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Winters presents Man, Woman of the Year

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - The commitment of a man and his wife toward Winters was recognized with the Man of the Year and Woman of the Year awards, last Saturday, March 26 in the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce Community Banquet. Two businesses were awarded Business of the Year.

The ceremony was held at the Winters ISD cafeteria where Ray Alderman was awarded Man of the Year and his wife Billie Alderman received the nomination as Woman of the Year. Ray served as Mayor of Winters and played a large role in the renovation of the Rock Hotel, with his generous monetary contribution the hotel was able to install the elevator that is currently in use within its walls.

Alderman is known for being a very smart man who is always willing to help others, he is very knowledgeable in the Winters community as well as ranching business and has served in several boards to support the community.

Billie Alderman, 2011 Woman of the Year is known for her career in real estate very and as a very active woman in the community, she succeeded getting a grant for the renovation of the Z.I. Hale Museum. Billie is a lovely and wonderful Christian and currently attends to the Presbyterian Church in Ballinger.

Entitled "New Beginnings" the ceremony also served to present the new Chamber of Commerce Officers and Board of Directors. Master of ceremonies Don Wood was also pre-

sented as the new chamber President; the rest of the officers are Vice President Ida Rodriguez, Secretary Vanessa Esquivel, Treasurer Eileen Alvarado and Office Manager Tonia Boone.

Members of the 2011 Board of Directors are Melanie Prado, Marianne Woffenden, and representatives of the City of Winters, Winters Police Department, and Winters ISD.

Recognized as the 2010 outgoing directors were former chamber President Raymond Lindsey, Craig Gehrels, Shannon Daniels, Brandy Woodard, Chance Hogan, Raul Zermeño and Amanda Collom.

The program included Nicki Harle-Baird, Texas Midwest Community Network Executive Director as keynote speaker. She encouraged the chamber to have clear vision to help the community thrive, define benefits of the membership, improve communication, and get the people involved.

Jayne Palady, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Winters lead the invocation, and everyone enjoyed a hearty meal.

The chamber held a silent auction, and presented their new website. The site is shared with the City of Winters, Winters Police Department and Winters ISD, and is already up and running. The new site features information about demographics, services, government, traveling and schools in the City of Winters, and will be used as a new platform to communicate more efficiently.

For more information about the website visit www.winters-texas.us



PHOTOS: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Billie Alderman received the Man of the Year award representing of her husband Ray, who wasn't able to attend the ceremony, and she was later called again to receive her own award as Woman of the Year.



Barron Guy and his family received the 2011 Business of the Year award. Guy is the owner of Guy's Dirt Contracting. The Barrons are pictured with Don Wood, Chamber of Commerce President and Marianne Woffenden, member of the Board of Directors.



North Runnels Hospital Administrator Sidney Tucker received the 2011 Business of the Year award. Tucker is pictured with Chamber of Commerce incoming President Don Wood.

Winters Area Foundation Annual Dinner to be held in April

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STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - The Winters Area Foundation has started its campaign for membership in the Future of Winters Club. Anyone interested in supporting Winters activities may join the club. There is one meeting per year at the annual membership dinner. The purpose of the club is that by pooling dues, local organizations may enjoy the benefits of a larger donation. The Future of Winters Club has given over \$24,000 to local groups and organizations in the community since beginning in 2007.

The Future of Winters Club will have its annual membership dinner on Tuesday, April 26 at the Winters Country Club. The meal will be "Dinner on the Greens" and features a steak dinner catered by West Texas Rehab and head cook Archie Jobe. The cost of membership is \$100 and includes the price of the meal for two people. Other activities that evening will include a "Hole-in-one" competition and the prize for the first successful golfer is \$1,000 to be contributed to

the local charity of their choice. Other golfing competitions will appeal to the experienced and inexperienced golfers.

Another highlight for the evening will be awarding of grants to local charities. The Future of Winters Club is the active arm of the Winters Area Foundation which is administered through the Community Foundation of Abilene. Newly selected CEO of the Community Foundation, Katie Alford, will be present at the dinner and offer a few remarks about the benefits of foundation giving.

Memberships may be sent to Box 211. You may contact any officer or director for more information. Officers of the Winters Area Foundation are President Susan Conner, Vice-President Mike Bedford, and Secretary Marvin Jones. Other directors are Charles Bahlman, George Mostad, Nancy Spill, Armando Tamez, Hilda Woffenden and Gene Wheat.

Please consider becoming a part of the future of Winters by joining the Future of Winters Club.

Man dies in boat accident at OH Ivie

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STAFF REPORT

LAKE IVIE - One man died and another one was injured in a boat wreck on Lake O.H. Ivie last Friday, March 3. At 9:13 p.m. the Concho County Sheriff's office received a 911 call from campers in Kennedy Park, who reported hearing a boat crash on the lake and a person yelling for help.

Game Wardens from Runnels and Concho County were notified as well as Richard Halfmann, of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. Halfmann located the passenger, Learn Tse, 26 walking near the Colorado River Municipal Water Department Lake Patrol Boat house.

Runnels County Game Warden Lane Pinckney said that Tse directed officers to the location of the accident, where they found the driver, Derrick Snodgrass, 28, deceased. Both men are from Oklahoma.

The men were attempting to return to the Kennedy Park boat ramp at Elm Creek Marina from a day of fishing, when the 19-foot bass boat struck a rocky point of the shoreline near the CRMWD Headquarters. The boat travelled approximately 150 feet down the shoreline striking several trees before coming to rest near the



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waters edge.

Neither of the men were wearing life jackets and both were ejected from the boat. Tse suffered only minor injuries and Snodgrass was pronounced dead at the scene by Coleman County Justice of the Peace Nance Campbell.

Game Wardens were assisted by

Concho County deputies, Coleman County Deputies, CRMWD personnel and Trooper Michael Gray. The use of GPS for navigation, speed, and alcohol may have been contributing factors although the accident is still under investigation by Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens.

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FUNERALS AND DEATH NOTICES

Lola Hamrick

Lola Hamrick, 90, of Winters went to her heavenly home Saturday, May 26, 2011, surrounded by her family. Lola was born January 18, 1921 to the late Ora and Edgard Robison. She married R.J. Hamrick on May 18, 1945. She was the youngest of 5 children. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband R.J. and brothers: Bill, Fred, Walter and sister Edith.

She is survived by her sons: Eddie Hamrick of San Angelo, Wayne Hamrick and wife Sandy of Winters; 4 grandchildren: Joy Patterson of San Angelo, Sherry Wilson and husband David of Big Lake, Eric Hamrick and Stephanie Ramirez of San Angelo; as well as 5 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at Lawnhaven Memorial Garden in San Angelo with Rev. Heath Powers officiating under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

Winters Enterprise, March 31, 2011



Andrew Scott Hernandez

Andrew Scott Hernandez, 27, of Winters, TX went to be with his heavenly father on March 27, 2011.

The Rosary will be prayed on March 29, 2011 at 7:00pm with Deacon Martinez at Heritage Family Funeral Home in Ballinger, Texas.

Services will be held Wednesday at 3:00pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the burial rite led by Father Romanus. With burial to follow at Lake View Cemetery, Winters, Texas. He is survived by his wife Ashley, son Andrew Scott Jr., two daughters Ariel LaRein, Armani Patricia.

Also, survived by his mother & father Pat and Tony Terrell. Brother Ray Lee Luera, brother-in-laws Felix Aguiro & Pete Ochoa. Sister-in-laws Priscilla Hernandez, Asenette Ochoa, Advita Vasquez all of Winters Texas, Uncle Todd Terrell of Hawley, TX & Aunt Tammy Estes of Abilene, TX & numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

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Della Rue Merrifield Strength

BALLINGER - Della Rue Merrifield Strength, 66, of Ballinger, Texas went to be with her mother Helen Marriott Merrifield, father Clifford Merrifield and brothers, Jimmy Don and Joe Earl Merrifield on March 22, 2011 in Ballinger.

Services were held at Heritage Family Funeral Home in Ballinger on Saturday the 26th at 1:30 p.m. followed by a brief graveside service at Old Runnels Cemetery. Afterward family and friends gathered at the old St. Mary's Hall across from the water towers.

Della was born in Littlefield Texas April 14, 1944. She is survived by her sisters, Gaitha Merrifield Spaulding and her husband Will, Gaila Merrifield Booth and her husband Dan, and sister Joyce Laudermilk. Brothers Gerald Merrifield and his wife Brenda, Edmond Merrifield and his wife Jeannine. Della had two sons and a daughter: Joseph Deiterman and his wife Sharon and their daughter Cossi; Marcus Jones and his children Zachary, Hannah, Jakob and Helon Jones; Leah Kuchera and her two sons Allen and Michael Kuchera. Others close to Della was James (Bo) Strength who has been with her as husband and companion up till her passing and life-long friend and sister-in-law Grace Merrifield who cared for Della in her time of need.

We knew Della to be kind, loving and generous. She hosted most of the gatherings where friends and family gathered. She lived most of her life in Ballinger. She will be greatly missed.

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Lilly Jane Bryan Walker

Lilly Jane Bryan Walker passed from this earth into the arms of the awaiting angels on March 27, 2011 after a long and valiant battle with Alzheimer's. Jane was born to Nan and Lawrence Bryan on April 19, 1941. She is preceded in death by her son; Jodie Walker, mother and father; Nan and Lawrence Bryan, brother; Calvin Bryan, sister and brother-in-law; Francis and Bob Sumrall, brother-in-laws; Bill Scott and Ray Allard.

Jane is survived by her life partner and care giver Earla Ahrens and 4 children, Michael and wife Sommer Ahrens, Ryan Ahrens and partner Kristi Nichols, Jill and husband Mark McMurray and Bill and wife Lou Walker. She is survived by 11 grandchildren, Courtney, Kaden, Bailey, Logan, Dylan, Zachary, Jennifer, Kelly, Kari, Kindy and Reed due in May, and 3 great grandchildren. She is also survived by sisters Lou Ann Scott, Betty and husband Bud Bonham, sister-in-law Hazel Bryan, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and many friends.

Jane graduated from Winters High School in 1959 and became a homemaker, later going to work at Dyess Air Force Base in the Civil Engineering Dept. from which she retired in 2001 after 21 years of service. She loved and pursued her hobbies of wood working and oil painting for many years until the disease took that capability away. Jane delighted in her grandchildren and could play with or hold them for hours. Jane never knew a stranger and would give and help whenever needed.

Visitation will be Friday, April 1 2011 from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm at the Winters Funeral Home, Winters, TX.

She was a member of Exodus Metropolitan Community Church where memorial services celebrating her life will be held on April 2, 2011 at 1933 27th Abilene, TX.

Honorary pall bearers will be Paula Kinter, Tricia Harvey, Kathy Hardin, Julie Hardin and Sissy Heathcott.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the Adult Enrichment Center of San Angelo and the Bronte Health and Rehab Center for the loving care, dignity and quality of life given to her over the last 5 years.

The family requests that instead of flowers, memorials be sent in her name to the Adult Enrichment Center of San Angelo, Tx. or the Bronte Health and Rehab Center, Bronte, Tx.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Runnels County Criminal Docket and Fee Book
Ronald Thompson, Theft by check, March 21

Jail Record

Johnny M. Rodriguez Jr., 43, RSCO, MTR escape/Poss. firearm by felon
James A. Patterson, 35, Concho Co., Parole violation
Juan R. Olguin, 26, Coke, Assault causes bodily injury
Celisity E. Gonzales, 18, RSCO, DWLI
Eder Loper, 37, RSCO, Illegal entry/Conner B. Harrison, 27, Concho Co., Sent to CRT
James Sikes, 50, DPS, S/W DWLI
Samantha Holden, 24, Coke, UUMV
Worth S. Hooper, 41, DPS, DWI III or more
Leon M. Jean, 18, BPD, Asslt. (warrant)
Curtis C. Carroll, 17, Concho Co., Burglary of building
Robert Perez, 17, Concho Co., Burglary of building
Cynthia A. Vera, 41, DPS, DWI
Michael E. Barnett, 23, Game Warden, Poss. C/S
Michael I. Ramirez, 17, Concho Co., Burglary of building
Mary E. Seale, 46, RSCO, Sent to CRT
Jennifer L. Haste, 24, WPD, Municipal warrants
Otis B. Woods III, 33, WPD, Disorderly conduct
Jeff D. Jones, 45, DPS, Poss. of marijuana
William D. Prater, 38, BPD, Poss. of marijuana
Justin S. Partain, 21, Coke Co., Parole violation
Jeremy L. Burney, 41, ConSO, Poss C/S 2x
Ashley M. Maldonado, 20, ConSO Poss. C/S
Xavier Huerta, 28, Miles PD, Poss. of marijuana
Josiah Cammer, 19, BPD, Poss. marijuana Lubbock Co.
Ana M. Rock, 31, DPS, Theft by check

LIBRARY DONATIONS

The Winters Public Library received donations from:
- **Monnie & Tommy Davis, memorial for Dan Miller.**
- **Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Airhart, memorial for Shirley Hill, David Bradley, Lucille Pritchard.**
- **Enid K. Anderson, memorial for Shirley Hill.**
- **Connie Mac and Jean Gibbs, memorial for Joyce Krause, Shirley Hill.**
- **Sandy and Jimmie Hoppe, memorial for Shirley Hill.**
- **Raymond Lindsey, memorial for Jean Owen.**
- **Bill and Cindy Cathey, memorial for Dan Miller, Marvel Henson.**
- **Annie Faye King.**
- **Gary and Dinelle Jacob, memorial for Richard Trope Jr., Debbie Wilde.**

FEMA requiring feedback for flood maps

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STAFF REPORT

DENTON - After months of collaboration and the continuous sharing of information resulting in preliminary flood maps, officials with Taylor County, Texas and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are now asking the public to participate in a 90-day comment period.

Homeowners, renters and business owners in the town of Impact and unincorporated areas of Taylor County have from March 30 - June 28, 2011 to provide general comments, or to file an appeal or protest if there are possible errors on the map.

An appeal is a formal objection to proposed base flood elevations. Appeals must be based on technical data that show proposed maps to be scientifically incorrect. Anyone who makes an appeal must include the method, data and analysis used to support the claim.

Protests challenge information or data other than

base flood elevation, such as changes to flood plain boundaries, corporate limits, or roads and road names. Comments, appeals and protests should be sent to FEMA through the local floodplain administrator.

Anyone who hasn't had a chance to participate in local flood insurance meetings or to review the new flood maps is encouraged to contact the Taylor County floodplain administrator at 325-674-1393.

Other resources include viewing the base flood elevation notices online at www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/Scripts/bfe_main.asp, using a live chat service about flood maps at <http://go.usa.gov/r6C>. Click on the "Live Chat" icon, or contacting a FEMA Map Specialist at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627); email FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmap.pcds.com.

Once all appeals and protests are resolved, FEMA will notify communities of the effective date of the final maps.

Card of Thanks

We want to Thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy during this time of loss. Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and flowers. Thank you to Heritage Family Funeral Home for their help. Thanks to the ladies of St. John's Lutheran Church for the meal prepared for the family. A special thanks to the Rev. Alsen Wenzel for the memorial and celebration of Lisa's life. May God bless each of you as you have blessed us.

The Lisa Bedford Gray Family

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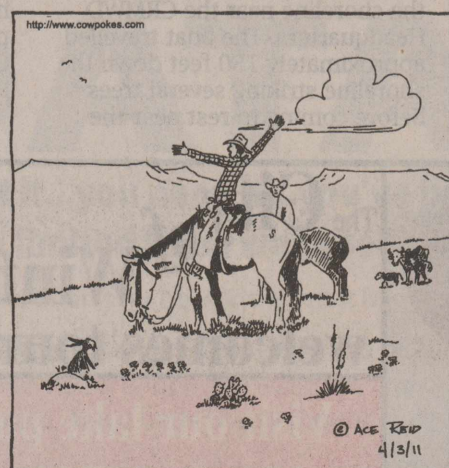
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Runnels County Historical Commission tours Winters

BETTY THOMASON
RCHC REPORTER

WINTERS - Members of Runnels County Historical Commission met at the First Baptist Church Parking lot on Saturday, March 12, at 9:40 a.m. to board two church vans for a Driving Tour of Winters. Randall Conner and First Baptist Pastor, Heath Powers, each acted as drivers and guides. Ruth Cooper, Chairman of RCHC, also acted as guide on the van driven by Randall Conner and Susan Conner narrated history in the other van.

Historical comments were made about the old Winters State Bank founded by John Q. McAdams on the corner of West Dale and Main Streets. Other points of interest included the Z.I. Hale Museum Complex, the train caboose, Rock Hotel, and the Gus Pruser Agricultural Museum. The Agricultural Museum features, among other farm machinery, the first cotton picker patented

in the United States and built by Mr. Pruser. A horse drawn hearse sits near the window of the museum for passers-by to see. Perhaps an eerie reminder of days gone by when the undertaker would deliver the next body to the cemetery in that hearse.

In various other sections of town, the narrators pointed out many houses made from native stone and different styles of architecture in the homes and buildings. On the outskirts of town, we drove past typical farmland and were told the chief crops of the Winters area are wheat, cotton, and grain sorghum.

Another major part of the tour included a look at the local churches and to hear a brief history of each. New buildings at the Winters School, as well as the old WPA rock fence around Blizzard Field, played an important part of the tour. We visited some sites where old schools and churches had been located, but are no

longer standing or even visible traces of their existence could be seen.

Many active businesses, professional buildings and offices thrive in the downtown area. Vacant buildings here and there were reminders of once prosperous businesses or trades as they still stood proudly on the new sidewalks of the recent beautification work of downtown Winters.

Manufacturers and factories are still going strong like Tradesmen Accessories, while others that once offered jobs to many people are closed. Our tour group learned that Heidenheimers, owned by Joe Heidenheimer, is one of the oldest, continuous business owned by the same family.

In the early 1900s, Winters became a leading cotton producer. Then, a large oil boom in the 1950s provided further industry and more population for Winters. In keeping with the industrial revolution that followed World War II, several manufacturing companies built and settled in the town.

After the tour, 18 members of the Runnels County Historical Commission and five visitors, who made the tour, met at Casa Cabana for lunch and a business meeting.

The RCHC extends their thanks to the First Baptist Church for providing the transportation as their ministry to the community and to the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation and the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce for providing the Driving Tour Brochure. Tour brochures can be picked up at the WABIC on West Dale Street.

All RCHC meetings are open to the public.

Special meeting scheduled at the Water Treatment Plant

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - Next week, the Winters City Council will be having a special meeting starting at the Water Treatment Plant, at 5:30 p.m., in order to celebrate a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new facility. Elected and appointed officials, current and past, will be invited to the ceremony.

The public is encouraged to attend the meeting and the celebration to be held after the ribbon cutting, at the City Hall. Last Monday, March 28, the City Council approved this special meeting to celebrate the ending of the construction project, finished after 448 days.

At the regular meeting held last Monday at the City Hall Mayor Dawson McGuffin gave a recognition plaque honoring Felix Gonzales for his time at City of Winters. Gonzales is retiring after 35 years of work.

Aldermen approved contract change order 9 for the Winters Water Treatment Plant rehab project. The change order was made to cover the repair costs of a damaged raw water pump. The City of Winters will be paying 50 percent of the \$3,500 cost, while the other half will be charged to the contractor.

Council members amended provisions of Ordinance No. 2010-02 authorizing the issuance of "City of Winters, Texas, Tax and Waterworks and Sewer System Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Taxable Series 2010", including the adop-



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Mayor Dawson McGuffin gives a plaque recognizing Felix Gonzales for his 35 plus years serving the community of Winters. Gonzales is retiring from the City of Winters.

tion of an ordinance pertaining thereto.

Shelly Antilley-Guevara was appointed to assist with the May 14 City election for two 12-hour weekdays at Winters ISD Administration office.

A budget amendment was approved for \$1,350 for funding for the fence between Airport and Kevin

Busher.

An agenda item was approved in order to have a proclamation for the month of April as Fair Housing Month.

Maguire Iron, the company working on the water towers rehab project requested and was granted permission to use Lake RV facilities for three weeks.

Lone finalist voted for Winters ISD

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WINTERS - The Winters ISD Board of Trustees has moved a step closer to hiring a Superintendent. On Friday, March 25, the Board voted unanimously to name Donald Kuempel, Jr. its "lone finalist" for the position.

Mr. Kuempel currently serves as Director of Career and Technical Education at Hutto ISD, which is a class 4A school district 25 miles northeast of Austin, Texas. Mr. Kuempel has been employed by Hutto ISD for nearly 20 years and has served as an Agriculture-Science teacher, an Assistant Principal, and a Campus Principal.

After a minimum 21-day waiting period as required by state law, the Board plans to enter into a contract with Mr. Kuempel on April 18. Mr. Kuempel was selected from a group of 41 applicants for the position. Winters ISD is currently under the leadership of Mr. John King, interim superintendent.

NEWS NOTES

Cross Emmaus Community gatherings

The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at the United Methodist Church. FMI call 325-365-2323.

Dove Festival seeking arts coordinator

The Dove Festival Committee is seeking an individual or organization who can take over the arts and crafts show portion of the Dove Festival. If you or your organization is interested please contact Chris Bahlman, Alan Cooper or Amanda Collom. The arts and crafts show portion of the Dove Festival is an asset to our local downtown businesses and the committee would like to go forward with this part of the event if possible.

Diabetes seminar for families

Texas Lions Camp, in cooperation with Texas Tech Health Sciences Center - Permian Basin, is conducting an exclusive advanced diabetes education seminar for the entire family, including siblings and grandparents on Saturday, April 16 in Kerrville, Texas.

Attending this seminar will provide knowledge, understanding, and confidence for the entire family. Grandparents will spend a portion of the day in sessions specifically designed for their unique situations, and siblings will have a break out session of their own. More details are available at www.lionscamp.com.

Players needed for Alumni game

The Winters Blizzards are needing football players for the 2011 Winters Alumni Football game vs Ballinger. The game will be held on April 8-10 TBA. Info can be obtained through www.alumnifootballusa.com or contact Winters alumni Scott Billups at (325) 529 4513, cell (325)280-7932

Deadline nears for Taylor Electric scholarship

Taylor Electric Cooperative supports member families each spring by offering \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors who are residential Taylor EC members.

The deadline for consideration is April 1, 2011. Applications are judged by

an independent panel of educators, who judge students based on academic performance, community involvement, test scores, transcripts, letters of recommendation and financial need.

High school counselors have applications in their office, and the forms also are available in a downloadable file at www.taylor-electric.com. Click on "Community Connections."

For more information, call Communications Director Kelly Thompson at 325-793-8538, or email her at kelly@taylorelectric.com.

Annual Farm Auction in Wingate

The 24th Annual Farm Auction in Wingate, sponsored by the Wingate Lions Club and the Volunteer Fire Department will be held on April 2; auction is currently asking for donations or consignments.

Please call Thurman Self at 325-743-6453, Alphas Hill at 325-743-2342 or Suvern O'Dell at 325-743-6061.

VFW meetings

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 meet the second Monday night of each month at 6 p.m. in the Rock Hotel. All eligible veterans of the United States military are invited to attend.

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. Truett behind church on Main St.

Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Ballinger 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 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce meets at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month at DLC Realty 116 S. Main St. in the backroom.

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.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meetings on fourth Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmeth, 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.

Winters Spring City Wide Clean-up

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Thru

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Lady Blizzards improve record

BY STEPHEN HERMESMEYER

Lady Blizzards improve to 3-1 Softball: (Airhart)
 March 22, 2011
 Inning 1 2 3 4 5 Final
 Menard 0 2 0 0 0 2
 Winters 2 6 6 0 - 14

The Lady Blizzards improved their district record to 3-1 by defeating the Menard Lady Jackets in five innings. Offensively, the Lady Blizzards had a total of 20 hits and 70 total bases. Defensively, we held the Lady Jackets to four total hits, two doubles and two singles. With bases loaded in the top of the second, Abby Guy took over for Kat Lindley and got the needed outs while allowing only one run in. In the top of the third, Kat returned the favor by taking over with bases loaded, striking out the fourth batter, getting a fielder's choice out from Julie Tamez, and striking out the sixth batter to end the Lady Jackets' scoring threat.

Friday, March 25, 2011
 Inning 1 2 3 4 5 Final
 Winters 0 0 0 1 0 1
 Eldorado 3 1 0 4 3 11

The Lady Blizzard softball team dropped their second district game to the Lady Eagles of Eldorado. Although the Lady Blizzards played hard and contacted the ball on offense, they seemed to make it easy for the Lady Eagles defense by consistently hitting right to the defensive players. We had several fly balls hit deep into the outfield and Randa Watson almost hit it over the fence, but the Eagle defense was able to get to the ball, make the catch, and keep us from getting in scoring position.

Baseball: (Spivey)
 Saturday March 18
 Double Header
 Winters vs Ballinger
 Game 1 Winters 2-14 Ballinger
 Game 2 Winters 11-10 Ballinger
 Winters (7-5 overall) (0-0 district)
 Winters opened district play on Friday, March 3 in Miles

The Blizzards (8-5, 1-0) take their district opener 11-10 over Miles. Clent Bryan (5-2) picks up the win for the Blizzards. Riley Ripley is credited with the save. Leading the way at the plate for the Blizzards were Chris Gerhart (2 for 2, 2 Runs, 3 RBI's, 2HBP) and Strait Daniel (2 Runs, 3RBI's on 1HR). The Blizzards continued district play at home against Reagan County on Tuesday, March 29.

Inning 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 H R
 Winters 3 1 6 1 0 0 0 8 11
 Miles 3 0 1 0 6 0 0 11 10

Tennis: (Villarreal)
 The Santa Anna Tournament was held March 11, 2011 with girls doubles, singles, and mixed doubles in Santa Anna and Boys doubles and singles in Coleman. For boys singles, Wes Hagle first round play was against Luke Henry from Early with a score of (5-8) and his consolation match was against Trampus Miles from Mullin with a score of (6-0). Nikolas Kraatz also in boys singles matched



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The boy's golf team won third place at the Christoval Invitational at San Angelo Riverside Golf Club. Devin Martinez, Dustin Oswalt, Lane Gibbs, Kolten Garcia and Golf coach and Athletic Director Stephen Hermesmeier.

up against Zack Diaz of Santa Anna with a score of (8-0) in the first round but was defeated by Jared Fournier from Ballinger in the second round (0-8). For Mixed double Shelly Soto and Joe Gallegos matched up with Stevenson and Villeda of Coleman with the score of (6-8) and defeated Nava and Spitzer from Stamford in the consolation round with a score of (6-2).

Results for the Jim Ned Invitational which included schools from Abilene Christian, Albany, Ballinger, Baird, Breckenridge, Cisco, Comanche, Coleman, Clyde, Colorado City, Early, Eula, Grape Creek, Hawley, Jim Ned, Merkel, Mullin, Santa Anna, Stamford, and Wall.

Girls Singles

- Hailey Wilson vs. Guevera of Breckenridge (6-8).
- Girls Doubles
- Camille Kurtz/Michelle Kruse vs. Coats/Gibson of Santa Anna (6-8)
- Camille Kurtz/Hailey Wilson vs. Rasbury/Magee of Cisco (2-6)
- Mixed Doubles
- Shelly Soto/Joe Gallegos vs. Spitzer/Nava of Stamford (4-8)
- Shelly Soto/Joe Gallegos vs. Gee/Cook of Jim Ned (1-6)
- Boys Singles
- Hayden Nitsch vs. Byrd of Abilene Christian (8-0)
- Hayden Nitsch vs. Fournier of Ballinger (8-8) tie breaker (4-7)
- Nikolas Kraatz vs. Dirickson of Comanche (9-7)
- Nikolas Kraatz vs. Conoly of Wall (2-8)
- Wesley Hagle vs. Porche of Wall (2-8)
- Wesley Hagle vs. Cheng of Abilene Christian (6-0)
- Wesley Hagle vs. Pompa of Grape Creek (6-0)
- Wesley Hagle vs. Rodriguez of Albany (6-2)
- Wesley Hagle vs. Bush of Jim Ned (0-6).

300 Hurdles
 Zannie Slimp - 2nd - 52.38
 Tamron Tamez - 5th - 53.86

HS Girls Results from Albany - Saturday, March 26, 2011
 Team total: 72 points - 5th place overall

Discus
 Destiny Chavis - 5th - 74'2"

300 Hurdles
 Zannie Slimp - 2nd - 51.21
 Jaymee Pritchard - 7th - 55.97

800
 Crystal Sanchez - 4th - 2:57.10
 Stormy Diaz - 5th - 3:01.8

Sprint Relay (Stormy Diaz, Kat Lindley, Sierra Woffenden, Sabrina Esquivel)
 5th - 58.52

High Jump
 Zannie Slimp - 5th - 4'8"

Pole Vault
 Kat Lindley - 7'6"

400
 Tamron Tamez -3rd -67.7

Triple Jump
 Zannie Slimp - 6th - 27'4.5"

800 Relay (Stormy Diaz, Kat Lindley, Sierra Woffenden, Sabrina Esquivel)
 4th - 2:06.84

1600
 Crystal Sanchez - 4th - 6:46.62

Shot Put
 Destiny Chavis - 3rd - 30'2"

100 Hurdles
 Zannie Slimp - 2nd - 17.79

Mile Relay (Zannie Slimp, Tamron Tamez, Sabrina Esquivel, Kat Lindley)
 4th - 4:30.04

HS BOYS TRACK: (Livingston) JV Boys Results-Roaring Lions Relays, Albany
 JV Boys were the overall meet champions scoring 100 points

Shot Put

- A.C. Mata - 39'2"
- 4X100 Meter Relay
 Nick Perez, A.C. Mata, Noe Sanchez, Chris Gerhart - 48.28
- 110 Meter High Hurdles
 Bryce Mikeska - 18.42
- 4X200 M Relay
 Nick Perez, A.C. Mata, Noe Sanchez, Tony Lara - 1:42.65
- 400 Meter Dash
 Nik Kraatz - 57.28
- 300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles
 Bryce Mikeska - 48.18
- 4X400 Meter Relay
 Nik Kraatz, A.C. Mata, Tony Lara, Chris Gerhart - 3:55.00

Varsity Boys Results-Roaring Lions Relays Albany, TX
 The Varsity boys tied for second overall with Hamlin with 92 points

Long Jump
 Cristian Sandoval - 19'10"

Triple Jump
 3. Strait Daniel - 39'8"

Shot Put
 2. Cannon Bryan - 39'3.5"
 6. Cristian Sandoval - 36'8.5"

Pole Vault
 1. Angel Barron - 13'6" (ties the school record)

4X100 Meter Relay
 6. Hayden Nitsch, Nathan Rodriguez, Angel Barron, Strait Daniel - 47.28

800 Meter Run
 2. Miguel Rodriguez - 2:01.94
 3. Riley Ripley - 2:06.12

100 Meter Dash
 6. Cristian Sandoval - 12.00

4X200 Meter Relay
 3. Cristian Sandoval, Jose Llanas, Andy Garcia, Strait Daniel - 1:37.37

400 Meter Dash
 6. Jose Llanas - 58.35

300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles
 3. Andy Garcia - 45.24

200 Meter Dash
 6. Angel Barron - 24.56

1600 Meter Run
 2. Miguel Rodriguez - 5:02.87

4X400 Meter Relay
 Cristian Sandoval, Strait Daniel, Nathan Rodriguez, Riley Ripley - 3:38.53

Golf: (Hermesmeier)
 The boy's golf team played in the Baird Invitational on March 21. Devin Martinez 77, Dustin Oswalt 99, Kolten Garcia 97, Lane Gibbs 98.
 The boy's team won third place at the Christoval Invitational at San Angelo Riverside Golf Club. The boys shot a team score of 333. Devin Martinez 82, Dustin Oswalt 75 (tied fifth medalist), Lane Gibbs 89, Kolten Garcia 87. They begin district play next Monday in San Angelo.

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HS/JH Girls Track: (Motheral) Hamlin Piper Relay Results - Saturday, March 19, 2011

Pole Vault
 Kat Lindley - 5th - 7'6"

100 Hurdles
 Zannie Slimp - 2nd - 17.82

Blizzards start district with a win

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE
 WINTERS - Despite a furious rally by the Miles Bulldogs scoring seven runs in the fifth inning, the Winters Blizzards held on to an early advantage and won their district opener by a score of 11-10 last Friday, March 25 playing at Miles High School.
 The Blizzards now have a 1-0 record in district games and an overall of 7-5 in the 2011 baseball season.
 Blizzards opening pitcher

Clent Bryan took the win in five innings and one third, Riley Ripley came in for the fifth and finished the game in two innings and two thirds.
 Top batters for the Blizzards were Chris Gerhart, who ended up 2-2 with a double, three runs batted in and two scored, Gerhart was hit by pitch twice; Strait Daniel batted in three runs, he had a three run home run in the third inning.
 "We made a few errors in



PHOTOS: JOE GERHART

Winters opened district activity last Friday, March 25 against the Miles Bulldogs. The Blizzards scored all their runs before the fifth, and were able to hold on despite the Bulldogs rally.

the fifth, but after that we took care of the ball game," said head baseball coach James Spivey.
 As of press time Winters played on Tuesday, March 29 their second district game of the season,
 against Reagan County, and on Friday, April 1 they will be traveling to San Angelo to play against TLCA.

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Winters PD hosts firearm workshop

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - Law enforcement officials from Winters and Runnels County hosted last Saturday, March 26, a firearm workshop with students from Hardin-Simmons University, enrolled in the Department of Criminal Justice.

Students had the opportunity to learn tips and techniques from active members of the Winters Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, Border Patrol, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and several volunteers.

The workshop, hosted by Winters Chief of Police Nathan Johnson has been held for several years and has strengthened the bonds between local agents and future members of different law enforcement agencies. One of the officials with Texas DPS currently serving in Runnels County, Trooper Jeremy Sherrod, participated years ago in one of these field trips as a Hardin-Simmons University student.

Dr. Karin S. Brown, head Department of Criminal Justice and Professor of Criminal Justice has been bringing students to Winters, in order to give them the opportunity to get some field experience and learn from active law enforcement officials.

The Winters Police Department also provides the students with internship opportunities, for them to learn about office and field duties in a real life environment.

Last Saturday the students received instruction on firearms safety and capabilities, cleaning and storage of the equipment, and spent some time shooting targets at the shooting range with assault rifles, handguns and shotguns.



PHOTOS RUBEN-CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Firearms workshop instructors included Winters Police Department officials, Texas DPS, Runnels County Game Warden, Border Patrol and volunteers.



Winters PD Officer Paula Geyer shows one of the students how to fire an automatic rifle.



Criminal Justice students from Hardin-Simmons University, in Abilene, came to Winters last week to spend some time with law enforcement officials.

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Fatal crash in West Dale

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - One person died early on Sunday, March 27, after losing control of his truck and crashing into a loading dock on West Dale, in Winters. Andrew Scott Hernandez, 27, was driving an older model pick up truck registered under Axsys Production Services at the time of the incident.

According to Winters Police Department the accident occurred approximately at 2 a.m. when the driver failed to control the vehicle and overturned in the 1200 block of West Dale Street, near the old Selkirk building.

Hernandez was driving a Ford F250 pick up truck when he hit the loading dock and flipped over. He died at the scene of the accident. Hernandez leaves his wife and three children.

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