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Grohman, Sims named Woman and Man of the Year



Pearls of Wisdom

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the

-Franklin D. Roosevelt

Pastor's **Points**

Pastor Glenn Dittmer suggests we should be concerned with what happens in others' lives so we may help them, not run their lives for them.

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Book Fair next week

Winters Elementary will host their second semester Book Fair from February 10-14. Family Night is scheduled for Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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Editor Jean Boles doesn't fly through the air with the greatest of ease.

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2003 Glacier King & Queen Candidates

The 2003 Glacier King & Queen candidates are featured and will be crowned in a coronation ceremony next Thursday evening. page 8

Gift ideas for that special one

Area businesses are offering special Valentine's Day promotions in celebration of the day for sweethearts.

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Highlighting the annual received a Texas Senate Proc-Winters Area Chamber of Commerce banquet Saturday evening was the naming of the

Woman of the Year Year was Landa Grohman, a sixth grade teacher at Winters Elementary School. The former Landa Walker was born in 1954, and attended school at Wingate for eight years before transferring to Winters High School her freshman year. While in high school she was a member of the varsity basketball team for four years, named to All-District and Area teams for three years. She competed at the state level in the 440 yd. run and high jump in track. She graduated Salutatorian of her class in 1973.

2002 Man and Woman of the

by Jean Boles, editor

Landa graduated cum laude from Abilene Christian Univer-

She married Freddie the parents of four children, Tabitha, Tamra, Travis, and Baptist Church in Winters. Trenton. She began her 21 year teaching career in Wingate and currently teaches at Winters.

class serving the students of this community and their famiher students or their family tors are Clay Bush, Danny members."

church of Christ which buses Janice Pruser and Donna 100-150 children to church on Smith. Wednesday nights. Landa also to bring children to church.

Christmas in April project and Horace Brown. the Relay for Life each year.

Man of the Year

this year's honoree, Jerry Sims.

Jerry is employed by the U.S. Postal Service and has gone so far as saving the life of a 99-year-old lady during his mail route. For his actions, he Cason of JC's Catering.

lamation, a City of Winters Proclamation, a Life Saving Award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a Certificate of Appreciation.

He has received a 30-year Honored as Woman of the Civil Service Award, is a Mason with the Wingate Lodge, having served as a past Master, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and Winters Housing Authority. He has served as president of the Winters Country Club and as an alderman for the City of Winters for twelve years. He is currently serving his second term as secretary for the Board of Trustees for Winters Independent School District.

He served in the U.S. Navy with one year in Vietnam and three years in Guam.

Jerry was born in 1950, and graduated from Winters High School. He married Jan Robinson in 1971, and they Grohman in 1974, and they are have one daughter, Jamie. They are members of the First

Other Banquet Highlights

Also recognized during the Last year's honoree, banquet were Chamber offic-Marthiel Russell described ers: Sharon Kennedy, presi-Landa as a woman who "has dent; Chris Bahlman, vicetouched innumerable lives in president; Ruth Cooper, 2nd the classroom. She has also put vice-president; Jane Bourdo, secretary

New directors are Michael lies. She has spent many hours Mostad, Carla Hooper and at the hospital, being there for Gary Bear. Continuing direc-Clack, Barry Jackson, and She has been an integral part Brenda Burton. Retiring direcof a bus ministry at North Main tors are Saam Geistmann,

Entertainment was provided makes two or three trips each by the Bluff Creek Ramblers Sunday morning in her own car comprised of Dana and Jerry Chambliss, Richard Cham-Landa also serves with the bliss, Dickie Clough and

WHS senior Jena Bahlman gave a power point presenta-Charles Bahlman, 2001 tion of "Our Town," which was Man of the Year, introduced narrated by Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corpo-

Dinner was catered by Janet

LOCAL CITIZENS HONORED



JERRY SIMS and LANDA GROHMAN were named 2002 Man and Woman of the Year, respectively, during the annual Winters Area Chamber of Commerce banquet Saturday evening. Jerry is a mail carrier with the Postal Service. Landa is a sixth grade teacher at Winters Elementary School.

in countless hours outside of treasurer; and Julie Frierson. Junior High parent meeting fruitful

School issues discussed; plans made for changes

by Jean Boles, editor

WHS auditorium.

The special meeting was in these two grades. called by WISD Superintendent Danny Clack and Secondaddress the 57% failure rate in the Winters Junior High

"I was very pleased with the meeting," said Clack. " I appreciate the parents who attended. They gave us some inwe are looking into how these can be addressed. I had hoped, of course, that all parents meeting.'

Clack and Hale expressed any student needing additional

Approximately 65 con- deep concern about the failure help. A bus route will run at cerned parents and citizens met rate in the seventh and eighth 4:16 p.m.. with school personnel last grades, and hoped to incorpo-

ary Principal David Hale to There were a lot of concerns (faculty) will address with policies to be put in place."

> the new policies will include time to sort through them all." the following:

> quired to attend and also for Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)

· A new eligibility policy Thursday, January 30, at the rate parents' opinions and will prohibit any student who ideas. There are 116 students is not eligible to participate in any UIL event from attending Hale said, "I believe we had any "home" game or event una very productive meeting. less accompanied by a parent.

Hale said other comments expressed by parents that we and suggestions from parents who attended the January 30 meeting are being carefully According to Hale, some of considered but that "it will take

One specific complaint Change the tutorial deten-from some parents was the lack sight into some problems and tion from once a day for three of textbooks available for a hours to three days a week for certain class. Hale explained one hour each day (from 3:16 that the current textbook is to 4:16). This tutorial time will "nonconforming and does not would attend this important be for students who are re- address all the Texas Essential

See JR. HIGH, pg. 5

Head of the Class—



photo by Deb Pritchard

WINTERS FFA MEMBER CAMILLE KRUSE, 12, exhibited the first place lightweight European steer at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Ft. Worth last Thursday afternoon. Camille showed her 1015 lbs. steer Revenge again Friday morning in competition for champion European steer honors. She sold the steer in the Premium Sale on Saturday. Camille, a sixth grader at Winters Elementary, is the daughter of Terry and Cheryl Kruse.

Judge Egan explains county's involvement in Ballinger water grant

contributed by Roeneal Boles, editor The Ballinger Ledger

County Commissioners on more lengthy than expected.

between the Office of Rural Community Affairs and the County for the \$350,000 grant for water facilities.

Winters early in 2002.

What looked to be a short Ballinger furnishes water to the special meeting of Runnels town of Rowena, an unincorporated town in the county. Thursday, January 30, turned Because Rowena is not a government entity, Runnels The lone agenda item for the County had to apply for grant meeting was to consider enter- money on their behalf, just as ing into contract with Commu- they did when the County nity Development Programs helped secure a grant for a new water line from Ballinger to

Further questions regarding whether the City of Ballinger Mayor Dawson McGuffin had secured an agreement from and City Manager Aref Hassan the City of Abilene to tie onto of Winters were in attendance their Ivie pipeline brought Ballat the meeting to ask questions inger City Administrator regarding the County's grant. Tommy New into the meeting. McGuffin and Hassan ques- New said the City of Ballinger tioned why the County was in- did not have a written commitvolved with a grant for the City ment from Abilene at that time, of Ballinger when they did not but were hoping to secure one participate in the grant applica- very shortly. "The difference tion process for the City of in the City of Ballinger's request to the City of Abileneand County Judge Marilyn Egan the earlier request by the City explained the County was in- of Winters is that we're asking

volved because the City of See COMMISSIONERS, pg. 3

Editorial

Oil Bidness by Reg Boles © 2003



oil patch.

Opportunity (as in profitable paths to pursue) is what makes a business vibrant and alive. Without it, participants are merely 'managing decline'. (Not that there isn't 'opportunity' in milking the last profit out of a shrinking industry, but that is a topic for another day.)

Oops, I better watch out-I'm going to wear out the 'quote' keys on my computer. But, I digress...back to: opportunity.

In the oil patch, opportunity comes in many forms, but exploration acreage, acquisition targets, and development potential in existing fields are where the bulk of future profits reside. As it turns out, many oil and gas companies are lamenting the lack of such opportunity.

But, while many complain, a few are finding their niche in discovering just this sort of opportunity right under the noses of old pros in the business.

It won't come as news to the wiser readers of this column, but (here I go again with the quotes) 'opportunity is where you make it'. Say that with me: opportunity is where you make it'. Very good.

These niche companies are taking so-called marginal situations and making money from them. They are developing discoveries the original operator no longer cares about, they are drilling wells where few wanted to before, and they are building on forgotten ideas for development and acquisition.

There are a number of companies, most operating internationally, that are buying fields near their economic limit, tak- the fact that many of the emideas on why this pursuit of opportunity works.

First, there is the 'lean-andate profitably at lower margins, and focus on smaller projects than your typical larger oil and gas company. A project that is either ignored or overlooked

There's a lot of discussion of because of its limited impact late about 'opportunity' in the can be very important to a smaller company where the impact is more significant.

Seondly, there is the psychology of a niche project. Often, the most prized acquisitions of these niche players are the ones where the original operator couldn't stomach pouring any more 'good money after bad'. Many of these projects started off in grandiose fashion with high expectations, but soon the project began to perform much worse than expected.

At that point, company management would lose interest, and the enthusiasm to put any great effort or finance into such a development was lost. However, there are almost certainly specific opportunities in such a project that were never followed up because of this adverse psychology.

Third, and likely most impactive, is the incentive that a niche operator will have to pursue smaller projects. This incentive is related to the other two ideas and may flow from one or more of them, but it is worth considering separately.

Consider the original operating company: usually big, with career employees looking to move up on a corporate infrastructure. A project is a step on that path, but not really anything personal.

Now, the niche player: when compared to the current revenue being generated by the smaller company, any new revenue is of great significance. The incentive is natural to work just that much harder for even a little bit extra because it means so much. Add to that, ing over exploration prospects ployees of these smaller comoffsetting those marginal panies are getting a piece of the fields, and developing dormant action or at least a bonus tied discoveries. There are three directly to the success of the acquired project, and you have some really eager employees.

So, sometimes, if you look mean' (whew, quotes and hy- hard enough, opportunity may phens at the same time) advan- be right there where you tage. The niche companies are missed it before. Let's all rub able to make decisions, oper- our eyes one more time and see if we are missing anything.

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Obituaries

Joine "Jo" Allcorn

EARLY-Joine "Jo" Allcorn, 80, died Saturday, February 1, 2003, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

She was born November 14, 1922, in Talpa to August and Eva Herring. She attended schools at Talpa where she played on the basketball team.

She married Charles Arnold Allcorn on December 28, 1940, at the Methodist parsonage in Talpa. She was very active in the Talpa Home Demonstration Club and was a volunteer in the Coleman Hospital Auxiliary as a "Pink Lady."

She later attended the Coleman School of Vocational Nursing and received her L.V.N. license and worked at the Overall-Morris Memorial Hospital. At the age of 50, she began taking other courses at Cisco Junior College and later finished at the Angelo State School of Nursing where she received her R.N. license.

She worked at the Coleman Hospital and later started working at the Brownwood Regional Medical Center as a Charge Nurse, where she worked until her retirement. She dedicated herself to nursing and touched many lives with her work.

Mrs. Allcorn was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Early and formerly a longtime member of the Talpa United Methodist Church. She loved to travel and looked forward to seeing new places.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Elo and Hubert "Boss" Herring; and three sisters, Opal Bouldin, Donnie Mae Bomar, and Carrie Jeffreys.

Survivors include her husband, Arnold Allcorn of Early; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Charles and Jane Allcorn of Winters and Benny M. Allcorn of Early; two granddaughters and their husbands, Allison and Danny Randolph of Sundown and Ashley and Wes Glass of Big Spring; and Julio "Trey" Reyes of Early, who she considered her grandson; four great-grandchildren, Reagan, Rylee, and Reese Randolph and Peighton Glass; a sister, Stella McClure of Coleman; several nieces and nephews, and a host of cousins.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 4, in the Heartland Funeral Home in Early with Reverend Benny M. Allcorn and Reverend Wayne Lewis officiating. Burial followed in Crews Cemetery under the direction of Heartland Funeral Home of Early.

Memorials may be made to the Emanuel Chapel United Methodist Church Building Fund c/o Dorothy Rhine, 9305 Triple K Lane, Brownwood, or the Early First United Methodist Church Building Fund.

Letter to the Editor

Addressing equality among men & women

Dear Editor:

next move to try to bring about gers, carpenters, and mechantotal women's liberation took ics to be women. Also there place in 1946 with the advent should not be a shorter tee box of The United Nations. The for women on the golf course. preamble of the United Nations All sports events should have charter says in part that there equal men and women on each should be equal rights for men and women.

and men are equal, then we should expect some radical changes, such as that of requiring an equal number of men and women in the clerks' jobs of all stores, in secretarial positions, and in all nurses' and of the rural route carriers being men and half of the "post women.

If we want to continue the misnomer that women and men are equal then we should

have half of all trash haulers, After women's suffrage, the concrete finishers, ditch digteam. Frontline military personnel should be filled with fox If we lie and say that women hole-digging men as well as women. We should not lower any standards for boot camp or other requirements for any positions of any professions so that women can make the grade physically.

So I say "Let's go back to teachers' professions. Postal leaving the bread-winning to — or let's stay strictly with the persons" who walk being lie that women and men are equal."

Sincerely, Jim Hicks Clyde, TX

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Virginia Cleo Porch Marsh

WINTERS-Virginia Cleo Porch Marsh, 84, died Friday, January 31, 2003, at a local nursing home.

She was born June 27, 1918, in Winters and grew up in Crews. She graduated from Content High School, then married Goldman S. Marsh, Sr. on January 1, 1936, in Miles. They moved to McCamey in 1945, and she worked at West Texas Distributors as a clerk and cashier. After her husband's retirement from West Texas Utilities in 1970, they moved to Cole-

man then to Winters in 1972. Mrs. Marsh was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1981 and three sisters, Lillie Baldwin, Theresa White, and Vera La Foon.

Survivors include one son, Sheldon Marsh and wife Joyce Ann of Amarillo; two grandchildren, Dr. Coly Marsh and wife Breanne of Frisco and Dr. Branon Marsh and wife Carol Ann of Flower Mound; and four grandchildren, Makenzie, Katie, Abbie Grace, and Mallorie Marsh.

Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 2, at Crews Cemetery with Reverend Barry Taylor officiating. Services were directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Zachary Scott Pollan

BALLINGER—Zachary Scott Pollan, 17, went to be with the Lord on Monday, January 27, 2003.

He was born September 20, 1985, in Okinawa, Japan, and moved to Ballinger, Texas, at the age of two.

Zach was an ideal son and brother, first in his class, an allstate debater, a mountain biker, and soccer player and referee extraordinaire. His accomplishments academically, on the playing fields, and in UIL are myriad. He was a National Merit Scholar Qualifier, number one in his class, and second to none academically or personally. He was a man of character, poise, and an unmatched sense of humor. Of all the honors he earned. none were as important as his friends. Zach leaves behind an entire community of friends and loved ones. He exuded quiet confidence and a gentle heart. He will be missed by all and leaves a void in everyone's heart that will never be filled. He has gone to a life of peace and rests with his heavenly Father.

Survivors include his mother, Sherry Pollan; his father, Dr. Bill Pollan; two sisters, Becky Pollan of Baltimore and Megan Pollan of Ballinger; his grandparents, Bob and Joan Jackson of Dallas; three uncles, Drue Pollan Denver, Colorado, Tommy Pollan of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Bill Taylor of Austin; one aunt, Laura Pollan of Houston; and one great-uncle, Tom Hopkins of Houston.

A wake service was held at the Ballinger High School auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 29, where his family and friends honored his life. Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 30, at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Ballinger. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Ballinger Carnegie Library, MHMR, or a favorite charity.

Lewis G. Zuehlke

ABILENE-Lewis G. Zuehlke, 69, died Saturday, February , 2003, following a long battle with emphysema.

He was born November 8, 1933, to Oswald and Irene Scales Zuehlke. He graduated from Ballinger High School, Angelo State University, and Texas Tech University, and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He married Geraldine Pearse on April 5, 1969, in Ballinger.

Mr. Zuehlke worked for Ballinger Truck and Tractor and was a manager for LTV Energy Products in Odessa for 21 years. He was also an instructor for the TABC for several years be-

fore retirement. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife of 33 years, Geraldine Zuehlke of Abilene; one daughter and son-in-law, Laura Jene and Marty Joe Brooks; one granddaughter, Hannah Joe Brooks; one sister and brother-in-law, Wanda and Herman Stokes; sisters-in-law, Earlene Bickham and Glenda Knapp; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and friends, Joe & Gaye Brooks.

Family visitation was Monday, February 3, from 6:00 to 8:00 jobs should be filled with half the men, down with the United p.m. at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger. Services were Nations, out with women's lib at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 4, at the Seventh Street Baptist Church in Ballinger. Military graveside services followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605, or a favorite charity.

Ministerial Alliance hears report on 2002 activities

by Randall Conner, Treasurer

There were 13 present for the Alliance will print a booklet of monthly Ministerial Alliance Meeting on Monday, February 3, at the WISD Administration Office. Activities Coordinator, Maudella Reeves, gave a report on Outreach activities for 2002.

The Food Pantry helped 490 families, a total of 1,459 people for the year. There were 36 new families for the year. Through the Relief Fund there were 36 families which were assisted for a total of \$1,256.55, eight for medicine and 28 for utilities. For January 2003, the Food Pantry helped 50 families (161 people) with nine new families. The Relief Fund helped 7 families for \$166.16, one medicine, 4 utilities, and 2 other.

Mike Bedford, retired Internal Revenue Service employee, will help families in need with tax preparation services beginning about February 15. Contact Maudella at 365-1417 for details or an appointment.

A report was made on a meeting with MHMR in which several social service providers were present. The Ministerial 11 am Monday through Friday.

all available service, who to contact, and what agency is involved. Hopefully, we will have this in a few weeks to help those in our community who have special needs.

There was another discussion concerning the Ministerial Alliance's concerns with community meals on Sunday and the effect on church attendance, the effect on worship, and what should be "The Lord's Day." Mark Edge and Barry Taylor will be meeting with the Industrial Board and School Board to share these concerns.

The Ministerial Alliance Newsletter is now being sent by e-mail and we need an e-mail address for each minister, key lay leaders, and each church, so that we can get information to you. Please send e-mail addresses to rconner@winters-

texas.us. Winters Outreach Center is located at 141 North Church, (south of First United Methodist Church) and is open from 9 -

Pastor's Points

Editor's Note: This new column will feature a different Winters minister each week in no particular order. Comments may or may not reflect the opinions or views of The Winters Enterprise.

Someone we know?

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

I don't know who the author for this story is but I got it from a parishioner of mine who got it from someone else over the

Sara, the church gossip and self-appointed supervisor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose in other people's business. Several residents were unappreciative of her activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon.

She commented to George and others that everyone seeing it there would know that he was an alcoholic. George, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just walked away. He said nothing.

Later that evening, George quietly parked his pickup in front of Sara's house . . . and he left it there all night.

I think we have all known someone like Sara in our lives. We should be concerned with what happens in others' lives so we might help them in some way, not run their lives for them or tell them where they should or should not park their car or pickup truck. We should be concerned as we would for any family member in need.

Our God-given task is rather than point the accusing finger at anyone is to uplift, nurture and pray for those who are part of our lives as well as for people in our communities.

We are concerned for one another because we are all members of the one body, which is Christ. Therefore, we are one family of God. We don't need to worry where something is parked or not parked. Let God do the worrying. The fact that we are all His should be enough. There are good and bad gossip and gossips. Be a good gossip. That way we don't have to worry where the pickup is parked. God's blessings to you all!

WINTERS, TEXAS Did you know?

- Winters is one of the smallest rural communities to have high-speed wireless internet service in West
- 2. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Rogers Hornsby was born mear Winters in 1896. a shart of yarr alamomal.
- 3. Winters has over 700 manufacturing jobs in a community of 3000. The primary products are air conditioning vents and vent pipe, pickup toolboxes, feed products, and millwright equipment.
- 4. In 1910, Winters was the largest cotton shipping point in the United States.
- 5. The manufacturing companies in Runnels County together are the largest users of rolled steel in Texas.
- 6. The Z. I. Hale Museum has the only agricultural museum in the central West Texas Region and houses the first patented cotton picker in the United
- 7. There are over a million square feet (23 acres) of manufacturing and warehouse space under roof in Winters.
- 8. The Z. I. Hale Museum houses the second largest collection of pressed glassware pitchers in the United States.
- 9. Winters is served by over 20 trucking companies with over 17,000 trucks a year in and out of Win-
- 10. The Winters Blizzards were State AA Semi-finalists in football in 2002.



HELPING THE HOSPITAL raise funds for equipment are members of the North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary, Martha Pinkerton and Melanie Wade (left) and Theresa Patterson (second from right) as they serve baked potatoes to Coach Bryan Green and Pat Parker (right) at a fundraiser supper on January 28.

Women & Heart Health Program set for Wednesday, February 12

the Winters Housing Authority heart savvy. Meeting Room at 300 North Grant Street.

Specialist with Texas Cooperatheir heart health.

The program will educate

February is Heart Month women about their heart disand there is no better time to ease risk factors and empower become informed about heart them to take control of their issues than right now. On own health. Becoming in-Wednesday, February 12, at formed about the impact of diet 10:30 a.m., a Women and Heart and exercise is a step in the Health Program will be held in right direction toward being

This free-of-charge program is being sonsored by Texas Noemi Samaniego, Health Cooperative Extension and the Education & Rural Outreach Better Living for Texans program in Runnels County. For tive Extension, will address all further information, call the women interested in promoting County Extension Office at 365-5042.

Country Evening Gardeners hear of merits on rainwater harvesting

sented a program on Rainwater runoff from a larger building. Evening Gardeners and their valuable water, from a drip sysguests on Tuesday, January 14,

Mr. Kniffen presented a slide presentation showing how to water animals in the pasture at:www.rainwatercollection.com. where no water is available or to water the landscape in your February 11 at 6:00 p.m. at yard.

ets to catch the runoff from Randall Conner of Winters.

Billy Kniffen, Menard your roof to water your plants County Extension Agent, pre- or to large tanks to catch the Harvesting to the Country He explained how to use this tem to water your landscaping to supplying water to animals where there is no water supply.

This was a very interesting collect rainwater. He showed program Mr. Kniffen stated the many methods used to col- more information could be lect rainwater, whether it is to found on Rainwater Collection

The next meeting will be Bali Ha'i Restaurant. The pro-Mr. Kniffen showed ways gram will be on turf grasses to store the water, from buck- and will be presented by

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Monday, Feb. 10: Lasagna, corn, taco salad, green beans, and cobbler.

Tuesday, Feb. 11: Chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, and apple crisp.

Wednesday, Feb. 12: Swiss steak, cornbread salad, peas, bread, and fruit.

Thursday, Feb. 13: Reuben sandwich, chips, pear salad, pickles, and cookies.

Friday, Feb. 14: Chicken salad, macaroni salad, broccoli salad, pink Jello salad, and blueberry cheesecake.

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

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COMMISSIONERS. cont'd.-

for emergency water only, not a commitment to supply a set amount of water at any time," New told the group.

"Our contract with Abilene will specify what constitutes an emergency on our part and how much water Abilene will furnish in case of that emergency," New went on to say.

Judge Egan also explained to the group that Rowena is on the State of Texas' Drouth Disaster List and that allowed the County to apply for the \$350,000 maximum grant for emergency water facilities.

New commented that, "The Cities of Ballinger and Winters just have to work together better than we have been-not that we haven't been working together, but we just have to do a better job of it."

Following the 40-minute discussion, Commissioners approved entering into the contract for the grant.

Commissioner Skipper Wheeless was out of town on business and not present at Thursday's meeting, January

Card of Thanks

Monroe and I would like to thank all our friends, family and church family for all the food, cards, visits, and prayers during my illness. A special thank you to Bro. Barry Taylor for waiting with the family during surgery and for everyone's prayers as I am recovering so well.

We sometimes forget how many friends we have until a time like this.

Thanks again to everyone. We love you all.

Arlene Boles

Card of Thanks

With grateful hearts, we thank you for your many kindnesses showered on us during the loss of D.J. Goetz, Jr., husband, father, and grandfather.

How wonderful it is to live in a community and belong to a church that really cares. God bless you all.

Thank you,

The family of D.J. Goetz, Jr.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Feb. 7- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco

Feb. 8- 8 p.m.-Midnight, Valentine's Dance, Winters Country Club

Feb. 9- Attend the church of your choice. Feb. 10-8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Book Fair, Winters Elementary Library

11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 2:30 p.m., Retired Teachers, FUMC, Ballinger 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary, Post Home

7:30 p.m., School Board Meeting

Feb. 11-8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Book Fair, Winters Elementary Library 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 10:00 a.m., Commissioner's Court, Courthouse, Ballinger Noon, Lions Club, SCAC

5:30-6:30 p.m., Book Fair Family Night, Elementary Library 7 p.m., WVFD Business Meeting, Fire Station

7 p.m., AA, FUMC 7 p.m., Literary & Service Club

7 p.m., Woman's Club

7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control District, SCAC Feb. 12-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Book Fair, Winters Elementary Library 10:30 a.m., Women & Heart Health Program, WHA 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 5:30 p.m., NRH Auxiliary Meeting, North Runnels Hospital

Feb. 13-8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Book Fair, Winters Elementary Library 9 a.m. & 7 p.m., Glacier King and Queen Coronation 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Parenting Workshop, Elementary Library

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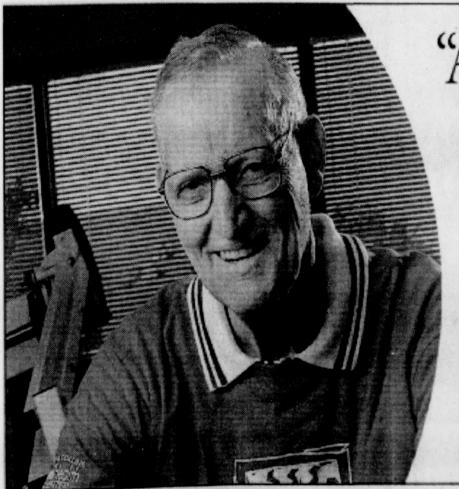
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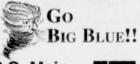


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Tuesday-Feb. 11 Cinnamon Roll Cereal Juice Wednesday-Feb. 12

Blueberry Muffin Cereal Juice Thursday-Feb. 13

Pancake Puppies Juice Friday-Jan. 14 Pigs in a Blanket Cereal Juice

Lunch Monday-Feb. 10 Chalupas w/Lettuce, Tomatoes, & Cheese Coleslaw Corn on the Cob Brownies

Tuesday-Feb. 11 Corndog French Fries Pork & Beans

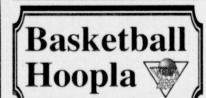
Apple Crisp Wednesday-Feb. 12 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Broccoli w/Cheese

Hot Roll Banana Pudding Thursday-Feb. 13 Burrito w/Chili & Cheese French Fries Mixed Fruit Chocolate Chip Cookies

Friday-Feb. 14 Popcorn Chicken Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Hot Roll Ice Cream

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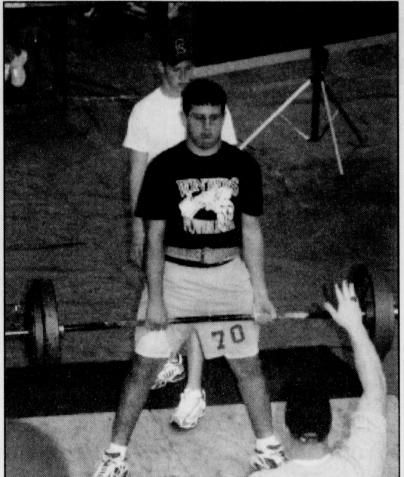


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JACOB BRIDGEMAN placed third in the 242 lb. division of the Cisco Powerlifting Meet on Saturday, February 1. The sophomore recorded a total of 850 lbs. on his three lifts. The WHS Powerlifting Team will compete at Big Lake on Saturday, February 8.

Winters Elementary to host Book Fair, February 10-14

fers hundreds of books for in- 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. vestigators of all ages during held at Winters Elementary, February 10-14.

Reading for fun can transform a child's life. Reading does much more than enterson. When children read books that truly interest them, books vocabulary, grammar, and punctuation skills.

To encourage reading, Winthe Fair will close at 2 p.m. 754-5577.

Caught in a Great Book!" of- Tuesday, February 11, from for January 2003. She is the

Parents may also give books the Scholastic Book Fair to be to their child's classroom through the Classroom Wish List and Community Sponsorship programs.

Reading is both an individual and shared activity and basketball and piano awards. tain—it engages the whole per- has a profound impact on a child's life.

that nourish their minds, the will benefit the Blizzard Kid quality of their lives is raised Boosters and be used towards forever. Reading can improve the purchase of playground equipment for the southwest side of the elementary school.

Parents, grandparents, and ters Elementary is hosting a siblings are encouraged to at-Book Fair beginning Monday, tend. The fair is open to the that will continue through Fri- community and admission is day in the elementary library free. For more information, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily with contact Sherry Kurtz, the Winthe exception of Friday when ters Elementary Librarian, at

"Reading Roundup!"

Book Fair Shopping Days

Monday-All grades review

Tuesday—Friday Schedule



Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
Opponent: San Saba Date: Jan. 28, 2003 POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER

Place: Jim Ned
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WHS students

Winters was among 42

schools in District 1A-5A to

participate in UIL Academics

at Brownwood on Saturday,

Bredemeyer, 3rd, Feature Writ-

ing; Briana Parramore, 5th,

Editorial Writing; Erica

Lujano, 5th, News Writing;

Kari Walker, 3rd, Persuasive

Speaking; and Kindy Walker,

6th, Informative Speaking.

Five students placed: Leah

January 25.

place at UIL

Coach: Deb Whittenburg

8-8:45 a.m.—Third Grade 8:45-9:30 a.m.—Fifth Grade 9:30-10:15a.m.—Fourth Grade 10:15-11 a.m.—Second Grade 11-11:45 a.m.—Sixth Grade 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.-Lunch 12:15-1 p.m.—First Grade 1-1:45 p.m.—Kindergarten 2-2:30 p.m.—Pre-Kindergarten Open until 4 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.

Childcare provided—

WISD offers four-part series of Parenting Workshops beginning tonight at 6:30 p.m.

ries of parenting workshops vided.

The first class in this series start in the first place, scheduled for tonight, Febru-Ways to tell if your child is using drugs, this class helps children.

Winters ISD will host a se- parents understand the problem. Information will be given each Thursday evening during on the types of drugs children the month of February. The are being exposed to, common classes will be offered free of warning signs of users, and charge on February 6, 13, 20, suggestions for parents in dealand 27 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in ing with their children. Comthe Winters Elementary Li- bining education with commubrary. Childcare will be pro- nication, parents can help their children kick the habit or not

Parents are encouraed to ary 6 is "Children and Drugs. share their experiences and questions with other people using." While "Dare" educates who have the same goal in the children on the dangers of mind-happier and healthier

Students of the Month

Each month the junior high teachers select students from the 7th and 8th grades to be Boy and Girl of the Month. These selections are made on the basis of academics, leadership, and citizenship.

Heather Waldrop has been "Clued into Reading—Get Family Night is scheduled for selected as "Girl of the Month" daughter of Lisa Waldrop.

Heather, 14, is in the eighth grade and enjoys math, science, English, band, and ath-

Her honors include making the A-B Honor Roll as well as

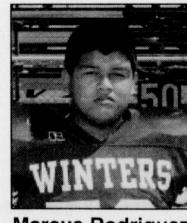
As a hobby, she enjoys playing the piano, walking her dogs, All Book Fair purchases playing basketball, and shopping. Pastimes are sleeping and watching TV.



Girl of the Month Her duties include washing the dishes, folding clothes, and feeding the animals. She also works at Gray's Video on Satur-

Her future plans are to become a veterinarian. While at college, she plans to make the basketball team.

She most admires her mom.



Marcus Rodriguez January Boy of the Month

Marcus Rodriguez has been chosen as the "Boy of the Month" for January 2003. He is the son of Santos and Maribel Rodriguez.

Marcus, 14, is in the eighth grade and enjoys history, science, band, and athletics.

His honors include earning first chair Baritone in the WHS Blizzard Band. He is proud to represent WISD through sports and academics.

His hobbies include watching TV, reading, surfing the Internet, playing football and

video games, talking to friends, and playing the Baritone. His duties include taking out the trash, taking care of his

sisters, and helping to feed the animals and clean the house. Future plans are to attend college where he will major in marine biology or music.

He most admires his parents because "they are always there

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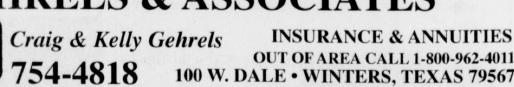
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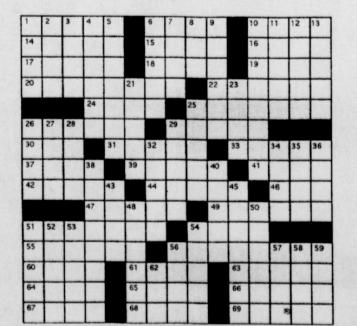
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If this sounds exciting to you and you are at least 16 years of age and will be no more than 18 years of age on March 1 and are a full-time student enrolled in a high school within the Coleman County service area, you have the opportunity to win an allexpense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 12-24. The high schools in the Coleman County Electric service area include Coleman, Santa Anna, Panther Creek, Novice, Winters, Ballinger and Miles.

To enter the competition, students must type an 800-1000 word essay on the subject, "Why were electric co-ops formed and what did it do for rural America?"

The deadline for submitting entry forms is March 18 and the deadline for submitting essays is April 5. Judging will be on

If you are interested in entering this year's Youth Tour essay contest, please contact Tony Williams at Coleman County Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 860, 3300 North Highway 84, Coleman, TX 76834, (915) 625-2128 or 1-800-560-2128. You can also e-mail at: tony @colemancountyelectcoop.org.

JUNIOR HIGH, continued

we are required to teach." He further explained that to son for the right student.' help alleviate the problem, the

parents also complained they were not receiving sufficient progress reports. Hale said although a substantial expense weeks.

the meeting.

"We are working on this students ready." (mentoring program)," said aid, but we also know how im- issues.

portant it is to get the right per-

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"Our teachers have intensified their curriculum to better prepare the students for the for the school, progress reports TAKS," Clack said. "These will now be sent every three tests are more difficult than weeks instead of every six testing has ever been — and our kids won't pass certain The subject of a mentoring grade levels if they don't pass program was also addressed at these exams. Our teachers are feeling the pressure to have the

Clack reminds parents they

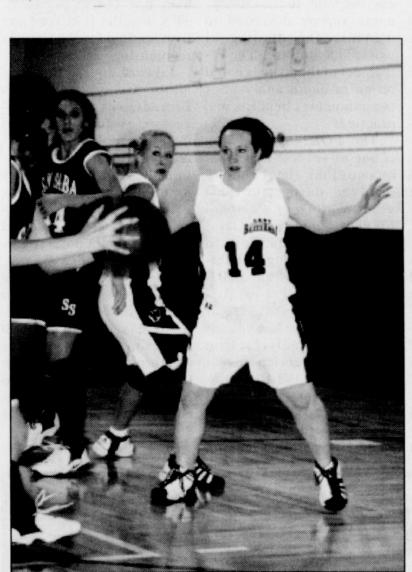


photo by Jean Boles

GESSICA BEAR #14, of the Varsity Lady Blizzards, cuts off the San Saba drive as Jena Bahlman blocks out her tall opponent. The Lady Blizzards finished regular season play on Tuesday, February 4, against Coleman. Results of that game were not available at presstime.

Registration deadline for next ACT exam is March 7

students can take the ACT Asnext nationwide test date. The postmark registration deadline is March 7. There is also a late registration postmark deadline on March 21 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$25 (\$28 in Florida).

school GPA, the type of col- exam as seniors. Students who sessment on April 12, 2003, the lege-prep courses taken, and take the exam more than once other information to help de- can report only their highest termine admissions and the composite score to prospective appropriate course placement colleges if they choose. for new students.

achievement test in English, registration forms and test lo-Students who have already school counselor or go to the taken the ACT can take it again ACT website <www.act.org>, and try for a higher score. Jun- which also offers usefultips, iors can use their scores to ex- sample tests, and the opportuamine academic weaknesses, nity to order inexpensive test Colleges use ACT scores, take courses to correct those prep materials.

College-bound high school along with a student's high weaknesses and retake the

To learn more about the The ACT Assessment is an ACT Assessment, including reading, math, and science, cations, contact your local high



L. J. NITSCH #52, along with teammate Wacey Cason, wrestles the ball away from the San Saba player during Junior Varsity Blizzard action. Both the varsity and junior varsity teams will end their regular season competition on Tuesday, Feb. 11, against Goldthwaite in Blizzard gym after meeting the Bangs Dragons at Winters on Friday, Feb. 7.

2003 Project Graduation selling carnations for Valentine's Day delivery

Project Graduation 2003 will be selling carnations to be Norton on OBU delivered on the WISD campuses Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14.

The group will deliver either a red or white carnation with a Hale. "We also believe are welcome to stop by his of- card and envelope for \$2.50 each. Deliveries will be made to all mentoring can be a very good fice any time to discuss these three schools, elementary, junior high, and high school on Honor Roll for the 2002 fall valentine's Day

> Elementary students received an order form in their Tuesday folders on February 4. Secondary students may pick up order forms and envelopes in their respective offices.

> All orders must be received no later than Monday, February 10. For more information contact Kim Jackson at 754-5032 or 754-4339 or Rhonda Neal at 754-5574.

> All proceeds will benefit the 2003 Project Graduation, a drug free, all-night celebration on graduation night.

Wells graduates TTU; Davis and Geistmann on Dean's List

Alison Paige Wells, daughter of Jim and Mary Wilkerson of Winters and Howard and Rebecca Wells of El Paso, was among the 1,500 students awarded degrees during fall 2002 commencement ceremonies at Texas Tech University on December 14, 2002. Alison received a bachelor of arts in English.

Tech students Jennifer Marie Davis, senior, and Amy Lynn Geistmann, sophomore, made the Dean's List in fall 2002. Students must complete at least 12 qualifying course hours during a semester with a grade point average of 3.5 to

Jennifer is majoring in multidisciplinary studies and is the daughter of Jack Davis and Teresa Davis of Winters. Amy is majoring in microbiology and is the daughter of Doris Geistmann of Winters.

Matthew Angel earns academic honors at Blinn

Matthew Angel was named a Distinguished Student at Blinn College for the 2002 fall semester on its Bryan campus.

The college recognizes those students who take a minimum of 12 college credit hours and earn a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.74 as Distinguished Students.

Matthew is the son of Monte and Lea Angel of Winters.

Honor Roll

Stephanie Elizabeth Norton was named to the President's semester at Oklahoma Baptist University.

To be listed, students must maintain a 3.70 grade point average with no grade below a

Miss Norton is majoring in piano pedagogy and is the daughter of Don and Janet Norton of Winters.

ACTIVITIES Feb. 6-13, 2003

BLIZZARD

Thursday, February 6 4:30pm, Softball Scrim. @ Sweetwater

Friday & Saturday, February 7-8 Tennis @ Colorado City

Monday-Friday February 10-14 Book Fair, Elementary

Library

Tuesday, February 11 5:30-6:30 рм, Book Fair Family Night, Winters **Elementary Library**

Thursday, February 13 9 AM & 7PM, Glacier King & Queen Coronation & Class Honors, WHS Auditorium

Softball @ Sweetwater

Financial Aid Workshop

-ATTENTION-**Parents**

Wednesday, February 5 7 pm • WHS Auditorium

Info about FASFA, college deadlines, aid application process, & more. One or more scholarships will be awarded this evening.

WHS Powerlifting 2003 Schedule

Feb. 1—Cisco

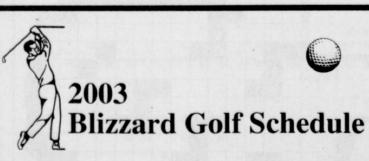
Feb. 24

Feb. 8—Big Lake

Feb. 22-Eastland



Boys/Girls



Hawley

March 4	Robert Lee	Boys
March 5	Merkel	Girls
March 10	Merkel	Boys
March 19	Robert Lee	Girls
March 25	San Saba*	Girls
March 26	Coleman*	Boys
April 1	Maxwell (Abilene)*	Girls
April 2	Goldthwaite*	Boys
April 9	Stephenville*	Boys/Girls
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The story reports the \$499 flight. round-trip fare includes a towel towel will cover.

Nudity has been lounging. I appetite for that delicious mys-

For folks who like to travel mean, I can't even use the pillight, I've got just the vacation low and blanket provided on a plan for you. That is, if you're normal flight. —and those extra care is taken when servwere covered in plastic. So I recently read in USA To- how am I supposed to relax and day about "the first nude air- get comfy knowing some of line fight," which takes off me is resting right where some port on May 3, headed for lollygagging? That's scarey!

And while I've always been Although the article says the obedient to buckle my lap belt pilots and flight attendants will when ordered, I'm afraid I'd be clothed, passengers will break out in a sweat and feign "enjoy their flight, clothes- amnesia just thinking about befree" once the plane reaches ing the next passenger to "buckle up" after the naked

My eyes start to water when to sit on (thank the good I imagine everyone trying to bright side (if I have to look at Lord!). But I see a very large take off their clothes at the all). Naked passengers would batch of problems a whole lot same time. I don't know bigger than what a simple maybe their plane is a ton bigger than the ones I've flown on. First of all, is this plane Because I do know how close EVER going to be used for I've had to be to somebody anything other than naked who puts something in the trips? Specifically, for those of overhead compartment or us who prefer to travel fully stands next to my seat when dressed? Call me silly, but I they're waiting in line for the have more than a teeny prob- bathroom. Just the thought of lem sitting in a seat where Mr. that could make me lose my

tery airline food.

Speaking of food, I'll bet ing hot coffee. (That Mc-Donald's lady didn't have anything on these naked flyers).

And what happens when from Miami International Air- naked fellow has been somebody drops a peanut in their seat. Ooooo — never

> Several years ago, there was published a book titled, "Fear of Flying." I never read the book but I know I've sure got a new (and I think definitely justifiable) phobia to add to my list involving airline travel.

> Guess I should look on the have a heck of a time concealing weapons or bombs — or anything else for that matter.

> So you've still got time to book your flight. And besides, you won't even need to do any shopping for the perfect vacation outfits because the weeklong stay is at (surprise, surprise) a resort for nudists.

I wonder how you leave a tip at this kind of resort?

Need help? **Local MHMR** offers variety of services

Valerie Ullman Avery, M.Ed., with the Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation (MHMR) reminds citizens of services available through MHMR, including the following:

Crisis Hotline, Mobile Crisis Response, Crisis Screening, Medication Related Services, Skills Training, Respite, Juvenile Justice Services, Symptom Management Training, Assessment, Service Coordination, Family Support, Family Training, Supported Housing, In-Home and Family Support Program and Counseling Ser-

According to Avery, access to inpatient services are also available where clinically indicated.

The Runnels County Mental Health Center is located at 126 State Street in Winters. Phone 915-754-5591, 24-hour crisis hotline 1-800-375-4357.

Public Notice

Elm Creek Water Control District will meet in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Activity Center, 600 Wood, Winters, Texas.

Police Beat

The following are cases from the Winters Police Department. Some cases may still be under investigation. Information, reported through Crimestoppers leading to the close of any case, could result in up to a ,000 reward.

The following information has been obtained from reports and or incidents investigated by the Winters Police Department during the week of January 27 through Feruary 3, 2003. These are just a few reports received each week by members of the Winters Police Department. Winters Police Officers:

 were contacted by Taylor County to serve a warrant on an individual on a Theft by Check charge. Officers were sent to the suspect's residence at 403 E. Broadway. After advisement, the suspect was placed under arrest and transported to the Runnels County Jail.

· were contacted by the City of Winters Water Department in regard to stolen items. The complainant advised that an individual who had been working at the Water Plant sometime last week, performing community service, had been questioning a city employee about a BB gun. A few days later, the employee noticed that the BB gun was missing. The suspect could not be located for questioning; however, did arrive at the Winters Police Department the following day on his own will. The suspect confessed that he had taken one of two items in question. He was given until 5:00 p.m. to return the item. No charges were pressed.

· were dispatched to 210 N. Melwood to serve a Taylor County warrant. The suspect was located and magistrated by Judge Hamilton, then transported to Runnels County Jail.

· were dispatched to 309 Bluebonnet. Officers were met by the complainant who was already speaking to a Deputy from the Sheriff's Office. The complainant advised that he had seen an older model white Chevrolet pickup driving recklessly west on Bluebonnet Street. The officers and deputy made contact with said vehicle. An open can of beer was found in the passenger's left pant pocket. A female individual was asked to take custody of the driver, but refused. The driver was cited for open container and subsequently arrested for Public Intoxication for endangering the public and himself. He was transported 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 Ballinger Police Department—365-3591 Sheriff's Department—365-2121

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Irene J. Simpson vs. Jose Humberto Madrid, request for temporary protective order granted

Nathan Patrick Helser, theft, pleaded nolo contendre, sentenced to 60 days in county jail, assessed \$236

Nathan Patrick Helser, theft, case dismissed, convicted in another case Tony Holmes, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendre, fined \$100,

assessed \$211 court costs, \$404.26 restitution, \$205 hot check fees Tony Holmes, theft by check, case

dismissed, convicted in another case Tony Diaz, making alcohol available to a minor, case dismissed, defendant completed community ser-

Criminal Cases Filed January 24

Jose Luis Aragon, filed on three nal trespass, agricultural land counts: for driving while intoxicated, and two for resisting transportation

January 27 Robert Bruce Causey, filed for

criminal trespass January 28

Benjamin Matthew Hays, filed for possession of marijuana

Eric Paul McDuffee, filed for driv- check ing while intoxicated

Marriage Licenses Filed

Joseph Frank Havlak and Velma Lee Giles

January 31

District Court Divorce Cases Filed January 24

Patricia Kay Pecor vs. Bernie Howard Pecor January 27

Modesto A. Salinas vs. Sandra Bratcher Salinas January 30

Garry Lynn Thompson vs. Sheila Ann Thompson

> Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 **Felony Cases Filed**

January 27 Ray Jewell Lee Lopez, filed for assault against a peace officer

Criminal Cases Filed January 18 Hoyt Watson, filed for criminal trespass, agricultural land

Michael L. Wilson, filed for crimi-Richard R. Cain, filed for criminal trespass, agricultural land

January 26 Robert Bernard Heathcott, filed for minor in possession, detectable

amount of alcohol January 30

Michael Conway, filed for theft by

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Naomi Lynn Arthur, filed for theft by check

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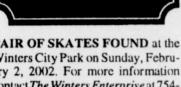
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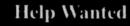
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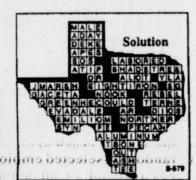
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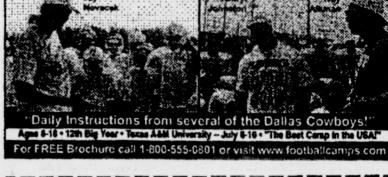
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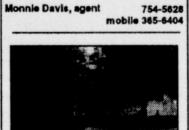
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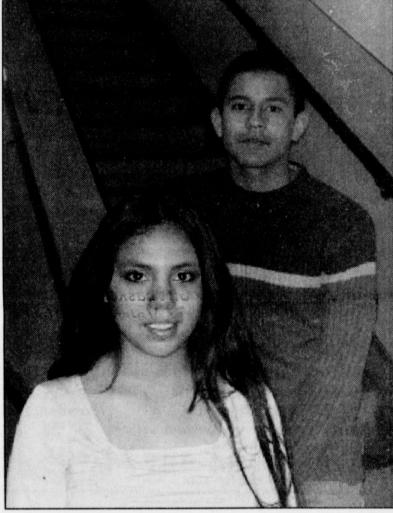
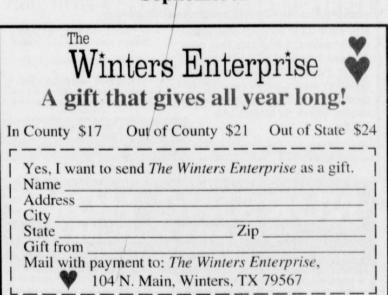


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Claudia Llanas and Jeremy Mendoza **Sophomores**



at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Class honors will also be announced.

Freshman Candidates

Vasquez are freshman candi-

participates in UIL news writbasketball and tennis, likes to Baptist Church youth group. Erica plans to pursue a doctorate degree.

James Vasquez is the 14hanging out with friends, and career. lifting weights.

Sophomore Candidates

Claudia Llanas and Jeremy Mendoza are sophomore candidates.

Claudia Llanas, 15, is the daughter of Martin and Maria Ortiz. She is honored to have received a math award as well as being listed on the "A" honor roll. She enjoys reading, and reads in Spanish every month for Mount Carmel Catholic Church. Other pas- the National Honor Society. times include listening to mucome a teacher or bilingual secretary.

Jeremy Mendoza is the son tennis, and golf.

served as a class officer and to be listed on the honor roll. He is a member of the Mount Carmel Catholic Church.

Jeremy enjoys listening to music, playing the guitar, hanging out with friends, and cruising in the Blazer. He plans to attend college where he will study in the medical field.

Junior Candidates

Pearl Guerrero and Tim orable Mention. Fenwick are junior candidates.

daughter of Marcus and Rachel

The Glacier staff will hold activities include UIL, the their annual King and Queen Small Schools Academic Chal-Coronation on Thursday, Feb-lenge, and band where she is ruary 13. Presentation of can-serving as drum major and has didates will be held at 9 a.m. received solo and ensemble in the WHS Auditorium. awards playing the flute. Pearl Evening ceremonies will begin has also been awarded for her piano playing and plays once a month at the nursing home. She is a member of Somebody Cares Ministries. She enjoys reading and hanging out with Erica Lujano and James friends, and would like to become a registered nurse.

Tim Fenwick, 16, is the son Erica Lujano, 14, is the of Gordon and Regina daughter of Doug and Amy Fenwick. He has been very ac-Wheat and Fidel and Vanesa tive in athletics - playing Lujano. She serves as a student football and basketball three council representative and years, running track and crossplays basketball and tennis for country his freshman and the JV Lady Blizzards. Erica sophomore years, playing baseball two years and tennis ing and, in addition to playing one year. In addition to Tim's affiliation with tennis camp, he talk to friends on the computer. coaches and referees Little She is a member of the First Dribblers. He is currently active in UIL.

Tim is a member of the National Honor Society and the Church of Christ. Honors inyear-old son of Nato and Elena clude being named Freshman Vasquez. After graduation, he Class Favorite, Sophomore plans to join the military to Highest Class Average, and become a heavy maintenance District Tennis Champion. He mechanic, then attend college. likes to play sports and hang His hobbies include playing out with his friends and plans football, listening to music, to pursue a sports medicine

Senior Candidates Lydia Rocha and Guy Slimp

are the senior candidates.

Lydia Rocha is 18 and the daughter of Pantaleon Jr. and Mary Rocha. She served as basketball and track manager her freshman and sophomore years, then Blizzard mascot her junior and senior years. She has participated in UIL debate and calculator and is a member of the student council and

Lydia was a Homecoming sic and hanging out with Queen nominee and is the secfriends. Her plans are to be- ond runner-up for this year's Miss Sno Queen. In her spare time, she likes to dance, read, listen to music, and hang out of George and Susy Mendoza. with friends. Lydia is a mem-He is 16 years old and has ber of St. John's Lutheran played football for the junior Church and a volunteer for the varsity and varsity teams, as Adopt a Highway program. well as 7-on-7 football. He has She will attend Angelo State also played basketball, varsity University to study pre-med.

Guy Slimp, 18, is the son of Jeremy is a member of the Mary and Ken Slimp. He has student council, serves as a cast been an active memeber of the member in the One Act Play, football, basketball, baseball, and participates and UIL track, powerlifting, and golf events. He is privileged to have teams at Winters High School. Guy has also participated in One Act Play.

He served as class president his freshman and sophomore years. His honors at WHS include membership in the National Honor Society and being named Freshman Class Favorite. He was named First Team All-District Linebacker, All Big Country Linebacker, and All-State Academic Hon-

His hobbies include playing Pearl Guerrero, 16, is the the guitar and hunting. Guy plans to attend Texas A&M Guerrero. Her extra-curricular University and become a member of the Corps of Cadets.

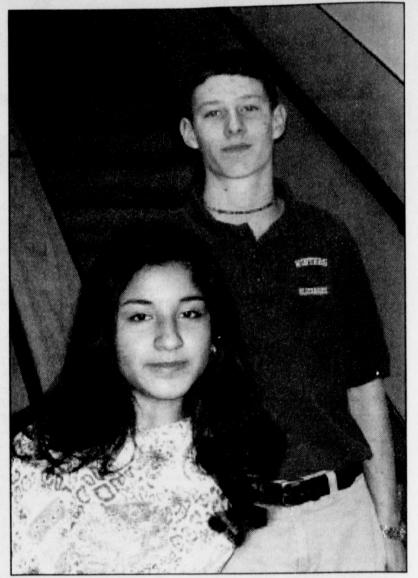
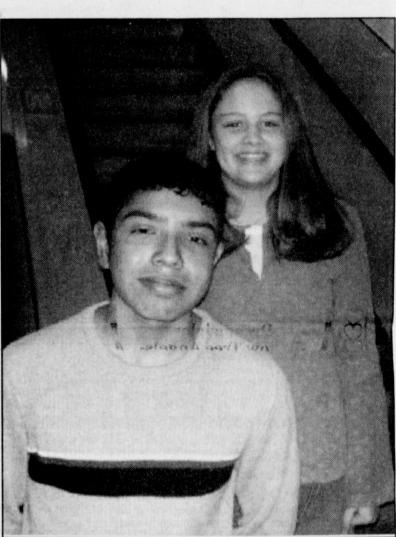


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Pearl Guerrero and Tim Fenwick Juniors



James Vasquez and Erica Lujano



Freshmen







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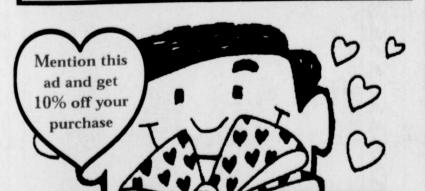
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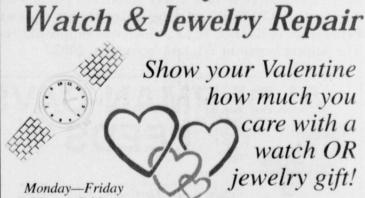
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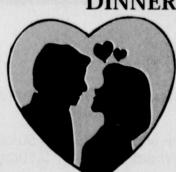
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Water remains a priority

by Senator Robert Duncan

facing Texas and its waterneeds awareness—now make that line seem like a sol- throughout the state, emn prediction instead of a trite expression.

economy for \$4 billion in 1996, mand for water or develop new we found several deficiencies sources of it. We must balance in our state's water planning ful year, 80 percent of the recommended water resources had other. already been developed and yet our state's population was predicted to double by the year

Texas' major urban areas would be 15 percent short of daily water needs and a loss of needs by an estimated 856,000 \$40 billion could be expected acre-feet per year. That would laws and institutions must in the state economy. Most new water sources take up to 25 years to develop, and Texas had little time to waste.

In 1997 and 2001, we passed Senate Bills 1 and 2—the most urban neighbors are met sues involved in maintaining comprehensive reforms to wa- through investment in strate- our natural resources so they ter management and planning in Texas history. The measures shifted water planning from the state level to the local level. This was designed to drive local participations control, and buy-in to the regional water conservation districts continue overcoming them will require planning process. The impact to provide local control of diplomatic resolve, judicious has been clear: people now talk groundwater; and it is of equal policies and responsive insti- The program is designed to landowners fund the remain- per acre for landowners and about natural resources and importance that these districts tutions. Water is like blood, assist landowners and livestock ing \$10,800. Drought, declin-cattle producers. However, any communities understand wa- be supported and funded lo- not oil. This resource sustains ter is a priority.

Securing Texas' water supply, improving its infrastruc- and think both progressively

There is an old saying about ture, and promoting its conser- and pragmatically about water being a Texan: you know vation are among the issues issues. To provide more public you're from Texas when you demanding the most strict at- input and attention to water stop expecting the sight of a tention from lawmakers. A issues, we created the Texas bridge to mean water is near. heightened emphasis on water Water Advisory Councils a 13-There was a time we could issues—increased public parlaugh at that one, but the reality ticipation, education, and elected officials, agency lead-

After a dry spell hit the Texas have to either reduce their de-

to reckon with depleted groundof those resources by urban Unless changes were made, areas. At the current rate of usage, parts of West Texas could fall short of irrigation reverberate across the state's evolve to keep pace with—and economy through the loss of at times, even encourage new thousands of jobs and millions developments in technology. of dollars.

> gies such as conservation, reuse, desalination, and brush control, the pressure on groundwater in aquifers could be re-

It is vital that groundwater cally.

Texans have to stick together maintains life.

member group of legislators, flows ers and public members. This council, which I am honored to Within the next 50 years, chair, guides state water policy almost 900 Texas cities will initiatives and is developing recommendations for the Legislature.

Water is a multifaceted isthe water needs of rural and sue, and several of its levels There was no drought plan, we urban areas and follow the plan- will arise during this session, practiced little conservation, ning process we created. Rural including: conservation, deand no viable statewide water and urban Texas have a recip-salination, reuse, infrastructure plan existed. During that fate- rocal relationship in which the improvement, marketing, ensuccess of one benefits the vironmental and in-stream flows, condemnation of sur-Rural Texas will be forced face water rights, border water disputes, long-term financing water resources and an increase strategies to help communities pay for water projects and protection of our state's rivers.

Water will be a salient concern for this and every future Legislature. Texas regulations, Texans must increase their un-If the water needs of our derstanding of the complex ismay continue to sustain the state and its economies.

> Among the most precious of our resources, water is critical to all of Texas. Our state has policy challenges ahead and more than livelihoods—it



photo by Deb Pritchard

DALTON SHACKELFORD, 11, a sixth grader at Winters Elementary, exhibited this fifth place heavyweight Polled Hereford steer at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show at Ft. Worth last week. "T-Bone" weighed in at 1296 lbs. and was sold in the Premium Sale on Saturday. Dalton is a member of the Winters FFA and the son of Roy and Ann Shackelford.

Runnels County Trapper Fund seeking donations to maintain Protection Program

by Marty Gibbs, Runnels County CEA-FCS

The Runnels County Trap- to raise \$21,600 to fund this 786-2064. per Fund is currently seeking program. The Commissioners donations for the 2003 year to Court funds half of this pro- tributing to the program are maintain the Livestock and gram annually while donations asked to give 30 cents per head Wildlife Protection Program. from ranchers, businesses and on sheep and goats and 10 cents producers in predator manage- ing sheep numbers and the cur- contribution would be appreciment. Predator control is vital rent economic trend has made ated. Donations can be mailed to wildlife and livestock man- this fundraising effort difficult to the Runnels County Extenagers when coyotes, bobcats, and the future of this program sion Office, P.O. Box 658, fox and other predators become is in question. too numerous and aggressive on wildlife and domestic ani- Chestnut has made significant Office located at 600 Strong

committee works with the ers needing assistance should 2219. County Commissioners Court contact Mr. Chestnut at (915)

Persons interested in con-Ballinger, TX 76821 or Runnels County Trapper Joe dropped off at the Extension strides in assisting landowners Ave in Ballinger. For further Each year, the county live- and livestock producers with information, contact the Exstock and wildlife protection predator management. Productension Office at (915) 365

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associated with severe weather. Classes will be as follows: · San Angelo, Sat., Feb. 8, 9-2 Trinity Lutheran Church

· Coleman, Monday, Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse

· Robert Lee, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7:00 p.m., Courthouse

· Brownwood, Sat., Feb. 22, 9:00 a.m., Howard Payne Univ.

· Abilene, Sat., March 1, 9:00 a.m., of life. Abilene Christian University

· Ballinger, Thursday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., City Fire Station.

SKYWARN members include amateur radio operators, local law enforcement, firemen, media personnel, and ordinary citizens from all walks

For information go to www.srh.noaa.gov/sjt and click on 2003 SKYWARN Training Schedule at the top of the home page. Or you may contact Hector Guerrero at 915-944-3030 for more infor-



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STILL LYING AROUND is an abundance of old signs such as this one along Main Street in Winters. Replacement of signs has been a statewide initiative to upgrade to break-away mounts to adhere to new safety standards established by TxDOT. According to the San Angelo TxDOT office, replacing and collecting signs were contracted to Texas Commercial Fence, Inc., of Burnet, Texas, which was supposed to collect the old signs within 2-3 weeks. The project began in Winters in August, 2002.

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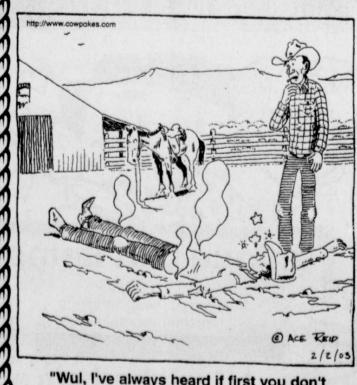
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