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Thursday, February 18, 2010

Winters, Texas

Winters Elementary students of the month



Gage McFadin



Maci Oliver

The Winters Elementary School recognized individual grade level Students of the Month for the month of February. The following are the grade-level representatives:

Pre-Kindergarten: Kira Collins, daughter of Kyla Collins; and James Speir, son of Scott and Kayla Speir

Kindergarten: McKenzie Ventress, daughter of Jason and Missy Ventress; and Rider Duggan, son of Will and Leslie Duggan

First grade: Natalie Lara, daughter of Rudy and Elosia Lara; and Bryce Hermesmeyer, son of Stephen and Laura Hermesmeyer

Second grade: Makayla Speir, daughter of Scott and Kayla Spier; and Rico Sanchez, son of Jesus and Sabrina Sanchez

Third grade: Jisela Cavazos, daughter of Nancy Cavazos; and Gage McFadin, son of Angela

Fourth grade: Joey Garcia, son of Jose and Vicki Garcia; and Kelsey Riddle, daughter of Vickie Riddle

Fifth grade: Sam Woodall, son of Michael and Stacy Woodall; and Audrey Moore, daughter of Natasha Moore and Russell Moore

Sixth grade: Cameron Cooper, son of Allan and J'Lynn Cooper; and Maci Oliver, daughter of Theresa Kennemer and Troy Oliver.

The Winters I.S.D. School Board recognized Maci and Gage as the Elementary Students of the Month. Mr. Phil Mooney was recognized as the Winters I.S.D. Employee of the

Comptroller Susan Combs distributes \$618 million in local sales tax to cities

said today the state collected \$1.66 billion in sales tax revenue in January, down 14.2 percent compared to January

"Collections continue to be down in major industry sectors like retail trade, oil and natural gas production, construction and manufacturing," Combs said. "January's sales tax revenue was down by dou-

Texas ble digits compared to Comptroller Susan Combs January 2009, which was the third highest collection month ever and was also the last month of yearover-year growth. We will continue to closely monitor sales tax revenue, and although we expect further collection declines sometime in the second

in the near term, it is anticipated the rate of decline will moderate and then return to revenue growth quarter of 2010." Susan Corobs, Texas Comparoller of Public Accounts **Local Governments Sales Tax Allocations** Allinas eine jayya surillion in Lejanaxy 30 kg sajes ein

Combs sent \$618.2 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, down 7.1 percent compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2009.

January state sales tax collections and February's local sales tax allocations represent sales made in December, and also include earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the Comptroller on a quarterly or annual basis.

The Comptroller sent \$417.7 million in sales tax to Texas cities, down 6.2 percent compared to February 2009 payments. Texas counties received February sales tax payments of \$35.1 million, down 15.1 percent compared to last February.

The 163 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$24.6 million in sales tax, down 7.8 percent compared to February 2009.

Local sales tax receipts take a further dip downward

allocations in all three Runnels County municipalities were lower than they were for the same time last year. February allocations represent December sales.

The year over year decline was not unexpected given the economic downturn in the state and for the country as a whole. However, the decline was higher than it has been for the

Ballinger's allocation was \$114,673 down

Ten local transit systems received \$140.6 million in February sales tax payments, down 7.5 percent compared to a year ago.

For details of February sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and spe-

February sales tax 24.5 percent from last year's \$152,039 and the 19.9 percent reduction for the year.

Miles' allocation was \$4,956 down 7.36 percent the \$5,350 allocation in February 2009. The allocations for the year for Miles have been holding steady, \$8,875 to last year's \$8,843.

In Winters' allocations received were down 19.63 percent with \$19,587 for December 2009 sales compared to \$24,372 for the previous period.

cial purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/t axinfo/allocsum/comp-

Regional census bureau kicks off 2010 count

By FLOYD INGRAM

Texans, real Texans, have never been afraid to stand and be

The U.S. Census Bureau is urging Texans, especially rural Texans to take the time to fill out this year's census form and mail

"The federal government will allocate approximately \$400 billion next year based on census data collected this year," said Bob Aguilar, Texas Partnership Specialist for the U.S. Census bureau. "In 2008, Runnels County received \$37,742,000 in federal dollars based on census numbers taken 10 years ago. As you can see it if very important we count everyone."

That \$37 million is more than the annual payroll of any business in Runnels County.

Census information also affects the numbers of seats the state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. And people from many walks of life use census data to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent diseases, research markets, locate pools of skilled workers and

"April 1 is rapidly approaching and we want to make sure everyone is counted," said Aguilar. census requires 10 minutes to take and it will last for 10 years."

Census data is also used to help communities like Ballinger and Winters improve their infrastructure. Ballinger recently qualified for a federal sewage improvement grant based on census data. Winters also qualified for a massive federal water project to bring new pipes, pumps and water meters to Winters based on community profile numbers.

The information the census collects helps to determine how federal funding is spent on infrastructure and services like, hospital, job training centers, schools, senior centers and road and bridge projects.

Texas gained more people than any other state between July 1, 2008, and July 1, 2009 (478,000),followed

California (381,000), North Carolina (134,000), Georgia (131,000) and Florida (114,000), according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau estimates

Aguilar said census officials "We are asking 10 questions, the are focused now on ensuring they get a complete and accurate count in 2010.

"During the last census Runnels County had a 59 percent response rate," said Aguilar. "Nationally the rate was 67 percent and the state response rate was 64 percent. There is work to be done in Runnels County this

In the 2000 Census Runnels County had a population of 10,724 with 32 percent of those being Hispanic and 17 percent living below the poverty level.

"Sadly, the people who need to be counted the most are often undercounted," said Aguilar. "The dollars that fund social services are allocated to communities based on census data.

"Any businessman will tell you that to make good decisions, you have to have good data," he

added. "The census helps our leaders and government make good and fair decisions."

Aguilar said the Census bureau faces two hurdles in West

"We can only mail census forms to home addresses and not Post Office Boxes and that mean a lot of rural homes won't get a census form," said Aguilar. "Hispanics are also leery of the government and they are typically undercounted, too."

Aguilar said his workers will soon fan out across Runnels County to help with the count. He also urged church, civic and community leaders to urge their congregations and constituents to take ten minutes to answer 10 questions that will affect their lives for the next 10 years.

"It's simple, important and safe," said Aguilar. "The numbers we gather this year will influence Runnels County for the next decade."

For more information about the local census call 325-340-

Republicans consider five propositions on the 2010 Primary Ballot

AUSTIN — Early voting for the 2010 Republican Primary begins Tuesday, February 16, and along with candidates for offices from courthouses to the state house, voters will have the chance to weigh in on five ballot propositions. The propositions were placed on the GOP primary ballot by the State Republican Executive Committee during its December 2009 meeting in Austin. The non-binding propositions are intended to gauge voter interest in issues, as well as inform our elected officials where the party's grassroots stand on the issues.

"These ballot propositions are Texas Republicans' chance to be heard on issues facing our state," said Republican Party of Texas Chairman Cathie Adams. "All five of the propositions came up from the grassroots through the SREC to address serious concerns. Voters should study the questions and then use their vote to speak directly to their elected officials."

Noting that the Democrats have no propositions on their primary ballot, Republican Party spokesman Bryan Preston added: "Apparently the Democrats don't want to know what their primary voters think about, say, ObamaCare or the cap and tax bill. If they put those questions on the ballot, they might find out that their own primary voters are just as disenchanted with

Washington Democrats as the rest of us. Or, that they're still on the big government bandwagon - and therefore out of touch with the rest of Texas. So in their case, apparently it's best just not to ask.'

The five ballot propositions are as follows:

Ballot Proposition #1: Photo

The Texas legislature should make it a priority to protect the integrity of our election process by enacting legislation that requires voters to provide valid photo identification in order to cast a ballot in any and all elections conducted in the State of

YES or NO

Ballot Proposition #2: Controlling Government Growth

Every government body in Texas should be required to limit any annual increase in its budget and spending to the combined increase of population and inflation unless it first gets voter approval to exceed the allowed annual growth or in the case of an official emergency.

YES or NO

See BALLOT, Page 6

Make the Right Call

BANQUET

March 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Winters H.S. Cafeteria Guest Speaker: Dallas Huston

See Page 2 on how to get it into Winters Enterprise





Mary Margaret "Mimi" Bedford Hill

Mary Margaret "Mimi" Bedford Hill, age 70, a resident of Bishop, Texas passed away Thursday, February 11, 2010 in Kingsville, Texas. She was born on February 13, 1939 in Winters, Texas to Willis Gladden Bedford and Mary Helen Nicholson Bedford. Mary was a legal secretary for many years; after moving to Bishop she was a secretary at Texas A&M University - Kingsville until her retirement. She was a member of the First

Baptist Church of Bishop. Mary is survived by one son, Leslie (Debbie) Hill of College Station, Texas; two daughters, Lisa (Terry) Wendland of Red Rock, Texas and Lana Michalk of Bishop; four sisters, Barbara Helen Morris of Lawn, Texas, Gladys (Dalvin) Awalt of Midland, Texas, Russell Wells of Paris, Texas and Leah Phoenix, Bedford of Arizona; eight grandchildren; and seven greatgrandchildren.

Visitation took place on Saturday, February 13, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Turcotte-Piper Mortuary, Kingsville. Funeral Service was held at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon at the First Baptist Church, 311 E. Fifth Street, Bishop, with Rev. Clif Abshier officiating. Visitation took place on Monday, February 15, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, Winters, Texas. Funeral service was held that morning at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, Winters, with Rev. Clif Abshier officiating. Burial followed in Winters at Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, 311 East Fifth Street, Bishop, Texas 78343.

Services were entrusted to Turcotte-Piper Mortuary, General Cavazos 205 Blvd., Kingsville, Texas.

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Carnegie Library Thank You

On behalf of the Carnegie Library Board, I would like to thank all who attended A Taste of Ballinger. This fund raiser for the library was very successful. I hope you all enjoyed the food and the fellowship. A special thanks to the churches who participated this year: 9th St. Church of Christ, First Christian, 7th St. Baptist, St. Mary's Catholic, Methodist, 1st Baptist, and Presbyterian. Without your participation and the wonderful food your members prepared, this fund raiser would not have been possible. Thank you to the Art Guild for your participation also. Carla Campbell, President of the Library Board.

> Benny R. Polston, C.P.A. Accounting and Tax Services

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Please Vote Jana Knight Foster for **County Judge**

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YOUR VOTE WILL BE APPRECIATED!

Pol. Adv. Paid by Jana Knight Foster

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF A PANIC ATTACK?

The symptoms of a panic attack appear suddenly, without any apparent cause. They may include: racing or pounding heartbeat chest pains dizziness, light-headedness, nausea difficulty breathing *tingling or numbness of the hands *flushes or chills *dreamlike sensations or perpetual distortions *terror-a sense that something unimaginably horrible is about to occur and one is powerless to prevent it fear of losing control and doing something embarrassing

A panic attack typically lasts for several minutes and is one of the most distressing conditions that a person can experience. Most people who have one attack will have others. When someone has repeated attacks, or feels sever anxiety about having another attack, he or she is said to have a panic disorder.

WHAT IS PANIC DISORDER?

Panic disorder is a serious health problem in this country. At least 1.6 percent of adult Americans, or three million people, will have panic disorder at some time in their lives. The disorder is strikingly different from other types of anxiety in that panic attacks are sudden, appear to be unprovoked, and are often disabling

Once someone has had a panic attack—for example, while driving, shopping in a crowded store, or riding in an elevator—he or she may develop irrational fears, called phobias, about these situations and begin to avoid them. Eventually, the pattern of avoidance and level of anxiety about another attack may reach the point where the individual with the panic disorder may be unable to drive or even step out of the house. At this stage, the person is said to have panio sorder with agoraphobia. Thus panic disorder can have as serious an impact on a person's daily life as other major illnesses—unless the individual receives effective treatment IS PANIC DISORDER SERIOUS?

Yes, panic disorder is real and potentially disabling, but it can be controlled with specific treatments. Because of the disturbing symptoms that accompany panic disorder, it may be mis-taken for heart disease or some other life-threatening medical illness. People frequently go to ospital emergency departments when they are having a panic attack, and extensive medica tests may be performed to rule out these other conditions

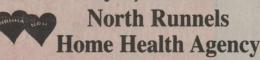
Others often try to reassure the person who is having a panic attack that he or she is not in great danger. Expressions such as "nothing serious," "all in your head," or "nothing to worry about" may give the incorrect impression that there is no real problem and that treatment is not

possible or necessar WHAT IS THE TREATMENT FOR PANIC DISORDER?

Thanks to research, there are a variety of treatments available, including several effective medications and, also, specific forms of psychotherapy. Often, a combination of psychotherapy and medications produces good results. Some improvement may be noticed in a fairly short period of time-about six to eight weeks. Appropriate treatment of panic disorder can prevent panic attacks or at least substantially reduce their severity and frequency, bringing significant relief to 70 to 90 percent of people with panic disorder

In addition, people with panic disorder may need treatment for other emotional problems Depression has often been associated with panic disorder, as have alcohol and drug abuse. Recent research also suggests that suicide attempts are more frequent in people with panic disorder. Fortunately, these problems associated with panic disorder can be overcome effect ively, just like panic disorder itself.

Tragically, many people with panic disorder do not seek or receive treatment. Brought to you as a service of



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Trent's Retreat to hold first annual dinner, auction

Runnels County and beyond to bring a hearty appetite and join us for an evening of good friends, good food, and good fun - all for a great cause! Trent's Retreat will hold its first annual Steak & Shrimp Dinner and Live Auction on Saturday, February 20 at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Rowena. The delicious meal of grilled steak and shrimp with all the trimmings will be served from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. with the live auction beginning at 7 p.m. Advance tickets may still be purchased for \$15 at Main Street Soda Fountain or from any committee member. Tickets will be available at the door for \$20. For more information go to www.trentsretreat.org

Because of your kindness, we have over one hundred items for the live auction. Some of the auction items include a storage shed, many beautiful handmade quilts and afghans, overnight hotel stays, restaurant gift certificates, Texas Rangers tickets, original prints and paintings, a pink shotgun, a three night stay at a house on the beach, metal art, heavy duty gaspowered leaf blower and weedeater, crosses, tent canopy, adirondack chairs, luggage sets, jewelry, blown glass, shelled pecans, deer feeders and much, much more! Many items are on display at Main Street Soda Fountain or may be viewed online at www.trentsretreat.org If you would like to donate an item, please call Diane Michalewicz at 442-3202 or Jodie Kalinaat 442-2503. In addition to our live auction we will be having a Penny Social or Chinese Raffle. You may purchase a raffle ticket with twenty-six chances to win. Just put your tickets in the bucket by the items you 'you!

We are inviting all of would like to win. more you like an item, the more tickets you put in that particular bucket. We have over twenty baskets full of items for our Chinese Raffle and winners will be announced at the end of the evening.

The response to Trent's

Retreat has been so heart-

We have had local builders, a plumber, an electrician, air conditioning and heating, concrete, and landscapers come forward to volunteer their labor. Our Dinner and Auction will help us raise funds for the materials to build the Retreat. We hope to begin in March and be able to begin serving families in September. During Trent's treatments and stays at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, we constantly told everyone how fortunate we were to live in a small town because everyone was so kind to rally around our family. We are so excited to share this love and kindness with other families who are dealing with so much. It is so difficult to juggle treatments, watching your child lose their hair and miss out on so many things, watching them be in pain and wondering if the treatments are working, trying to make time for your other children, and juggling finances to pay the bills, motels, food, and gas, as well as hold down a job. It is so overwhelming!

Trent's Retreat will be a place where families can come and hopefully forget about the reality of all of this for just a little while and just spend time being together as a family. Thank you so much for helping the dream of Trent's Retreat becomea reality. We will be forever grateful to all of

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Winters News Notes

News Notes

Winters CDC (Winters Child Development Center) will be having an Open House for the public, Sunday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 500 North Heights, Winters.

Ministerial Alliance

Winters Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month at 9 a.m. at Samaritans House on the corner of E. Dale and Grant.

Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce meets at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month at 100 West Dale Street.

City Council Meetings

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

School Board Meetings

Winters ISD School Board meets at 6:30 p.m. every second Monday of the month at 603 North Heights.

Hospital Board Meetings

The North Runnels Hospital Board meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month.

Literary Service Club

Literary Service Club meets at 6 p.m. the third Monday of the month.

Public Library

Winters Public Library meets at 4:30 p.m. every third Tuesday of the month at the Library.

Winters CDC

Winters CDC (Winters Child Development Center) will be having an Open House for the public from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 at 500 North Heights in Winters.

Retired School Employees

Runnels County Retired School Employees meet in Winters at the First United Methodist Church On February 1st 2010. President Etta Kvapil called the meeting to order with pledges to the flags and an insperational reading. The minutes of the previous meeting where read with corrections made and approved. The treaurers report along and committee reports where given at this time. Our District President Linda Gottschalk will be running for postion of State Secretary/Treasurer at the TRTA convention Center April 13-15, 2010. Ten retired members attened the meeting. Serveral of the RCRSE members meet before the meeting at Winters Elementary where books were presented to the Kindergarten classes of Mrs. Tekell, Mrs.Butler, and Mrs Parramore. President Mar Etta Kvapil, Betty Bryrns, and Lynn Granzin had the pleasure of reading to the children and leaveing books for each teacher to send home with the children in their class. The next meeting will be in Miles at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3 at the Miles Opera House.

Humane Society offers rebate

The Humane Society of Ballinger's spay and neuter rebate program is now in progress and will continue while funds are available. Have your pet fixed with a vet of your choice and send the receipt along with a self stamped envelope to Humane Society 1205 north 8th Ballinger Tx 76821.

For those who wish to contribute to a worthy cause send tax deductible check to Humane Society of Ballinger

The rabies clinic will be held the first Saturday of May.

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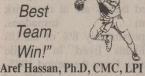


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CAFETERIA MENU Feb. 22-26

Subject to change*

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST Monday Breakfast Pocket, Juiceyo Choice of Milk.

Tuesday Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Choice of Milk. Wednesday

Bagel Pizza, Juice, Choice of

Thursday Biscuit, Sausage, Juice, Choice of Milk. Friday Muffin w/Ham, Juice, Choice of

Milk JUNIOR AND HIGH SCHOOL **BREAKFAST** Monday

Scrambled Eggs or Breakfast Pocket or Muffin w/Ham, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday Cereal or Cereal Bar or Oatmeal or Breakfast Taco, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday Pancake w/Ham or Breakfast Pizza or Yogurt w/Ham. Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday Biscuit w/Gravy, Sausage or Cereal or Cereal Bar, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk. Friday

Breakfast Burrito or Cinnamon Roll w/Ham, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk. WINTERS ISD LUNCH

Monday Chicken Spaghetti or Grilled Cheese, Chicken Noodle Soup, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad, Rosy Applesauce, Sugar Cookie, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk. Tuesday

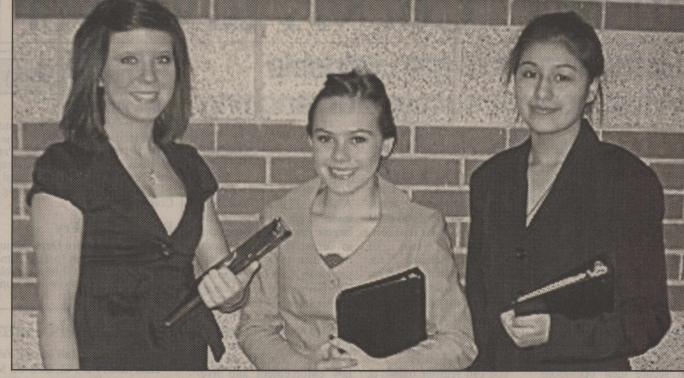
Lasagna or Sweet/Sour Chicken, Corn, Broccoli w/Cheese, Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Vanilla Pudding, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday Frito Pie or Burrito, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Mixed Fruit, Cornbread, Peanut Butter Cookie, Choice of Milk. Thursday

Chicken Stick or Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Black Eyed Peas, Tossed Salad, Pear Wedges, Bread Pudding, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk. Friday

Cheese Burger or Hot Pocket, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Apple Wedges, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Rice Crispy Treat, Choice of Milk.

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The Winters High School Prose and Poetry team participated in the Wylie Valentine Meet Feb. 13. Pictured left to right: Shelby Gehrels, Kat Lindley, and Daisy Martinez. Not pictured in team member Brittany Gray, who was participating the District Cross x Debate in Hamlin.

Winters Basketball Results

7th Grade Girls: (Coach Villarreal) Winters 4 16 18 20 20 3 8 12 14 14

JH Boys: (Coach Bates and Spivey)

The Breezes went out with a bang in the basketball season finale. Both teams got off to hot starts and blew out the Baird Bears. The 7th grade bunch came out on fire and was determined to keep their winning season alive with a 32-13 victory. The team was lead by Jimmy John Ripley with 12 points and the team knocked down three 3-pointers on the night (Jimmy John Ripley, Daryl Hagle and Jake Brock). The Breezes finished the season at 9-2. The 8th graders started hot also. They lead 23-3 at the half. They were lead by Chris Gerhart with 19 on the night. Corey Pritchard and Daniel Diaz lead the team with 7 rebounds a piece. They ended the year on a huge win 42-18 over the Bears. The 8th graders end the year with a record of 8-3. I would like to congratulate the

Breezes on a season well done. Also, a special thanks to the family's and fans for all of there support throughout the season. We will see you on the track this spring, keep coming out and supporting the Breezes in all athletics!

8th Grade Girls: (Coach Airhart):

The 8th grade Lady Breezes fell to the Baird Lady Bears 14-8 in the final game of the season. As a team, the Lady Breezes struggled offensively throughout the game against the zone There were a few instances in which it looked like the Breezes would put together a run of scores, but then Baird would respond and keep the point spread consistent.

The Lady Breezes have made lots of progress this season and we are proud of them. Most losses were determined by less than 6 points and several were determined by only 2 points. We are looking forward to seeing these young ladies in the high school program and see them continue to progress.

High School Basketball Varsity Girls: (Coach Motheral)

The Lady Blizzards finished their season strong on Tuesday, February 9, with a win over Cross Plains, 53-49. The girls had a one point lead going into halftime and continueds to battle in the second half for the four point victory. LeeAnn Taylor finished with 15 points, Jordan Busher had 14, and Allie Yates contributed 13 points.

The Lady Blizzards ended the season with a 9-18 overall record, and a 3-9 record in district.

Varsity Boys: (Coach McGuire) Winters 40 **Cross Plains 38**

Leading scorers: Riley Ripley 11, Strait Daniel 7, Devin Martinez 6 Winters 26 Eula 64

Leading Scorers: Riley Ripley 5, Devin Martinez 5, Coltyn Pritchard 3 Record 14-14 5-6

Schwartz honored at UN1

DENTON, Texas - The following University of North Texas students from your area were honored recently by being named to university honors lists.

Clinton D. Schwartz of Winters was named to the Dean's List for the 2009 fall semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, undergraduates must complete at least 12 academic hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9. UNT is one of Texas' largest universities, offering 97 bache- m, or call 1-800-868-8211.

lor's, 101 master's and 49 doctoral degree programs. Many of these programs are nationally and internationally recognized. A student-centered public research university, UNT is the flagship campus of the UNT System.

UNT's deadline for applying for the fall 2010 semester is March 1, and students may use the ApplyTexas application. For more information, go to www.unt.edu/vwbk/admission.ht

WINTERS BLIZZARDS 2010 FOOTBALL August 14 10:00 am Roby (Scrimmage) August 19 @ Junction(Scrimmage) 6:00 pm August 27 @ Coleman 7:30 pm 7:30 pm September 3 Miles September 10 Cross Plains 7:30 pm September 17 Menard (Homecoming). 7:30 pm 7:30 pm September 24 @ Bronte @ Albany October 1 7:30pm October 8 @ Eldorado 7:30 pm October 15 Reagan County (Big Lake) 7:30 pm October 22 7:30 pm @ Goldthwaite October 29 7:30 pm

Sneed earns spot on Honor list

Texas Tech University in Lubbock was on the President's Honor List with a

2nd Annual Co-ed

Tournament When; March 6 & 7 Where: Rowena, TX

Softball

Cost: \$10 per person More info, call Tony (325) 977-0453 or Ernest (325) 365-1239

Susan Sneed, a Junior at 4.0 for the Fall semester 2009.

Susan is a member of the National Society Collegiate Scholars, Golden Key International Honor Society, Association for Childhood Education, volunteers weekly for Big Brother/Big Sister.

Susan is majoring in speech pathology with a minor in English. She is the daughter of Randall and Cheryl Sneed and a 2008 graduate of Winters High School.

Your vote will be appreciated!

Mark Baird

for

County Judge

Lifelong resident of Runnels County

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The following Runnels County students have been named to the Dean's List at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi for the 2009 fall semester:

November 5

Ballinger:

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Armendariz, Laura College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Nursing.

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7:30 pm

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Mustangs win district tournament, finish 15-1

The Olfen Mustangs basketball team finished off a wonderful season by winning the district 29-1a Div II basketball tournament last weekend in Eden. In the first game on Thursday the routed the Mustangs Richland Springs Coyotes 53-21. Angel Lozano scored 16 points and Cameron Henry added 14. In the next game Saturday morning against Veribest the Mustangs prevailed 30-17 to clinch their spot in the final. In the final the Mustangs faced Eden. Olfen had already squared off against Eden three times this year winning two of three against the Bulldogs. It was a frantic, physical game but the Mustangs won again 31-25. Dustyn Hurt scored 16 points in the final. The win capped off an incredible season for the Mustangs as they finished their season 15-1, the Oak Creek Tournament in Blackwell. and the district tournament. Teams members are eighth

graders Dustyn Hurt, Angel Lozano, Cody Jenkins, and Cameron Henry, 7th graders Andrew Lozano, Richard Rollwitz, Logan Velky, Fabian Jiminez, and Julian Ruiz, and 6th graders Chris Salazar, Paul Salazar, and Bradley Thurmond.

The Lady Mustangs showed some improvement in the tournament. After falling to eventual champion Lohn in the first game 41-10. The Lady Mustangs battled back against Veribest to win 29-22 and get into the consolation final. In the final the girls lost to Paint Rock 41-21. For the tournament Ana Fuentes scored 50 points in three games. This years team included eighth graders Ana, Marie Schroeder, and Jamie Fox, as well as 6th graders Megan Ochoa, Samantha Lozano, and Taylor Guajardo. This was a young and inexperienced team that worked really hard. They finished their season at 3-13, but are sure to be better next

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Runnels County News Briefs

Olfen Fish Fry

Fish Fry & Sweet Bingo hosted by Friends of Olfen and Olfen Home and School will be held 5:30-7:30pm Friday, Feb. 19 at Saint Boniface Parish Hall in Olfen. Meal includes Fish, French Fries, Beans and Hushpuppies, Slaw and Dessert. Cost is Adults and Plates to Go \$7, Children \$4. Proceeds will be benefiting Olfen ISD and the Olfen

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Jail log for Feb. 18, 2010

- Henry, Garry D., 42, DPS US Marshals warrant
- Gomez, Reynaldo, 17, BPD poss marj, assault • Watts, Jennifer, 26, RCSO T.B.C
- Stuck, Amanda, 20, RCSO MTR, False statement P.O.
- · Cua-Vasquez Moises R., 20, RCSO Ilegal entry
- Sandahl, Brandon A., 22, Coke, Midland Co warrant, P.O.M • Fuentes, Edward Jr., 28, RCSO P.O.M, poss drug paraph
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YES or NO

Ballot Proposition #5: Sonograms

The Texas Legislature should enact legislation requiring a sonogram to be performed and shown to each mother about to undergo a medically unnecessary, elective abortion.

YES or NO

The primary vote is March 2, 2010.

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You see, we are generations of church raised families. Most of you knew my parents, MaryBelle and Harley. I bet many recall mom playing piano at various functions around our community with Dad there as her "roadie". In addition, many of you know that for almost twenty five years I bred, raised, and trained quarter horses with much success.

I also have the distinction of having served the public in law enforcement for almost fifteen years. I began under Don Atkins then went to Midland where I began work as a patrolman. I rose rapidly through the ranks of a 120 man professional department and I became Detective Sergeant at age 24. At age 26 I was nominated by U.S. Congressman George Mahon to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. Upon graduation at age 27, I became one of four Detective Sergeant's assigned to the Major Crime Unit in Midland. Our duties were to direct or investigate all felony offenses and to make sure all case elements were met prior to presentation to the Grand Jury and subsequent trial. In 1981, I resigned from what I thought to be my life's work to return home, manage our family ranch and raise my kids in our wonderful community.

Management! That's what this job is about! I have no doubts I can handle the criminal aspect. I see as equally important protecting our tax money against wasteful spending and of protecting the rights of our people against abuse of power. I will work with law enforcement as they strive to keep us safe. I respect the efforts of those in our court house and they can trust that I'll defend them when called upon. I promise to meet the many challenges with careful thought and deliberation and that no matter your lot in life when you come before me, you'll be treated fairly. No matter if you are a friend or a stranger.

I believe in my ability! I have decided I would again seek work as a public servant. If elected, our farm land will be rented so that I can devote the time and energy needed to the office. I will do my best to continue the honorable work of those I follow.

I'll be on the Republican ballot for Runnels County Judge on March 2.

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