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PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Joe and Theresa Gerhart with Allison Sanchez at The Attic, the new gift store in Winters.

## Gifts with a special touch

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Aiming to fill a niche in the area and to provide customers with the touch that major retailers have lost, last Saturday, September 3, a new gift store held its grand opening in Winters. The Attic, owned and operated by Joe and Theresa Gerhart, is a new concept with a little bit of everything, from baby toys and kitchen gadgetry to spices and major appliances.

When other businesses were slow or closing, their previous experience with J and T Hardware took the Gerharts to believe in Winters, and invest in a new type of store. "We saw an opportunity, people is going to buy their products somewhere and if they are going to go out of town they will, but if they have an opportunity to buy in town I think they will too,"

said Joe.

They already had the building, wanted to do something with it to help the City of Winters, and always thought that a gift-type store would provide the opportunity.

The Gerharts are not new to some of the items being sold at The Attic, they were already doing major appliances and were running out of room where they were at, so it just fit in to what they were doing in the right time for Winters and also for their business.

The store opened the first weekend in May, and so far the community in Winters have responded very well.

"We have had a really good response from Winters, we are really excited about it," said Theresa.

In the store customers can find home décor, jewelry, gift items, house

wares, major appliances, toys, baby clothes and even a photo mini-lab to print photos. The store aims to customers looking for all different price ranges, they have a broad spectrum of items and prices.

"We are excited about it, we are not trying to compete with local businesses, because we have products a little nicer that you would find in retail store, we have gift wrapping, gift bags, we provide the full service and the touch that major retailers have lost," said Joe.

Customers can find in The Attic spices, cooking housewares, kitchen gadgetry, major and small appliances, furniture pieces, home décor, baby gifts, accessories and dip mixes "something neat if you are going to have a party, the holiday season, or just something that makes it special," said Joe.

## Blizzards' ground game proves effective

CHARLES MURPHY  
ENTERPRISE CONTRIBUTOR

CROSS PLAINS- As anyone who has been around football for any time knows a great running game is the product of a team effort and it was evident Friday night when the Blizzard offensive line made up of Justin Ventress, Cannon Bryan, Fabien Esquivel, Roger Wright, AC Mata and Corey Pritchard performed as a well oiled machine allowing Cristian Sandoval to rack up 212 yards on 22 carries, Riley Ripley 76 yards on seven carries and Hayden Nitsch 53 yards on eight carries (he had 111 yards rushing last week) in route to a 31-6 victory over the home town Cross Plains Buffaloes.

The Blizzards would get the party started early with an 11 play drive starting on their own 32. The drive was never in jeopardy as the Blizzards rolled up six first downs en route to the touchdown by Sandoval on a one yard run after what appeared to one official to be a touchdown on the previous play. Andrew Chavis' extra point was good out of the hold Hayden Nitsch and the snap of Strait Daniel and with 8:30 left in the first quarter the visitors held a 7-0 advantage.

The ensuing kickoff would produce a runback to their own 34. Three plays later the Blizzard defense gave the Buffalo offense their first reason to go back to the sidelines with a prompt punting situation on fourth and 10. The punt would put Big Blue in good shape at their own 40 yard line. From there Riley Ripley would find Andy Garcia for 25 yards on first down. Sandoval would get 17 on the next play while Nitsch would add seven more to leave the Blizzards facing third and three after an incompletion on second down. Sandoval would pick up the first down and set the offense up with first and goal at the six. Fermin Cruz would get the touchdown from three yards out. The extra point was no good to leave the Blizzards with a 13 point lead with 3:28 left in the first quarter.

Defensively the Blizzards would remain up to the task while the Buffaloes set up shop at their own 37. Four plays later the home team faced fourth and nine. The punt would set the Blizzards up at their own 10 as the first period would end with the visitors up 13-0. The

offensive line would continue the dominance as Sandoval would rip off runs of 23, and 11 yards while overcoming a holding call and being on the good end of an interference call on third and 30 giving the visitors a first and 10 at the CP 35. Three plays later disaster would strike as the snap from center would be mishandled and CP would recover, thwarting the Blizzard drive.

Again the Blizzard defense would shut the door on the home team and force the punt after a short five play drive giving the Blizzards the ball at their own 40. The drive would culminate in a touchdown pass of 29 yards from Ripley to Nitsch to cover the final distance. The extra point was missed for a 19-0 Winters lead with 31 seconds left in the half.

With 20 seconds left in the half the Buffaloes set up near the midfield stripe for what seemed would be an attempt to run out the clock and hit the locker room for half time. Apparently the Buffaloes did not see it that way and were able to hit a 45 yard pass completion setting up a first and goal situation from inside the five. The Buffaloes capitalized on the a three yard pass and catch to get them on the board with no time left on the clock in the first half. The extra point was no good and the Blizzards hung onto a 19-6 lead going into the lockerroom.

The second half got started with the Blizzards kicking off and proceeding to reestablish their dominance, with a six play performance leaving the home team facing a fourth and eight punting situation. The punt would set the visitors up at their own 20. Yellow flags would begin to dominate play as each team began to get a little tired. Eventually facing fourth and a whopping 32 the Blizzards would trot out the punting team for the first time. The punt would set the Buffaloes at their own 15. And again the Blizzards defense would slam the door on the efforts of the bunch from Cross Plains and facing fourth and four the punt team called upon.

This drive would include the end of the third quarter with the Blizzards in command with a 19-6 lead. The drive would also include a "hot potato" catch by Nik Kraatz setting the Blizzards up with a first down at the CP 31. From this point on it was the offensive line

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PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Blizzards' quarterback Riley Ripley in a keeper during the game held last Friday, September 9, against the Cross Plains Buffaloes.

## Business of the Quarter

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce recently awarded Lone Star Estates as the Business of the Quarter for the third 2011 quarter.

Lone Star Estates is located north of Winters on Highway 83, is a 50 unit, duplex community offering two and three bedroom units for lease. Malcom and Tonia Boone have been the managers since 2006. They offer a family friendly, quiet neighborhood with on-site managers and security.

Their two bedroom/two bath units lease for \$450 per month with a \$300 deposit. The three bedroom/two 1/2 bath units lease for \$525 per month



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Lone Star Estates is located north of Winters on Highway 83.

with a \$300 deposit. Each unit has a back patio with security fencing. Office is

located at 101 Bluebonnet and phone is (325) 754 3331.



Senior Citizens Olympics

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## WISD will celebrate Constitution Day

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Winters ISD will be celebrating "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day" on September 16, 2011. The whole week will be called "Celebrate Freedom Week". Constitution Day is an opportunity for students to broaden their knowledge of the Constitution, with its short elegant language and its far reaching ramifications that have both shaped our his-

tory and our lives.

State and Federal law mandates "each Social Studies class shall include during Celebrate Freedom Week, appropriate instruction concerning the intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, in their historical content." The original constitution was signed on September 17, 1787.

All students in Grades 3-12

are required to study and recite the following text:

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### FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

#### Eunice Mathis

Eunice Mavis Mathis, 85, of Amarillo, formerly of Winters, died September 6, 2011. She was born September 21, 1925 in Gould, Oklahoma to Arthur and Emma Robinson. Grew up in Quail, Texas and graduated from high school there. She married Melvin Roy Mathis May 31, 1944 in Wellington, Texas. They lived in various Texas towns while he served as a Methodist Minister. She taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and kept the nursery. She was a talented seamstress and a devoted homemaker.



Eunice was preceded in death by her husband Melvin, parents Arthur and Emma Robinson, and two brothers, Arthur Robinson and Jess Robinson.

She is survived by three daughters: Jean Alvey and husband Larry of Midland, Texas, Brenda Wilson and husband Kregg of Bovina, Texas, and Mary Mathis of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; three brothers Cleo Robinson of Justin, Texas, Leroy Robinson of Amarillo, Texas, and C.W. Robinson of Amarillo, Texas; three sisters Olene Jett of Quail, Texas, Mary Owen of Lubbock, Texas, and Shirley Brown of Amarillo, Texas, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were on Friday, September 9, 2011 in the Crews cemetery with Rev. Ken Peterson officiating directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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#### LaVoy McNeill

LaVoy King McNeill, 80, of Wingate, died September 7, 2011. She was born March 5, 1931 in Crews and moved with her family to Winters when she was in the Eighth Grade. She graduated from Winters High School. She married Jon McNeill June 2, 1948 in Winters. They lived in Wilmeth and Wingate. She was a homemaker and a member of the Wingate Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband Jon McNeill of Wingate, five children Judy Scott and husband Sam of Wingate, Jan Oden and husband Joe Dan of Albany, Flent McNeill of Abilene, Kent McNeill and wife Cheryl of College Station, and Jill McClellan and husband Les of Abilene, 18 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Zane McNeill and Dick McNeill, two grandsons, Shae Scott and Alan Oden and one granddaughter, April McNeill.

Services were held on Saturday September 10, 2011 in the Wingate Baptist Church with Rev. Kenneth Jones officiating. She was buried in the Crews cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605.

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## A&M reports record enrollment

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE**  
STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- Record enrollment — exceeding 50,000 for the first time — is being reported for Texas A&M University.

Enrollment after the first week of classes totals 50,054, for an increase of 925 students over the final figure for the fall semester last year, according to Texas A&M's Office of Institutional Studies and Planning (OISP).

Figures for the 12th class day — which will be on Sept. 13 — are those required to be reported to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, but the figures are not certified until the 20th class day. The figures normally vary only slightly after the first week, OISP officials note.

Texas A&M President R. Bowen Loftin said the record enrollment is not the result of a concerted effort for the university to increase its size but rather reflects the continued increase in the value of a degree from the university. He cited a recent Wall Street Journal article that shows Texas A&M to rank second nationally on the basis of employers' satisfaction in hiring graduates

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### NEWS NOTES

#### WHS Class of 1961 to celebrate 50th Class Reunion

The Winters High School Class of 1961 will celebrate its 50th Class Reunion during Homecoming, September 23-24, 2011. On Friday, Sept. 23 the class will meet for the pre-game meal at the school cafeteria, the Homecoming Game at Blizzard Field and for the Ex-Student Association Reception following the game.

#### St. Boniface 'Days Gone By' Fall Festival

St. Boniface "Days Gone By" Fall Festival at Olfen, Texas will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2011. Turkey, dressing and sausage meal will be served from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch meal \$8.00 adults and children under 10 yrs \$5. Drive thru and plates to go \$8.00, from 10:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Homemade raw sausage \$4 lb.

Games, entertainment, country store will open at noon, the auction will be held at 1 p.m. and at 3 p.m. will be a candy drop. Sausage sandwiches and concessions.

#### Winters student graduates from ASU

At the end of 2011 summer term, 176 students completed degree requirements at Angelo State University and received their diplomas.

The 2011 summer grades include the following from the Winters area: Mincy L. Briley, M. Ed.

#### Moro VFD annual fundraiser

BBQ Brisket Dinner will be held Saturday, September 24, 2011, between 6 and 8 p.m. located down the road from the Fire Station (2718 CR 184), same as last year. Meal will include brisket, sausage and all the trimmings plus homemade desserts and tea. Price is \$8.00 at the door and children 5 and under free. There will be a live auction after the dinner. All proceeds will go toward the Building Fund. Thank you for your support.

#### Mentors needed

Winters Elementary School is looking for volunteers to be a mentor on an elementary student. The volunteer would meet with the student once a week during school hours for approximately 30 minutes to help with homework, read a book, or just talk. Mentoring has shown to help build self-esteem, improve grades and in some cases improves test scores. Anyone interested may contact Charles Murphy, Elementary Counselor at 754 5577 ext. 1126.

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On Saturday, September 24, the class will continue celebrating its 50th Class Reunion in the Special Events Center on the WHS Campus. WHS Class of 1961 meets every five years to celebrate their bonded friendship and to invite always being a Winters Blizzard.

#### Runnels Co. RSE meetings

The Runnels Co. Retired School Employees will have their first meeting for the year on September 13, at the First United Methodist Church at 9:45. Local Runnels Co. RSE meetings will be on the second Tuesday - at 9:45

Nov. 15 (Ballinger-FUMC) Program: Dorothy Hoelscher - Yoga

Jan. 10 (Ballinger-FUMC) Program: Ashley Wiley, Massage Therapist

Feb. 14 (Miles- Citizen's State Bank) Program: Nancy Byler, Dist. XV Pres.

April 10 (Winters-Winters-ISD) Program: UIL Students

\*\*On October 11, Runnels Co. RSE is invited to San Angelo Retired Teachers meeting to hear Rep. Drew Darby at San Angelo First Christian Church (29 N. Oakes); meeting begins at 9:30.

#### Quilt Show and Sale

Wingate Sew and Sew Club will be having a Quilt Show and Sale on Saturday, October 1, at the Lions Building from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m.

Quilt show and sale, bake sale, and some crafts and baby quilts will be available.

#### America's Girl preliminary pageant

America's Girl Pageants will be holding a Preliminary pageant on Oct. 15 in Ballinger. All age divisions and for both boys and girls.

Call your local director at (325)718 9989 for more information or to pick up an entry form.

#### Frank Rodriguez benefit softball tournament

Benefit co-ed softball tournament for the family of Frank Rodriguez. October 15 (14 if necessary) in Rowena, Tx. Deadline is October 12. First thru third place T-shirts plus additional prizes. Homerun derby for male and female, MVP and Golden Glove prize for male and female, depending on teams might be a midnight madness.

For more information call Mark Gonzales at (325) 718 8540, Tony Flores (325) 977 0453, Vanessa Lujano (325) 718 8945, or John Escobar (325) 718-7261.

#### WHS classes of 1976-80 reunion

Winters High School Classes of 1976-1980 invites all of their classmates and graduates to a multi class reunion September 23-24, 2011. A hamburger supper will be held at the school cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. before the Winters vs. Bronte football game. An after game fellowship sponsored by the Ex Student Association is tentatively being planned to be held after the football game at the Winters Community Center.

On Saturday, a tour of the high school and new activity center is planned to begin at 1:30 p.m. From 3-6 p.m., visiting will be at The Shed Pavilion 608 CR 226, Wingate, TX. At 6:30 p.m. a catered BBQ dinner will be served. A dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. Class representatives are: Class of 1976, Becky Bryan Airhart 1412 S. Main Winters, TX 79567; Class of 1977, Teresa Wright Walden 717 FM 2405 Winters, TX 79567; Class of 1978, Marsha Smith 908 State Winters, TX 79567; Class of 1979, Janet Jacob Cason 6010 Hwy. 83 Winters, TX 79567; Class of 1980 Renee' Pierce Calcote 100 Park Lane Winters, TX 79567. Please RSVP to your respective class representative by September 12, 2011. The organization is working to contact all classmates of these five classes.

#### WHS 30th reunion

The WHS Class of 1981 will be celebrating their 30th Class reunion! Classmates have been contacted via phone and email to notify them of this upcoming event. All past teachers involved in class are also cordially invited to join the event at Brian Davis' place south of town (old VFW building). Listed below is a tentative schedule for the weekend of September 23-24. If you have missed an email or have not been notified by phone, please call Toby Gerhart at 214-298-8882 for details and RSVP info. We are all really looking forward to seeing everyone.

#### WHS 30th reunion schedule of events

Friday, Sept. 23  
5 p.m. Meet at WHS cafeteria for hamburger meal  
7 p.m. Meet at the football game at Blizzard Stadium

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#### Blizzards' ground game:

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sive line show as Sandoval and Ripley would combine for runs of eight (Ripley), nine and 14 (Sandoval) for the touchdown with 10:56 left in the contest. The extra point sailed wide leaving the visitors with a 25-6 lead.

The kickoff set the Buffaloes at their own 38 and once more Big Blue would shut the door and produce a three and out. Facing a fourth and 12 the Buffaloes would be forced to punt and after a lot of discussion and finger pointing, the reason for which was never very clear, the Blizzards would set up at their own 15. Flags would highlight this Blizzard drive eventually leaving the visitors facing fourth and 12. The ensuing punt would give the Buffaloes the ball at their own 12. After the field was littered with yellow flags the Buffaloes would be forced to punt on fourth and 9.

This Blizzards drive would begin at their own 46 with 4:17 left in the contest and end it with a spectacular catch in the corner of the end zone by Strait Daniel of a great pass by Ripley with only 35 seconds left on the clock. The catch would give the Blizzards their final margin of 31-6 after the missed extra point.

With time running out the Buffaloes would set up at their own 45. An incomplete pass would bring on Nik Kraatz for the interception to close the door on the next play and leave the offense to take a knee to take home the victory over the Cross Plains Buffaloes.



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Sandoval led the Blizzards with 212 yards on 22 carries.

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**Saturday, Sept. 24**

9 a.m. Meet at WHS for high school tour  
 11 a.m. Formal Class gathering at Brian Davis' place south of town. A hamburger lunch will be served with lots of catch-up, visiting, and a few formal items scheduled. Brian has confirmed that we can stay and visit as long as we want even after our formal program.  
 5 p.m. The 1976 - 1981 class gathering will take place at the Shed Pavilion in Wingate. The Shed will be catering a meal and a DJ will be available for a dance later in the evening. A \$20 per person charge is requested to cover their expenses and they do need a headcount to plan with the Shed Staff for the meal.

**Cross Emmaus Community gatherings**

The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at the United Methodist Church. For more information call (325) 365 2323.

**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 every Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the Band Hall.

**Winters Women'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.

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

**Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting**

Masonic Lodge 643, 500 N Broadway, Ballinger, Texas. 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.

## Cleanup efforts underway at Bastrop

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT**

**BASTROP** - Bastrop State Park will be closed through at least October as Texas Parks and Wildlife Department personnel continue to douse hot spots on the mostly-burned property and begin assessing damage as well as developing a plan to get the park reopened to the public. A week after the fire situation at the park reached its worst point, TPWD firefighters and other personnel were working to put out lingering hot spots from the wildfire that first began threatening the park on Sept. 4. Crews also were busy cutting and mulching additional potential fuel sources on the 6,500-acre park. "The park will be closed at least through October," says Todd McClanahan, superintendent of the park and nearby Buescher State Park, which so far has escaped any damage from the 34,000-acre Bastrop Complex fire, which claimed two lives and destroyed some 1,500 residences in the area. "First we are going to make the park safe, then we will concentrate on what needs to be done to get the park back open." Latest satellite imagery shows that the fire covered slightly less acreage than earlier believed, he said.

## Winters ISD and IGA partner for 'Apples for Students'

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT**

**WINTERS**- Winters Elementary faculty, staff and students are excited to learn that Lawrence Brothers/IGA will once again be promoting "Apples for Students." This is a project to earn supplies for our school by saving your grocery and pharmaceutical receipts. Over the years, Winters Elementary has earned cameras, playground equipment, whiteboards for classrooms, educational games, and many more items that benefit our children. You may send receipts to school with your child or you may place them in the bags stationed by the door in IGA and also by the pharmacy! Be a "team player" and help accumulate these receipts for our kids!

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**THURSDAY**  
 Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetable, Bread, Peaches.

**FRIDAY**  
 Goulash, Beet Salad, Hominy, Cornbread, 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 11:00 a.m.

### Jr High Principal brings experience, enthusiasm

As my wife reminds me, I am a deeply rooted native Texan whose pioneer ancestors were among those who settled in west Texas in the early 1800s. My great-great grandfather, Isaac R. Henry, was a veteran of the Battle of San Jacinto and the Mexican War; he is buried in Fisher County. I was born in Austin, Texas, graduated from Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio, an Army combat veteran, a graduate of Texas A&M University where I earned my Bachelor of Science and of Tarleton State University where I earned my Masters of Education Administration.



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED  
 JHS Secretary Ms. Loudermilk and Principal Henry comprise a great one-two tandem in managing daily campus operations.

Being a dedicated professional, I am happy to have served in rural Texas secondary schools for over 30 years... teaching secondary Biology while also coaching football and track. During the past 10 years, I have served as a high school principal. In 1985, at Texas A&M University, I was a graduate assistant under Coach R.C. Slocum and participated in the Southwest Conference 50th Cotton Bowl in January of 1986; I am a proud owner of that championship ring. This position led me to a full time coaching position at Rice University where I coached the defensive line, special teams and was the academic liaison for the football athletes. Later, I had the opportunity to work again at Texas A&M University as Athletic Recruiting Coordinator with Coach Jackie Sherrill.

Returning to high school coaching as an Athletic Director, Head Football and Track Coach at a 3A district, I coordinated the all the athletic efforts of Eighth-Twelfth Grade boys and girls.

In 1997, I retired from coaching and went to work in the "budding" Alternative Education Program at Hutto ISD where I was instrumental in developing this program from a "band closet" to a two room independent campus. After obtaining my principal certification, I began my administrative career. The years from 2003-2006 at Argyle High School were significantly unique due to the fact that this was a "young" high school campus upon my arrival as principal. During my tenure, the campus enrollment grew from 392 to 539 students.

These students were just beginning to develop "traditions". It was an honor working with and graduating three of the first four classes of exceptional and well-rounded young men and women. In 2005-2006, Argyle High School earned their first prestigious UIL Lone Star Cup - 2A for overall best achievement in academic, fine arts and athletic competitions.

My vision is to continue building on winning traditions and to be an integral part of the current and future successes of the Junior High campus team.

The effort and enthusiasm displayed when our relatively "small" campus won the Spirit Stick at the pep

### Humane Society thanks supporters

The Winters Branch of Humane Society wishes to extend a huge "THANK YOU" to all of the patrons who helped to make our big step forward during the Dove Fest such a tremendous success. With your assistance, we may continue in strengthening our Winter's area based programs in pet spay/neuter and adoption.

We cordially invite folks to join us in this endeavor. The collective spirit in our area of Texas can ignite all kinds

rally on September 2 shows just the tip of the iceberg. We have the "Jewel of the Nile" in our faculty, staff and students. Our teachers are exceptional in their dedication and commitment to their profession, and the students are responding with a positive attitude. Our students are making tremendous efforts to be great in all their endeavors. It is obvious that they are "growing" in their perspective of the value of a quality education. They exhibit a positive attitude in their interaction with one another and their teachers.

It is a joy to be engaged with these young people as they are making the transition from "Breezes" to "Blizzards". It is important to stress that our children are our future and deserve the very best we can offer them as educators, mentors and role models. I believe that all things are possible if one utilizes individual "gifts" in a positive manner especially as members of teams. Teams are not just athletic; they are essential in all aspects of life... family, church, school, community, etc.

We want to be instrumental in helping our students realize their unique potential in order to become successful and productive members of our community and country. Everyone has something wonderful to offer, and outstanding things are accomplished when these unique teams are formed. My wife, Sandra, and I are excited about being members of the Winters community. We love many things about west Texas in general and, specifically, the "west-Texas friendly" people. We feel truly blessed that we were invited to join Winters ISD by the members of the School Board and Mr. Kuempel. Our heartfelt thanks go to all of our new friends who have welcomed us with such sincerity to our new home.

Jeff Henry,  
 WJH Principal

Star Smelker,  
 Winters, Texas

## Conaway accepting applications for academies

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT**

**SAN ANGELO**- Congressman Michael Conaway invites area high school seniors interested in attending one of the United States' military service academies to apply for nominations through his San Angelo Regional Office.  
 As part of the nomination process to be considered for an appointment to a service academy, an

applicant must meet the eligibility established by law and be nominated from an authorized person. This includes a member of the U.S. Senate or House of Representatives.

Congressman Conaway may nominate applicants who are legally domiciled within the boundaries of the 11th District of Texas. There are five service academies: US Air Force, Naval, Military, Merchant Marine and the Coast Guard academies.

Nominations are required to all but the US Coast Guard Academy.

The application period for students who will enter college next year ends on October 24, 2011. Interested applicants should contact Congressman Conaway.

Applications are available through the Congressman's San Angelo Regional Office, 33 East Twohigh, Suite 307, San Angelo, Texas, 76903 or call at (325) 659 4010.

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# Cattle raisers host fall meeting in Lubbock

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT**

FORT WORTH—Cattle raisers from across the state will gather for educational breakout sessions, networking and fellowship at the annual Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Fall Meeting Sept. 28-30. The meeting will take place at the Overton Hotel in Lubbock, Texas.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, who also serves as the presiding officer of the Interagency Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species, will speak to cattle raisers at 10:30 a.m. on the endangered species act and what landowners can do to protect their private property.

The breakout sessions, hosted by TSCRA committees, begin Thursday, Sept. 28, and will cover a variety of topics critical to Texas cattle producers and landowners. The breakout sessions will include Marketing, Agricultural Research, Legislative and Tax, Wildlife, Joint Animal Health and Brand Inspection, and Natural Resources and Environment.

For registration information and a complete schedule, visit [www.tscra.org](http://www.tscra.org). The Overton Hotel is located at 2322 Mac Davis Lane, Lubbock, Texas 79401.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 134-year-old trade organization. As the largest and oldest livestock association in Texas, TSCRA represents more than 15,000 beef cattle producers, ranching families and business-

es who manage approximately 4 million head of cattle on 75.9 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TSCRA provides law enforcement and livestock inspection services, legislative and regulatory advocacy, industry news and information, insurance services and educational opportunities for its members and the industry.

## FSA outlines SURE eligibility requirements for 2011-2012

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT**

WINTERS—Runnels County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Byron Bauerlein, announced that legislative authority for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program ends on September 30, 2011. Producers must meet specific eligibility requirements to receive SURE assistance for disasters that occur on or before September 30, 2011, and affect fall 2011 and 2012 crops.

"The SURE program compensates producers for production and/or quality losses during times of disaster," said Bauerlein.

Producers can apply for a 2011 or 2012 SURE payment if a crop of economic significance located in

a primary or contiguous disaster county under a Secretarial Disaster Designation suffered at least a 10 percent loss because of disaster occurring on or before September 30, 2011.

Crops are not required to be harvested on or before September 30, 2011, to maintain SURE eligibility. A loss claim will only trigger after FSA determines that the loss was because of disaster occurring on or before September 30, 2011. Losses that result from disasters that occur after September 30, 2011, will not be eligible for SURE benefits.

Producers with 2011 and 2012 crops that suffer losses caused by disasters that occur on or before September 30, 2011, must also meet the following criteria: For insured crops, the insurance policy defines

the coverage period as beginning on or before September 30, 2011; For Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) crops, the coverage period begins on or before September 30, 2011; the final planting date according to RMA and FSA (NAP crops only) occur on or before September 30, 2011.

"If the crop is planted prior to September 30, 2011, but the final planting date is after September 30, 2011, the crop will not be eligible for SURE benefits."

The sign-up period for 2011 and 2012 SURE will be announced at a later date, after the national average market prices are determined for each respective crop year. For questions regarding the SURE program, please contact the Runnels County FSA office at 325-365-5757.

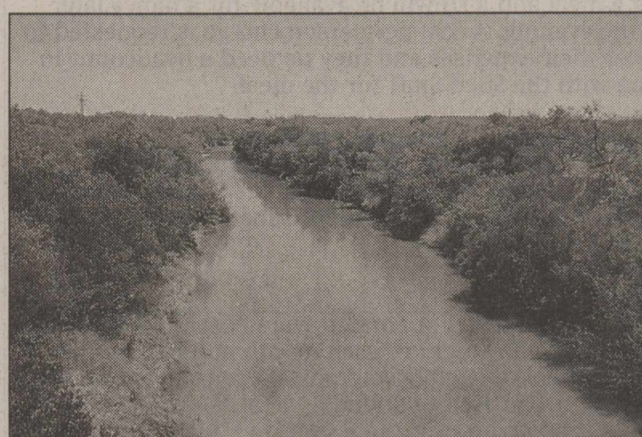


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The Texas Water Conservation Advisory Council announced the launch of the Save Texas Water Blue Legacy Award in Agriculture.

## Advisory Council creates water conservation award

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT**

AUSTIN—Presiding Chairman C.E. Williams of the Texas Water Conservation Advisory Council announced the launch of the Save Texas Water Blue Legacy Award in Agriculture.

"Agricultural production in Texas is a vital part of our state's economy, culture, and environment. With increasing demands on the state's water resources, unpredictable droughts, and projected population growth the agriculture industry will continue to be subject to the pressure and threats related to the reliability and availability of fresh water," Chairman Williams said.

Though it often goes unrecognized, the agriculture industry is actively conserving and efficiently using water through everyday decisions, investments, and practices. This award program is a way to showcase agricultural producers as effective caretakers of water resources. Through the Blue Legacy Awards the Council honors these groups whose practices enhance conservation of water.

Any individual, group, agency, association, council or organization may nominate an individual producer, family operation or partnership farm and/or ranch operation. Individuals, families, or operations may also nominate themselves. Winners will be invited to attend the 2011 Texas Irrigation Expo on December 9-10 in McAllen, Texas for acceptance of the award. The deadline to submit nomination applications is November 2, 2011.

The Water Conservation Advisory Council will utilize winners' success stories to promote the agricultural industry's efforts in water conservation. Blue Legacy Award recognition also promotes the winners themselves as credible spokespersons. Through these winners, the program will generate positive information about water conservation in agriculture.

## Runnels County Public Record

Marriage licenses			
Ben R. Halfmann and Carrie M. Blevins	Aug. 25		
Caleb J. Pringle and Alexandria R. Sudduth	Aug. 29		
Rosendo Roman, Jr. and Lilia Villaseñor	Sept. 6		
B.J. Gardner and Tim Jo Eldred	Sept. 7		

Divorces	
Names	Filed
Iris Lindley vs. Robert Roy Lindley	Sept. 1

Runnels Co. Criminal Docket and Fee Book		
Jess David Cook	Aug. 29	DWI

Jail Record			
Name	Age	Agency	Charge
Carlos A. Dominguez	30	BPD	Illegal entry
Arthur Taylor	66	RCSO	Theft of services
Christopher Boner	21	Coke	POM
Damon B. Griffin	17	Coleman	MTR Burglary of building
Devin T. Griffin	17	Coleman	MTR Burglary of building
Chelsea L. Nicholas	22	Menard	Poss. controlled substance
Sherry M. Ladd	28	Menard	Poss. controlled substance
Emmanuel S. Sanchez	23	BPD	Burglary habitation and evading

Paul E. Salas	21	Coleman	Assault family violence
Nicomedes Duram	40	RCSO	Sent for probation
Juan C. Cervantes	19	BPD	DWI
David C. Luera	39	BPD	Assault family violence
Jordon I. Luera	21	BPD	Assault family violence
Samuel O. DeLeon	20	DPS	DWLI
Ismael Aragon	22	DPS	DWI II
Joshua D. Gibbs	27	RCSO	MTR-DWI
Cerjio F. Delagarza	63	RCSO	Sent CRIC-DWI
Carlos J. Cavazos	44	RCSO	MTR-Retaliation
Robert W. Powell	47	RCSO	Ind. w/child
JoAnna P. Holder	25	RCSO	Theft by check
Brandon L. Mance	18	RCSO	Ind. w/child
Ernest I. Gomez	41	Concho	Public intoxication
Scott P. Smith	32	DPS	Poss. marij.
Paulina Herrera	41	DPS	DWI
Juan Hernandez	21	RCSO	Public intoxication
Timothy Parker	25	RCSO	Tom Green warrants
Billie L. Holland	19	Miles	Evading arrest, disorderly conduct
Kody Perry	18	RCSO	Burg. building
Richie D. Tabbs	43	RCSO	Crim. non-sup port

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments  
Special Election November 8, 2011

#### Proposition Number 1 (SJR 14)

SJR 14 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

#### Proposition Number 2 (SJR 4)

SJR 4 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

#### Proposition Number 3 (SJR 50)

SJR 50 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for

students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

#### Proposition Number 4 (HJR 63)

HJR 63 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

#### Proposition Number 5 (SJR 26)

SJR 26 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal contract.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment

authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

#### Proposition Number 6 (HJR 109)

HJR 109 would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. HJR 109 would also provide authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

#### Proposition Number 7 (SJR 28)

SJR 28 would amend the constitution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

#### Proposition Number 8 (SJR 16)

SJR 16 would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

#### Proposition Number 9 (SJR 9)

SJR 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on the written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

#### Proposition Number 10 (SJR 37)

SJR 37 would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."

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## Veteran's Corner

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# JV Blizzards make it big vs. Lakeview

**ATHLETIC REPORT**  
BY STEPHEN HERMESMEYER

WINTERS- JV Football team hosts San Angelo Lakeview 9th Grade Team (Coach Cates/Richardson) Game was played on Thursday, September 8. Scoring started on opening drive when Dusty Hine capped the drive with an 11-yard touchdown run, the extra point kick by Lucas Kraatz was good 7-0. Jayton Torres' big hit on ensuing kickoff led to a fumble. Jayton highlighted the next offensive series with a 20 yard scamper: extra point kick by Lucas Kraatz was good for 14-0. Later in the same quarter, Jimmy John Ripley completed a 56-yard touchdown pass to Lucas Kraatz: point after touchdown by Lucas Kraatz was good. The first quarter ended 21-0.

The only scoring in the second quarter was by Jimmy John Ripley. The run was for 16 yards with point after touchdown by

Lucas Kraatz. The Blizzards went into halftime ahead 28-0.

The second half opening kickoff set the stage for the rest of the game. Jayton Torres returned it for 73 yards to give the Blizzards a 35-0 lead: PAT by Lucas Kraatz was good. The defense continued to hold the San Angelo team at bay. Caleb Metcalf blocked a punt and recovered the ball. Ty Cortez completed the scoring on 22-yard run that concluded the Blizzards scoring: PAT by Lucas Kraatz good 42-0. JV Blizzards came out of the gates and fought throughout this contest. Record is 3-0.

Next game is in Mason on September 15. Game time will follow the Jr High Mason games.

JH Football (Coach Bicknell) The Winters Breezes opened their season this past Thursday night at Blizzard Stadium against Cross

Plains. The Breezes combined Seventh and Eighth grades and competed as one team. The Breezes got off to a quick start by scoring a touchdown in the first quarter. The Breezes defense held up and it was 6-0 after the first quarter. The Breezes scored another touchdown and did not convert on a two point conversion. At the half it was 12-0 in favor of the Breezes. The third quarter was filled with penalties against the Breezes and Cross Plains closed the gap with a touchdown and it was 12-6 at the end of the third. The fourth quarter was very similar, and Cross Plains scored a touchdown with a two point conversion with 20 seconds left in the game to take the lead. The Breezes ran out of time and lost 12-14. It was a hard fought game. The Breezes will compete against Menard at Blizzard Stadium this Thursday, Sept. 15. Kick-off is at 5:30 p.m.



PHOTOS: JOE GERHART

Julian Soto carries the ball for the Winters Breezes at the game held in Cross Plains, against the Buffaloes.

WHS/WJHS Cross Country  
By Coach Holson  
Concho Valley CC Meet

Varsity Girls: 2-mile run

Name	Place	Time
Kat Lindley	40	15.37
Joanna Perez	45	15.45
Ali Crook	81	17.46
Crystal Sanchez	70	17.25

Varsity Boys: 3-mile run

Name	Place	Time
Kolten Garcia	58	21.05
Marshall Scates	74	21.53
Jordan Hamrick	87	22.5

Eighth Grade Boys: 2-mile course

Name	Place	Time
Jonathan Sandoval	12	13.38
Angel Escamilla	22	14.38
Brandon Reyna	75	16.23
Tony Sanchez	52	15.53

Eighth Grade Girls: 2-mile course

Name	Place	Time
Athena Mata	22	15.48
Cedie Taylor	33	17.00

Seventh Grade Boys: 2-mile course

Name	Place	Time
Dre Patton	126	18.02
Marcus Mostad	143	18.31

Seventh Grade Girls: 2-mile course

Name	Place	Time
K'lee Lindley	67	
Tia Campos	102	
Stacey Ventress	227	
Makayla Cates	146	
Desiree Wilson	201	



Angel Escamilla stops the carrier at the Eighth Grade game with Cross Plains.

### CAFETERIA MENU

Sept. 19 - 23  
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MONDAY  
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TUESDAY  
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WEDNESDAY  
Biscuit/Egg Pattie or Cereal or Breakfast Burrito, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk

THURSDAY  
Breakfast Pizza or Cereal or Pancake/Sausage Link, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk

FRIDAY  
Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Muffin/Sausage, Toast/Jelly, Juice, Choice Milk

#### WINTERS ISD LUNCH MENU

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Note: Menus subject to change without notice. Students may purchase extra

Entree \$1.00, Milk \$.30, Sides \$.50, Large Chef Salad \$2.00, Small Chef Salad for \$1.00, Tea \$.50 (Jr. High & High School), Water \$1.00 (Jr. High & High School), Visiting Adult \$4.00, Visiting Child \$3.50.

Monday  
Sloppy or Fried Rice/Egg Roll, Broccoli w/Cheese, Black Eyed Peas, Rosy Applesauce, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday  
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce/Breadsticks or Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches, Green Beans, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Rainbow Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday  
Frito Pie or Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Orange Wedges, Cornbread/Jep.Cha, Bread, Choice of Milk.

Thursday  
Grilled Chicken/Bun or Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Peanut Butter Cookie, Hot roll, Choice of Milk.

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## Olympic fire



Senior Citizens Nursing Home residents, staff and volunteers attended the Senior Olympics Coleman on August 12, 2011. They participated in wheel chair and walker races, ball and frisbee toss, along with the spelling bee and several other events. The residents were successful in the medal count and will soon be training for next year's events. A very special thank you to Activity Directors, Bill Bishop and Pat Hollis for making the event very special and successful.

Pictured from top left are George Watson, Ilene Watson (volunteer), Mannie Reed, Pauline Briley, Sue Rose, Selma Dietz, Lee Colburn and Penni Fulbright, LVN. From bottom left are Donna Plumley (volunteer), Joanie McAdoo, Georgia Gibb, Leonora Hunt, Helen Hunt (volunteer), Pat Hollis AD. Not pictured are Billie Bishop AD, Virginia Carey and Mary Cabrera, CNA/RA.

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