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## Live music, arts and fun at the Mayfest

Amanda Collom  
 For The Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- Mayfest time is here! This Saturday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its annual Mayfestival. There will be live music in the A-C Nutrition parking lot beginning at 10 a.m.

Playing live this year, Against the Elements, Kody Sims, Travis Calcote and crew and Callahan Divide will be performing. The live music will consist of some light rock, old country and everyone's favorite Texas Country.

Also in this area there will be race car #45 with driver Shane Wojtek. This is a great photo opportunity for the kids, so bring your camera. In the Post Office area there

will be lots of excitement for the kids. Among the fun activities for the kids, there will be a pond game, silly body pictures, free throw shoot, football toss and a jumping castle, 2010 Sno-Royalty will be present assisting with the games.

Winters Community Baseball will be doing a Krispy Kreme fundraiser and the funnel cake/tater twister/hand dipped corn dog lady will be here. There will be some outside vendors selling metal art, purses, ladies and children clothing and blizzard fan materials for the ex's football game. Also the Cowboy Church will be present with their chuck wagon.

Across the street, the fireman will be cooking their famous burgers and fries and serving tea and selling the

last of their raffle tickets for the mower. A few doors down, Facing Stitchin' Post will be the main Arts and Crafts area.

At 10 a.m. there will be a cake walk and at 1 p.m. BINGO will begin, these are to benefit the WACC and we need your support.

The arts and crafts show will run from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and there are some fantastic new vendors and our repeating favorites! The board can't wait to hear the response on our vendors! Among these vendors we have cowgirl apparel and jewelry, rustic signs, candles and flip flops, bling accessories, Scentcy, stylish children's apparel, purses, hand made crosses, granite art and furniture and more.

Also in the show the North Runnels Hospital will

be giving away carbon monoxide detectors and checking blood pressure and blood sugar. Winters Child Development Center will be selling homemade ice-cream and taking pizza orders, Don Wood-the computer guy will be sharing his knowledge, Louise Sumners will be on hand, Compass Bank, Assembly of God guest John DeMoss and Central Texas Opportunities will also be available inside the show.

We also have booked a massage therapist, so come relax with Stephanie. Just outside the show the Jr High cheerleaders will be selling cotton candy, popcorn and pickles. Our local stores such as Daisy Patch, the Beauty Center, Bluebonnet Mercantile, Heidenheimers and Winters Feed & Seed will be open for your busi-



Winters will be celebrating the Mayfest this Saturday.

ness. Kay invites you into the Stitchin' Post to see her new tanning area and to check out her new lines. Remember, J&T Hardware has stocked up on the flowers, plants and patio furniture for the season.

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to our

annual Mayfestival and hopes you visit all of our local merchants while you are here. If you would like to volunteer to help or donate a cake or bingo prize, please contact Amanda Collom or Vanessa Esquivel. For more information please call 325-754-5210 or visit Raymond's Clip Joint.

## 'A look back' at Runnels County

Runnels County Historical Commission printing new book full of memories, remembrances

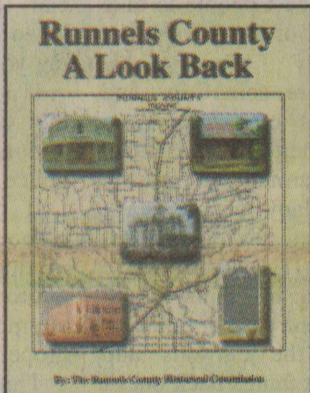
Ruben Cantu  
 Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- "Nineteen young dashing Texas Rangers, mounted on superb, fleet-footed horses, well trained in battle and each man armed with a breech loading Sharp's carbine and a Colt's Army six shooter..."

This scene, taken from an 1874 buffalo hunt located on Elm Creek, some 10 miles north of where Ballinger now stands, is just a preview of the book entitled "Runnels County, A Look Back." This is the first publication in over 30 years by the Runnels County Historical Commission.

The story, based in the Fall of 1874 reveals in fine detail how wild life was in the first settlements. The book is full of colorful scenes such as buffalo hides laid across floors of tents serving as custom beds...

The literary work will soon be on sale and is made possible



The book is already on sale and will be out June 1 for the general public.

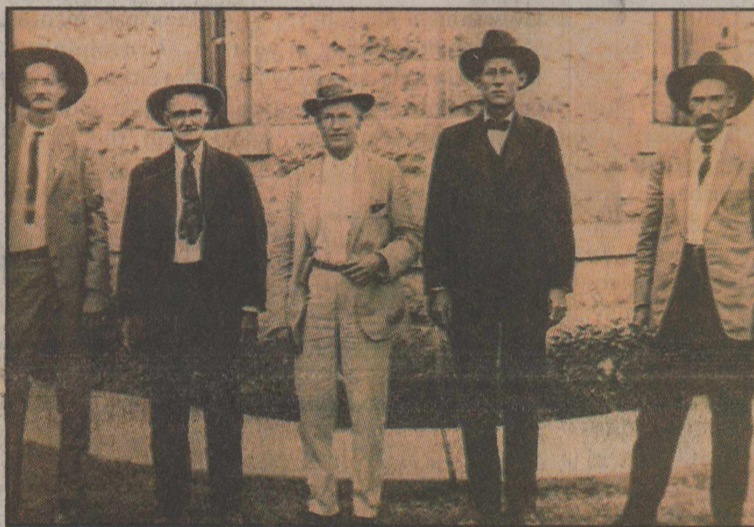
thanks to the hours of intense research by the commission members. The last book published by the commission, "In Remembrance" printed in the early 1970's, was a summary of cemeteries around the county.

The book will be priced at \$20, but prior to June 1 copies are available for \$17.50.

"This is a great effort we wish to share with all the communities in the area," said Ruth Cooper, chairwoman of the Runnels County Historical Commission.

The book will include information about the Rock Hotel, historical markers in the county, old pictures contributed by people, and it will be a good opportunity to take a look back to one's roots.

Funding for this work is entirely made by the members of the Runnels County Historical



This historical photo pictures the first five sheriffs ever in Runnels County, John M. Formwalt, John W. Clampitt, R.P. "Bob" Kirk, Jim Flynt and John B. Perkins.

Commission. The book will be printed locally, at Ballinger Printing And Graphics, owned by Michael White.

Pictures include some old images of the original Runnels County Courthouse, when the building had a different roof and no side wings, as well as new photos of old buildings, the first houses built in the area that are still standing as historical markers.

The Winters Enterprise granted access to material of the book which includes a picture of the first five sheriffs of Runnels County; John M. Formwalt, John

W. Clampitt, R.P. "Bob" Kirk, Jim Flynt and John B. Perkins

Members of the historical commission gathered the aged material and took the recent pictures themselves.

"Consequently the Rangers had buffaloes ahead of them, behind them, and between them. Hail never fell faster than leaden pellets of death and pain entered the bodies of those victims..." The complete story is featured in the book and was written originally in 1906 by Captain Jeff Maltby and published by

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## Winters ISD election underway

Winters Enterprise  
 Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- The School Trustee Election will be held on May 8, at the Elementary School Library from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting is being held at the Winters ISD Administration Office at 603 N Heights from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 26 through May 4.

The candidates running for Place 1 are Mark Bridgeman (incumbent) and Doug Bryan.

The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows: Bill Bredemeyer Place 7, this was the place of Phil Colburn (incumbent) who did not sign up for another term.

## New threat to Lake Winters

Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez  
 Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- The hunting issue at Winters Lake sparked the debate last Monday at the City Council meeting, with citizens looking to keep the shooting going and others asking to ban every firearm activity, but when it came down to transmission lines crossing the premises everyone agreed to fight for a common cause.

Discussion was open by Karen Pair, whose property is located northwest of the Winters Lake, and asked the City Council to reconsider amendments made in 2009 to the City Code of Ordinances, when water fowl and wing hunting where allowed with shotguns.

Prior to that amendment, the 1994 Code of Ordinances specifically prohibited firearms, explosive devices and every kind of hunting related activities at the lake.

"I have made some research and found no city that has public lands open to hunting... Are we supporting a duck hunters welfare program?" she asked.

Concerned about safety of the people living by the lake, Pair recalled an episode where a house was shot full of holes.

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## Ladies night out, entertainment in



More than 150 ladies attended the dinner, celebrated at the Jones Fellowship Hall of the Baptist Church. More photos on page 6.

Ruben Cantu  
 Winters, Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- Last Thursday women went out in Winters to enjoy a delicious dinner, wonderful music and share with each other in the sixteenth annual "Ladies Night Out", at the Jones Fellowship Hall of the Baptist Church.

Over 150 ladies were present at the Winters Women's Club event, one of the two annual main fundraisers of the civic organization.

"Partners", a string band from San Angelo, delighted the attendees with polka, country music and bluegrass. This band surprised with their

background diversity, which included a retired NASA controller and a guitar player who had not played for about 25 years.

Texas barbecue was served for dinner, garnished by broccoli and salad, and the finishing touch was a fantastic dessert of chocolate strawberries.

This year's theme was "A Night Under the Texas Stars," and some of the attendees took it very seriously, shinning with beautiful custom outfits.

This special evening has become traditional each spring, and the local ladies look forward to it as an opportunity to have fun and benefit some good causes in the way.

Thursday's dinner featured some very special guests, a group of volunteer high school students who helped to serve the tables and made a more pleasant evening.

Proceeds are put back in the community, mostly on student-youth programs and scholarships for graduating senior students.

Attendees registered at the door and received very nice prizes drawn of a raffle.

Winters Women's Club is a group of 25 ladies who meet once a month September through May, and support different causes such as the library, museums and all kind of community related activities.

### Got News ?

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### Death Notices

#### Margaret Hallmark

Margaret Inez (Wood) Hallmark, longtime resident of Ballinger, passed away Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at age 86 at her home.

She was born December 10, 1923 to Robert John and Ida Lee (Wiley) Wood. She was married to the love of her life for 68 years, Herman Lester Hallmark, on October 3, 1941.

The couple lived in Arizona from 1947 to 1949 before making their permanent home in Ballinger. They were members of Seventh Street Baptist Church. During the early days of Ballinger, Margaret worked at the Mercer Shoe Factory until it closed. She was employed with BISD as a cafeteria worker for 13 years and taught ceramic classes for over 20 years. She was always a devoted wife and homemaker. She took great interest, pride, and joy in her family and their accomplishments and activities. Margaret and Herman probably hold the record as the most faithful, loyal Bearcat fans in the history of Ballinger Schools.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters, Thelma Bowen, Erlene Wood, Mildred Cotton, and Merlene Albright; two brothers, Robert Lee Wood and Milton Wood; one son, Calvin Hallmark; one granddaughter, Kimberly Hallmark, and one great-granddaughter, Jenna Mansell.

Margaret is survived by her husband, Herman, of Ballinger; two sons, Alvin Hallmark and wife Betty of Ballinger, and Jerry Hallmark and wife Patti of Abilene; two daughters, Charlotte Gunyon and husband O. C. of Mexia, and Sharon Nixon and husband Steve of Ballinger; and a sister, Edna Merle Owens of Globe, Arizona.

Also surviving are 17 grandchildren, Angie Halfmann and husband Mark of Ballinger, Dana Jackson and husband Brad of Austin, Brian Hallmark of Ballinger, Jeff Hallmark and wife Susan of Abilene, Jason Hallmark and wife Missy of Midland, Jennifer Hallmark of Rotan, Jaime



McNab and husband Brandon of Little Rock, Arkansas, Beau Dempsey and wife Holly of Abilene, Paige Dempsey of Abilene, Sherry Mansell and husband Jeff of Buda, Charla Valenzuela and husband Brian of Denton, Wendy Autrey and husband Mark of Cortez, Colorado, Clay Gunyon and Calista of Lolita, Rebecca Likes and husband Jesse of Ballinger, Brandi Carlisle and husband Bryan of Ballinger, Lance Nixon and wife Amy of Sweetwater, and Tanner Nixon of Ballinger.

Margaret also leaves behind 30 great-grandchildren, Brooke, Jill, and Justin Halfmann; Robin and Nicole Jackson; Josh and Justin Hallmark; Jaxon and Jeremy Hallmark; Dakota and Presley McNab; Logan Dempsey; Brienne and Sidney Mansell; Landrie, Cannon, and Laken Valenzuela; Sierra, Britlyn, and Dillon Autrey; Brittney and Hannah Gunyon; Crystal and Ashley Likes; Keira, Sage, and Reese Carlisle; Katy, Hannah, and Hallie Nixon; and numerous extended family and friends. She will be especially missed by our special household pet and companion, "Pee-Wee."

Visitation for family and friends was Friday, April 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 24 at Seventh Street Baptist Church with Rev. David Williams and Bro. Bobby Broyles officiating. Burial followed in Old Runnels Cemetery near Ballinger.

Memorials may be made to Seventh Street Baptist Church, P. O. Box 663, Ballinger, Texas 76821 or to a favorite charity.

Guests may register at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

Winters Enterprise  
Thursday, April 29, 2010

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## CARR awarded outstanding business

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Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- Local transit system, City and Rural Rides has been awarded the Texas Transit Association's "2010 Outstanding Rural Transit System in Texas."

The award was presented during the Annual Texas Transit Association Conference and Exp held in

Corpus Christi, on April 20. The Texas Transit Association which was organized in 1986, includes members composed of the metropolitan transit authorities, small urban transit districts, and rural transit districts in the State of Texas, as well as associate members of private and public entities from across the nation.

CARR was selected from

the 39 Rural Transit Districts serving areas with a population under 50,000. J.R. Salazar, General Manager stated. "We are so proud to receive this recognition from the Texas Transit Association whose membership includes representative of Transit systems throughout the State." He added, "I would like to thank all of the staff of City and Rural Rides and our Board of Directors

for their hard work, dedication, and efforts on behalf of our riders."

City and Rural Rides provides Rural Public Transit service in 11 counties including Brown, Callahan Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Nolan, Runnels, Shackelford, Stephen and rural Taylor counties. City and Rural Rides is operated by Central Texas Rural Transit District.

## Celebrate loyalty in a special way

Winters Enterprise  
Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- Loyalty Day is observed each year on May 1. It serves as a reminder to all Americans that we should give thanks for our priceless heritage and should never falter in our efforts to counteract any individual, group, or organization that seeks to weaken or overthrow our government.

This year the Winters Veterans or Foreign War Post 9193 asks that the entire community remember this day in some special way. Fly a U.S. Flag, make a list of all the good things of our country, tell someone how proud you are to be an American, if you see a need take care of it or what ever you can do to show your loyalty.

They also ask that especially through these trouble times everyone start showing their support of America and our Democratic Government daily by:

1. Never faltering in your love of America, showing support for its Constitution, respecting it's Flag and

defending it against all enemies.

2. Teaching others to abide by the will of the majority, to stand behind their government and always be unified in these times of external and internal strife.

3. Taking the lead in organizing efficient campaigns against groups who espouse bigotry and racial discrimination.

4. Spend your time and encourage others to do the same, in trying to remove the defects from our Government in stead of complaining at random to persons who cannot take corrective measures.

5. Learning the names and addresses of your Senators and Representatives. Writing to them and telling them about your stand on important issues concerning our nation's welfare.

6. Voting intelligently. Learning who the candidates are and investigate their past records.

7. Helping g other to develop a proper sense of civic responsibility. Show them that apathy is their

worst enemy.

However you observe this special day is up to you. Remember nothing is too small to make a difference. Let us each do our part to

help show that the United States of America is our Country and we are proud of it and those who sacrificed so much for it through the years.

## Summer crimes

During the summers of 2008 and 2009, Winters saw a rise in property crimes with a rash of theft and burglaries and even some home invasions during the night. Although we were able to catch and prosecute over twenty suspects in those cases, we do not want a repeat of the last two years.

As we begin to conclude the school year and enter the months of summer, I encourage the community to keep in mind that summer vacations for families sometimes equal summer opportunities for crooks.

It is important to remember that when your home or property is empty, it creates an opportune time for thieves and dishonest people to take advantage of the folks in the community.

Here are some tips and ideas that may help keep your property secure: Lock things up around the yard and house. Many people leave their homes and property unsecured. Try not to leave valuables in plain sight around your yard or home.

Close the curtains and blinds, set things back out of sight, and secure air conditioner units to the window frame with screws.

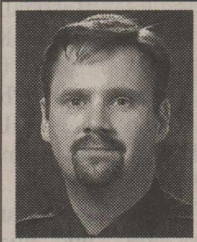
Do not advertise the fact you and your family will be gone. In our modern era, the news is often spread by posting a families' whereabouts or vacation plans on Twitter, Face Book, My-Space, business and personal web sites, or other social networking media.

You can ask the post office to hold your mail until you return. Mail piling up in an unlocked box indicates to burglars that you are not home and puts you at risk for identity theft from stolen mail.

You can also suspend your newspaper subscription if it is delivered to your home so papers will not pile up while you are gone.

If you are going to be gone for an extended time, park a car in the driveway and have a family friend move it around from time to time.

Set your lights, TV or radio on a timer, preferably one that switches on and off at varying times. Unplug unnecessary appliances. Shut off the water and gas to your washing machine, hot-water



Chief  
Nathan Johnson

heater, etc. to conserve energy and reduce the chances of fire and water damage.

Do not leave a voice-mail message saying you are out of town or stating your return date. If you must leave an

out-of-office reply on your e-mail, do not say you are on vacation or when you will return, just say that you will reply as soon as possible.

Ask a trusted neighbor to report suspicious activity around your house to the police and remove any free newspapers or advertisements that pile up on your porch or in your yard.

You can also have a trusted friend "house sit" for you while you are gone.

Install outside lighting that can illuminate dark areas when detected while accessing your property.

If possible, install an alarm that will make loud sounds and automatically call the police.

If funds allow, install a video camera or wildlife motion camera to capture photo evidence of any attempted crime on your property.

This type of evidence greatly increases the chances of law enforcement apprehending the thieves or vandals.

Homeowners insurance is always a good option if you can afford it, but remember, there is still usually a deductible that has to come out of your pocket, and no amount of money can replace certain personal possessions or family heirlooms.

One final note, citizens can contact City Hall and request a "HOUSE / SECURITY CHECK" to be done by the police department for up to two weeks at a time.

Citizens who wish to do this can go by City Hall and fill out the request form, which will then be forwarded to the police department.

The Winters Police Department is committed to doing everything we can to insure the safety of our citizens, but it takes the help of the community to keep the peace and suppress crime.

If we can be of assistance to you as an individual or as a family, please contact our office.

Semper Fi,  
Nathan T. Johnson,  
Chief of Police

## North Runnels Hospital giving away detectors

Winters Enterprise  
Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- North Runnels Hospital and EMS will have a booth at the annual Mayfest, Saturday May 1. Hospital personal will be on hand for blood pressure and blood sugar checks.

The EMS will have a limited number of smoke detector/carbon monoxide detectors at no cost. There are a limited number of detectors and will be given out on a first come first serve basis.

Only one smoke detector per household will be given, and the recipient needs to be 18 years of age or older.

### Public Library Donations

The Winters Public Library would like to thank the following for their generous donations.

- August and Coris McWilliams, memorial for Velma Havlak.
- David and Jo Nell Harlow.
- Winters VFW Post 9193.
- Bonnie Elliott, memorial for Velma Havlak.
- Ray and Billie Alderman, memorial for Sherry Easterly.

New adult books:

- The Help by Kathryn Stockett.
- A Cousin's Challenge by Wanda Brunstetter.
- Look Again by Lisa Scottoline.
- The Bag Lady Papers by Alexandra Penney.
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- Deception by Jonathan Kellerman.
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**Chatting with Paw Paw**  
By John DeMoss Jr.

My dearest dad would have been 80 yrs old on April 3rd if he had made it. Unfortunately Pop died three weeks after I turned 50. Pop was raised on a farm just south in Archer City. He told my brother and me many stories about his upbringing there. His two grandchildren would sit spell bound around their "Poppa" listening to his stories.

His mother Maw-Maw told us the story of how pop and his older brother and sister came home from picture show one . His brother looked up at the stars and explained, "I see the big dipper!" Pops sister explained I see the little dipper but my dad not to be out done exclaimed "I see the water bucket.

Our heavenly father has put great wonders in the sky for our enjoyment. He told Abraham at one time, that if you can count the number of stars that that would be the number of descendants (abraham and Sarah didnt even have a son yet .)

The love ,promise ,and compassion of our god is so far beyond our own compare hersion. Yet, he said that he would be right there beside us and never leave us nor forsake us.

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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  
Yogurt w/Animal Cracker, Juice, Choice of Milk.

**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  
Biscuit w/Gravy Sausage or Cereal or Cereal Bar, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.  
Friday  
Sausage Roll or Cinnamon Roll w/Ham or Cereal Bar, toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

**WINTER ISD LUNCH MENU**  
Note: Menus are subject to change without notice. Students may purchase extra items: Entree for \$1.00, milk for \$.30, Sides for \$.50.  
Monday  
Lasagna or Pimiento Cheese Sandwiches, Tomato Pasta, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad, rosy Applesauce, Sugar Cookie, Choice of Milk.  
Tuesday  
Spaghetti w/Cheese Stick or Grilled Chicken on Bun, Corn, Broccoli w/Cheese, Tossed Salad, Carrot Sticks, Orange Wedges, Cake, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.  
Wednesday  
Nachos or Chicken Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Tossed Salad, Mixed Melon Cup, Combread, 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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Cheese Burger or Chicken Sticks w/Gravy, Oven Fries, Green Beans, Apple Wedges, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Rice crispy Treat, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

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# Plenty of heroes for Camilla

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 recently sponsored a Voice of Democracy Contest in the Winters High School. This program has been sponsored by the V.F.W. since 1947.

Each year more than 100,000 high school students have competed for more than \$2.5 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording a broadcast script on an annual patriot theme. This year's theme was "Does America Still Have Heroes?"

Camille Kurtz's, daughter of Darrell and Sherry Kurtz, essay was entered in the Veterans of Foreign Wars District 8 contest. Though her essay was not selected to go to State, Post 9193 is very proud of her and appreciate the time and effort she contributed.

Camille will receive a \$100.00 US Saving Bond at the Winters High School closing program from the Post.



Camilla Kurtz's essay was awarded as one of the best at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193.

## Does America Still Have Heroes

By Camille Kurtz

In today's modern times we hear the word hero all the time as if it is an everyday word. What makes a hero? Is it a cape and secret identity? Is it superhuman strength or speed? Is it saving the world everyday from evil doers? No. A hero could have these characteristics but it's not definite that they must. Most heroes don't have a secret base or power. Most heroes are just average people doing above average things.

A hero is a person who is brave and unselfish, always willing to give a helping hand to people who need it and a person who will stand up for what is right. A hero is someone who is caring and never gives up no matter how tough it is. They are just average people that care about human life and how fragile it really is.

Some people are our heroes because they inspire US to be good, noble, and

better than whom we are. They are our role models who bring the hero out in us. Albert Einstein would be such a hero because he started out so ordinary, but ended up being so important to his field, his world.

Other people are our heroes in a more straightforward way. They save other people's lives, one at a time. And it really doesn't matter if it's just a single man saving a boy from drowning or freezing in a river in a dead of winters, or if it's someone who is paid to save lives, like a fireman, or a paramedic. What matters is that the needed work is done and lives are saved when they otherwise would have ended.

Pick almost anyone. The New York Fire and Police Department on and after 9-11. They all really went above and beyond the call of duty on this one, in spite of the loss of life that day. Then there is Martin Luther

King Jr., a man who had a dream and gave his life for it.

There are the military who are doing what they can to save freedom for America and also give it to others in the world. They know what can happen when they step up to serve but they do it anyway to protect us and our country. These are major sacrifices. We need to honor them and the veterans who served before as heroes.

Most parental units sacrifice time, money, love, and everything else for their children. Parents do all they can to make things better for their children. Mothers and Fathers often work two jobs, late at night, or on weekends to provide for their kids. Parents are heroes to their children.

I think to be any type of hero you need to have these qualities: compassion, courage, generosity, honor, self, sacrifice and wisdom. People who have lives and property, who keep the

peace, who educate the young, who fight for human rights, who preserve nature and the environment, who invent cures for illnesses, who do something about poverty, all these are examples of what heroes are.

I once heard the quote, "The only true hero is a hero of circumstances", which means anyone can be a hero in a time of need and I'm sure that happens all the time at random occasions in all walks of life.

The heroes of our America are all the people wealthy, middle-class, or struggling who live everyday working hard to show their love for American and the love of each order with words and actions that cannot be described.

Heroes can come from anywhere and anyone can be one. They can be a great person from history or just a regular kid.

Today's heroes are all around you!

## Pre-K, Kindergarten registration on Tuesday

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- Winters Elementary will have a Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten registration Tuesday, May 4

from 5:30 to 6:30 in the elementary library. Parents of children who will be 4 on or before September 1 must qualify for Pre-kindergarten. All parents wishing to see if

their child is eligible for Pre-kindergarten must bring the following information to the meeting on round-up night: proof of income, birth certificate, shot record, Social Security card.

Children who will be 5 on or before September 1 and are entering school for the first time as a Kindergarten will also need to pre-register. Please bring the following information

to the meeting on the round-up night: birth certificate, shot record, Social Security card. Only parents are needed at this meeting, no children, please.

## Winters Athletic Report

By Stephen Hermesmeier

### HS Track

**Coach Motheral/Hermesmeier**

The regional meet will be May 3, 4 at ACU. The running prelims will begin Monday at 3 p.m. The running finals will be Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. The field events will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday and 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

### Baseball

**Coach Spivey**

Winters 2-6 Miles  
Winters 11-4 Loraine  
Winters 10-12 Ira (Game 1, 9 innings)  
Winters 1-3 Ira (Game 2)

The Blizzards end up in fourth place in district with a district record of 6-6.

### Softball

**Coach Airhart**

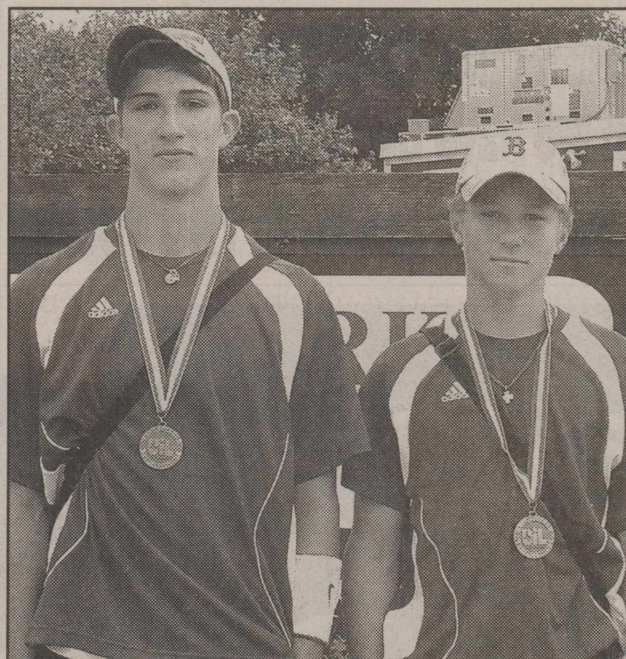
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The Lady Blizzards end the district season with a 7-7 record and tied for fourth.

### Golf

**Coach Bates**

Well the Blizzards golf team gave it everything they had this week at the 2010 Region II Regional Golf Tournament at Shady Oaks Golf Course. The Blizzards totaled 672 with a back to back 336's. The team felt they had a great chance to maybe sneak up on the competition after being in a tie for fifth place and only 17 strokes back from second place. We just came up short and ran out of holes to play. Devin Martinez led the Blizzards with a total of 163 for the tournament (82/81). It was a great year and had a lot of fun! Things look bright for the Blizzards next season with three returning golfers coming back (Devin Martinez, Dustin Oswald, and Strait Daniel). AJ Tamez and Collyn Pritchard were the two seniors and they will be greatly missed. The Blizzards will look to be back at the Regional Tournament next year!

### Tennis



Riley Ripley and Hayden Nitsch did a great job in the Regional Tennis Tournament in the doubles division.

**Coach Villarreal**

**Boys Doubles** (Ripley and Nitsch will advance to the Regional Tennis Tournament)  
Winters vs.  
Name School (seed)Score  
Riley Ripley/Hayden Nitsch vs.  
Kaufmann/Vaquero Goldthwaite (3) 4-6,6-3,7-6

**Quarter Finals**  
Riley Ripley/Hayden Nitsch vs.  
Torree/Foster Paint Rock 6-1,7-6

**Semi Finals**  
Riley Ripley/Hayden Nitsch vs.  
Tidmore/Granadas Chillicothe (2) 2-6,4-6

**Third place**  
Riley Ripley/Hayden Nitsch vs.  
Smith/Hancock Turkey Valley (4) 6-7,6-3,6-3

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Riley Ripley/Hayden Nitsch vs.  
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# RUNNELS COUNTY ROUND-UP

## Fishin' with Dave

**Fishing Report**  
Dave Caudle

The waters at the big lake are finally beginning to warm and the bass are in the shallows making more bass. We have been taking some very nice bass on every trip with several over 10 pounds and very good numbers of smaller very aggressive bass. The cat fishing is also on the move with the channel cats moving into shallow water where corks and cheese bait is beginning to take some good eating catfish. The crappie spawn is nearly over however some nice panfish are still being hooked in the big trees above the Concho River bridge.

This past week I talked to a guy from Nebraska who told me of the snows they had the past winter. He also indicated this global warming thing did not apply this past winter as one time they had over 40-inches of snow on the ground and winter lasted an extra two months. Just like here everything is about a month behind the past few years which is extending the spawn and making one the best spring seasons in recent history. So now is the time to get out on the lake and believe that every cast could garner that big one.

At the fishing camp I have the opportunity to interview

all kinds of fishermen and women. They all have notions about fishing and how to be successful in their quest. One thing I have noticed is that most folks give fish much more credit than they deserve. Such as the idea that a fish can remember that yesterday or last year they saw a blue fleck power worm and know that blue fleck worms do not exist as a food source and therefore will not bite that color worm. So the fisherman must get the newest color that the fish have never seen and therefore gain an advantage and get the fish to bite that new worm.

In the past month I got the opportunity to fish with Chris Lindenberg who owns Gene Larew salt impregnated plastic lures and saw first hand his way of thinking. While I fished the trusty little black worm he tried every color of the rainbow. We both caught a bunch of fish but I had a much smaller pile of used worms all of which happened to be black. It proved my theory that you have to get the bait in front of the fish and let them decide whether they want to bite or not. Normally fish will take what is presented whether they are hungry or just in the protection mode. Sometimes they are in neither but if you hit them in the head long enough they will bite your lure. So persistence and

confidence in your fishing is more important than color.

I learned years ago that nearly anything will work as a lure when in Mexico I watched guys walk the shoreline picking up used fishing line, tying it together and wrapping it on a can. Once a hook was found and attached to a drink opener it was cast by hand and retrieved by winding the line on the can. These guys caught fish just the same as us with all the latest and greatest equipment and newest colors. I remember a time at Ivie when we were on the fish and everything we threw was greeted with either a bass, crappie or white bass. After fishing in the same secret hole for over four hours with a fish on nearly every cast I decided to find something they would not bite. When I got down to putting a piece of duct tape on the hook and a fish still bit I decided that day was one of those where we could do no wrong.

Its all marketing in the fishing world, put the same old lure in a new package and the fisherman will bite. We all have our secret lures, places and techniques which don't make a great deal of difference to the fish who probably give us too much credit. I am just sorry that they put pop tops on the cans, where will we ever find a good lure? See you on the lake.

## 'Walk Down Memory Lane' fashion show huge success

**Norma Multer**  
For The Ballinger Ledger

BALLINGER, Texas.-The Runnels County 4-H Fashion Show Committee recently held "A Walk Down Memory Lane" Fashion Show featuring wedding gowns and fashions from the past. The Fashion Show Committee worked hard as they were able to showcase and model over 50 gowns dating as far back as 1894.

It was fun and interesting to see how the fashions changed throughout the decades and a lot of the girls were able to model either their mother's, grandmother's, aunts and even great-grandmother's gowns. Over \$500.00 was raised during this event and will be sent to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Evelyn Lauder founded this organization in 1993, is the first of its kind dedicated to funding innovative clinical and translational research. Mrs. Lauder believes that "through research we can drive down mortalities and can put breast cancer out of business".

Mrs. Lauder's Foundation graciously provided informative pamphlets and the ever popular "pink ribbon" for all



Too delicate to wear, a 1941 gown worn by Elnora Hoelscher Hayden (left), a 1938 gown worn by Lucille Lange Franke (mid) and a 1929 gown worn by Mrs. Anton (Leona) Franke are on display. In front a gown worn by Helena Seidel Fuchs in 1899.

the attendees. Following the fashion show a wedding reception was held with cookies and punch provided by Paige Zentner.

The Fashion Show Committee members consists of: McKenzi Matschek, Jordan Kalina, Abbey Multer, Victoria Kalina, Jessica Kalina, Shayann Matschek, Kirsten McCoy, Janelle Fant, Sarah West and

Paige Zentner. Other county 4-H members helping with the event were: Brylee Matschek, Taryn Kalina, Valerie Albarado, Kelci Zentner and Lauren Michalewicz. A very sincere thank you goes out to all who attended our Fashion Show and the wonderful people who provided the beautiful gowns. It was a huge success!

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## Elected committeewoman



USDA's Runnels County committee chairman Cecil Kalina presented a certificate to Linda Duggan, congratulating her for her recent election to the committee. Committeeman Gary Jacob witnesses the presentation.

## Public Records

Court Records for April 29, 2010

Marriages		
• Manuel D Vega and Elizabeth A Rodriguez	April 20	
Crime and misdemeanor		
Name	Charge	Date
• St. of Texas vs. Eric Lane Tekell	Resist. arrest	April 20
• St. of Texas vs. Brittany M. Warrenfeltez	Theft	April 20
• St. of Texas vs. Luke Manul Molina	DWI	April 16
• St. of Texas vs. Trevor Alvin Gamche	Criminal tres.	April 16
• St. of Texas vs. Trevor Alvin Gamche	Furnishing alcohol to a minor	April 16

Jail Log			
Name	Age	Agency	Charge
• Roberto Vasquez	36	DPS	DWI
• Robert H Soto	48	WPD	Fail to Identify
• Larry D Barr	53	BPD	Lubbock Co. Warrant
• Buddy D Burrows	46	Coke Co. DPS	DWI III or more
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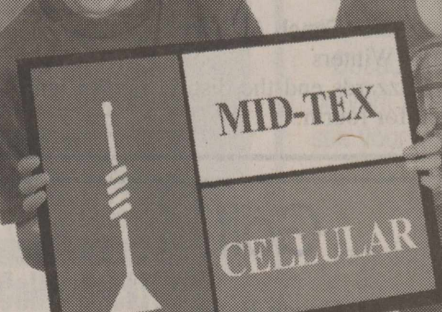
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# WAF dinner huge success

**Staff Report**  
Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- The recent annual membership dinner of the Winters Area Foundation was a big success. The West Texas Rehab Chuck Wagon catered an excellent rib-eye dinner. With perfect weather and the lush green background of the Winters Country Club, members of the Future of Winters Club enjoyed trying their skills at hitting the golf ball across the creek or trying to putt from varying distances. Winners of the golf challenges were Doug Wheat, John Pierek, Aref Hassan, Cheryl Bedford and Amy Wheat. Each of these winners was given the opportunity to award a \$400 grant to the local charity of their choice. Benefiting organizations were the Winters Ministerial Alliance Relief Fund, Winters Volunteer Fire Department, Z.I. Hale Museum, Winters Child Development Center and Winters Scout Hut.

The Foundation also announced that the first scholarship winner had been named. Due to the large contributions from the Winters High School class of 1954,

the scholarship was given in honor of that class to A. J. Tamez.

Receiving a thousand dollar grant from the Project Fund was the Winters Child Development Center. Accepting the grant on behalf of the center was Cindy Cathey, board member of the Winters Child Development Center.

The Foundation has compiled over \$44,000 in funds since its inception four years ago. The funds are administered, audited and invested through the Community Foundation of Abilene. The Winters Area Foundation consists of the Winters Endowment Fund, the Norman-Stevens Endowment for historical preservation, the Winters Area Foundation Scholarship and the Future of Winters Project Fund. Contributions may be made by anyone. Donors may choose to place their gifts into the endowments or the scholarship fund.

To establish a new endowment a donation of \$10,000 must be made.

Contributions may be sent to Box 211, Winters, Texas. For more information contact Susan Conner, president of the Winters Area Foundation.

# Challenging economic climate

**Ballinger Ledger**  
Staff Report

EDEN, Texas.- The community of Eden hosted one of five network luncheons being held in April sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network. Ballinger Chamber Executive Tammie Virden and Winters Chamber Executive Amanda Collom attended the luncheon. Discussion at the luncheon focused on "how to encourage optimism at the local level in today's challenging economic climate".

Representatives from neighboring cities offered insights on current programs that encourage shopping at home and ways local business owners work together to strengthen local economies. Attendees discussed ways to assist employers when retention and expansion are issues of concern.

Cities represented at the luncheon included Menard, Brady, Eden, Early, Ballinger and Winters. Representatives from Texas Department of Agriculture, the Entrepreneurial Development Center in San Angelo and TMCN also attended. City Limits Cafe catered the meal.



Representatives from six communities shared information and ideas at the network luncheon.



Ballinger Chamber Executive Tammie Virden, Winters Chamber Executive Amanda Collom, San Angelo Center for Entrepreneurial Development Director Donna Osborn and TDA Rural Economic Development Specialist Chandra Eggemeyer.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a one-of-a-kind regional organization founded in 1994 for economic development, tourism development, regional awareness & promotion, and legislative awareness. It is an organiza-

tion of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." For more infor-

mation about TMCN call 325-795-8626 or 800-845-3563 or visit [www.texasmidwest.org](http://www.texasmidwest.org).

# One step closer to their goal

**Ruben Cantu**  
Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- Meals, desserts, volunteers and a good will brought the Winters community one step closer to its goal of providing the North Runnels Hospital with a hyperthermia-hypothermia unit.

Last Monday, April 19, North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary held the first of their two annual luncheons and fundraisers with great success. Auxiliary officers are very confident that the equipment will soon become part of the hospital assets. "We are very thankful for all the families that brought the meals, salads and desserts, as well as those people coming to the Church of Christ Fellowship hall to make donations," said Betty Pinkerton, President of the North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary.

Pinkerton expressed a very special thank you to everyone who donated either time, or money in order to help provide improved medical attention and a more technologically advanced hospital.

The luncheon and fundraiser were a total success, people who donating money and some families bringing plates of food and then buying their

own plates to eat! "Some donors came in with up to six plates," explained Joyce Carbury, volunteer for the luncheon and member of the auxiliary.

North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary will be having their second annual luncheon and fundraiser in the fall, and depending on donations the hyperthermia-hypothermia unit could be acquired in the near future.

This kind of equipment is

used to stabilize patients with severe temperature changes until it returns to normal levels.

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# Threat

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Danny Prado, representing the other side, said that duck hunting has been made in the city lake for generations.

Arguments warmed up and the project to build a gate at the lake premises to control both hunting as well as dumping was generally rejected by citizens attending the meeting.

Council members agreed to make a new evaluation about the problem and bring it back to the next meeting, on May 24, when a draft of the new ordinance will be presented.

Right after that Karen Thorpe, presented the results of a public hearing sustained in Austin, to establish the



Karen Pair talks to city officials in the City Council meeting, last Monday.

route of 340 KV transmission lines, going from Bluff Creek switching station to Brown switching station.

According to that hearing, she said, the route would be crossing Winters Lake premises, with four legged structures, and also affecting the Elm Creek reservoir.

Hunters, lake neighbors and citizens joined for the common cause, and agreed with the city officials to ask for a re-hearing based on the recreational areas and nature damages that this transmission structures would cause to the lake grounds.

# Book

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Whipkey Printing Co, in Colorado City, Texas. The work was entitled "Frontier life in Texas With the Texas Rangers: Some Unwritten History and Facts in the Thrilling Experiences of Frontier Life".

For more information about the release and sales of the book contact Ruth Cooper at

754-5183 in Winters area, Linda Dugan at 365 3145 in Ballinger or Beverly

Teplicek in Rowena at 442 4841 as well as any other of the Runnels County Historical Commission officers.

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# Stroke Prevention celebrates 10 years of impacting lives

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- Stroke Prevention Plus, a Texas based company, celebrates its tenth anniversary this year. The company's focus has been to educate and test the public with the goal of minimizing the vast numbers of the general population that suffer life threatening vascular incidents. "Stroke is such a debilitating disease, and one that strikes fear in the hearts of our mature adults. Through education and testing we hope to not only replace fear with knowledge, but also to decrease the numbers of strokes that occur through ultrasound testing," states Stewart Dunivan, education director of Stroke Prevention Plus.

"When we started our company 10 years ago, we never dreamed that we would affect this many people through our educational approach to prevention!" says Misty Dunivan, president.

Through educational seminars, the company has been able to distribute materials that teach about the warning signs and symptoms of stroke and other vascular diseases, and they offer these helpful seminars free of charge. "We have had many participants, who did not take part in the testing portion of our program, later return to tell us that they sought life saving emergency treatment as a result of what they learned in our seminar", she said.

Through prescribed ultrasound testing, Stroke Prevention Plus has affected a great number of individuals. Using ultrasound to visualize the arteries they identify blockage and other potential issues. They then refer the participant to their individual physician for further testing and treatment.

During a recent follow-up call to a participant, Mrs. Dunivan discovered that not only had the individual received treatment for the issue they were referred for,

but had started to make lifestyle changes suggested in the seminar to prevent further problems.

"This is why we started 10 years ago. Our healthcare system needs a grassroots approach to prevention - companies like ours who partner with local physicians and hospitals to offer solutions and alternatives to the gaps in health care" she said.

"We are excited about the future and the potential for change using these methods of care. Since this is our Ten Year Anniversary we are offering celebration pricing for our services. An individual may obtain testing for as little as \$25. In this economic climate, that's a pretty sunny number!" she joked.

To learn more about Stroke Prevention Plus and the services they offer or to make an appointment for testing at Winters First Baptist Church in Winters, on May 3, please call 1-800-884-6251. Visit their website at [www.strokeprevention-plus.net](http://www.strokeprevention-plus.net).

# Ladies Night Out



Partners, from San Angelo, delighted the ladies with their sweet music, ranging from bluegrass, honky tonk, country, polka and gospel.



Joyce Broadstreet, from Winters, set high the patriotic for the Ladies Night Out.



High school volunteers Zulema Garcia (middle row) Sabrina Oswalt, Julie Reyna, Tana Gibbs, Allie Yates, Crystal Sanchez (back row) Aaron Grenweldge, Brandon Taylor, Jennifer Pritchard, Jeffrey Henderson.

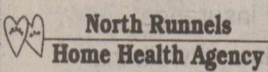
# Good fishing in Winters



Michael and Jason Hodnett, grandsons of the late J.C. and Tommy Hodnett of Winters caught some good fish last week using drop and jug lines, and had a great time even though the windy weather in the Elm Creek Lake.

## Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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May 3-7

### Monday

Blackeyed Pea Creole, Cabbage, Cornbread, Cloches.

### Tuesday

Salmon, Macaroni & Cheese, Tomato Salad, Cornbread, Lemon Cookies.

### Wednesday

Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Cake.

### Thursday

Steak or Liver, Parsley Potatoes, Green, Cornbread, Banana Pudding.

### Friday

Burritos, Spanish Rice, Cole Slaw, 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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# May immunization clinics

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be holding immunization clinics. H1N1 flu vaccine available to all. In Winters Thursday May 6, 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at Professional Building, located at 110 South Main, suite 108. In Ballinger on Thursday May 13, 10 a.m.-12 Noon and 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. at 608 Strong Avenue (behind courthouse).

Bring child immunization records and if child has Medicaid or CHIP please bring card. For more information call 325 754 4945.

## 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.

## Respiratory Diseases

It is that time of year again for respiratory diseases often caused by various things that irritate the airways and lungs.

## Respiratory Infections

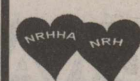
Respiratory infections can be a serious complication for anyone with or without chronic lung diseases. An ordinary cold that causes only sniffles in someone else continues into pneumonia.

Because of this, you must make every effort to prevent infections, learn the early danger signs, and see your doctor when any symptoms appear.

## Preventing Infections

1. Take care of yourself every day, drink plenty of fluids, eat a nutritious well-balanced diet, sleep 7 to 8 hours every night, and learn to conserve energy.
2. Stay away from people who have colds and flu (if at all possible).
3. Take special precautions with your personal hygiene by using good handwashing techniques.
4. Ask your physician about flu and pneumonia vaccines.
5. Keep a positive attitude for a good winter.

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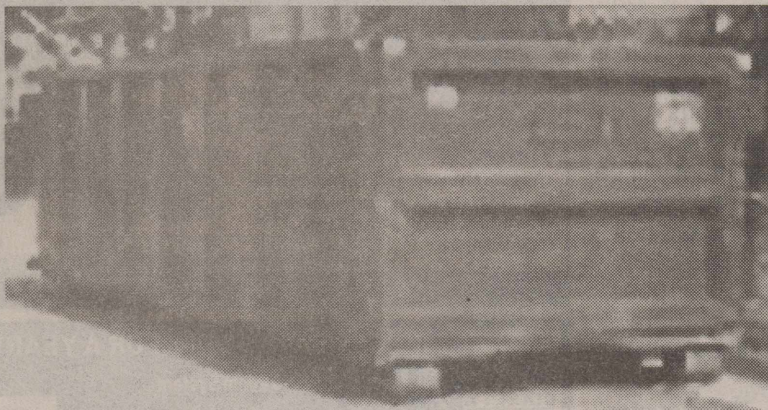
## Winters

# Spring City Wide Clean-Up

## Free Drop Off Event!

To support the recent conversion to poly carts for waste collection. The City of Winters and Allied Waste Services are partnering to offer residents the opportunity to dispose of any large, bulky items.

**FREE at 2 LOCATIONS.**



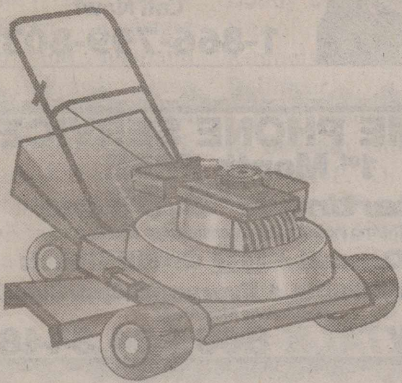
**800 N. Main (Corner of Main & McAdoo)  
&  
Parking Lot behind City Hall**

*To take advantage of this free service, please bring a recent water bill to confirm residency.*

## Free Drop Off Dates

Monday, April 26th *thru* Friday, April 30th

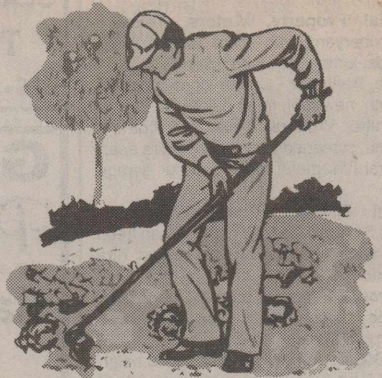
**NO TIRES, BATTERIES, APPLIANCES, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL OR ANY TYPE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ALLOWED.**



Keep grass mowed

Get rid of unsightly weeds

*Weeds 12 inches tall and over are cause for correction of violation at owner's expense*



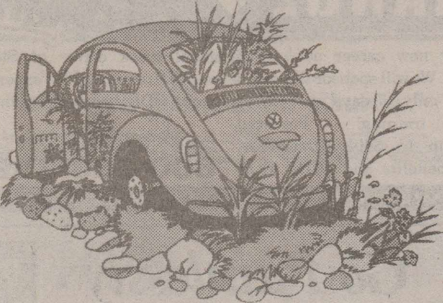
Give houses and businesses a new coat of paint and make repairs



Pick up all trash & debris



Cut and stack limbs to be chipped by the City



Dispose of junk cars

*(Vehicles not having a current inspection sticker and license plate)*

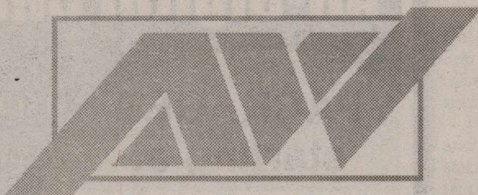


*Be responsible for keeping your property neat and clean.*

*Your neighbors and your city will appreciate it.*

**WHEN YOU LOOK GOOD — WE ALL LOOK GOOD!**

**THANK YOU FOR KEEPING YOUR TOWN CLEAN**



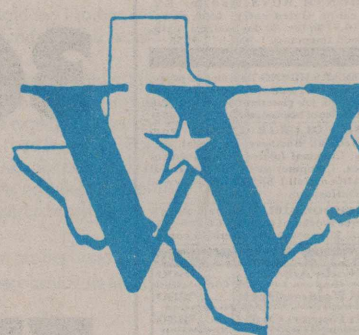
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