



City close to hiring new manager

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - The City of Winters is advancing in the process of hiring a new City Manager, and after reviewing all of the candidates and making the interviews the lone finalist could be ready by the end of the month. Mayor Dawson McGuffin said last week that up to the date eight candidates have been interviewed, out of a over 20 who submitted their curriculum. After

the publication of an ad looking for a manager in a national circulation specialized magazine, candidates from all over the country showed interest in the job. The Winters City Council has reviewed resumes of candidates from Iowa, Utah, Mississippi, Illinois and several other places. Aref Hassan, the 18-year-manager of the City of Winters presented his resignation to the position on June 17. Hassan started to work for the City of Winters in April of

1992, and stayed for more than 18 years. Ever since the Winters City Council started to evaluate the new hiring, and named Mayor Dawson McGuffin as an interim manager. An auditor for the City of Winters recommended to evaluate the possibility to distribute the manager duties among the administrative employees, in order to keep an affordable budget. Aref Hassan's departure not only left an opening in the City Manager's office, the former employee also

served as a City Secretary, construction inspector and fire marshal. Mayor McGuffin said that the hiring of a new manager would not create any problems with this fiscal year's budget or the next one, due to the funds budgeted for the former employee. According to the Mayor's estimations and after conducting several interviews with the candidates, the City Council will be in position to hire a new manager starting on October 1.

Homecoming King and Queen



STAFF PHOTO

Zannie Slimp and Angel Barron were crowned the Homecoming Queen and King last Friday, at Blizzard Stadium. The new royalty celebrated their crowning with a very solid victory of the Winters Blizzards against the Menard Yellowjackets that keeps their record in 4-0.

Minimum water usage goes into effect

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WINTERS - Due to renovations at the water treatment plant a mandatory minimum water usage is in effect for next week, from September 27 to 30. During this period citizens are encouraged to use the minimum amount of water necessary. According to Winters Mayor Dawson McGuffin, residents of Winters are encouraged to cut back on the usage, do not irrigate the yard and be conservative on the water usage. Among recommendations to the public are to avoid the use of sprinkler systems and do not water grass. People is encouraged to use the minimum amount of water necessary. "We have been remodeling the plant, we are pretty close to completion, in a couple of months, this process is due before the end of the year," said McGuffin. The remodeling is expected to have a long term effect in the water, improve the quality of the service and offer a long term improvement for all the users of the system. The City of Winters water treatment plant serves not only the city limits but also other places inside Runnels County such as North Runnels Water Supply and Wingate. In August the plant treated 12 million gallons of water. The water system has two storage tanks (200,000 and 100,000 gallons) which require repairs as the regular maintenance schedule. "The remodeling project is part of the continuous improvement of the plant, to benefit the treatment itself, replace filters and all the maintenance needed," said McGuffin. The City of Winters is also in the process of improving the waste water treatment plant, the next project is the lift station to the lagoons.

WHS Class of 1960 celebrates 50th reunion

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - The Winters High School Class of 1960 celebrated their 50th Reunion during homecoming on September 17-18. The class met for dinner at the HS cafeteria on Friday night and then attended the Winters/Menard game and then to the Community Center for exes reception after the game. Kay Guy was honored at half time activities with being selected the Coming Home Queen. All classmates were overjoyed to have Kay represent our class. She has many ties not only with our classmates but Winters in general and was married to one of our class members, Junior Guy. Their family has been well represented by their six children, all born, raised in Winters and educated in Winters schools through the years. On Saturday the class met at the Rock Hotel with forty eight class members registering. A class meeting directed by President Bill Shoemaker with presentations by Jack Bruce, Bill Pumphrey and Dorretha Dunnam. A catered lunch was served. Afterwards everyone enjoyed visiting and a tour of the Rock Hotel and Z I Hale Museum. It was voted to have the next reunion during the all school reunion to be held in 2015.



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First row: Martha Turk Strube, Nina Hord Blackmon, Sue Lindsey Rice, Bertalina Lewis Ballenger, Nancy Roberts Strickland, Nona Davidson Burton Carolyn Kraatz Faubion. Second row: Pat Emmert, Kay Byrd Guy, Ernestine Scott Meyer, Ruth Spill Wallace, Wanda Templeton Booe, Carol Smith Holley, Dorretha King Dunnam, Rita Walker Albro, Betty Whittenburg Austin Third row: David Whitley, Jerry Dunnam, Gary Onken, Bill Shoemaker, Jimmy Smith, Bill Little, Gary Worthington, Don Roland, Lavera Williams Tharp. Fourth row: Elmer Nelson, James H. Bryan, Bill Pumphrey, Charlotte Duvian Estep, Louis Dietz, Paul Tharp. 5th row: Jack Bruce, Dan Brown, Jessie Bailey, Lance Teten, Franklin Odell, Harold Hand, Pat Patterson, Walter Kraatz. Top row: Sam Albro, Charles Wearden, Don McWright, Neal Craig, Edna Machen, David Burton, W. T. Stapler.

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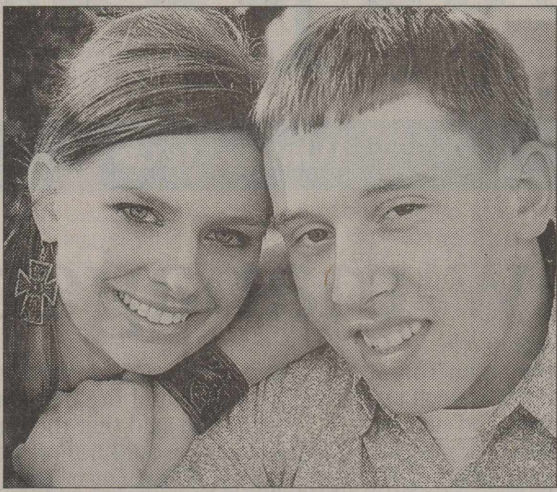
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ENGAGEMENTS

Palmer and Richards announce engagement

Herb and Debbie Palmer of Ballinger are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jaime to Guyman Richards, son of Cindy Darnell of San Angelo and Rodney Richard of Norton.



The prospective bride and groom are both graduates of Ballinger High School. They are presently attending Angelo State University. The couple will exchange wedding vows on October 2, 2010, at the First Presbyterian Church in Ballinger.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacqueline Camille Rodriguez

Jimmy and Sandy Rodriguez are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jacqueline Camille Rodriguez. She was born at 11:26 a.m. Monday, Aug. 23, 2010, at Abilene Regional Hospital weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. and 20 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Olga and Epifano Reyna of Winters. Paternal grandparents are Jimmy Rodriguez Sr. of Winters and Eloisa Rodriguez of San Angelo.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Winters Area Foundation seeking for donors

The Winters Area Foundation is seeking donors that will match a \$25,000 grant being offered anonymously for the purchase and refitting of new clinic property for the North Runnels Hospital.

The Winters Area Foundation, along with North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary, will coordinate this project and all donated funds will go toward the North Runnels Clinic Project. Donations of \$1000 or more will be recognized on a plaque which will be placed in the new clinic building. Contributors of \$1000 or more will be designated as bronze donors, \$5000 or more will be silver donors, and \$10,000 or more will be recognized as gold donors.

Donations to this project are tax deductible as a charitable donation and may be sent to Winters Area Foundation, PO Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567. Checks should be made to Winters Area Foundation and designated for North Runnels Clinic Project.

For more information contact Susan Conner, President of the Winters Area Foundation.

Immunization clinics

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be having Immunization Clinics in Runnels County on October 7 and October 14.

On October 7 the Immunization Clinic will be held in Winters, from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the Professional Building located at 110 South Main, Suite 108.

On October 14 the Immunization Clinic will be held in Ballinger, from 10 a.m. - Noon and 1:30 - 3 p.m. at 608 Strong Avenue, behind the Courthouse.

Parents should bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid or CHIP take card as well. For more information call (325) 754 4945

Band Boosters

The Band Boosters meet at 6:30 p.m. every Monday evening at Dot's Diner.

Winters Woman's Club

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Marlene Smith at 754-4961 for additional information.

AA Meetings

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

Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of

Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

Please enter through the church office door that faces Beefmasters. FMI contact Theresa at (325)977-1007

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 6 p.m. the third Monday of the month.

Literary Service Club

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

Public Library

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

Winters Women's Club

Winters Women's Club 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.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

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

Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting

Masonic Lodge # 643, 500 N Broadway, Ballinger Tx. Stated meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month except for holidays if it falls on that Monday. For more information call 325-365-3202.

Most police activities are performed on routine basis

Local Police - Part III

On occasion, folks will ask me, "What exactly does a COP in a small town do?" I often return the question with a question, "Do you want the long or short answer?" The short answer is, "Doing the right thing and helping anyone in the community who needs help at any time". The long answer is of course, longer and more specific. The following activities are performed on a routine basis by all of the officers here in Winters in an effort to fulfill our public safety mission.

Basic Job Activities:

- Provide for the public safety by maintaining order, responding to emergencies, protecting citizens and property, enforcing laws, and promoting good community relations.
- Evaluate complaints and requests for assistance to determine and initiate an appropriate response
- Render aid to victims and other persons requiring first aid for physical injuries
- Respond to emergency calls and assist fire and EMS services as necessary
- Operate motorized vehicles, mechanized devices, off-road vehicles, or watercraft
- Monitor traffic to ensure motorists observe traffic regulations and exhibit safe driving procedures
- Issue citations or warnings to violators of motor vehicle ordinances



Nathan Johnson

- Direct traffic flow and reroute traffic in cases of emergencies
- Act as official escorts for events such as funeral processions, etc...
- Provide road information and assistance to motorists
- Process prisoners, prepare and maintain records of prisoner bookings
- Perform conflict resolution and negotiation
- Handling complaints, settling disputes, resolving grievances and conflicts, or otherwise negotiating with others
- Make decisions and solve problems by analyzing information and evaluating results to choose the best solution and solve problems
- Communicate with supervisors, peers, and subordinates by phone, written form, e-mail, or in person, etc...
- Communicate with persons outside the organization, representing the organization to the public, government, and other external sources in a professional way
- Document and record information by entering, transcribing, recording, storing, or maintaining data in written, electronic, magnetic, and digital form
- Observe, detect, and apprehend violators of state and local laws and conduct an investigation of the incident(s) - Observe and take appropriate action regarding physical hazards, illegal / criminal activities, and other issues in the public interest
- Photograph or draw diagrams of crime or accident scenes and interview principals and eyewitnesses
- Complete a professionally written report of incidents

- in a timely manner
- Complete departmental forms, logs, and summaries related to the performance of various duties
- Inform citizens of community services and recommend options to facilitate longer-term problem resolution
- Make necessary referrals to CPS, Prosecutors (DA & CA), MHMR, School District, Municipal Court, Juvenile Probation, Adult Probation, Parole, and / or other appropriate agencies
- Write felony and misdemeanor complaints and file with appropriate magistrates
- Write and execute search and arrest warrants
- Provide credible testimony concerning incidents / cases as necessary
- Work directly with the public in various situations necessary for the public good and agency objectives
- Be available to the dispatch office, department sergeant and / or the Chief of Police at all times by department cell phone or designated land line phone for conference, or recall to duty when off
- Be accountable for all issued equipment and turn in an annual inventory of all equipment
- Maintain all issued equipment in a clean and functional manner
- Perform other such duties as assigned by the Chief of Police or supervisor Because of the diverse nature of the duties required of officers, the work can pile up pretty quickly when one officer is on at a time in a small town. Thankfully, we have a good team in Winters and it helps to distribute the workload and not burnout any single officer.

Having a dedicated team that is willing to work together to accomplish the mission is a real blessing for a small town Chief of Police. We continue to ask for your prayers and support as we do our duty.

Semper Fi,
Nathan T. Johnson
Chief of Police

Fatal crash in Knox County

BALLINGER LEDGER

STAFF REPORT
ABILENE - One person was killed in a two vehicle crash at 12:40 p.m. last Thursday, September 9, in Knox County. The crash was on U.S. Highway 277, one mile north of Goree, Texas.

George Henry Sullivan Jr., 85 years of age from Seymour, Texas was pronounced dead at the scene by justice of the peace Vonnie Ivey. the body was taken to Archer Funeral home in Seymour, Texas. Sullivan was driving a 1999 Dodge Dakota pickup northbound in the southbound lane. Chad William Wiatrek was driving an eighteen wheeler southbound and moved to the inside lane of travel to avoid a collision. The Sullivan vehicle changed lanes to the inside lane and had a near head-on crash with the eighteen wheeler.

George Henry Sullivan Jr. was pronounced dead at the scene. The road was dry and the weather was clear. This crash is being investigated by trooper Laurance Adams.

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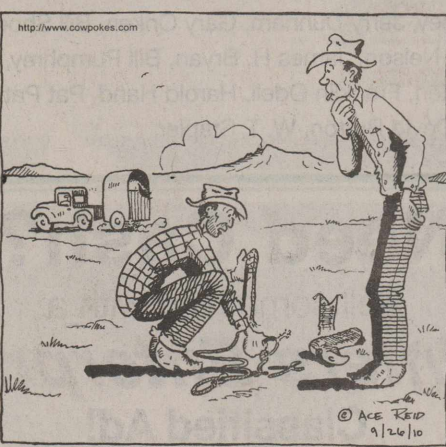
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A big homecoming at Blizzard Stadium

CHARLES MURPHY

SPECIAL TO THE ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - The Blizzards left little doubt in the minds of the Menard Yellowjackets or any one else for that matter, during the 2010 version of homecoming. As a matter of fact if anyone has any doubts just check the stats as the Blizzards clipped off nearly 300 yards while allowing no first downs in the first half. That is dominance no matter who you are. The contest would end with the Blizzards bagging their 4th straight win and on a serious roll.

To get the party started the Blizzards would kickoff and set the Yellowjackets up at their own 38. Three plays later the visitors were facing 4th and 2. (They would not get that close to a first down again in the first half.) The ensuing punt gave the Blizzards the ball near mid field at the 48. Cristian Sandoval would send a not so subtle message with a 26 yard gain on first down to move the ball to the Menard 26. Six plays later Sandoval finished off the drive with a 3 yard run for the score. Orlando Rodriguez, out of the hold of Devin Martinez, would prove good on the extra point and with almost four minutes gone the Blizzards were up 7-0.

The kick off gave the visitors the ball at their own 20. Again the Blizzard defensive unit would shut the door with another 3

and out. Facing 4th and 11 Menard sent out the punt team. The punt would set the home team up near mid field again. This time it would only take 2 plays to cover the distance as Angel Barron would gain 24 on first down and Riley Ripley found Strait Daniel to cover the final 31 yards. With 5:12 left in the first quarter Rodriguez would be good on the extra point and give the Blizzards a 14-0 lead.

Setting up at their own 29 this time the Blizzards 3 and out bunch would force the visitors into 4th and 15 after a loss of five after CJ Johnson and Addam Ramirez combined on a tackle in the backfield. The punt and return placed the ball at the Menard 41. This time it would take the Blizzard only six play to reach the end zone. The score coming on a 15 yard scamper by Sandoval. The extra point was missed leaving the Blizzards up 20-0 with 1:19 left in the first quarter.

With the first quarter coming to an end the kickoff would put the visitors at their own 35. This ill fated Menard possession would end at Nicco Arispe knocked the ball loose and Johnson pounced on the loose ball at the Menard 35. Ripley would call his own number for the 9 yard score 11 plays later. The extra point was no good and the score stood at 26-0 with 8:51 left in the half.

Setting up at the Menard



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Band members excite the crowd during the pep rally

38 both teams would exchange punts with the Blizzards starting at their own 40 with 3:10 left in the half. The Blizzards would feature the passing game on this possession. On the drive Ripley would find Nik Kraatz for 18 and Andy Garcia for receptions of 6,8 and 6. He would also find Hayden Nitsch for 24 and finally Sandoval for the 14 yard score with 1:39 left. Ramirez would provide the extra point and the score would stand at 33-0.

The half would end with the Yellowjackets running out of time after what appeared to be a Daniels interception. The catch was ruled out of bounds and two plays later the half ended with the Blizzards in control at 33-0.

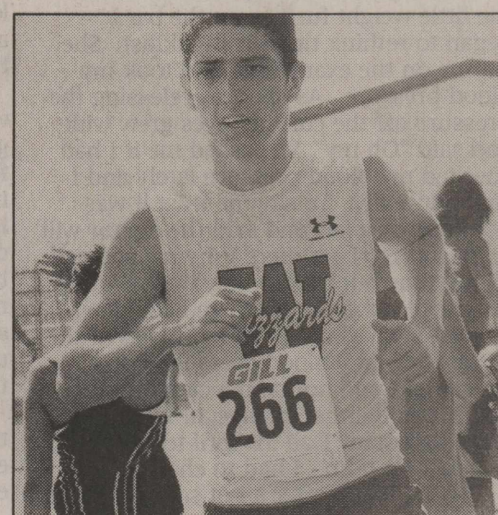
The home team would receive to start the second half and it would not take long for the offense to get offensive. Three plays into the drive Hayden Nitsch would scamper 55 yards

sions would produce a Menard punt and a Blizzard fumble giving the visitors the ball at the Blizzard 36. During this drive the visitors would get their first first down of the contest with 6:52 left in the 3rd quarter. With new life the Yellowjackets would manage to break loose to the Blizzard one yard line. Here the ball came loose and Orlando Rodriguez found it in the end zone for the touchback. The drive would feature Strait Daniels at quarter back and EJ Hendricks in the back field. Facing 4th and 8 the Blizzards would be forced to punt giving the ball to the visitors at their own 44. Menard would eventually turn the ball over on downs

at Blizzard 33 after the end of the 3rd quarter.

The Blizzard offense would find it's bearings again as it put together a 10 play drive ending in a 1 yard plunge by Hendricks for the score. Highlights of the drive runs by Hendricks of 18 and 3 and completions from Daniels to Garcia of 12 and Kraatz for 25. The score came with 4:59 left on the clock. The Ramirez extra point was good for the final margin of 46-0.

Menard would put together a last ditch effort only to fall short and turn the ball over on downs after an 11 play drive. With time running out all was well in Blizzard land and homecoming 2010.



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ABOVE LEFT: Harrison Roberts placed first at the cross country meet held last Saturday at Ballinger. ABOVE RIGHT: Miguel Rodriguez gets to the finish line to place third, after the 3-mile run in the Ballinger meet.

Blizzard fans invited to Albany homecoming

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

STAFF REPORT

ALBANY - The Shackelford County unit of the American Cancer Society invites all Winters football fans to their annual homecoming fundraising dinner, which will be a

CAFETERIA MENU

Sept. 27- Oct. 1

Subject to change

WISD BREAKFAST MENU

Monday
Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Scrambled Eggs, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast Pocket or Cereal or Breakfast Taco, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday
Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Sausage on a Stick, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday
Yogurt/Ham or Cereal or Pancake/Ham, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Friday
Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Muffin/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Note: Menus are subject to change without notice. Students may purchase extra items: Entree - \$1.00, Milk - \$.30, Sides - \$.50.

WISD LUNCH MENU

Monday
Sweet/Sour Chicken or Steak Burger, Corn, Stir Fry Vegetables, Pear Wedges, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Sugar Cookie, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday
Tatar Tot Casserole or Chicken Fries, Broccoli/Cheese, Baked Potato, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Honey Dew Melon, Cake, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday
Taco Salad or Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Rosy Applesauce, Cornbread or Jap/Che Bread, Apple Cobbler, Choice of Milk.

Thursday
Chicken Bites w/Gravy or Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Strawberries Parfait, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

Friday
Chicken Fries or Steak Burger, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Pear Wedges, Cookie, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

Mexican pile-on this year. "Pile-On for the Cure" will begin serving at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church on Friday, October 1 before the 7:30 p.m. homecoming match up with the Winters Blizzards at Robert Nail Memorial Stadium. The church shares a parking lot just adjacent to the stadium.

A silent dessert auction featuring items donated by

Albany cooks will be available for bidding.

"It's a busy time for all of us, and we'd like to take the burden of meal preparation out of the hectic gametime activities schedule," said ACS county chairman Kathryn Stapp.

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Winters athletic report

BY STEPHEN HERMESMEYER

Cross Country Results - Winters Meet (Coach Whitt)

Winters High School and Jr. High Cross Country Results - Ballinger Meet
The Winters runners competed in the Ballinger Meet on Saturday. The high school boys and the junior high boys won their divisions. Harrison Roberts won the class A division. Miguel Rodriguez placed third, Matthew Pritchard sixth, June Suh was seventh, Angel Barron ninth, and Wesley Hagle finished twelfth. In the girls race, Zannie Slimp placed sixth, Basilia Aragon was seventh, Kaitlyn Lindley was tenth and Crystal Sanchez finished nineteenth.

In the eighth grade boys race, Winters had five runners in the top fifteen. Marshall Scates was third, Jimmy Ripley fourth, Daryl Hagle tenth, Jordan Hamrick fourteenth, and Ty Cortez fifteenth. In the seventh grade race, Winters had three girls and three boys. Jonathan Sandoval finished eighth, Brandon Reyna ninth, Tony Sanchez fourteenth, Athena Mata third, Cedie Taylor fourth, and Gabby Madrid was sixteenth.

JV Football: Coach Livingston
No game last week
7th Football: Coach Bell

The seventh grade Blizzard boys had a good showing on Thursday night against the Mason Punchers in Menard with a final score of 22 to 22. The run game was executed well for the majority of the night with 3 rushing touchdowns on the night. The defense also played well delivering several crushing blows to Mason rushers.

8th Football: Cliff McGuire
Winters 36
Menard 0

The Winters 8th grade improved their record to 2-0 with a victory over the Menard Yellow Jackets. Jordan Hamrick led the defense with an interception and Ryan Young made some big tackles. David Hutton sealed the victory with a massive hit to prevent Menard from returning a

Cross Country results

Name	Place	Time
High School Girls		
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Zannie Slimp	6	14:33
Basilia Aragon	7	14:59
Kaitlyn Lindley	10	15:16
Crystal Sanchez	19	15:51

High School Boys-Team first

Name	Place	Time
Harrison Roberts	1	17:07
Miguel Rodriguez	3	18:11
Matthew Pritchard	6	19:55
June Suh	7	20:29
Angel Barron	9	21:28
Wesley Hagle	12	22:55

Eighth Boys - Team First

Name	Place	Time
Marshall Scates	3	13:25
Jimmy Ripley	4	13:31
Daryl Hagle	10	14:18
Jordan Hamrick	14	14:54
Ty Cortez	15	15:05

Seventh Girls

Name	Place	Time
Athena Mata	3	15:01
Cedie Taylor	4	15:06
Gabby Madrid	16	17:46

Seventh Boys

Name	Place	Time
Jonathan Sandoval	8	15:50
Brandon Reyna	9	16:04
Tony Sanchez	14	17:27

kickoff. Scoring for the Blizzards was Ty Cortez, JJ Ripley, David Hutton, Daryl Hagle, and Ethan Bredemeyer. The 8th grade will travel to Christoval and play at 5:30 on Thursday.

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On the Level

Maintenance, An Unlikely Comparison

BY CHARLES FRERICH
USDA-NRCS

The other day I went to the doctor for my three year "annual" check up. I was scheduled for lab work early in the morning and the doctor's visit just before lunch. This was done with special planning. I could do the fasting before the lab and after the lab work I could go to IHOP for breakfast. Everyone knows how important a good breakfast is. I could then go to my doctor's appointment which would last until noon and just have to stay and eat lunch. Pretty much planned the trip around eating.

Now the "rest of the story". The lab work went well, I did not pass out when they stuck me and I hit the cup. Breakfast was good. Then comes the doctor's office. I arrived early and did the required thirty minute wait in the waiting area, then was moved to the next waiting area called the exam room. The nurse took me back and motioned toward the scale. She did not wait for me to clear my pockets and as she moved the little weight further up the bar I began to rethink that big breakfast. She sat me on the exam table and took my blood pressure. As she was releasing the pressure off the cuff her eyes grew wide and said "Oh my". She asked me if I had checked my blood pressure lately and I said not really. To say the least it was not good. She left and said the doctor will be in shortly. I sat there for what seemed a long time but maybe they were waiting for the blood pressure to go back down.

Long story short I was reminded of the dangers of high blood pressure, being overweight and not taking care of one's self. I could either change, or risk death. Since losing my Dad in April to a heart attack it hit home. I had to change.

Driving home after a not so great lunch

I was watching the countryside go by and thinking about what I needed to do both health wise and at work. I mentioned in a previous article I can't help but look at erosion problems as I travel and wonder how I could help. I began to see a correlation between health of the body and the health of the land. Both "bodies" need regular maintenance to keep them in prime shape. An overweight body cannot function properly and has to work harder to produce. In many instances it cannot produce as much as it could. Crops grown year after year without good fertility will not produce to their potential so a good fertility program is needed just like a healthy diet is needed for the body. Diversion terraces, waterways and creeks in general are designed to carry water and when left alone can grow up with brush and trees impeding the flow of water. Our arteries when clogged from too much cholesterol will block the flow of blood and I don't really need to explain that thought. Not enough exercise will let the muscles get weak and not keeping your terraces plowed up will allow them to get weak and burst from a heavy rain.

The overgrazing of the rangeland will leave nothing but weeds and poor grass which produce low quality forage for the livestock, while constant grazing of ourselves produces a body that is of poor quality. The comparisons could go on, but you get the drift. It takes constant vigilance and maintenance to keep us and the land in good shape. God gave us both and it's up to us to be sure to do what's best to keep these gifts in top condition.

So until next time if you need assistance please call or come. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Fishing Report

The fish are on the move

FISHING REPORT
BY DAVE CAUDLE

Finally, finally the weather is beginning to cool off. Maybe the 100 degree days are over for this year, and fall is arriving. As the water temperature at Ivie is starting to drop, the fish are getting on the move to load up for the expected winter. In the past week we have taken good numbers of white bass which are in huge schools in the main lake. We did, however, talk to one bass fisherman who fished the entire day without a bite. He looked like he knew what he was doing since he was in a \$50,000 bass boat and had every lure in the catalog tied on his expensive rods. I thought about offering him one of my homemade slabs so he could at least catch something.

Between some recent fishing trips my wife and I were exercising at the Wellness Center, and I always watch the news to try and be up to date in world events. Along with the news items there are commercials, of course, and one in particular caught my attention. It seems that if you have used Poligrif or some other adhesive to hold your false teeth in place, and if you are using a

cane, a walker or wheelchair, you need to call the lawyer that bought the ad space. I'm not exactly sure why you need to call this lawyer, but it seems that jaw glue and mobile aids are somehow related. It seems that everything that we use in some way may cause us to need to call a lawyer. I wonder if they take cases on lures that we buy and don't catch anything with. I mean we could get a sore arm, aching back, or broken toe from kicking the minnow bucket. It can't be our fault or the fish's fault, so it must be the lure manufacturers' fault. It's only logical.

This past week I also got a letter from a well known company stating that I was entitled to a great rate on my motor home insurance. I read the brochure with great interest to see just how much money I could save on my motor home insurance. After finding that I had not won a motor home (since I don't currently own one), I decided I could best save money and not take advantage of the great deal. In my advancing years I'm becoming fairly certain that many of the great deals offered to me and my family by mail and on TV are really sales gimmicks. But I'll continue to watch the tube and the mail just in case I won the Australian lottery.

Last week the schools

had their open house functions like they do the first of every year. While I chose not to go, I sent my duly appointed representatives, those being my wife and granddaughter. While everything went well and my wife enjoyed meeting the new teachers and reacquainting with others, Grant Lee told my wife that I was getting soft in the fishing report because I hadn't trashed anyone recently. He also thought that I was getting mellow in my advancing years. (Better than saying old.) I have to inform Coach Lee that I'm not getting soft, mellow, wearing pink shirts, or anything like that. In fact, I'm getting meaner than a junk yard dog standing in a fire ant bed. It's just that I cannot publish what I really want to say in a family newspaper. I actually think we should have a meeting of some of these taxing authorities, a few congressmen and senators, and a few of the folks in Austin down at the local junk yard. Maybe 30 minutes standing in a fire ant bed would wake some of them up. They would never see it coming since most of them would be looking up in the trees to find the money that they think grows there. Is there any better reason to get out and vote?

See you on the lake.

'Buckle Up and Stop Texting'

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - Winters High School and Winters Junior High School students will be having a presentation on October 1, 2010. The Brown family, of Wellman, Texas, will present a special program entitled Buckle Up and Stop Texting at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

The program will be for all high school and junior high students, and it will last about an hour.

The Brown family lost their daughter last November

due to an accident caused by texting while driving.

"We are honored that the Browns are coming to Winters to speak to our students. Their daughter was killed in a car accident less than a year ago while on her way to school and their goal is to educate as many students as possible about the dangers of texting while driving", said Winters High School counselor Laura Hermesmeier.

Alex Brown, 17, was a senior at Seagraves High School, and her mom, Jeanne was a teacher at the same school. For illustrative purposes the Browns will be bringing the actual truck that their daughter was driving at the time of the accident.

On November 2009, according to authorities Alex was not wearing a seat belt and using her cell phone while driving.

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STAFF REPORT

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occupy the offices at 801 Hutchings, in Ballinger, formerly held by Four Star Title. Saam Geistmann has been named Office Manager and Escrow Officer.

Security Title Co. is a regional real estate title company headquartered in Abilene, with branch offices in Eastland, Breckenridge, Albany and now in Ballinger. Security Title Co. is licensed in and serves the Taylor, Jones, Callahan, Shackelford, Eastland, Stephens, Runnels and Coleman counties in central West Texas.

Gerald L. Johnson, a graduate of Texas Tech School of Law is President of Security Title Co. Assisting him are fellow Tech Law graduates J. Don Reese and Doug Jordan, who is Board Certified in Farm and Ranch Real Estate LASS by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.



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A life spanning 100 years

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - Mildred Loree Walker was born in east Texas on September 22, 1910 to Bob and Cassie Walker, the fourth child of eight. She was a spunky little girl who did not like the name, "Mildred," and insisted that everyone call her "Loree."

Due to the boll weevil infestation of the cotton in east Texas, Bob Walker made the decision to sell out and move his family to a new farm in west Texas. At the age of 10, Loree, her mother, and the younger siblings boarded a train to west Texas while Bob and the boys brought their belongings west in wagons. They spent the night in a hotel in Abilene before making the last 35 miles south to the Shep community and their new home.

In Shep, Loree and her family flourished as farm children, growing up strong and tough. They spent much of their time work-

ing on the cotton farm, hoeing and picking the cotton, but still had time to ride horses and swim in Valley Creek. Loree was an excellent horsewoman and told tales of riding the horses at blinding speed through the pastures in the dark of night, giving the sure-footed horses their head to find the way. Most of their transportation was by horse and buggy.

At Valley Creek School Loree loved to play basketball. In those days the courts were made of dirt and the girls had to wear long stockings and "bloomers." Loree always had to wear dresses to school, and in the winter months, her mama made the girls wear long Johns under their dresses. As soon as they got out of mama's sight, they rolled their long Johns up above their knees so they could not be seen.

Once, when asked how she fell in love with Hubert Edwards, this was her story: "Hubert came to school at Valley Creek

when he was 13 years old. He didn't pay much attention to me then, but I sure noticed him. Things really started to change when my Dad hired Hubert to help on the farm when I was about 19. Hubert stayed at our house for a while and slept on the back porch. In those days, just about every weekend, someone in our group of kids had a party at their house on Saturday night, and I would go to the parties with Hubert. One night, when he brought me home from the party, as we were going up to the front door, I turned to say good night. Hubert kissed me and told me that he loved me. My Dad was asleep right there on the front porch! At the next party, Hubert gave me an engagement ring. He and his Dad had bought it in Winters for the huge sum of 12 dollars. Then, at the next Saturday night party we attended, another girl there had on a ring just like mine!"

Hubert and Loree were married on July 18, 1931 at the height of the Great Depression. They didn't want anyone to know they were getting married so they drove to Lawton, Oklahoma. They lived with Hubert's parents for the first six months of their marriage. Life was hard, and when they finally found a place of their own, they used apple crates for furniture. Loree walked to the store at Grassburr to trade her eggs and butter for groceries. Times were very tough for them. Once when several friends decided to spend the night with them, Loree got up before dawn and dug potatoes in the garden. She made french fries and gravy for breakfast for her company because that's all she had.

The young couple was so happy when Hubert got a job helping build a bridge. For a week's wages he was paid nine dollars, and that was a lot of money. The next day, as he was plowing a field, his wallet fell out of his pocket, was plowed under, and though they spent many hours looking for it, the money was lost forever.

In 1934 their first child, Mickey Jim Edwards, was born. Two years later, their second child, Marvie Bob Edwards, was born. Marvie Bob became very ill at the age of 6 months and did not survive. In 1941, their third child, Larry Dee Edwards,



RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ/WINTERS ENTERPRISE

On September 22 Mildred Loree Walker celebrates her 100th birthday; last Thursday the staff and fellow residents celebrated with her at the Winters Senior Citizen Nursing Home.

was born and still resides with his wife, Barbara, in the Shep Community today.

In 1946, Hubert and Loree's fourth child, Adele Loree Edwards, was born in Winters. She was the only child to be born in a hospital.

From 1950 on, Hubert and Loree lived in Winters and Abilene, respectively. Loree was an excellent cook, and spent 20 years as a school cafeteria manager at Taylor Elementary in Abilene.

Always a person of great compassion, Loree took care of her aging in-laws. She would get up at 5:00 a.m. and go prepare their breakfast before going to work at the school cafeteria. Then she

would return after work and prepare their evening meal, always seeing to their needs.

Hubert and Loree faithfully attended church at the Shep Church of Christ for many years. Family often gathered at their home for Sunday dinner to share in Loree's delicious food. Loree's daughter always called her mother "the last of the pioneer women." She could skin a deer, pluck and bake a wild turkey. You name it, she could do it. She loved to fish in the creek and fry up piles of her catch. Her table was always loaded down with home-grown vegetables and fruits. No one could bake hot rolls and desserts like Loree. Hubert and Loree celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 18, 1981 and still affectionately referred to each other as "Kidido and Buddy." They lived happily together for another eight years until Hubert's passing in 1989.

Loree's life has spanned 100 years. During that time the world has gone from horses and buggies to space shuttles. When one thinks of the changes she has witnessed in her long life, it is amazing!

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Sept. 27 - Oct. 1
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Monday
Potato Soup, Grilled cheese Sandwich, Celery Sticks, Fruit Salad, Cookies

Tuesday
Bar B Que Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Bread, Cake

Wednesday
Lasagna, Green beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Blonde Brownie

Thursday
Meat and gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Hot Roll, Blueberry Cobbler

Friday
Sloppy Joe, Corn Salad, Dill Pickles, Onions, Tomato Slice, Peaches, Cookies

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 1 a.m.