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Substation fire prompts electrical outage

By FLOYD INGRAM
 Winters Enterprise Editor

A regulator at the Winters substation failed Friday night prompting a fire and throwing the city into the dark for about 12 hours.

Winters Police Chief Nathan Johnson said the outage prompted Winters ISD to cancel morning classes and his department to put extra patrolmen on the street. Power was also lost to both the City of Winters and North Runnels Water Association pumping station.

"We got extra officers out and on the street almost immediately," said Johnson. "It was mighty dark and we just wanted people to see out police cars and rest assured."

Johnson said there were no reported crimes and police were stationed at major intersections to direct traffic. He added police remained in touch with each other and provided communication for the city and emergency crew workers with police car radios.

"A lot of people didn't even know the power was out until they got up in the morning," said Johnson. "The (North Runnels) Hospital has a generator and that was the only place with a hot cup of coffee Friday morning."

Most businesses either delayed opening or

were taking customers on a limited basis.

Fred Hernandez, Manager of Community Affairs for AEP Texas, said the outage affected 1,487 customers. He said power went out about 10:45 p.m. Thursday night and was restored about 11:45 a.m. Friday.

"What happened was a regulator failed at the substation and caused a fire that burned up a breaker and switch gear," said Hernandez. "We immediately sent a mobile substation up there. It had some difficulty with the mud at the site but we got it in place and hooked up as soon as possible."

Hernandez said the mobile substation will be in Winters for about a month until permanent repairs can be made. He added customers shouldn't see any difference in delivery of their electricity.

Winters city water did not lose pressure because it is served by two elevated tanks. Johnson said the water level did drop in the tanks and the fire department was put on alert to be prepared in the event of a fire.

Brenda Anderson at North Runnels Water said they did not lose pressure completely and the association had not notified the state or issued a boil water alert as of Friday afternoon.



A mobile substation on a flatbed trailer was moved to the Winters substation by AEP Texas this week after a power outage Thursday night and Friday morning. The mobile substation will serve the community for about a month until permanent repairs can be made.

North Runnels Hospital honors retirees



Harold Hudgens and Dody Plumley were honored with a retirement party at North Runnels Hospital Dec. 29. Hudgens has been the CFO at NRH since 1997 and Plumley has worked in the admit office since 2000. The honorees, employees and board members enjoyed lunch and the honorees were presented with gifts from the hospital employees. Pictured with Hudgens and Plumley are board members Dewey Whitfield, Charlie Brown and Shelly Guevara.

Filing for city, school, hospital posts begins

By FLOYD INGRAM
 Ballinger Ledger Editor

The county primary races are headed toward the finish line, but the filing date for city, school and hospital boards just arrived Monday.

The Winters City Council, Ballinger City Council, Ballinger school board, Winters school board, North Runnels Hospital board and Ballinger Memorial Hospital board all began accepting paperwork this week from candidates seeking a place on the May 8 ballot.

Candidates could begin filing Monday and have until March 8 to pick up the required forms and return them to their respective city, school or hospital body.

In both Winters and Ballinger the city, school board and hospital district have agreed to combine their respective elections and share the cost by holding them on the same day and in the same places in Ballinger and Winters.

While each city, school and hospital district body is charged

by the state with handling the mechanics of their election and can answer most questions, they are not the final authority on election policy and procedure.

Questions regarding reporting procedures, contributions or expenditures of any candidate or political action committee can be directed to the Texas Ethics Commission at 1-800-325-8506. Questions regarding election law can be directed to the Secretary of State at 1-800-252-8683.

Winters ISD

Forms and paperwork to file for two Winters Independent School District trustee seats can be picked up from Glenda McKneely, WISD secretary, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday during the filing period at the WISD Administration Building at 603 North Height.

Council seats up for election this term are Place 1 Trustee currently held by Mark Bridgeman

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Early voting starts Tuesday

By FLOYD INGRAM
 Ballinger Ledger Editor

While some people enjoy the comotion of Election Day, others want to do their civic duty in a quieter and more efficient manner.

Early Voting by personal appearance for the March 2 Republican and Democratic Primary Election will begin Feb. 16 and continues through Feb. 26 at the County Clerk's Office at the

Courthouse in Ballinger.

The office is open and ballots can be cast from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any qualified voter is eligible to vote early in person. A voter has the option of voting in either the Republican Primary or the Democratic Primary. Voters are reminded that voting in a party primary locks them into voting for candidates of that party in the

event of a runoff.

The last day to receive an application to vote by mail is Feb. 23.

Sample ballots are available at the County Clerk's Office in Ballinger and at the Tax Branch Office at 134 Dale Street in Winters.

For further information or to request an application to vote early

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First Assembly hosts services

Special to the Enterprise

The Winters First Assembly of God Church is pleased to be holding services again after being closed for five months. The Rev. Charles Sinks a retired pastor from Abilene conducted the service Sunday, February 7 and will again Sunday, February 14.

The church located at 304 East Wood Street in Winters

invites the public to come and worship with us at 10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings. They will be welcoming a new pastor, Rev. John DeMoss from Wichita Falls, on Sunday morning, Feb. 21.



Winters Area Chamber of Commerce first business of the quarter for 2010 is Stitchin' Post. Stitchin' Post is located at 123 South Main in Winters, TX. Kay and her staff handle all of your specialty needs as well as your one stop gift shop for any occasion. Pictured is WACC board member Shannon Daniels awarding Kay Sharpes (owner), Hazel McClure, Janie Soto and Rick Dry their Business of the Quarter certificate. WACC wishes Stitchin' Post a successful quarter and appreciates their membership.

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Santa Fe Riders Visit Winters

The Santa Fe Trail riders will be in Winters on February 15 and 16. Monday there will be a stew dinner and a dance for only \$8 at the Rock Hotel.

Desperate Measures will be playing and the dinner and dance are open to the public. Winters Area Chamber of Commerce and the Red Hat Ladies will start serving dinner at 5 pm. We hope to have 15-20 wagons and about 50 on horseback, along with various support vehicles.

On February 16 there will be a sausage gravy breakfast at the Rock Hotel to honor these riders, beginning at 7 am. Winters looks forward to honoring these riders and just having a good time.

The Rock Hotel is located on West Dale Street in downtown Winters. WACC and the Red Hat Ladies send a special thanks to Desperate Measures for their donation of time and talent. Again the public is welcome and appreciated.

Reclaim your community

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking people to take part in a seminar to help residents improve their community

Gary Decker who presented the breakout session at

the Annual Conference for "RECLAIM YOUR COMMUNITY" has been scheduled to do a similar presentation with more time for Q&A on March 2 at 5 p.m., at the TSTC Abilene campus, 650 Hwy 80 (Bus. I-20)

How to get your News into The Newspaper

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Gray Ranch youth hunters were, Jacob Boggess, from left, Jared Heitman, Travis Martinez, Marcos Fuentes, Fabion Reyes, and John Cuellar. Assisting the hunt were Gerry Kindle, Mike Gray, Brandon Bates, Marshall Green, Lane Pinckney, Doug Black, Jay Patterson, Zac Gray, Shaughn Sims, Leonard Westra and Danny Wright.

Gray Ranch Youth Hunt hits big

The buck stopped here. The Sixth Annual Runnels County Youth Hunt, held on the Gray Ranch, was a big success with several nice bucks and does taken by several nice youth.

The hunt was held Jan. 9-10 during the special youth only deer season.

In spite of temperatures in the teens," said Runnels County Game Warden Lane Pinckney, "six young hunters from the Runnels County area harvested two bucks and five does during the two day hunt."

Youth taking part in this years hunter were Jacob Boggess, Jared Heitman, Travis Martinez, Marcos Fuentes, Fabion Reyes, and John Cuellar.

Prior to going to the field the hunters were instructed in marksmanship, firearm safety, game laws, hunter ethics, and tracking.

Assisting with the hunt this year were Gerry Kindle, Mike Gray, Brandon Bates, Marshall Green, Lane Pinckney, Doug Black, Jay Patterson, Zac Gray, Shaughn Sims, Leonard Westra, and Danny Wright.

Sponsors of this years hunt are Owens Processing, VFW Post in Brady, the Gray family, and the Texas Game Warden Association.

"During the last six years this youth hunt has introduced 41 youngsters to the sport of hunting with everyone harvesting at least one deer," said Pinckney. "Many of them experiencing the excitement of harvesting their first deer ever."

Pinckney also thanked the supporters of this event for their donations, contributions and their continued support and commitment to area youth, youth activities, wildlife management and conservation.

Junior High Basketball Results

7th Grade Girls: (Coach Villareal) Winters 32 and Roscoe 9

JH Boys: (Coach Bates and Spivey)

The last road basketball game for the Junior High Boys basketball team was in Roscoe Monday night. For the 7th graders it was total domination with a 42-0 shutout of the Plowboys.

There were several kids that played outstanding in this game such as, Jordan Hamrick, Stephone Cleghorn, Ethaniel Reyes, and Christian Tamez to mention a few with great games. Ty Cortez lead the team with 8 points and Kimble Bridgeman lead the team with 6 rebounds.

With one district game remaining the Breezes have a 6-2 record. The 8th grade boys were tested last night with a scrappy Plowboy team. The Breezes lost 43-38 in a back and forth game. Chris Gerhart lead the

team with 19 points and Austen Green lead the team with 7 rebounds. The Breezes fall to 6-2 in district. One game left and it will be at home Feb. 8th, in Blizzard Gym with games starting @ 5 o'clock. Come out and support the Breezes on to victory!

8th Grade Girls: (Coach Airhart): Roscoe 36 Winters 30 OT

Although we led most of the game, Roscoe gave us a hard fought contest and tied the game with us with about a minute to go. We had several opportunities to score a winning basket but failed to do so. The game went into overtime but Winters failed to score giving the win to Roscoe.

High point — Lauren Bredemeyer — 17 points High School Basketball

JV Boys: (Coach Livingston)

The JV Boys played

Albany on Friday night. They played very well and are still showing tremendous signs of improvement. The Blizzards fell a little short to the Lions this time. Cannon Bryan led the team with 8 points. The Blizzards play at home Tuesday against Cross Plains and then make the travel to Eula Friday to take on the Pirates.

Varsity Girls: (Coach Motheral)

On Friday, February 5, the Lady Blizzards played Albany. The Lady Blizzards played a tough first quarter and went into the second quarter down by two. The girls had a slow second quarter but came out in the third quarter and fought back for the remaining two quarters, outscoring Albany by one in the second half. The final score was 41-54. Abby Guy led the way with 10 points, closely followed by Allie Yates with 9 and Zannie Slimp with 8.

Varsity Boys: (Coach McGuire)

The Varsity boys playoff hopes disappeared with a home loss against Albany last Friday night. The boys competed hard but came up a few points short. The boys have three games left this season.

Powerlifting (Coach Kirkland)

Aaron Grenwelge won 1st place at the Colorado City Powerlifting Championships last Thursday. He won the super heavy weight division with a total of 7.

2010 Realignment

The UIL released the new district alignments for 2010-2012 on Monday February 1st. The new football district will be Winters, Goldthwaite, Mason, Reagan County (Big Lake) and Eldorado. The new basketball district for boys/girls will be Winters, Goldthwaite, San Angelo TLC, Miles, and Christoval.

I have posted all spring sports schedules on our school website under athletics and calendar.

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Momma called and we've answered

We have lived in Texas for 10 years, and prior to that time we lived in Tennessee for three years. During that time I have had to carry on a relationship with my mother via telephone.

Many nights, after the paper was put to bed, I would call Momma in Mississippi. She is a night owl and always answered the phone bright-eyed and alert. She knew it was her oldest son out in Texas - the one she had prayed for that morning and every morning since she birthed him more than 50 years ago.

We talked about her grandchildren, we talked about social issues and we talked about life in general. But 700 miles is a long way between hearts.

They say that when Paul "Bear" Bryant left Texas A&M University to coach at Alabama, he gave this simple excuse, "Momma called. And when Momma calls, you just have to come runnin'."

Well, my Momma has called and I am headed back to Mississippi.

I have been Editor and Publisher of the Ballinger Ledger and Winters Enterprise for eight months. We've covered a lot of ground and covered a lot of stories in that short time.

I like small-town journalism.

I am headed back to a town that is a little larger and in my home state. It has a nationally recognized 3A school district, a hospital with five doctors, a courthouse on a town square and a vibrant furniture manufacturing industry.

It's also 30 minutes from Momma's table.

We're going to miss Texas. Real Mexican food, mesquite and cowboys will be replaced by soul food, pine trees and Southern gentlemen.

But it's not the amenities or culture that we will miss the most - it's the people.

Every town has a swimming pool, good hunting and fishing spots, good churches and good



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places to eat. Having grown up in the Air Force I learned early it's not the things you miss when you leave, it's the faces, families and names that are gone - sometimes forever.

We've made friends in both Winters and Ballinger and we will miss you dearly. We've also made people mad in both those towns and we will miss you, too, in our own special way.

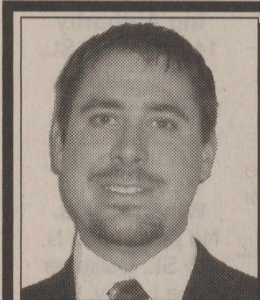
As always we will remember the good times and carry that with us.

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Floyd Ingram is an award-winning journalist.

Jail Log

- Fuques, Jonathan, 20, RCSO, bench warrant.
- Edmondson, Vicente, 28, RCSO, FTA, Assault.
- Perez, Christopher, 37, WPD, Assault family violence causing injury.
- Rodriquez, Martin, 33, RCSO State Jail one month.
- Cowley, Cody, 19, Concho, unlawful carrying a weapon, poss of marijuana >4-oz. <5-lbs.
- McGregor, John Jr, 28, RCSO, Probation Violation.
- Garcia, Vikki, 37, RCSO, Agg. Assault.
- Frizzell, Cassey, 30, RCSO, theft by check.
- Burson, Wyman, 19, WPD, MIP/MIC.
- Horton, Stacey, 33, RCSO, Theft by cf
- Horton Bradley, 21, RCSO, sentence to 30 days in county jail.
- Gattis, Phillip, 36, RCSO theft by check.
- Tischeler, Glenn, 20, RCSO, DWI and Agg. assault with deadly weapon.
- Hurt, Jessica, BPD, MTR forgery.
- Chishire, Bryan, 46, RCSO, MTR DWI 3rd or more.



Your vote will be appreciated!

Mark Baird for County Judge

To the Citizens of Runnels County I, Mark Baird, would like to take this opportunity to formally announce my candidacy for the position of Runnels County Judge. The decision to run for County Judge was any easy one for me. I am a life long resident of Runnels County, graduate of Ballinger High School and a graduate of Texas Tech University where I earned a degree in Sociology with my concentration of study being Criminology. I have been serving Runnels County and surrounding counties as a Community Supervision Officer and Court Officer for the past three years. As a Court Officer I have worked very closely with both the District and County Courts. I have an understanding of the Judicial system as well as the Judge's role within the Judicial system. Furthermore, I understand the importance of ensuring that you, the citizens of Runnels County, continue to have someone in office who can work with other officials to ensure our county government is ran as efficiently as possible while keeping the best interest of the taxpayer in mind.

As a Community Supervision Officer I am able to serve others by helping them realize their potential using community resources. As County Judge I will be able to take this role a step further by not only serving individuals but by serving an entire county. I have a strong desire not only to serve but to learn and these driving forces along with hard work is what should be demanded for the officeholder of County Judge. The County Judge is a position owned by the people but represented by a person, who is responsible for upholding the values of the people while working to serve their needs. I ask for the opportunity to serve Runnels County as your County Judge.

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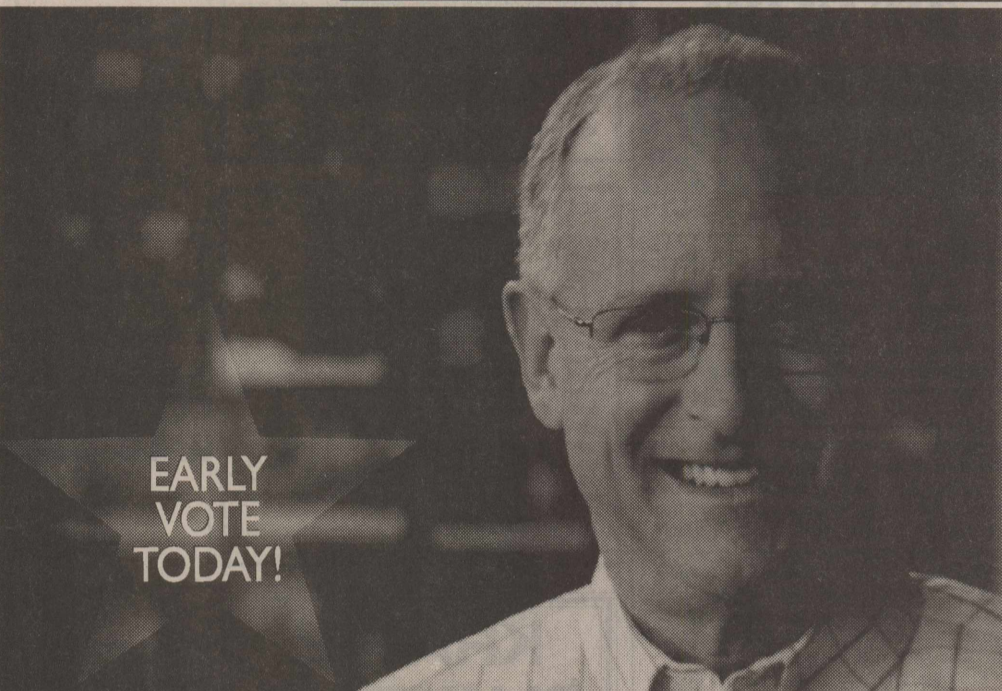
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114 W. Spill, Winters, Texas - 2 bed/1 bath hardwood floors, custom cabinets, utility room, office. Fenced yard with 2 storage rooms, 1 car carport
514 E. Tinkle, Winters, Texas - 3 bdrkm/2 bath, brick, two car carport, large kitchen with island cook top, living room and large den.

Commercial Property, Winters, Texas - Former lumberyard with main store, shops, fenced yards, lumber racks on Main Street
1300 N. 8th, Ballinger - Corner lot, quality built, 2 bdrkm/1 bath, new roof, fresh paint

611 E. Tinkle, Winters, Texas - 2 bdrkm, 1 updated bath, screened in porch, upstairs apartment, central h/a, metal roof, two car garage, carport.
REDUCED! 309-4th Street, Wingate - Remodeled 3 bdrkm/1 and 1/2 bath, pecan trees, two fenced yards, garage, two car carport, rural and well water.

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407 S. Arlington, Winters, Texas - 2 bdrkm/1 bath, fenced yard, patio and cellar
422 Tinkle, Winters - 2 bed/1 bath, metal roof, large living area, carport with storage, small yard.

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Thomae wins at Fort Worth Stock Show

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Jace Thomae, an FFA member from Winters, exhibited a First Place Heifer in the Red Angus Junior Heifer Show at the 2010 legendary Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on Jan. 24.

Junior show entries totaled over 10,000 at this year's show, which ended Feb. 7.

"One of our Show's main priorities is our commitment to the livestock industry and the agriculture leaders of tomorrow," said Bradford Barnes, Stock Show & Rodeo's executive vice president and general manager. "Junior exhibitors learn many valuable life lessons during their years of showing livestock, which will serve them well throughout their lives."

"We started out 114 years ago as a livestock show and our focus remains the same today," he added.

Winning exhibitors are



Jace Thomae

awarded cash "premiums" – this year to exceed \$89,985 – in addition to monies generated from the sale of animals in the show's sale of champion steers, lambs, barrows and wether goats.

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ASU Dean's list released

The Dean's List for the 2009 Fall Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo and eight students from the Winters area have been named.

To be eligible for the

Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees include the following from the Winters area:

- Aaron K. Briley.
- Corey T. Fenwick.
- Edward Garcia.
- Krystal L. Gibbens.
- Pete L. Griffin.
- Jesus A. Nava.
- Christy M. Oats.
- Kaci N. Pruser.

Junior High Basketball Results

7th Grade Girls
(Coach Villarreal)
(Game 1)
Winters
1, 7, 9, 16 - 16
Blackwell
6, 14, 20, 22 - 22
(Game 2)

Winters
13, 19, 27, 33 - 33
Olfen
2, 6, 6, 13 - 13

game as well with 7 steals, Corey Pritchard and Daniel Diaz both had 4 rebounds.

8th Grade Girls
(Coach Airhart)
No games this week.
High School Basketball

JV Girls
(Coach Venekamp)
This was the last game of the year for the JV girls teams.

Cross Plains 34
Winters 15
Bibi Mendoza lead with 10 points, Bernice Garcia added 3 and Sabrina Oswalt had 2.
Eula 31
Winters 16
Sabrina Oswalt lead with 8 points, Bernice Garcia had 4 and Kat Lindley and Bibi Mendoza both added 2.

JV Boys:
(Coach Livingston)
The JV Boys started the week out with a bang this past week, beating Roscoe 38-17. The Blizzards started out strong and never let up the entire game. CJ Johnson was the leading scorer with 10 points. On Friday, the Blizzards made the short drive to Bronte to

take on the Longhorns. After a hard fought game, the Blizzards fell a few points short. Bryce Mikeska was the leading scorer with 8 points. The Blizzards will take the day off Tuesday but will hit the hardwood again on Friday at home against Albany. Game time is at 5 pm.

Varsity Girls:
(Coach Motheral)
On January 26, the Lady Blizzards fell a little short against Roscoe. LeeAnn Taylor led the way with nine points. The girls played a hard fought game to playoff contender Bronte, losing 34-52 on January 29. LeeAnn Taylor finished with 13 points and Jordan Busher finished with 12 points for the game.

Varsity Boys:
(Coach McGuire)
Winters 46
Roscoe 20
Leading Scorers: Devin Martinez 17, AJ Tamez 9, Hayden Bergman 8
Winters 28
Bronte 36
Leading Scorers: Cristian Sandoval 17, Riley Ripley 4
Record 13-12, 4-4

CAFETERIA MENU

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ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST
Monday
Holiday
Tuesday
Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk.
Wednesday
Yogurt w/Animal Cracker, Juice, Milk.
Thursday
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Friday
Sausage Roll, Juice, Milk.

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Thursday
Biscuit w/gravy or Cereal or Cereal Bar, Sausage, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Friday
Sausage Roll or Cinnamon roll or Cereal Bar, Ham, Toast, Juice, Milk.

LUNCH MENU
Note: At Lunch all students have to take a minimum of 3 items and a maximum of 5 items. Entree has to be one of the items.
Monday
Holiday
Tuesday
Spaghetti w/cheese stick or Chicken Pattie on bun, Italia Green Beans, Corn, Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Ice Cream cup, Milk.
Wednesday
Nachos or Chicken Fautias, Spanish rice Pinto Beans, Colslaw, Orange Wedges, Cornbread, Apple Cobbler, Milk.
Thursday
Egg Roll w/Fried Rice or Grilled Chicken/Bun, Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn, Fruit, Rice Crispy Treat, Milk.
Friday
Cheese Burger or Chicken Fries, Curly Fries, Baked Beans, Lettuce/Tomatoes, Apple Wedges, Cake, Milk

JH Boys
(Coach Bates and Spivey)

The Breezes headed to Wall this past Monday and took on the tough Hawks basketball team and came out 1-1 on the night. Wall is known for always having a great basketball program and we competed very well.

We combined our teams for this week, to make two tough teams. In the first game Jimmy John Ripley lead the team with 7 points and 4 steals and David Torres led the team with 6 rebounds.

It was a very tough game and the score went back and forth, but the Breezes fell just short of the Hawks 27-24.

In the second game Chris Gerhart started off hot by hitting his first 6 shots, he ended the game with 18 points and 4 rebounds. Austen Green led the team with 6 rebounds.

The Breezes got the victory 34-27 over the Hawks. Ty Cortez played a great



Lady Blizzard Bench

A well-deserved time-out gives the Lady Blizzard Basketball team a chance to catch their breath and listen to varsity girls basketball coach Brooke Motheral. The Lady Blizzards Varsity and Lady Junior Varsity have finished their regular season. The Blizzard Varsity Boys and Boys Junior Varsity travel to Eula Friday night for more hardwood action and are back home Tuesday for the regular season finale.

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West Texas Rehabilitation Center honors Garland Richards

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Garland H. Richards, owner of the Chadbourne Ranch which lies in Coke, Runnels, Taylor and Nolan Counties was honored by the West Texas Rehabilitation Center during its annual Round-Up for Rehab Supper at historic Fort Chadbourne.

The event is held annually to recognize chairmen and others supporting the Round-Up fundraising program - a series of livestock auctions and special events, with this year marking its 50th anniversary.

As part of the evening festivities, Rehab CEO Woody Gilliland presented Richards the prestigious Harry Holt Award given to honor those in the agriculture community who support and communicate the Center's mission of providing services to adults and children, regardless of financial circumstance.

The Harry Holt Award

was created in honor of Holt, the "Dean" of agricultural reporting for over 50 years in the Big Country. Acclaimed for his extensive knowledge in the ranching and farming community, Holt served on the Center's Board for over thirty years.

Garland Richards traces his Rehab roots back to his great-grandparents, Conda and Edna Wylie, Coke County ranchers who 50 years ago donated a pen of calves to the Center.

That gesture sparked a visionary partnership which evolved into Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children - now known as Round-Up for Rehab which has raised over \$11 million for the Center.

The Wylie's grandson and Garland's father, Conda Odom Richards was also involved in the Round-Up program as an area chairman and then as a fund-drive chairman for the Rehab's San Angelo facility site.

Representing the next generation of his family to support and partner with West Texas Rehab, Garland and wife Lana hosted the first Rehab Trail Ride in 1994.

Since 2003, the Richards have generously hosted the Round-Up for Rehab Supper at their beloved Fort Chadbourne which has passed down through generations of family members from great-great-grandfather, Thomas L. Odom and his son Garland who established the O-D Ranch in 1876.

Through the years, Garland Richards has carried on his family's commitment to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center with a deep sense of tradition and compassion for others. His unwavering contribution of time, effort and support offers an outstanding example of the Center's philosophy of "neighbor-helping-neighbor" to those around him.

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Winters City

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Council seats up for election this term are the unexpired term of Place 1 Alderman Bob Shields who died last fall, Place 2 Alderman, currently held by Chris Bahman, Place 5 Alderman, currently held by Rick Dry and Place 4 Alderman, currently held by Brenda Clough.

City voters will cast a ballot for aldermen living in their respective district.

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hold special called meetings. Trustees were paid \$100 a month, but voted this year to serve without pay.

To run for city alderman a candidate must be a registered voter of the state and city, have lived in their city district one year, be 18-years-old and sign and file the appropriate forms and election documents.

North Runnels Hospital

With two North Runnels Hospital board members indicating they are moving and three other posts up for reelection, the Winters hospital is seeking five candidates this spring.

"Board President Charlie Brown and Trustee Shelly Guevara have both indicated

they will move out of the district at some time," said North Runnels Hospital Board administrative assistant Teresa Walden. "This is also the year we would have four positions up for election."

Other trustees up for reelection are Dewey Whitfield, Danny Reel and Jeanne Hilliard.

Trustees Melanie Wade and Marvin Jones were elected to the board last year.

Qualifications to run for the North Runnels Hospital District Board of Trustees are to be a registered voter, be 18-years-old and to live within the hospital district.

The North Runnels Hospital taxing district includes the town of Winters and the surrounding area.

Trustees have one regularly scheduled meeting on the third Monday night of each month. Trustees can and do meet in special called meeting to handle hospital business.

Trustees serve two-year terms with no compensation.

Trustees hire and dismiss hospital administrators, set hospital policy and procedures, conduct strategic business and planning and set the tax rate for the North Runnels Hospital Taxing District.

Potential candidates can pick up the required forms at North Runnels Hospital Coleman Highway from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Walden said she will mail a form to a prospective candidates.

VOTING

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by mail, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 365-2720.

Sixteen people have qualified to seek election to eight county offices up for grabs this spring in Runnels County.

Candidates were required to formally file in January with their respective party chairs for a spot on primary election ballots in March.

Seven of those people filed for the post of Runnels County Judge. Three have filed for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2.

Offices of Commissioner Precinct 2, Commissioner Precinct 4, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Treasurer and Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 are uncon-

tested with only one person formally filing.

Candidates who have filed to run as a Democrat or Republican in the March 2 Primary are:

- County Judge
- Raymond Anderson, of Ballinger has filed as a Democrat.
- Mark Baird, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.
- Clay Bullock, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.
- Janna Knight Foster, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.
- Barry Hilliard, of the Norton area has filed as a Republican.
- Nathan T. Johnson, of Winters has filed as a Republican.

• Elizabeth O'Conner, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.

Commissioner Precinct 2

- Ronald Presley, of Winters has filed as a Republican.

Commissioner Precinct 4

- Richard W. Strube, of Rowena has filed as a Republican.

District Clerk

- Tammy Burleson, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.

County Clerk

- Elea Ocker, of Winters has filed as a Republican.

County Treasurer

- Ann M. Strube, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.

Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1

- Glenda Wood, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.

Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2

- Richard Hamilton, of Winters has filed as a Republican.

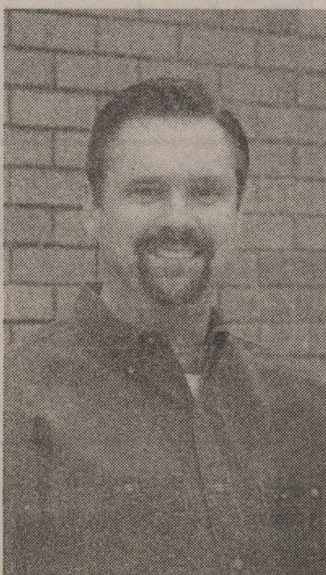
• Louise Sumners, of Wingate has filed as a Democrat.

• Joyce Weems, of Winters has filed as a Democrat.

County party primary elections will be held March 2, and the General Election is the first Tuesday in November. Candidates had from Dec. 3 to Jan. 4 to formally file papers with the county and state.

While Runnels County Clerk Elea Ocker is charged by the county with the mechanics of the election and can answer most voting questions, she is not the final authority on election policy and procedure.

Questions regarding reporting procedures, contributions or expenditures of any candidate or political action committee can be directed to the Texas Ethics Commission at 1-800-325-8506. Questions regarding election law can be directed to the Secretary of State at 1-800-252-8683.



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You see, we are generations of church raised families. Most of you knew MaryBelle and Harley. I bet many recall mom playing piano at many functions around our community with Dad there as her "roadie". Most know that for the past almost twenty five years I bred, raised, and trained quarter horses with some success.

I have the distinction of having also served the public in law enforcement for almost fifteen years. I began under Don Atkins then went to Midland where I began work as a patrolman. I rose rapidly through the ranks of a hundred and twenty man professional department. Detective Sgt at age 24, age 26 nominated by U.S. Congressman George Mahon to attend the FBI Natl. Academy in Quantico, Va. Graduating at age 27 I became one of four Det. Sgt.'s assigned to the Major Crime Unit in Midland. Our duties were to direct or investigate all felony offenses and to make sure all case elements were met prior to presentation to the Grand Jury and subsequent trial. I resigned from what I thought to be my lifes work to manage this ranch and raise my kids in our wonderful community.

I believe in my ability! I decided I would again seek work as a public servant. If elected this farm land will be rented so that I can devote the time and energy needed to the office. I will do my best to continue the honorable work of those I follow.

Management! That's what this job is about! I have no doubts I can handle the criminal aspect. I see as equally important protecting our tax money against wasteful spending. Of protecting the rights of our people against abuse of power. I will work with law enforcement as they strive to keep us safe. I respect the efforts of those in our court House and they can trust I'll defend them when called on. I only promise to meet the many challenges with careful thought and deliberation. That no matter your lot in life when you come before me you'll be treated fairly. No matter that you are a friend or stranger.

*I'll be on the Republican ballot March 2.
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