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Long live the Glacier royalty

Monday, February 18, Winters High School held the 2013 Glacier Night. Kolton Alexander and Jayme Pritchard were crowned as the new Glacier King and Queen. Candidates participating were: Freshmen – Brandon Reyna and Graciela Juarez, sophomores – Kimble Bridgeman and Maggie Mendoza, juniors – Justin Ventress and Jayme Pritchard, seniors – Kolton Alexander and Alicia Reyes.

PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Two arrested in Ballinger, charged with string of burglaries

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- The Ballinger Police Department performed a search warrant in one of the Gatewood Apartments, in Ballinger, Texas, and found evidence connecting two local residents with the string of burglaries occurring in town in the last few days.

Thursday morning, February 21, law enforcement officers went into the apartment marked with the number 28 and found evidence pertaining to the recent burglaries of the Frito Lay warehouse, the baseball field concession stand, as well as clothes and equipment used at the Short Stop burglary, on Wednesday morning.

Ballinger Chief of Police Mark McNulty said they found a number of chips, baseball boxes, as well as cash, a backpack and face masks seen in the Short Stop surveillance video.

A young man was arrested on site and another one was captured later in connection to the burglaries.

The Gatewood Apartments are located on 1500 North Sixth Street. The convenience store burglarized is less than two blocks away from the apartment

complex, and the potato chip warehouse burglarized is only a few feet away, across the street from the site where the stolen goods were found.

Brady Richardson and Mason Jean, both of Ballinger, were arrested and charged with multiple burglary of a building charges. There were sent to the Runnels County Jail. Richardson was arrested on site while Jean was later found and arrested on a warrant.

An juvenile female was also found at the apartment, but the police believes she was not involved in the burglaries.

Chief McNulty said that the Short Stop surveillance video was key in the investigation, and ultimately led to solving the cases. "Our two suspects match the ones seen in the footage, we can also see some of the objects found at the apartment."

The most recent in this string of burglaries occurred Wednesday morning, February 20, at Short Stop, where the burglars broke into the convenience store by breaking the glass at the front door. The alarm went off and the burglars left leaving damages at the door and inside the store.



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

The Ballinger Police Department performing a search in the Gatewood Apartments, where they recovered most of the goods stolen in the recent string of burglaries.

Winters NHS holds its Junior-Senior meal

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Chapter of the National Honor Society hosted "Just Desserts" as a fund raiser to raise money for scholarships and the Junior-Senior Etiquette Meal. Members decorated tables and dressed according to various themes.

Attendees were treated to an array of desserts prepared by members. The rest of the evening consisted of entertainment provided by NHS members and the guests at their tables. The various acts were funded by the audience donations.

For a \$40 donation, Bryce Mikeska, President of NHS, dressed up like Mrs. Kidwell complete with red lipstick and kissed his mom on the cheek! J'Lynn Cooper demonstrated her twirling prowess. The NHS men performed the dance from the movie, "8 Seconds". The entire NHS displayed their yoga expertise. Many additional humorous performances amused the crowd.

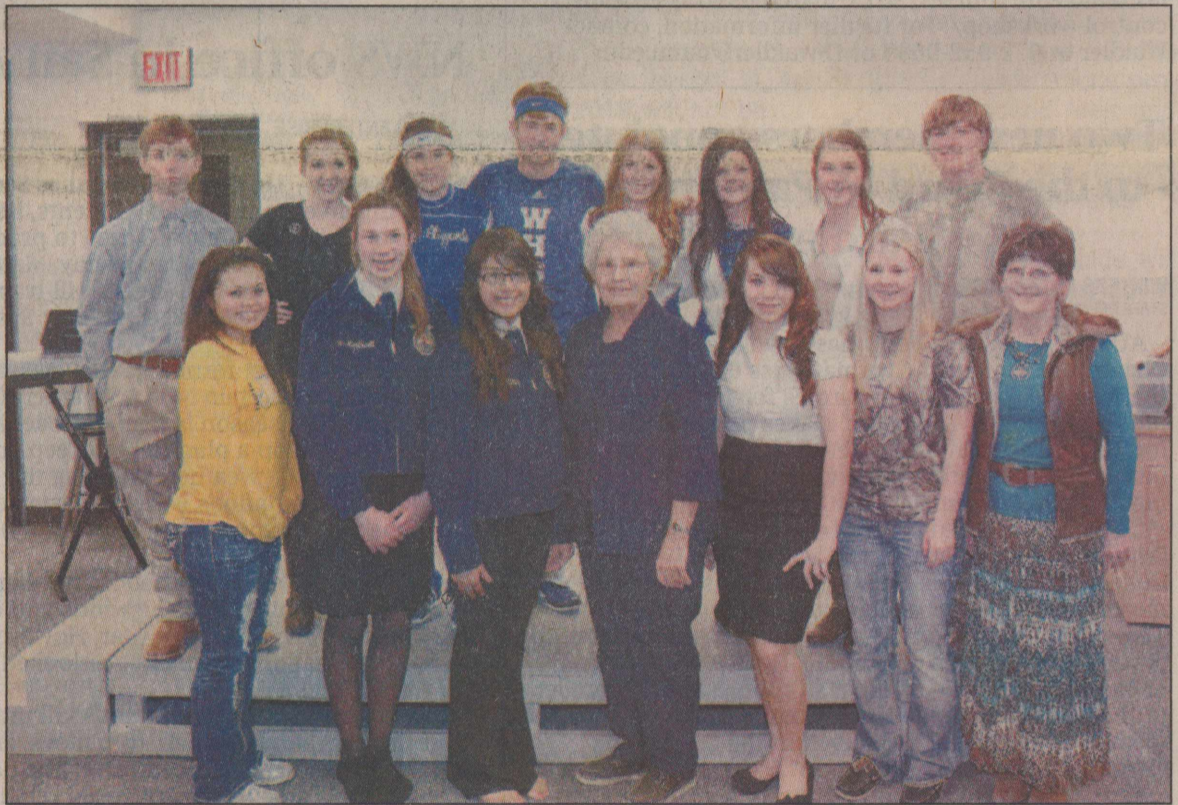


Members of the Winters High School NHS chapter displaying their yoga expertise.

In attendance Saturday night was special guest, Mrs. Ruth Cooper. Mrs. Cooper was a member of the charter chapter of NHS at Winters High School. Her granddaughter, Alanna, is an active member of the current chapter. In typical NHS form, Mrs. Cooper offered her assistance

and served as cashier for the evening.

Mrs. Kidwell graciously provided piano accompaniment for the event and Sean McGowan, Treasurer of NHS, served as emcee. A great time was had by all and NHS raised over \$1,500 in generous donations.



PHOTOS: JOE GERHART

Back row: Sean McGowan, Missy Calcote, Lauren Bredemeyer, Bryce Mikeska, McKenzie Hooper, Kalyn Drake, Kara Kraatz, Lane Gibbs. Front row: Tamron Tamez, Kara Heathcott, Daisy Martinez, Mrs. Ruth Cooper (charter member), Erica Lerma, Alanna Cooper, Mrs. Mandie England (sponsor).

Annual Ram Performance Test set for March 15 in San Angelo

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STEVE BYRNS

SAN ANGELO- The annual Ram Performance Test Field Day and Sale conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife Research and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is set March 15 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at San Angelo.

The center is located on U.S. Highway 87 north of San Angelo. This is the first year the test has been conducted at San Angelo. Since its inception in 1947, the test has been conducted at the AgriLife Research Station at Sonora, said Dr. Dan Waldron, AgriLife Research geneticist at San Angelo and test coordinator. He added that the rams appear to have taken the move in stride.

"The move to San Angelo from Sonora has worked out well," Waldron said. "The rams have gained better than average this

year. The average final weight of the rams completing the test was 262 pounds prior to shearing, with an average daily gain of almost a pound a day over the course of the 140-day test. Many of the breeders that have tested rams at Sonora are also participating now at San Angelo.

"The rams on test this year represent the accumulation of genetic improvement these breeders have made over several sheep generations."

The day's events start with an informal morning inspection of the Rambouillet rams and their performance test data from 10 a.m.-10:30 a.m. An educational program is set for 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. and the auction of eligible rams.

Program topics will include wool industry issues for 2013, Ronald Pope, manager, Producers' Marketing Cooperative, Incorporated, Mertzon; Recent Changes and Future Prospects

for the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association, Robbie Eckhoff, executive secretary, Hawley, and comments on the 2012/2013 ram test by Waldron, and Faron Pfeiffer, AgriLife Research, San Angelo.

The afternoon program will be directed by Dr. Frank Craddock, state sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo.

Eckhoff will award the certified ram certificates to the owners of the qualifying rams.

All rams must have a test index of 100 or above to be eligible for the sale, Waldron said. The animals must also meet all minimum and maximum criteria and pass a breed standards committee's evaluation.

The floor price for animals consigned to this year's sale is \$500 per head.

To learn more about the test see: <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/performance-tests/ram-performance-test>

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

C. Jim Glenn

C. Jim Glenn, 74, of Oak Harbor, Ohio, died Tuesday, February 19, 2013 in his residence.

Born November 27, 1938 in San Angelo, Texas; he was a son of James and Angel Leta (Johnson) Glenn.

A graduate of the University of Texas, Jim had worked at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, retiring as deputy director of supply. He formerly attended Saints Simon and Jude Church in West Jefferson, Ohio, was a member of FOE 712, the American Legion Post 0888, was a member of the National Association of Federal Retired Employees and had served in the Texas Army National Guard, stationed in Ballinger, Texas.

Survivors include his sons James (Lisa) Glenn of Oak Harbor and Jeff (Cindy) Glenn of Moraine, Ohio; grandchildren Megan Glenn and Emily Glenn; sister Ollie Lou Cole of Ballinger, Texas and nieces Glenda Flatt, Emaleta Mooney, Lou Ann Hatler and Robbie Fuchs of Winters, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife Mary Le Glenn in 1999.

Friends may call at the EBERLE-FISHER FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, 103 N. Main Street, London, Ohio from 11 a.m. until time of services at 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2013. Deacon Joe Knapke from Sts. Simon and Jude will be officiating. Private interment at the family's convenience will take place in St. Mary's Cemetery, Ft. Recovery, Ohio.

Online condolences for the family may be sent to www.eberlefisherfuneralhome.com



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Erosion control workshop slated for March 6 in Dallas

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STAFF REPORT

DALLAS- An "Erosion Control for Urban Water Bodies" workshop will be presented from 9-11 a.m. March 6 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 17360 Coit Road, Dallas.

There is no cost for the workshop, which will be held in the facility's Building D Learning Center.

Dr. Fouad Jaber, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service integrated water resources specialist from the Dallas center, will address design and installation of erosion control techniques for urban ponds, streams and detention basins, according to David Waidler, workshop coordinator.

The workshop will include a tour of the facility's erosion control practices, as well as a demonstration and hands-on installation of erosion control blankets, said Waidler, a research associate with AgriLife Research.

To register for the workshop, please visit <http://dallas.tamu.edu/courses/2013/march-6,-2013-erosion-control-workshop/>. For further information, contact Waidler at 972-952-9689 or D-waidler@tamu.edu.

Two new members appointed to the Board of Pardons and Paroles

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STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Roman Chavez of Spring and Cynthia Tauss of League City to the Board of Pardons and Paroles for terms to expire Feb. 1, 2019. The board makes parole decisions for Texas prison inmates, determines conditions for parole and mandatory supervision, and makes recommendations on clemency matters to the governor.

Chavez is a retired officer from the Houston Police Department, and a current officer for the Lone Star College System Police Department. He is a certified master police officer and advanced instructor for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE). He is also a member of the Houston Police Officer's Union, a board member of the Judicial Compensation Commission, and a past member of TCLEOSE. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Tauss is a board member of the Texas Lottery Commission and a member of the League City Chamber of Commerce. She is a past board member of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, Texas Department of Criminal Justice Victim Services Advisory Board, Justice for All, and Galveston County Juvenile Justice Advisory Board. She is also a past member of the Texas Economic Development Council, National Crime Victims Association, and Texas Salute to Military Service. Tauss received a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston at Clear Lake.

These appointments are subject to Senate confirmation.

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NEWS NOTES

RCHC meeting to feature 'The Barbed-Wire Wars'

The Runnels County Historical Commission will meet Saturday, March 9, 2013 at the Casa Cabana Restaurant in Winters, Texas. The group will meet at 10:30 a.m.

The program will be presented by Harold Jobs of Leander, Texas, Travis County. He is researching the history of The Barbed-Wire Wars in the early settling of Runnels and surrounding counties and also in other parts of Texas.

The Runnels County Historical Commission' meetings are open to the public.

Z.I. Hale Museum members meeting

The Z. I. Hale Museum will be holding their monthly meeting on February 28, 5 p.m., at the Rock Hotel. Anyone will be welcome.

Coleman Co Electric Co-op scholarships available Golden Spread Electric Cooperative is a wholesale generating cooperative from whom Coleman Co Electric purchases power. The scholarship is available to an entering freshmen college or university student who is a member, or spouse or child of a member, or child whose guardian is a member of Coleman Co Electric Cooperative which is an owner (member) of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative. Applications and Directors Memorial Scholarship brochures are available at Coleman Co Electric Cooperative. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2013. For more information call Tony Williams at (325) 625 2128 or visit our office at 3300 N Hwy 84, Coleman, Texas 76834.

Coleman Co Electric Co-op offering scholarships

Scholarship applications are available to 2013 high school graduates who will be attending a college, technical school or university as a freshman.

Other qualifications are; must be a child of a member, a grandchild of a member or child of a legal guardian who is a member of Coleman County Electric Cooperative. Must reside with the active member and within the Coleman County Electric Cooperative service area. Eligible applicants will be placed in a drawing to be held in July at the cooperative's annual meeting. There will be nine separate drawings, each scholarship totaling \$500.00. Deadline is June 28, 2013. For an application, visit <http://www.colemanelectric.org> or contact Tony Williams at (325) 625 2128 or tony@colemanelectric.org

Barbecue chicken sale in Olfen

On Saturday, March 16, the St. Boniface Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of Olfen will be having a drive-thru barbecue chicken sale. Homemade potato salad and beans will also be sold. The food will be ready for pick up at 12 noon on Saturday March 16 at the Olfen St. Boniface Parish Hall. Pre-orders can be placed by calling Marty Frey at 365 6618 or David Rohmfeld at 442 3331.

Noon Lions 2013 Bikefest

Ballinger Noon Lions Club will be holding the 38th Annual Colorado River Bikefest. The run/bike ride will be held in conjunction with the Ethnic Festival. The festival starts on Friday, April 26 and the Bikefest will be on Saturday, April 27 starting at 8:30 a.m. by the Courthouse.

NWS office in San Angelo encouraging tornado drills

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STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO- The National Weather Service (NWS) in San Angelo encourages all residents, businesses and schools across West Central Texas to practice their tornado warning drill on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. The NWS in San Angelo will transmit a special message through the Emergency Alert System (EAS) on that day.

Because of the test format of this message, it may or may not activate certain NOAA Weather Radios.

Severe weather season is fast approaching and now is the time to develop a plan to help keep you safe during times of inclement weather. Knowing the severe weather safety recommendations will help keep you and your family (as well as your pets and property) free from harm this spring.

West Central Texas experiences its share of severe weather. Large hail, damaging winds and even tornadoes are expected each and every year. However, two weather phenomena that are routinely overlooked are lightning and flash floods.

In the United States, flash floods kill more individuals each year than large hail, tornadoes, and damaging straight-line winds combined. Over the past few years, West Central Texas has experienced relatively slow severe weather seasons. However, we don't know when that trend will come to and end. Across the nation, 2012 was much slower than the record setting statistics from 2011. The national tornado related death toll for 2012 was listed at 69, compared to the 553 killed in 2011.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, preparedness must now account for man-made disasters as well as natural ones. Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count.

Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as making an emergency supply kit and developing an emergency plan, are the same for both a natural or man-made emergency.

Preparedness suggests life-saving actions you can take. With the correct preparation you can recognize severe weather, develop a plan, and be ready to act when threatening weather approaches. Remember, your safety, and the safety of those in your care, is up to you. Why worry about thunderstorms?

Lightning...

Go to www.ballingernoonlions.org and get an entry form to register.

The Bikefest will have 30K, 60K and 100K tours as well as a 5K fun ride/walk/run.

TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Winters and Ballinger area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening and arts and crafts to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during summer) at 2 p.m. at the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of South Seventh and Sealy Ave in Ballinger.

If you are interested and like to find out more about us, call Nancy at 325 5042 or Linda 754 5385.

Pray Until Something Happens

Every first Friday of the month the First United Methodist Church will be having PUSH "Pray Until Something Happens" everyone is invited to come and pray from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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.

Cross Emmaus Community gatherings

The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. 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.

- Causes an average of 55-60 fatalities and 400 injuries each year
- Occurs with all thunderstorms
- Costs more than \$1 billion in insured losses each year

Straight-line Winds...

- Can exceed 125 mph
- Can cause destruction equal to a tornado
- Are extremely dangerous to aviation

Flash Floods and Floods...

- Are the #1 cause of deaths associated with thunderstorms, more than 90 fatalities each year

Hail...

- Can be larger than a softball (5 inches in diameter)
- Causes more than \$1 billion in crop and property damage each year

Tornadoes...

- Cause an average of 60-65 fatalities and 1,500 injuries each year
- Can produce wind speeds in excess of 200 mph
- Can be 1 mile wide and stay on the ground over 50 miles

Although tornadoes occur in many parts of the world, they are found most frequently in the United States. In an average year, 1,200 tornadoes cause 60-65 fatalities and 1,500 injuries nationwide.

Tornado Facts

- A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from a cumuliform cloud, such as a thunderstorm, to the ground.

- Tornadoes may appear nearly transparent until dust and debris are picked up or a cloud forms within the funnel. The average tornado moves from southwest to northeast, but tornadoes can move in any direction and can suddenly change their direction of motion.

- The average forward speed of a tornado is 30 mph but may vary from nearly stationary to 70 mph.

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Major changes shake up regional hoops

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER— Sunday, February 24, 2013, there was no open gym at the Joe Forester Gymnasium in Ballinger High School. It was the first time in over 32 years.

Basketball at Ballinger High School is now starting a new era, no longer under the direction of Head Boys Basketball Coach Robert Buxkemper who was recently re-assigned. Ballinger Head Girls Basketball coach Tim Menke was also re-assigned.

Menke completed three seasons as Head Girls Basketball Coach. Under his direction the Lady Cats compiled a 56-46 record with two playoff wins.

Buxkemper, with 611 wins in 32 years as the Head Boys Basketball Coach, is considered by many a living legend.

His history with Ballinger school goes back to 1978, when he graduated from Angelo State University. Buxkemper was hired and started his tenure teaching Math and coaching three sports at Ballinger Junior High, under Principal Weldon Brevard.

"I did that for the first three years, I started coaching basketball under Jody Sory who was our head basketball coach those first years, a lot of the stuff that I learned from him I've used over the years," said Buxkemper.

In 1981 Sory took another job at Fort Stockton and Randy Allen came in as the head football coach. Allen had faith and moved Buxkemper up as the head basketball coach that year.

"Ballinger ISD appreciates Coach Robert Buxkemper's dedication, time and effort during his service as the Head Boys Basket-

ball Coach of the Ballinger Bearcats. Coach Buxkemper has over 600 wins and more than 30 years in this capacity," said Ballinger ISD Superintendent Will Brewer in a press release.

"As we move forward with a new Head Boys Basketball Coach next school year, BISD is confident that the foundation built by Coach Buxkemper will provide student success in years to come. Coach Buxkemper remains a respected and accomplished member of the BISD coaching and teaching staff", Brewer adds.

Buxkemper accomplished numerous achievements during his time in front of the Boys Bearcat Basketball program. The Bearcats won a district championship the first year he was named head basketball coach. In 32 years Ballinger advanced to the playoffs a total of 19 times and have partaken twice in Regionals.

"I had a desire for this town to be known not only for football, I wanted it to be known for basketball too," said Buxkemper.

Over the years Buxkemper didn't contribute to the basketball program only. He helped with the Varsity football program, has been a class sponsor numerous times, NHS advisor, and even in track had three students competing in state.

BHS generations have had Buxkemper as a Math teacher. He has been teaching five different classes each year since 1981.

Out of school, Buxkemper is been heading the basketball camp, with an average of 120 kids each year for the last 33 years. He has been participating in the Three-on-Three tournament at the Ethnic Fest, and is an active member of the St. Mary Star of the

Sea Catholic Church, where he is a member of the choir and council president.

Born and raised in Ballinger, Buxkemper hopes to stay in town but he admits the future is unclear at this moment.

"Hopefully I have the opportunity to be a part of the program, I've been coaching football, I've taught five classes since I've come back. And if not, there is a lot of options out there, because I have a lot of friends and lots of support. I'd like to thank to all of my previous players because they really put their heart and soul to make this program what it is. I just kind of try to lead it."

"I thank all my previous athletic directors, principals and teachers that I've been under, I'd like to thank them for their support. I hope I made not only good basketball players and athletes out of the kids I have coached, but great men and women out of them."

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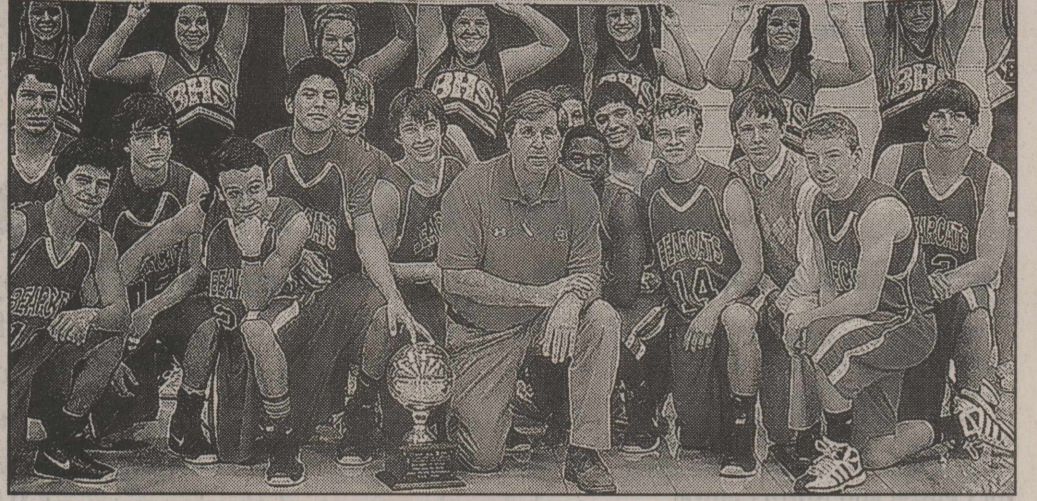


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February 21, 2012 Coach Robert Buxkemper was hailed for his 600 win with the Bearcats. Ballinger defeated the Harper Longhorns to claim the Bi-District Championship that night in Brady.

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Weather Report

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Weather Whys

Q: What is an anemometer?

A: An anemometer is a meteorological instrument used for measuring wind speed, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Although many different kinds of anemometers exist, the most traditional one used is known as a cup anemometer," he explains. "Cup anemometers have three or four hemispherical cups attached to arms that meet at a center point on a swivel. The cups are spaced apart equally in distance and rotate at a speed proportional to the speed at which the wind is blowing. These cup anemometers, however, can only tell the speed of the wind but not its direction. By combining a propeller with a weathervane, windmill anemometers show the direction of the wind as well as its speed. Advanced anemometers such as laser Doppler and sonic anemometers are more expensive and less common."



Kids and spaghetti just seem to go together

The spaghetti dinner, bake sale and prize drawings sponsored by the Rowena Catholic Daughters was a great success. Over 300 diners enjoyed the meal served inside or purchased from the drive-thru window on Sunday, February 24, 2013. Over 25 prize items were donated by CDA members and awarded at the close of the meal. An abundance of different kinds of cakes, pies and other baked items were on sale throughout the meal. Monica Minzenmayer headed the committee in charge of planning the annual fund raiser. Proceeds will go to the local, state and national charitable projects of the court. Thanks to all who attended and supported the event. Pictured here is Paige Strube, one of the over 300 persons attending the spaghetti dinner.

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Casa Navarro to be nominated as National Landmark

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

SAN ANTONIO— The Texas Historical Commission was recently notified that the 1850s adobe homestead of Texas hero José Antonio Navarro will be nominated as a National Historic Landmark (NHL). The nomination will be developed under the Secretary of the Interior's Latino Heritage Initiative, and will be funded and prepared by the National Park Service (NPS). The request for consideration as an NHL was made by the Texas Historical Commission (THC), which oversees Navarro's historic homestead, store, and office. The site was reopened a little over a year ago after undergoing much-needed restoration and interpretive exhibit improvements. In a letter to THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe, the U.S. Department of the Interior states that the house is nationally significant for its association with Texas patriot José Antonio Navarro, a native Texan and staunch advocate for an independent Texas, who is considered one of the key players in the founding of the Republic of Texas and State of Texas.

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MONDAY
Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal/Toast or Green Eggs and Ham, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

TUESDAY
Breakfast Pizza or Cereal/Toast or Breakfast Pocket, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

WEDNESDAY
Biscuit/Egg Pattie or Cereal/Toast or Yogurt/Toast or Sausage On Stick, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

THURSDAY
Sausage Roll or Cereal/Toast or French Toast/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

FRIDAY
Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal/Toast or Cinnamon Roll/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

WINTERS ISD LUNCH
Note: Menus are subject to change without notice. Students may purchase extra Entree for \$1.00. Milk for \$.30. Sides for \$.50.

MONDAY
Chef Salad (H.S. only), or Lasagna/Bread Stick (Elem., J.H.)(H.S.) Hot Roll or Grilled Chicken Pattie/Bun, Peas & Carrot, Baked Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Peaches, Choice of Milk.

TUESDAY
Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak/Bread Stick (Elem., J.H.)(H.S.) Hot Roll or Chicken Tenders/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.)(H.S.) Bread Stick, Italian Green Beans, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Fruit Bar/Apple Sauce, Choice of Milk.

WEDNESDAY
Chef Salad or Nachos or Chicken Fajita, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Colelaw, Pears, Choice of Milk.

THURSDAY
Chef Salad or Chicken Nugget/Gravy/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.)(H.S.) Bread Stick (H.S.) or Steak Fingers/Gravy, Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.)(H.S.) Bread Stick (H.S.), Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Mixed Fruit, Choice of Milk.

FRIDAY
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Chicken Bites/Bread Stick, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Lettuce/Pickles, Orange, Choice of Milk. Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Orange, Choice of Milk.

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Runnels County

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Thursday, February 28, 2013

THE ORGANIZATION OF RUNNELS COUNTY

The dawn of a young county

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WINTERS- Runnels County was formed from Bexar and Travis counties and created February 1, 1858 by the Texas Legislature when they created 23 new counties. Bexar County included most of Central and North Central Texas. When Bexar was subdivided, the area of what is now Runnels County was included in Coleman County. The area was given the name in honor of Hiram G. Runnels, ex-governor of Mississippi.

January 12, 1880 was the date for a called meeting of the Commissioners Court of Coleman County, Texas in their Courthouse. Those present were the Honorable W. O. Reed, the presiding County Judge, W. J. W. Green, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, Henry Sackett, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, J. R. Keeling, Commissioner Precinct No. 4, J. M. Elkins, Sheriff of Coleman County, and L. C. Williamson, County Clerk of the Commissioners Court.

The proceeding presented on this day was a petition filed for the consideration of the Court. H. D. Pearce and W. N. Copeland, residents of the area of Runnels County, then included in Coleman County, rode horseback to obtain signatures from the settlers at that time. The petition contained 158 qualified voters from that area. The petition ex-

Although it was created since 1858 by the Texas Legislature, it wasn't until 1880 when Runnels County became formally independent from Coleman County for all political and judicial functions

The Runnels County Historical Commission and the Winters Enterprise will be featuring in the following weeks a brief history of the foundation and development of this portion of West Central Texas, starting with its first days and historical conformation

pressed the desire that the area be organized and the Coleman County Commissioners Court divide as provided by law.

The petition was examined by the Court and found sufficient in its form and was signed by the requisite number of qualified voters. It was therefore ordered that the area be divided and laid off into four precincts.

Precinct No. 1 was laid out beginning at the southeast corner of Runnels County, then west with the county line to a point in an east line of Survey 13 in Nans Washington R. R. Co., then north to the Colorado River Crossing and continuing northerly to the southeast corner, Wm. Harwell Survey 821. The line continued north to the southwest corner of the Cartier Anderson Survey 523 then east to the west line of Austin Williams Survey 263. The line then turns in an easterly direction by the southeast corner of A. Losoya Survey 575 to the east line of Runnels County, then south to the place of beginning.

Precinct No. 1 began at the northeast corner of Runnels County and then west with the line of Runnels County to a point in the East line of Survey 109 named H. J. & CRR Co. The line then turns south to the southwest corner of Cartier Anderson Survey 523, then east to the Austin Williams Survey 263. The line then goes in an easterly direction by the southeast corner of A. Losoya Survey 575 to east line of Runnels County then north to place of beginning.

Precinct No. 3 began at the northwest corner of Runnels County, then south with west boundary line of Runnels County to a point in the line directly west of the northwest corner of Survey 806 named G H & HRR Co. Then easterly to the southwest corner of Burnett Co. School land, then east to the southwest corner of Cartier Anderson Survey 523. The line goes north to the north line of Runnels County at a point in the

east line of Survey 109, named H. J. CRR Co., then west to place of beginning.

Precinct No. 4 began at the southwest corner of Runnels County, then north to the southwest corner of Precinct No. 3. The line then goes in an easterly direction to the southwest corner of Burnett Co. School Land. From that point the line goes east to the southwest corner of Cartier Anderson Survey 523 and then takes a southerly direction with the west boundary line of Precinct No. 1 to the south boundary line of Runnels County. The line goes west with the south boundary line to the southwest corner of Runnels County to the place of beginning.

The Court also ordered there would be an election in each of the four precincts to be held Monday the 16th day of February A. D. 1880. The purpose of the elections would be to elect a County Commissioner, a Justice of the Peace and a Constable

for each of the four precincts and the location of the County Seat of Runnels County. It was further ordered that the following named places be designated as the places of holding the election in each of the four precincts: Precinct No. 1, Walthall; Precinct No. 2, Dav-enport' Ranch; Precinct No. 3, Pemberton's Ranch; Precinct No. 4, Wylies' Ranch.

It was then ordered the officers of this court receive for their per diem service at this term of Court as follows: Judge W. O. Reed - one day - 3 dollars, Commissioners W. J. W. Green - one day - 3 dollars, Henry Sackett - one day - 3 dollars, J. R. Keeling - one day - 3 dollars.

With no further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, it was ordered the Coleman County Commissioners Court adjourn. The signatures for the meeting included the Honorable Coleman County Commissioners' Court Judge W. O. Reed, and Attest, L. C. Williamson, County Clerk for Coleman County, Texas.

Next: The Election

Resources:
Runnels County A Look Back,
Runnels County Historical Commission, May 1, 2010.
Coleman County Commissioners Court Minutes, Coleman County Texas, January 12, 1880.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Microloan gains popular footing; answers need for faster, easier credit

Throughout my tenure as Acting State Executive Director for the Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA), I have met several small and beginning farmers and ranchers, military veterans and disadvantaged producers interested in making a living in production agriculture. For many, the high cost of purchasing land and equipment can be prohibitive, compelling newcomers and those struggling against odds to take risks to finance their dreams by relying on credit cards and personal loans with high interest rates. I am keenly aware, too, that the average age of our farmers and ranchers is increasing. I am concerned about where the next generation of farmers and ranchers will come from.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture understands the needs of these small, beginning and specialty crop producers. Through the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Farm Loan Programs division, the department responded to their needs by developing a new microloan program that will provide up to \$35,000 to help bolster these

producers during their start-up years. Likewise, it will assist small, established producers who find themselves in extenuating financial circumstances.

Microloans are like other operating loans. They can be used to purchase livestock, equipment, feed, seed, fertilizer and related supplies. And here's a real benefit when compared to those credit cards and personal loans; the current interest rate for a microloan is 1.125 percent.

It is imperative that we use solutions like the microloan to provide access to credit to those just starting out or those producing on a smaller scale in order to grow American agriculture. It's important because Agriculture can provide new jobs that will build our economy and ensure a safe and affordable food supply at home and abroad. In addition, these loans keep people living in our rural communities, sending their children to our local schools and doing business in our local shops.

But here is how microloans are unlike traditional FSA loans. Applying for them is a simpler, more flexible process. By reducing the application form from 17 pages to eight and modifying requirements for experience, it's easy

and far more convenient for both our customers and our employees.

Although some production experience is necessary, there are many producers who may not meet the managerial requirements for traditional loans but may be eligible for a microloan. FSA will consider an applicant's small business experience, experience with a self-guided apprenticeship and specialized education to meet the prerequisite.

As the country moves toward more local food sources and joins the farm-to-table movement, there is an increasing number of people going back to the farm and selling their products through farmers markets and community supported agriculture. Microloans are perfect for those who want to grow niche crops to sell directly to ethnic markets, farmers markets or consumers.

Young future farmers and ranchers also will benefit. Prospects that previously used an FSA Youth Loan to finance an agricultural endeavor, successfully repaid the debt and are of the "age of majority" according to state law, are eligible for microloans. The microloan graduates producers to a new level

and further prepares them for larger FSA operating loans or commercial loans through the FSA Guaranteed Loan Program.

By expanding access to credit, FSA continues to help grow the industry on which our country was built - Agriculture. Through FSA, more than 128,000 loans totaling \$18 billion have been issued. The number of loans to beginning farmers and ranchers has increased from 11,000 in 2008 to 15,000 in 2011. More than 40 percent of USDA's farm loans now go to beginning farmers, while lending to socially disadvantaged producers has increased nearly 50 percent since 2008.

At FSA, we aim for ways to help farmers and ranchers achieve their dreams, to be part of the American population that feeds the world whether they are large-scale or small-scale operations. By supporting America's growers, we help all Americans. We provide a secure, low-cost food supply and make a major contribution to the U.S. economy. And we do these things while nourishing millions.

Respectfully submitted,
James B. Douglass
State Executive Director
Farm Service Agency

Public Record

Weddings		
Fred Barret and Ann Barret		Jan. 30
Sahun Higgins and Megan Eve Wakefield		Feb. 7
Devin Wade Martines and Bianca Raeanna Carrillo		Feb. 8
Jerry Jenkins, Jr. and Hilda K. Ramos		Feb. 15

DIVORCES

Ricardo Trevino Soto vs. Amparo Dania Soto		Feb. 1
Kelly Lyn Kincaid vs. Michael Jerome Higgins		Feb. 7
Jennifer Lee Pinkerton vs. Scott Williamson Pinkerton		Feb. 15

RUNNELS CO JAIL RECORD Feb 25, 2013

Raul Ochoa	59	RCSO
Municipal court		
Jose Cruz	37	Concho
Arizona illegal entry		
Sylvia Davis	31	RCSO
Kenn Co. warrant, Kimble Co warrant		
Brady Richardson	17	BPD
Burglary of a building 3x		
Phillip Bacon	18	RCSO
Burglary of a building		
Mark Williams	29	Nolan Co.
Evading arrest		
Michael Diggs	27	Nolan Co.
Out Co. warrant		
Dakota Bradbury	17	Nolan Co.
Terroristic threat, criminal mischief		
Jackie Norris	56	Nolan Co.
Possession/Use Inhalant		
Jonathan Phillips	28	Concho
Brown Co. warrant		
Kevin Hale	18	BPD
Fail to ID		
Gloria Padilla	30	Concho
DOL/Assault		
Jennifer Brazeal	36	Coke
Assault/ Class C		
Jose Rangel	41	RCSO
MTR/DWI		

Veteran's Corner

In honor of Women's History Month, I want to thank the women who have shaped our military. Throughout history, these service members took on a variety of roles and rose through the ranks. They served honorably in a variety of occupations and have witnessed history as the ban on women serving in combat has been lifted. Every woman who served has paved the way for her fellow female service members. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave or call (325) 365 3612.

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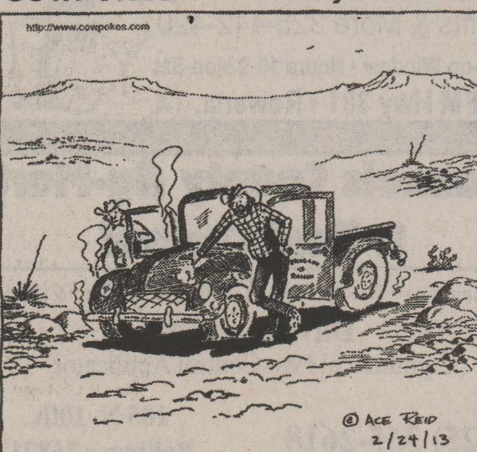
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The general scope of the project is as follows: Provide roofing materials for a new roof. The Hospital is looking at different options for the Roof System, submit pricing for R-Panels, standing seam roof system, and/or symmetrical standing seam metal roof system as well as the pros and cons of each system. Material should in-

clude all accessories such as flashing, clips, screws and strip insulation as necessary to complete the installation. Estimated project completion date for the project is April 1, 2013.

Information showing necessary work for renovation is available in the Ballinger Memorial Hospital Administrative offices, located at 608 Avenue B, Ballinger, Texas. This information will show what is currently to be installed and what material should be bid to ensure a water-tight building. The criteria that will be used for selection of the vendor, as well as the weight assigned to each criteria, are as follows: prior experience in general and prior experience on replacing similar roofs (50%); prior experience on construction projects within 100 miles of Hutchins in Ballinger, Texas. The estimated budget for this project is \$150,000. The project is as follows: removal of old roofing (50%); prior experience on replacing roofs that offers the best value, based on experience, cost, reliability, references, and criteria above. The submitted proposal should address all the criteria above, as well as the proposed fees and prices for fulfilling the project requirements. Roofing materials to be accepted at the installation of R-Panels, standing seam of the roof system, the best value, and/or symmetrical standing seam metal roof liability, referenced in the proposal should be accepted at the project completion date of March 5, 2013. Bids will be opened as a description of the project at the of your experience with each submitted room starting at 6:00 p.m., mated project address all the criteria above, after March 5, April 1, 2013. contractor's proposed fees and accepted. Contractor must be properly licensed/certified requirements. Sealed bids will be accepted at the installation of necessary Hospital work for renovation in the Ballinger Memorial Hospital Administrative offices until in the Ballinger March 5, 2013. Bids will be opened publicly at the BMH Board room starting at 6:00 p.m., March 5, 2013. Bids received after March 5, 2013 will not be accepted. The criteria that will be used for selection of the contractor, as

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This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.
REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS
On or about March 18, 2013, the City of Winters will submit a request to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project for the purpose of the reconstruction/rehabilitation of up to 20 owner occupied single family homes in Winters, Texas. HOME Contract #1001698 - RSP #2011-0063. Winters has determined that this project will be tiered. All of the project addresses are not known. A tiered project allows the analysis to be completed on a geographic area to address environmental impacts that might occur, or not occur, on a typical site within the area. The broad review of the geographical area will make it so the compliance factors listed will not have to be repeated on a site specific basis, once eligible individuals or families are known. No construction work will begin until all levels of this tiered review are completed.
Total HOME Contract Award: if funding becomes available, the maximum amount per home for rehabilitation will be \$30,000 and the maximum amount for reconstruction will be \$50,000. Project Locations will be within McCamey Corporate limits.
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
City of Winters has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Winters City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, TX 79567 and may be examined or copied weekdays (8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.) Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays.
PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Winters City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, TX 79567. All comments received by March 15, 2013 will be considered by Winters prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.
RELEASE OF FUNDS
The City of Winters certifies to TDHCA that Lewis Bergman in his capacity as Mayor to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. TDHCA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows City of Winters to use Program funds.
OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS
TDHCA will consider objections to its release of funds and Winters' certification received by April 3, 2013 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the certification (if later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of Winters approved by TDHCA; (b) Winters has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by TDHCA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs at 221 East 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701. Potential objectors should contact TDHCA at (512) 936-0934 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.
Lewis Bergman, Mayor
City of Winters
Lewis Bergman

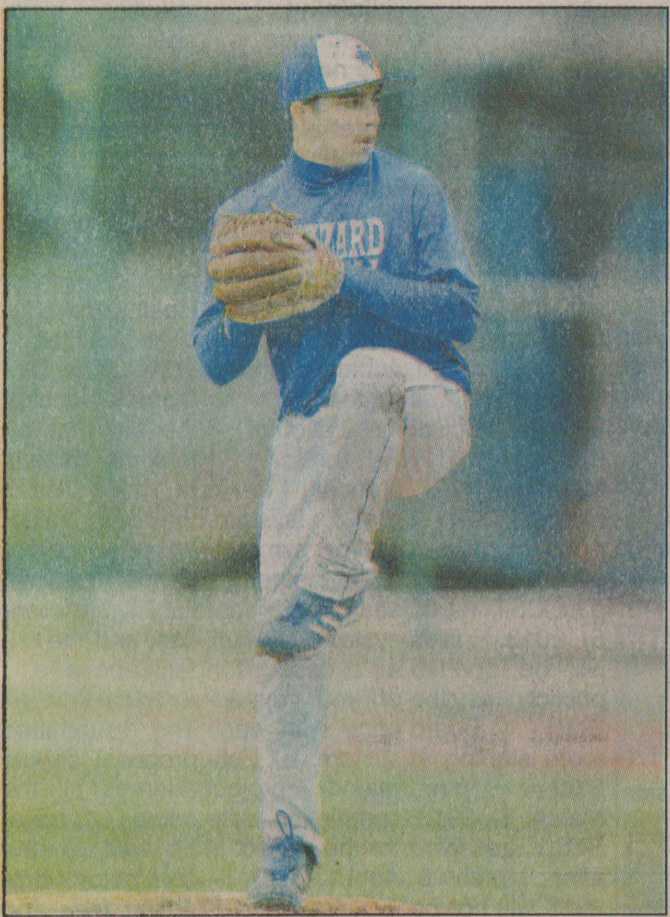
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Winters Varsity baseball claims tournament in Early



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Chris Gerhart winds up to at the mound at the game the Varsity Blizzards held vs Hamlin.

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WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Winters Blizzards championed last week at the Early High School tournament, and racked up four wins in the Varsity baseball District 2-1A baseball season by only one defeat.

Tuesday, February 19, the Gerhart brothers dominated the mound allowing the Pied Pipers two hits only. Winters started the week with an 8-2 win in a seven inning non-district game played at Hamlin High School.

Winters scored four runs in the second on an error, a passed ball, and a two-run single by Ty Cortez.

Cortez racked up two RBIs on two hits for the Blizzards.

Chris Gerhart stroked out 11 batters, allowed one earned run, one hit and six walks over 4 innings and two thirds. Daniel Gerhart pitched for the rest of the game on one hit and striking out six opponents.

Thursday, February 21, the Blizzards played their opening game at the Early

tournament and fell to Ballinger 6-1.

Bryce Mikeska did all he could going 2-3 and scored one run. Mikeska singled in the second and tripled in the fourth. Winters scored its lonely run in the fourth, on an RBI double by Chris Gerhart.

After the first game the Blizzards streaked three wins in a row, defeating the San Saba, the host Early and Lago Vista.

The Blizzards are now 4-1 for the season. As of press time were playing Ballinger in Winters, in a non district game Tuesday night, and will be traveling to Merkel Thursday night, to face the Badgers at Merkel High School.

Tuesday, Feb 19

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Winters	0	4	0	0	1	3	8	3	1	
Hamlin	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	4	

TB: T. Cortez 2, D. Hagle
RBI: T. Cortez 2, D. Hagle 2, D. Torres

SF: D. Torres

ROE: K. Alexander, B. Mikeska, C. Gerhart, J. Ripley

HBP: D. Torres

SB: D. Hagle, D. Torres, K. Alexander

CS: T. Cortez



Daniel Gerhart

Early Tournament

Thursday, Feb 21

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Ballinger	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	6	7	2
Winters	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	7	4

2B: C. Gerhart

3B: B. Mikeska

TB: T. Cortez, D. Hagle, D. Torres, C. Pritchard, B. Mikeska 4, C. Gerhart 2

RBI: C. Gerhart

ROE: T. Cortez, A. Green

FC: T. Cortez, D. Hagle, K. Alexander, C. Pritchard

HBP: D. Torres

GIDP: T. Cortez, D. Torres 2

CS: T. Cortez

Saturday, Feb 23

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Winters	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	6	6	1
San Saba	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6	5

TB: C. Gerhart, J. Ventress, C. Pritchard 2, B. Mikeska, D. Hagle

RBI: K. Alexander, D. Hagle, D. Gerhart

ROE: T. Cortez, D. Torres, J. Ventress, D. Gerhart

FC: T. Cortez, C. Pritchard

SB: D. Torres

CS: T. Cortez

Saturday, Feb 23

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Winters	3	0	0	1	6			10	5	0
Early	0	0	0	0	0			0	2	2

2B: T. Cortez

TB: T. Cortez 3, C. Gerhart, K. Alexander, B. Mikeska

RBI: T. Cortez, C. Gerhart, C. Pritchard, D. Torres, D. Hagle

ROE: K. Alexander, D. Torres

HBP: D. Torres, A. Green

SB: B. Mikeska 2

Saturday, Feb 23

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Lago Vista	0	2	2	4	3	0	1	1	8	10
Winters	2	1	3	4	0	2	1	2	8	3

2B: K. Alexander, C. Pritchard

TB: T. Cortez, K. Alexander 3, C. Pritchard 2, J. Ventress, B. Mikeska 3

RBI: K. Alexander 2, C. Pritchard 2, D. Torres, J. Ventress, B. Mikeska, F. Cruz

SAC: F. Cruz

ROE: J. Ripley, K. Alexander 2, D. Torres, D. Hagle, F. Cruz

FC: D. Hagle

SB: C. Pritchard, D. Torres, D. Hagle, F. Cruz

CS: D. Hagle

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New DPS webpage highlights unsolved murders

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) unveiled a new section of its website dedicated to solving cold case murder investigations across the state of Texas. The Texas Rangers' Unsolved Homicides webpage is aimed at renewing the public's interest in these cases, including the Rangers Top 12 Unsolved Cold Case Investigations, which features two cases from each of the state's six DPS regions. The cases that are featured in the Top 12 will be changed periodically.

"Cold cases are typically challenging to solve for a variety of reasons, but we want to send a clear message that we are not giving up on these murder victims," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Our goal for this webpage - and the investigative efforts supporting it - is to shine a new light on these crimes, so they are not forgotten. We are committed to bringing these ruthless criminals to justice and to bringing some amount of closure to the families involved."

Texas Rangers, along with local police agencies, will reassess - and in some case reanalyze - evidence, and take another look at persons of interest or attempt to develop new persons of interest. Many of these cases involve smaller or rural police agencies, which the Texas Rangers routinely assist in working murder investigations. Currently, the website features a total of 68 cases dating back to 1978.

By putting the cases back in the public eye, it increases the possibility that people will come forward with new information or leads that can be investigated. The public will have the opportunity to submit information online through the new webpage or by calling a toll free number, 1-800-346-3243. Callers may remain anonymous. (Some of the cases have rewards associated with them, which are noted on the website.)

To view the information on the Unsolved Homicides site, visit: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/TexasRangers/UnsolvedHomicides/Index.htm>.

To specifically view the Texas Rangers Top 12 Cold Case Investigations visit: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/TexasRangers/UnsolvedHomicides/topCases.aspx>.

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