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Big celebration at WHS Homecoming



PHOTOS: JOE GERHART
 Hayden Nitsch receives a pass just ahead of the Longhorns line backer in the game held last Friday, September 23.

Blizzards score with two seconds remaining in the game to defeat the Bronte Longhorns

CHARLES MURPHY
 ENTERPRISE CONTRIBUTOR

WINTERS- Without a doubt anyone at this game got their money's worth and more as the Blizzards used a very balanced attack to send the highly ranked and undefeated Bronte Longhorns home with their first loss of the season 34-31 before a capacity homecoming crowd. Riley Ripley would put on a show to lead the Blizzards to their fourth win in a row with 183 yard in the air to a host of receivers and 168 yards on the ground proving that the Blizzard attack is not one dimensional and giving upcoming defensive coordinators nightmares.

Winters would get the scoring started after winning the opening coin toss and electing to receive. The home team would set up at their own 27 after the kickoff. The Blizzards would use a 10 play drive to cover the distance with Cristian Sandoval capping the drive with a four yard run with nine minutes left in the first quarter. The extra point was no good for a 6-0 early lead.

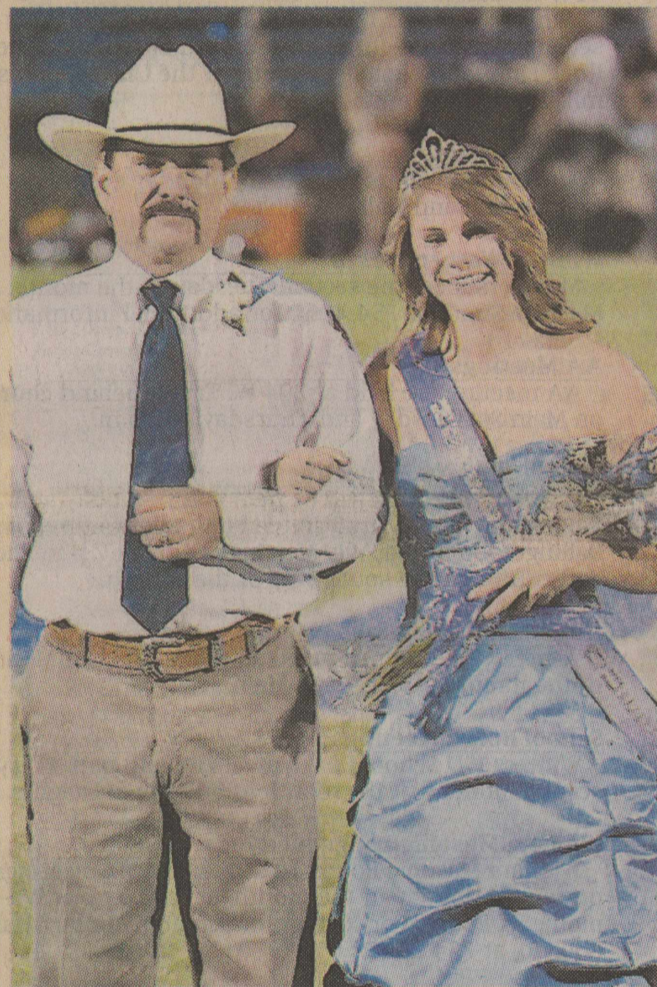
The Longhorns would make short order of the Blizzard defense on their first possession of the night. It would only take three plays to find the end zone as Creed Coalson would take it over for the score. The extra point was good and the visitors led 7-6 with 8:07 left in the quarter.

The next Blizzard possession would find the home team facing a fourth and seven at the Bronte 18 yard line after an impressive eight play drive. Ripley's pass would fall incomplete turning the ball over on downs and giving the Blizzard defense a chance to shine. Cannon Bryan would set up long yardage for the visitors with a tackle for loss of five on first down and on third and 15 Andy Garcia would record a sack for a loss of three setting up a punting situation at fourth and 18. The punt would shorten the field and the Blizzards would take over at their own 46. It would take only three plays to cover the distance. Ripley found Sandoval for 47 to the 7. On second and goal Ripley would call his own number and take it across for the go ahead touchdown. Ripley would find Nik Kraatz for the two point conversion to bring the Blizzard lead to 14-7 with 1:34 left in the first quarter.

The two teams would exchange punts and solve nothing during the next two possessions as the quarter ended with Winters holding a 14-7 advantage. Bronte would set up at their own 20 yard line to get their next drive started. Six plays into the drive Ripley, also a defensive back, would step in front of a Bronte ariel and return it to the Blizzard 41 with 4:52 left in the half. The Blizzard offense would come to life and put together a seven play drive that would be highlighted by Ripley's 25 yard run and capped off by Chris Gerhart's 37 yard touchdown scamper with 2 minutes left in the half. Lucas Kraatz would prove good on the extra point for a 21-7 lead that it appeared would take them into the locker room for half time but not to be as the Longhorns would put together a four play drive starting at their own 46. With only 28 seconds left in the half Ty Lee would find Cody Martin for 20 yards and the touchdown. The extra point was good and the score would stand 21-14 Winters as the half ended.

Bronte would receive the opening second half kickoff and set up at their own 16. With adjustments made and a little rest the Longhorns put together a 12 play drive that took up 8 minutes of the third quarter. The drive would culminate with Lee taking it over from four yards out. The extra point was good and the score was knotted up at 21 with almost 4 minutes left in the quarter.

Winters would set up at their own 38 and promptly go three and out facing fourth and eight at their own 40. The Blizzards would return the favor forcing the visitors to send in the punting unit facing fourth and eight after only three plays. The third quarter would come to an end as the Blizzards put together a five play drive starting at their own 44. This one PLEASE CONTINUE ON PAGE 6



Royal court

ABOVE: Homecoming Queen Caitlin Kurtz escorted by her father Darrell Kurtz.

ABOVE RIGHT: Michelle Kruse escorted by her father Roger Kruse.

RIGHT: Camile Kurtz escorted by her brother Keagan Kurtz.



Winters students attend FFA camp in Abilene, Texas

Six lucky freshmen from the Winters FFA Chapter were honored last Tuesday, September 20, to attend the Area IV FFA Greenhand Camp in Abilene, Texas. Over 850 greenhand FFA members from numerous area schools assembled to participate in this annual event.

The camp is day dedicated to developing leadership potential in students who are in their first year as FFA members. The action-packed day was filled with numerous speakers, including State FFA Officers, Area IV FFA Officers, a world renowned motivational speaker who challenged the people to "live outside of comfortable."

The students also participated in various breakout sessions that encouraged leadership activities and social interaction. The knowledge and skills developed in these students can now be used inside the classroom and outside in life. Winters FFA members in attendance were Ethan Bredemeyer, Shelton Bryan, Ashley Guy, Karl Fink, Amanda Horton, and Jimmy Ripley.



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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Larry Donica

Larry Donica, 63, of Winters, died September 23, 2011. He was born July 29, 1948 in Abilene and grew up in the Winters and Wingate area. He graduated from Winters High School in 1967 and attended Angelo State University. He married Beverly Foster December 21, 1968 in Crews. He was in the National Guard and was self employed with Donica Roustabouts. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife: Beverly Donica of Winters; two children Angela Anderson of Winters and Lance Donica and wife Nicia of Winters; one brother: Greg Donica of New Braunfels, and six grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on Monday September 26, 2011 in Crews cemetery with Marcy Grun officiating directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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Ysidro Pena Cortez

Ysidro Pena Cortez, 56, of Ft. Worth formerly of Winters died September 21, 2011. He was born April 15, 1955 in Ballinger and grew up in Winters. He moved with his family to Ft. Worth as a young man. He worked in construction and was a Catholic.

He is survived by two brothers and three sisters: Raymond Cortez and wife Delphina of Winters, Raul Cortez and wife Maria Elena of Ft. Worth, Clara Cortez Alaniz of Ft. Worth, Sylvia Avila of Ft. Worth and Edwina Cortez of Ft. Worth.

Rosary was held on Sunday September 25, 2011 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass was on Monday September 26, 2011 at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church with Rev. Hubert Wade officiating. Ysidro was buried in Lakeview Cemetery, under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

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Kathy Ann Powers

BRONTE - Kathy Ann Powers, 57, of Carlsbad, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, September 25, 2011. Visitation will be all day Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at the Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte with family present from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2011 in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.



Kathy was born on September 5, 1954 in Kermit, Texas to Peggy Ann Powers. She grew up and attended school in San Angelo and Bronte. Through out her life she remained in the surrounding area and worked as a manager for numerous businesses, was employed for five years at the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center, and at the time of her death was employed at the San Angelo State Supported Living Center.

Kathy was a very loving and giving person. She would stop and help anyone in need even if it jeopardized her safety. She had a great love for her dogs. Her dogs were like her children and her family often said that when they passed they wanted to come back as one of her dogs.

She was also an avid Dallas Cowboy fan and you knew where to find her at game time. Her second favorite thing to watch was NASCAR and her favorite driver was Carl "Flipper" Edwards.

Kathy simply loved life. Her vibrant spirit and love will be missed by all those whose lives she touched.

She was preceded in death by her mother and her two dogs Smoky and Blue.

Kathy is survived by her father Jack Glascock of San Angelo; her daughter Aimee Watkins and grand daughter Desiree of San Angelo; her sisters Brendi Gentry and husband David of Norton, and Kim Canney of Irving; nieces, Melinda Gentry of San Angelo and Julia Gentry and husband Michael Manley along with their children McKenna and Davashian all of San Angelo; nephew Justin Jordan of Irving; her uncle, Walker O'Neil "Cowboy" Powers of Dale; numerous cousins and friends. She is also survived by her very special furry canine babies, Cricket and Dakota.

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Texas rural broadband roundtable on Oct. 3

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- With the release of a National Broadband Plan earlier this year, the Federal Communications Commission noted that it could cost nearly \$350 billion to connect America to high-speed broadband networks. This federal investment is important for growing rural Texas, creating jobs in our area, educating our children and providing our community with the most advanced technology for public safety.

A discussion about the future of broadband in our area will be held where everybody is invited to join. Guest speakers will include experts from Texans for Economic Progress, Connected Texas and

other telecommunication groups.

This will take place on October 3, 2011. Guest speakers will be paying for the meals, (please RSVP). The event is being hosted by Dot's Diner.

The WACC will conduct its monthly business meeting at 5:30 p.m. and will conclude the meeting promptly at 6:30 p.m. Immediately following the conclusion of the monthly business meeting, guest speakers will be introduced and will commence the roundtable discussions. Everyone is also invited to the monthly business meeting the WACC holds each and every month on the first Monday - these are always open to the public.

NEWS NOTES

Lord's Acre Festival

The First United Methodist Church in Ballinger will be having its annual Lord's Acre Festival on Sunday, October 16, 2011. The worship service starts at 9 a.m.,

Spirit nights at WHS

Winters Athletic Booster Club is sponsoring the following Spirit Nights.

- September 30, Albany Blue and White Spirit Night (guys wear blue, gals wear white) (bring a poster board sign and/or shaker and noise makers to cheer on the Blizzards)

- October 7, Eldorado Tailgate party at Winters City Park at 6 p.m... Burgers/fries must show membership card for admittance... bring a dessert to share... bring your own drink

- October 14 at Reagan Co. (Big Lake)* White Out (All Blizzard fans wear white for a Blizzard storm)

- October 21, Goldthwaite Senior Night/Football Sweetheart

- October 28 Open Support the WABC Halloween Carnival on Saturday night, October 29 at yellow activity building

- November 4 at Mason Road trip... Let's take all of Winters to Mason for a showdown!

Benefit bake sale at Lone Star Video

A benefit bake sale will be held Saturday, October 1, 2011, at the Lone Star Video and Diner located at 200 Tinkle Street beginning at 10:30 a.m. Monies raised by the sale will be used to defray medical expenses and out of town appointments for Hunter Gray, son of Kevin and Tina Gray, who has been diagnosed with a rare lymphatic condition. Show the Gray family that the Winters community will help at this time of need.

Senior Citizen's Center requesting candy donations

The Senior Citizens Nursing Home is asking for candy donations of individually wrapped candy for the Halloween Trick or Treat that will be given out by the residents from 5 - 6 p.m. Halloween evening, October 31, 2011. Donations may be brought to the office of the Activity Director at the nursing home.

Flu injections at North Runnels Clinic

North Runnels Clinic will begin offering flu injections on Wednesday, September 28, 2011. Injections will be given each Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost for the injection will be \$20. Medicare participants are not charged for the injection. If you have any questions, please call the clinic at (325) 754 1317 or North Runnels Hospital at (325) 754 4553 or come to the clinic at 7771 E. Hwy. 153 Winters, Texas.

Ballinger Rotary Annual Raffle

Ballinger Rotary Club will be having its Annual Raffle with a TW200 trail Wagon Runabout 4x2 light utility vehicle as the main prize. Tickets are \$10 and tax deductible. Chances are available with any Rotary member. Drawing will be held at the Hunters Appreciation Dinner on November 5, 2011. Proceeds go to scholarships for local students.

Immunization clinics

Texas Department of State Health Services will have an immunization clinic from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108 in Winters. For your convenience, please use rear entrance on Grant Street.

The clinic in Ballinger will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 608 Strong, behind the Courthouse.

Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid or CHIP, please bring card.

For more information call 325-754-4945.

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 adults and children under 10 years \$5. Drive thru and plates to go \$8, 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.

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.

Runnels Co. RSE meetings

The Runnels Co. Retired School Employees meet at the First United Methodist Church, the second Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m. On Tuesday, Nov. 15 Dorothy Hoelscher will be presenting the program - Yoga - at the FUMC in Ballinger; on January 10, at FUMC, Massage Therapist Ashley Wiley will present the program; on February 14, 2012 Dist. XV President Nancy Byler will present the program at the Miles Citizen's State Bank; on April 10, 2012 UIL Students will be the program at the Winters ISD.

**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 October 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.

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 Wilmeth, 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.

Hunters urged to manage herds

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN - Mired in what will undoubtedly be one of the worst droughts on record, white-tailed deer in Texas are facing tough conditions heading into the fall hunting season.

"It doesn't take a biologist to understand that drought has serious impacts on the state's nearly 4 million white-tailed deer," said Alan Cain, deer program leader with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Everything from antler quality, to fawn production and overall survival will be affected by the tough range conditions this year."

Food and water sources for wildlife continue to shrink on a landscape-wide level and to help ensure enough resources are available through the winter months, biologists are encouraging hunters to increase deer harvest

early in the hunting season.

The Texas deer hunting season opens Saturday, Oct. 1, for bowhunting and Nov. 5 for the general gun season. A special youth-only weekend season is set for Oct. 29-30. The general season runs through Jan. 1, 2012 in North Texas and Jan. 15, 2012 in South Texas. A late youth-only season is also slated for Jan. 2-15, 2012. For additional late season deer hunting opportunities, consult the 2011-12 Outdoor Annual of hunting and fishing regulations.

"By reducing deer numbers early on, hunters can help ensure enough groceries will be available through the winter months," Cain said. "As with many wildlife species the very young and the very old often have much more difficult times dealing with extreme weather events."

These stress periods are a way for nature to 'thin the herd,' especially in areas where deer populations are already exceeding the carrying capacity of the native range. As deer become stressed they are more susceptible to infections or other disease. Drought like this can

be a contributing factor towards stress."

Cain said that isolated incidents of deer die-offs as a result of the drought are possible, but anything on a large scale isn't likely even if dry conditions continue. "Deer have survived through some pretty tough times," he said.

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Breezes take on the Shorthorns

WINTERS ATHLETIC REPORT

BY STEPHEN HERMESMEYER, WISD AD

JR High Football (Coach Bicknell)

Last Thursday the Breezes took on the Bronte Shorthorns. It was the first road game for the Breezes. At the end of the first half it was Breezes 7 and the Shorthorns 0. The Breezes took a 22 to nothing lead at the end of the third quarter. The

final score was 28 to nothing in favor of the Breezes. The Breezes record moves to 2-1 on the season. The Seventh Grade will take on Albany, in Albany, this Thursday September 29 at 4 p.m. The Eighth Grade and JV games will follow.

WHS/WJHS Cross Country

By Coach Holson

Brownwood Meet:

Varsity Girls: 2 mile run

| Name | Place | Time |
|---------------|-------|-------|
| J. Sandoval | 2 | 9:15 |
| Angel Escamia | 8 | 9:50 |
| Brandon Reyna | 22 | 11:04 |

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Seventh Grade Girls (1.5 mile course)

| Name | Place | Time |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| K'lee Lindley | 9 | 11:09 |
| Tia Campos | 26 | 12:16 |
| Angel Stratton | 11 | 11:18 |
| Stacey Ventress | 75 | 14:36 |
| Makaela Cates | 44 | 12:56 |
| Desiree Wilson | 58 | 13:46 |

Varsity Boys: 3 mile run

| Name | Place | Time |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Marshall Scates | 38 | 20:55 |
| Jordan Hamrick | 39 | 20:56 |

Eighth Grade Girls (2 mile course)

| Name | Place | Time |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| Athena Mata | 11 | 10:52 |
| Cedie Taylor | 15 | 10:57 |

Seventh Grade Boys (1.5 mile course)

WISD launches Character Counts

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Winters Independent School District is excited to implement CHARACTER COUNTS!, a district-wide character education program. Strengthening the character of our students is the primary goal, and we want everyone to be aware of the "Six Pillars of Character" that we are encouraging and learning about in our CHARACTER COUNTS! program: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Trustworthiness- Build trust and credibility with integrity, honesty, promise-keeping, and loyalty.

Respect-Honor the worth and dignity of all individuals. Treat others the way you want to be treated. Be tolerant and accepting of differences.

Responsibility-Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes. Strive for excellence and self-improvement.

Fairness-Be consistent, open, and treat all people equitably. Play by the rules. Don't take advantage of others.

Caring- Be kind, compassionate, empathetic, charitable, forgiving, and grateful.

Citizenship-Do your share to make your school and community better.

*Remember the six pillars by the acronym TRRFCC (terrific).

In addition to teaching the six pillars of character, addressing bullying through CHARACTER COUNTS! is highly effective since creating a

school climate conducive to learning is one of the key goals of the program. Bullying not only can have devastating consequences for individual students, but also erodes positive school climate. Furthermore, students cannot participate in or witness bullying and be in alignment with the Six Pillars of Character. Bullying behavior can be addressed in every one of the pillars; therefore, CHARACTER COUNTS! is an excellent medium through which to combat bullying behavior.

WISD uses the CHARACTER COUNTS! curriculum which includes classroom lessons and video sets with discussion guides. The WISD halls are covered with posters showcasing the values of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship, and these same values have been targeted during morning announcements. In addition, colorful book-marks, pens, and pencils advertise the values.

Fourth through twelfth grade students have been provided School Agendas/Planners that stimulate character-building discussions. The planners feature weekly discussion ideas about individuals who have made a positive difference in the world. The planners are designed to open dialogue among teachers, families, and students about the value of good character. As students write down assignments, they are exposed to the six pillars on a daily basis. To hold students accountable for

the planners, some teachers use the planners as restroom passes and give bonus points/prizes to students who bring their planners to class.

In addition to the planners, each high school and junior high student received a bracelet to serve as a reminder to strive for good character at all times, in every situation. "Pursue Victory With Honor" is the phrase on the high school bracelet. Students were asked to remember this slogan in everything they do—whether it is sports, band, UIL, making good grades, or any other activity. Junior high students received a bracelet with the slogan "CHARACTER COUNTS! Everywhere, All The Time." As you see Winters students in the community, please take a moment to ask them about the meaning of the bracelets and about the CHARACTER COUNTS! program.

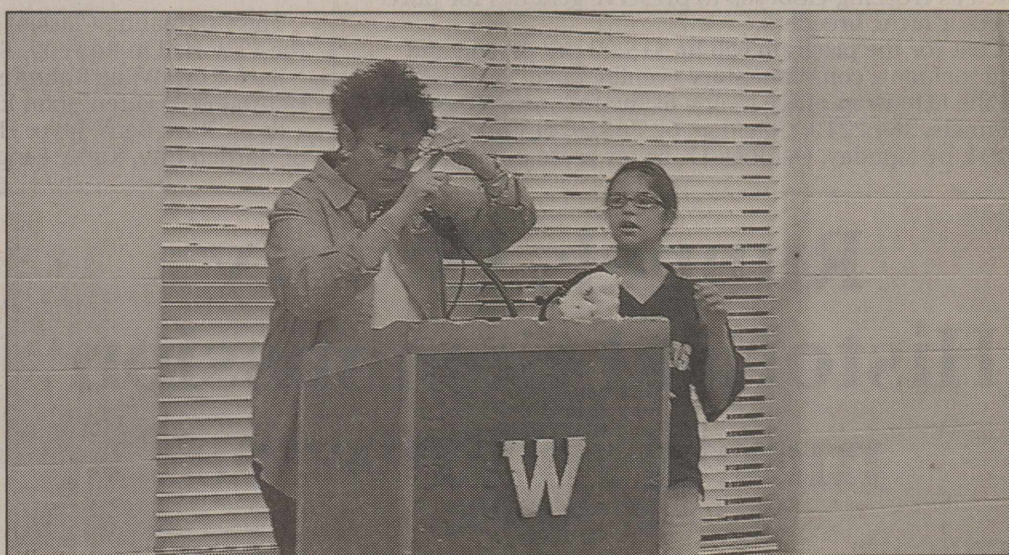
Tips for parents Character education begins at home. Parents need to help build character; it doesn't just evolve. Encouraging young people to think independently and to make good choices are the bare-bones of character education for parents. The T.E.A.M. approach: Teaching, enforcing, advocating, and modeling the Six Pillars of Character daily will set behavior boundaries that will shape the character of your kids. Your style will depend on your child's age, but active and authoritative parenting at every age goes a long way.



Constitution Day at Winters Elementary

Winters Elementary students observed Constitution Day last Friday, September 16, 2011. Mrs. Fran Kidwell lead the students with hand motions of the preamble Constitution Day represented for these and all students an opportunity to broaden their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution. The original Constitution was signed on September 17, 1787.

PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED



Local student active in McMurry's band

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

ABILENE- Kathleen Mills, a Sophomore Music Ed, Flute of Winters, Texas, is participating in the 2011-2012 McMurry University Band, in Abilene.

With recent performances at the Intercollegiate Wind festival in California and the World Conference of the International Society for Music Education in Bologna, Italy, the McMurry Wind Ensemble has

established itself as one of the most active and visible small college programs in the country.

University bands have been a part of student life at McMurry University for a great many years. Active since 1946, when reorganized by Raymond T. "Prof" Bynum, the McMurry bands have provided a musical outlet for students from across campus. Additionally, they have contributed outstanding

musical performances for events on campus, in the Abilene community, and throughout Texas and New Mexico.

McMurry University is committed to providing opportunities and experiences to ensure that every McMurry student achieves their maximum potential in their careers, their personal relationships, and in their roles as moral citizens and contributing members of society.

Hot temperatures affect air quality

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- Wildfires, record-setting heat and a statewide drought have made for a summer that many Texans would just as soon forget. But even as summer winds down, temperatures are still hitting the 100-degree mark, and many areas of the state continue to experience high ozone levels.

Through the end of the month, the state's Drive Clean Across Texas air quality campaign is asking drivers to do their part to reduce air pollution. That includes replacing dirty air and fuel filters, keeping tires properly inflated and getting vehicles serviced on schedule. "Many drivers don't realize how a few simple steps not only will help them reduce

tailpipe emissions but also save them money at the pump," says Brenda Flores-Dollar with TXDOT's Drive Clean Across Texas campaign.

CAFETERIA MENU

October 3 - 7
Subject to change**

WINTERS ISD BREAKFAST MONDAY
Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Scrambled Eggs, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast Pizza or Cereal or Breakfast Taco, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk

WEDNESDAY
Biscuit/Egg Pattie or Cereal or Breakfast Burrito, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice Milk

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

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

WINTERS ISD LUNCH MENU
Note: Menus subject to change w/o notice
Students purchase extra Entree \$1, Milk \$.30, Sides \$.50, Lg Chef Salad \$2, Small Chef Salad for \$1, Tea \$.50 (Jr High & High Sch), Water \$1 (Jr High & High Sch), Visiting Adult \$4, Visiting Child \$3.50.

MONDAY
Chicken Nuggets/Gravy or Steak Burger, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Tomato Pasta, Tossed Salad/Carrot, Sticks, Rosy Applesauce, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk

TUESDAY
Tatar Tot Casserole or Grilled Chicken/Bun, Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Rainbow Bar, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk

WEDNESDAY
Nachos or Bean Chalupa, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Stick, Coleslaw, Rosy Pears, Combread/Jep. Che.Bread, Choice of Milk

THURSDAY
Steak Fingers w/Gravy or Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Baked Beans, Baked Potato, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk

FRIDAY
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Drought takes its toll on Texas pumpkin patch

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

LUBBOCK- Linus of "Peanuts" comic strip fame might be a little disappointed if he waits for the "Great Pumpkin" in a Texas pumpkin patch this year, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Dr. Russ Wallace, AgriLife Extension vegetable specialist at Lubbock, said pumpkins, like all Texas vegetables in 2011, had a hard time struggling through the record-setting high temperatures, low humidity and

drought conditions.

"With only limited rainfall, the quality of the pumpkin fruit itself should be excellent, but I expect the overall production will be much less than normal," Wallace said. "I visited with Mark Carroll, AgriLife Extension agent in Floyd County, which is normally our leading pumpkin producing county in Texas. He told me he estimates the actual size of the pumpkins along with the yields this year will be roughly half what they normally are."

So what does this mean for the annual trek to the pumpkin patch for Halloween? Wallace said the shortage in West Texas, coupled with reduced yields from pumpkin growers in the Northeast due to flooding from Hurricane Irene, will likely result in fewer pumpkins, higher demand and higher prices.

Each year, Wallace grows up to 40 pumpkin varieties in replicated trials at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Lubbock. This year, he had 25

varieties and said each of them struggled to make a decent crop.

"Our small pie and mini-pumpkins don't appear to have suffered much, but the mid- to large-sized varieties grew vines at a slow pace during the high temperatures and really struggled to set fruit," he said.

"About the only good news for the High Plains pumpkin crop this year was that the low humidity reduced the incidents of disease, especially powdery mildew, which infects pumpkin leaves and reduces yield and

quality," he said.

"Severe powdery mildew infections can lead to mushy stems or infected fruit, so when shopping for melons, check out the 'handle.' If it's soft, it may be infected and not last until Halloween. If it's a High Plains Texas pumpkin though, that shouldn't be a problem this year."

For more information on pumpkins and other crops, contact Wallace at 806-746-6101, rwwallace@ag.tamu.edu or visit his website at: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/horticulture/>

Livestock supplemental feeding during drought workshop in Ballinger

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Concho, Coleman, and Runnels Counties will host a supplemental feeding workshop for livestock producers on Wednesday, October 19 at the Extension office in Ballinger, beginning at 5 p.m.

This year's drought has been devastating to livestock producers in the Concho Valley. Many ranchers have de-stocked their entire livestock operations while others are holding on to select genetics that have taken years to develop. This workshop will focus on the nutritional requirements of feeding cattle, sheep and goats and the economic implications of decisions producers make. Speakers for the event include Dr. Bruce Carpenter, Beef Cattle Specialist of Fort Stockton; Dr. Frank Craddock, Sheep and Goat Specialist of San Angelo, and Bill Thompson, Economist of San Angelo.

In addition to nutrition and supplemental feeding presentations, a spreadsheet will be utilized as a decision aide for ranchers to determine whether to de-stock and restock, cost of feeding through the drought, or options such as freezing embryos to preserve genetics for purebred or niche breeders.

Cost for the program will be \$15.00 per person and will include a complimentary evening meal. Please RSVP to the Extension office in one of the following counties: Runnels, 364 2219, Coleman, 625 4519, or Concho, 732 4304, by Monday, October 17, or for more information.



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Class of 1960 reunited 51 years after

The Graduating Class of 1960 from St. Joseph High School in Rowena, Texas held their 51st Class Reunion at the VFW Hall in Rowena, Texas on Saturday September 10, 2011. Ten of the original 12 Classmates attended.

Back Row: Willie Rohmfeld of Ballinger, Charles Matschek of Rowena, James Halfmann of Ballinger, Wilbert Halfmann of Olfen, John Rebeck of Argyle, Gene Dierschke of Dallas.

Front Row: Betty Joyce Halfmann Schwartz of San Angelo, Arlene Jost Zly of Cozanosa, Valeria Kalina Hoelscher of Garden City, Kathy Lange Halfmann of Olfen.

Runnels County Historical Commission meets in Rowena

BETTY THOMASON
RCHC REPORTER

ROWENA- The Runnels County Historical Commission met at the Turnrow Restaurant in Rowena on Saturday, September 10, for a business meeting and luncheon.

Ruth Cooper, Chairman of RCHC, called the meeting to order and reported on past activities of the commission since May 7 to the present time.

Randall Conner presented a program on the history of early schools, their locations in Runnels County, and a few of the school districts partially in Runnels County like Bronte, Bradshaw, Panther Creek and others. At the time of the meeting, Randall said he had found records of 99 schools in Runnels County and had leads to a few more. For an easier search, Randall spot checked the schools on a Google map. The list of the early schools includes some unusual

names as well as the more familiar schools such as Wingate, Pumphrey, Winters, Norton, and Hatchel. A few of the more unusual names included Cross Roads, Lone Star, Valley Creek, Independence, Mustang, Ignorant Hill, Pleasant Retreat, and Who'd A Thought It. Eighteen of the rural schools consolidated with Winters in the late 1940s and many more consolidated over the years.

An interesting note mentioned "Winters Schools let out from October 6 to November 12, 1950 so students could help pick cotton." For more information on the complete list of schools and their locations contact Randall Conner.

After the program and business meeting, the group adjourned to the dining area of the restaurant for a delicious meal.

Next meeting will be November 12. The public is invited to all Runnels County Historical Meetings.

Local AgriLife Extension will host commodity workshop

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will sponsor a Commodity Marketing Workshop Series in October and November 2011. The series will focus on teaching the basics of the futures market that livestock and crop producers can use as risk management tools.

The first workshop will be held on Monday, October 24, at the Extension of-

ice in Ballinger beginning at 3 p.m. Dr. Bill Thompson, AgriLife Economist from San Angelo will serve as the instructor for the program. The purpose of the program is to discuss options including the futures market for farmers and ranchers to use in managing risk with volatile commodity markets. These tools will help producers develop marketing plans, learn the basics of marketing strategies, tech-

nical analysis, and weather impacts on market prices. The second session will be held November 30, 2011 with two more offered in the spring of 2012.

Registration for the program is \$15.00 per person and includes all workshops and printed materials. For more information or to register, call the Extension office at 325-265-2219 or visit the website at <http://runnels.agrilife.org/events/>.

Proper landscaping can help fire prevention

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- More than 2,700 homes have been destroyed since Texas wildfire season began last November, but there are steps you can take to help protect your property.

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- Select plants that are drought-tolerant, high in moisture content and can be easily pruned and maintained.
- Select trees such as oaks and maples that have open branching, which can help slow down the spread of fire.
- Plant small trees and shrubs away from larger trees to avoid creating a ladder of vegetation that could lead a fire up from the ground into the crowns of the trees.
- Plant the right tree in the right place. Avoid planting

potentially large trees and shrubs under utility lines.

- Avoid planting vegetation with high oil and resin content such as pines, cedars and junipers. These types of plants burn quickly and can greatly increase the speed with which the fire spreads.
- Restrict the use of flowerbeds and shrubbery against your house. Non-flammable mulches such as rock or crushed brick are preferred.
- Make sure to mow grass around your home and collect leaves and other debris in your yard.



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2011 Homecoming

Coming Home Queen



Hannah Franklin escorted by Michael Woodall.

Gene Gibbs was named Coming Home Queen at the Winters High School Homecoming celebration held last Friday, September 23 at Blizzard Field. Gene is escorted in the picture by her husband Connie Mac Gibbs.



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Blizzards-Longhorns:

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would be cut short as Ripley would be intercepted after driving the ball deep into Bronte territory. The longhorns would put the ball in play from their own 20. It would take only five plays for them to find pay dirt as Coalson would find the end zone from 63 yards out. The extra point was good for a 28-21 lead for the visitors with 8:43. The Blizzards would answer quickly as Ripley would score from 33 yards out on the fourth play of the drive which started near midfield. Kraatz's extra point was good and score was tied at 28 with 7:20 left to go. The visitors would set up at their own 45 as the next drive began. The Blizzard Wrecking Crew would hit the field and with five minutes left would turn the ball over on downs near midfield. Three plays into the drive, facing third and three disaster would strike the home team as Ripley was intercepted. The interception return set the visitors up at the Blizzard 23. Again the Blizzards defense would come to the rescue forcing a 27 yard field goal attempt with only a 1:14 left after a Gar-

cia's tackle for a loss of two set up fourth and nine. The attempt was good for a 31-28 Bronte lead with 1:20 left in the game. The saving tackle on the interception return and the defensive stop would loom very important. Ripley and crew hit the field determined to put something together. The drive would start at the Blizzard 30 and be aided by two Bronte late hits out of bounds. One on the first play from scrimmage as Ripley was run out of bounds after a three yard gain. Another after Gerhart was out of bounds after a five yard gain. After all of this the Blizzards found themselves at the Bronte 23 yard line with only 28 seconds left. Ripley would find Sandoval for eight to the 15. Ripley would run for four to the 11 with only 13 seconds left. After an incomplete pass the clock showed eight seconds. With only two seconds left Ripley found Strait Daniel with the patented fade into the corner of the end zone for the winner and a 34-31 lead and giving the Blizzard faithful something to talk about for a long time. A homecoming victory that is sure to be discussed at West T Go on Saturday morning as well as at class reunions for years to come.



Strait Daniel carries the ball after receiving a short pass.



Mazeland School reunion

The 2011 Mazeland School Reunion was held Saturday, September 24, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church in Winters, with 20 former students in attendance. The school closed in 1947. It had first through Eleventh Grade students. After the school closed students were sent to Wingate School and Winters High School.

Roscoe Morrison was a student at Mazeland when it closed in 1947. He had completed the Seventh Grade and went to the Wingate School for his Eighth Grade year. He graduated from Winters High School in 1952.

Eva Leta Smith, Tom and Gerry Tharpe, Paul and Lavera Tharp and Roscoe Morrison were responsible for the organization of this great reunion where a fun time was had by everyone.

Pictured here are seated left to right Charles Bryan, Ruby Hord, Howel Bowen, Zerila Flippin, Tom Tharp, Betty Thomson, Doxie Lou Marks, Eva Leta Smith, Noleta Rice. Standing middle row left to right: Lilly Pearl Creel, R.C. Horton, Rita Stephenson, Bonnie Elliott, Roscoe Morrison, J.P. Drake. Standing back row left to right: John Busterbaum, Don Moreland, Bill Fairbetter, Paul Tharp, Cecil Tekell.

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On The Level

Thinking out of the box

CHARLES FRERICH

Last Wednesday evening when the latest norther blew in, not only was it dry for most of the county but the wind was back. And the dust blew. Could this be a sign of what we have to look forward to this winter?

I had been wondering how the barren fields would hold up to the blowing winds. Even the freshly plowed fields had dust blowing from them. The meteorologists are saying La Nina is back and they don't give much hope for the dry conditions to change any time soon. Livestock are still being sold at record numbers and the condition of the livestock is getting worse. We have to start thinking outside the box when we are making our decisions for the future. Things are not normal and we cannot continue

to do the normal and just hope things will work out.

One thing we can count on is the northers will come through. It will be a long dirty winter if we cannot get any cover to grow on these fields. A lot of the residues have already been destroyed from plowings. Let's face it, we hate to see the weeds and grass come up in the fields but hey, "cover is cover". What I mean is a small amount of moisture will normally bring up the sour grass and weeds as we have seen with the recent rain we did get. Really, what's the harm in letting them grow for a time and then kill them with chemical rather than plowing them under. Some people may say that they are using the moisture and producing seeds. My argument would be, if these fields have been plowed for

many decades and the weed seeds are still there and they will continue to be. It's time to get out of the norm. A half inch of rain will sprout the grass and weeds. The grass has shallow fibrous roots that remain only a few inches below the surface of the soil. The weeds, however, sends tap roots that will go deep and take the deep moisture. A shot of 2-4-D will take out the weeds and leave the grass for protection. During this drought, use these weeds as tools to keep the soil from blowing. Time the chemical application to kill the grass to let the grass get approximately six inches tall. This will give an adequate stalk to keep the soil particles from moving on the soil surface. It will also shade the ground from the sun reducing evaporation losses. If we continue to plow after each rain, we only lose the moisture that has fallen.

With the area lakes drying up, yards and trees dying and restrictions on outside water usage, it's time to think about

harvesting the water that runs off the houses and buildings around town. Rather than this water running down the streets and storm drains why not capture it in tanks and barrels. A gutter system around the house a few rain barrels with a faucet will hold the water to be used when the rains have left. This is essentially free water. There are numerous websites on the internet that gives examples of harvesting rainwater ideas. Texas A&M holds classes around the country on rainwater harvesting. It's really up to the individual on how extensive a system you want to install. Some systems can capture enough water to supply the household needs.

We cannot make it rain. But we can manage what we have. Get out of the rut and think out of the box. Really evaluate how your decisions will affect our natural resources. For more information you can contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service or contact me at charles.frerich@tx.usda.gov.

Remembrance golf tournament to be held this Sunday

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Country Club will hold their Remembrance Tournament Sunday October 2. This tournament will tee off at 1:30 and will be \$10 a person. There will be a covered dish after the play. This tournament remembers John McAdoo, Herman Baker, Bill Hall, Bob Shields and Gil Gilmore. These guys loved the game of golf. These guys were always the first ones to pitch in and help when anything needed to be done at the club. We miss these men dearly. Please come out and enjoy the day with us in remembering these men.

ShareLunker Season: Big Bass in the Big Country

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

ATHENS — Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Toyota ShareLunker program begins October 1. This program was established in 1986 to promote catch-and-release fishing of trophy-sized largemouth bass and to selectively breed these fish to stock ShareLunker offspring in public waters around the state in an attempt to increase the overall size and growth rate of largemouth bass in Texas.

Anglers are an integral part of this program. Texas Parks Wildlife Department relies on anglers to temporarily donate their trophy largemouth bass (13 pounds or larger) to the program. An angler who donates a fish to the program receives a fiberglass replica of the fish made by Lake Fork Taxidermy (these guys are world renowned for their work), Toyota ShareLunker clothing and recognition at an annual awards banquet at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens. In addition, the Texas resident who donated the largest fish of the season gets a free lifetime fishing license; Brian Monsey won this award back in 2001 with a 14.80-pound bass from Lake Clyde.

There are several Big Country reservoirs capable of producing ShareLunker largemouth bass, but the best lakes may be O. H. Ivie, Hubbard Creek Lake, and Lake Cisco.

Trophy largemouth bass have been donated from reservoirs and private lakes all over the state. Last year 19 fish were donated. Seven ShareLunkers were caught at O. H. Ivie Reservoir and six from Falcon. The biggest ShareLunker was caught at Caddo Lake and weighed 16.07 pounds. To donate your 13-pound or bigger bass to the Toyota ShareLunker program, call the 24-hour pager at (888) 784-0600 or call (903) 681-0550. The angler can choose whether to release the fish or permanently donate it to the program.

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