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I have enjoyed my four years serving the students of Winters ISD and have many wonderful memories. Thanks to all of the community members, school board, staff and students...

Stephen Hermesmeier
Winters High School AD



Hermesmeier to leave WHS

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- After achieving numerous successes and taking the Winters Blizzards deep into the football playoffs during the 2011 season, Winters High School Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Stephen Hermesmeier is leaving Winters.

Hermesmeier will be going to Comanche High School, a Class 2A school, as Athletic Director and Head Football Coach on March 19.

"I have enjoyed my four years serving the students of Winters ISD and have many wonderful memories. Thanks to all of the community members, school board, staff and students for your four years of great support of our athletic program," said Hermesmeier.

Hermesmeier spent four years in Winters and is now facing an opportunity to upgrade his career.

"I wish to thank you also for making my family feel so welcome and supported. I will begin my new job in Comanche on March 19, but I can promise that a piece of me will always bleed 'Blizzard Blue', Go Blizzards and Lady Blizzards."

Comanche is a 2A District 4 school and will be playing in the same district as Breckenridge, Clyde, Dublin, Eastland, Merkel, and Tuscola Jim Ned.

In 2011 the Winters Blizzards finished the season 9-4 and Area Champions, playing in the third round of the playoffs for the first time since 2002.

Ag Day moves to Ballinger Community Center

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- The 2012 Agri-Plex Ag Day set for 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. March 27 will move to a new location, organizers said.

"The Agri-Plex Ag Day will move from the high school to the Ballinger Community Center," said Rick Minzenmayer, Texas AgriLife Extension Service entomologist.

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Runnels County Historical Commission chairperson Ruth Cooper was awarded Woman of the Year, Winters High School Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Stephen Hermesmeier was named Man of the Year, and Pioneer Vet Clinic was awarded Business of the Year last Saturday, March 3, 2012 at the Winters Chamber of Commerce annual banquet.

The banquet was held at the school cafeteria where keynote speaker Randall Conner, Economic Development Director of Winters Area Business and Industrial Corp. presented an interesting program about the economic development of Winters and Runnels County.

Master of ceremonies Don Kuempel, Winters ISD Superintendent, was in charge of the introduction to the guest speaker Randall Conner. The Chamber of Commerce also presented the 2012 directors at the event. The 2012 Directors are Ida Rodriguez-Vice President, Vanessa Esquivel-Secretary, Eileen Alvarado-Treasurer, and Tonia Boone-Office Manager.

Following the presentation of directors Ida Rodriguez made a recognition to the new members. The 2012 board members presented are Maryann Wolfenden, Melanie Prado and a representative of each of the City of Winters, Winters ISD and the Winters Police Department.

Don Kuempel made the presentation of the Man of the Year award. Coach Stephen Hermesmeier, who led the Winters Blizzards to the Area round of the playoffs this year and achieved numerous milestones both as Athletic Director and Head Football Coach as well as an active member of the community was presented with the

Banquet puts Winters 'in the Spotlight'



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Ruth Cooper was named 2012 Woman of the Year and Stephen Hermesmeier was awarded 2012 Man of the Year at the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet held last Saturday, March 3.

award. Chamber Vice President Ida Rodriguez presented the Woman of the Year award. Ruth Cooper, Runnels County Historical Commission chairperson and a very active member of the community in several associations and organizations was presented with this award.

The presentation of the

Business of the Year award was made by Sergeant Juan Parra representing the Winters Police Department. On behalf of Pioneer Vet Clinic the award was presented to DVM Travis Arledge. This award was selected by the chamber members among the 2011 Business of the Quarter winners. Along with Pioneer Vet Clinic

the businesses nominated were: Winters Auto Tech, Lone Star Estates and A-C Nutrition.

Everyone enjoyed a great time and a delicious dinner, at the end the silent auction winners were announced by Don Kuempel. The auction was held with the support of businesses, chamber members and donors.

WPD Explorers receive donation for firearms safety program



On March 1, 2012, Lloyd Farris donated a youth model .22 rifle to Paladin Community Services to assist in the firearms training programs. Lloyd moved to Winters upon retirement from Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control in Grand Prairie after 25 years of service in Engineering and Program Management. He served in the US Navy from 1968-1977, principally in the Submarine Service, Atlantic Fleet. He received his BS, Physics, from Angelo State University and his MS, Physics, from the University of North Texas. He is a member of the Lions Club and enjoys clay target shooting in his spare time. Pictured here is Lloyd Farris with Winters Chief of Police Nathan Johnson.

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Phone scammers targeting area residents

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- The Ballinger Police Department is warning citizens about a telephone scam targeting area residents, asking them to send money abroad to supposedly help a family member in distress. Since last Thursday the Police Department has received seven reports of people targeted by this scam. In one of the cases the victim actually sent the money over.

Chief of Police Mark McNulty said that the scammers call pretending

to be a family member or somebody close to a family member, and state that they have been in a car accident and are in the hospital in Mexico.

"Then they ask the victim to send the money over," said Chief McNulty "They can also pretend to have been arrested by Mexican Police officers and ask the victim to send the money, they always state that they are in Mexico so it's more difficult for the victim to check about the supposed accident or the arrest."

In the recent cases the

scammers ask the victim to "take a guess" about who is calling, and use the name or any information provided by the victim to continue with the scam.

In all the cases the scammers ask the victims to send money to Mexico, which makes the operation harder to trace for local or state authorities.

Chief McNulty recommended not to give any information over the phone, always be suspicious when asked to send money, and to call the local Police Department to report any suspicious calls.

WHS to present 'The Happy Scarecrow'

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Winters High School One-Act Play will be presenting "The Happy Scarecrow," by I.E. Clark on Sunday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the WHS Auditorium. The admis-

sion is free and open to the public.

The play is set everywhere and always, the plot is about a mean witch who dares a frilly little fairy to prove there's such a thing as happiness. So the fairy brings

a scarecrow to life and promises to make him a real man if he can find happiness.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Wyonia White

Wyonia "Noni" White, 82, went to be with the Lord on March 2, 2012.

She was born April 21, 1929 to Homer and Eunice Briley of Winters. She was predeceased by three brothers, WC, Homer, and WJ, and two sisters, Ellen Minzenmayer and Bonnie Winter.

She married Hudon White Sr. in 1944. They lived and farmed in the Winters area for many years. Wyonia later worked for Shannon Memorial Hospital in San Angelo as a LVN for over 25 years. In retirement she lived in Winters and Stephenville.

Wyonia is survived by one son, Hudon Jr. and his wife Betty of Stephenville, a grandson David and his wife Marry Anne of San Angelo, and one granddaughter, Laura, of College Station.

Graveside services will be held at North View Cemetery at 2:30 Saturday March 10, with David Blagg officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to any local Meals on Wheels organization.



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Linnie Wayne Satterfield

Linnie Wayne Satterfield passed away peacefully to be with God at 6 p.m. on February 28, 2012. She was born in Brady, Texas on May 3, 1916. She lived to the age of 95. After becoming ill, Wayne had resided at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home.

Wayne has been a resident of Winters for the past 40 years. She was employed for 20 years by Dry Manufacturing Co. of Winters. She was a hard worker and was in very good physical condition until the time of her illness four months ago.

Wayne was a member of Southside Baptist Church in Winters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and three sisters. She is survived by one brother, Joe Baty of Colcord, Oklahoma and several nieces and nephews.

It was Wayne's wishes to be cremated and her remains be taken to Greenleaf cemetery in Brownwood, there to be with her mother, Mrs. John Baty and brother, Rev. Robert Elkins.

Wayne will be missed by her few surviving relatives and many friends. May she have eternal peace in Heaven.

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Jose Chavez Sanchez

Jose Chavez Sanchez, 81, of Winters, died February 28, 2012. He was born January 19, 1931 in Los Angeles, California. He came to Texas at the age of 9. He married Anita Salazar in 1950 in Arkansas. They moved to Winters in 1951. He was a farmer and a member of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife: Anita Sanchez of Winters; six children: Jesus G. Sanchez of Winters, Sammy Sanchez of Winters, Celest Sanchez Flores of Winters, Moses Sanchez of Miles, Noe Sanchez of Winters and Ricardo Sanchez of Winters; 23 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Rosary was recited on Friday March 2, 2012 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass was held on Saturday March 3, 2012 at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church with Rev. Romanus Akamike. Burial was held at the Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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NEWS NOTES

Winters Rodeo Association first playday of the year

The Winters Rodeo Association will hold its first playday of the year at the Winters Rodeo Arena on March 17. Sign up for events at 12 p.m. and events will begin at 1 p.m. A concession stand will be available. This will be a good time to join the membership of the Winters Rodeo Association or renew your membership with us. Family membership for the first time is \$100. Membership renewal is \$25 (due each year).

Immunization clinic

The Texas Department of Sate Health Services will be having an immunization clinic in Ballinger on Thursday, March 8, 2012 from 10 a.m. thru 12 noon and from 1:30 p.m thru 3 p.m. at 608 Strong Ave. behind the Courthouse.

Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid or CHIP please bring card. For more information call (325) 753 4945.

Bronte 2012 golf calendar

Bronte Longhorn Golf Club 2012 events: April 7, two-person 18 holes select shot; May 5, two-person 18 holes select shot; May 19, Wilson tournament three-person 27 holes select shot; June 2, two-person 18 holes select shot; July 7, two-person 27 holes LB/AS/SS; August 4, three-person 27 holes select shot; September 8, two-person 18 holes select shot; September 29 and 30, Coke Co. Tournament two-person 18 holes select shot each day; October 6, two-person 18 holes select shot; November 3, two-person 18 holes shots.

Carts are limited so sign up early if need carts. Bronte Longhorn Golf Club (325) 437-2156.

Mentors needed

Winters Elementary School is looking for volunteers to be a mentor on an elementary student. The volunteer would meet with the student once a week during school hours for approximately 30 minutes to help with homework, read a book, or just talk. Mentoring has shown to help build self-esteem, improve grades and in some cases improves test scores. Anyone interested may contact Charles Murphy, Elementary Counselor at 754 5577 ext. 1126.

Runnels Co. RSE meetings

The Runnels Co. Retired School Employees meet at the First United Methodist Church, the second Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m. On February 14, 2012 Dist. XV President Nancy Byler will present the program at the Miles Citizen's State Bank; on April 10, 2012 UIL Students will be the program at the Winters ISD.

Cross Emmaus Community gatherings

The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held first Thursday of each month at 6:30 at the United Methodist Church. For more information call (325) 365 2323.

VFW meetings

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 meet the second Monday night of each month at 6 p.m. in the Rock Hotel. All eligible veterans of the United States military are invited to attend.

Band Boosters

The Band Boosters meet every Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the Band Hall.

Winters Women's Club

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Marlene Smith at 754-4961 for additional information.

AA Meetings

AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Ballinger Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

City Council Meetings

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

Colorado River Bikefest

The Ballinger Noon Lions Club will be holding its 37th annual Colorado River Bikefest/Lions Journey For Sight on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

Entry fee for the 5 mile ride, run and walk will be \$10. The 30K, 60K, and 100K tours registration fee is \$20. The first 100 entries will be getting free T-shirts. Proceeds will benefit Lions Club Journey for Sight. For more information contact Lanada Driskell at (325) 234-7842, e-mail lanada_driskell@yahoo.com or visit the Noon Lions Club website at http://www.ballingernoonlions.org. Entry forms are available on the website.

Church of Christ Mexican Dinner

Sisters Operating Love Women's Ministry of Jesus Christ Church will be selling Mexican Dinner Plates for \$6.95. Plates include enchilada, beans, rice and dessert.

Plate sale will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. until sold out at the Jesus Christ Church, 407 S. Seventy Street. For more information contact the church at (325) 365-8711 or Betty Battle (325) 365-9256.

Elementary students prove that pennies can save lives

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Students at Winters Elementary proudly participated in The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Pennies for Patients program, one of LLS's national School and YouthSM Programs that raises money to find cures for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma while providing information and support services to patients and their families.

Pennies for Patients teaches students caring, sharing, respect for others and the value of community service, in addition to supporting an important cause. The need for cures is critical: over 1 million Americans are battling blood cancers, and leukemia remains the leading cause of disease-related death among children under 20.

The Pennies for Patients program ran for a three-week period from February 6 until February 27. Students at Winters Elementary raised in excess of \$1,700 to help LLS advance its mission to find cures. This with about 20 less students

than last year. (The sixth graders are at the Junior High now.)

"This was a great experience for our students," said Charles Murphy, school counselor. "It taught them that they can make an important difference in the lives of others. It is gratifying that our students' efforts are benefiting an outstanding organization like LLS."

During the 2010-2011 school year, 25,000 schools across the country raised \$26 million through School and Youth Programs. Since its inception, School and Youth Programs have raised more than \$100 million.

"It was so inspiring to see the Winters Elementary students volunteer and really care about helping others," said Melissa Johnston, School and Youth Campaign Director for the South Central Texas Chapter. "It's a program that is truly meaningful for them because leukemia is a disease that impacts children, and the students learn that they can really make a difference."

The LLS School and Youth programs, Pennies for Patients and its sister

program, Olive Garden's Pasta for Pennies, are designed to teach children the value of community service in a fun way. By just collecting spare change, students have a significant opportunity to help other students just like them who are fighting leukemia, the number one killer of children. Students, classes and schools may also earn incentives such as a pizza party, or in the case of Pasta for Pennies, a free lunch courtesy of The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant. Top schools in each area win great prizes like gift cards.

Also a big "Thank you" goes out to Security State Bank for counting two and a half five-gallon buckets of spare change. "Because of caring students like those at Winters Elementary, we've seen great progress in battling leukemia and other blood cancers," said Kathy Griesenbeck, Executive Director of LLS's South Central Texas Chapter. "Thanks to research about 85 percent of children with acute leukemia are now cured. But we still have a long way to go and

every penny really does make a difference."

About 900 schools throughout South Central Texas are expected to participate this school year. To get your school involved contact Gladys Aguilar, 800-683-2458, ext. 5401. For more information about LLS's School and Youth Programs, visit www.schoolandyouth.org/sctx.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) is the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer. The LLS mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world and provides free information and support services.

Founded in 1949 and headquartered in White Plains, NY, LLS has chapters throughout the United States and Canada. To learn more, visit www.LLS.org or contact the Information Resource Center at (800) 955-4572, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET. www.lls.org.

Deadline approaching for summer leadership program application

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

SAN ANTONIO- March 15 is the deadline to apply for this summer's Texas Brigade program. The Brigade mission is to educate and empower youths with leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy.

The Texas Brigades will celebrate 20 years

of providing their award winning conservation program in 2012. Youth ages 13 to 17 years of age are encouraged to apply by at www.texasbrigades.org. There are six different camps to choose from, two focus on white-tailed deer, two focus on bobwhite quail, one focuses on bass, and the newest camp will focus on waterfowl.

The Texas Brigades was established by Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension Wild-

life Specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension, who came up with the idea for the Brigades as a way to expand Extension's educational efforts by developing wildlife ambassadors.

Youth are encouraged to fill out the application on line by March 15, 2012.

The Texas Brigades is also looking for adult volunteers who are interested in participating and would like to gain the Texas Brigades experience. For more information, call 855-TXBRIGS, 210-556-1391 or log on to www.texasbrigades.org.

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Lady Blizzards place third in Ballinger

Bearcat Relays Meet held on Friday, March 2 in Ballinger

VARSITY GIRLS

LONG JUMP

NAME	SCHOOL	DISTANCE
1. Taylor	Winters	16'11.5"

4x100 RELAY

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
2. Woffenden, Jimenez, Perez, Wyatt	Winters	57.50

800 METERS DASH

4. Sanchez	Winters	3:13.78
5. Drake	Winters	3:14.75

100 HURDLES

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
1. Taylor	Winters	15.15
2. Pritchard	Winters	19.41
3. Crook	Winters	22.03

100 METER RUN

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
4. Jiminez	Winters	14.43
5. Perez	Winters	14.59
6. Woffenden	Winters	14.66

400 METER DASH

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
1. Taylor	Winters	1:02.78

6. Wyatt Winters 1:11.41

300 METER HURDLES

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
2. Pritchard	Winters	55.78
3. Jiminez	Winters	1:02.85
4. Cook	Winters	1:03.59

200 METER DASH

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
1. Taylor	Winters	26.90

1600 METER RUN

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
2. Sanchez	Winters	7:37.37

4x400 METER RELAY

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
2. Cook, Drake, Perez, Pritchard	Winters	5:08.94

Team Totals

School	Points
1. Ballinger	195
2. Merkel	145
3. Winters	126
4. Jim Ned	10

JV BOYS

NAME	SCHOOL	HEIGHT
1. Brock	Winters	4'11"



DISCUS

NAME	SCHOOL	DISTANCE
3. Hooper	Winters	71'11"
5. Espino	Winters	67'9"
6. Bridgeman	Winters	61'

SHOT PUT

NAME	SCHOOL	DISTANCE
3. Espino	Winters	31'6.5"

LONG JUMP

NAME	SCHOOL	DISTANCE
2. Hagle	Winters	17' 5"

Softball, in full swing

Winters Blizzards Athletic Report
By Stephen Hermesmeier

Softball (Coach Airhart)
Stamford Game Report
2/26/12

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	Final
Winters	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stamford	0	1	3	14	18	18

Pitcher: Ashley Guy

Hindcatcher: Sabrina Esquivel

Singles: Sabrina Oswalt, Randa Watson, Hannah Franklin

West Texas Umpires Association Tournament
San Angelo, Texas

Game 1

Thursday, 10 a.m.

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	Final
Winters	3	0	0	1	1	5
TLCA	6	4	0	3	-	13

Pitcher: Ashley Guy

Hindcatcher: Sabrina Esquivel

Singles: Alanna Cooper, Hannah Franklin (3), Tamron Tamez, Kara Heathcott, Randa Watson, Sabrina Esquivel.

Game 2

Thursday, 12 a.m.

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Final
Winters	2	5	1					8
Sonora	10	8	3					21

Pitcher: Ashley Guy

Hindcatcher: Sabrina Esquivel

Singles: Kara Kraatz, Tamron Tamez, Kara Heathcott, Sabrina Esquivel (2)

Game 3

Friday, 12 a.m.

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Final
Winters	0	0	2	5	0	2		9
Mason	2	0	0	3	0	2		7

Pitcher: Ashley Guy

Hindcatcher: Sabrina Esquivel

Singles: Kara Kraatz (2), Sara Rodriguez, Tamron Tamez (2), Gabby Pena, Hannah Franklin
Double: Sabrina Esquivel

Game 4

Friday, 4 p.m.

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Final
Winters	0	0	0	0	1			1
Brady	1	0	5	1	0			7

Pitcher: Victoria Sanchez

Hindcatcher: Sabrina Esquivel

Singles: Alanna Cooper, Gabby Pena, Daisy Martinez, Kara Kraatz, Hannah Franklin.
Doubles: Tamron Tamez

Game 5

Saturday, 12 a.m.

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Final
Winters	0	0	0	3				3
Pecos	2	0	9	3				14

Pitcher: Ashley Guy

Hindcatcher: Alanna Cooper

Singles: Gabby Jimenez (3), Sara Rodriguez, Kara Heathcott, Ashley Guy.

Smith-Bahlman engagement



Morgan and River Kinsey, Alexis and Abby Bahlman along with Luther and Kathy Smith and Lanny and Brenda Bahlman are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of Kyla Smith and Josh Bahlman.

Kyla graduated from Sterling City High School in 1996. She then attended ACU in Abilene and Howard College in San Angelo. She later attended Texas College of Cosmetology in San Angelo and received her license as a Nail Technician. Kyla is employed by TXDOT in Sterling City.

Josh graduated from Winters High School in 1993. He attended the TSTC in Sweetwater and earned a degree in telecommunications in 1996. Josh is currently employed by Verizon Communications in Lewisville, Texas.

Josh and Kyla are planning a June wedding.

WHS graduate makes President's List at Texas Tech

WINTERS- ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Susan Sneed made the President's List with a 4.0 for the fall semester. She attends the Texas Tech University Health Sciences where she is a senior majoring in Speech, Language, and Hearing Science and will graduate in May.

Susan joined Alpha Eta Honor Society which is for the top 10 in the Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences Department. She will begin graduate school after graduating. Susan is the daughter of Randall and Cheryl Sneed and a 2008 graduate of Winters High School.

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New filing deadlines bring another candidate to Runnels Co Primary

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- The settling of the Texas primary elections, to be held on May 29, opened a second filing period for candidates beginning on Friday, March 2 and will be running until Friday, March 9. In Runnels County a new name has joined the Republican Party race during this new filing window, looking for the seat of County Commissioner Precinct 3.

As of press time, on Tuesday, March 6, Tamaria Boyd, of Norton, was the only person joining the Republican Party election, she filed for the seat currently held by County Commissioner James Thurman Self. Self will not be looking for re-election but Sam Scott had already filed to run for the seat. Boyd's filing turns the election of the new County Commissioner Pct. 3 into a contested race.

Republican Party and Democratic Party primary deadlines were set by a panel of three judges in San Antonio.

Pursuant to the February 29, federal court order, the 2012 Primary Election dates are scheduled as follows: May 29, 2012 Primary Election and July 31, 2012 Primary Runoff Election. The deadline to mail ballots to the military and overseas voters will be April 14, 2012.

Additionally, candidates who filed during the first period will be permitted to withdraw or amend their applications during the second filing period.

The new deadline to send out voter registration certificates is April 25, 2012. Confirmation notices can be mailed anytime on or before July 1, 2012.

Candidates elected in the primary election will face off in the general election on November 6, 2012.

In Runnels County seats up for election are County Sheriff, County Attorney, Tax Assessor-Collector, County Commissioner Pct. 1, County Commissioner Pct. 3, Constable Pct. 1 and Constable Pct. 2.

The ballot drawing deadline is Monday, March 12. The ballot drawing in Runnels County will be held at 9 a.m. at the County Courthouse on March 12.

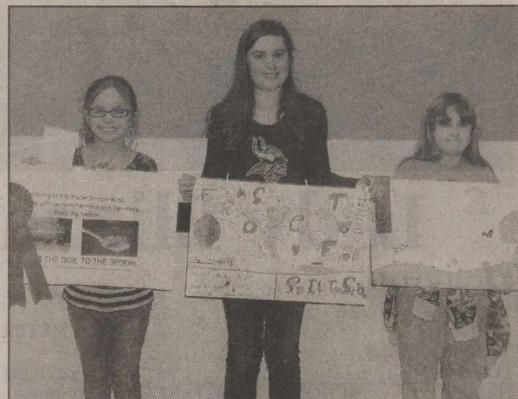
The Democratic Party in Runnels County has no registered candidates to participate in the May 29 Primary Election.

To file with the Republican Party, candidates need to contact Charles Hensley at 601 CR 259, Ballinger, Texas 76821, or call at (325) 365 8262 (home) or (325) 365 1082 (cell).

To file with the Democratic Party, candidates need to contact Jane Jeschke at Box 402, Miles, Texas 76861 or call (325) 468 3841 (home).



Ballinger Third Grade poster winners: Emily West, first place and first place Area; Colton Belk, second place and third place Area, and third place Marianna Quinonez.



Ballinger Fifth Grade poster winners Lexie Davenport (left) first place and second place Area, Vivian Brookshire (right) second place, and third place Hannah Holbom (middle).

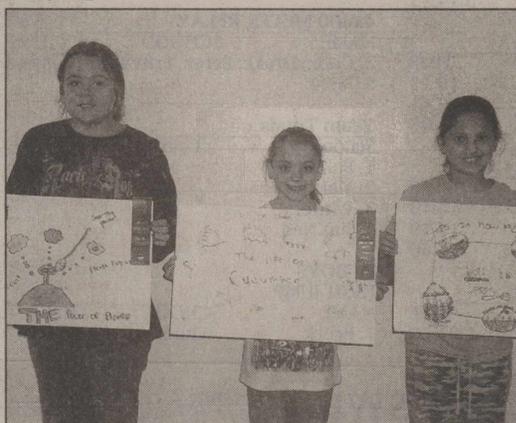
Runnels SWCD announces poster and essay contest winners

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- Each year, the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is proud to sponsor the Conservation Poster and Essay Contest for area students. The themes for the poster contest were "Forests for People - More than You Can Imagine" and "Soil to Spoon". In all 163 conservation posters were received from students in the Ballinger and Miles school districts.

Ribbons were awarded for first, second, and third place in each grade level at each school district. Other deserving posters were given Honorable Mention ribbons. In addition, posters from each grade level from all the schools were combined and judged to select the overall area winners.

Cash awards of \$25, \$15, and \$10 respectively were presented by Runnels SWCD to the first, second and third place overall



Miles Fifth Grade poster contest winners: First place Caira Greenfield, second place Hannah Pullin, and third place Gissele Everhardt.

area winners. The first place overall area poster winner, Emily West from Ballinger ISD, will represent Runnels SWCD at the Area Awards Banquet to be held on March 22. At the banquet, Emily will receive an engraved plaque signifying her accomplish-

ments in conservation education. Her winning poster will be forwarded to compete in regional competition.

The theme for the essay contest was "Why Soil and Water Conservation is Important to My Future." There were 29

entries received from students. McKynzie Steward, from Miles ISD, was the first place winner and will represent Runnels SWCD at the Area Awards Banquet to be held on March 22. McKynzie will receive an engraved plaque signifying her accomplishments in conservation education. Her winning essay will be forwarded to compete in regional competition.

This year Runnels SWCD honored the teachers of the students with the winning poster and essay with \$25.00 gift cards. Mrs. Courtney Lange from Miles ISD is the teacher of the essay winner, McKynzie Steward. Mrs. Julie Keese from Ballinger ISD is the teacher of the poster winner, Emily West.

Runnels SWCD thanked the many administrators, teachers and students who helped make this year's poster and essay contest educational and fun for all those who took part.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Candidates filing to participate in the May 29 Primary Election.

Office	Candidates
County Attorney	Ken Slimp
Sheriff	Bill Baird / Quentin Watkins
Tax Assessor-Collector	Robin Burgess
County Commissioner Pct. 1	Bobby Moore
County Commissioner Pct. 3	Sam Scott / Tamaria Boyd
Constable Pct. 1	Wayne Poehls
Constable Pct. 2	Archie Jobe / Nathan Johnson

Cattle industry Trade Show Showcase

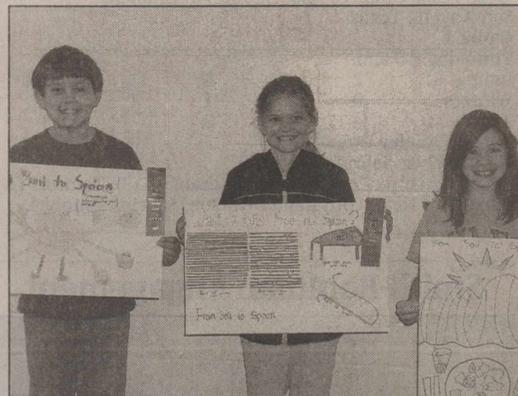
WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

FORT WORTH- More than 200 exhibitors will showcase the newest products and services to cattle producers across the state at the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) 37th Annual Trade Show during the TSCRA Convention Weekend March 30 - April 1, 2012 in Fort Worth.

As the largest cattle industry exhibition in Texas, the TSCRA Convention is a must-attend for anyone involved in livestock production. Whether you own cattle, horses or simply own land the TSCRA Trade Show has something for everyone.



Miles Sixth Grade essay contest winners: First place McKynzie Steward, second place Taylen Book, and third place Jordyn Whitson.



Miles Fourth Grade poster contest winners Bryan Vazquez, first place; Cambree Schwartz, second place, and third place Libby Crouch.

Expert recommends to be conservative on re-stocking cattle

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WACO- Beef producers shouldn't get too caught up in adding cattle to herds despite recent rainfall, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service forage specialist.

"After the drought, remain de-stocked," said Dr. Larry Redmon, AgriLife Extension state forage specialist in College Station. "Just because you see green in the spring doesn't mean you should load up with cows again.

Consider drought management as part of your overall strategy."

Redmon gave drought recovery tips at the 50th Blackland Income Growth Conference in Waco recently. Many producers are likely wondering how long it will take their pastures to recover from drought.

"It will take three to four inches a month and, depending on the species, an entire year for pasture recovery," Redmon said. "Obviously, there will

be no recovery with no rainfall. Folks, we killed cedar with the drought in the Hill Country. We can't expect recovery to our pastures without rainfall."

Redmon advised producers to pay attention to weeds, which can inhibit recovery due to competition for moisture, sunlight and nutrients.

"You need to also pay attention to grasshoppers," Redmon said. "And this past fall season, some of you noticed armyworms invading your pastures."

Veteran's Corner

More than 77,000 former service members are eligible for a review of their medical disability rating. Veterans discharged between Sep. 11, 2001 and Dec. 31, 2009 need to apply for a review if they received disability ratings of 20 percent or lower from their military medical boards. The Physical Disability Board of Review found inconsistencies in disability ratings granted, so reviews are in progress. At the 30 percent threshold, veterans qualify for medical retirement, which carries lifetime retired pay, medical care and other benefits. Nearly 50 percent of those who applied have been upgraded. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave or call 365-3612.

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Words then and words now...

Cometary by
Dr. Don Newbury

Warren Buffett, the "oracle of Omaha," has a punched ticket for succinct and clever word usage, whether spoken or written. People hang on 'em, often investing accordingly.

A 19-year-old when he graduated at the University of Nebraska, he wrote short Burma-Shave poems, thus helping with expenses and gaining experience early-on for both brevity and humor.

Recently, he pointed to frequent investment errors. But with a personal fortune of \$44 billion, the good-natured philanthropist glides past the positive purchases that solidify his renown in financial circles. Admitting his housing investment timing was premature, he quipped, "Basic biology makes it unavoidable that the country will need more houses. People may

postpone 'hitching up' during uncertain times, but eventually, hormones take over. And while 'doubling up' may be the initial reaction of some during a recession, living with in-laws can quickly lose its allure..."

Until the early 1960s, the printed word on simple Burma-Shave signs tacked to fence posts produced smiles. For almost four decades, travelers kept eyes out for the ditties, usually 15 words, two or three on each of six sign boards.

Public safety and common sense were promoted — along with the brushless shaving cream.

An example: "Car in Ditch/Driver in Tree/Moon was Full/ And so/ Was He/Burma-Shave..."

Such signs wouldn't

stand a chance in today's "varoom/varoom" culture. Too many people going too fast engaged in too much.

I still watch for clever local ads, low budget jobs not to be compared with Super Bowl spiels that lambast like two pirate ships after the same bullion. The former make us smile; the latter make us numb.

Some local efforts are borne of enlightened self-interest....



TEXAS
COLUMNIST

Don
Newbury

I spotted one on the back of a sewage removal vehicle, probably a "fleet" of one. The truck, several years old, had a new paint job, maybe the pride of the owner-driver. Block letters on the back provided fair warning: "BACK OFF. WE AIN'T HAULING WHIPPED CREAM."

I wonder what message

might have been on the sides to alert others at intersections....

Here's a bumper sticker gem: "Genealogist — I collect dead relatives." In smaller type, the second line reads: "I live in the past lane."

What people say today, orally or on paper, has short shelf life. What little is quoted fades fast.

Billy Crystal delivered multiple chuckles during the 84th Academy Awards, but I'm hard-pressed to remember specifics....

Most clever quotes surviving time's test are attributed to deceased individuals. And sometimes, even the "originals" turn out to be re-treads.

How's about these favorites? "He had delusions of adequacy." — Walter Kerr. "He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." — Winston Churchill. "He has never been known to use

a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." — William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway). "I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." — Stephen Bishop. "I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." — Irvin S. Cobb. "He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." — Samuel Johnson.

Also, "He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up." — Paul Keating. "He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." — Forrest Tucker. "Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" — Mark Twain. "His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." — Mae West. "Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." — Oscar Wilde. "He uses statistics as a drunken man uses light posts — for support rather than illumination." — Andrew

Lang. "I've had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it." — Groucho Marx.

For many decades, the Abilene Reporter-News ran a Lord Byron quote under its name on page one. It read: "Without or with offense to friends or foes, we sketch your world exactly as it goes."

It was a worthy goal with noble intent. What with social media bloating our cornucopia of news sources, the bar is lowered. How about "approximate sketches?"

Sometimes, though, clearest messages are conveyed without words. Silence is golden in The Artist, a black and white film that won five academy awards, almost totally without dialog....

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Winters Junior High Honor Roll

Fourth Six Weeks	Christopher Diaz Hyla Forder Macey Gerhart Aimee Green Kolton Jones Colton King Baily Knight Brenna Knight Brandon L'Abbe Alyna Rodriguez Rolando Rodriguez Dorian Tamez Matthew Wenzel Jace Young	SEVENTH GRADE "A" Grace Bryan Mason Johnson Aaron Jacob "A-B" Tia Campos Mikaela Cates Jaeggar Collins Micah Drake Brooklyn Galloway Justine Garcia Christy Kruse	K'Lee Lindley Sonia Ortiz Efrén Rodriguez Kamri Soto Angel Stratton Chance Towe Desiree Wilson	"A-B" Brady Calcote Arckhangel Escamila Chelsea Gray Dawn Lavallie Athena Mata Brendon Mikeska Samuel Reyes George Reyna
SIXTH GRADE "A" Brenna Edwards Jose Garcia Bronte Hermes-meyer Megan Jacob "A-B" Brooklynn Anderson Alyssa Bullard Lisette Carrillo			EIGHTH GRADE "A" Bailee Busher Daniel Gerhart Jonathan Sandoval	

Winters High School Honor Roll

Fourth Six Weeks	Taylor Hooper Gabriela Jimenez Rodolfo Lara Nina Mooney Jennifer Rios Armando Rodriguez Cody Towe	"A-B" Melissa Calcote Alanna Cooper Dusty Hines Caitlyn Lara Corey Pritchard Audriana Reyes Tameron Tamez Sierra Woffenden	Gaudencio Espino William Gibbs Adan Mata Bryce Mikeska Alicia Reyes	Rebecca Coffman Reba Coleman Fabian Esquivel Hannah Franklin Nikolas Kraatz Caitlin Kurtz Sarah Lara Breanna Lynn Archibald Mills Christopher Perez Fernando Perez Riley Ripley Crystal Sanchez Christian Sandoval Angelica Taylor Allie Towe
NINTH GRADE "A" William Bredemeyer Allison Crook Ashley Guy Lukas Kraatz Adreanna Lopez Christian Tamez "A-B" Kimble Bridgeman Daniel Cortez Kendall Ferguson Jordan Hamrick	TENTH GRADE "A" Lauren Bredemeyer Kalyndra Drake Christopher Gerhart Kara Heathcott Kara Kraatz Teren Shandor	ELEVENTH GRADE "A" Jordan Busher	TWELFTH GRADE "A" Justin Bryson Andy Garcia Camille Kurtz Agapito Tamez Deven Towe	

Financial Focus

Put power of tax deferral to work

LARRY GILBERT
EDWARD JONES FINANCIAL ADVISOR

As an investor, you may sometimes feel frustrated. After all, your portfolio seems to be at the mercy of the financial markets, whose volatility is beyond anyone's control. Yet you can control the quality of the investments you own and the diversification of those investments to improve your chances of attaining your long-term financial goals. One way in which to do so is to put as much as you can afford, year after year, into tax-deferred investments.

When you contribute to a tax-deferred account, your money has the potential to grow faster than it would if you placed it in a fully taxable investment — that is, an investment on which you paid taxes every year. Over time, this accelerated growth can add up to a big difference in your accumulated savings. For example, if you put \$200 each month into a taxable investment that earned a hypothetical 7 percent a year, you'd end up with about \$325,000 after 40 years, assuming you were in the 25 percent federal tax bracket. If you put that same \$200 per month into a tax-deferred investment that earned the same hypothetical 7 percent a year, you'd accumulate about \$515,000 — or nearly \$200,000 more than you'd have with the taxable investment.*

Of course, you will eventually have to pay taxes on the tax-deferred investment, but by the time you're retired, you might be in a lower tax bracket. Furthermore, depending on how much you choose to withdraw each year from your tax-deferred account, you can have some control over the amount of taxes you'll pay.

Clearly, tax deferral can be a smart choice, but what sort of tax-deferred vehicles are available?

One of your most attractive choices will be your employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k). Your earnings have the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis, and since you typically fund your plan with pre-tax dollars, the more you put in, the lower your annual taxable income. If you're lucky, your employer will even match some of your contributions. Consequently, it's almost always a good idea to put in as much as you can afford into your 401(k), up to the contribution limits, and to boost your contributions every time your salary increases. In 2012, you can contribute up to \$17,000 to your 401(k), plus an additional \$5,500 if you're 50 or older.

Even if you participate in a 401(k) plan, you can probably also contribute to a traditional IRA. Your earnings have the potential to grow tax-deferred and your contributions may be tax deductible, depending on your income level. In 2012, you can put in up to \$5,000 to a traditional IRA, or \$6,000 if you're 50 or older. (If you meet certain income guidelines, you might be eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA, which offers tax-free earnings, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59-1/2 and you've had your account at least five years.)

Finally, if you've "maxed out" on both your 401(k) and your IRA, you may want to consider a fixed annuity. Your earnings grow tax-deferred, contribution limits are high, and you can structure your annuity to provide you with an income stream you can't outlive.

The more years in which you invest in tax-deferred vehicles, the better. So start putting the power of tax deferral to work soon.

*This hypothetical example is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent a specific investment or investment strategy.

CAFETERIA MENU

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- WINTERS ISD BREAKFAST
- MONDAY SPRING BREAK
- TUESDAY SPRING BREAK
- WEDNESDAY SPRING BREAK
- THURSDAY SPRING BREAK
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'Art Talk' scheduled at Fort Concho

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SAN ANGELO— Internationally acclaimed artist

ELM CREEK WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will meet in regular session on Tuesday, March 13th, at 6:30 at the Senior Citizens Activity Center, 600 Wood, Winters, TX.

Luis Sottill will deliver an "Art Talk" Saturday, March 24 at historic Fort Concho during the 13th annual Stribling Art Extravaganza benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Sottill's presentation will offer a personal glimpse into his development as an artist, his motivation to share his creative passion

with young people as well as his "Naturalismo" painting technique he uses today by blending gold leaf and natural pigments in layers to attain greater luminosity.

Sottill will speak at 2 p.m. in the Stables classroom. The cost will be \$20 per person and as seating space is limited, interested attendees are urged to call (325) 223-6414 as soon as possible.

San Angelo is a focal point of Sottill's journey as he lived here in the late 1980's and had his very first art show at the Calla Lily gallery. Today his works are included in more than 2,000 private and corporate collections worldwide. He is represented in more than 20 galleries, including one of his own at Walt Disney World.

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Predator management workshop

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

KERRVILLE— A Texas AgriLife Extension Service Predator Awareness Workshop and M-44 training will be held from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. March 27 at the Kerr Wildlife Management Area, 2625 Farm-to-Market Road 1340 near Hunt.

"AgriLife Extension offices in Kerr, Edwards and Real counties have partnered to present this program," said Roy Walston, AgriLife Extension agent for agriculture and natural resources, Kerr County. "This workshop is meant to help producers whose operations have been affected by livestock predators and the influx of feral hogs, which in some areas have reached epidemic proportions." Presentations will be made by experts from Texas AgriLife.