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VFW to recognize POWs and mothers of veterans

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STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER— The VFW Post 9196 Rowena will commemorate two important events with a program at the post home, 301 Depot Street in Rowena on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. These programs are sponsored by the post and its Ladies Auxiliary.

September 21 is the day selected for recognition of the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) veterans. On this POW/MIA Recognition Day we honor the brave and patriotic Americans who were held as prisoners of war and we remember those who are still missing in action and remain unaccounted. For their valor and selfless devotion to protect the country they love, our nation owes them a debt we can never fully repay. On this day we underscore our commitment and pledge to those who are still missing in action and to their families that we will not rest until we have achieved the fullest possible accounting for every member of our Armed Forces in the line of duty. Our post will honor and remember all American POW/MIA for their valiant service to our nation.

The Ladies Auxiliary would also like to recognize are Gold Star Mothers, mothers of veterans, who were killed while in the military, and to recognize Blue Star Mothers, mothers of veterans who were disabled while serving in the military. It is a way for the post to show its appreciation to those mothers who suffered so much as a result of various wars. Those mothers will be recognized.

After the program, coffee, orange juice and donuts will be served. The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate.

The Dove Fest, a heritage celebration



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

The Gun and Knife Show held at the old Dollar General store, one of the people's favorites at the Dove Fest.

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS— A time to have fun and "Celebrate our hunting heritage." Last Saturday, September 7, 2013, the 11th annual Winters Dove Fest was held in Winters, Texas, with hundreds of visitors coming to town to join the activities and attractions.

Fun and food were shared by people of all ages, enjoying the fun shotgun shoots, live and silent auctions, entertainment, and raffles.

The meal, consisting of barbecue brisket lunch, drink and desert, was served inside the Winters Community Center. Some booths were also located inside the center. Raffle for the door prizes was held at the tent installed outside.

One of the main attractions of the fest was the Gun and Knife Show, at the old Dollar General store, where hundreds of visitors paid to attend the show. Thirty-five vendors and over 60 tables were installed with all kinds of guns, knives and collectibles.

The gun raffle, held at the Community Center dragged all the attention after lunch. This year's winners are: Les Julian, Jr. - Browning Citori White Lightning o/u 12 ga. shotgun; Kaylene Bergman, Winters - Bushmaster AR-15 .223 Optics Ready semi-auto rifle; David Sellers, Winters - Remington 700 BDL .243 cal. bolt-action rifle; Gary Jackson, Abilene - Tikka T-3 Hunter 300 Win. Mag. bolt-action rifle; Jay West - Remington 700 VTR 22-250 bolt-action rifle; Fred Watkins, Winters - Winchester Super X Pump 26" barrel 12 ga. shotgun, and Debra Fernandez, Abilene - Remington 870 Exp. Com Pink-Camo 20 ga. shotgun.

Motorcycle riders enjoyed the fun run under the theme "Scenic Bike Run Near Winters". Donations of the ride will benefit West Texas Rehab. Dove hunts were held on locations near Winters also benefiting West Texas Rehab Center.

The clay pigeon shoots were held North U.S. Hwy. 83, east at the Rodeo Arena Road, with adults and children competing for the top places.

Fumbles cost Blizzards their second defeat

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER— The Winters Blizzards suffered their second defeat of the season, this time facing the Ballinger Bearcats last Friday night, at the Runnels County show-down held in Winters. Ballinger forced six fumbles— three of them for touchdowns — and two more turnovers to defeat Winters by a score of 34-14.

Winters scored twice before the game was over, by the means of a 31-yard run by Dusty Hines, with the kick by Lukas Kraatz. The three-play drive started at Ballinger's 43 yard line, and ended up into promised land with 6:06 left on the clock to put the game 34-7.

The Blizzards would score once again with 8 seconds on the clock, when quarterback Chris Gerhart completed a 32-yard pass to Jimmy John Ripley to get the Blizzards into the red zone. Gerhart connected once again, this time with a 10-yard pass to Daryl Hagle into the endzone, for the

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Winters	at Bronte

final 34-14 with Kraatz's kick.

"We made too many mistakes, if you turn the ball over as many times as we did you can't win that way, we got to do a better job taking care of the ball. I'm not disap-



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Daryl Hagle steps into paydirt after catching a last minute pass from Chris Gerhart.

pointed in our kids, I'm not discouraged, I'm disappointed in some things like our kicking coverage and things like that, but overall I really like these kids and before the year is over they are going to be good," said Winters Head Football Coach Stan Caffey.

The team settled down and played a little better at the end of the game, he added "But you can't fumble the ball inside their 5 twice and not kill you, and that's what happened to us, we just fumbled the ball too much."

Running, Chris Gerhart led the way for the Blizzards with 136 yards in 17 rushes. Jimmy John Ripley had 23 yards in 7 carries, Ty Cortez completed 20 in four rushes, Dusty Hines had 42 yards in 7 rushes. Passing Gerhart completed 2 for 9 attempts for 42 yards, with two interceptions.

On the Bearcats' side Clayton Worthington ran for 26 yards with two touchdown rushes, received a touchdown pass and added four more points after kick

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Crockin' Girls hold book signing in Winters

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
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WINTERS— Jenna and Nichole, the world famous Crockin' Girls, came to Winters last Saturday, September 7, 2013 to hold a book signing at The Attic. Jenna Marwitz and Nicole Sparks, from Brownwood, Texas, jumped into the spotlight in 2011, when they started a Facebook page to share slow cooker recipes with other time-strapped family and friends.

Thousands from around the country began "liking" their page and it became a center for many who need help with what to cook for dinner, have a question about recipes, or just a gathering place to share their personal stories and tips.

Eight months after starting their Facebook page, the Crockin' Girls had a Barnes & Noble Best-Selling cookbook, The Crockin' Girls Slow Cookin' Companion and their first magazine,

Crockin' for the Holidays has hit nationwide newsstands.

Now the two small-town girls from Texas, best friends, and busy mamas, have gained national attention. With over 600,000 Facebook "likes."

They have sparked a slow cooking revolution introducing many new folks to the convenience, freshness, affordability and tastiness of slow-simmered dishes.

By popular demand, Jenna and Nicole's first cookbook, "The Crockin' Girls Slow Cookin' Companion", was released April 2012. The cookbook features over 150 flavorful, hearty, timesaving simple recipes ranging from old favorites to new creations. From enticing appetizers to hearty main dishes to decadent desserts, each recipe has striking photographs that jump off the page and stimulate your senses.



PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Theresa Gerhart, The Crockin' Girls Nicole Sparks and Jenna Marwitz, Marie Kruse and Allison Sanchez.



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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Michael Alatore, III

Michael Alatore, III, infant son of Valentina Villarreal and Michael Alatore, Jr. of Winters died September 7, 2013.

He is survived by his parents Valentina Villarreal and Michael Alatore, Jr. of Winters; his sister Maya Maribel Alatore of Winters. Also surviving are his grandparents Maribel and Fortunato Esparza of Winters, Michael Alatore, Sr. of Winters, Christina Villarreal of Austin and Fernando Villarreal of Andrews. Great-grandparents: Rosemary Reyes of Uvalde, Maura Nenez of California and Margarita and Robert Kelly of Winters.

Graveside services were Tuesday, September 10, 2013 in Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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'Monarchs and Milkweeds' program slated for Sept. 28

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ABILENE- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Big Country Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists will conduct a monarch butterfly program from 9 a.m.-noon Sept. 28 in the AgriLife Extension office conference room in Taylor County, 1982 Lytle Way, Abilene.

Individual registration fee includes snacks and handouts. Seating is limited. RSVP by calling the AgriLife Extension office in Taylor County at 325-672-6048.

Robert Pritz, AgriLife Extension agent in Taylor County, said the program, "Monarchs and Milkweeds," will feature guest speaker Cathy Downs of Comfort.

Downs is a conservation specialist with Monarch Watch <http://www.monarchwatch.org>, Pritz said.

Downs, who currently chairs the Bring Back the Monarchs to Texas program, is a certified Master Naturalist and Monarch Larva Monitoring Project educator.

"Cathy raises monarch caterpillars and propagates the native milkweeds they feed on," Pritz said. "She also hosts workshops and live butterfly pavilions at nature centers and state parks throughout Texas in her efforts to raise awareness of the importance of preserving monarch butterfly habitat."

For more information, contact Pritz at 325-672-6048, r-pritz@tamu.edu.

West Texas rancher named A&M Distinguished Texan

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STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO- West Texas rancher and sheep and goat industry leader Pierce Miller of San Angelo and Ozona has been named the 2013 Texas A&M AgriLife Distinguished Texan in Agriculture.

Dr. Mark Hussey, vice chancellor and dean for agriculture and life sciences, Texas A&M University System, College Station, presented the honor during the 40th Annual Sheep and Goat Field Day held Sept. 5 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in San Angelo.

"It is only fitting that we honor Pierce in this setting as he has long been a staunch supporter of this Center's work and a tireless advocate for the sheep and goat industry," Hussey said.

"He is a well known leader, not only regionally, but also on the state and national levels. His strong relationship with the Texas A&M University System is evidenced through his membership in the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation and his support of Texas A&M AgriLife Research and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service on both the state and national levels for legislative affairs."

"The Texas A&M AgriLife Distinguished Texan in Agriculture award is meant to recognize individuals, such as Pierce Miller, who are agricultural leaders in Texas who demonstrate outstanding leadership and provide significant contributions to Texas agriculture," Hussey said.

Dr. John Walker, resident director of research at the Center in San Angelo, said, "Pierce is one of our best supporters. I depend on him for his wise council, and when I ask for Pierce's help on a project, I know that it will be done in a professional manner."

Miller, who resides in San Angelo and ranches near Ozona, is a fourth generation Texas rancher.

Foundation establishes endowment fund for local fire departments

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ABILENE- In November, 2011, the Community Foundation of Abilene set out to raise funds to support the volunteer fire departments in Taylor County and nine other surrounding counties — Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Callahan, Eastland, Brown, Coleman, Rannels and Nolan. The state had just seen the worst fire season in Texas history. The Board of Trustees felt the need to act to ensure that these volunteers had an additional funding source to help them purchase the equipment and supplies

they needed to survive as they were sacrificing their lives protecting land and structures. The foundation also provided grant funds that enabled the VFD's to provide first response services to their rural communities and area.

The Community Foundation of Abilene has established an endowment fund designated for the volunteer fire departments in Rannels County. This endowment fund will be open to receive donations from individuals and businesses interested in helping support a permanent funding source

for these VFD's. Once the fund has received \$10,000 in gifts, the Community Foundation of Abilene has secured matching funds from area private foundations to add \$10,000 more to the fund. Grant funds will be available from the endowment based on the Foundation's spend policy to support grant opportunities presented by the county VFD's. They will be notified when there is funding available and will be able to apply using a simplified grant process. The intent is for donors to continue to add gifts to the fund beyond the

\$10,000 goal so that the balance will grow along with market appreciation and will be able to be a significant funding source for the county's VFD's.

The Community Foundation of Abilene, with community assets of over \$90 million, is a nonprofit grantmaker and community builder. The Foundation's ultimate goal is to give back to the communities in this region for generations to come through grant making, endowment building and leading initiatives for important community needs. For more information see <http://www.cfabilene.org>

Thirty-four years of dedicated service

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STAFF REPORT

COLEMAN- Gilbert Ortiz, a dedicated employee of Coleman County Electric Co-op, is retiring after 34 years of service. Gilbert started as a Ground-

man in 1979, and then was promoted to a Lead Groundman on a pressure digger in 1987. After 7 years, he moved into the Meter Reader/Facilities Maintenance Department where he remained until

his retirement. Gilbert was honored September 3, 2013 with a surprise retirement party. General Manager Roland Witt thanked Gilbert for his dedication and years of service to the coop-

erative. Retirement gifts from the cooperative and employees were presented to Gilbert. Employees of the cooperative then revealed stories of past experiences while working with Gilbert

NEWS NOTES

Former Mazeland school students reunion

Saturday, September 21, 2013 the former Mazeland school students will be holding their 13th reunion at the Winters First United Methodist Church, 141 North Church Street. This reunion was started by Clara and Harley Brooks at their home in Sonora, Texas. This was such an overtaking and all appreciate them for doing this. Thanks for all the ones that have carried on this reunion. There have been so many to address their names. But a big thank you.

Make reservations with: Roscoe Morrison at (325) 743 2738 or Paul Tharp at (325) 754 4243.

Winters Rodeo Association playday

The Winters Rodeo Association will host their September playday on Saturday, September 21 at the Winters Rodeo Arena. Sign up for events at 6 p.m. Events will start at 7 p.m. Events are: Clover barrels, straight barrels, poles and flags. Concession stand will be open.

Winters Athletic Booster Club raffling a Kawasaki Mule

The Winters Athletic Booster Club is raffling off a 2014 Kawasaki Mule. Drawing will be held at the November 8, 2013 Winters vs. Forsan football game. Tickets are available with the Booster Club members. All proceeds benefit student/athletes at Winters High School.

WHS Blue-and-White and White Out nights

The Winters Athletic Booster Club is inviting everyone to wear all of your blue and white to the Bronco game this Friday night. It is their Homecoming so we want to be loud and proud.

Next week, when Winters plays Hamlin, we will have our white out. All fans are asked to wear white to the football game that night to create Blizzard conditions for a Winters victory!

RCRSE September meeting

September meeting of the Rannels County Retired School Employees will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Ballinger, Texas, at 9:30 a.m. Ballinger ISD Superintendent Will Brewer will give a talk and Jeff Dohrse will have a program on Understanding Medical Advance Directives.

WHS Class of 1963 Homecoming

The Winters High School Class of 1963 will celebrate its 50th anniversary during homecoming activities September 27 and 28. In addition to the many activities already planned by the homecoming committee, the class will meet on Saturday night, September 28 at 7 p.m. at Casa Cabana Restaurant's back room in Winters for dinner, ordered from the menu. If anyone would like to help planning a program or needs more details, please contact Mike Bedford (325) 572 5927.

Contact information for several classmates is missing. Contact Carolyn Brown (970) 884 2189 or docbrown@frontier.net with information about Jimmy Easterly, Dean Maas, Gary Gray, Mary Frances Mayes, Doris Rice Wilkerson, Jimmy Simpson, W.K. Whitlow, Herman Russell, Rosalene Scott Gooch, or Donnie Gibbs.

Abilene Aggie Mom's Club to hold annual kick-off meeting

The Abilene Aggie Mom's Club annual kick-off meeting will be held Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. at the Coldwell Banker Panian and Mash Building, located on 2500 S. Willis (S. 27th and Willis, 1/2 block N on Willis), Abilene, Texas.

Please join us for a light meal. You will get to meet other Aggie Moms and learn a little more about Texas A&M and all of its traditions! Whoop! We meet the third Tuesday of each month, at 6:45 p.m. for refreshments and fun.

If you can't make the meeting but would like more information, please contact Venita Teal (President) at 669-0886, vltmini5@gmail.com, or Kathy Hocke (Mem-

bership) at 721-3131, hockeig@camalott.com

Rannels County Historical Commission to meet

The Rannels County Historical Commission will meet Saturday, September 14, 2014, at Casa Cabana Restaurant in Winters at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. James Hays of Brownwood will present the program. He will present information about the early settlements in southeastern Rannels County. Dr. Hays' ancestors moved into the southeastern part of Rannels County before the county was organized.

All meetings of the Rannels County Historical Commission are open to the public.

Class of 1993 reunion

The WHS class of 1993 will be hosting their 20th year class reunion on September 27 and 28. The class will meet at Blizzard Stadium for the homecoming game on Friday. Saturday, events will kick off with a 2 p.m. tour of the school campus followed by family fun at the park.

The class dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. at Casa Cabana. At 8:30 p.m. Class of 1993 will host a night of music and dancing with a band at the Winters Country Club. There will be a cost for class members per adult. All WHS classes are invited to attend party at Country Club for a donation. For more information contact Sara Jackson-Vance at (210) 464 1695 or sarajacksonvance@gmail.com.

WISD to continue with meal program

The Winters Independent School District announced that it is making plans to continue the Provision II Meal Program for all of its students in grades Pre-K thru 12th grade. The National School Lunch and Breakfast Program for the 2013-2014 school year will provide for all students in grades Pre-K thru 12th grade to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost.

For additional information please contact: Lisa O'Dell at (325) 754 5574.

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 p.m., first Thursday of the month at the Lone Star Video, 200 Tinkle Street.

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 Rannels 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.

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.

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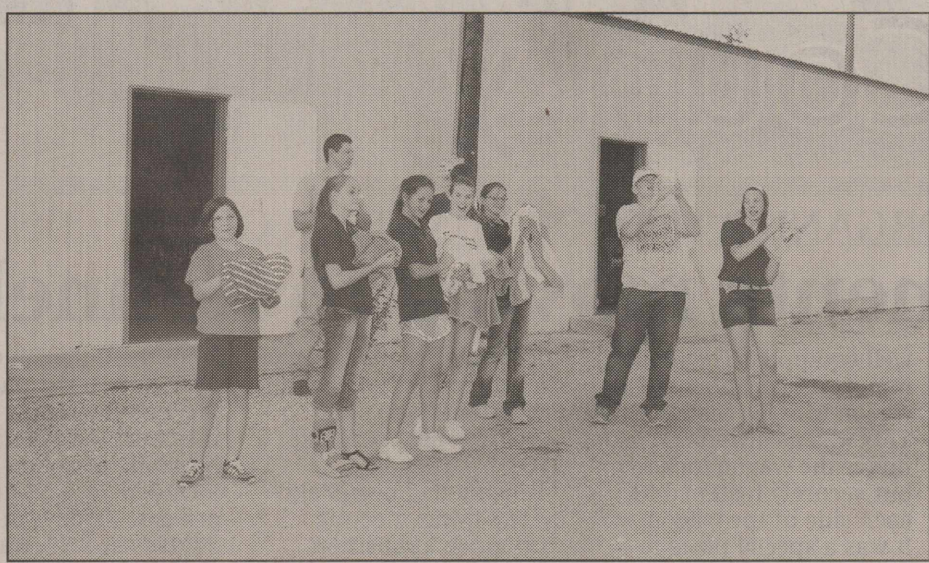
Winters 4-H kicks off with ice cream and a service project

The Winters 4-H Club met on Tuesday, September 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Winters Show Barn. After the meeting the 4-H members made their own homemade ice cream. (RIGHT.)

Also, as a community service project members of Winters 4-H Club met in August at Bees Quilt Shop to make pillow cases for Trent's Retreat. The pillow cases will be a gift for the kids who stay at the retreat. (BELOW)

All kids ages 8-18 are invited to join 4-H. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Winters Show Barn. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 1.

Photos and news contributed by Seth Gerhart, Winters 4-H Reporter.



Blizzards: The rushing game

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Clayton Crabb led the rushing game for the Bearcats with 78 yards in 9 rushes and one touchdown, Lance Berkley ran for 44 yards in 13 rushes and one touchdown.

Passing, quarterback Tanner Clifton had 72 yards with 8 completions for 16 attempts. Receiving Kasey Byler led the way with two passes for 30 yards. Dustin King added 23 yards in two receptions, Davis Matschek had 14 yards in one reception and Worthington received two passes for a total of 10 yards.

"Any time you can get a win is a big deal, it doesn't matter if it's week zero, week 10 or two or three, or even the playoffs, wins are important. I thought we did a whole lot better this week vs. last week in the line of scrimmage, moving the ball, we still have some consistency issues and a lot to work on, but we feel much better about tonight than we did last week," said Ballinger Head Football Coach Justin Wiley.

The game started balanced with both teams holding each other during their first offensive drives.

It was until the end of the first quarter, with 2:07 left in the clock, when Lance Berkley finished a 51-yard-eight-play-drive, with a 1-yard rush. Clayton Worthington made the kick good for the Bearcats to take the lead 7-0.

Soon after the first touchdown, with

10:15 remaining in the second quarter, Worthington made a 19-yard rush into the endzone and added the kick to move the scoreboard 14-0.

Before the half the Bearcats would still put more dirt between them and the Blizzards. With 0:38 left on the clock Worthington scored his second touchdown of the night and once again put the kick between the poles to take a 21-0 lead into the halftime.

During the third quarter, with 11:54 left on the clock Tanner Clifton completed a 3-yard pass into paydirt to Worthington, to put the game 28-0 for the Bearcats with the extra point by Worthington.

In last period Clayton Crabb started rushing the ball for the Bearcats, taking a ball 34 yards into the endzone with 9:04 left on the game. This time the kick was not good, 34-0.

Friday night Winters will be traveling to Bronte, to face the Longhorns in their Homecoming game, looking for the first win of the season. Winters and Haskell remain 0-2 in the Conference 4 1A Division I standing, while Anson, Forsan and Stamford are undefeated at the top with 2-0.

Ballinger will be traveling to San Saba, looking for their second win of the season against the Armadillos.

With last week's win the Bearcats left the bottom of the standing and are tied second in a three-way tie with Coleman and Hawley, with Cisco being first with a record of 2-0.

House, grass fires turn Saturday into a hot day

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Saturday, September 7, 2013, the Winters Volunteer Fire Department started off the day with their annual Fill the Boot Drive, and little did they know what the day had in store for them. Two fires in town kept them busy battling to control the flames and prevent further damages to adjacent buildings.

The first structure fire was reported on 617 East Broadway in Winters, Texas, nearly at 2 p.m. An old building fixing to be demolished caught up in

flames. Witnesses reported two juveniles fleeing from the scene. The Winters Volunteer Fire Department responded and prevented the flames from spreading out into the neighborhood. The structure burned down to the ground.

According to Winters Police Department Chief Randall Davis the case is under investigation as possible arson.

Later that evening, nearly at 7:30 p.m. a second fire was reported, this one at 200 N. Melwood Street, in the Selkirk building. Flames spread out burning

weeds and tall grass but did not reach or damage the unoccupied building.

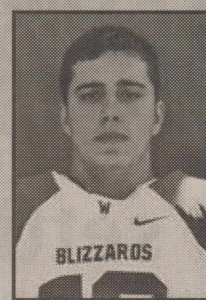
Two juveniles were detained and are being held suspects for this fire. Chief Davis said that these juveniles do not match the description of the two that were seen earlier at the other structure fire.



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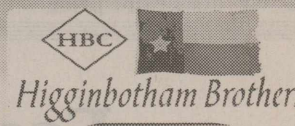
The structure fire on 617 East Broadway in this photo contributed by Pam Barnes.

Higginbotham Brothers Salutes the Player of the Week



Chris Gerhart ran for 136 yards in 17 rushes, leading the Winters Blizzards at the game they had last Friday vs. the Ballinger Bearcats. Chris is today's Player of the Week.

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- Schnozz stimulus
- In neutral
- Javelin or peep
- Old Italian bread?

Down

- Slimming-down places
- Put on first, maybe
- Verdi work
- Aristotle, for one
- Miscellaneous
- Milk accompaniment
- "Shucks!"
- Oodles
- Summer camp accommodation
- Make up (for)
- Ankle-length dress

Across

- Simon of the stage
- Eats poshly
- Stable diet?
- Word with tight or split
- the Red (Norwegian explorer)
- Checkout headache
- Put away
- Like some summer days
- Avoid
- Flying solo
- Perfect
- Whoopi's Oscar movie
- Where Bill and Hillary met
- Gained admission
- Campaign sign word
- Societal customs
- Grand
- Middle East region
- Nettlesome issue
- Union concern
- Emulates El Greco
- "Batman" butler
- Tough string
- Prior to, dialectically
- Reacted to being cut
- Strauss of jeans
- Kitchen feature
- Wherein Woods uses woods
- "Garfield" character
- Place of temptation
- "Put ___ on it!"
- Gibson and Brooks of Hollywood

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

Benchmarkers

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Weather Whys

Q: What causes hail to form?

A: Hail is caused when raindrops are lifted up into the atmosphere during a thunderstorm and then supercooled by temperatures below freezing, turning them into ice balls, says Dr. Dick Orville of Texas A&M University. "The faster the updraft on these balls of ice, the bigger they can grow," he explains. "On some hailstones, you can actually see rings inside them which show they were cycled through the thunderstorm more than once. What starts out as a tiny raindrop becomes a pea-size chunk of ice and some eventually get to be the size of baseballs or softballs. When these stones fall to earth, the damage can be devastating, even deadly. Large hailstones have been clocked at more than 90 miles per hour and there have been reports of humans and livestock being killed by large hailstones," Orville notes.

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Early settlements moving to Runnels City

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WINTERS- The first civilian settlement, Picketville (1862), in what would become Runnels County had moved to Runnels City upon its establishment in 1880. Indian hostilities during the Civil War years caused these ranchers to band together for protection. In 1866, they left with their cattle for open range. Their picket corrals had penned the trail herds of John Hittson, John and Joseph Henderson and others. Walthall was settled about 1869. With the establishment of the county seat of Runnels City, most all of the early settlements eventually moved there.

The ranches being settled were at least 10 to 50 miles apart and counties were just being organized. There were very few courts and every man was in a way a "law in himself." Speedy justice was meted out quickly to offenders.

Mustangs furnished mounts for the cowman and these horses proved their value in the cattle business. Cattle were being produced rather quickly with the rich grassland, water and open range that proved profitable as time progressed. The market was much better in the other states with larger populations. Plans were

coming into place to move cattle to the markets. This would be done by driving the herds; some were driven as far as Abilene, Kansas. The trail driving trips were not without trouble. The drives were usually through regions infested by hostile Indians. The trail drives to the north in Kansas or other states started right after the Civil War was over and continued for more than 20 years.

Each trail drive usually had about 2,000 head of cattle, a dozen men that included a trail boss, horse wrangler and the rest of the men rode night herd, swam the cattle across the streams, broke up stampedes and often would ride for many hours without sleep or food. There was also a chuck wagon on each drive that carried 30 days of provisions. They preferred four mules or two yoke of oxen for the wagon. Bedding, slickers, clothing and other items belonging to the men were on the chuck wagon. Water was carried on the wagon in a barrel. One barrel could last for two days. A special box was made into the front part of the bed on the outside and fastened securely. This carried all kinds of trinkets in the event there was an encounter with the Indians. The wagon was

well equipped. The most important addition to the wagon was the "cooney". This was a cowhide placed under the wagon loosely, but securely fastened to each side of the wagon. It was a special place to hold the wood for cooking purposes.

The cattle drives were the only means to move the thousands of cattle to the north for many years, then giving way to the railroads later.

The most used cattle trails were the old John Chisholm Trail that crossed the Red River into Indian Territory on to markets in Abilene, Kansas. Other trails that went north into Colorado and other northwest states included the Goodnight and Loving Trail. The John Chisum Trail originated in South Texas and followed the Pecos River.

When the cattle were delivered at the various points, the cowboys would celebrate. Some were wild, and shooting up the town was a common occurrence. But most of the cowboys would get a shave, a haircut and buy some new clothes, rest a few days, and then head back home. The cowboy was a very proud and independent person. He wore good boots, leather leggings, a good broad brim Stetson hat, and heavy red duck-

ing clothes. A good yellow slicker, spurs, red bandana neckerchief and lariat rope for a cost of about \$100.

Fencing had begun and by 1884, was meeting with much opposition. The fence cutters worked during the nights, causing problems with cattle getting out, then there was the need for rounding them up again.

The year was 1884 and the Runnels County Commissioners' Court met for the first regular term of the new year February 11 at 1 p.m. The court was still working on the development of roads out of Runnels City. They went over each road out of the town and each overseer's report as well as the road hands along each road. Some reports were accepted and approved while others were not. The road dues collected by the overseer from delinquent road hands was a total of \$7.20 and the road overseer paid that money to the county on the Valley Creek and Oak Creek Road. The overseer of the Valley Creek Road to Colorado City gave his report. He had collected \$4 of which \$2.50 was paid for a wagon and team. The balance of \$1.50 was paid to the County Clerk.

The Commissioners' Court examined the report

from the Coleman County Sheriff, B.H. Pittman. He presented a report to the court for \$79.25 for boarding prisoners that included 23 days at \$.75 per day, 32 days at \$.75, 34 days at \$.75, washing clothes for prisoners \$2, tobacco, \$1.50, one suit of clothes and two shirts. The court and Sheriff of Coleman County settled for a total of \$80.

The court continued to take care of business. They paid the Runnels County Record and the Abilene Reporter for publishing plans and specifications for the proposed jail four times. They also furnished a burial for a pauper for \$12.00.

The Honorable Court ordered that bids on the jail plan No. 144 be advertised and the plans and specifications would be available at the County Clerk's Office March 5, 1884. The bids would be sealed and filed with the county clerk on or before March 11. The clerk would advertise for bids again and would reserve the right to reject all or accept any of the bids.

Mr. B.W. Taylor of Runnels City represented by his lawyers presented the request to pay \$75, the value of two town lots in Runnels City he acquired July 4, 1880 at a private sale. By some misfortune or mistaken intension

the money was not paid; thence title was never given over to the complainant. His attorneys pleaded his case as he had established considerable expense in valuable improvements on both lots, believing them to be his property. He had the property assessed for taxes by the Assessor of Runnels County and he had kept the taxes promptly paid. He also pleaded that the property constituted his homestead. He pleaded with the court to let him pay the original agreed amount of \$75 again and the court decree title without lien and make him a warranty deed, signed by his attorneys. The petition was signed and granted.

During this time, Mr. H.H. Luckett resigned as the County Surveyor and the court appointed Mr. L.N. Taylor to replace him.

The county continued to grow in population. There were approximately 45,000 cattle, 35,000 sheep and other livestock.

Resources: Runnels County Historical Commission Histories

Runnels County Commissioners Court Minutes, County Clerk Records, February 1884, March 1884

Eighteen Ghost Towns of Runnels County, Alton O'Neal, Jr.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Runnels Co. Nutrition Program guidelines

Barbara Heathcott from Winters has over 15 years' experience with this program and has been appointed as the Kitchen Director. She and a great team of ladies will be taking on the challenge to keep feeding the Seniors of Runnels Co. from the Ballinger site. As-

sisting with the cooking will be Lawana Martin from Winters (13 years' experience) will be the full time cook, Lynn Delacruz and Cheryl Isham will be part time. Louise Summers will remain full-time to be handling the paper work required by the government and doing assessments county wide for all the clients. Ms.

Martin and Isham will be transporting meals back to the Winters and Miles Centers at 10 a.m. The part-time workers will open the centers at 10 a.m. each day and be ready to unload food and serve the home delivered meals at 10:30 a.m. Schedules should not change — noon meal will be served at 11:30.

We pray God will be with us during this transition time and give us strength. It will be a great challenge. We are going to have to work as a team with a serious mission in mind — to get the job done in this time crunch frame. It will take a lot of planning and input from the director and kitchen cooks to get this rolling. Our mission is to feed the homebound seniors who are unable to help themselves and offer a nice setting for seniors to come and socialize and enjoy fellowship over a hot meal.

We would like to thank all of the churches, organizations and citizens that volunteer their time and gas to deliver these meals — without you the program could not exist. God bless you all. Thank you citizens and business of Runnels Co. for all your support from monetary donations, memorials and food. Your love and kindness is appreciated. So if you feel in your heart

where you could adopt a senior, make a donation or sponsor a fundraiser — all help and support would be appreciated. It will take a great countywide effort to keep this program going!

As you know from attending the three meetings the program is hurting. The cost of food has gone up and we are no longer able to shop at the Food Bank and government assistance has been cut. This is not a free program... money has to come from somewhere to keep it going. Five years ago this problem was addressed and no action was taken at that time. Now, in a 2-month time frame, big major decisions need to be addressed. The funding has reduced but the number of meals served has increased which has resulted in the county having to increase their funding.

Major decisions and changes will have to happen to continue to serve the seniors of Runnels County. Going to one cooking kitchen and cutting of staff will not fix all of the problem. Important criteria has to be met to receive government funding. One of these being DRI State mandated menus required by both the Council of Governments and DAD's.

In order to meet strict menu guidelines and food cost increases, meals will no longer be made from scratch. More menu items will be preprocessed.

To qualify to receive home delivered meals, criteria has to be met — an application has to be filled out and the applicant has to meet the score requirements set forth by the Texas Dept. of Aging and Disability Services and Area Agency on Aging. It does not go by your age or financial status, it goes by your daily living impairment assessment. Granted, we know it is probably the only hot meal our clients will have that day, and we know this helps many to be able to remain at home and live by themselves, but we may be forced to limit the number of meals delivered and use the clients with the highest assessment score to determine who will receive these meals. The clients that are on the DAD's program are assessed by State personnel and we contract with DAD's to provide their meals. The Program Coordinator does not determine their qualification as with the assessment that is done for the Title III and Texas Feeding Texas clients. The Texas Feeding Texas grant this year will only support nine clients,

however, it currently has 23 and we do not know if this grant will be available and if it is how much it will be for the upcoming year. This matter will also need to be addressed. In the future, to help manage time and cost, the seniors must let us know the day before if they will be eating or sign in for the week at their local center. If unable to attend, for whatever reason, their center will need to be notified the prior day so that extra meals will not be prepared and food wasted.

The Commissioners Court has decided to increase the suggested donation for meals to the following: \$30 for seniors 60 and over, and \$5 for anyone under the age of 60.

Many big changes will be happening, and it will not be pleasing to all, but in order to keep the program going we must do what is necessary. We hope that everyone in the county will be understanding and supportive of all the upcoming changes.

We are facing many changes this year but we all have to keep a positive attitude and work for the good of the program.

Submitted by Louise Summers, Program Director
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106 West, Winters - 3 bdrm, 1 bath, hardwood floors, central heat, new roof, small fenced yard with covered patio, carport, pecan trees.
611 N. Magnolia - 1 bdrm/1bath with extra room for bed or office, two car drive thru carport, fenced yard, pecan trees.
303 N. Cryer, Winters, Texas - 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 living areas, wood stove, cent. h/a, patio, sheds, 2 car carport, RV cover
315 E. Pierce, Winters, Texas - 3 bdrm, 2 baths, high ceilings, large closets, 2 living areas, dining room and large informal dining. Bonus room upstairs for extra bedroom or playroom, utility room, hobby room, central heat and air, new cedar fence, large metal shop
705 W. Dale, Winters, 2 bdrm, 1 bath, updated floors and paint, fireplace, central heat attached garage and alley entry garage, screened porch
110 S. Main - Office space available for rent, Professional Building.
214 Paloma, Winters, Texas - 3 bdrm/2 bath, dining room, nice kitchen, pecan trees, 576 sq. ft. metal shop with attached carport.

2013 WINTERS DOVE FEST

CAFETERIA MENU
Subject to Change

Sept. 16-20
Winters ISD
Breakfast Menu

- Monday**
Biscuit/Sausage/Gravy or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Tuesday**
French Toast/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/ Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Wednesday**
Sausage on Stick/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Thursday**
Breakfast Pizza or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Friday**
Cinnamon Roll or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice or Choice of Milk.

Winters ISD
Lunch Menu

- Monday**
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Pizza or Spaghetti/Bread Stick, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Pear, Choice of Milk.
- Tuesday**
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Grilled Chicken/ Fish Bread (Elem., J.R.)/Bun (H.S.) or Meat Loaf/Hot Roll, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.
- Wednesday**
Chef Salad or Frito Pie or Grilled Cheese Sandwich/Gish Bread (Elem., J.H.), Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Coleslaw, Pears, Choice of Milk.
- Thursday**
Chef Salad or Chicken Nuggets/Gravy/ Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.)/Bread Stick (H.S.) or Meatball Sub, Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Mixed Fruit, Choice of Milk.
- Friday**
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Fish/Graham Cracker (H.S.), Curly Fries, Italian Green Beans, Lettuce/Pickles, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Orange, Choice of Milk.

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Rock and Roll at the tent with Winters' own Harvey McFadden.



Mandie England, winner of a door prize.



Santee Schneider, Summer Schneider and Brianna Ochoa.



Filling the Boot for the WVFD Victor Santoya and James Lange.

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Mike Remy, Brittany Remy, Marsha Smith and in the back Star Smelker, volunteers with REASON Animal Rescue.

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Louie Wayne Collins
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