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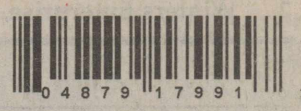
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Winters, Texas

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Working together to fight truancy in Winters schools

Ruben Cantu
Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- The Winters Independent School District and City Police Department are working together on a program to fight student truancy, and keep kids from dropping out of school.

Last Monday, Police Chief Nathan Johnson presented a memorandum to the City Council, in order to draft the agreement with the School District. The deal includes a budget from the School District for a part time agent, who will enforce attendance.

Council approved unanimously the motion to create a special amendment on the city budget, and handle this revenue properly.

Attendance falls could cost the Winters Independent School District to loose status and a budget cut. "We are working very closely with

them," said Johnson about the project. Before putting this to work, the project must be evaluated and approved by the Winters School Board, Superintendent and both the school and city legal departments.

According to the project, the Police Department will be enforcing school drop offs in every grade, from PreK to High School, and the School District will cover the cost incurred because of the truancy problem.

The project is also seeking to solidify relations between the Police Department and the WISD, as well as fight the burglary problems that Winters had during the last two summers.

In the regular meeting held last Monday, City Council also canceled the Mayor election scheduled for May 8, due to the lack of candidate registrations, discussed the status on Water Treatment Plant, and a grant for the construction of six houses.



Major Update for Hoops in WISD

Over \$5 million invested in the new Blizzards gym, will be ready to host the November games

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WINTERS, Texas.- The last school gym was constructed over half a century ago, and this time the Winters Independent School District has prepared to roll out the red carpet and build a new facility, to fulfill needs of the students of Winters ISD.

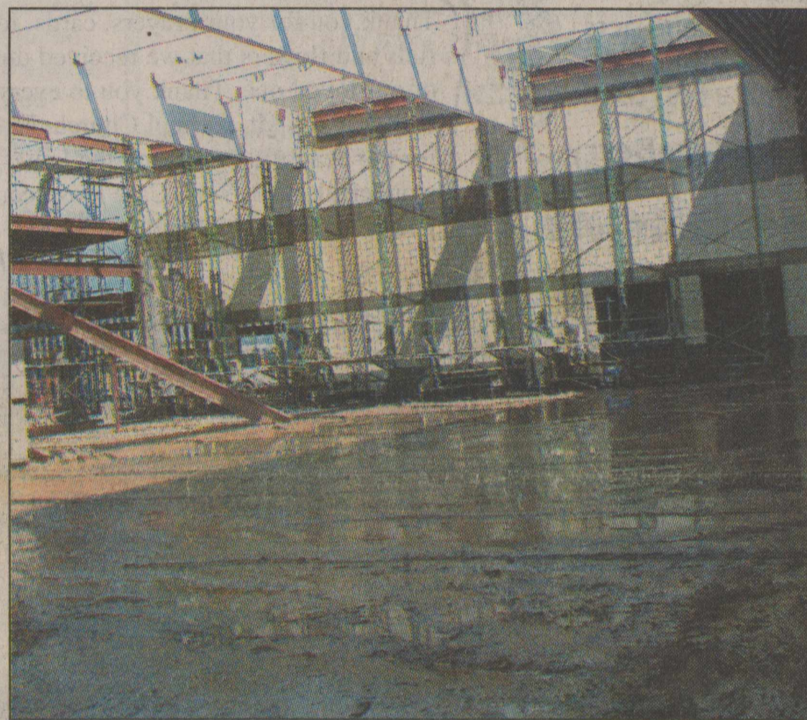
The new gym is being built right next to the old building, which dates back to 1954, and hopefully will be ready in November, for the 2010-11 basketball season tip-off.

The Winters community welcomes the new project not only because of the benefits to local students but because it was not necessary to pass a bond election, increase taxes, or apply for grants.

A key person in the project, David L. Hutton, WISD superintendent, is looking forward to completion of the gym construction for 2010-2011.

"This is going to be a great upgrade to the WISD facilities, and will allow us to seat nearly 800 people. The facility will have showers and restrooms for the junior varsity and varsity teams," said Hutton.

The building under construction could top a \$5.5 million budget although expectations are that it will not go over \$5 million. The 33,000 square feet facility will have a basketball court, a large lobby which can be divided for classrooms, and a concession area. The newest addition will sit along side of the old building and is designed to form a complex. Coaches will have new offices in the facility



ABOVE: Construction workers had to deal with snow and rain, but slowly are catching up to meet the November deadline.

RIGHT: The seating will be improved, to accommodate 800 people at the court sides.



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Transition for high school principal in progress

Ruben Cantu
Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- With a 34 year academic background, Susan Sharp, the Winters High School principal, is retiring as soon as the school year is over. Last week the deadline was met for applicants willing to take the seat, and the WISD started the selection process with more than 40 candidates.

Applications from all over Texas, as well as some from other states were sent after the job posting in the Texas Association of Secondary Administrators, Society for Educational Businesses and the Region 15 Service Center.

After a quick process the list was narrowed down to just a few, based on the experience and requirements needed for the job.

The application stated 5 years experience as preferred, and some of the candidates just recently obtained the principal certification.

Most applicants from cities out of the state were also discarded because of the little or no knowledge at all of the local community and culture.

Retired principals and former teachers were scratched from the list unless they had outstanding abilities.

Right after that, the superintendent office started with the real selection process, the only candidates to be interviewed will be the ones with serious experience, some of whom are currently principals.

A list of just a few candidates will be evaluated by a group of teachers and the WISD staff checking references and background.

According to the plan, on May 1st the School Board of Trustees will receive a recommendation, in order to have a smooth transition with the two principals working together.

Early Voting Set

Ballinger Ledger
Staff Report

BALLINGER, Texas.- Early voting for the April 13th Republican Primary Runoff Election will be conducted April 5-9 at the County Courthouse in Ballinger, Monday through Friday from 8:30 until 5:00 p.m.

Elesa Ocker, Runnels County Clerk, released the details for qualified voters to participate in this runoff election.

A qualified voter is one that voted in the Republican primary in March or did not vote at all in the same process, while a person who voted in the

Democratic primary is not eligible to vote in the runoff.

There is one statewide runoff for the office of Supreme Court Justice Place 3, between Rick Green and Debra Lehrmann. There is also one local runoff for County Judge between Nathan T. Johnson and Barry Hilliard.

Voters should present their voter registration cards when voting.

The last day to receive an application to vote by mail is April 6th.

For further information or to request an application to vote early by mail, contact the County Clerk's Office at 365-2720.

Ladies Ready for Night Out

Winters, Enterprise
Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- The Winters Woman's Club will be celebrating its 16th annual "Ladies Night Out," on April 22, at the Jones Fellowship Hall of the Baptist Church.

This event is one of two annual fundraisers for the civic organization. A relaxing evening including dinner, entertainment and door prizes is planned for the April event.

This year's theme will be "A Night

Under the Texas Stars". The menu is Texas BBQ and entertainment will be the band "Partners", from San Angelo. This special evening has become traditional each spring and the local ladies look forward to it as they would their own birthday.

Attendance is by advance ticket only, with a cost of \$12, and those are available from club members or at Bluebonnet Mercantile. Ladies, young and old are welcome at this event.

Jane Bourdo, president of the Winters Woman's club said that all

proceeds are put back in the community, mostly on student-youth programs.

"One of our big accomplishments is scholarships for our graduating seniors. We started out giving one scholarship, then progressed to two and last year we gave three \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors," stated Bourdo.

Both boys and girls are eligible for scholarships. The club has an application-screening process as is typical for other organizations.

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Obituaries

Lena Mae Smith

Lena Mae Smith, 83, of Ballinger passed away Friday, March 26, 2010 at Cedar Manor Nursing Center in San Angelo.

Lena was born September 29, 1926 in Runnels County, Texas to Charles Aubrey and Mary Lou (Atnipp) Smith. She and Roy Smith, Jr. were married October 14, 1944, and the couple had lived in Ballinger since 1948. Roy preceded her in death March 29, 2005. Lena was a devoted homemaker who loved and nurtured her entire family. She was a member of Avenue B Church of Christ and was a pre-school Sunday school teacher.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, three sisters, and



four brothers. Lena Mae is survived by her daughter, Debbie Anderson and husband, Daniel, of San Angelo, and by her son, Dale Smith and wife, Mary, of Ballinger. Survivors also include one brother-in-law and sister-in-law, numerous nieces and nephews, as well as seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

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Ora Lee Dean

Ora Lee Dean, 84, of Wingate passed away Monday, March 29, 2010. She was born July 29, 1925 in Wilmeth and graduated from Wingate High School. She attended San Angelo Jr. College and Shannon School of Nursing, finishing as a registered nurse. She married C.R. Dean on October 20, 1948 in San Angelo. She was a nurse in Shannon Medical Center, Hendrick Medical Center and Casper, Wyoming, retiring in 1979. They moved to Wingate in 1987. She was a Baptist. She was preceded in death by her parents Arville and Ruth Hancock and her brothers Wyley Hancock and Arville Hancock, Jr.

She is survived by her husband C.R. Dean of Wingate; 2 sons: Johnny Ross Dean and wife Diane of Kingwood and Tommy Lee Dean and wife Faye of Hamby; 1 brother: John Hancock of Wilmeth; as



well as 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at 6:00 p.m. at the Winters Funeral Home Wednesday, March 31, 2010. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2010 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Kenneth Jones officiating. Burial will follow at Wingate Cemetery under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to Scottish Rite Hospital.

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Halley Chester Schwartz

Halley Chester Schwartz, 85, of Winters passed away Thursday, March 25, 2010. He was born August 21, 1924 in Ballinger and was a life-long Runnels County resident. He married Verlon Pumphrey on December 8, 1944 in Ballinger. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was a farmer and rancher and a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife Verlon Schwartz of Winters; three daughters: Linda Jones and husband Paul of Abilene, Jan Jordan and husband Jim of Winters and Kay Braddick and husband Don of

Burleson; one brother: R.C. Schwartz of Burnett; two sisters: Peggy McAnally of Winters and Imagene Mickey of Abilene; as well as four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 27th, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the North Main Church of Christ with Travis Akins officiating. Burial followed at Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

The family asks that memorials be made to Hospice of the Big Country or the American Diabetes Association.

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Heriberto Briones Ortiz

Heriberto Briones Ortiz, 49, of Winters, passed away Wednesday, March 24, 2010. He was born September 20, 1960 in Durango, Mexico. He lived in San Angelo and Lawn and Moved to Winters in 1991. He married Martha Lopez on May 14, 1981 in Tuscola. He worked for Basic Energy Services.

He is survived by his

wife Martha Ortiz of Winters; four children: Oliver Ortiz of Oklahoma City, OK, Joe Ortiz and wife Kayla of Lubbock, Marcela Ortiz Chavez and husband Daniel of Hamlin and Amanda Ortiz of Winters; two brothers: Jose Ortiz of Mexico and Salvador Ortiz of Mexico; five sisters: Rosa Maria Ortiz of Mexico, Francisca Ortiz of Mexico, Irma Ortiz of Mexico, Rosalinda Ortiz of Mexico and Alejandra Ortiz of Mexico; as well as one granddaughter Hailey Soto and one grandson Blake Ortiz.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 26th, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the North Main Church of Christ with Travis Akins officiating. Burial was made in Panteon de Dolores Cemetery in Ciudad Acuña Coahuila, Mexico. Funeral services are under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

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Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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April 5 - 9

Monday

Goulash, Hominy, Beet Salad, Cornbread, Mixed Fruit.

Tuesday

Salmon, Pork n Beans, Tomato Salad, Cornbread, Lemon Cookies.

Wednesday

Liver or Steak, Paisley Potatoes, Greens, Cornbread, Banana Pudding.

Thursday

Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, k Hot Roll, Pineapple Cake.

Friday

Burritos, Spanish Rice, Coleslaw, Chips & Hot Sauce, Dessert.

Meals are served 11:30 a.m. daily. Anyone who does not take the meals regularly is asked to reserve a lunch by contacting the Activity Center at 754-4205 by 10 a.m.

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Elm Creek Water Control District will meet in regular session on Tuesday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Activity Center, 600 Wood, Winters, Tx.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On March 15, 2010, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos Energy" or "the Company"), filed a Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") filing to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders. This filing is applicable to all customers within all incorporated cities served by the Mid-Tex Division, with the exception of the City of Dallas. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is August 1, 2010. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,190,843 residential, 97,756 commercial, and 735 industrial and transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues for the affected incorporated areas of its Mid-Tex Division by \$56,826,830, or 6.04% percent, including gas costs, or 14.82% percent, excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code.

Based on the proposed rate design, the typical monthly bill for each customer class within the affected incorporated areas of the Mid-Tex Division will increase by the amount and percentage shown in the table below:

| Customer Class | Current Bill | Proposed Bill** | Difference | Percentage Increase with Gas Cost | Percentage Increase without Gas Cost |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Residential | \$56.25* | \$60.00* | \$3.75 | 6.67% | 16.95% |
| Commercial | \$213.36* | \$221.48* | \$8.12 | 3.81% | 17.58% |
| Industrial | \$2164.76* | \$2277.05* | \$112.29 | 5.19% | 20.90% |
| Transportation | \$635.97 | \$748.27 | \$112.30 | 17.66% | 20.90% |

Note: Bill impact ranges are subject to varying tax rates among the cities.

* Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$4.6303 per Mcf.

**The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30 Mcf for commercial and 300 MMBtu for industrial and transportation customers.

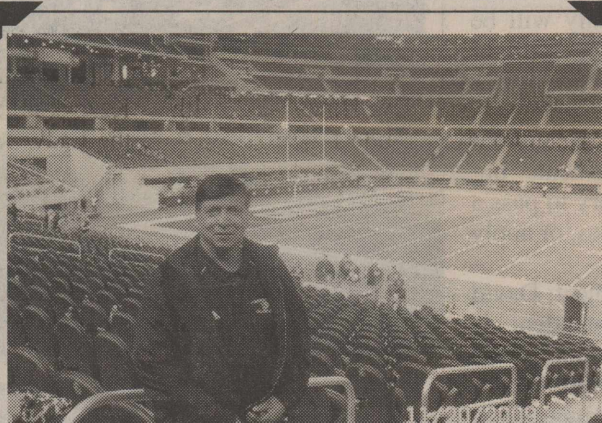
In addition to the rate revisions in Rate Schedules R, C, I, and T, the other proposed tariff change is an update to the factors included in Rider WNA.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Rate Review Mechanism, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos Energy's offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our Web site at www.atmosenergy.com/mtx-rrm. In addition, customers can contact their respective municipality for additional information regarding this rate request.

Este es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex Division de Atmos Energy Corporation (la Compañía) que la Compañía está solicitando un cambio en las tarifas del gas. Este cambio afecta a todos los clientes en las áreas incorporadas y servidas por Mid-Tex Division excepto la Ciudad de Dallas. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, food, memorials and flowers that we received during the loss of our loved one. Thank you to everyone from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Fr. Romanus for the beautiful mass, and the ladies for the wonderful meal. Vista Care Hospice, we love you all for the care you gave Fred.

The Family of Fred Acosta Cortez



Happy Birthday Daddy!

I LOVE YOU.

From Michelle

NORTH RUNNELS WSC

would like to thank all who attended our annual meeting, March 22, 2010. We would also like to thank our 2010 nominating committee: Lanny England, Greg Guttuso, and Silvia Richie. The 2011 nomination committee will be Greg Guttuso, Rod Monroe, and Johnny Walker. Also, thank you for the committee that counted the ballots: Marci Webb, Diane and Lynn Billups. We appreciate each and everyone of you.

We appreciated the presentation by Michael Hamby, CPA, from the firm of Merritt, McLane and Hamby. A special thanks goes to the following businesses that donated prizes: Alderman-Cave, Bishop & Boys Dirt Contracting, Bluebonnet Mercantile, Citibank, DLC (Bryan Davis), Dixie Hardware, First Coleman National Bank, First National Bank of Ballinger, HD Supply, Heidenheimers, Higginbotham's-Ballinger, J & T Hardware, Knox Oilfield, Porter Henderson Implement, Security State Bank, Stitchin' Post, Walmart, Wheat Energy, & Wingate Gin.

Thanks to the candidates. The election results for the new directors - 3 year term are R. N. "Roeneal" Boles, Barron Guy and Steve McCulloch.

Library donations

The Winters Public Library received donations from:

- Bonnie J. Elliott.
- Jim Caskey

New adult books:

- Name Author
- The Summer Hideaway Susan Wiggs
- The Politican Andrew Young
- The Wolf at the Door Jack Higgins
- Watchlist Jeffery Deaver
- Kelly's Chance Wanda Brunstetter
- Midnight Sons Debbie Macomber
- House Rules Jodi Picoult
- Fantasy In Death J.D. Robb
- Split Image Robert B. Parker
- Worst Case James Patterson
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- Big Girl Danielle Steel
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April 5 - 9
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ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU
Monday
Bagel Pizza, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Tuesday
Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
Sausage on a stick, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Thursday
Biscuit, Sausage, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Friday
Holiday
Good Friday
JUNIOR AND HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST MENU
Monday
Breakfast Pizza or French Toast w/Sausage or Muffin w/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Tuesday
Cereal or Cereal Bar or Breakfast Burrito, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
Sausage on a Stick or Breakfast Pocket or Yogurt w/Ham, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Thursday
Sausage on a Stick or Breakfast Pocket or Yogurt w/Ham, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Friday
Holiday
Good Friday
WINTERS ISD LUNCH MENU
Note: Menus are subject to change without notice. Students may purchase extras: Entrees for \$1.00, Milk for .30, sides for .50.
Monday
Chicken Spaghetti or Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, Tomato Pasta, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad, Rosy Applesauce, Sugar Cookie, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.
Tuesday
Lasagna or Grilled Chicken on Bun, Corn, Broccoli w/Cheese, Carrot Sticks, Orange Wedges, Cake, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
Nachos or Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Mixed Melon Cup, Cornbread, Carnival Cookie, Choice of Milk.
Thursday
Steak Burger or Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Corn, Strawberries, Tossed Salad, Jell-O, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

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WISD Athletic Report

By Stephen Hermesmeier

WINTERS, Texas.- The Blizzards relay team had a great performance last week, in the track meet held in Bronte, where they got a first place in the 4x200 competition. The rest of the athletic team also did a good job, in both the track and field events.

The Boys seventh grade team finished second place, and the eight grade Lady Blizzards managed to obtain the fourth among 11 contenders.

JH Track: (Livingston)
Bronte Relays

| 7th Boys | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------|--------|
| Name | Place | Event | Score |
| Marshall Scates | 2nd | 2400m run | 10:14 |
| Jordan Hamrick | 3rd | 2400m run | 10:54 |
| Ethaniel Reyes | 4th | 2400m run | 12:03 |
| Rudy Lara | 4th | 400m run | 1:02.9 |
| Lara, Bredemeyer, Torres, Cortez | 3rd | 4x100 relay | 55.02 |
| Cortez, Bredemeyer, Hagle, Hutton | | 1st4x200 relay | 1:58.1 |
| David Hutton | 4th | 110 hurdles | 21.6 |
| Ripley, Kraatz, Cortez, Lara | 3rd | 1600m relay | 4:20.9 |
| Jacob Brock | 6th | 110 hurdles | 22.6 |
| Jimmy J. Ripley | 2nd | 300m hurdles | 52.63 |
| Lukas Kraatz | 3rd | 300m hurdles | 54.17 |
| Daryl Hagle | 4th | Triple jump | 28'10 |
| Ty Cortez | 5th tie | High jump | 4'6 |
| Dave Hutton | 2nd | Pole Vault | 7'0 |
| Team: Second place 98.5 points | | | |

| 8th Boys | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------------|---------|
| Name | Place | Event | Score |
| Fermin Cruz | 2nd | 100m dash | 12.3 |
| Fermin Cruz | 3rd | 400m dash | 1:01.27 |
| Andrew New | 5th | 110 hurdles | 21.8 |
| Andrew New | 4th | 300 hurdles | 55.3 |
| Fermin Cruz | 3rd | long jump | 15'5 |
| Marcus Torres | 4th | shot put | 32'9 |
| Potts, Salazar, Green, Hines | 2nd | 4X200 relay | 2:01.1 |
| Cruz, Potts, New, Hines | 4th | 1600m relay | 4:33.1 |
| Corey Pritchard | 4th | discus | 91'10 |
| Team: Seventh place 58 points | | | |

Softball: (Coach Airhart)
Lady Blizzards, keeping the bats busy

On March 22, the Lady Blizzards improved their district record to 3-2 with two games remaining in the first half of the district schedule by defeating Eden 20-0 in three innings. Tana Gibbs pitched the first two innings facing six batters. She had four strikeouts and one walk. Haley Kaczyk finished the game in the third inning with two strikeouts and no hits. The Lady Blizzards had lots of success offensively. Kat Lindley had a home run and was followed by Sara Perez, Shelby Gehrels, Bibi Mendoza, and Randa Watson who each hit triples. Doubles were hit by Abby Guy and Randa Watson. Finishing up the hitting with singles were Abby Guy, Haley Kaczyk (3), Hannah Franklin, Sabrina Oswalt, and Berenice Garcia.

Close one to Eldorado
On March 23 the Blizzard softball team lost a close one to Eldorado with a score of 9-8. The scoring was fairly even throughout the game with the lead changing hands several times. Winters was able to get lots of hits and also had some great base running. The Lady Blizzards ended with 10 singles, two doubles, and two triples. They also had four errors. Two of these allowed Eldorado to score five runs. Hitting sin-



gles for the Lady Blizzards were: Kat Lindley (3), Sara Perez, Abby Guy, Tana Gibbs, Haley Kaczyk (2), and Sabrina Oswalt. Sara Perez added two doubles and a triple while Haley Kaczyk also added a triple. Scoring for the Lady Blizzards were Kat (2), Sara (3), Abby (1), Bibi Mendoza (1), and Sabrina Oswalt (1).

Winters vs. Junction

The Blizzard softball team battled in another evenly matched contest against Junction. At the top of the fourth inning, the Blizzards led 3-1, but the fourth inning proved to be difficult defensively. Two walks and a single loaded the bases for Junction and then the seventh batter in the lineup hit a three RBI triple making the score 5-3 in Junction's favor. Haley Kaczyk reached on an error and advanced to second when Randa Watson walked. Haley stole third and then home for the Lady Blizzards only scored in the fourth. Junction had another big inning in the seventh, scoring four runs. The Lady Blizzards were only able to score two at their last bat. The three-hour game ended with Junction 10-6 Winters. The Lady Blizzards ended with a total of six singles from Kat Lindley, Sara Perez, Abby Guy (2), Haley Kaczyk, and Bibi Mendoza.

Baseball: (Coach Spivey)
Winters 10-10 Ira
8th inning (game will be finished on April 17th)
Winters 8-9 Miles
Tennis: (Coach Villarreal)
No results at press time.
JH/HS Girls Track: (Coach Motheral)
Bronte Junior High Track Meet
Results - 3/25/10

Winters 8th Grade Team
Fourth place out of 11 teams
Winters 7th Grade Team
Eight place out of 11 teams

| Name | Place | Event | Score |
|---|-------|-------------|---------------|
| Vicki Madrid (7th) | 1st | 400 | 72.17 |
| Lauren Bredemeyer (8th) | 4th | 400 | 74.90 |
| Tamron Tamez (8th) | 3rd | 800 | 2:53.29 |
| Olivia Rodriguez (7th) | 5th | 800 | 2:54.54 |
| A. Cooper, S. Esquivel, K. Drake, J. Pritchard (8th) | 6th | 4x100 relay | 60.13 |
| L. Bredemeyer, S. Esquivel, K. Drake, A. Cooper (8th) | 5th | 4x200 relay | 2:08.39 |
| G. Jiminez, V. Madrid, O. Rodriguez, M. Mendoza (7th) | 2nd | 4x400 relay | 4:55.33 |
| T. Tamez, H. Weaver, K. Kraatz, L. Bredemeyer (8th) | 3rd | 4x400 relay | 5:02.37 |
| Hannah Weaver (8th) | 2nd | 100 | hurdles 19.73 |
| Tamron Tamez (8th) | 1st | 300 | hurdles 53.49 |
| Jaymee Pritchard (8th) | 3rd | 300 | hurdles 60.78 |
| Gabby Jiminez (7th) | 5th | 300 | hurdles 61.98 |
| Kara Kraatz (8th) | 6th | 300 | hurdles 64.17 |
| Ashley Guy (7th) | 5th | discus | 56'7" |
| Sabrina Esquivel (8th) | 6th | discus | 55'0" |
| Tamron Tamez (8th) | -- | high jump | 4'2" |
| Rachel Nunez (7th) | -- | high jump | 4'0" |

Winters Blizzards Football 2010

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|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| August 14 | Roby (Scrimmage) | 10:00 am |
| August 19 | @ Junction (Scrimmage) | 6:00 pm |
| August 27 | @ Coleman | 7:30 pm |
| September 3 | Miles | 7:30 pm |
| September 10 | Cross Plains | 7:30 pm |
| September 17 | Menard (Homecoming) | 7:30 pm |
| September 24 | @ Bronte | 7:30 pm |
| October 1 | @ Albany | 7:30pm |
| October 8 | @ Eldorado* | 7:30 pm |
| October 15 | Reagan County (Big Lake)* | 7 : 3 0 pm |
| October 22 | @ Goldthwaite* | 7:30 pm |
| October 29 | Open | 7:30 pm |
| November 5 | Mason (Senior Night)* | 7:30 pm |
| JV Schedule | | |
| August 26 | Coleman | 6:00 pm |
| September 2 | @ Miles | 6:00 pm |
| September 9 | TBA | |
| September 16 | @ Menard | 7:15 pm |
| September 23 | TBA | |
| September 30 | Albany | 7:15 pm |
| October 7 | Eldorado* | 7:15 pm |
| October 14 | @ Reagan County* | 7:15 pm |
| October 21 | Goldthwaite* | 7:15 pm |
| October 28 | Stamford | 7:15 pm |
| November 4 | @ Mason* | 7:15 pm |
| Jr. High Schedule | | |
| September 9 | @Cross Plains (7th) | 5:00 pm |
| TBA (8th) | 6:00pm | |
| September 16 | @ Menard (7th) | 5:00 pm |
| TBA (8th) | | |
| September 23 | Bronte (7th) | 5:00 pm |
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RUNNELS COUNTY ROUND-UP

Letters to the Editor

A call to preserve the sand hill crane

Dear Editor:
This is a copy of a letter from Bill Swisher, past president of the Dallas Safari Club. Both sets of correspondence focused on helping save the sand hill cranes. Mom and I and also the ranchers on the other side of the roost (James and Karen Pair) appreciate the efforts of both Swisher and English and the clubs they represent.

maintain and promote this roosting area, you will see Crane populations grow and prosper and return year after year. This would be a great investment and publicity for Winters. Bill Swisher, Dallas Safari Club Past President.

Don and Nolo Gene Davis,
Winters, Texas

"A gift" from the North

3/21/2010
To whom it may concern with the City of Winters, Tx.,

Many of our DSC members come to your "Dove Fest" in Winters, Tx. each year. We have known Don and Nolo Gene Davis for several years and we know they truly care about the wildlife habitat and proper game management.

We, at the Dallas Safari Club, fully support and endorse this effort to "protect the roost" for the sand hill cranes coming to Winters.

We know from experience if people are allowed to get close to, shoot at or in any way harass roosting species that species will move on and seek "sanctuary" at a safer location. Game biologists, game wardens and hunters world wide have seen and experienced this movement. Sand hill cranes are especially sensitive to roost invasion.

I personally saw a perfect duck roost habitat on a rice plantation in Sulfur Bluff, Tx. over run and over hunted till the ducks move on to Cooper lake in Cooper, Tx. for a roosting sanctuary. Once they have moved it is virtually impossible to entice them back.

So, if you can work to

Dear Editor:
Our community has received a "gift" of visitors. Have you noticed? You probably have and may not actually realize it. If you are out in the country much these visitors will let you know. They, in effect say "Hey, look at us."

These visitors can number in the hundreds and possibly even into the thousands. They do not understand but they offer a positive economic "gift" to our part of Runnels County.

These visitors from the north do not cost us anything. Quite the contrary, they encourage money to flow into our area through "eco-tourism"!

They just can't keep quiet-they have no secrets, and they are so graceful and good at what they do. To old ranchers like Mom and I we consider them a gift from God.

They decided, among themselves, they prefer to spend winter nightseast of town. This is their "gift." People will drive a long way just to see them "come home" late in the evening-a dazzling sight. You know, the eco-tourism type folks.

We notice our "gifts" all like to spend the nights

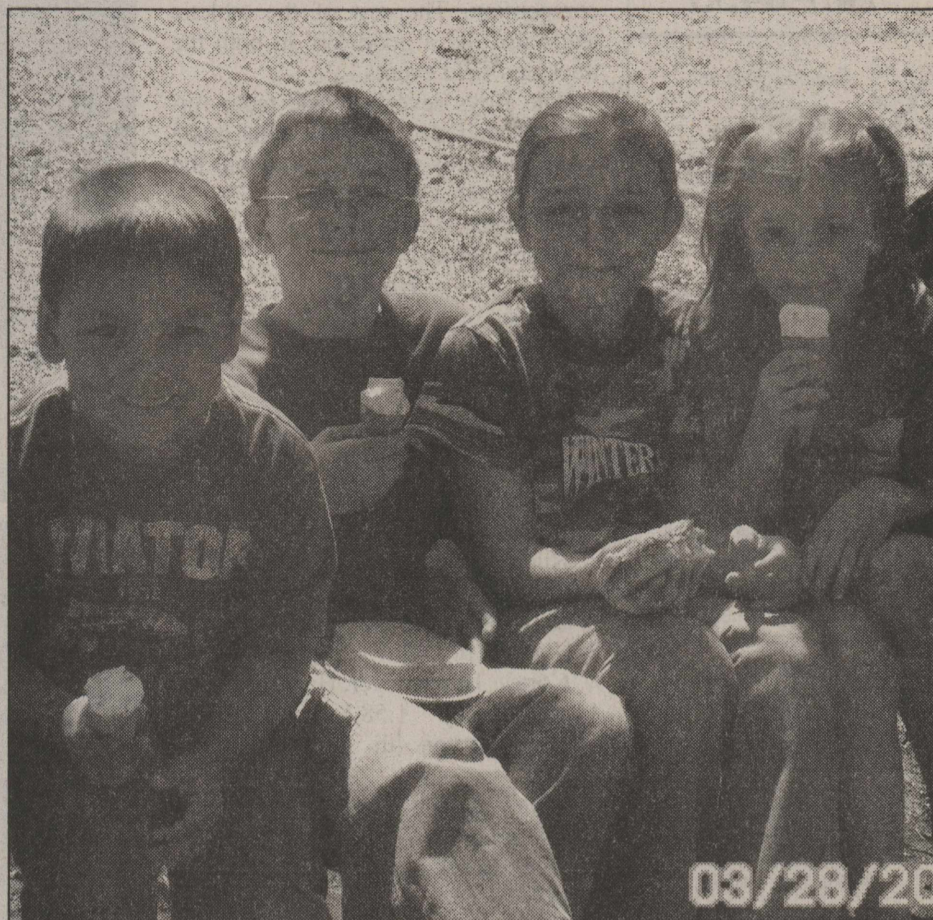
together. Their morals are good though-if the truth was known each pair probably stays together for life. They do not want to bother anybody. But understandably, they do not want to be bothered either when they go "home" to go to bed.

These "gifts" from the North have no clue of their pending fate but our own Winters City Council is preparing to pass judgment on them. This judgment will determine whether they can stay (and our community enjoy their presence) or whether they will be forced to leave.

But goodness! Fact is they do not vote. Fact is they do not even pay taxes. They have very little political "clout." They depend on folks who "care" to help them. The "they" or "gift" are sand hill cranes. The Council would like to help but there is a group of duck hunters who made no offer to help. The duck hunter gunfire will force the cranes to find another "home." This is the choice. This is "our" choice.

Troylene Lincycomb
Winters, Texas

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WINTERS, Texas.- Spring time is here, and along with it the tasty treats all children love, Connor Garcia, Daniel, Holly and Micah Hutton were captured enjoying a snow cone in this singular picture taken by Michelle Garcia.

News Notes

Nursing Home Egg Hunt

You are invited to the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Nursing Home on Friday, April 2 at 2:30 p.m. Prizes will be given. Bring your baskets and have a good time. Refreshments will follow the hunt.

Upcoming events

Wingate farm sale April 10.

Nut n Bolt run on April 17.

ABC 18 hole scramble 1:00 p.m. Winters Country Club April 18.

Winters Area Foundation Dinner April 20 at Winters Country Club.

Mayfest on May 1.

Raffle for mower, Winters Volunteer Fire Dept. May 1

Two-man-one-woman scramble 18 holes at Winters Country Club on May 8.

Texas 4000 riders will be here on June 8.

Immunization Clinics

Texas Department of State Health services will have an immunization clinic in Winters, Thursday, April 1, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. H1N1 Flu Vaccine is available to all. Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid or CHP,

please bring card.

AA Meetings

AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truitt behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

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.

Literacy Service Club

Literacy 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 Women's Club

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meet on the second Tuesday of the month, from September through May. Contact Jane Bourdo, 754-2048 or Becky Hays, 754-1912 for more information.

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, TX Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754-2048

Retired teachers meeting

The Runnels County Retired School Employees (Runnels County Retired Teachers) will meet for their final meeting Monday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger. Officers will be installed at this meeting. All retired school employees in Runnels County are urged to join.

Nominations for Gifted/Talented

Nominations are being accepted for the Winters Elementary Gifted/Talented program, First-Fifth grades. If you believe your child might benefit from a gifted/talented program, we welcome your nomination. Nomination and parent-permission-for-testing forms may be obtained at the Elementary Principal's office during normal working hours.

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pleted and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by April 30, 2010.

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Easter Sunrise Services

What word describes Easter for you? "Surprise" "Joy" "Miraculous"? Whatever the word we use, we all stand in awe each Easter morning! This year, won't you and your family join with your friends and neighbors at the Winters Country Club on Easter Sunday, April 4th at 7 a.m. for the community Sunrise Services. The worship services are sponsored by the Winters Ministerial Alliance. Everyone in the Winters community is invited to come worship on Easter morning.

Cowboy Church Sunrise Service

Bluff Creek Cowboy Church will be having a Sunrise Service on 3800 FM 2405 at 7:30 a.m., a chuck wagon breakfast will be served after. Regular morning service is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. lunch will be served after the service. Everyone is invited.

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and the band will also have a new place to call home. The new facility will be connected to the old one and form a single unit.

Hutton is proud of the low tax rate of \$1.04, which is 14 cents lower than state average.

"This is possible with our fund balance from previous years, and a good administration," he said.

The project was designed by CADCO, an architect firm based in Abilene, and the actual construction by Waldrop Construction, a Brownwood company.

The snow and recent rains caused the construction to fall three weeks behind schedule, but with great effort the workers have been able to catch up and still plan a November completion.

Comfort was one of the main objectives in the building design. Blizzard colors will cover the walls and floors of the facility. New security measures have been added to prevent public interference.

This building will allow our district to provide dressing rooms for visiting teams, with facilities comparable to those of larger schools.

"As we talk to other school districts, a 10 year old gym is considered an old facility. Our gym is now 56 years old, but in November we will have a fine new facility with the construction of our new building," the superintendent said.

Winters united for the CDC

Winters Enterprise
Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- Winters community joined efforts sponsoring, building and setting up a very special table for auction, in order to help the Child Development Center.

Calacote Dirt Contractors donated all pipe used to make this table, J&T hardware donated the wood and has agreed to hold the table until the auction for the public to view. Bradley's Metal Fabricators donated the metal used to make the Texas shapes on the ends of the table. Mathew Meyers and Travis Calacote, fathers of attending children Mason and Nick, spent their time turning this wood and pipe into a true work of art to benefit Winters CDC.

This table may be viewed at J&T Hardware and will be auctioned in the April 10 Wingate Farm Sale. Special thanks to the folks involved with the Wingate sale for allowing this item in the auction.

Parents and staff of the Winters Child Development Center thank these businesses and their supportive community for all they have done for the center. People inter-



A very special table, built with community donations and effort, will be auctioned on April 10th, at the Wingate Farm Sale.

ested in more information on the table or the Winters Child Develop Center contact Cheryl Sneed, Travis Calacote or Amanda Collom.

Joint Holy Week celebration

Ruben Cantu
Winters, Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- The Winters Ministerial Alliance, united under a single belief, started the Holy Week celebration in the Community Center, in order to fulfill their spiritual and physical needs.

As a prelude to the Christian holidays, the Alliance is offering a series of five luncheons, starting on Monday, in order to keep up with a long tradition. Dozens attended the celebration on Monday

where a full meal was served with the opportunity for worshipping the Lord. A different preacher will address attendees every day.

This event is made possible by volunteers and collaboration of the First Baptist Church, Methodist Church, Lutheran Church, Church of Christ as well as the Cowboy Church, New Beginning Church and Pioneer Church of God. Workers with the Samaritan House volunteered for serving the meals to the community.



Barbara Jones, from the Samaritan House; Joe Chamness, Pastor of the Methodist Church; Ruth Cooper, Treasurer of the Ministerial Alliance; Travis Akins, new Minister of the Church of Christ; Heath Powers, President of the Alliance; Sam Nix, Vice-president.

The Ministerial Alliance will receive Easter with a Sunrise Service. All community members are invited to join and participate in this Holy Week celebration.

"We all share the single belief in Christ, and join to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ," said Joe Chamness, pastor of the Methodist Church.

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HEALTH NOTES

At North Runnels Home Health our focus is providing the best care possible for patients and helping them care for themselves. We believe the more our patients know, the better care they receive.

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, fear of dying.

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 severe 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 panic disorder 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 mistaken for heart disease or some other life-threatening medical illness. People frequently go to hospital emergency departments when they are having a panic attack, and extensive medical 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 necessary.

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 effectively, just like panic disorder itself.

Tragically, many people with panic disorder do not seek or receive treatment.

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