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## Bringing new life to the old Chick Inn

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has recognized the Chick Inn Diner as a significant part of Texas history by awarding it an Official Texas Historical Marker. The designation honors the diner as an important and educational part of local history for three decades.

A dedication ceremony to commemorate the event will be held on September 28, 2013 about one mile south of Winters on Highway 83 at 10 a.m. at the original Chick Inn Diner Site. There will be several speakers for the event. The Runnels County Historical Commission and the Z. I. Hale Museum Complex welcomes the public to share in and witness this exciting historical event.

"The Official Texas Historical Marker program helps bring attention to community treasures and the importance of their preservation," said Mark Wolfe, executive director of the THC. "Awareness and education are among the best ways to guarantee the preservation of our state's history. This designation is a tool that will increase public awareness of important cultural resources," Wolfe said.

A subject qualifies for a marker if two basic criteria are met: historical significance and age. Historical significance is established by reviewing its role and importance in local history and the age requirement depends on the topic. The THC's Official Texas Marker Policies are outlined in the Official Texas Historical Marker Procedures, which may be obtained by contacting the History Programs Division, Texas Historical Commission, at 512/463-5853 or visiting the web site at [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us).

"It is vital that as we move forward we do not forget our past. Not only will the Texas Historical Marker provide awareness in the community of our fascinating history, but it will become a building block for the promotion of local tourism," said Ruth Cooper, Chairperson for the Runnels County Historical Commission. Subject markers like the Chick Inn are posted solely for public education awareness. Texas has the largest marker program in the United States with approximately 15,000 markers. Seventeen states have used the Texas program as a model; the THC reviews more than 300 marker applications each year.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

## Election registration deadline is October 7

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AUSTIN- The November uniform election will take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Eligible Texans who are not registered to vote must register by October 7, 2013 to vote in the November 5, 2013 election. The early voting period is October 21 through November 1.

To vote in Texas, you must be registered. To register simply pick up a voter registration application, fill it out, and mail it at least 30 days before the election date.

Those eligible to register to vote are: United States citizens; residents of the county where they submit the application; people at least 18 years old on Election Day; those who are not a convicted felon (you may be eligible to vote if you have completed your sentence, probation, and parole); and those who have not been declared by a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be either totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

To confirm voter registration status, you may select one of three methods to perform a search at [VoteTexas.gov](http://VoteTexas.gov). To perform a search you will need either a Texas driver's license number, if you provided it when you applied for voter registration; Voter Unique Identifier (VUID), which appears on your voter registration certificate; or first and last name.

Also remember that this year in Texas voters who vote in person will be required to present a photo ID.

Election Identification Certificates are available from DPS driver license offices during regular business hours, on Saturdays at select locations, and at EIC mobile stations traveling throughout the state.

In 2011, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 14 (SB 14) creating a new requirement for voters to show photo identification when voting in person. While pending review within the judicial system, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its opinion in *Shelby County v. Holder*, which effectively ended all pending litigation. As a result, voters are now required to present an approved form of photo identification in order to vote in all Texas Elections.

Acceptable forms of photo ID include driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS, personal identification card issued by DPS, concealed handgun license issued by DPS, U.S. military ID card with photo, U.S. citizenship certificate with photo, U.S. passport. For more information on Texas elections, visit [VoteTexas.gov](http://VoteTexas.gov)

## Homecoming King and Queen candidates



Winters High School Homecoming King and Queen candidates are front row left to right: Tamron Tamez, Alanna Cooper. Back row: Chris Gerhart, Fermin Cruz, Jaymee Pritchard, Kara Heathcott, Austen Green, Dusty Hines.

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## Blizzards drop to 1-3 for the season

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Winters Blizzards dropped to 1-3 for the season last Friday night, defeated by the Hamlin Pied Pipers by a score of 54-31. The Blizzards are still sharing the bottom of the Conference 4-1A Division I standing with Haskell, while the undefeated Anson and Stamford are tied on top, followed by Forsan with 2-2.

Winters will be hosting Brock this Friday night, celebrating Homecoming at Blizzard Stadium, starting at 7:30 p.m.

"It was a back and forth ball game, we didn't play well on defense, made some changes and shut them down, we are going to have to make some improvements on the line," said Winters Head Football Coach Stan Caffey. "We started turning the ball, we cut our turnovers down to one and I am very pleased with that," he added.

Hamlin took the lead in the first quarter, when Tyrone Johnson rushed the ball 1 yard into the endzone to put the game 7-0 with 8:43.

Soon after the touchdown Winters responded with a touchdown via a 24-yard pass from Chris

Gerhart to Jimmy John Ripley, with 4:57 left to play. Lukas Kraatz made the kick and the game was 7-7.

The Pied Pipers didn't take long to respond, when Johnson rushed the ball 52 yards into the endzone with 4:29 on the clock and put the game 14-7.

In the second quarter, Hamlin's quarterback Caymon Georges reached paydirt after a 2-yard run with the clock marking 11:55. The Pipers failed the kick and the game was 20-7.

Halftime was quickly approaching but the actions on both sides were far from over. First the Blizzards scored by means of a 16-yard pass from Gerhart to Kraatz, with 6:41 left to play. The kick was failed and the game was 20-13.

Hamlin would bring more for its cause with 31 seconds before the half, when Marcus Connolly caught a 13-yard pass from Georges, Matthew Fields added two points in the conversion catching a pass into the endzone, to send the game into halftime 28-13.

In the third quarter Winters would shorten distances when Gerhart

### Conf. 4-1A Div. I

Score by quarters					
	1	2	3	4	T
Hamlin	14	14	0	26	54
Winters	7	6	6	12	31

Week 3, Sept. 20		
Visitor	Score	Home
Miles	0-47	Anson
Jim Ned	21-14	Forsan
Electra	45-34	Haskell
Stamford	53-14	Colorado
Hamlin	54-25	Winters

Standing	
Anson	4-0
Stamford	4-0
Forsan	2-2
Haskell	1-3
Winters	1-3

Week 4 Sept. 27		
Visitor	at	Home
Anson	at	Coleman
Crane	at	Forsan
Olney	at	Haskell
Stamford	at	Cisco
Brock	at	Winters

was failed.

The Blizzards never gave up and there was still 6:10 left in the game with Dusty Hines took a ball 5 yards into the endzone. The two-point conversion was failed.

Georges would bring seven points more for Hamlin with a 1-yard run and the kick with 4:32.

Winters didn't take long to respond. Stephon Cleg-horn caught the ensuing kickoff and returned the ball 100 yards for a Blizzard touchdown with 4:17 on the clock.

The cherry on top for the Pipers came with 59 seconds left on the game, when Georges rushed a ball 4 yards into the endzone for the final 54-31.

Winters will be facing a tough team Friday night, when they host Brock at Blizzard Stadium.

"We have a pretty tough opponent, Brock is 3-1, they beat Chico 55-0, we think we'll have a big ball game, it's going to be special with all the Homecoming activities this week," said Coach Caffey.

"We continue to get better, I think we are getting better, we didn't have any injuries and we hope to get Ty Cortes back in the field for this week's game," Caffey added.



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Austen Green brings down a player at the game the Blizzards held vs. Hamlin on Friday, September 20, 2013.



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## Publications give 'undiluted' truth about urban landscape water

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COLLEGE STATION- exas A&M AgriLife Research scientists have produced two new free downloadable resources to help educate Texans about how much water is actually used on urban landscapes, the benefits of green spaces and other ways to save water.

Authors of the new resources are: Dr. Kevin Wagner, Texas Water Resources Institute associate director, College Station; Dr. Raul Cabrera, associate professor at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, Uvalde; and Dr. Benjamin Wherley, assistant professor, department

of soil and crop sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station.

The first publication, which appears as an article in Vol. 4, No. 2 of the Texas Water Journal, provides an evaluation of urban landscape acreage in Texas and associated water use. Related information can be found in the second resource, an accompanying Texas Water Resource Institute informational brochure.

"Addressing the current knowledge gaps and developing practices that significantly enhance water-use efficiency in urban activities, particularly landscape irrigation, is necessary to the Texas economy," Wagner said. "These materials

help empower Texans to continue maintaining landscapes while using water efficiently."

The Texas Water Journal article, "An Evaluation of Urban Landscape Water Use in Texas," available at <http://texaswaterjournal.org>, explains the often complicated issue of how to calculate water use.

"The journal is an online, peer-reviewed journal devoted to Texas water resources management and policy issues from a multi-disciplinary perspective, integrating science, engineering, law, planning and other disciplines," Wagner explained. "It is published by the Texas Water Resources Institute and the nonprofit group,

the Texas Water Journal."

The "Urban Landscape Water Use in Texas" brochure is a succinct summary of the Texas Water Journal article and a useful resource to those interested in water conservation education and outreach, he added. It can be downloaded from <http://twri.tamu.edu/publications>.

Wagner said the brochure complements another publication provided by the institute, "Status and Trends of Irrigated Agriculture in Texas." Together, the publications provide Texans "an accessible survey of some of the state's major water users and opportunities for improvements," he said. This publication

is also available for download at the institute website.

Wagner said the new publications cover strategies for improved water conservation in urban landscapes, such as water-efficient plants, smart irrigation controllers and alternative water sources for irrigation.

Behind agriculture, the municipal sector is the second largest in water use in Texas, and landscape irrigation is its largest component, according to Cabrera.

"These resources summarize how much water is used by the sector and also offer strategies and practices that can significantly reduce water use for urban landscape irrigation."

## 4-H Week, statewide community service

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COLLEGE STATION- October 6-12 is National 4-H Week, which culminates with "one day 4-H" — a day of community service set for Oct. 12, said a Texas 4-H program coordinator.

"4-H Week is a time during which we take special efforts to make people aware of the 4-H program, its members and the many things the program has to offer toward youth development," said Dr. Toby Lepley, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service 4-H and youth development specialist, College Station. "It is also a time when we show our appreciation to those communities that have given more than a century of support to the Texas 4-H program."

Lepley said the Texas 4-H Program is administered by AgriLife Extension, part of the Texas A&M University System, and that 4-H Week provides an opportunity to highlight the program's successes — and the youth involved in those successes.

"Each year during National 4-H Week, the local and county clubs or groups of Texas 4-H have the opportunity to showcase what they have gained from their membership through activities and events at the local and county level," he said. "4-H is a worldwide youth development organization with the mission of creating more effective leaders for tomorrow through education, leadership and competitive experiences."

Lepley said this year's one day 4-H efforts are being sponsored by TransCanada.

"This support from TransCanada will surely help 4-Hers provide even more effective community service and leadership," he said.

Lepley said the day is designated for all the 4-H members, parents, leaders, and volunteers to step out into their communities and counties to perform community service.

"This is a way to say 'thank you' for more than 105 years of support to the Texas 4-H Program," he explained. "It's also a way for 4-H members and others associated with the program to demonstrate one of the 4-H program's key principles — giving back to the community."

Lepley said one day 4-H activities can be whatever 4-H members, clubs or county programs want.

"It could be as simple as picking up trash and mowing the lawn for senior citizens to as elaborate as hosting a 5K walk/run to raise money for a worthy cause," he said.

Lepley said members and their clubs or county programs identify and plan community service projects, then secure all the necessary people, supplies and resources to complete the project. They promote the activity to the community and sign the project onto the one day 4-H website.

Lepley said last year some 11,000 4-H members in Texas conducted more than 240 community service projects. Through these projects 4-H members collected canned goods, made pillowcases and blankets for veterans, provided public education on health and wellness issues, cleaned miles of highways and natural areas, assisted other organizations in their community projects and performed numerous other services.

"While this is a service-learning project where youth help others in their communities, it is also an educational experience for the youth involved," Lepley said. "It teaches core life-skills such as concern for others, empathy, sharing, leadership, responsible citizenship, contributions to a group, teamwork, critical thinking, planning and organizing."

He added that each year upon conclusion of the week and one day 4-H, members are asked to reflect on their experiences.

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### Runnels Co. Democratic Party looking for chairman

Runnels County Democratic Chair Jane Jeschke is looking for someone to take over her position. Jeschke has served as county chair since 2005 and has enjoyed doing it, but the change to November for candidate filing does not fit with her schedule. The main thing for the county chair is to be available for candidates who want to file as a Democrat in the March 2014 primary. This year the sign-up runs from November 9 to December 9. This is for county offices only. It has nothing to do with city or school board. It is not a time-consuming position and it actually pays every year there is a primary. You must be a registered voter of Runnels County to serve in this position.

If anyone is interested in this position, please call Jeschke at (325) 234 7727 for more information.

### Historical Marker Dedication Day

Saturday, September 28, 2013, at 10 a.m. the Chick Inn Historical Marker Dedication will be held at the old diner site, located on U.S. Highway 83, one-half of a mile south of Winters.

The marker dedication will be preceded by a classic car/motorcycle parade, starting at 9 a.m. at Winters High School.

### Z.I. Hale Museum monthly meeting

Thursday, September 26, 2013 Directors of the Z.I. Hale Museum will hold their monthly meeting at 5 p.m. Discussion about the breakfast to be served on Saturday morning, September 28, 7-9. Biscuits, gravy, eggs, jams, coffee and juice. The museum will be open Friday afternoon and all day on Saturday.

### Winters 2013 Homecoming

Friday and Saturday, September 27-28, 2013 Winters High School will be celebrating Homecoming. The program includes the Blizzards vs. Brock football game, Homecoming dinner, Crowning of Homecoming and Coming Home Queens, distinguished alumni, alumni reception, Saturday breakfast, classic car/motorcycle parade, Historical Marker dedication, Chick Inn souvenirs, hamburger lunch, class reunions, see the new Chick Inn, meet friends from days-gone-by, food, fun, get your Chick Inn T-Shirt and more.

For more information visit Chick Inn Memories on Facebook.

### St. Ambrose's 74th Fall Festival to be held in Wall

The 74th St. Ambrose/Holy Family Fall Festival will be held on Sunday October 20 in Wall, Texas.

Sunday, October 20, 2013. German sausage and turkey dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with plates-to-go also available.

German sausage will be available for sale. Starting at 4 p.m. Sausage sandwiches will also be sold.

Games will be from 10:30 to 4:30 which includes Bingo from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Inflatables, and various other games. There will be a market with homemade goodies and a quilt auction. Live music provided by Dovetail. The cotton and merchandise auction will begin at 1:30 p.m. There is a shuttle bus available from Wall School from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Antique Tractor Show

An Antique Tractor Show will be held in conjunction with the Chick-Inn Historical Marker Dedication in Winters, Texas on Saturday, September 28, 2013 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on West Dale Street in Front of the Gus Pruser Ag Museum.

Anyone with Antique Tractors is encouraged to bring them to show. There is no entry fee. Setup will be Friday afternoon or 8 a.m. Saturday. For more information call Allen Andrae at (325) 754 4014, Weldon Andrae at (817) 991 6737 or Dale Duggan at (325) 977 0527.

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### 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

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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 Bronte 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!

### 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.

### 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 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.

### 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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# 2013 Homecoming king and queen candidates

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STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Winters High School will crown their 2013 Homecoming queen and king in halftime ceremonies on Friday evening. The Winters Exes will also crown a Coming Home Queen. The following students are candidates for the Blizzard royalty honors:

Alanna Cooper is the daughter of Alan (WHS '85) and J'Lynn Cooper (WHS '85). While at Winters High School, Alanna has participated in basketball, UIL, and Student Council. She serves as secretary of the National Honor Society and is Head Cheerleader.

Fermin Cruz is the son of Juanita and Joe Cruz, Sr. He has been a member of the Blizzard football, track, and baseball teams and has played percussion for the Blizzard Marching Band. He has also represented his class as a Glacier King candidate.

Chris Gerhart is the son of Joe (WHS '84) and Theresa Gerhart. While at WHS Chris has earned All-District honors in football, basketball and baseball for the Blizzards. He serves as Senior class treasurer, is a member of Winters FFA, and has also participated in UIL and One-Act Play.

Austen Green is the son of Wayne (WHS '80) and Dawn (WHS '84) Green. While at Winters High School Austen has participated in football, basketball, baseball, and UIL. He stock shows and is a member of the WHS Chapter of the FFA.

Kara Heathcott is the daughter of Denny Ray (WHS '74) and Barbara Heathcott. As a leader at WHS she has served as

president of Student Council, National Honor Society, and Winters 4-H Club. She is also Senior class president and Winters FFA Secretary. She plays basketball for the Lady Blizzards, stock shows and participates in UIL.

Dusty Hines is the nephew of Johnny and Deana Martinez. While at WHS he has participated in track and football, earning first team All-District honors as a fullback. In addition, he represented his class as a Glacier King candidate.

Jaymee Pritchard is the daughter of Steve (WHS '78) and Penny Pritchard. She has participated in basketball and track at WHS and was a regional qualifier in the 100M and 300M hurdles last spring. She is a member of the Pride of West Texas Blizzard Marching Band where she serves as Captain of the Flag Corps. Jaymee is the treasurer for the WHS Chapter of the FFA and has held various offices in the Winters 4-H Club. She is a member of the WHS Student Council and was also crowned the 2013 Glacier Queen. Jaymee is a barrel racer and member of both the Winters and Texas High School Rodeo Associations.

Tamron Tamez is the daughter of Penno and Tammie (WHS '90) Tamez. While at WHS she has earned All-District honors in basketball, played softball, and runs track; where she has been a regional qualifier in the Mile Relay and 300M hurdles. She is a member of Student Council and the Glacier annual staff, serves as Projects Chairman of the National Honor Society and is Senior class secretary.

## CAFETERIA MENU

Subject to Change

Sept. 30-Oct. 4  
**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, Choice of Milk.

## Winters ISD Lunch Menu

- Monday**  
Chef Salad or Grilled Cheese Sandwich/Fish Bread (Elem., J.H.) or Chicken Pot Pie/Bread Stick (H.S.), Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Watermelon, Choice of Milk.
- Tuesday**  
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or BBQ Rib/Bun or Chicken Bites/Bread Stick, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.
- Wednesday**  
Chef Salad or Taco Salad or Bean Chalupa, Corn, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Coleslaw, Apple, Choice of Milk.
- Thursday**  
Chef Salad or Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy, Bread Stick or Chicken Pattie/Fish Bread (Elem., J.H.) Graham Cracker (Elem., J.R.), Mashed Potatoes Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Mixed Fruit, Choice of Milk.
- Friday**  
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Chicken Fritter/Gravy, Bread Stick, Curly Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Lettuce/Pickles, Orange, Choice of Milk.

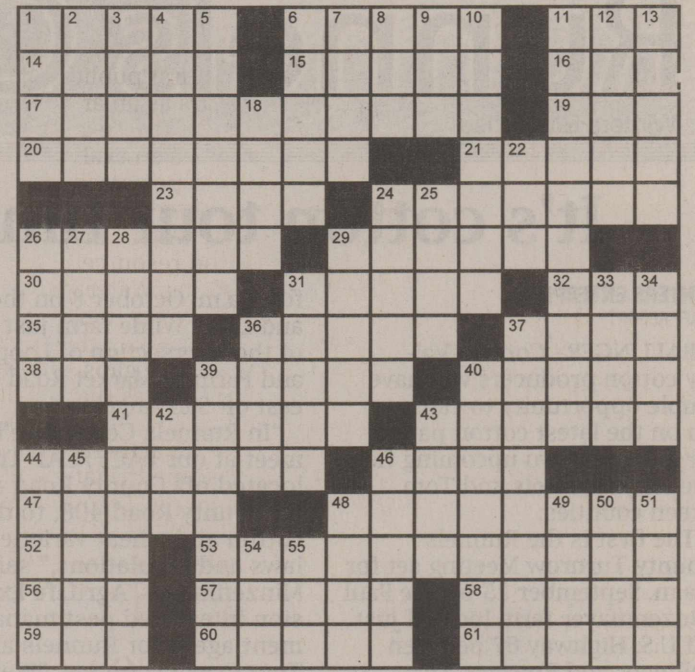
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26. Bacon units
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30. Engages in pillaging
31. Turned towards
32. Reporter's query
35. "Dear" woman?
36. Fraternity/sorority gathering
37. Hoax
38. Designer of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
39. Michelangelo masterpiece
40. Comic Mandel
41. Family tree members
43. Reserved in advance
44. Majestic homes
46. Punching hand
47. Scene of conflict
48. Acorns, someday
52. Bering or Barents
53. Two on a par five
56. Tic-\_\_\_\_-toe
57. Stand for Picasso
58. Climb
59. Baseball bat wood
60. Remains
61. Family car

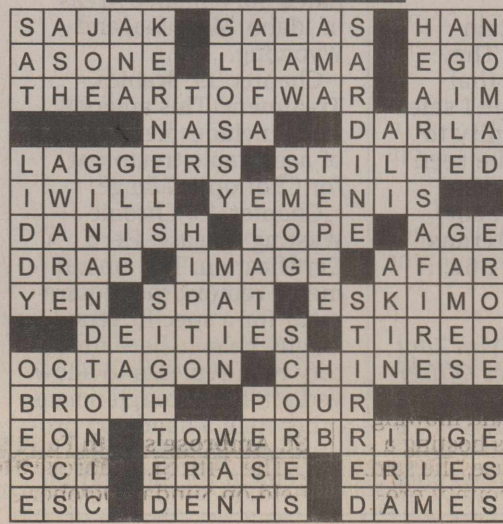


12. Clarifying words
13. New York landmark
18. Henpecks
22. Paul McCartney's title
24. Did up one's shoes
25. Anytime
26. Give a hand?
27. One option for Hamlet
28. He hosted "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous"
29. Bus alternatives
31. Abraham Lincoln's money
33. Dust Bowl denizen
34. Garden worry
36. Medieval weapon
37. Steeplechase, for one
39. Millennium hundredths
40. Restaurant seater
42. James Bond creator Fleming
43. Kid transport
44. Ziti, e.g.
45. Spheres
46. Idaho \_\_\_\_\_, Idaho
48. Do as told
49. Posh exclamation
50. Singer Fitzgerald
51. Spotted
54. Bit of food for Seattle Slew
55. Springsteen's "Born in the \_\_\_\_\_"

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1. What a prankster puts on a chair
2. Lendl of the court
3. Token payment?
4. Faithfulness
5. Goofs
6. Heart companion
7. Slippery swimmers
8. Isn't any more
9. QB Manning
10. Didn't pay up
11. Bruce Willis film

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



## Weather Whys

Q: What does the dew point tell us about current weather conditions?

A: "The dew point is the temperature to which the air would have to cool in order to reach saturation," explains Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The dew point tells us the amount of water vapor in the air. The higher the dew point, the higher the water vapor content. In other words, dry air has a low dew point, whereas moist air has a higher dew point. Condensation occurs when the temperature of the air is the same as its dew point," adds McRoberts. "Since the temperature cannot fall below the dew point, observed dew point values in the evening are a useful forecast tool for overnight low temperatures. The presence of water vapor in the air makes it more difficult for sunlight to warm the air during the day, so humid locations have a smaller spread between high and low temperatures."

## 2013 WHS Homecoming week festivities

Monday, September 23-27 in conjunction with Winters Athletic Booster Club, WHS Cheerleaders, WHS Band, WHS Student Council & the Winters Community

- MONDAY 9/23—Pajama Day**  
6-8 PM—CLASS HALL DECORATING  
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- TUESDAY 9/24—Nerd Day**  
6:30-7:30 PM—PAINT THE STREETS: Winters High School  
7:35-8:00 PM—NIGHT TIME PEP RALLY: WISD Gym  
8:20-8:30 PM—WALKING SNAKE TO PRECINCT BARN  
(Cheerleaders, Football Team, Band, Family/Fans)  
8:30-9:00 PM—BONFIRE
- WEDNESDAY 9/25—Duck Dynasty Day**  
7 AM—SEE YOU AT THE POLE  
(FREE breakfast burritos then student led worship rally)  
6:15 PM—SAW YOU AT THE POLE  
@ First Baptist Church, Winters (Meal/Music/Prizes)
- THURSDAY 9/26—80s Day**  
After School/Evening—Cheerleaders decorate Gym for Homecoming Pep Rally  
Evening—Booster Club decorates the football stadium
- FRIDAY 9/27—BLIZZARD PRIDE DAY (Wear BLUE & WHITE)**  
8 AM—Distinguished Alumni Assembly in WHS Auditorium  
3 PM—HOMCOMING PEP RALLY (Arrive EARLY to get a seat!)  
5-7 PM Homecoming Dinner, School Cafeteria  
(Turkey and Dressing by Winters Women's Club)  
7 PM ELEMENTARY STUDENTS RUN THROUGH THE BLIZZARD TUNNEL DURING PRE-GAME ACTIVITIES  
7:30 PM Winters Blizzards vs. Brock Eagles Football, Blizzard Field (BETTER ARRIVE EARLY FOR A SEAT!!—BOOSTER CLUB GIVE AWAYS AT THE GATE!!)  
HALF TIME Crowning of Homecoming and Coming Home Queens & King  
Recognition of Distinguished Alumni  
Recognition of WHS Classes Having Reunions  
AFTER GAME Alumni Reception, WISD Special Events Center  
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# ROUND-UP

## Runnels County

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Thursday, September 26, 2013

### It's cotton tour time in Runnels and Tom Green counties

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE**  
STAFF REPORT

**BALLINGER-** Concho Valley cotton producers will have ample opportunity to catch up on the latest cotton patch news during two upcoming field events in Runnels and Tom Green counties.

The first is the Runnels County Turnrow Meeting set for 9 a.m. September 25 on the Paul Minzenmayer farm located just off U.S. Highway 67 between Ballinger and Rowena. The second event is the Tom Green County Cotton Field Tour slated

for 9 a.m. October 8 on the John and Doug Wilde farm just north of the intersection of Loop 306 and Farm-to-Market Road 765, east of San Angelo.

"In Runnels County we'll meet at our FACT/CAP Trial, located off County Road 401 on County Road 408, to discuss cotton and wheat varieties and laws and regulations," said Rick Minzenmayer, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent for Runnels and Tom Green counties. "We'll then head to St. Mary's New Hall in Ballinger for a compli-

mentary lunch and educational program."

The Runnels County program will include presentations by representatives from crop insurance, chemical and seed companies and the Boll Weevil Eradication program. Others will include Dr. David Drake, AgriLife Extension agronomist at San Angelo, Paul Weiser, Texas Department of Agriculture and Minzenmayer.

"The Tom Green County tour will give producers an up-close look at a number of irrigated cotton variety trials and our

harvest-aid demonstration," Minzenmayer said. "We will also hear a talk on pesticide use laws and regulations before going to the barbecue area at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall for a complimentary meal and educational program similar to the one in Runnels County."

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units - one general and one laws and regulations - will be offered at the Runnels County program. Three units - two general and one laws and regulations - will

be offered at the Tom Green County program. Participants must attend the entire respective program to receive the credits.

"Since the Tom Green County event typically draws a large crowd, we ask those planning to attend to RSVP by October 4 so we can give the caterer an accurate meal count," Minzenmayer said.

To RSVP, call the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County at (325) 659 6523 or Rick Minzenmayer at (325) 365 5212.

#### Public Record

Runnels County Jail Record,  
Sept. 23, 2013

Name	Age	Agency
Eric Hernandez	34	MPD
Theft of property		
Christopher Lange	23	Coke
Burglary of habitation		
Jason Wilson	38	Coke
Burglary of habitation		
Justin Rodriguez	25	DPS
MTR Burglary of habitation, theft of property		
Kaleb Thoeny	21	Coleman
Theft, forgery		
Victor Santoya	52	WPD
Assault by threat		
Wesley Anderson	24	Concho
Possession of marijuana		
Cody Salazar	23	BPD
Tom Green warrant		

### TAHC seeking comments on proposed amendments

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE**  
STAFF REPORT

**AUSTIN-** The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) recently held a regularly scheduled meeting on September 10, 2013, at its Austin office. The TAHC adopted five rules and proposed six new rules.

The following rules were adopted during the Commission meeting and will go into effect on Monday, October 7, 2013:

**Chapter 35, Brucellosis, Cattle from Greater Yellowstone Area & Identification:** This rule establishes brucellosis post entry test requirements for sexually intact cattle that reside or have resided in the Designated Surveillance Areas of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

**Chapter 39, Scabies, Treatment:** This amendment includes new forms of acceptable treatment for Chorioptic Mange.

**Chapter 40, Chronic Wasting Disease, Herd Certification:** The amendments remove the requirement for a specific fence height, change herd inventory requirements to allow verification through means other than a hands-on process, and change the requirement for submission

of samples in positive or suspected positive herds to mortalities of any age. For regular enrolled herds the required sampling age remains at 12 months.

**Chapter 43, Tuberculosis, Cervids:** This amendment allows use of the recently approved TB Stat-Pak blood test as a primary test and the DPP test as a secondary test for official program testing to diagnose TB in captive elk, red deer, white-tailed deer, fallow deer, and reindeer.

**Chapter 50, Animal Disease Traceability:** This new chapter establishes standards for facilities or locations which must be approved to identify livestock as part of the federal disease traceability program.

The TAHC will soon be accepting public comments on the following rules amendments that were proposed at the Sept. 10 Commission meeting:

**Chapter 38, Trichomoniasis, Test Exceptions:** The proposed change to the rule would allow untested bulls to be purchased and resold without a Trichomoniasis test for up to seven days if moved under permit with official permanent identification. Bulls sold for breeding purposes

would still be required to have a negative test.

**Chapter 41, Fever Ticks, New Authorized Treatments:** The proposed amendments add and define "treatment", add new treatment options, and define "animal" as any domestic, free-range, or wild animal capable of hosting or transporting fever ticks.

**Chapter 47, Approved Personnel:** The Commission is changing the name of this chapter to Authorized Personnel and proposing amendments which establish minimum standards, training, and recordkeeping requirements that individuals must meet in order to engage in an activity that is part of a state or federal disease control or eradication program for animals.

Individuals eligible for authorized personnel status include certain state and federal animal health officials, accredited veterinarians, certain veterinarian employees and, for the Chronic Wasting Disease Program, those who collect and submit samples. The proposal includes standards and procedures for suspending or revoking an individual's authorized personnel status. Addi-

tionally, for the Brucellosis Program, the proposal would allow authorized veterinarians to adult vaccinate cattle.

**Chapter 50, Animal Disease Traceability, Cattle Identification:** This proposal adds a new section to establish identification requirements for cattle at change of ownership in Texas. The intent of the rule is for all adult breeding cattle to have permanent official identification applied at change of ownership. Adult cattle consigned to slaughter within seven days are exempt from the permanent identification requirement. Calves and feeder cattle are not required to be identified, only adult cattle.

**Chapter 51, Entry Requirements, Trichomoniasis:** This amendment would allow Texas bulls participating in out of state "bull station trials" to return to their Texas farm of origin without a Trichomoniasis test if maintained in a controlled environment without any contact with female cattle while out of state.

**Chapter 57, Poultry, Indemnity:** The proposed new section establishes standards for the payment of indemnity to flock owners in the event the Commission orders depopulation. The proposal establishes that indemnification is subject to the availability of funds and compliance with all Commission requirements.

A detailed explanation of the rule proposals will be available on Friday, October 4, on the TAHC web site at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us/regs/proposals.html>.

The aforementioned TAHC rule proposals will be published in the Texas Register on October 4, and will have a comment period of 30 days, with the exception of Chapter 47, Approved Personnel, which will have a comment period of 60 days. The TAHC encourages and appreciates all comments.

Comments on the TAHC's proposed regulations must be submitted in writing to Carol Pivonka, Texas Animal Health Commission, 2105 Kramer Lane, Austin, Texas 78758, by fax at (512) 719-0721 or by e-mail to [comments@tahc.texas.gov](mailto:comments@tahc.texas.gov).

Founded in 1893, the Texas Animal Health Commission works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals, and exotic livestock.

### Veteran's Corner

The Texas Veterans Land Board is once again having their quarterly Forfeited Land Sales. They currently have on-line bidding for 28 tracts that they are offering for sale at the October Type I sale. Please take advantage of this great opportunity to become property owners. These tracts can be seen at <http://www.texasveteransblog.com/vlb-type-i-forfeited-land-tracts-now-open-for-bidding/>. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave or call 365-3612.

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By: Kit Wyatt State Bar No. 24077821

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The law directs. The waste water will be injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4494 to 4526 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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## Mazeland School students hold 13th reunion

Former Mazeland school students held their 13th reunion Saturday, September 21, 2013 at the Winters First United Methodist Church. Forty-six attended the reunion including 18 former students, spouses, family members and friends. The Mazeland School opened in the fall of 1904 and closed in 1946. This reunion was started by Clara and Harley Brooks at their home in Sonora, Texas. Pictured here are front row left to right: J.P. Drake, Howell Bowen, Ruby Bowen, Betty Thomason, Zorita Flippion, Lillie Creel, Charles Bryan, Noleta Rice, Jack Towery. Back row: Doxie Lou Mark, Mamie Blaylock, Donnel Moreland, Thom Tharp, Roscoe Morrison, Bill Fairbetter, Joy Allison, Eva Leata Smith, Paul Tharp.

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## THE IDLE AMERICAN Best of times, worst of times...

Cometary by  
Dr. Don Newbury

Given that timing is everything, the Lone Star State's flagship universities — The University of Texas and Texas A&M University — are once again at extremes. Could UT have picked a worse time to get its own TV sports network up and running? Or could the Aggies have selected a better time to get their own law school?

At UT, they'd love to be "caught on the horns of a dilemma," but this isn't possible, since mascot Bevo is now "hornless," having given up one to Brigham Young and the other to Ole' Miss. So much for the 2013 UT football team lighting up the Longhorn TV network.

Remember when angry fans bombarded NBC with phone calls protesting interruption of a professional football game's final minute with the movie "Heidi?" Well, word has it that hardcore UT fans

are signing petitions for the Longhorn Network to show "Heidi" instead of UT football games....

Meanwhile, my 101-year-old Uncle Mort thinks Aggie brain trusts were brilliant in buying Texas Wesleyan University's law school.

With NCAA rumblings, adaptation to new membership in the Southeast Conference, and Texas A&M attempts to keep its star football player on the "straight and narrow," he believes they can keep the law school busy running two shifts — maybe three.

My uncle may be defying the aging process. At age 101, when dying brain cells typically accelerate, his seem to be multiplying....

Mort opines the law school might do well if its

scope is limited to athletic issues. He figures it could clock many hours defending Oklahoma State concerning football infractions alleged by Sports Illustrated.



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Texas Coach Mack Brown might well be a client as well, what with his fortunes sagging.

Worst case, Mort says, is that if and when the law school no longer is needed, they can "flip it," like high rollers in real estate....

Danny Snyder, owner of the Washington Redskins, may need Aggie Law School help with his latest hot potato. Many Native Americans insist that the team take on a name other than "Redskins."

Snyder has dug in his heels, and the arrows of many quivers may fly before this issue is settled.

(Watching from the sidelines are the Kansas City Chiefs, holding their breath that their mascots continue to blaze trails under the radar.)...

The NCAA has pressed the issue with numerous smaller schools that had "Indians" as mascots. McMurry University in Abilene and Midwestern University in Wichita Falls no longer are "Indians." Bigger universities with stronger alumni bases — like Florida State University — seem untouchable....

Such reminds me of the Indian tribe that built an airport in record time. National politicians were astounded that it was finished months early and millions of dollars under budget.

"How did you manage it?" a senator questioned the chief.

"We didn't get bogged down in white tape," he responded....

The way pets are being

pampered, it may soon become common for angry pet owners to sue veterinarians.

"The Aggie fleet of lawyers would be most helpful in defending malpractice suits if Fido don't make it," Mort clucked.

I heard of one visionary Aggie who had a double major in doctoral study — veterinary medicine and taxidermy. His printed cards had this message: "Either way, you get your dog back."...

Known more for his money-losing schemes that were supposed to be "get rich quick" plans,

Mort admits that Johnny Manziel's brilliant play in the Aggies' single TD loss to Alabama may have cost him a bundle.

"I was about to come out with a 'block-head' doll for 'Mr. Football,' but now don't have the heart to do it," he moaned. I asked him if he perhaps meant "bobble-head doll."

"Read my lips," Mort

repeated. "block-head' doll."...

Now, he's working on a Manziel doll with interchangeable heads — one that bobbles for outstanding play and another for non-game days that simply stares back — as block-heads do.

"So far, his play on the field has dazzled, easily qualifying for 'bobble-head' status," Mort admits. "But 'block-head' best fits his zany away-from-the-game antics covered well by sports media."

My uncle thinks strongest sales will be to Longhorn fans. Mort predicts they'll buy the doll, then toss out the "bobble-head," greatly favoring the "block-head" option....

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## She got LUCKY!

Laura Pospichal, of Rowena, Texas, is the winner of the Good Luck Drawing, held last Friday, September 13, 2013 among new subscribers to the Winters Enterprise and Ballinger Ledger. Laura purchased a 2-year subscription and entered five chances to win the \$25 Walmart gift certificate.

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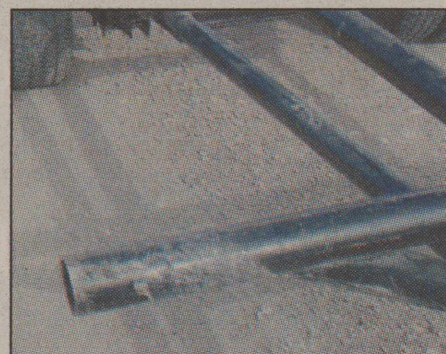
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## Wreck on U.S. Hwy 83 leaves damages only

A collision between a car and a hay-trailer occurring last Monday, September 16, 2013 on U.S. Highway 83 south of Hatchel left damages only, as both of the drivers and a passenger left home walking, despite the vast damages caused to the car.

The accident happened nearly 1 mile south of Hatchel, on U.S. Highway 83, when a southbound Hyundai collided with a Dodge dually pickup truck and was also southbound.

The car went under the empty trailer and lifted the structure up causing massive damage to the roof and the side of the car. Miraculously the passenger wasn't injured in the wreck.



## AgriLife starts archery club in Tom Green Co.

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STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO— The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Tom Green County has set an organizational 4-H youth archery club meeting for 6 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Tom Green County 4-H Building, located on U.S. Highway 67 just east of San Angelo.

Those unable to attend the meeting can still enroll online at <http://Texas4Honline.com>. Individual enrollment is \$20. For more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County at 325-659-6523 or Mark Barta, the archery club

manager, at 325-277-3064.

"Archery is the rising star in West Texas youth shooting sports," said Courtney Redman, AgriLife Extension 4-H agent in Tom Green County. "This meeting is meant to let 4-H members and their parents meet Mark Barta, our new club manager, and get acquainted with the sport and the direction the club might take."

Redman said Barta is a lifelong archer who has participated in all types of archery. He is president of the Concho Valley Archery Association and a certified 4-H archery coach. He was instructed in archery at the University of Texas

at Austin. He and members of the Concho Valley Archery Association will serve as club instructors.

"Archery has been part of the 4-H shooting sports project since the beginning, but is now experiencing renewed interest as there are currently many archery matches held throughout the state," Redman said. "It's also quite a multi-faceted sport, offering participants everything from target archery and field shooting to hunting and bow-fishing. It's also not as physically taxing as some other sports, so it's one activity that could last a lifetime."

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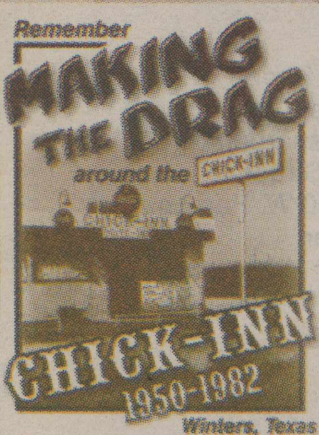


# CHICK INN COMMEMORATIVE EDITION 2013 WHS HOMECOMING

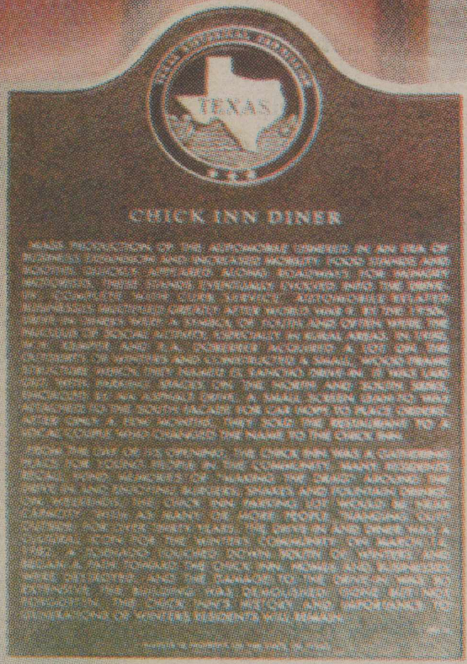
## Historical Marker

The  
**Winters Enterprise**

Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013  
Special Section



The Chick-Inn was a drive-in diner located on the south side of Winters, Texas from 1950-1982. The teenage hangout was part of the local drag for three generations. A lot of memories will be recalled at Winters High School Homecoming 2013 and the Chick-Inn Historical Marker Dedication on Friday and Saturday, September 27-28, 2013.





# Marker Dedication and WHS Homecoming

## Winters High School Homecoming 2013 and Dedication of the Chick-Inn Historical Marker

Friday and Saturday, September 27-28, 2013

### Friday

8:00 a.m.	School Assembly with Distinguished Alumni
1:00-5:00 p.m.	Z. I. Hale Museum Open, 242 West Dale Street (includes Rock Hotel and Ag Museum)
3:00 p.m.	Pep Rally, WHS Special Events Center
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Homecoming Dinner, School Cafeteria (Turkey and Dressing by Winters Women's Club)
7:30 p.m.	Winters Blizzards vs. Brock Eagles Football, Blizzard Field (Brock is a 2A school south of Weatherford; this is their first year to play football)
Half-Time	Crowning of Homecoming and Coming Home Queens Recognition of Distinguished Alumni
After Game	Recognition of WHS Classes Having Reunions Alumni Reception, WISD Special Events Center

### Saturday

7:00-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast at The Rock Hotel, 300 West Dale Street
8:00-9:30 a.m.	Winters High School and Special Events Center Open for Tours
9:00 a.m.-3 p.m.	Antique Tractor Display, Next to Gus Pruser Agricultural Museum, West Dale Street
9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Z. I. Hale Museum Open, 242 West Dale Street
9:00 a.m. - Noon	Special Stamp Cancelation "Chick-Inn Station" at the Chick-Inn Site (Bring stamped envelopes to be postmarked or purchase souvenir stamp covers)
9:00 a.m. - Noon	Chick-Inn Souvenirs for Sale at the Chick-Inn Site (Tee Shirts, Sweat Shirts, Ceramic Tiles, Stamp Cancelations, Souvenir Programs, Mugs, Dove Fest Caps, Historical Books, "Highlights" Video of Dedication Ceremony)
8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Classic Cars and Bikers Meet in Front of Winters High School
9:00 a.m.	Classic Car and Biker Parade Through Downtown to Chick-Inn Site (Led by the Winters Volunteer Fire Department 1951 Chevrolet Fire Truck)
10:00 a.m.	Chick-Inn Historical Marker Dedication, South of Winters on US 83 (Casual Dress: Chick-Inn Tee Shirts with Jeans or Poodle Skirts)
11:00 a.m. 'til	Hamburger Lunch by Winters Volunteer Fire Department at Fire Station on South Main
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Winters High School and Special Events Center Open for Tours
All Day	Local Business Sales and Promotions
All Day	The Rock Hotel Heritage Center—Open for Rest Area and Anyone Not Attending Reunions
Afternoon	New Chick-Inn Serving Drinks (Vanilla Cokes and Cherry Dr. Peppers)
Afternoon	Class Reunions and Get-Togethers Around Town WHS Class of 1953—WISD Special Events Center, 700 North Heights Street WHS Class of 1954—Winters Housing Authority, 300 North Grant Street WHS Classes of 1956-1957—First Baptist Church Jones Hall, 104 West Truett Street WHS Class of 1960—First United Methodist Parlor, 141 North Church Street WHS Class of 1962—St. John's Lutheran Church Education Bldg., 1100 W. Parsonage WHS Class of 1963—Casa Cabana, 1032 North Main, 7:00 p.m. Dinner WHS Classes of 1967-1969—Conner's, 216 Circle Drive WHS Classes of 1970-1975—Mt. Carmel Catholic Parish Hall, 604 North Melwood WHS Class of 1983—Casa Cabana, 1032 North Main, 11:30 a.m. Lunch WHS Class of 1993—Winters Country Club, 4 miles South on US 83

Dance Saturday Evening, Everyone Invited



## Z. I. Hale Museum, Inc. Since 1978



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Chick-Inn Marker Project  
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The Museum Directors give a special thanks to Nina Hale who made significant donations to the Museum during her lifetime and to all of those who had the vision of preserving the history of Winters.

Regular Museum Hours are Saturday from 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
and by appointment.

The Museum Complex will be open Friday afternoon and Saturday  
for the Chick-Inn Days.

## Dedication Ceremony for the Chick-Inn Historical Marker

Saturday, September 28, 2013, 10:00 a.m. at the Chick-Inn  
Site on US 83 South

(Bring your lawn chair)

<b>Mistress of Ceremonies</b>	Ruth (Vogler) Cooper, WHS Class of 1954 Chairperson of Runnels County Historical Commission
<b>Pre-Ceremony Music and "The Star Spangled Banner"</b>	Kirke McKenzie, Former WHS Band Director 1968 - 1976 and Phillip Mooney, Current WHS Band Director 2001 -
<b>Invocation</b>	Terry Loehman, WHS Class of 1971. Pastor, New Beginnings Church, Winters
<b>Introductions</b>	Marilyn (Watkins) Egan, WHS Class of 1959 Former County Judge for Runnels County
<b>Pledge to the United States and Texas Flags</b>	Geoff Connor, WHS Class of 1981 Former Texas Secretary of State
<b>"Growing Up in Small Town America"</b>	Geoff Connor
<b>"God Bless America"</b>	Kirke McKenzie and Phillip Mooney
<b>Evolution of the Marker and Marker Unveiling</b>	Joe Eckols, WHS Class of 1971 Chairperson of the Chick-Inn Historical Marker Committee
<b>Reading of the Inscription</b>	Mike Pumphrey, WHS Class of 1968 Prepared the Historical Marker Application
<b>"The Origin of the Chick-Inn and the Fiesta Drive-In"</b>	Bobby Mayo, WHS Class of 1950 Longtime Manager of the Fiesta and State Theaters
<b>"The Wilson Years"</b>	Mike Wilson and Mary Cochran Schlottman Grandson and Granddaughter of Leonard and Julia Wilson
<b>"The Hodnett Years"</b>	Mike Fowler, WHS Class of 1974 Son-in-Law of J.C. and Tommy Hodnett
<b>"Remember Who You Are and Where You Come From"</b>	Bill Cathey, WHS Class of 1966 Teacher and Principal at Winters High School 1971 to 2002
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	Randall Conner, WHS Class of 1967
<b>Benediction</b>	Cliff Poe, WHS Class of 1972 Semi-Retired Pastor/Life and Relationship Coach
<b>Winters High School Song</b>	Wendell Gideon, WHS Class of 1954 Administrator for UIL Music Contests
<b>Entertainment and Visiting</b>	

The Chick-Inn Marker Committee set up a "Chick-Inn Scholarship" through the Winters Area Foundation. Any WHS Class that donates \$1,000 or more to the fund will be honored by the Winters Area Foundation and the foundation will send an acknowledgement of that memorial donation to the family of future deceased class members and their spouses. The Winters Area Foundation will administer the Scholarship Fund as an endowment and the scholarships will go to future Winters High School graduates. Donations of any amount can be made by individuals or classes to the Scholarship Fund and may be sent to the Z.I. Hale Museum (Chick-Inn Scholarship), PO Box 211, Winters 79567.





OWNERS OF THE CHICK-INN FROM 1950 TO 1966

## Leonard and Julia Wilson, 1961 on their fiftieth anniversary



Leonard and Julia were married in Ballinger in 1911. They lived in Robert Lee for a while and moved to Winters in 1922. They raised their five children in Winters... LF Wilson Jr., Robert, Mozelle, Kenneth, and Troy (Troy was killed in action in WWII). They owned the Red and White Grocery, and then the American Café, then the Chick-Inn. Leonard retired in 1966. Julia also owned Judy's Dress Shop.

Growing up, I remember the Chick-Inn... mainly in the early 60s. I was just a kid, when I was around 12 years old I would spend a few days at a time in Winters with my grandparents sometimes riding the bus to visit them for a few days. They loved the Chick-Inn and everything about it... the great food (a basket burger and chocolate malt, steak fingers, onion rings.. and the list goes on). They liked to see people happy and serving the customer sure did put a smile on their faces.

But the Chick-Inn wasn't just about the food, it was also the people... the car hops kept things hopping and always had another quarter for the juke box.

The Wilsons day ran something like this... up early, Leonard would tend his garden and his many pecan trees while Julia would catch up on the book work. Then Leon-

ard would make a run to the ice house for blocks of ice that would be crushed. They had an ice machine but on a busy night they didn't want to run out of ice... he would take it to the Chick-Inn, clean up any trash and turn on the burners to heat water in the kitchen. Julia or Leonard would also make a trip to the Piggly Wiggly to pick up whatever they might need. After lunch and short nap... they would often pick up the car hops and it was off to the Chick-Inn.. I think around 3:00 pm the place would just get busy... The Chick-Inn was across the street from the drive in theater so there was always a rush before and after the movies. I also remember the bus would stop at night and the driver and passengers would come in to eat. Being at the end of the drag, you could just stay at the Chick-Inn and see everyone that was out doing anything... it was the place to be. They would close late, getting home around midnight. They loved what they did, loved their customers, and loved the Chick-Inn.

I know they would be so proud of the people in Winters that have done so much to remember the Chick-Inn. I am blessed to have had such wonderful grandparents that left behind Chick-Inn memories.

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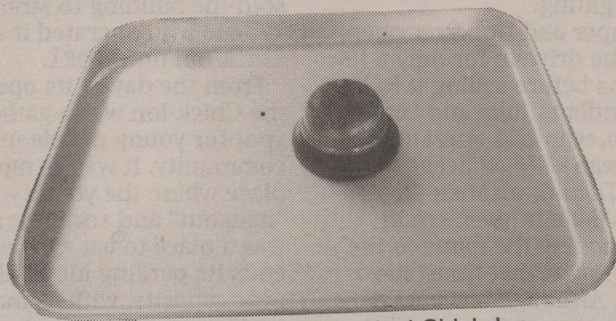
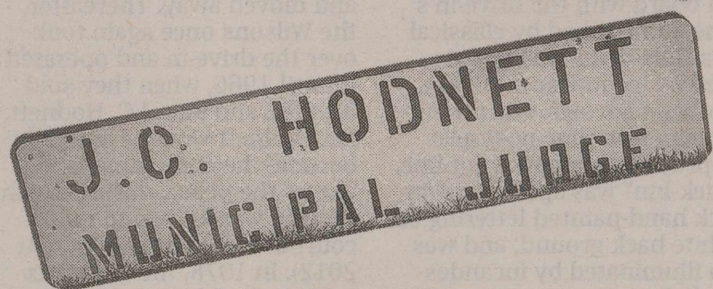
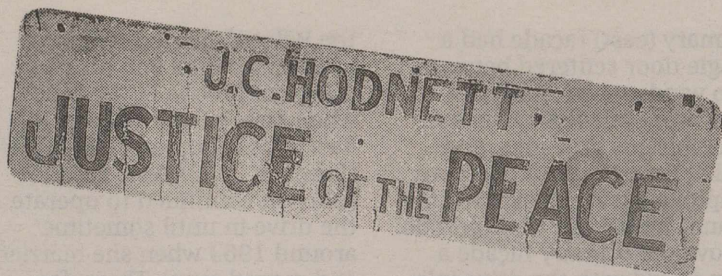
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## J.C. and Tommy Hodnett



A bell and tray used in the original Chick-Inn.

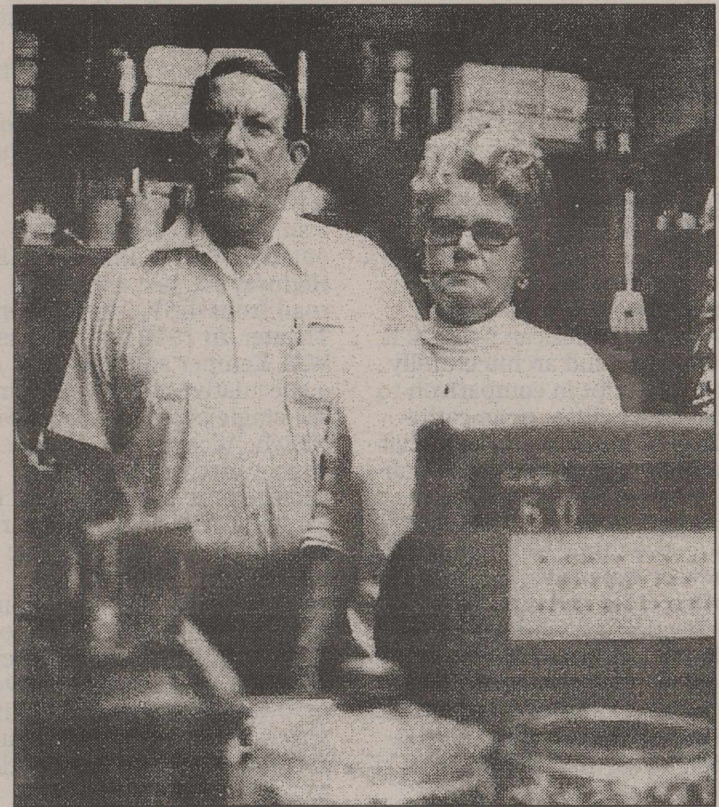
J.C. and Tommy were married on October 4, 1946 in Hamlin, Texas. They farmed south of there in the community of Neinda. They had three children — Sue, Jay and Judy.

In 1954, J.C. took a job as delivery man for Mead's Bakery and moved to Ranger, Texas. In 1957, they were transferred to Winters. They purchased the Chick-Inn in July 1966 and operated it for 12 years.

J.C. and Tommy were members of the First Baptist Church. J.C. served as Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 2 and City Judge before retiring in 1991. He was also a longtime member of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department and also retired as a school bus driver. Tommy worked in the school cafeteria, The Den and retired from Dry's Manufacturing.

J.C. passed away on June 24, 1992 and Tommy on March 28, 1996. They loved Winters very much, being around all the kids and seeing them grow up. They had many very good friends that they loved deeply.

Furnished by Jay Hodnett, Son



## The Chick-Inn drive-in diner site Near Winters, Texas

Drive-in diners did much to define the automobile culture of the 1950s and 60s. In a time of cheap gasoline and muscle cars, drive-ins often became the nucleus of social activity for the bobby sox and rock-and-roll generations. The Chick-Inn on the outskirts of Winters, Texas was no exception.

### Brief History of Drive-Ins

Henry Ford's quest to put a "horseless carriage" in every garage forever altered the essential nature of Main Street America. Ford's business model ushered in an era of unprecedented growth and expansion, typified by paved roads, greater and greater mobility and hungry motorists seeking a quick meal on the way to work or play. While food stands quickly popped up along roadways, the unimaginative "booths" rapidly evolved into the drive-in format we think of today—often colorful and whimsical, with animate facades, catchy motifs and bold signage. Quintessential drive-ins like Texas' Pig Stands and California's Tam O'Shanter led the proliferation of the then unique style of dining out. Curb service was born, and interestingly enough almost all early carhops were male, referred to as "tray boys" (Witzel 2002). Thus the term "drive-in" was

added to popular lingo.

Celebrated in movie/TV classics such as American Graffiti and Happy Days, the drive-in was a critical catalyst in the evolution of the fast-food restaurant and the design of roadside food "stands" in mid-century United States. Curb service dining led to the development of the distinctive drive-in-restaurant building type: a rectangular or circular building around which customers parked their cars. Indeed, as drive-in restaurants gained popularity in a nation whose burgeoning wealth began to make greater and greater demands on individuals' time, some restaurateurs began to modify the concept. For example, the Sonic chain got its name after it combined the best of both drive-ins (the quality of a smiling carhop) and drive-thrus (intercom ordering).

Sadly, the great American drive-in fell victim to the rise of the mechanized, homogenized food chains. Curb service and "hanging out" fell out of favor; in their place swift service, minimized menus, and reasonable prices were emphasized. Contrary to popular image, rock-n-roll teenies in hot cars actually brought little financial reward to drive-ins (Sawyer n.d.). Further, Post WWII real estate prices escalated, making it ▶



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difficult for the mom-and-pop drive-in to generate net profits adequate to a realistic return on land investment. Of the thousands of once ubiquitous American drive-ins, only the Sonic chain, a few A&W's, and a handful of individually owned "retro" drive-ins remained long after the 1980s (Sawyer, n.d.).

**The Chick-Inn 1950-1982**

The Chick-Inn is perhaps best described as the poor relation to the drive-ins epitomized in shows such as 77 Sunset Strip and American Graffiti: it was small and architecturally non-descript in comparison to the large, glitzy, neon cathedrals to burgers and fries that sprang up in major metropolitan areas. For the most part, the cars parked around it at any given time were not shiny, new or expensive; they were often older and dust-covered, reflecting the working class demographics of the area. One might reasonably wonder, therefore, what the little diner had in common with the classical drive-in of its day. The

answer is more than just burgers, Cherry Cokes, jukeboxes, and carhops, for the Chick-Inn—like its big city cousins—became a Mecca for the youth of its day.

Extant for over thirty-years, the Chick-Inn on the outskirts of Winters came to define the culture and customs of rural youth of the time. It was sited in the midst of a small farm crop field just outside the city limits on U.S. Highway 83, just across the road from the Fiesta Drive-in Theater. In 1950 out-of-staters W.H. Kemper and Doberner, as a speculative venture, acquired the single acre site from Alvin Nitsch. According to county conveyance records, Nitsch acquired the property from the Estate of William M. Pumphrey in 1937. In the center of the lot, the pair constructed a small, wood-frame, two-room structure built atop a slab-on-grade foundation, which they named it the El Rancho Drive-In. It was laid out with parking spaces on the north and south sides of the building, encircled

by an asphalt drive. In plan, the building had an L-shaped dining room accessed from the center of the primary (east) façade. A short-run counter occupied the south part of the room, while a line of booths ran along the longer north wall. A small kitchen occupying the southwest quarter of the building served up a menu limited mostly to burgers, fries, shakes and fountain drinks. A small, screened lean-to was attached to the south façade so car hops could place orders through a sliding window and load up aluminum trays to take to patrons preferring their cars to the dining room.

The building had a shed roof with a minimal (<3:12) slope from east to west. Originally clad in wood lap joint siding, in the early 1960's it was covered over with a sprayed-on stucco product scored to give the appearance of a brick façade. Fenestration consisted in the form of rectangular fixed glass windows of a roughly 1:2 ratio. One window was found on the north and south facades. The

primary (east) façade had a single door centered between two windows, presenting a caricature imagery often seen in children's drawings, and which Robert Venturi so aptly employed in his design for the Brandt house in Vail, Colorado. Above the primary façade a sign board with the drive-in's name and flanked by classical Coca-Cola disks was illuminated by incandescent lights. Another such sign was mounted on an iron pipe post near the property's highway lot line. "Chick-Inn" was spelled out in black hand-painted lettering on a white back ground, and was also illuminated by incandescent lighting.

Kemper and Doberner operated the drive-in for only a few months before selling it to local residents Julia and Leonard Wilson, who had operated the American Café adjacent to the State Theater on Main Street. Mrs. Wilson is given credit for changing the name to the Chick-Inn at that time (Mayo 2012). Although an exact date is unknown, in the mid-Fifties,

the Wilson's leased the drive-in to Mrs. Addie Bell Brooks Johnson (Brooks at the time) when Mrs. Wilson opened Julia's Dress Shop on Main Street (Johnson 2012). Mrs. Brooks Johnson continued to operate the drive-in until sometime around 1963 when she married and moved away. Thereafter, the Wilsons once again took over the drive-in and operated it until 1966, when they sold it to Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Hodnett. Mr. Hodnett would eventually become the community's justice of the peace, during which time he was known to hold court at the counter (Hodnett 2012). In 1978, the Hodnetts sold the building to Mrs. Patsy Teague who operated it as the Chick-Inn until 1981.

From the day of its opening, the Chick-Inn was a gathering spot for young people in the community. It was as much a place where the young went to "hangout" and socialize as it was a place to eat. On weekends its parking lot would be near capacity, with as many mulling around outside as ▶



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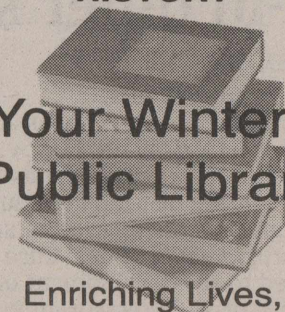
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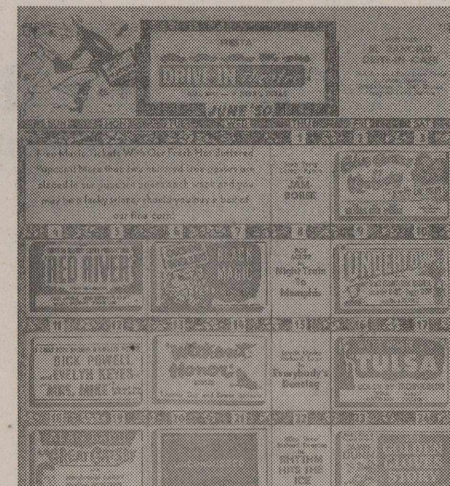
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sitting down inside. Even those who didn't chose to stop would still circle around the building, checking out who was there and who wasn't, before "making the drag" back down the mile or so of Main Street, to the intersection with the Novice Highway, where they would turn around and head back to the Chick-Inn. For over thirty-years, the non-descript diner was a cultural icon of the Winters' community.

The Chick-Inn's demise came in the very early morning hours of 14 March 1982, when a tornado touched down to the southwest of Winters and began a path that led it on an east-northeasterly course. Across the highway from the Chick-Inn, an oil derrick had shut down operations for the night, and the only employee had gone to bed in an adjacent travel trailer. Farmer Alvin Nitsch and his family had also turned in for the evening. Beside the Chick-Inn, however, three young adults sat in a car, talking and listening to the radio when the twister struck.

The Nitsch house was hit first and so badly damaged that the family was trapped inside, unable to get out. As it slammed into the Chick-Inn, it picked up the car and flung it across the far side of the highway, before moving on and heavily damaging the drilling derrick and destroying the trailer (Winters Enterprise 1982).

The community, however, was indeed fortunate that morning. The Nitsch family was eventually extricated unharmed from their destroyed home. On the far side of the highway, first responders found the young oilfield worker wandering around in his underwear, stunned and covered in mud, but thankfully not seriously injured. The trailer in which he had been sleeping was so completely destroyed that only the axle and floor were recognizable. Fire department personnel were forced to use the Jaws of Life to extricate the passengers of the car, none of whom were seriously injured (Winters Enterprise 1982).

Unfortunately, the same could not be said of the Chick-Inn. The little building that had played such an important part in the cultural significance of the community for so many years was so heavily damaged it had to be demolished. Today, the only remnants of the drive-in that remain are the steel pipe frame to the original sign and portions of the foundation and asphalt paving. Gone but not forgotten, however, the importance of the Chick-Inn in local history is attested to by former residents who make pilgrimages to the site and record memories of their experiences in an iconic former time on websites dedicated to the little drive-in in the middle of nowhere.

### Significance

In 2012, a former resident used his Facebook page to ask a simple question: did anyone

remember the Chick-Inn in Winters, Texas. The response was overwhelming; so overwhelming, in fact, that the Z.I. Hale Museum complied the responses



in a volume for its archives. Reading though the responses, one is struck by how many people wrote that they had met their future spouse there. At least one person wrote to say her husband proposed to her while they were

sitting in one of the booths (Miller 2012). Memories of pranks and "making the drag" abound, as do the audacious initiation rites for the two high school girls' clubs, the Sub-Debs and Goal Diggers.

Perhaps the most poignant recollection, however, is also the one that best illustrates the importance of this little diner in the lives of at least three generations of young people. In that post, one young

man recalled the night he was away at college in nearby San Angelo when he received a call that two friends—the quarterback of the football team and his girlfriend—had died in a freak accident. He recounted how he realized that evening that he could not stay in his dorm room alone, that he knew where he was meant to be at that time. He got into his car and drove the 50 miles home. As he pulled into town that evening, he found the Chick-Inn clogged with cars. It was standing room only as young people milled about, talking in whispers, trying to console each other (Bishop 2012). That tragic evening, it seemed every young person in the community was inextricably drawn to that unremarkable little drive-in on the outskirts of town.

Such was the meaning that little West Texas drive-in played in so many lives. ●

*This narrative for the Chick-Inn Historical Marker Application was prepared by Michael Pumphrey, WHS Class of 1968.*



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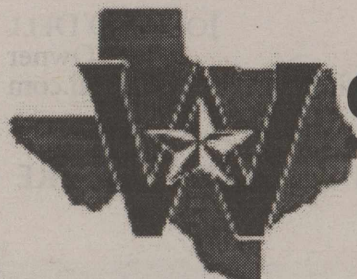
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THE EVOLUTION OF THE CHICK-INN DINER MARKER

How the Chick-Inn Diner marker happened

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WHEREAS, The Chick Inn was a business that existed in Winters, Texas from 1950-1982 and served the community as a local drive-in diner; and

WHEREAS, The Chick Inn was the "hang-out" for teens during this time and was part of the local drag, and

WHEREAS, The Wilson and Hodnett families, as owners of the Chick Inn during these times, made a significant contribution to the lives of many people in Winters, and

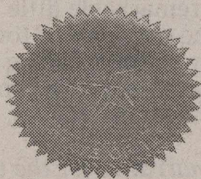
WHEREAS, The Chick Inn has shown historical significance to the Winters area and to the drive-in dining culture of the 1950's to 1970's, and

WHEREAS, The Chick Inn has been designated by the Texas Historical Commission as a Texas Historical Site and so reflected by the placing of a Texas Historical Marker to be dedicated on Saturday, September 28, 2013.

THEREFORE, I, Lewis Bergman, as Mayor of the City of Winters, Texas, do hereby declare Saturday, September 28, 2013, as CHICK INN DAY IN THE CITY OF WINTERS and invite everyone to celebrate this momentous occasion.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I  
Have set my hand and caused the  
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to be affixed this 26th day of  
August, 2013.

*Lewis Bergman*  
Lewis Bergman, Mayor



The City of Winters issued a Proclamation declaring Saturday, September 28, 2013 as Chick-Inn Day.

In January of 2012, Facebook was used to post a simple question: Did anyone remember the Chick-Inn Diner in Winters, Texas? In April of 2012, it was suggested to investigate securing a Historical Marker.

At that time, Joe Eckols created the Facebook Group of Chick-Inn Memories to gather remembrances of the Chick-Inn. The response was so overwhelming, the Z. I. Hale Museum compiled the responses in a volume for its archives. While reading the responses, it was evident that a lot of people met their spouses there. The Sub-Deb's and Goal Diggers' Social Clubs held part of their initiation rites at the Chick-Inn when the young ladies

were inducted into the clubs. For those making the drag, the Chick-Inn was the south end of the drag, then the cars of teens would turn and go back to the north end, sometimes making the circle many times in an evening. Persons living in the surrounding towns all knew about the Chick-Inn. For about three generations, the Chick-Inn was a very important part of the life in the Winters Community.

A few calls were made and a committee was formed.. Word went through the area and the Z. I. Hale Museum made the deci-

sion to sponsor the marker. Donations for the marker came in and the Winters Lions Club with volunteers built a working replica that for different occasions would serve the community. In the timely manner as required, the committee went through the steps to apply for a Historical Marker. A brief topic was submitted in June and the Texas Historical Commission requested to know more about this unique place. The Application and Narrative were sent in November, and then the committee anxiously waited for the approval.

During that time, the committee was making plans for a dedication ceremony to remember. The approval came January 25, 2013. The committee then decided the ceremony would coincide with the 2013 Homecoming.

Today's ceremony is the result of many former Blizzards working to acknowledge and celebrate a big part of the history of the Winters Community.



A plate from the original Chick-Inn.

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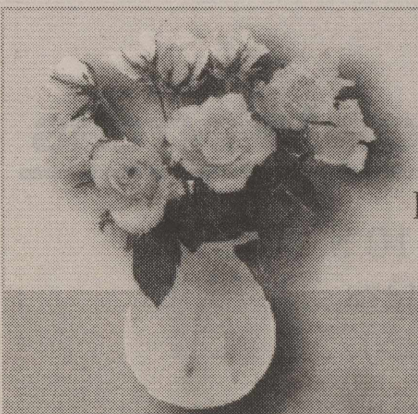
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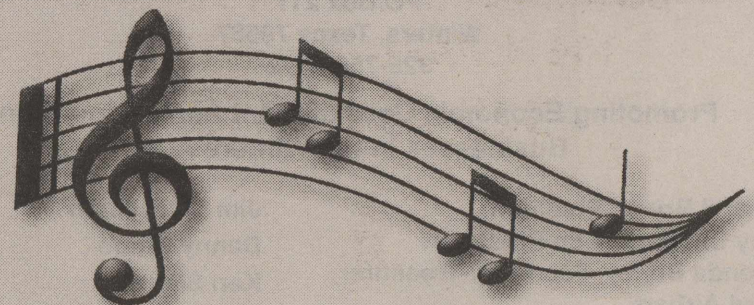
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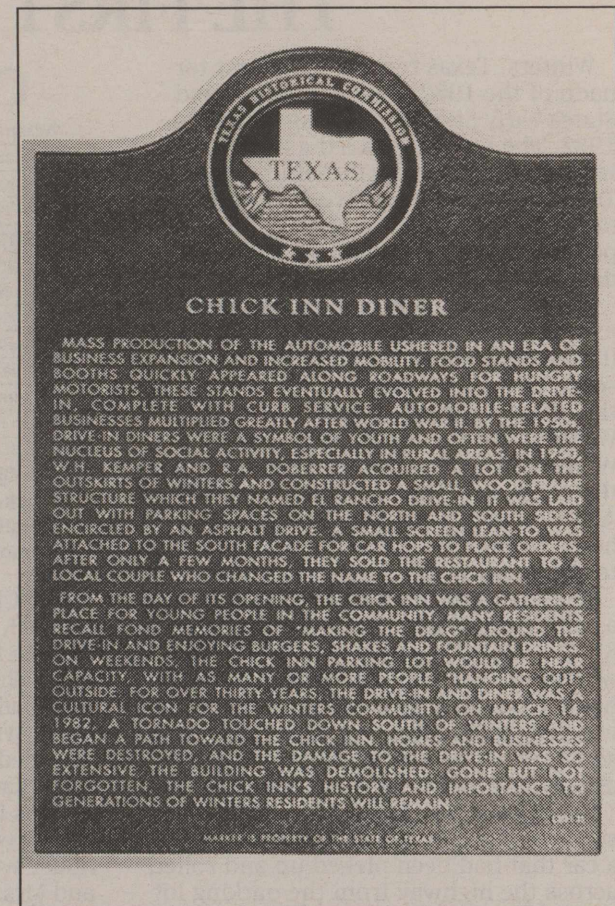
### CHICK-INN DINER

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FROM THE DAY OF ITS OPENING, THE CHICK-INN WAS A GATHERING PLACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. MANY RESIDENTS RECALL FOND MEMORIES OF "MAKING THE DRAG" AROUND THE DRIVE-IN AND ENJOYING BURGERS, SHAKES AND FOUNTAIN DRINKS. ON WEEKENDS, THE CHICK-INN PARKING LOT WOULD BE NEAR CAPACITY, WITH AS MANY OR MORE PEOPLE "HANGING OUT" OUTSIDE. FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS, THE DRIVE-IN AND DINER WAS A CULTURAL ICON FOR THE WINTERS COMMUNITY. ON MARCH 14, 1982, A TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN SOUTH OF WINTERS AND BEGAN A PATH TOWARD THE CHICK-INN. HOMES AND BUSINESSES WERE DESTROYED, AND THE DAMAGE TO THE DRIVE-IN WAS SO EXTENSIVE THE BUILDING WAS DEMOLISHED. GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN, THE CHICK-INN'S HISTORY AND IMPORTANCE TO GENERATIONS OF WINTERS RESIDENTS WILL REMAIN.

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The tornado came through Winters just before 2 a.m. that Sunday morning. It destroyed the Alvin Nitsch home just south of the city, two shop buildings, the office building owned by Winters Welding and the new building owned by Winters Oilfield Supply before moving to the northeast. The path it took was to the Albert Brown home and the Bud Davis home to the east. It then lifted and moved to the northeast.

The first indication of the storm was a call to report a major accident on Hwy 83. D. J. Goetz, an agent for the TABC, who lived south of Winters was returning home from duty in Sweetwater. He found widespread damage and power lines down so he called the Ballinger Police Dept. to ask if there had been a tornado reported.

Emergency personnel arrived at the scene and found three persons trapped in a car that had been picked up and rolled across the highway from the parking lot

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Patsy M. Teague to Gary Price	February 12, 1982
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Gary Price to Ronnie Bethel	July 29, 1983
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CHICK-INN RECEIVES HISTORICAL MARKER DESIGNATION BY TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2013  
The Chick-Inn Marker location is courtesy of Gary Schwartz and Standard Pump Services. The Chick-Inn Marker project was sponsored by the Z.I. Hale Museum and was made possible by donations of many people, including a major contribution to the marker by Mr. Marvin Jones in memory of his wife, the former Nancy Norman, WHS class of 1961.

of the Chick-Inn Diner on the west side of Hwy 83. It was tangled in downed power lines in front of Winters Welding Works. All of the businesses in that immediate area had been destroyed by the storm.

The Winters Fire Department had responded to the wreck call to assist with their "Jaws of Life" equipment to free the victims from the wrecked auto. While the rescue was underway, calls for help from a house west of the highway was heard. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Nitsch were found inside of

what remained of their home. They were uninjured but unable to get out because of the damage. Other injuries were reported, but all survived. The Chick-Inn building was heavily damaged and eventually had to be demolished. The Winters Community pulled together and helped with the restoration of the area businesses.

*Written by Ruth Cooper from The Winters Enterprise, Winters, Texas, Thursday March 18, 1982.*

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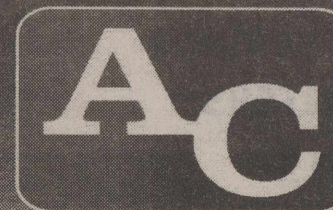


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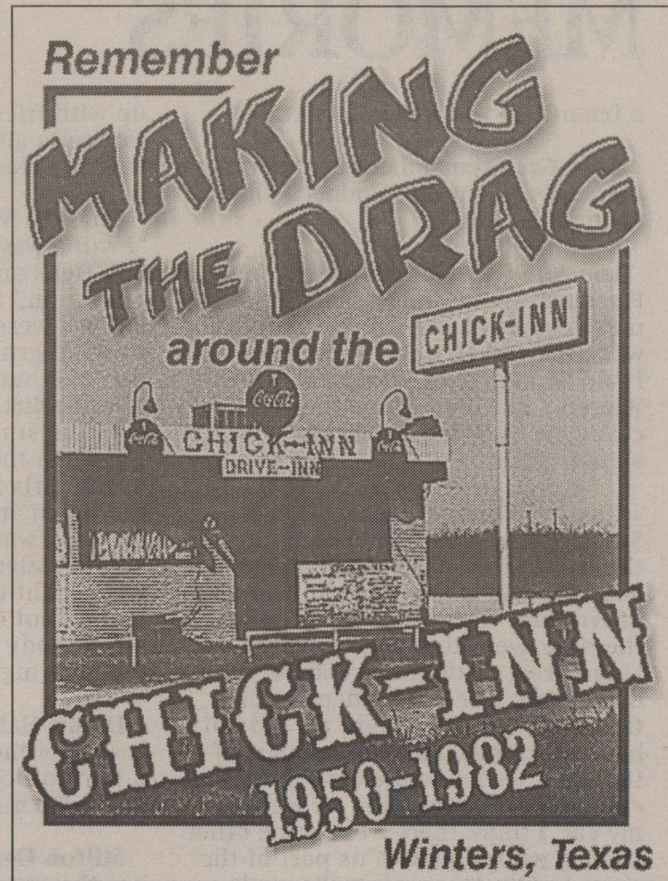
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## CHICK- INN SOUVENIRS

A number of Chick-Inn Souvenirs will be available at the Chick-Inn Historical Marker Dedication. Tee shirts and sweat shirts in sizes small, medium, large, extra-large, 2X large, and 3X large are available. Ceramic tiles (4" and 6" sizes) are great for coasters or for display. You will want coffee mugs with the color picture of the Chick-Inn for keepsakes.

A souvenir edition of the Winters Enterprise, historical Runnels County books, and Winters Dove Fest caps will all be available at the souvenir table at the Dedication Ceremony.



## THE NEW CHICK-INN



For years Winters' folks have wished for a resurrection of the Chick-Inn. The subject came up when the Historical Marker Committee was compiling the application. Winters Lions Club had talked about a mobile concession stand for years, so the two ideas were combined and the result is the New Chick-Inn. Constructed by Lions Club members and Friends of the Chick-Inn in the fall of 2012, the trailer is used for fund raising and community events. It is owned by Winters Lions Club, but is available to other organizations. The concession stand is equipped with a commercial grill, refrigerator, triple sink, and other items which make it self-contained and versatile for many different applications. Numerous donations and Chick-Inn tee shirts sales completely paid for the concession trailer.



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# CHICK-INN MEMORIES

**Bill Pumphrey wrote...** "I worked at the Chick-Inn while I was in the 7th and 8th grades. The owners preferred to have guys as car hops. I earned 25 cents an hour and up to \$1.00 of food from the menu as my dinner. Back then all of the high school crown did the drag which ran from the Chick-Inn on the south to the Dairy Dip on the north. The Fiesta Drive In was across the road and we'd always get rushed when the movie ended. This was during the severe drought of the 50's in West Texas (I never thought it would show up again) and I remember seeing black clouds in the north then thousands of tumbleweeds blowing down the highway, locking together like Velcro to block traffic. The black clouds were actually clouds of dust and as they drew closer we had to start covering everything up and take refuge inside. A few days after a dust storm, I would open a fried pie, packaged in Abilene, and a little dust would pour out. The Chick-Inn was truly American Graffiti for Winters. It was the social center for young folks long before cable vision, video recorders and the internet showed up. There were and are other

places in Winters where you could get a hamburger, fries and such but they could never have the atmosphere which the Chick-Inn had — I'll never forget it..."

**Bettye Blanton Pinkerton wrote...** "In 1982, the Big Wind Blew in the night of March 14th, between 1:00 and 2:00 a.m. The wind was blowing hard and pulsating lightening. The telephone rang—Gary (Pinkerton) said he had a call that a truck had run into the supply store. When he got there and I drove up, he said "Mother it was not a truck-it was a tornado". Okay, I said, I will go to the office and check the computers. He said to not bother, the office has no roof. Then the big clean up! I can vouch for the citizens of this as being the most caring and helpful people on earth. By sunrise Sunday Morning there were volunteers everywhere and they did not stop with just the day — as a result, Winters Welding Works and Winters Oilfield Supply were open for business again real soon..."

**Joe Echols wrote...** "as we share our memories here, we may forget that for Mr. and Mrs. Hodnett, running the Chick-Inn involved many long hours. I'm sure they sacrificed a lot with respect to having "free time". I'm sure the same could be said of the Wilsons before them. We were very fortunate to have mentors like these good people in our teens.

**Dane Bishop wrote...** "I remember coming in from Austin on a Sunday night to the apartment in San Angelo and a note on the door to call a number. The girl said to go home, something had happened to my friend. I drove in to town and everyone was at the Chick-Inn. Not my best memory, but a memory and

a friend... I will never forget."

**Gary Gray remembered...** "everytime there was a fight (J.C. Hodnett) told me to come get him..."

**Lou Ann Cole Hatler wrote...** "my Freshman year at Sul Ross in Alpine, I met a couple of guys from Ballinger and when they asked where I was from, and I said Winters, they screamed out — Winters Chick-Inn— from then on, they called me the Winters Chicken — lasted all four years."

**Randall Conner wrote...** "On a Saturday night during the summer in the late 1960's, Gary Don Pinkerton and I met up at the Chick-Inn south of Winters. Since gas was cheap at the time, we often made the drag up Main Street to the Novice Road, back down Main Street and then circling the Chick-Inn. That night we did not have anything else to do, so part of the night we made the drag in Gary's car and part of the time we were in my car. I think there were some other friends who rode with us part of the time during the evening. We made the drag 5 times, then 10 times, and just kept going. Gary Don and I made the drag 44 times that night (I think it was 44) and that was supposedly the record number of times to make the drag in one night. We probably would have kept going, but we both had to get home before our parents started looking for us. We often went to the Chick-Inn after going to the Fiesta Drive Inn or State Theatre on Saturday nights. Many of us would go to the Chick-Inn after ball games and other events at school. I can still remember the great French Fries and Cherry Cokes. I thought they had the best tasting hamburgers in town. The Chick-Inn was the teen hang-out for Winters and you could always meet

up with friends. The Wilsons and the Hodnetts always made the place a friendly place for kids..."

**Theresa Meyer Patterson wrote...** "I will always remember the time the Sub Debs and the Goal Diggers had 'initiation,' (this was in the mid 60s) and we were all at the Chick-Inn. We were all grungy. Our hair was full of dirt and our 'friends' were pelting us with dirt, water balloons and raw eggs. Most of the eggs were exploding when they hit us, but one hit one of the girls in the head and knocked her down and out. It was not a raw egg — it was hard boiled. There was sudden silence. Fortunately, she woke right up — with a headache and a knot on her head but she was ok. Nobody threw eggs again, at least not that night..."

**Donna Hall wrote...** "J. C. Hodnett, Justice of the Peace married Kerry and I in the office in the back of the Chick-Inn at 5 p.m. in 1975..."


**Milton Gerhart related...** "I remember the quarter-mile strip just south of the Chick-Inn. I had a '55 Chevy that could run pretty fast, especially when you shifted in second. Bob Pruser had a '53 or '54 Oldsmobile with a 4 barrel carburetor."

"One time we were at the north drive-in and Naomi and a friend took my car out to try it on the strip. We had to chase her down in Bob's car, but we couldn't catch them." "You could hear my car from quite a ways off. When I was driving down West Dale, all of the windows would rattle. Naomi lived a couple of miles west of town and she could hear me when I left town."

Compiled by Ruth Cooper


**CHICK - INN MEMORIES**

Charles Mathis ~ Class of 1969  
 Beckey Mathis ~ Class of 1970  
 Mike Mathis ~ Class of 1971  
 Rickey Mathis ~ Class of 1973  
 Children of M.E. & Faye



**WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL**  
 Class of 1967  
*Memories of making the drag*  
 Go Blizzards!!!

**WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**CLASS OF 1968**  
**REMEMBERING THE**  
**CHICK - INN**



**WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**BLIZZARDS**  
 STUDENT AND EX-STUDENTS  
 SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY  
 AND BACKING THE BLIZZARDS

Freddie Bredemeyer - WHS Class '44  
 Juanita Pruser Bredemeyer - WHS Class '54  
 Rodrick Bredemeyer - WHS Class '76 - Donna  
 Lori Bredemeyer Ryan - WHS Class '01 - John  
 Leah Bredemeyer - WHS Class '03  
 Malcolm Bredemeyer - WHS Class '77 - Sharon  
 Kevin Bredemeyer - WHS Class '09  
 Kelton Bredemeyer - WHS Class '11  
 Lauren Bredemeyer - WHS Class '14  
 Lindsey Bredemeyer - WHS Class '81 - Sheila

**WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**BLIZZARDS**  
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Doyle Cooper - Ruth Vogler Cooper - WHS Class '54  
 Rita Cooper - Anderson - WHS Class '76  
 Andrew Williams - WHS Class '00  
 Linda Cooper Land - WHS Class '78 - Pat  
 Mona Cooper - WHS Class '83  
 Alan and J Lynn Cooper - WHS Class '85  
 Alanna Cooper - WHS Class '14  
 Cameron Cooper - WHS Class '16



# WHS 2013 Homecoming

Each year Winters High School and the Ex-Students Association host a homecoming celebration at a Blizzard home football game. A number of former classes hold reunions, a dinner is served prior to the football game, and an alumni reception is held following the football game. The highlight of

homecoming is the crowning of the Homecoming Queen and the Coming Home Queen at half-time of the football game. Last year the Homecoming Queen was Daisy Martinez and the Coming Home Queen was Marianne (Rocha) Woffenden (WHS Class of 1962). The Coming Home Queen,

which began in the 1960s, honors someone who is usually a Winters High School graduate and who has contributed significantly to the Winters community over their lifetime. The honorees are kept secret until announced at the football game.

This year, Winters High

School will be recognizing the first two "Distinguished Alumni" honorees. A committee reviewed several nominees and selected two Winters High School graduates who have truly distinguished themselves in their careers—Mr. Bill Little (WHS Class of 1960) and Mr. Bill Wheat

(WHS Class of 1984). They will be speaking at a school assembly on Friday morning at 8:00 am and will visit several classes in high school and junior high school. The Distinguished Alumni will be publicly recognized at half-time of the Friday evening football game.

## OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS

### William L. (Bill) Little

Recognized as one of the nation's leading figures in the area of college athletics media relations, Bill Little has never forgotten the Winters, Texas roots which launched his journalistic career over 50 years ago.

Little, who began his career when he was in high school writing sports for the Winters Enterprise, the San Angelo Standard Times and the Abilene Reporter News, is entering his 47th year with The University of Texas Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, and currently holds the title of Special Assistant to the Head Football Coach/Communications.

A prominent sports broadcaster who has authored or co-authored eight books and hundreds of award-winning magazine and web commentaries, Little frequently references his home town, Runnels County, and the area just south of the Callaghan Divide in his writings and radio commentaries.

The son of the late Eddie and Ruth Little and the grandson of Winters pioneer and former Texas State Representative H.O. Jones, Bill is a 1960 graduate of Winters High School, where he was involved in many school activities and served as president of the Student Council during his senior year.

He grew up in a house directly across Heights Street from the school, and worked in his dad's photography studio as a youngster and started writing sports for newspapers in 1957. He entered The University of Texas following his graduation from Winters, and while attending The University of Texas at Austin, he served as Sports Editor of the student newspaper, The Daily Texan. In 1963, following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, he was part of the team coverage of the events that followed, including writing a profile on the new President, Lyndon Johnson.

He earned his Bachelor of Journalism Degree from Texas in 1965, and starting in 1964 he worked two years with the Austin American Statesman, and

two with The Associated Press in Oklahoma City before returning to Texas as assistant sports information director in 1968. He's been involved in the UT media relations area ever since.

Little's association with Texas football began when he was a UT student in 1961, and spans the careers of five football coaches and six decades. He has accompanied Longhorn teams to 36 bowl games and through the 2012 season has staffed 512 straight football games.

Little has broadcast more than 1,700 college baseball games and has served as the voice of Texas men's and women's basketball. He also provides a popular weekly segment on Longhorn history during Texas football broadcasts, and does the public address announcing at Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium for Longhorn home football games.

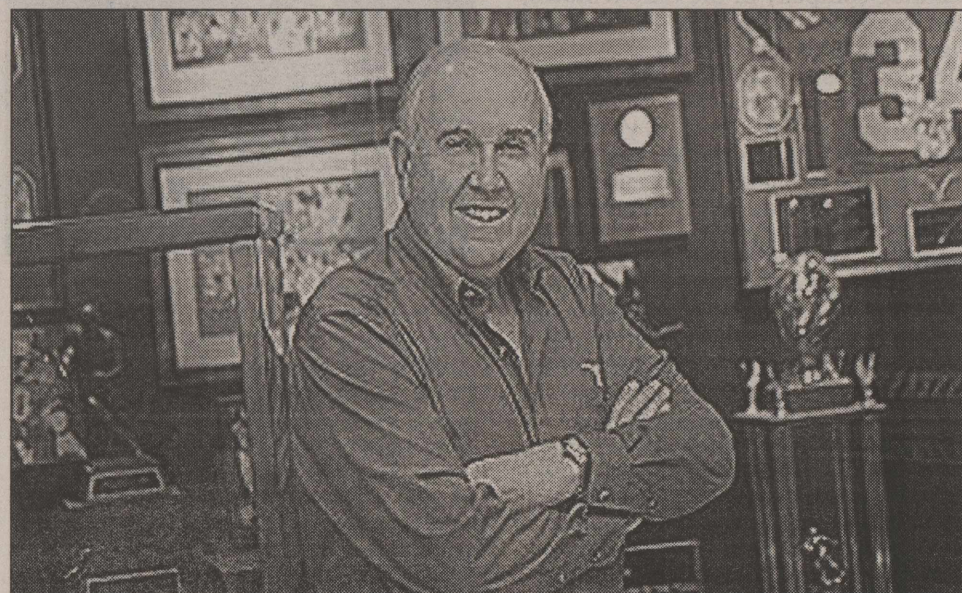
He is in demand as a public speaker and annually moderates the Texas Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame induction press conference at the Waldorf Astoria in New York.

With the emergence of the Internet as a force in collegiate journalism, Little's sports commentaries have become a popular stop for fans hitting the Texas web site, and he continues to write articles for other publications as well.

In 1998, Little wrote the script for actor Matthew McConaughey for the award winning sports video documentary "The Story of Darrell Royal," which was given a "Telly"—video's version of the Oscars—for the best sports documentary of 1998.

In 2007, Little coordinated and co-authored "What It Means To Be A Texas Longhorn," a collection of first-person recollections from some of Texas's most legendary coaches and football players.

"One Heartbeat II — The Road To The National Championship" written with football coach Mack Brown, was named a finalist for the prestigious Hamilton Book Awards given to UT professors



and staff members who published books during 2006. In 2005 he wrote "Stadium Stories - Texas Longhorns," and Little and Brown collaborated on the original "One Heartbeat — A Philosophy of Teamwork, Life and Leadership" in 2001. His first work on other UT sports was as co-author of "Kings of The Diamond — A History of Texas Longhorn Baseball" in 1982, followed by "Hoop Tales — Texas Longhorns," which came out in the fall of 2007. His most recent work is "Texas Football — Yesterday and Today" (published in 2009), and this past summer he assisted his good friend, Ballinger native and former Tech coach Spike Dykes in his updating of Dykes' book "Tales from the Texas Tech Sidelines."

He is a member of the Texas Longhorn Hall of Honor, the College Sports Information Directors Hall of Fame and the Big Country Sports Hall of Fame in Abilene, Texas.

Little is married to Kim Scofield. The couple has three children and 10 grandchildren.

In his book, "Stadium Stories — Texas Longhorns," Little — whose career has taken him to 48 of the 50 states and

has allowed him to meet six Presidents of The United States — included the following in his Preface:

"In so many ways the small town of Winters, Texas, was a perfect place to grow up in the 1950s. We got our values from parents who had lived through depressions and wars. And there was a whole new world out there in an electronic revolution, which included creations such as television sets.

"From our house across the street from the school, I could easily walk or ride my bike several blocks down Main Street to town, where the only stoplight spanned the corners between two drugstores, the bank and a barbershop.

"The local high school football field doubled as a rodeo arena in the summer. I was too little to play football or basketball, and I was an average tennis and baseball player and a worse golfer. I soon learned that my association with games would be to write about them, for my gift was to be able to tell the story. With a mother who was a writer and a dad who was a photographer, journalism was a natural path for me...."

And almost 60 years later, he's still telling the story.



OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS

# Bill Wheat

The high-rise office buildings and boardrooms of large public companies and financial institutions may appear to have little in common with a small rural town. But according to one public company executive, the values and principles he learned while growing up in Winters, Texas have played an important role in his business career.

For the past 10 years, Bill W. Wheat has been Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of D.R. Horton, Inc., headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas. D.R. Horton is the largest homebuilding company in the United States, and its stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (symbol: DHI). When the U.S. housing and financial markets collapsed and the economy fell into the deep recession of recent years, Mr. Wheat helped his company navigate through the worst housing industry conditions and national economic crisis since the Great Depression.

Bill says that the lessons he learned while being raised in Runnels County were a guiding light during those trying times: "My family, teachers, coaches, friends and the communities of Winters and Wingate taught me to work hard with determination and persistence, to be honest, to stay strong in my faith, to treat others with respect and to maintain a positive team-oriented attitude in all circumstances. I am blessed and grateful to have been raised in a community that encouraged and instilled these valuable, time-honored, simple principles in its young people."

Bill is 47 years old and is the son of Gene and Jeanie Wheat of Winters and the grandson of Louise Seals and the late Marvin Seals of Winters and the late Willie W. and Lena Mae Wheat of Wingate. He attended Winters schools from kindergarten through high school, graduating as valedictorian of the WHS class of 1984. He played football on the Blizzards' playoff teams of 1982-83, was a member of the Blizzard band and Student Council all four years, serving as Student Council President his senior year, and participated in numerous UIL literary competitions. Bill, his brother Doug and sister Julie were all pianists at Wingate Baptist Church, where Gene was the worship leader for many years.

Bill grew up working in the Wheat family's fuel business alongside his parents and siblings. He recalls: "The first tasks our parents gave us kids in the business were to clean and straighten the warehouse and carry customer purchases out to their pickups. Later, we filled fuel tanks and propane bottles and drove around the countryside painting fuel tanks in our "Old



Yeller pickup," and we also helped with the bookkeeping in the office. We all learned to enjoy working hard and the satisfaction of a job well done. One of my fondest memories was when I overheard my dad tell a customer one day that 'Bill isn't afraid of hard work.'"

Bill studied business at Baylor University in Waco, Texas and majored in Accounting and Finance. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Baylor in 1988, graduating with magna cum laude honors. Baylor provided tremendous academic challenges and training, balanced with an emphasis on maintaining integrity and ethics in the business world, where there are many temptations to be greedy, selfish and dishonest. He began dating Julie Jones of Fort Worth, also a 1988 Baylor accounting/finance graduate, while they were both interviewing for jobs with accounting firms and studying for the CPA exam during their senior year. Bill credits Julie with steering him toward opportunities in Fort Worth, which was a better cultural fit for a small-town West Texas boy than some other large cities. Julie passed all sections of the CPA exam in one attempt, while Bill needed two tries. Consistent with his subsequent business practice of forming teams with people smarter than himself, Bill & Julie were married in 1989.

After Baylor, Bill joined the audit department of Price Waterhouse LLP in Fort Worth, where he worked for three years performing financial statement audits of numerous public and private companies. In 1991, he began work as a financial planning manager at the

corporate headquarters of The Bombay Company, a home furnishings retailer based in Fort Worth, and he held several accounting and merchandising positions at Bombay before he joined D.R. Horton in 1998.

Bill joined D.R. Horton as an Accounting Manager, was promoted to Senior Vice President and Controller in 2000, and has served as EVP and CFO since 2003. He also serves on the board of directors of the company's subsidiary mortgage company, DHI Mortgage.

D.R. Horton has been in business for 35 years, and it was much smaller when Bill joined its ranks 15 years ago. The company had begun a period of rapid growth as it expanded across the country and became the largest homebuilder in the United States in 2002, a position it has now held for 11 consecutive years. During the deep and long U.S. housing recession, new home sales declined by more than 75%, which bankrupted many homebuilders and severely weakened many others. While D.R. Horton's management and employees endured many difficult days and painful decisions from 2006 through 2011, the company has emerged with a strong balance sheet and the highest profit margins among all of the national U.S. homebuilders as the housing market has begun to improve in 2012-13. D.R. Horton has 4,500 employees throughout its operations in 78 cities across 27 states. The company currently sells approximately 25,000 homes annually at prices ranging from \$100,000 to more than \$900,000, and has generated revenues of \$5.7 billion and after-tax profit of \$423 million in the past twelve months.

In his role as CFO, Bill works alongside the executive team and the board of directors to oversee the strategy, direction, investments and operations of the company. He has direct responsibility for all of the company's accounting, financial reporting, treasury, tax, internal audit and information technology functions as well as its overall internal control environment. Bill personally signs the company's financial statements that are filed every three months with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and he regularly represents the company to investors, stock analysts, banks and the debt rating agencies in meetings and presentations across the United States.

Bill has been a licensed CPA in Texas since 1990 and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. In 2005, he was recognized by Treasury & Risk Management magazine as an outstanding U.S.

finance executive under 40 years of age, just barely before he became too old for the designation.

Bill and Julie Wheat have been married for 24 years and live in Arlington, Texas. Their daughter Lauren is a freshman at Baylor University, majoring in Theatre Production and Design, and she and her dad enjoy playing piano duets together. Bill and Julie serve as preschool teachers at First Baptist Church Arlington, where they are long-time members and Bill is an active deacon. Bill has chaired the church's Business Oversight, Stewardship and Finance Committees in prior years. He also serves on the Advisory Council for Baylor University's Department of Accounting and Business Law. Bill and Julie are enthusiastic supporters of Baylor's academic, athletic and theatre programs as well as its worldwide missions and ministries.

Bill is proud to be a Winters Blizzard alumnus, and he shares this advice to the current generation of Blizzards: "You are receiving a strong foundation for your life as a student here in Winters that will serve you well in whatever you choose to do and wherever you go in your life. Each of you has a purpose to fulfill in this world that is unique to you, and every person and role is just as important as any other. There are many wonderful people who are making their mark on the world around you here in Winters, so look to them for guidance and help. If you strive to be excellent in everything you do by always giving your best effort, you can accomplish great things and make the world a better place. So, begin striving for excellence and preparing for your future right now, in your classes, school activities and your families. You are in training to make your contribution to the world, so start getting ready now."



(Picture Courtesy of J'Lynn Cooper)



## Building a Better Community... Growing our Own

One thing I have learned as your superintendent over the past three years is the school district and community are closely intertwined in that what happens to one has an affect or impact on the other. Being committed to a vision in the Winters-area community to truly build a better community, is exciting and the school district plays an integral part in contributing to that concept by providing a quality education for our graduates to become productive, well-rounded citizens and ready to enter the workforce; hopefully, right here in Winters.

As superintendent, I personally possess strong sentiments about the relationship that a school district must develop with the community; it's a partnership. We should all support our shops and businesses in Winters; we should all support our schools in Winters; we should all support our churches in Winters; and we should all support our neighbors in Winters. In order for the Winters- area community to thrive and prosper, we (all agencies and organizations) must work collaboratively to create and work toward a achieving a common vision and goals...Building a Better Community. Working together, we can achieve many great things for our children and community to enhance the quality of education and life for our constituents. Many authors and pundits describe this condition as synergy.

Synergy literally translated means when the sum of the individual parts equals the whole. All of us working collaboratively, in the same direction, can achieve more than each of us individually or as an organization working alone. One of my favorite sayings is "growing our own". That's one of our goals at Winters ISD, to grow our own in terms preparing our students for life after graduation, whether that is college, military, workforce or to reside in our great community. At Winters ISD, our vision statement is "Respecting the past...creating the future...infinite possibilities." We are committed to building a brighter future for our children and building a better community.

**Don Kuempel, Jr. Superintendent, Winters ISD**  
September, 2013

# School Board Approves One-to-One Tablet Initiative

At the regular scheduled school board meeting held on Monday night, June 24th, Winters ISD trustees voted to approve a 1:1 iPad initiative at the secondary campuses. With a price tag totaling around 300,000 dollars; the 1:1 project will equip every junior high and high school teacher and student with an iPad to be used at school and at home. For much of the past school year, teachers and administrators have been in a strategic planning mode, attending 1:1 workshops and technology conferences as well as touring other districts and witnessing firsthand students using iPads or mobile computer devices as a learning tool in the classroom. The advantages or benefits to students and staff having mobile devices are that it affords greater variety of primary and secondary educational materials, along with enhanced flexibility in accessing information resources from a wide variety of resources, and in real time. In contrast to textbooks that are published and distributed every five to ten years, mobile devices are much

more dynamic and interactive in which teachers can upload curriculum resources or applications or access education web sites via the internet to complement classroom instruction. "No longer do students have to tote a stack of thick heavy books back and forth from school to home. Everything will be digitized and available at the tip of students' fingers, inside a mobile device. The implementation of the electronic mobile device or iPad will require extensive professional development for our staff, coupled with educating our students and parents on the appropriate use. Scheduled parent informational meetings will begin this fall. The technology committee has met frequently to develop a guidelines and procedures to ensure the district communicates its expectations and rules," commented Superintendent Kuempel.

"Using a wide range of tools, teachers will create interactive course materials for the iPad to keep their students engaged. Teacher will able to present students with more than just text

on a page. They can create an interactive lesson with pictures and videos and hyperlinks in it. It's great to be bound not by what's out there, but only by what you can imagine," stated director of technology Billy Mobley

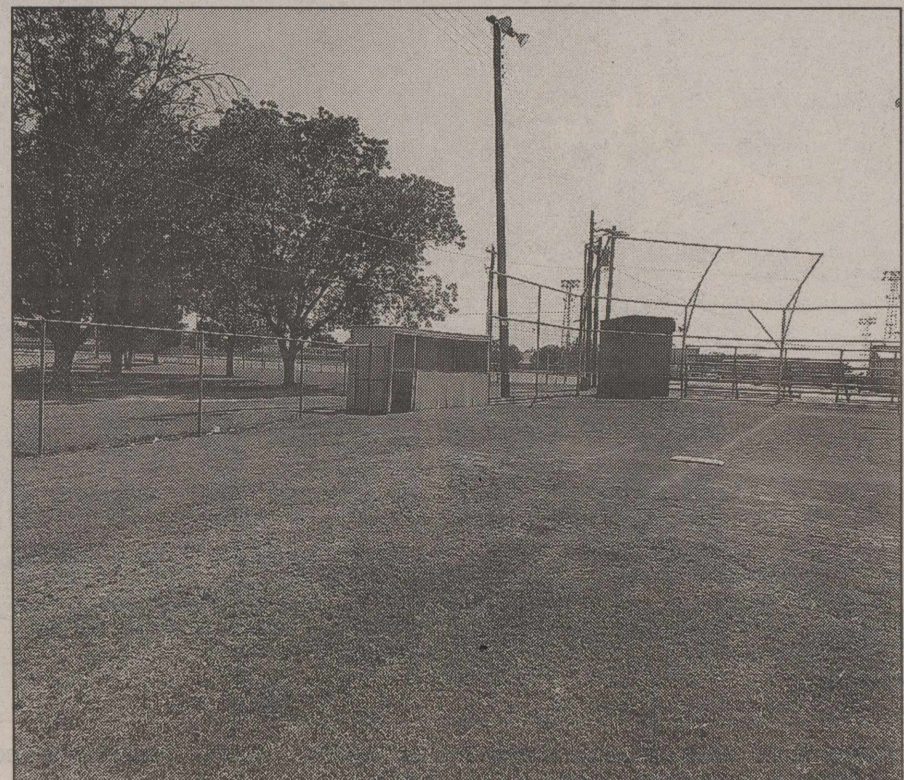
"Students and teachers across disciplines will find new ways to make learning more interactive. For instance students in Spanish class can practice speaking by recording and playing back their voices. In economics class, students can pull real-time stock market data to create and track a stock portfolio. And in math class, students will be able research market costs to create a realistic housing budget."

Giving students access to iPad also allows teachers to better adapt to their students' unique needs and abilities. Students are no longer limited to writing essays and answering multiple-choice questions in order to demonstrate what they've learned. As educators, we still need to focus on learning outcomes but we will now have multiple ways for students to show their level of proficiency.

## Blizzard Baseball and Softball Fields Will Receive Facelift

The Winters ISD Board of Trustees approved on a 6-1 vote to renovate the district's two baseball fields and softball field. CADCO Architect firm in Abilene was selected to design and engineer the plans for the renovation project. The renovation project will include new painted concrete block dugouts, new backstop netting and masonry backstop wall, some new fencing, leveling of playing surface, outfield improvements and installation of sports bermudagrass 419 turf on the varsity baseball field. According to athletic director Stan Caffey, "We are excited about the improvements that the school board has approved and appreciate all of the hard work and time they have invested in this project." The estimated cost of baseball/softball complex is estimated in the neighborhood of 300,000 dollars. Demolition and site work on the varsity diamond will begin in a couple of weeks. Texas Multi Chem, a statewide sports turf consulting company, has been contracted by the district to do the ground and turf improvements on the

softball and varsity baseball fields, only. The district's second baseball field, which also serves as the little league field, is not part of the ground and turf improvement, but will receive new dugouts and backstop. Superintendent Don Kuempel added, "Within the past few years, the district has built a premier gymnasium and has reconstructed a first-rate track that has benefited the school and community. Once more, the school board is investing in upgrading district facilities by renovating the baseball and softball fields that are in much need of improvement. Time, wear and weather have taken its toll on the facilities and fields and the new improvements will greatly improve the playing surface of the fields as well as functionality and appearance of the complex. Once completed, it will be another source of school spirit and community pride to be enjoyed for many years to come by current and future Blizzard baseball and softball players. The timeline for completion of all fields is estimated to be early fall.





# CHICK INN COMMEMORATIVE EDITION / WHS 2013 HOMECOMING

## WHS 2013 Schedule

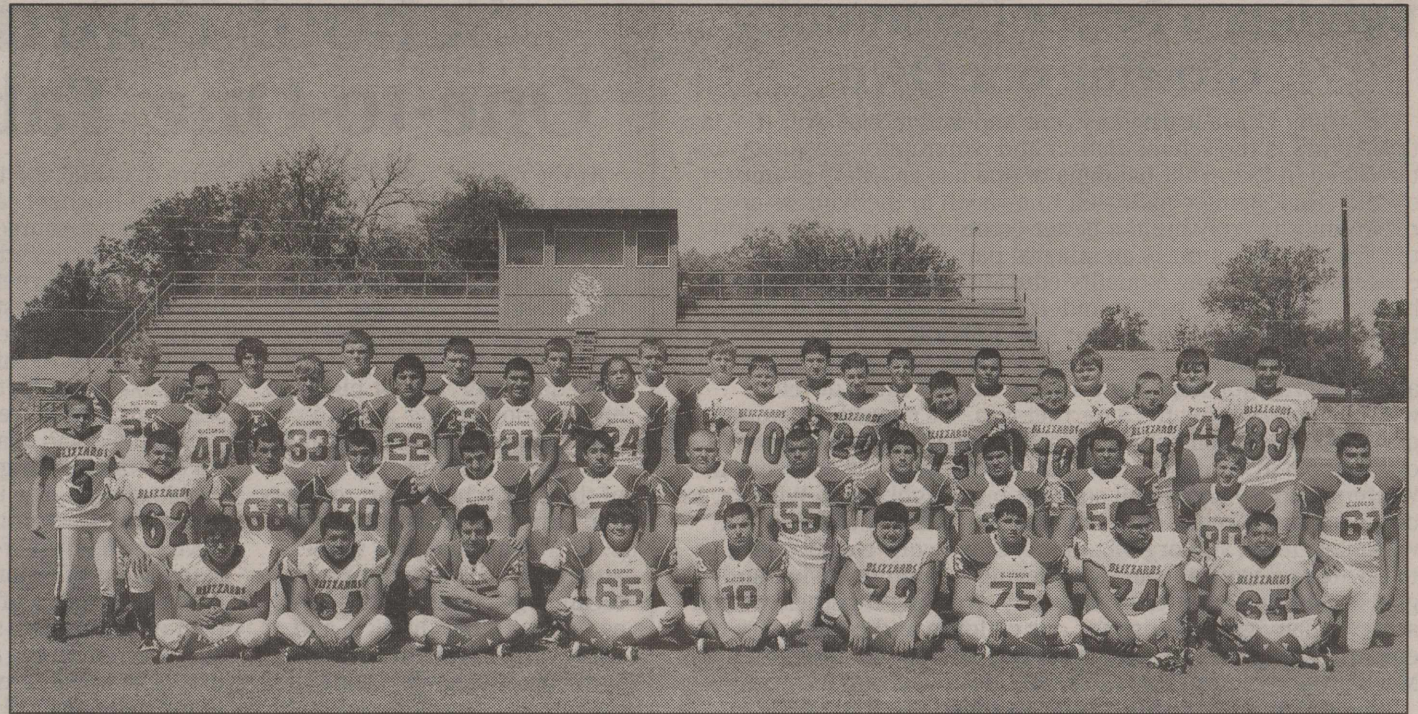
Aug. 30	Mason	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	Ballinger	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	at Bronte	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	Hamlin	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	Brock**	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	At Goldthwaite	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	At Stamford*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	Anson*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	Open	
Nov. 1	At Haskell*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	Forsan***	7:30 p.m.

\* District Games  
 \*\* Homecoming  
 \*\*\* Senior Night

## WINTERS BLIZZARDS CHAMPIONSHIPS

DISTRICT	BI-DISTRICT	AREA	REGIONAL	QUARTER-FINAL	SEMI-FINAL
1951	1951	2006	1962	1962	1962
1952	1952	2007	1994	1998	1998
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## WINTERS FUNERAL HOME



**2013 Blizzards** Front row left to right: Ethaniel Reyes, Alex Hernandez, Dusty Hines, Angel Escamia, Chris Gerhart, Andrew Sanchez, Marcus Torres, Christian Garcia, David Sanchez, Jr. Second row: John Wright (5), Efrén Rodriguez, Michael Aleman, Julian Soto, Andrew New, Tony Sanchez, Justin Ventress, Armando Rodriguez, Jonathan Sandoval, Freddy Cabrela, Danny Whipple, Jordan Hamrick, Samuel Reyes. Third row: Brandon Reyna, Cameron Cooper, Mikey Martinez, Ty Cortez, Stephon Cleghorn, Scott Lange, Sam Woodall, Jaeggar Collins, Marcus Mostad, Dylan Bryant, Isaiah Romo. Back row: Austen Green, Jimmy John Ripley, Corey Pritchard, Ethan Bredemeyer, Lukas Kraatz, Hunter Darnell, Brendon Mikeska, Sean Mooney, Daryl Hagle, Fermin Cruz, Taylor Hooper.



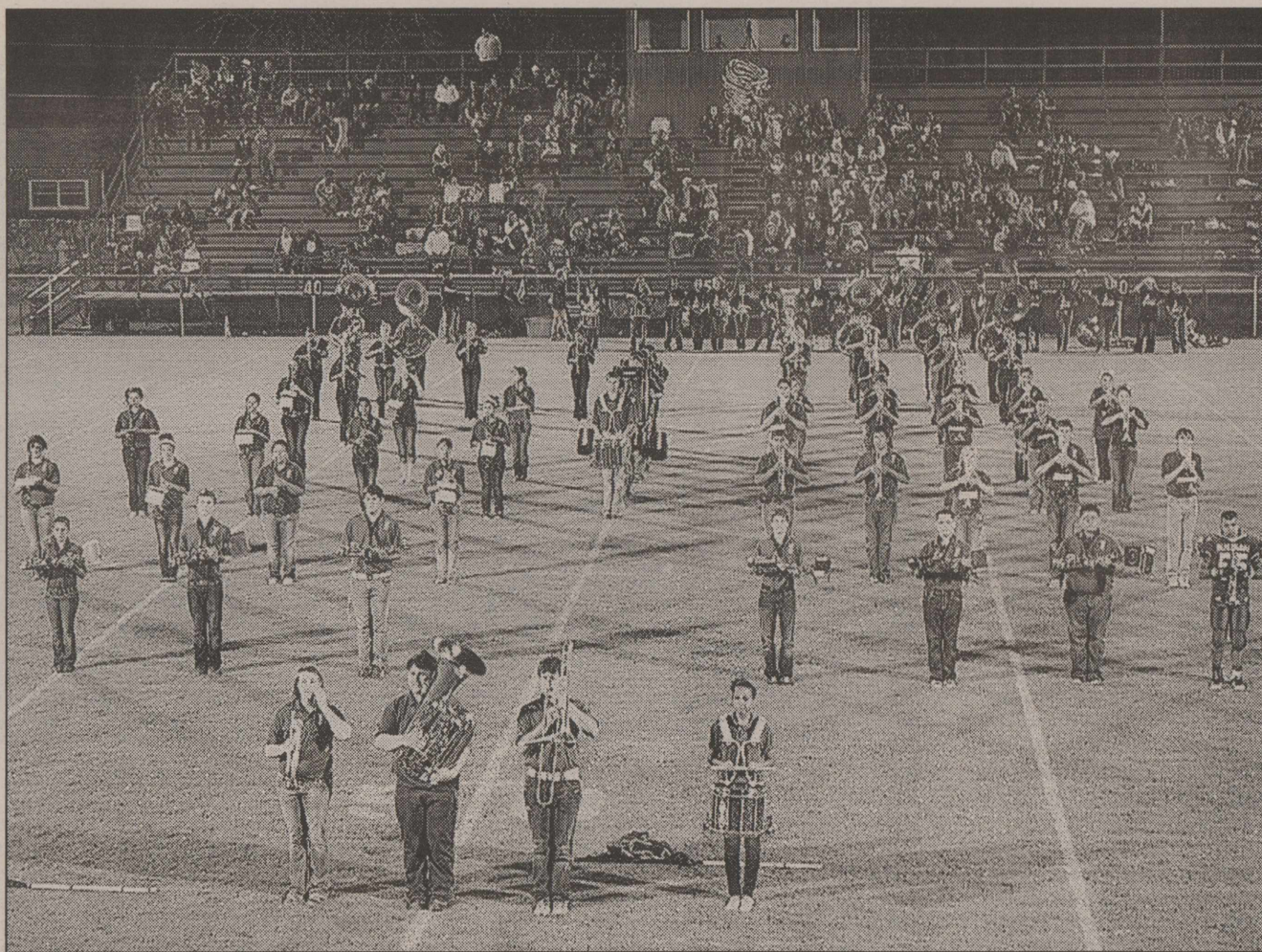
Chelsea Gray, Jessica Roman, Gabby Jimenez, Alanna Cooper — Head Cheerleader, Destiny Chavis, Kara Kraatz, Ashley Guy, Bailey Busher, Christi Kruse, K'Lee Lindley

(Picture Courtesy of J'Lynn Cooper)



Boosting the spirit... Cheering for the Blizzards the mascot Desiree Wilson.





The Winters Blizzard Flag Corp left to right: Angel Stratton (Fresh.), Adreanna Lopez (Jr.), Elisabeth Wenzel (Jr.), Jennifer Rios (Jr.), Jaymee Pritchard (Sr.), Michaela Rodriguez (Soph.), Marissa Gray (Soph.), Athena Mata (Soph.), Lizzy Ortiz (Fresh.)  
(Photo Courtesy Karen Mooney)



LEFT: WHS Blizzard Band under the direction of Phillip Mooney. Drum Majors are Justine Garcia, Ryan Young and Stephon Cleghorn.

Photo Courtesy J'Lynn Cooper

## BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY: Winters Public Library

The Winters Public Library was founded on January 4, 1954, by Miss Myra Glover. Because she had given so generously of herself for the benefit of all, the beautiful building was dedicated to her on October 13, 1963. The Mission of the Winters Public Library is to provide the tools and resources needed to meet the personal, professional, and lifelong learning needs of the citizens of our Community. The Library offers many books in both print, audio, and on-line. Computers are available for use in the Library and computer classes are offered to the public. The Lois West Community Room is available for meetings and other activities. Library hours are 12- 6 pm Monday through Thursday, and 10 am - 12 noon on Saturday. Donations to the Library may be made as honorariums, memorials, or to recognize a volunteer. Please send donations to Nancy Spill, Treasurer, Winters Public Library, 120 North Main Street, Winters, Texas 79567.



## BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE: Winters Area Foundation 'Chick-Inn Scholarship'

Nothing helps a community more than investing in the education of our youth. Deserving students of Winters High School are awarded scholarships through the Winters Area Foundation. This local foundation was organized just eight years ago as a way to support local causes and efforts. The Future of Winters Club meets once a year and is privileged to grant local organizations funds for current projects. Every year there is a scholarship also presented. One scholarship will be



named the Chick-Inn Scholarship if significant funds are reached. A perpetual scholarship could be established as the Chick-Inn Scholarship if funds reach over \$20,000. To contribute to the Future of Winters through the Winters Area Foundation, mail your donation to Box 211, Winters, Texas. If you would like your contribution to go to the Chick-Inn scholarship, please indicate that on your check. Memorials and acknowledgement gifts are accepted throughout the year.



## BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY: The Rock Hotel Heritage Center and Z. I. Hale Museum

The Rock Hotel at 300 West Dale Street in Winters was built to fulfill a need when the railroad came to town in May of 1909. The railroad was built by Colonel Morgan Jones as an extension of the Abilene & Southern Railroad out of Abilene.

The number of passengers and freight traffic between Abilene and Winters was greater than Mr. Jones anticipated. During the first season between 40 and 50 thousand bales of cotton were moved to local markets.

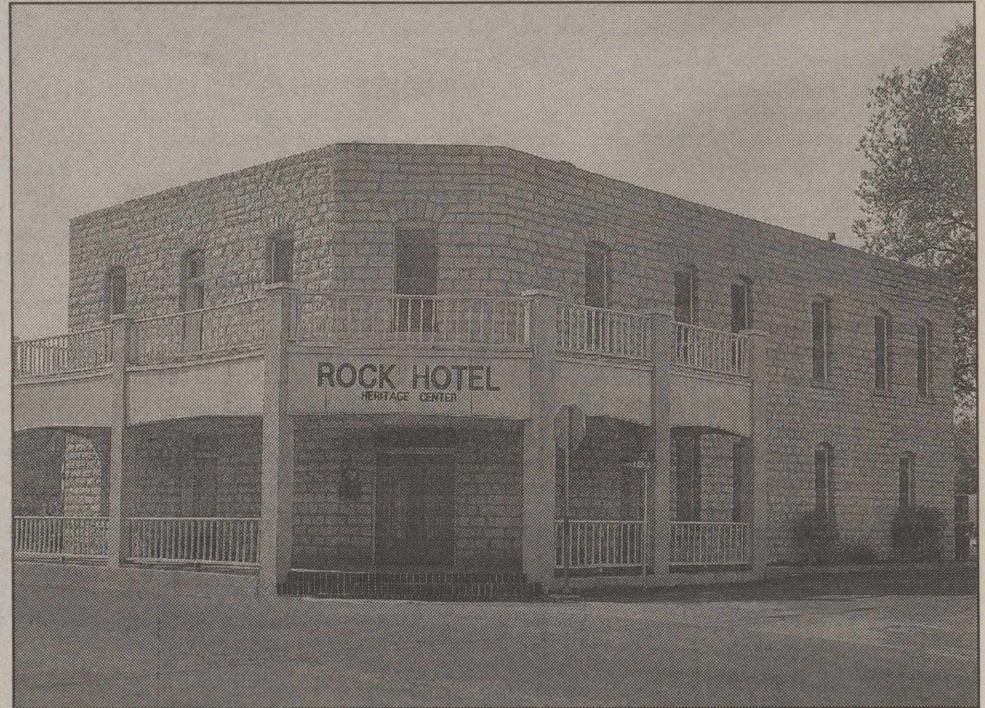
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Heath moved their family from Heathtown, in Panola County to Winters in 1905. Mr. Heath found just what he was looking for in the little town of Winters, Texas. The population at that time was about one thousand. Their home was a white two room house, a hall between the two rooms on one acre of land. The family paid \$1500. Mr. Heath assured his wife additions could be made to the house. She called it "camping out", while three more rooms were added. The contrast of the East Texas trees and the sandstorms here were hard for Mrs. Heath to get accustomed. Mr. Heath opened a general merchandise store in partnership with Ira Beard. This kind of store during that era carried both groceries and dry goods.

The railroad arrived and the station was located one block from their home.

Mrs. Heath was industrious and always looked for ways to improve her family's income. She came up with the idea of a hotel and it would be built on their property. The hotel was two stories high. It was built of native stone and given the name, Rock Hotel. There were 14 guest rooms, a manager's apartment and a lobby. It was finished in 1910. The hotel was usually full with regular boarders, the traveling salesmen, known as drummers, and the transient guests. The Heaths sold the Rock Hotel later in 1910 and the store in 1912, then the family moved to Ballinger, Texas.

The first major renovation to the Rock Hotel was in 1926. Passenger service was discontinued but the Abilene & Southern Railroad continued the freight service to Winters, hauling grain and cotton for several more years, before the hauling ceased.

The Rock Hotel is located across the street by the Z. I. Hale Museum and across the street from the Gus Pruser Ag Museum. The Drummer's House is located beside the Rock Hotel. The historic complex is serving the area with their many functions. It was restored in prior years to the valuable asset in the community that it now is. The historic complex contains several collections, among them, David Ledbetter's Pressed Glass Pitcher Col-



lection, the Roger's Hornsby Baseball Exhibit, and the first patented cotton picker in the U.S. The Rock Hotel is the site of various meetings and celebrations annually.

A Recorded Texas Historical Landmark Medallion and interpretive plate were dedicated Sunday October 9, 1983

in a ceremony at the Rock Hotel.

*Courtesy Runnels County Historical Commission Collection, Marker Histories The Winters Enterprise, October 6, 1983 Grand Old Man of Texas Railroading, by Vernon Gladden Spence.*

## BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY THROUGH COMPASSION: Winters Ministerial Alliance 'Samaritan's House'

Winters is blessed to have generous people who give to those who are in need. Through the alliance of local churches, the Samaritan's House provides food to community families, offers utility assistance, and operates a clothes closet. Administered by Barbara Jones, Samaritan's House has helped many, some with just a temporary need and some with many mouths to feed. Operating out of the building, formerly known as Dr. Rives office, local citizens in need are treated with respect and concern. Additional assistance has been given during the summer for children when school meals are not provided. To join in the compassionate ministry of the Samaritan's House, contributions can be sent to Winters Ministerial Alliance, Box 211, Winters 79567.



STAINED GLASS WINDOW IN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH JONES HALL (Originally in the 1916 Church)

*(Photo Courtesy of Beth Bradley)*

## Churches of the Winters Area

First Baptist Church  
104 W. Truitt Street  
Winters, Texas 79567

Mr. Carmel Catholic Church  
119 w. College Street  
Winters, Texas 79567

North Main Church of Christ  
502 N. Main Street  
Winters, Texas 79567

First United Methodist Church  
141 N. Church Street  
Winters, Texas 79567

Bluff Creek Cowboy Church  
3802 FM 2405  
Winters, Texas 79567

Somebody Cares Ministries  
1011 Trinity Street  
Winters, Texas 79567

Templo De Los Milagros  
208 Fannin Street  
Winters, Texas 79567

Primera Iglesia Bautista  
104 W. Truitt Street  
Winters, Texas 79567

Assembly of God  
304 Wood Street  
Winters, Texas 79567

Pioneer Church of God  
1017 N. Cryer  
Winters, Texas 79567

Southside Baptist Church  
617 Crews Road  
Winters, Texas 79567

Hopewell Baptist Church  
Hwy 153, 2 miles E. of Crew  
Winters, Texas 79567

New Beginnings Church  
511 Roberts Street  
Winters, Texas 79567

Second Baptist Church  
810 Trinity Street  
Winters, Texas 79567

Wingate Baptist Church  
309 CR 395  
Wingate, Texas 79566

*Church Information  
Courtesy Barbara Jones*





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## BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY: North Runnels Hospital

The North Runnels Hospital District was formed in 1970 and a new hospital opened shortly thereafter to meet the medical needs of the Winters area. Staffed with 2 medical doctors, a PA, and a dedicated support staff, the hospital provides a high level of medical care for the area. Besides the well-equipped hospital and emergency room, the hospital district includes a highly-qualified EMS service with paramedics, home health care, and new doctor's clinic.

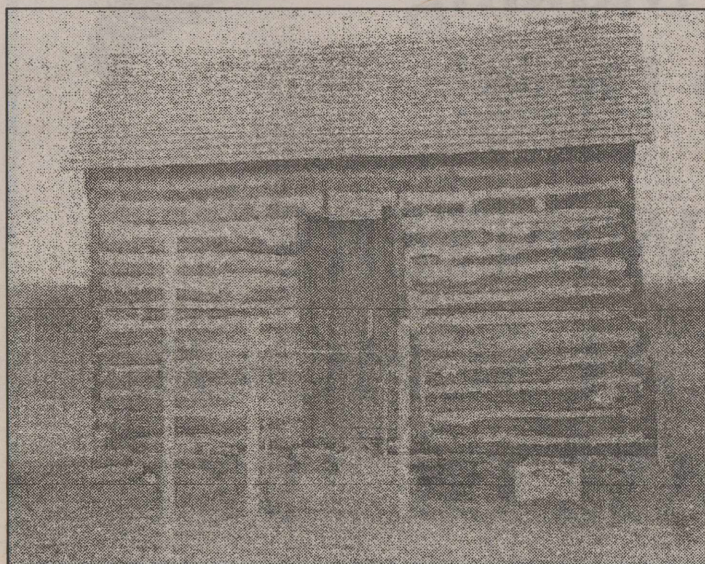


LEFT: The North Runnels Clinic, formerly the Selkirk-Dry's Main Office Building.

*(Picture Courtesy of Ruth Cooper)*

BELOW: The North Runnels Hospital.

*(Picture Courtesy of J'Lynn Cooper)*



### BLUE GAP POST OFFICE

Originally built in 1878, 16 miles east of Winters, the post office is being reconstructed in Winters, North of the Library.

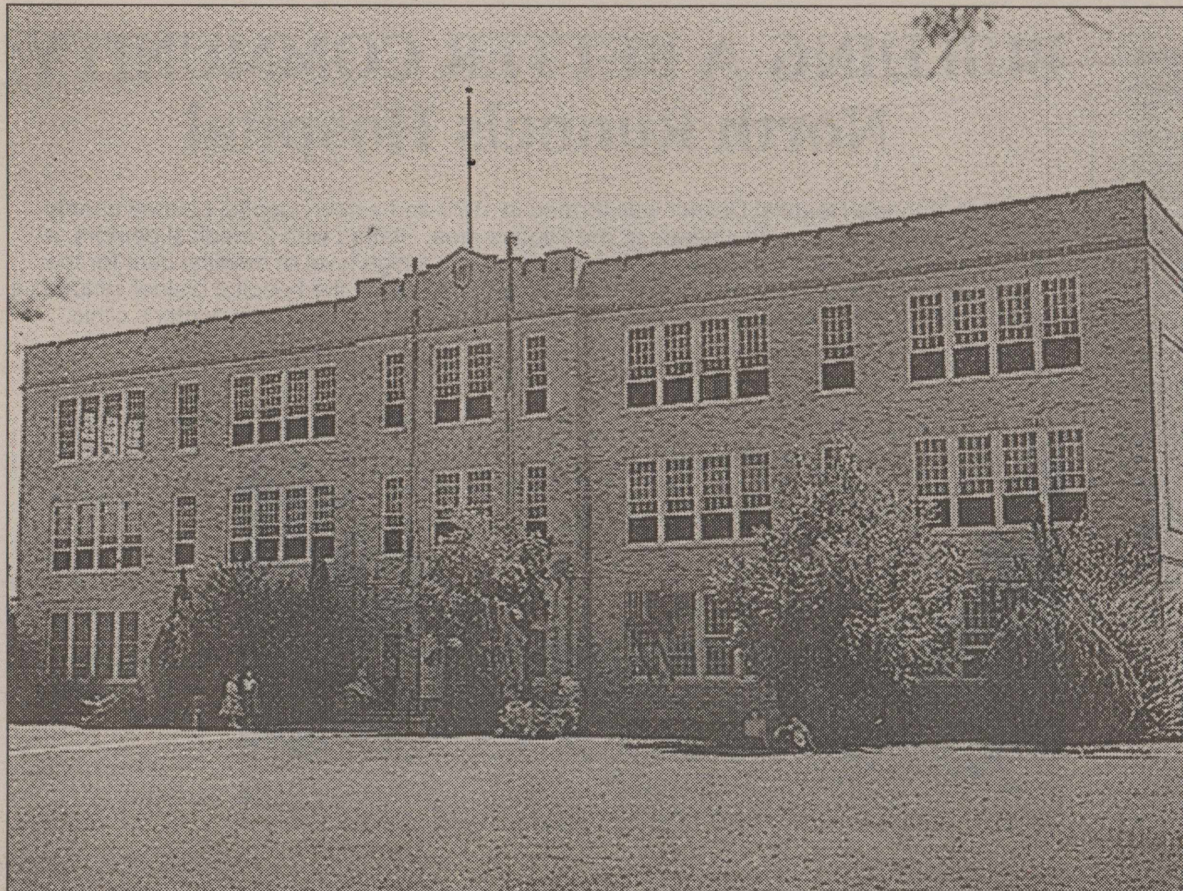
LEFT: The Blue Gap Post Office as it appeared in the 1960s.

RIGHT: Blue Gap Post Office being reconstructed.

*(Picture Courtesy of Ruth Cooper)*



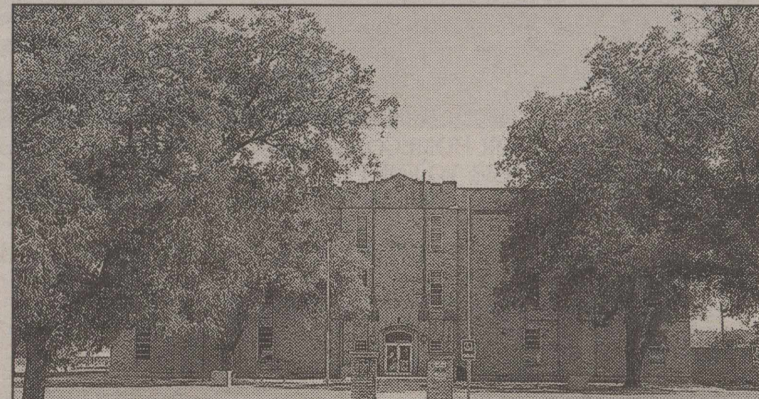




Winters High School in 1958.



Winters High School Special Events Center, built in 2010.



Winters High School in 2013

(Picture Courtesy of J'lynn Cooper)

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