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Annual Spring Festival drawing near

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

Spring means it's time for the Z. I. Hale Museum's Memories of Times Past "Spring Festival." This year's festival will be from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. April 18 at the museum grounds, 200 W. Dale in Winters. A street dance will follow from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

The Z. I. Hale Museum is a collection of buildings filled with artifacts dedicated to the preservation of Winters and the surrounding area's history.

Returning events include an automobile show, motorcycle show with Fun Run and a tractor show with String Olympics.

The auto show will have

four classes in which to enter vehicles, so there should be a category for everyone. The Antique Class will be for autos built before 1946 and in original or restored original condition. Classic Autos will be for autos built from 1946 to 1990 in original or original restored condition. Commercial Vehicles will be 1990 or earlier vehicles in original or restored original condition. Special Interest Vehicles are vehicles built after 1990 or any age vehicle that has been modified from original. There will be trophies in each class for the Peoples Choice winner with ribbons for second and third places. There will also be a trophy and ribbons for the Peoples Choice Best of Show.

Cruisers, trikes and vintage motorcycles will be on display competing for Peoples Choice trophies and ribbons. There will also be an overall Best of Show trophy and ribbons.

Participants in the Fun Run will need to stop at several locations along the route and have their card initialed. When they return from the Fun Run with the proper initials they will draw cards for the best porker hand. Fun Run winners will be presented a trophy and ribbons.

All of the tractors entered in the Peoples Choice Best of Show competition will be in one class. Winners will receive a trophy and ribbons. String Olympics is a competition, held on the museum grounds, that compares the tractor driver's skills in a number of events. The driver's skills are recorded on a score sheet and the winner will receive a trophy while second and third place winners will receive ribbons.

The museum grounds and some of the buildings will have events and demonstrations throughout the day. "Lone Star Lead and Lace" will have staged gun fights throughout the day as well. The public will be able to challenge the actors to fast draw contests. Funds from fast draw challenges will go into a scholarship fund.

If you think you can text and drive come challenge the Texas Department of Transportation's Impaired Driver Simulator.



There will be several food choices including the new Chick-Inn serving hamburgers, hot-dogs, drinks and more. The Rock Hotel will set up a tent out back so attendees can enjoy a slice of pie and drinks. The Cowboy Church Chuck Wagon will be cooking over an open wood fire.

A variety of musicians will be performing from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. the group will play for a street dance ending at 10:30 p.m.

The "Spring Festival" parade will begin at 4 p.m. The parade route will start at Church and Parsonage, travel to Main, turn south on Main to Hamilton, then west to Church where it will end.

There will be lots of activity at the Rock Hotel beginning on the front porch with a silent

auction. Inside there will be an Apron and Bonnet display and out the back door, under a tent, the Rock Hotel Ladies will be serving slices of pie and drinks. The Rock Hotel Gift Shop will be open with a wide variety of Winters souvenirs.

This year's fund raiser raffle will be for a "Dinner and Movie Package" valued at \$450. The package will include a \$300 gift card to Perini Ranch Steakhouse, a \$100 credit card to purchase the movie tickets and a "Tom Perini Cookbook." Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Drawing for the raffle will be at 4 p.m. at the Rock Hotel and the winner does not have to be present to win.

For more information contact John Long at 325-754-5389 or email zihalemuseum@wtxs.net.



Winters Public Library to offer parenting program April 17

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Friday, April 17 will be an exciting and informative evening at the Winters Public Library. John "Rusty" McLen, MMFT, LMFT, counselor from Abilene will be the speaker.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED
John "Rusty" McLen will speak at the Winters Public Library Friday, April 17. The content will feature his program "Understanding the Button Pushing Problems Between Kids and Parents."

His program "Understanding the Button Pushing Problems Between Kids and Parents" will be held at the library at 6:30 p.m. Kids are welcome to come with their parents. There will be supervised entertainment and refreshments provided by the library.

McLan earned his Bachelor of Arts in Bible and his Masters of Marriage and Family Therapy at Abilene Christian University.

From 1989 to 2002, he was the Counseling Minister at Hillcrest Church of Christ in Abilene. From 2002 to 2011, he was in private practice and co-founder and Executive Director of the Texas Family Institute.

At the present, McLan has a full-time private practice in Abilene. His specialties include: marriage therapy; parenting adolescents and adult children; counseling victims of sexual abuse; counseling Christians in matters of faith; anger management and communication skills.

A Vietnam veteran, he served in the U.S. Air Force as a crew chief and flight engineer from 1968 to 1976.

The community is fortunate to have Mr. McLan offering his services. Please take advantage of his expertise and the opportunity to take part in this free program.

If you need additional information contact the library 325-754-4251.

Welcome Dr. Winton

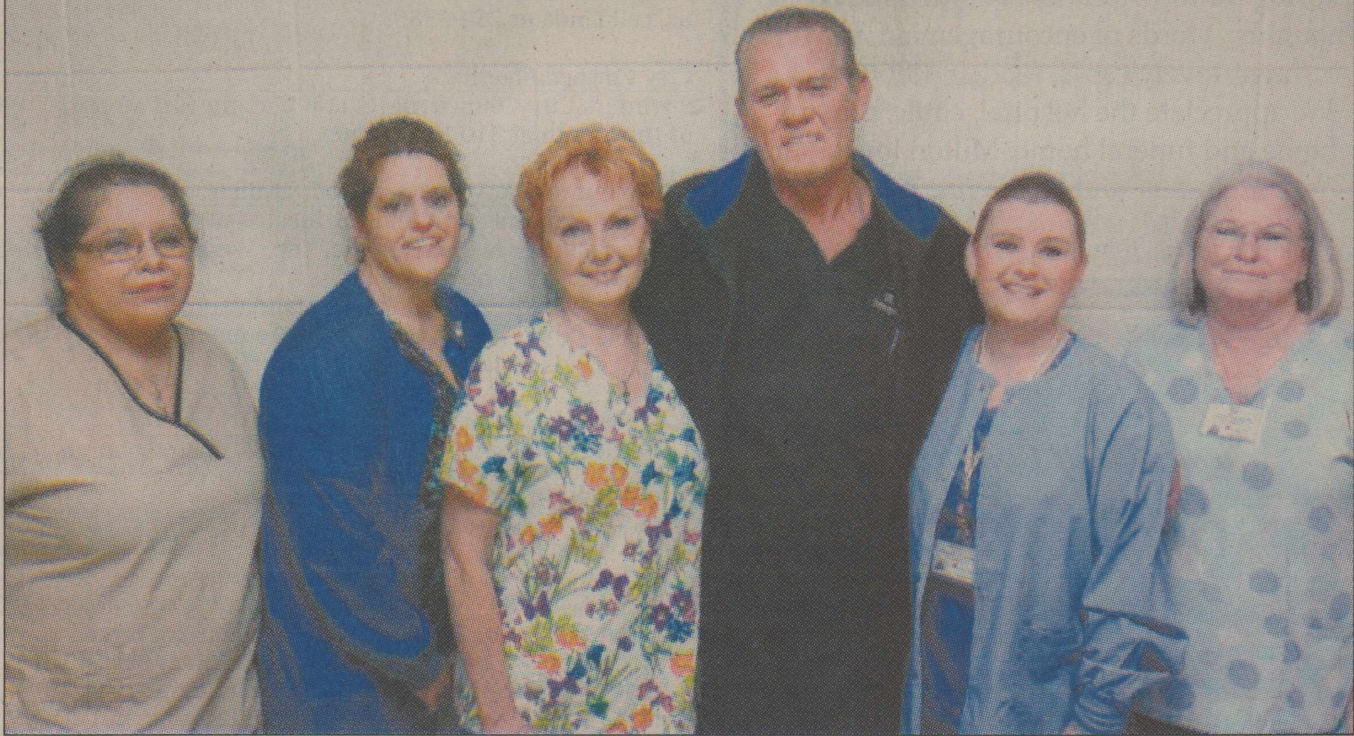


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North Runnels Hospital is pleased to announce the association of Dr. Kenneth Winton, DO. Dr. Winton was honored with a reception on his first day of practice April 1. The hospital and staff are very excited to add Dr. Winton to their excellent staff of providers. Pictured is Dr. Winton with Mary Ellen Yero-Porro MA, Bonnie Ballard RN, Bobbie Collom DON, Wendi McGowan RN, and Mary Smith RN.

Lower gas prices could be on the horizon

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It's still early in 2015, but the upward trend in gas prices may have already come and gone and lower prices could be on the horizon.

Through the first quarter of 2015 retail gas prices climbed a total of 45 cents since the New Year, but that trend could be over.

"We believe we may have already seen the 2015 peak for the U.S. when the national average hit \$2.47/gal

on March 6," said GasBuddy senior petroleum analyst Patrick DeHaan.

As of Tuesday, consumers are saving \$1.10/gal. this year versus last year and it's very possible that summer gasoline prices could bring even more joy at the pump.

"Once refineries complete their scheduled maintenance seasons and switch to summer formulations are complete, their output typically increases," said DeHaan. "Barring any unforeseen events, like refinery breakdowns or hurricanes, current

supply and demand fundamentals could put more downward pressure on retail prices even during the summer driving season."

As of now, the national average price for the second quarter of 2015 is being forecasted by Gasbuddy to be between \$2.25-\$2.45/gal. during April, \$2.20-\$2.40/gal. in May and in June between \$2.15-\$2.35/gal.

That would result in prices in the second quarter being between 75

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Winters Chamber of Commerce to meet

The next Winters Chamber of Commerce meeting is Thursday, April 9th, 6:00pm, at the Winters Housing authority. (300 N. Grant)

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Join other members of the community Friday, April 10th at 12 noon on the Courthouse lawn for our Pinwheel Ceremony which emphasizes our community-wide effort to prevent child abuse. The Ballinger Elementary 5th graders are assisting us with our ceremony. Everyone is encouraged to wear "blue" that day to show we care for the children of Runnels County.

Winters Spring Festival

Do you have an apron or two you would like to see hanging in the Rock Hotel? An apron show will take place on April 18. For more information, contact Wanda Brewer at 754-5313.

County-wide garage sale

The Humane Society of Coleman will again be sponsoring a county-wide garage sale weekend on April 9-11. A map of all sales will be available at the Humane Society Thrift Store, located at 108 E. Pecan at 7 a.m. on Thursday, April 9. The Coleman Public Library will also have their annual book and bake sale on April 10-11.

Friends of the "Gus" Pruser meeting

The Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit will hold their monthly meeting next Monday April 13 at 6PM. The meeting will be at the Gus Pruser agriculture Exhibit 219 W. Dale, Winters. Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit is a group interested in preserving the agriculture heritage of Runnels County. The group works on tractors and other displays in the museum. For additional information contact John Long at 325-754-5389 or zihalemuseum@wtxs.net.

Winters Public Library

April 17th at 6:30 Friday evening, Mr. Rusty McLen will conduct a program on "Understanding the Button Pushing Problems Between Kids and Parents". Supervised entertainment for kids with their parents. Don't miss this opportunity to attend this free important session.

Visit your library and check out the new arrivals. If you have a certain author that you like...let us know and we will do our best to order your author's books.

This is your library and we are here to serve YOU! Watch the Winters Enterprise for future programs.

Winters Public Library Amenities available for you

There are six computers with internet. Also have headphones available. The Winters Public Library is a Wi-fi hot spot. E-Books - free download service available. Conference Room available for meetings with attached kitchen area...just make your reservation to hold the room... We have over 100 Audio Book CD's... Large Print Books...Aladdin Reader, which is helpful if you require visual help. This machine was donated by Bary Taylor. The Winters Enterprise Newspaper is always available - hot off the press! Look for our Face Book site very soon. Also watch for Special Programs each month - held in the library. We are certainly open for ideas for new programs. Stop by for a visit.



Once again, Winters Holy Week was held at the Community Center with an outstanding number in attendance. The First United Methodist Church hosted a luncheon Wednesday which saw many eat a delicious meal with friends and family. Pastor Bob Murchison gave a sermon that focused on the "The Great Commandment." In addition, Keith Powers and Alson Wenzel led the singing of "Were You There" and "Beneath the Cross." For a number of years Winters has hosted the Holy Week with all the churches of Winters taking part in the event. Many describe the coming together as a "blessing to the community."

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Rowena VFW Sausage Sale

Rowena VFW Sausage Sale will be April 10. To order, Contact: Maynard Schwertner at 442-4771, Daniel Redman at 468-3194, Harold Franke at 442-3721. Order deadline is April 8 and buyers can pickup sausage at the VFW Hall on April 10 between 5:00-6:00 p.m. \$5.00 per pound

Historical Commission to publish book

The Runnels County Historical Commission is planning to publish a book about the many schools and post offices that have served the county. Over one hundred schools and twenty-eight post offices have been identified in the county.

The information is being compiled with plans to have the book published in the fall of 2015. Much more information is needed about the older, rural schools. School histories are needed for the current schools - Ballinger, Winters, Miles, and Olfen - as well as Wingate, Rowena, and Norton. Pictures are needed, especially from the 1940s to present.

Much information is found in the Rural View published in 1920, but that only covers a short period of school history. Anyone having histories of schools, pictures, or other historical information about Runnels County schools or post offices is encouraged to send the information to Ruth Cooper at jrc@abilene.com or Randall Conner at rconner@wtxs.net or mail to PO Box 211, Winters 79567. The information must be received by June 1, 2015 in order to be included in the book.

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 Linda at 754-5385.

City Council Meetings

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

WIC open to many incomes and families

Women Infants and Children, located at 706 Strong Ave in Ballinger is open Monday thru Wednesday 7 a.m. till noon and 1 p.m. till 6 p.m.

Closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone (325) 365 5925. WIC is open to many incomes and all kinds of families.

AA Meetings

AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind church

on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meetings on fourth Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmeth, Texas Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754 2048.

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge meetings

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge No. 613 meets the first Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. Supper will be provided after the meeting. The location is the Masonic Lodge building located at 360 South Roberts on Highway 83 South.

Alanon meetings

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church on Monday and Wednesday night at 7 p.m. Enter on Ave A and Seventh St. side.

Alanon is open to all — for family, friends of alcoholics or drugs including relationship issues and all other forms of addiction. For more info call (325) 365 2323.

Sobriety First AA Group

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous Group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, Ballinger, every Monday and Friday at 7 p.m. Please use the Ave. A and Seventh St. entrance. For more information please contact the church at (325) 365 2323.

Runnels Co Alzheimer Support Group

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer Support Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and care giver perspective.

There is no charge and this is a public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer Association.

40th annual Colorado River Bikefest

The Ballinger Noon Lions Club 40th Colorado River Bike Fest is coming up on April 25. Categories for the annual ride are 100K, 60K, and 30K. A fun run/walk/ride 5K will be held also. Entry forms can be found at www.ballingernoonlions.org. Free T-shirts to the first 100 entrants. This event is held during our annual Ethnic Festival each year. Come and enjoy Ballinger for a day.

Proceeds benefit blindness programs worldwide. We also support the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville for diabetic and handicapped children also know worldwide, eyeglass recycling which is done here in Texas and many other projects. We thank you for your past support and hope to see you again this year.

A big thank you for the kindness and care during Milton's sickness and death. For the thoughts, words of encouragement, prayers, hugs, lovely cards, food and flowers. We appreciate the hospital, clinic, nursing home and funeral home. Milton loved our community and all the fine people.

Naomi, Terry, Toby Joe Gerhart and families

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HERE IN TALPA
By Talpa Bob

Hello To All:

First a word from Maureen: Carroll Hinds left this world over the weekend. Our condolences to his wife Addie and the rest of the family. Didn't appreciate the drop in temp on Saturday. I've stayed busy with therapy Tuesdays/Thursdays. We went to Church on Easter Sunday and having no company coming, decided to go to Coleman to eat. Both Hidalgo's and Dairy Queen were closed. Good for them, but we picked up some chicken at Best's. We plan on watching A.D. The Bible tonight at 8:00 on NBC.

It has been a quiet week out here. That trip to Arlington and back in one day was a killer. We go back next Friday and really get started on a solution to this stomach problem. The first meeting was mostly gathering information. I went over to feed Ann Mount's kids this weekend. She had gone to Muleshoe to visit her boys. I saw Kenneth and Linda Dye across the road. Had not visited with them in a good while. They were okay and we stood in the middle of the road talking until it thundered and started to rain. Kenneth said something about that he might melt so we broke off the visit. The rain didn't last until I got back to my yard. Should have stayed in the road and maybe it would have rained more. Sad to report that Tilmon Hill passed on last Saturday. He had been battling ALS the past couple of years. His wife, Billie, was from Talpa and she and her sister went to school here. With the weather a bit more friendly, I did get outside and did a considerable amount of mowing and weed whacking. I got it cut back to the first tree line out toward the railroad tracks. And so it goes in our quiet little corner of Coleman County.

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BLIZZARDS BASEBALL DOMINATES GOLDTHWAITE, SAN SABA

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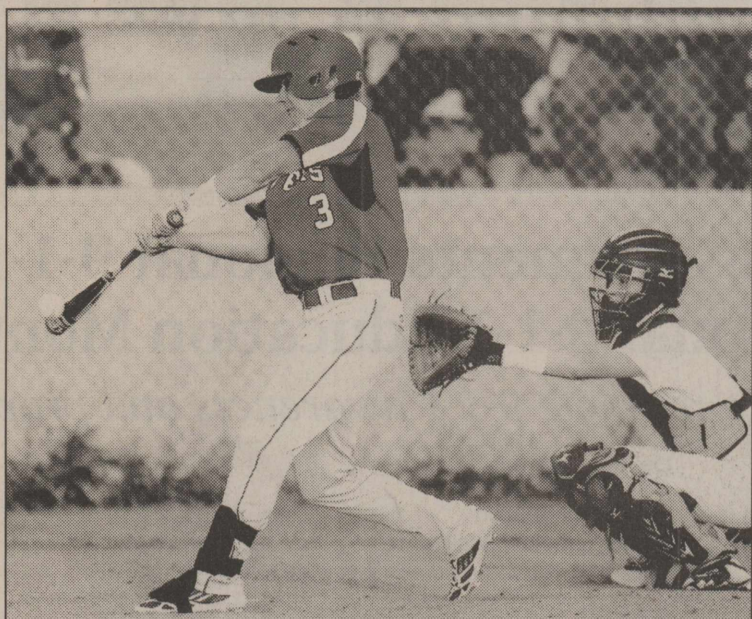
It was a good week of baseball for Winters as they went 2-0 in contests versus Goldthwaite and San Saba.

The Blizzards put on a dominating display against Goldthwaite beating the Eagles 15-1. Pitcher Tyler Richards got the win after limiting Goldthwaite to only four hits. The offense was led by Ty Cortez, who hit a double, and Jordan Hamrick who added a triple.

The game against San Saba was another dominating performance for Winters pitching.

Daniel Gerhart led the way for the Blizzards on the mound amassing 17 strike outs and a win with the game ending 5-4 in extra innings.

The Blizzards relied on a game tying run in the bottom of the seventh to



force the extra frames and ultimately won the game in the ninth inning.

According to Winters ISD's website, the baseball team's next game is Saturday, April 11 versus May.

PHOTO BY JOE GERHART
Junior Tyler Richards makes contact with a pitch against Goldthwaite.

City-wide Easter egg hunt



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED
The Winters Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual City Wide Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. The Chamber hid 3,000 eggs at Ted Meyer Park, including 10 golden prize eggs. All of the eggs were gathered in an impressive time of less than five minutes. Pictured are the golden egg winners - whose prize was a homemade milkshake from West Dale Grocery in Winters.

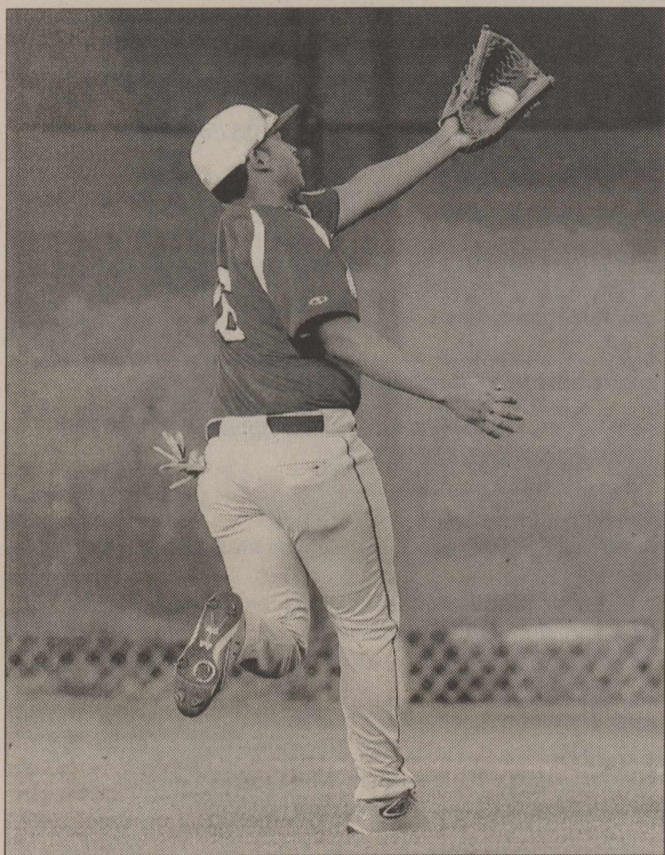


PHOTO BY JOE GERHART
Junior outfielder Xavier Villarreal makes a catch in stride against Goldthwaite. The Blizzards won the game 15-1.

Lady Blizzards overcome potential disaster

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The Winters Lady Blizzards escaped a late inning disaster versus Coleman Monday after limiting a late comeback charge by the Lady Katts by a score of 9-7.

Winters grabbed an early lead in the first after putting three runs on the scoreboard and eventually led Coleman 9-1 going into the bottom of seventh and final half inning.

However, the Lady Katts wouldn't roll over.

Coleman produced six runs in the bottom of the inning, but ultimately fell short.

"I felt like we relaxed too

much and lacked intensity in finishing the game, both on the mound and in the field," said Winters head softball coach Becky Airhart. "That has to change for us to be in the win column. We have to be able to finish the game with intensity."

Victoria Sanchez got the start for the Lady Blizzards and went six and two-thirds innings while recording three strikeouts and a 20 first pitch strikes. Offensively, Winters was led by K'Lee Lindley who recorded five hits and two runs batted in.

The Lady Blizzards next game, according to the Winters ISD website, will be Monday, April 13 at Rotan.

CAFETERIA MENU Subject to Change*

April 13 - 17

Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

Monday
Biscuit/Sausage/Gravy or Cereal w/ Graham Cracker, Tropical Fruit, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday
French Toast Sticks or Cereal w/ Graham Cracker, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday
Pancake on a Stick or Cereal w/ Graham Cracker, Pear, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday
Breakfast Pizza or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Orange, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Friday
Cinnamon Roll or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Banana, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Winters ISD Lunch Menu

Monday
Chef Salad or Chicken Spaghetti or Steak Fingers w/Gravy/Breadstick, Corn, Italian Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Diced Peas, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday
Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak or Chicken Tenders, Broccoli w/Cheese, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday
Chef Salad or Chicken Fajita or Taco Salad, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Cole-slaw, Peaches, Choice of Milk.

Thursday
Chef Salad or Meatball Sub or Chicken Patty/Bun, Cheesy Potatoes, Black Eyed Peas, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Tropical Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Friday
Chef Salad or Hamburger or chicken Bites, Curly Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Mandarin Oranges, Choice of Milk.

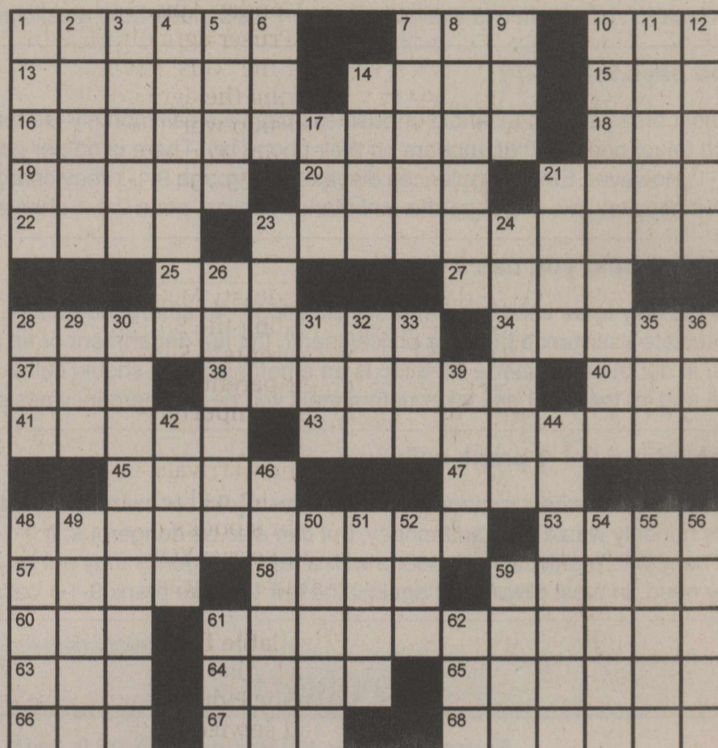
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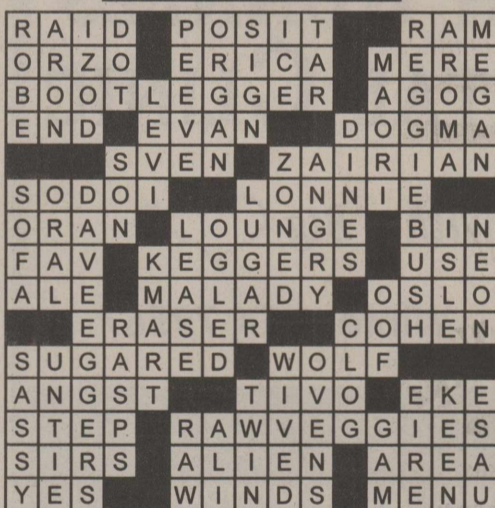
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- 43 Board
- 45 District
- 47 Put ___ good word for
- 48 Person with a log
- 53 Hip-hop hits
- 57 Cork's country
- 58 Jib or spanker
- 59 Estuary
- 60 Class
- 61 River explored by La Salle
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- 68 Natural gas component



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- 11 Wounds
- 12 Montreal team
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- 17 "Much ___ About Nothing"
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Q: How long have weather vanes been around?

A: We know weather vanes have been used for over 2,000 years, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "In 48 B.C., a Greek astronomer constructed a rod to determine which way the wind was blowing," he explains. "On top of the rod, he placed a bronze figure of a Triton, which was a half-man, half-fish creature, so it would easily indicate which direction the wind was coming from. That probably was the start of placing animals, such as fish or others, on top of weather vanes. We know that weather vanes were used often in the Boston area around the 17th century, and most of these were made of wood, copper or tin. By the 19th century, weather vanes could be seen all over the United States."

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West Central Texas Council of Governments Regional 9-1-1 Program Recognizes April as National 9-1-1 Education Month

Joins with national public safety leaders to promote 9-1-1 awareness and proper usage

What is 9-1-1?

Nine-one-one is the number most people in the U.S. and some in international countries call to get help in a police, fire or medical emergency. In some places, you may be able to be connected with Poison Control by calling 9-1-1, but you should check with local officials in your area to make sure. A 9-1-1 call goes over dedicated networks to the appropriate 9-1-1 answering point (PSAP) for the caller's location, and trained personnel then send the emergency help needed.

What is Enhanced 9-1-1?

Enhanced 9-1-1, or E9-1-1, is a system which routes an emergency call to the appropriate 9-1-1 answering point (PSAP) for the caller's location, AND automatically displays the caller's phone number and address. The 9-1-1 call taker will typically ask the caller to verify the information, which appears on his or her computer screen. In most areas, phone number and location information is available for 9-1-1 calls made from a cellular/wireless phone.

Who pays for 9-1-1?

In most areas each household or business pays a small monthly fee for 9-1-1 service on each telephone line that appears on their phone bill. There is no per-call charge for calling 9-1-1. However, EMS/ambulances dispatched through 9-1-1 may charge for taking someone to the hospital; this is a separate ambulance charge, not a 9-1-1 charge.

When should you use 9-1-1?

9-1-1 is only to be used in emergency situations. An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the police/sheriff, the fire department or an ambulance. If you are ever in doubt of whether a situation is an emergency you should call 9-1-1. It's better to be safe and let the 9-1-1 call taker determine if you need emergency assistance.

What about 9-1-1 prank calls?

It's a prank call when someone calls 9-1-1 for a joke, or calls 9-1-1 and hangs up. Prank calls not only waste time and money, but can also be dangerous. If 9-1-1 lines or call takers are busy with prank calls, someone with a real emergency may not be able to get the help they need. In most places, it's against the law to make prank 9-1-1 calls.

Do not call 9-1-1:

- o for information
- o for directory assistance
- o when you're bored and just want to talk
- o for paying traffic tickets
- o for your pet
- o as a prank

If you call 9-1-1 by mistake, do not hang up. Tell the call taker what happened so they know there really isn't an emergency.

How do I make a 9-1-1 call?

- o In an emergency, dial 9-1-1 on your phone. It's a free call. You can use any kind of phone: push button, rotary, cellular/wireless, cordless, or pay phone. Stay calm and state your emergency.
- o Speak loudly and clearly. Give the 9-1-1 call taker your name, phone number and the address where help is needed.
- o Answer the call taker's questions. Stay on the telephone if it's safe to do so, and don't hang up until the call taker tells you to.

What if a 9-1-1 caller doesn't speak English?

When necessary, a 9-1-1 call taker can add an interpreter from an outside service to the line. A non-English speaking caller may hear a short conversation in English and some clicking sounds as the interpreter is added to the line.

What if a 9-1-1 caller is Deaf, or hearing/speech impaired?

Communications centers that answer 9-1-1 calls have special text telephones for responding to 9-1-1 calls from Deaf or hearing/speech impaired callers.

- o If a caller uses a TTY/TDD, the caller should:
 - o Stay calm, place the phone receiver in the TTY, dial 9-1-1.
 - o After the call is answered, press the TTY keys several times. This may help shorten the time necessary to respond to the call.
 - o Give the call taker time to connect their TTY. If necessary, press the TTY keys again. The 9-1-1 call taker should answer and type "GA" for Go Ahead.
 - o Tell what is needed-police, fire department, or ambulance. Give your name, phone number and the address where help is needed.
 - o Stay on the telephone if it is safe. Answer the call taker's questions.

If a Deaf or hearing/speech impaired caller doesn't have a TTY/TDD, the caller should call 9-1-1 and don't hang up. Not hanging up leaves the line open. With most 9-1-1 calls, the caller's address is displayed on the call taker's screen and help will be sent.

NENA 9-1-1 Q&A Information provided in part by the North Central Texas Council of Governments, Tarrant County 9-1-1 District and Denco Area 9-1-1 District.

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Runnels County Jail Record — April 9, 2015

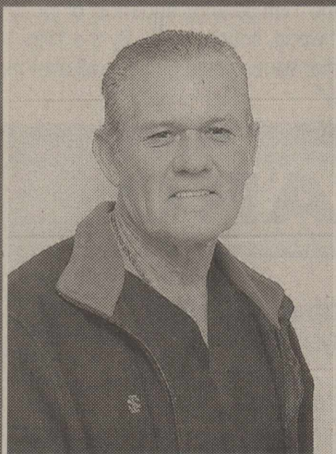
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The Department of Veterans Affairs is updating the way it determines eligibility for VA health care, a change that will result in more Veterans having access to the health care benefits they've earned and deserve.

Effective 2015, VA eliminated the use of net worth as a determining factor for both health care programs

and co-payment responsibilities. This change makes VA health care benefits more accessible to lower-income Veterans. Instead of combining the sum of Veterans' income with their assets to determine eligibility for medical care and co-payment obligations, VA will now only consider a Veteran's gross household income and

deductible expenses from the previous year.

Elimination of the consideration of net worth for VA health care enrollment means that certain lower-income, non-service-connected Veterans will have less out-of-pocket costs.

Over a 5-year period, it is estimated that 190,000 Veterans will become eligible for reduced costs of their health care services.

In March 2014, VA eliminated the annual requirement for updated financial information. VA now uses information from the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security Administration to automatically match individual Veterans' income information which reduces the burden on Veterans to keep their health care eligibility up to date. That change better aligned VA's health care financial assessment program with other federal health care organizations.

However, if the veteran is close to the income limit, they should update their financial information each year so they can deduct medical expenses or they may be charged co-payments that they have not had in the past. If a veteran has tried to enroll before and was declined because of net worth, they should try to enroll again.

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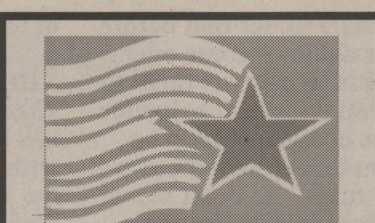
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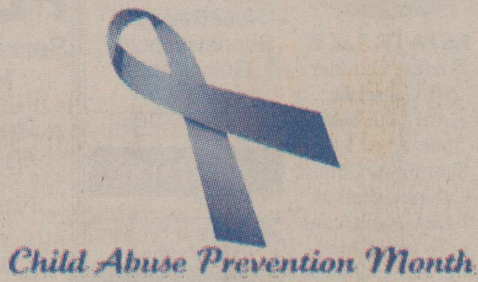
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STAFF REPORT

Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, loving, permanent home where his or her physical, emotional and educational needs are fully met; and that is what several individuals belonging to different organizations in the Runnels County area hope to spread awareness of this month.

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and the Runnels County CASA, Child Protective Services, Child Advocacy Centers, Child Welfare Board, Foster Parents, School Personnel and many others are working to



Child Abuse Prevention Month

share the message.

"All citizens, community agencies, faith groups, schools, government agencies and businesses are urged to participate in the Child Abuse Prevention Month," said Brenda Tyree in an email. "Any time you see or sus-

pect abuse or neglect of a child, please report this. It's everyone's responsibility to help take care of our children in Runnels County."

A public gathering will be held on the Courthouse lawn, which is located at 613 Hutchings Ave. in Ballinger, Friday, April 10 at noon for a Pinwheel Ceremony in support of the Runnels County children. The Ballinger Elementary 5th graders will have a part in the program that day as well.

Each citizen of Runnels County is encouraged to wear "blue" on the 10th to show support in the community wide effort.

PRICES

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cents and \$1.25/gal. below their 2014 levels.

"When it comes to fuel production everyone recognizes that current inventory levels exceed global demand but at the same time, between the major producers in North America and OPEC, nobody is willing to be the first to reduce output," said Gregg Laskoski, another senior petroleum analyst with GasBuddy.

State and local update

As of Tuesday, the price of gasoline in Runnels

County was anywhere between \$2.04-\$2.19/gal., substantially less than the national average which currently sits at \$2.38/gal. and only a cent less than the Texas average of \$2.20/gal.



Currently, Texas has the twelfth cheapest gas prices in the country, compared to South Carolina, which has the cheapest, and averages \$2.07/gal.

Jack and Jill Donuts named Chamber Business of the Quarter



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

The Winters Chamber of Commerce named its Business of the Quarter recently and Jack and Jill Donuts took home the prize. The business opened in October of 2013, and owner Dul Ney says he enjoys having a business in Winters because he has a good job and the town supports him. Pictured from left to right are Teresa Walden, Dul Ney, Will Ahrens, Brandon Davis, Christina Davis and Olivia Davis.

Mother of five tests limits of cousin's ability to help

DEAR ABBY: My cousin "Opal" and I grew up together. We were always close. She has gone through some rough times, and I have been trying to help her out.

She has five children (ages 10 to 2) and I have one child who is 13. The fathers of her children are not helpful. I recently completed my education and am looking for work, so money is tight.

Opal doesn't feed her kids before bringing them over or provide diapers for the little one. She promises to reimburse me, but rarely does. Most of the time I keep my mouth shut because I know she doesn't make much as a server.

How can I make her understand that even though I have only one child that doesn't mean I have the money to help her out with her five?

Also, when I baby-sit her children, they are rowdy and destructive. But if I try to raise the subject, it creates tension between us.

I love Opal. I want to help her. But when is it enough? I don't want to withdraw my help completely, but it has become more than my household can bear. -- CARING COUSIN IN MISSOURI

DEAR CARING COUSIN:



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

a clue that your cousin is irresponsible.

Tell Opal that unless her children are fed before they arrive and she provides diapers, you will no longer baby-sit for her. (It wouldn't be a bad idea to tell her to include some snacks as

Nothing will change until you are ready to tell Cousin Opal enough is enough and set some strict rules. That she has had five children with different deadbeat boyfriends is not your fault. One accidental pregnancy -- or even two -- can happen. But FIVE should be

well.) Tell her that before her children come over she is to instruct them to be on their best behavior. Her household may be chaotic because there are no rules -- so don't blame those children for their bad behavior.

When they arrive, tell them that in YOUR house there are rules. Explain clearly what they are and that there are rewards for good behavior. Make clear that if they can't be good, they won't be welcomed back without their mother.

If the penalty for drawing the line is that there is tension between you and your cousin, the upside will be that you will be taken advantage

of less often.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 49-year-old gay man who has been in a relationship with my partner, "Alex," for almost 25 years. We plan to have a silver anniversary party in July. When I mentioned it to my two sisters, both had similar reactions -- it's not "appropriate" and "silver anniversaries are for married couples and you're not married."

Abby, is it wrong to celebrate a silver anniversary with Alex? If not, should I send invitations to my two sisters? -- LONG-TERM IN LONG BEACH

DEAR LONG-TERM: OF

course it's not wrong! The option of marriage wasn't available to gay people 25 years ago. A quarter of a century together is something to celebrate.

Knowing your sisters' feelings, you'd be justified in excluding them from your guest list. However, consider taking the high road and inviting them anyway. Then, whether they attend or not becomes their decision.

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