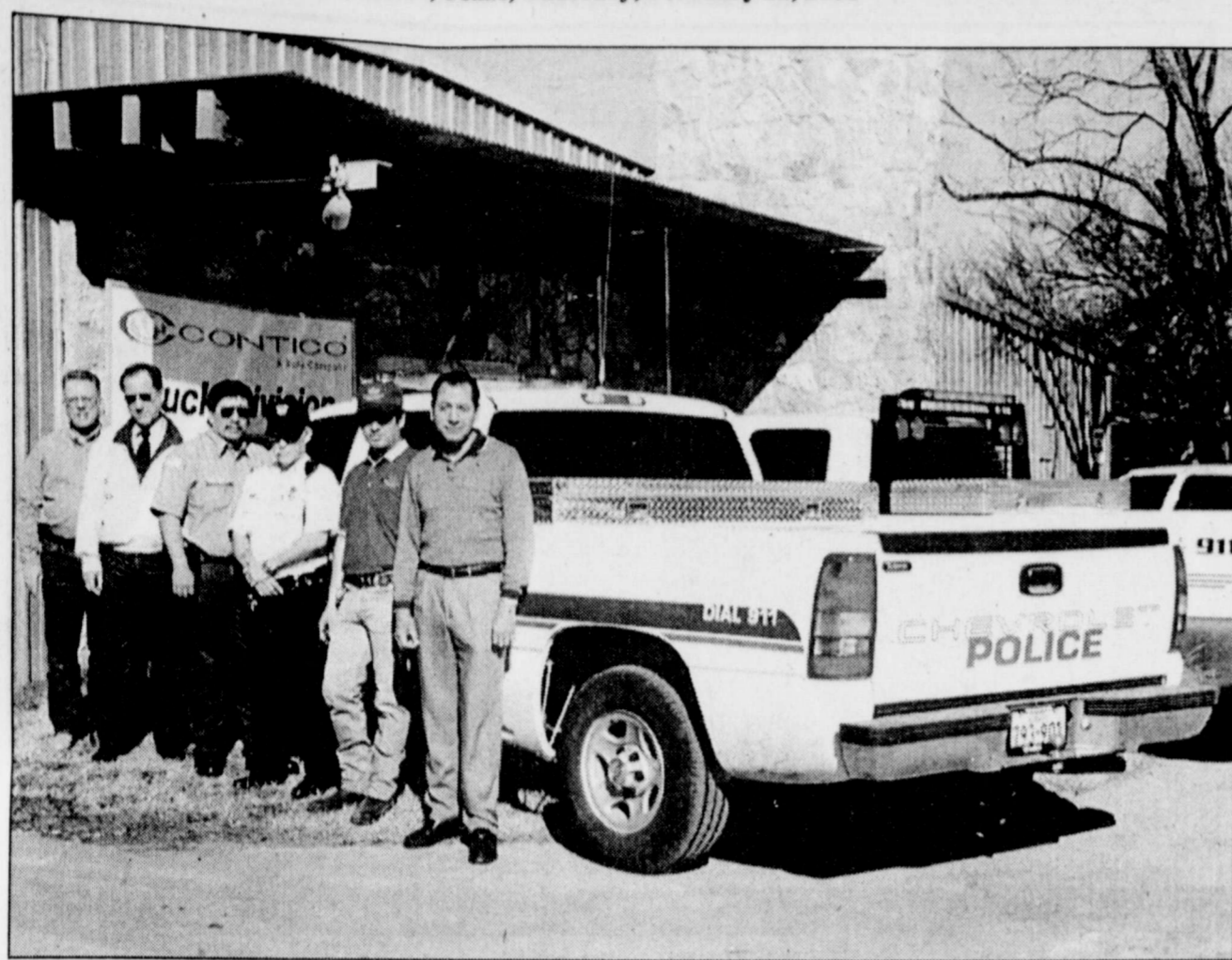


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- 115 acres at \$475/ac., Rannels Co.
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NEW TREAD-BRITE ALUMINIUM TOOL BOXES were recently donated to the Ballinger Police Department and the Runnels County Sheriff's Department by Contigo Truck Division (formerly John's International) of Winters. Left to right are Robin Lowe, Contigo Plant Manager, Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird, Deputy Sheriff Robert Garza, Ballinger Police Chief J. C. Gore, Pancho Ontiveros, Plant Supervisor, and Santos Rocha, Production Manager.

Winters rebates increase 5.75%

As reported by the office of State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander, February sales tax rebates for the city of Winters increased 5.75 percent as compared to the prior year's February payment.

February's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers in December, and reported to the Comptroller in January, plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November, and December, and returns from annual filers for the entire year 2000.

Winters' rebates totaled \$15,849.50 this reporting period. For the prior year's reporting period, rebates totaled \$14,987.68.

Receipts in Miles increased 16.19 percent; Ballinger increased 42.79 percent and reported \$119,375.88 in payments.

City sales tax rebates to date for Runnels County for the 2001 reporting period total \$176,484.45, a 24.02 percent increase as compared to last year's period total of \$142,300.47.

The current city sales tax rate for Winters and Ballinger is 1.5 percent. Miles is 1.00 percent.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, March 9.

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, February 11, 2001, through Saturday, February 17, 2001. Winters Police Officers:

- observed a 1991 Chevy pickup fail to yield to several vehicles on S. Rogers Street nearly causing an accident. After contacting the driver, a strong odor of alcohol was detected from within the pickup. Although it was approximately 1:30 a.m., the driver stated he didn't see the other vehicles because the sun was in his eyes. The driver was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. Jose Diaz of Coleman was arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to Runnels County Jail where he provided a blood alcohol specimen over the legal limit.

- received a report of a suspicious vehicle described as a black Lincoln Continental occupied by several male subjects near the high school and later at businesses on S. Main Street. The vehicle was located and stopped on E. Broadway Street. Investigation revealed that all four occupants were in this country illegally. Under two ounces of marijuana was located in the vehicle. Three of the males, who had addresses in Irving, were turned over to Border Patrol for deportation. Luis Manuel Torres was charged with Class B possession of marijuana and is being held to answer to this charge. This subject has also been previously deported twice making this a felony illegal entry into the United States.

- stopped a 2000 Chevy pickup on S. Main Street for a traffic violation. An odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who exhibited signs of intoxication to the officers. Several field sobriety tasks were offered, and officers determined the driver to be under the influence of alcohol. Avel Hicks of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol-detectable amount and taken to Runnels County Jail.

- received a report from Comanche County Sheriff's office of a warrant subject in the 1000 block of N. Cryer Street. The subject was located and arrested for the warrant for theft by check confirmed. Lyle Drake of Winters was arrested for the warrant and taken to Runnels County Jail.

- stopped a 1989 Plymouth passenger car on N. Main Street for a traffic violation. The driver was found to be operating a vehicle without required liability insurance and was issued a citation. The driver refused to sign despite repeated warnings he would be arrested to ensure his appearance in Municipal Court. The driver stated his attorney had advised him never to sign anything. Nathan Helsler of Winters was arrested for failure to show proof of financial responsibility and taken to Runnels County Jail. His vehicle was towed and taken to an impound facility for safekeeping.

- observed a 1986 Dodge passenger car driving erratically and committing several traffic violations on State Street. A strong odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who also exhibited signs of intoxication from slurred speech and poor balance. The driver was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. Carl Souyers, Jr. of Coleman was arrested for driving while intoxicated and minor in possession of alcohol. Alcohol was confiscated from the vehicle and two passengers were taken into custody. One 16-year-old male was released to family members. Grace Kincaid of Winters was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol and taken to Runnels County Jail.


- while working a security detail, observed a male subject known to have an outstanding warrant. The male was detained and the warrant confirmed. Lonnie Wade Burleson, unknown address, was arrested for Ballinger Municipal warrant and taken to Runnels County Jail.

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
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County Court Dispositions

Jonathan Peters, possession of marijuana, pleaded guilty, placed on one-year deferred adjudication, fined \$500, plus \$235.25 court costs and 30 hours community service

Robert Clifton Cauthen, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined \$350 plus \$210.25 court costs

Stephen Paul Garza, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to two years, fined \$750, plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

Criminal Cases Filed
Feb. 9

Joe Luevano Jr., filed for assault
Austin Lee Hord, filed for assault
Antonio Soto, filed for making alcohol available to a minor

Feb. 12

Tanya Whittenburg New, filed for driving while intoxicated
Carlos Emiliano Diaz, filed for failure to identify
Charles Rivera Rosales Jr., filed for driving while intoxicated

Feb. 14

Brady Ryan Perkins, filed on two counts: theft by check and possession of marijuana
Steven Cliff Perkins, filed for theft by check

Feb. 15

Rodolfo Gomez Jalomo, filed for driving while intoxicated
Billy Ray Shields, filed for driving while license suspended
Darrell Green, filed for public lewdness

Marriage Licenses
Feb. 9

Julian Santoya and Isabel Corona
William John Narro and Ada Luz Pena

Feb. 12

Kevin Bradley Holmstrom and Angie Lee Juarez

Feb. 15

Adam Lee McCoy and Tammy Sue Heath

District Court Divorces Filed
Feb. 13

Veronica Sanchez vs. John Gerald Sanchez

Feb. 15

Johnny Ray Lopez vs. Erma Linda Lopez

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Criminal Cases Filed
Feb. 12

David Randall Cummings, filed for public intoxication

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1 in Abilene: Dyess Air Force

5 TXism: "hot as ___ of mesquite coals"

6 TXism: "___ your poison"

7 TXism for "against" 8 all Southwest flights are ___ smoking

9 Cowboy false start: "___ play"

16 TX O. Henry book set in TX: "___ in Santone"

18 TX JoBeth film: "Adam: His Song"

21 singing sister of TX Tanya: ___ Costa

22 Mayberry's town drunk

23 TX Ann Richards was chairwoman of this in '92 (abbr.)

24 Port ___ TX

30 this Texan sang "Cow-Cow Boogie" when repeated, a British "adios"

35 Rockets draftee in '93: Marcelo ___

36 electrical measure

37 TXism: "___ delight" (milk)

39 "The eyes of ___ you"

43 pouring pitchers

44 Dallas & Houston

45 TX Ginger film: "Shall ___ Dance"

46 reverence & respect

DOWN

1 long fruit

2 TXism: "___ bones" (skinny)

3 seat of Gaines Co.

4 TX Larry Hagman dreamed of this actress Barbara

9 TX cooler (abbr.)

10 TXism: "brave enough to eat in a ___ cafe"

11 "Do ___ others"

12 TXism: "so many you couldn't ___ 'em with a stick"

13 absorbent paper

14 Rangers sports-caster Nadei (init.)

15 bad bomb

17 this island was hit by 1900 hurricane

19 came in

20 wound reminders

24 TXism: "he sits tall ___ the saddle"

25 TXism: "can't ___ still for that"

26 TX Strait's "___ in the Hole Band"

27 TXism: "packed like cows in a ___"

28 John Steinbeck's TX wife

29 TXism: "___ as long as a June bug in a hen house"

31 Emmy ___ Harris sang duo with TX Orbison

32 high mountain undergound TX water reservoir:

33 ___ Aquifer

38 ___ ville, TX

40 TXism: "I ___ to"

41 Stenholm is U.S. ___ from Abilene

42 the horse shoe ___ the stake gets a point

48 North Sea feeder

50 TX cuisine: "___ of Texas"

51 "one" so. of the border

56 TXism: "___ wrangler" (writer)

57 two queens and two kings

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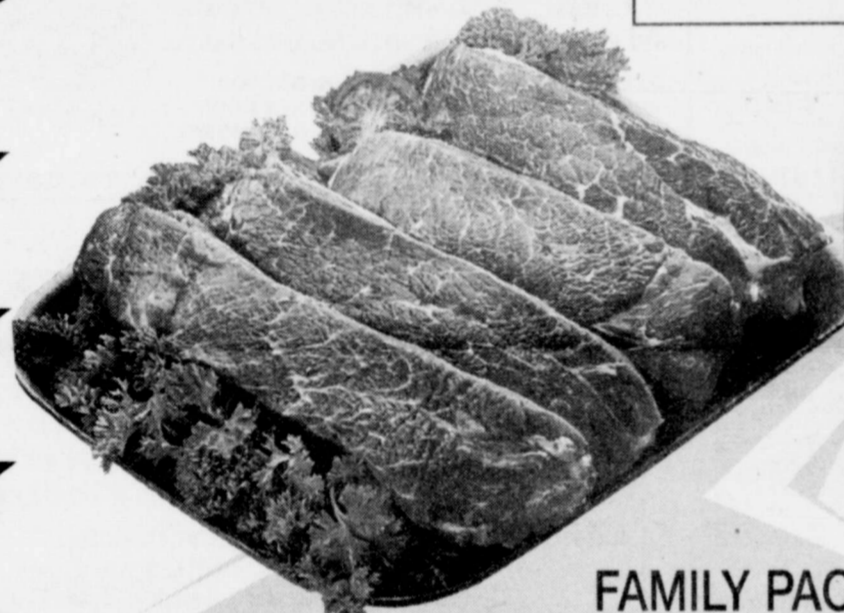


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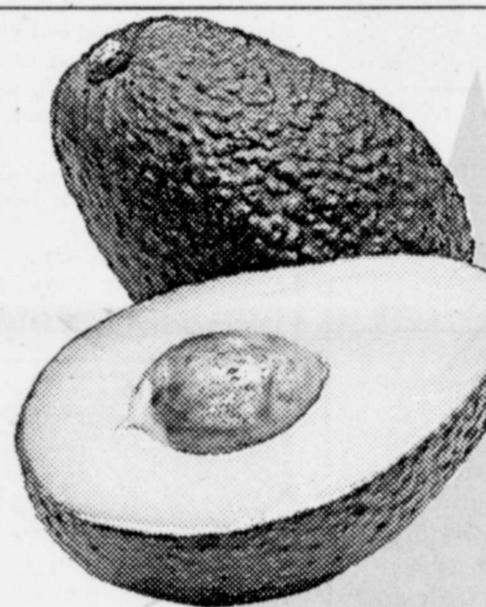
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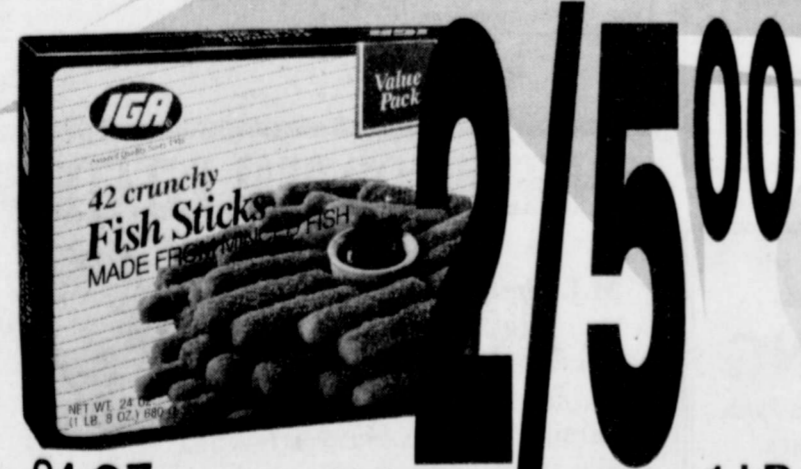
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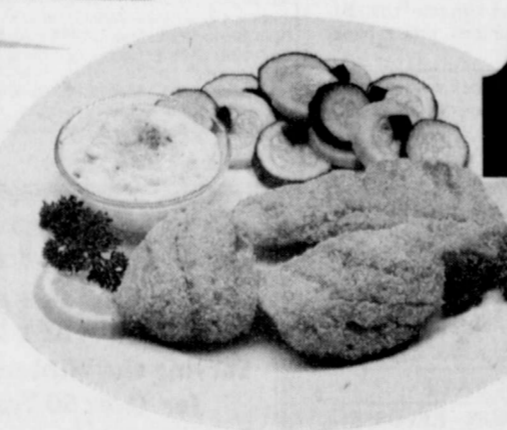
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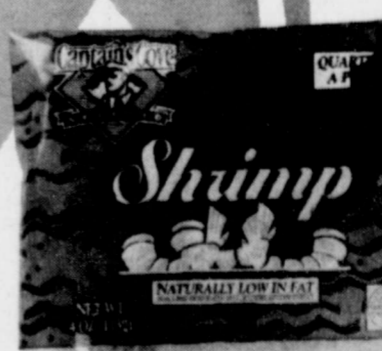
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