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PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ State Representative Drew Darby visited Runnels County among other counties that would be part of his district in 2013.

Darby promotes election in Runnels County

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- State Representative Drew Darby's sixcounty tour landed last week in Runnels County, in an effort to promote voting for past Tuesday's constitutional amendment election, and get acquainted with the district he could be representing starting on January 2013.

Darby toured Runnels County on Thursday, November 3 starting in Dot's Diner, in Winters, where he met with school and businesses representatives, as well as members of the general public. Darby explained some of the advantages of the proposed amendments.

The State Representative paid special attention to amendments number one, regarding the authorization to 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 100 percent or totally disabled veteran; amendment number three, regarding the issuance of general obligation bonds of the state to finance education loans to students, and amendment number six, regarding 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.

Darby, currently serving House District 72, represents Scurry, Mitchell, Coke and Tom Green counties. After the 2010 Census map districts were redrawn and the Texas Legislature approved to change the District 72 to keep Tom Green and Coke counties, and include Howard, Glasscock, Reagan, Sterling, Irion, Runnels and Concho counties. Runnels County is currently in District 53 under Representative Harvey Hildebran, of Kerrville, Texas. The redistricting has yet to be approved by a federal court. Darby explained that key to keep the map as drawn will be the inmates held in jails in West Texas "we counted inmates in the places they are being held at," he said. "If federal court rules that these inmates should be counted in the cities they are from originally we could be loosing a seat in the House for West Texas, now if we are going to be able to keep our district as it is even if they take that seat from us, I don't know." Darby said that despite the fact that he is not officially Runnels County State Representative 'you can be sure that I have served your interests for a long time, I represent rural and West Texas and I am a business owner in Runnels County," he said.



Blizzards awarded Army Strong U.S. Army representatives presented the Army Strong Team of the Week award to the Winters Blizzards last Thursday, November 3 at the Winters High School gymnasium. The plaque was awarded to the Varsity team after the game the Blizzards played against the Goldthwaite Eagles. Quarterback Riley Ripley ran for three scores and running back Christian Sandoval carried the ball for 159 yards and a score to push Winters past Goldthwaite 36-20 in a critical District 13-1A DI matchup. Each week during the football season Texas Football.com and the U.S. Army join to select one team from every clas-

Each week during the football season Texas Football.com and the U.S. Army join to select one team from every classification in high school football that demonstrated the qualities exhibited within the Army. Qualities recognized include leadership, commitment to excellence and a desire to make a difference as a member of a team.

Each team awarded is recognized the Army Strong Team of the Week by local officials from the U.S. Army at a school assembly or pep rally. PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Bus rollover leaves dead student, several injured

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- A student was killed and 15 persons were injured in a one vehicle crash occurring last Friday, November 4 at 3:20 p.m. on U.S. Highway 83, near Olfen.

The accident occurred at the intersection of County Road 234, between Ballinger and Paint Rock.

Sixteen persons were traveling southbound in



Darby ended his tour in Runnels County at the Noon Lions meeting, in Ballinger.



PHOTO: JOE GERHART Corey Pritchard blocks opening a spot for Hayden Nitsch at the game the Blizzards held last Friday.

Blizzards fall short in District championship

CHARLES MURPHY ENTERPRISE CONTRIBUTOR

WINTERS- Sometimes in the course of game day things happen that are distractions from what seemed to be important when the day began. After seeing the aftermath of the ACU bus crash and doing what they could to help the coaching staff and football team finished their drive to Mason and got their focus back quickly. The Blizzards put- PLEASE CONTINUE ON **PAGE 2**

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a 2009 Ford E450 Super Duty Aerotech 24-passenger bus coming from Abilene Christian University and headed to Medina Children's Home, southwest of Kerrville, Senior Trooper Sparky Dean of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said.

The passengers were students and faculty members of Abilene Christian University headed to a weekend mission trip, Dean said.

Anabel Reid, 19, of Petersburg was pronounced dead at the scene by Judge Glenda Wood. Her body was taken to Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger, and then to Abilene Profes-

sional Services in Abilene. ACU confirmed that 12 students, three faculty members and the spouse of one faculty member were on a trip representing the Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

The injured passengers were transported to medical facilities in San Angelo, Ballinger and Abilene. The driver was identified as Michael Adam Nicodemus, 34, of Abilene.

First responders from San Angelo, Abilene, Brady, Paint Rock, Winters, Menard, O.H. Ivie, Eden and Ballinger participated in the rescue.

Several victims were airlifted to Shannon Medical Center, in San Angelo, Texas and Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene,.

Dean said the bus was southbound on U.S. Highway 83 when the driver lost control at County Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird talks on the phone in front of the wreckage occurring last Friday on U.S. Highway 83, near Olfen.

Passengers List of passengers and medical facilities they were taken to	 Jason Iris, 27, Bermuda Mandy Wilson, 20, Walsenburg, Colorado Tiffany Lutz, 21, Zelienople, Pennsylvania 		
Shannon Medical Center, San Angelo, Texas Emmett Miller, 63, Abilene Pat Miller, 63, Abilene	 Anna Watson, 20, Kerrville, Texas Kendra Unamba, 20, Midlo- thian, Texas Hayley Wilkerson, 19, Ravenna, Texas 	W W Ha ta ria Fo Cr	
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Rockport, Texas	Source: Texas DPS	a j Te	

Road 234. The bus struck a concrete culvert, went airborne and rolled one time. Several students were ejected from the vehicle as it was rolling on the ditch.

The accident is being investigated by Trooper Michael Gray.

The traffic on Highway 83 was deviated to several county roads for hours before the road was cleared. The Commercial Vehicle Inspection of the Texas DPS started the investigation at the scene.

The DPS identified the victims and the hospitals where they were taken Friday afternoon: Emmett Miller and Pat Miller to Shannon Medical Center, San Angelo; Jim Cooke and Allison Shorst to Community Hospital in San Angelo; Michael Adams Nicodemus, Cathleen Henderson, Jason Iris, Mandy Wilson, Tiffany Lutz, Anna Watson, Kendra Uhamba, Hayley Wilkerson were taken to Ballinger Memorial Hospital, and Melissa Ford, Anna Ciufo, Naomi Cruz were taken to Hendrick Medical Center, in Abilene.

As of Monday three of the injured passengers were released from hospitals: Dr. Jim Cooke of Abilene and students Kathleen Henderson and Kendra Unamba. Cooke is professor of Environmental Science. Henderson is a junior from Rockport, Texas, and Unamba is a sophomore from Midlothian, Texas.

Seven remain hospitalized, three in critical condition. They are in hospitals in Dallas, Abilene and San Angelo.

Services for Anabel Reid were scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, at 5:30 p.m. at Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas.

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Blizzards: The Punchers defeat Winters 28-6 CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

up a great fight that was not settled quickly but eventually lost to the Mason Punchers 28-6 on Friday night. Without a doubt Winters ISD and Winters, TX was represented well before, during and after this contest.

Mason would win the toss and elect to receive to get this one started. This possession would not last long as the ball would fall on a fumble on the first play from scrimmage, setting the Blizzards up near midfield. The Blizzards set out on an 11 play drive that was methodical but would result in frustration after turning the ball over on downs at the Puncher three yard line and consuming almost five minutes of the first quarter.

The Punchers after dodging the bullet would put together two first downs and eventually face fourth and four and be forced to punt. The punt and return set the Blizzards up at their own 24 with about 4 minutes left in the opening quarter only again to turn the ball over on downs after putting together another impressive 11 play drive that would bring the first quarter to an end. On the first play of the second quarter Riley Ripley's pass would fall incomplete on fourth and seven and turn the ball over on downs at the Mason 35

The Blizzard defense would take the field and force the Punchers to punt after three plays facing fourth and nine. The punt would roll dead at the Blizzard 18. A holding call on first down would set Big Blue back to the 11 and an offsides call left the Blizzards facing second and 11. Ripley got four bringing up third and seven. Ripley again would get the call and pick up six leaving the Blizzards facing fourth and one at their own 24. The Blizzards lined up in punt formation and tried to get the first down with a fake punt resulting in a loss and turned the ball over on downs deep in their own territory. Three plays later Mason opened the scoring on a six yard run by David Mora. The extra point was good and the score stood at 7-0 with 5:44 left in the half.

The ensuing kickoff set the Blizzards up with a first down but with little success would force the punt team onto the field. With 3:40 left in the half the Blizzards punted and Mason set up near midfield. Three plays later with 1:49 left in the half the Punchers would score on a 31 yard pass play. The extra point again was good and they had a 14-0 lead on the Blizzards. Not to be denied the visitors put together a twelve play drive to move the ball to the Mason 17 only to be shut down on a Mason interception with only seconds left. The half would end with the punchers in control 14-0.

The second half kickoff set the visitors up at their own 26. The third quarter saw few fireworks as both teams exchanged punts and the quarter would end with the Punchers still leading 14-0. The beginning of the final stanza would see the Punchers score with only 12 seconds gone on an 8 yard run. The extra point was good and the home team extended their lead to 21-0 with the fourth quarter just under way.

The kickoff set the Blizzards up at their own 35 only to be cut very short on a Mason interception. The Punchers would take very little time getting into the end zone from the Blizzard 32. The 32 yard score would come on the ground and cover 29 yards and lead to a 28-0 Puncher lead as the extra point was good with 10:32 left in the contest.

After exchanging punts the Blizzards would get the ball back with 5:30 left on the clock. Cristian Sandoval and Ripley would combine to cover the distance and get on the scoreboard with just 49 seconds left on a 12 yard catch and run. The extra point was missed and the scoreboard showed Mason 28, Winters 6 as time ran out.

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New ordinance regulates sex offender limitations

RUBEN CANTU-ROCRIGUEZ WINTERS ENTERP

WINTERS- The City Council of the City of Winters approved a new ordinance regarding sex offenders that establishes limitations for sex offenders registered as a sexual predator under V.T.C.A., Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. Chapter 62.

This ordinance is intended to serve, protect and improve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the city by creating areas around locations where children regularly congregate in concentrated numbers wherein certain registered sex offenders and sexual predators are prohibited from loitering or prohibited from establishing temporary or permanent residency.

The prohibition considers an offense for a sex offender to establish a permanent residence or temporary residence within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising a Child Safety Zone.

It also stipulates as an offense for a sex offender to knowingly loiter on a public way within three 300 feet of a Child Safety Zone.

Sex offenders shall not, on each October 30 and 31 (or any other date set by the City for trick-or-treaters) between the hours of 4 p.m. and 11 p.m., leave an exterior porch light on or otherwise invite trick-or-treaters to solicit the premises.

A sex offender shall not be present in the boundaries of the Elm Creek Reservoir Area (comprised of the old and new lake area) after midnight and before 6 a.m.

The ordinance also establishes a prohibition for property owners from renting real property to registered sex offenders. This section of the ordinance includes to let or rent any place, structure or part thereof, manufactured home, trailer, recreational vehicle, or any other vehicle where a person may reside, with the knowledge that it will be used as a permanent or temporary residence by any person prohibited from establishing such residence if such place is located within 1,000 feet of the Child Safety Zone.

Child Safety Zone is defined by the ordinance as public parks, private and public schools, public library, amusement arcades, video arcades, indoor and outdoor amusement centers, amusement parks, public or commercial and semi-private swimming pools, child care facility, child care institution, public or private youth athletic field, crisis center or shelter, skate park or rink, public or private youth center, movie theater, bowling alley, scouting facilities, educational facilities, church facilities, youth organizations, and any other public location where children are known to frequently gather, associate, and regularly congregate.

A map depicting the prohibited areas and the complete terms and regulations of the ordinance will be available at the Winters City Hall or Winters Police Department.

NEWS NOTES

Cub Scout can drive

Cub Scout Pack 249 will be doing a door to door can drive on Saturday, November 19 starting at 10 a.m. till about 12 noon. Collected items will be distributed among the local community. The can drive will benefit the Samaritan's House in Winters.

Veteran's Day Taco Luncheon at the Rock Hotel

The Rock Hotel will be having a Veteran's Day Taco Luncheon on Friday November 11, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Rock Hotel.

The luncheon will be consisting of taco salad and dessert, Veterans lunch is complimentary. For everyone else donations will be accepted. The Veterans Room upstairs will be open to the public.

This is going to be the monthly fundraiser for the month of November of the Rock Hotel.

The Z.I. Hale Museum will also be open honoring Veterans.

Immunization clinics

Texas Department of State Health Services will be having an immunization clinic in Ballinger on Thursday, November 10, from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1:30-3 p.m. 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.

Harvest of Faith Fest in Rowena

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena will be holding its 89th Annual Fall Festival "Harvest of Faith" on 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.

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.

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December 1 deadline for noninsurable crops

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BALLINGER- Runnels **County USDA Farm** Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Byron Bauerlein urged producers who want to purchase coverage through the Noninsurable Crop **Disaster** Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date of December 1.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields/grazing loss, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to normal disasters.

The following crops have a NAP application closing date of December 1, 2011: grazing and forage/hay on native and improved grass, honey, potatoes, radishes, grapes and caneberries.

"Crop insurance s an easy way to practice risk management," said Bauerlein. For more information on sales closing dates and NAP, contact the Runnels County FSA office at (325) 365 5757.

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The program starts at 10:30 a.m. with the flag raising and balloon release, then at 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. will be served a turkey and Rowena style German sausage dinner with trimmings. Adult plates will be \$8 and children plates \$4. Plates to-go \$8. Drive thru and walk up will also be available. Uncooked sausage for sale at \$4 lb. while it lasts.

From 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. children and adult games and Bingo. Country store opened all day. Tickets on sale for two prize drawings.

Auction will begin at 1:30 p.m. The sausage sandwich supper (\$3) with tea will be served at

4:30 p.m. All activities are in the parish hall and on church grounds.

Fund raiser Fun Run

Bronte High School Class of 2014 will be having a Fundraiser Fun Run on Saturday, December 3, 2011, at Christmas in 'Ole Bronte. Registration fee for the 10K run will be \$15, 5K run \$10, and there will also be a one mile run/walk. The registration fee for the one-mile run/ walk will be \$3.

Registration and fees will be available on the race day only, at 8 a.m. at old Bronte Railroad Depot.

Race starts at 9 a.m. Pre and post race refreshments/ water stops will be provided.

Divisions participating will be U-19, 20-25, 26-44, 45-59, and 60 and Up. There will be male and female overall winners.

For more information call Jerita Taylor at 473 8966 or 473 5551, or send an e-mail at Jerita.taylor@bronteisd. net; Tammy Thorn at City Offices at 473-3501.

Disclaimer must be signed by parents for minors to run. No dogs will be allowed on the course.

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



The family of Epifanio V. Reyna Sr. would like to thank everybody that was with us during the loss of my husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and cousin. Thank you for all of your prayers, food and flowers. Thank you to Home Health of Runnels County; Hospice of Abilene; Dr. Vega and Cancer Staff of Abilene; Brother Max and Sister Lydia Rodriguez of Miracles

Church in Winters; Mt. Carmel Church; Brother Joe Reyna for the music; Jorge and Javier

Garcia, Josie Lugo, Hilda Moreno for their music and songs; Carmen Villarreal for leading the Rosary; the ladies of Mt. Carmel Church for the food; Heritage Family Funeral Home for the "despida de casa"; and all the people that came

from afar. God Bless each one of you.

Olga Reyna Sylvia and John Krause ~ Vicky and Jose Garcia Sandy and Jimmy Rodriguez ~ Ramiro Reyna Epifanio Reyna Jr. ~ Jessie Reyna

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.

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Commetary by Dr. Don Newbury

Unquestionably, my Uncle Mort is happy in his own skin. During his 99+ years in the thicket, he's never wished to be anyone else. Or rarely to be any place else.

Not until October's final weekend, that is. Stunned by the Texas Rangers' ever-so-close brush with a World Series championship, he's reeling. With 20-20 hindsight, he wishes he hadn't watched the games on his neighbor's 60-inch TV. (It was painful to see game six in such vivid detail and would have been tough enough on his 17-inch black-and-white.)

He admits the games were viewed far too seriously. "I wish I could have been in India, caught up in the excitement of the birth of the world's seven-billionth person on Halloween day. I doubt if many folks

in India know anything about the World Series, much less who won it."...

"I don't want to dwell on it and have decided to "get a grip" instead. He shifted gears into his usual devil-may-care mode, hopeful of pondering miscellaneous topics.

He approached the tragic goings-on TEXAS in St. Louis philosophically. "It may COLUMNIST be gallows humor, but we better Don 'toughen up' to face Newbury months of 'Rangerbashing' by the TV talk show guys."

That's when he phoned to "try his lines on me."...

Here's the gist of his

THE IDLE AMERICAN Uncle Mort's sad song...

giggles: Mort said he phoned the

Rangers' ticket office "to see if they've reduced the prices on season tickets for 2012." He thought his call was dropped, then realized the gasping

noise he heard was choking sounds. Avoiding the claim that the Rangers choked or

were snake-bitten, Mort added, "But I hear they're adding Heimlich maneuver drills in spring training and stocking the first-aid tent with snakebite kits.'

"Can't be too careful," he surmised....

He interrupted his lines with the recollection of his "one-at-bat" high school baseball career. Then, he

reflected on the Rangers' great regular season play. Mort remembers his lone personal "baseball moment" vividly. "It was a scoreless game in the bottom of the

ninth inning. The coach called on me to pinch hit. 'Look the pitcher straight in the eye, crowd the plate, keep the bat glued to your shoulder and GET HIT," the coach instructed.

On positive notes, Mort bragged that the Rangers "were still playing in October when 28 other teams weren't," and that the manager's "Wash Dance" may become a national craze when the Rangers win it all. He vowed to 'join Ron Washington in the 'jiggling' when that triumph occurs." Blinking back tears, Mort muttered, "This year, that's the way baseball went." ...

It is now "put up or shut

up" time for the Dallas Cowboys, what with fan support of the Rangers pushing football news into tight spaces inside newspaper sports sections.

Mort is a robust "boo bird," venting wrath following the Cowboys' miserable performance against Philadelphia.

"I heard that the Cowboys all went trick-or-treating," Mort said, "They rang doorbells all over Dallas, giving back the candy."...

Mort closed out our visit describing a bad dream that marked fitful slumber during the awful weekend when St. Louis "cleaned our clocks" in baseball while Philadelphia did a number on the Cowboys. 'I dreamed that it was the final football game of the season — one that had gradually gone from

bad to worse," he said. "I called the Cowboys' ticket office to find out starting time for the game." The guy answered, "What time can you come?"

Mort wound up rambling, as usual. He wondered if the guy who wrote "St. Louis Blues" had any kids. He thought maybe one of 'em might visit Texas and write a new blues song here.

He wound up the conversation asking if I know what he and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones have in common. Nothing came to mind. "Neither of us knows what to do next," Mort laughed, "But in my case, it doesn't matter much."...

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Metroplex. Send inquiries/comments to newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872.

FSA reminds producers of program deadlines WINTERS ENTERPRISE

STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Runnels County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director Byron Bauerlein reminds eligible ranchers and livestock producers who had livestock losses or grazing losses during the 2011 crop year that the deadline for applying for benefits under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) is Jan. 30, 2012.

"It is imperative that producers meet the deadline for disaster assistance as there are no late file provi-sions for LFP and ELAP," said Bauerlein. "To insure a smooth application process, producers should have all required supporting documentation with them at the time they apply for benefits," he said.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) provides payments to eligible livestock producers who have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire that occurred before October 1, 2011. Fire losses apply only to federally managed range-land. Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine.

During the 2011 crop year, all Texas counties met the LFP trigger requirements for a three-month payment for native pasture, improved pasture and forage sorghum. Eligible ranchers and livestock producers have until January 30, 2012, to apply for LFP benefits. For more information on FSA's livestock disaster as-

sistance programs, please contact the Runnels County USDA Service Center at (325) 365-5757.

Winter Weather Awareness Day in Texas

Flowers go techno at Texas A&M's floral design school

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION - Of all the contagious things in the world, there is one people don't want to avoid flowers.

"The more you use flowers, the more you want to use them," said Bill McKinley, director of the Benz School of Floral Design. "Research shows that there is a connection between happiness and flowers. So why wouldn't you want to have some happiness on your kitchen table?'

McKinley plans to carry that message to new generation florists and consumers, and he has his artistic eye on a technological way to do that - via the Internet and social media.

Since last summer when he became director of the Benz school, the only floral design course in the nation affiliated with an institute of higher learning, McKinley has been pursuing ways to link the tactile nature of flower arranging with the mechanics of technology

The Benz school is retail in nature. We're preparing students to go into the retail world to start or purchase a business," McKinley said. "So we start with the basics what are the elements, what are the principles, how do you put those together to make a floral design? And we cover the business basics what the typical retail florist needs in order to succeed. "It is getting more and more difficult to compete as our economy and our world changes to a very fastpaced, technology-based consumer-ism," he added. "We are trying to prepare each student to enter that world and be a much more broadbased, successful florist.'

McKinley has already begun to "infuse technology" with current stu-dents as well as throughout the industry through collaborations. Among the potential methods are online courses and free video chat rooms.

"Being an art form, floral design is so personal. Whether you like something or you don't depends on your aesthetics and your background, he said. "So with respect to color, if I say the color 'mauve,' I have a perception of what mauve is, and you have a perception of what mauve is. But they might not be the same.

"What technology can do for us is provide that point of reference. In a video chat, I can request a matching product and hold up a color for whatever it is I'm trying to put together," he explained. "Then you have that same point of reference and you know what I'm saying when I say the word 'mauve.'

To demonstrate, McKinley entered a video chat with colleagues in three different cities and trained his camera on several floral arrangements which had been designed thiod to coordinate with an invitation to an upcoming entertainment venue. The three colleagues could see the arrangements on their computers and offer input about how well the designs met the purpose.

planning special events.

"If a florist is doing a party or event and needs something specific in terms of texture, form or color and my supplier is able to show me exactly what it is, I can see it on a video chat," he said. "We're all very visual in this field, and we don't always know exactly what's available, because the cut flower market is very fluid. What's available this week might not be available next week, or the cost may go through the roof or drop. If we know what our options are, we can make efficient, logical, business choices."

Likewise, if a bride does not live in the same town where her wedding will be, McKinley suggested, she might appreciate having a video chat with her florist to check on the flowers or to share a sample of fabric to match.

He believes the use of this technology will grow in the floral industry because it has become affordable through a variety of free services online.

"It does not cost to participate in this kind of technology, so I really do think that once florists and customers figure that out, why wouldn't they want to be able to see what they're going to buy before they buy it? That seems like a logical progres-sion forward," he said.

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WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- In cooperation with The Texas Division of **Emergency Management and The Texas Department of** Public Safety, Thursday, November 10, 2011, is designated as Winter Weather Awareness Day in the Lone Star State. According to the National Weather Service Regional Office in San Angelo every Texan should take this opportunity to prepare for adverse winter weather.

Two historic blizzards have crippled parts of West Central Texas over the past two winters. One occurred on Christmas Eve 2009, and the other one occurred during the early morning hours of February 1, 2011. These historic winter storms should serve as a reminder that even West Central Texas can experience the same type of winter weather that is more common across the northern U.S

The NWS recommends to have a good plan of action when it comes to winter weather: 1) Prepare before a winter storm, 2) check the weather forecast before you travel, 3) monitor temperatures, 4) drive according to the condition of the highway, and 5) have a way to receive warnings.

Each year Texans die from accidents caused by ice, snow, or fog. The Texas Department of Public Safety urges motorists to slow down to the conditions of the roadway. Motorists should not assume the speed limit is the safe speed. Drivers can check road conditions at the Texas Department of Transportation's website at http://www.dot.state.tx.us or call 1-800-452-9292.

Information and graphics concerning the tempera-ture and precipitation outlooks are available at the following links: http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2010/images/winteroutlooktemp_2_20102.jpg, http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2010/images/ winteroutlookprecip2_20102.jpg.

Information on winter weather safety can be also be found at the following links: http://www.nws.noaa. gov/om/winter or http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/ ThreatAwareness/winterstorm.htm

www.redcross.org

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RCSO thanks responders for helping at wreck

Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird thanks all the emergency medical services, fire departments, law enforcement, and citizens that responded to and helped provide assistance at the bus wreck on Friday on Highway 83.

We have a list of the different organizations that helped during this tragic time. This list is not complete, there are numerous others that assisted but are still unknown to us.

Among responders at the scene were Shannon Hospital AirMed, Hendricks Hospital AirEvac, Ballinger FD, Ballinger EMS, Winters FD, Winters EMS, Winters I.S.D. coaches, Brady FD and EMS, Eden FD and EMS, Paint Rock FD and EMS, Menard FD and EMS, Rowena FD, San Angelo FD EMS, Tom Green County Sheriff's Department Lt. Swick and Emergency Response Team, Concho County Sheriff's Department, Winters PD, Runnels County 9-1-1 that contacted and coordinated this massive group of emergency responders, and the many that happen onto the scene and provide assistance to the injured.

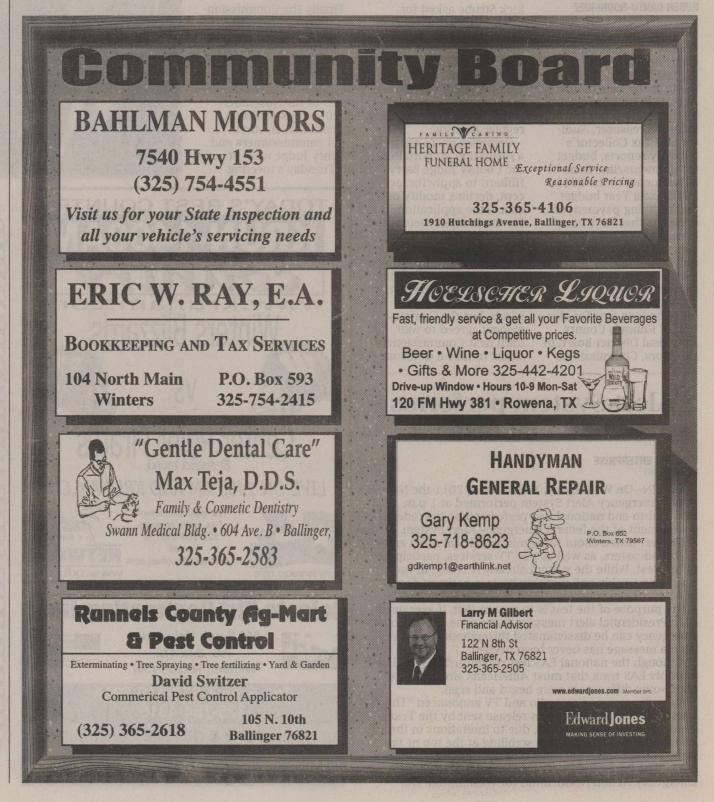
Runnels County Sheriff's Office

"As the world shrinks due to the technology and the availability of communications, what's to prevent me from collaborating with a friend?" he asked. "I can get their perspective on whether this is a good idea instantaneously.

In addition to collaborating on a design with peers, McKinley said, a florist could use the video chat technology with suppliers to make special purchases or to assist customers

Adding social media components to a floral business also will be important, he added.

"That is another issue that I believe retailers really need to be taking advantage of," McKinley said. "You need to have a Facebook page, a Twitter account, or whatever social media you choose. The percentage continues to increase on those younger-aged shoppers finding you through those outlets."





Primary filing window pushed back by court order

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ INTERS ENTERPR

WINTERS- Republican and Democratic primary deadlines were modified last Friday, November 4, by the Federal District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division, pushing the registration dead-lines back and shortening the filing period.

Candidates initially set to begin filing to run for office on Saturday, November 11 will have to wait until Monday, November 28. The deadline to file an application to run originally was December 12, but now the last day to file is December 15.

Texas Legislature had already

moved up the primary filing period for candidates by about a month, in order to give military voters more time to cast ballots.

All 150 representatives in the Texas House are up for election next year, as are the 31 members of the Texas Senate. On the local level, County Sheriff, County Attorney, Tax Assessor-**Collector, County Commissioner** Precinct 1, County Commission-er Precinct 3, Constable Precinct 1 and Constable Precinct 2 will be up for election.

The winners of the Republican and Democratic primary races on March 6, 2012 will face off in the general election on November 6, 2012.

Anyone wishing to file for any of the positions must submit a fee. Filing fee for the position of Sheriff, Attorney, Tax Assessor-Collector, County Commissioner Precinct 1 or County Commissioner Precinct 3 is \$750.

Filing fee for the position of Constable Precinct 1 or Constable Precinct 2 is \$350.

A signed petition may be presented in lieu of a filing fee. For the position of Sheriff, County Attorney, or Tax Assessor Collector the petition must be presented with 53 signatures. In order to waive the filing fee

for the position of County Commissioner Precinct 1, County Commissioner 3, Constable

Precinct No.1 or Constable Precinct 2 the petition must be presented with 50 signatures.

Candidates wishing to participate in the March Primary need to obtain and file an "Appoint-ment of Campaign Treasurer" form from the County Clerk's office before making a campaign expenditure or accepting a campaign contribution.

Incumbents holding the positions to be put up for election are currently County Sheriff William Baird, County Attorney Stuart Holden, Tax Assessor-Collector Robin Burgess, County Commissioner, Precinct No.1 Bobby Moore, County Commissioner, Precinct 3 Thurman Self, Constable, Precinct 1 Wayne Poehls, and Constable, Precinct 2 Archie Jobe.

To file with the Republican Party, a candidate will need to contact Charles Hensley at 601 CR 259, Ballinger, Texas 76821, (325) 365 262 at home or (325) 365 1082 (cell)

To file with the Democratic Party, a candidate will need to contact Jane Jeschke at Box 402, Miles, Texas 76861 (325) 468 3841 (home). Jeschke will not be available November 16 thru November 27.

The 2012 Primary will be held on Tuesday, March 6. If a runoff is needed the runoff will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012.

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PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED Brad Teplicek shows Miles fifth graders some native plants that grow in Runnels County.

Runnels Co fifth graders hold outdoor classroom

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) with assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) held the 20th annual outdoor classroom on October 11 at the Rodney and Caroline Flanagan Ranch in Ballinger. One hundred seven fifth graders and

learning center, range land, erosion, crop production, wildlife, zeriscape, and water quality. Instruction for the

students was provided by Runnels County Extension Service agents Sandy Tay-lor and Marty Gibbs; Allan Lange, Doris Hoelscher, and Finis Allen, Lipan Kicknese Water District. Kickapoo Water District; Brad Teplicek, NRCS Zone 2 TTS; Cliff Kinibrugh,

Wayne Johnson, Runnels County Trapper. Helping behind the scenes on set up and scheduling were Chris Wolfenbarger, NRCS **Conservation Planner; Kay** Mansell, Runnels SWCD Technician; and Randy 100 Linex, NRCS Conservation Planner.

With the changing times, the importance of teaching children about the

County resident takes record buck

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Bow hunting in Texas this year started out with a take of a lifetime for Tammy Burleson, of Ballinger.

Kevin Burleson has a lease in Melvin, Texas where he operates his business, Heart of Texas Bow Hunting. His wife Tammy is his partner.

Tammy was no stranger to the compound bow. She and Kevin have shot bows nearly as long as they've known each other. When it was time for Tammy to become a serious hunter with a bow, things just fell into place.

Texas had a rough year weather wise with the drought and heat this year. Kevin feeds yearround. The deer are free ranging. A two inch rain in early fall brought green growth that had been seen in months. Although the game cameras were promising some good hunts, the rains just before opening weekend of bow season slowed the dear at the feeder areas. Green was just tastier.



Tammy Burleson took this buck on October 30, 2011 in Melvin, Texas. The record-setting non typical buck is yet to be scored.

Several hunters had reed to video him first, so ported to Kevin of having pulled up the camera. Sun seen a very unusual buck. caught the silver — deer were gone. The deer, doe and buck alike, came in. The horns were large and had more points that

could be counted. Not There is the target again. having a camera in the area this deer was sight-She reaches for her bow. Deer scattered. Not sure ed, Kevin quickly put one what spooked them, she out. Low and behold, he got her bow and arrow appeared on camera. ready. Mr. Buck is back, unbelievably for the third Now, as mentioned earlier, Tammy has turned into quite a hunter. Kevin time. She knocks the arrow. Off they go again. Since it was still daylight, was busy with hunters she hoped against hope so he set Tammy up in a blind in an area where that he would come back. She pulled her bow to he knew she could get full draw. Soon some feet a good seven point cull buck. This was the first came into view. It had horns. He wasn't getting time was hunting in a blind all alone. All her away this time. She took previous success had aim and released. She had him. A 12 yard shot. She been coached by Kevin. Time dragged, she played had no doubt he was go-Scrabble with her kids on ing down. It wasn't until she tracked him that she her cell phone. She hears footsteps. There is the knew this was a record non-typical buck. deer she wants. She want-**JIM WOODRUFF, AAMS, WMS** RAYMOND JAMES Member FINRA/SIPC Individual Solutions from Independent Advisors 365-9000 719 Strong Ave • Ballinger, TX <u>ammmmmmm</u>y COWPOKES **By Ace Reid Proudly presented by Gehrels & Associates** J. Craig Gehrels, CSA Medicare Supplements & Annuities 100 W. Dale 754-4818 Out of area call 1-800-978-1298 **COWPOKES** ° **By Ace Reid** BUREAU C ACE RENE 11/16/11 To think, all this ranch is mine, acres of land, no grass, five miles of creek, and no water! Bill Calcote • H - 325-767-2046 • C - 325-977-0177

their teachers from all over Runnels County had a wonderful time and enjoyed a variety of topics that were presented by speakers at eight stations. **Demonstrations included** animal safety, mobile

NRCS Zone 2 Agronomist; Sutton Page, Farm Bureau; Kathy Saunders, NRCS District Conservationist; Charles Frerich, NRCS Civil Engineering Technician; Ron Knight, Tom Green Co. Master Gardner; and

environment around them makes the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District and the Natural **Resources Conservation** Service proud to participate in the conservation education of our young people.

Finally the Commission-

ers Court changed the

Commissioners Court changed to Nov. 21

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ WINTERS ENTERPRIS

BALLINGER- Runnels County Commissioners Court held a regular meeting last Tuesday, November 8, at the Courthouse. Agenda items approved by the Commissioners include Treasurer, Auditor and Tax Collector's monthly reports, budget amendments/line item adjustments to the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year budget and ratifying payment of accounts that have been pre-approved between court dates by members duly appointed by the Runnels County Commissioners Court.

Commissioners held onto the vote cast for election of Runnels County Appraisal District Board of **Directors**, Commissioner

Rick Strube asked for time to study the process a little more. According to the preliminary report the five candidates have received so far a total of 1,639 votes. No action was taken on the item which will be included in the next regular meeting.

a resolution authorizing

the County Judge Barry

Hilliard to apply for, ac-

cept, decline, modify or

for the Indigent Defense

Formula Grant Program.

They also considered the

possibility of re-instating a

countywide burn ban due

to the ongoing drought

winds, but the Commis-

sioners agreed to wait

until next Commissioners

Court to take a decision.

and upcoming winter

cancel the application

Commissioners Court date from November 22, 2011 to November 21, 2011, in order to comply with the deadline to canvas the votes of the November 8, 2011 constitutional amendment election. Commissioners adopted All commissioners and

County Judge were present on Tuesday's meeting.



Alert System performs national test

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- On Wednesday, November 9, 2011 the National Emergency Alert System performed at 1 p.m. the first end-to-end national test performed by the federal government of the federal Emergency Alert System.

The test lasted, about three minutes. Local radio and TV broadcasters, as well as pay-TV services, participated in this test. While the system already is tested in each state on a weekly and monthly basis, a nationwide test had never been conducted.

The purpose of the test is to ensure that, if ever needed, a Presidential alert message that warns of a national emergency can be disseminated throughout the U.S.A. Such a message has never been needed.

Although the national EAS test resembled the localized monthly EAS tests that most Americans already recognize, some differences were heard and seen.

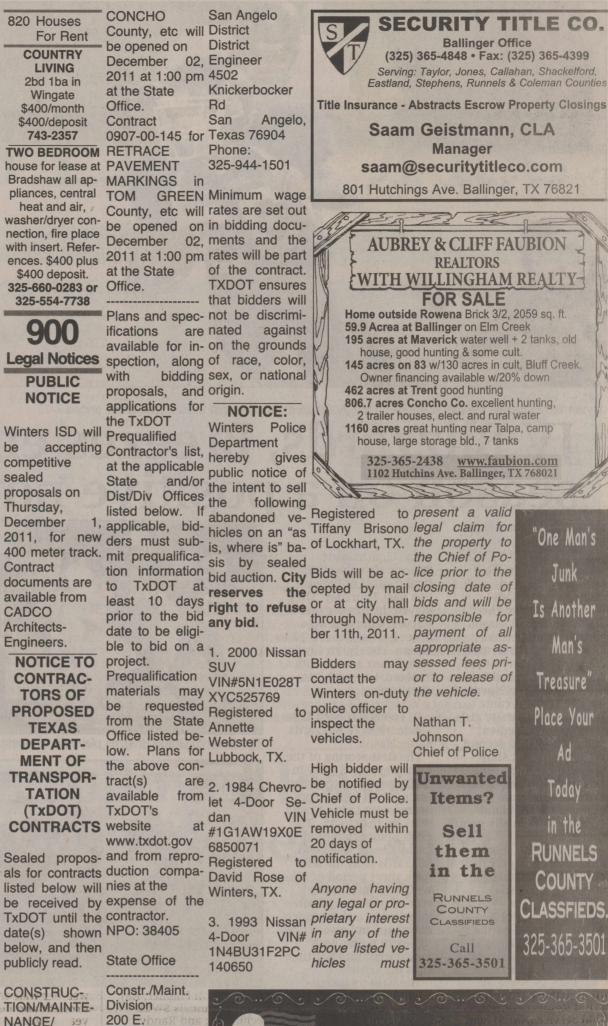
An audio message on radio and TV announced "This is a test." According to a press release sent by the Texas Association of Broadcasters, due to limitations in the system the TV text message scrolling at the top of the screen didn't show the same message. Instead, the scroll read: "The Primary Entry Point System has issued an **Emergency** Action Notification for Washington, DC.

Thursday, November 10, 2011

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Jayton Torres carries the ball at the game the JV Blizzards held against Mason. The game ended 7-7.

JV Blizzards, Breezes end season on a positive note

WINTERS BLIZZARDS ATHLETIC REPORT BY STEPHEN HERMESMEYER

Basketball: (Brooke **Bicknell**)

The Winters Lady Blizzards started their 2011 basketball season with two competitive scrimmages. Ôn October 29. Winters hosted the Abilene Hawks and Sterling City, and on Novem-ber 1, Highland came to Winters. The Varsity girls showed improvement from the first to second scrimmage, and show promise for a fun and competitive season. Both JV teams got some good minutes vs. Highland and did some really good things as well.

All three high school girls teams will play their pre-season opening games at home on Tuesday, November 8. The JV White team will play Jim Ned at 4 p.m., followed by the JV Blue team vs. Roscoe at 5 p.m., and the Varsity girls vs. Roscoe at 6:30 p.m.

JR High Football (Coach Bicknell)

The Breezes played their last game of the season this past Thursday. The Seventh Grade played a very competitive game.

scored.

The Eighth Grade Breezes also played their final contest of the year this past Thursday. They played their best game of the year but came up a little short and lost 6-22 to Mason. The Eighth Grade ended their season with a record 4-4 and 1-3 in district play.

JV Football (Coach Cates) Relentless JV Blizzards **Battle Mason**

The first scoring of the game happened early in the second quarter when Jimmy John Ripley connected with Lucas Kraatz (6:05 on the clock). The extra point attempt by Lucas Kraatz was good. Blizzards held the lead for a short period of time. With 3:11 left on the second quarter, Mason punched in a short touchdown run and also scored the extra point. Both teams went into halftime with the score 7-7. The Winters defense

held the Punchers and gave offense opportunities in the fourth quarter. A 26 yard field goal attempt by Lucas Kraatz was blocked with 7:23 left in the game. Jake Brock intercepted a ball about mid-field. The **Blizzards offense suffered** an interception in the end zone handing the ball back to Mason. Dusty Hines soon after stripped the running back and recovered the ball to give one last chance. A late interception by the JV punchers



The Seventh Grade Breezes played a competitive game.



Cameron Cooper, Jonathan Sandoval and Brandon Reyna putting pressure in the Mason Punchers.

ended the scoring oppor-tunities. Game ended 7-7. The JV team ended their

season with a record of Congratulations to the Blizzards on a good season.

Thursday, November 10, 2011 **VFW to tour four** cemeteries, WISD and the Rock Hotel

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 have made plans for Veterans Day November 11, 2011

V.F.W. members will post the United States Flag in the four cemeteries and the Korean marker in the City Park. They ask everyone else to fly their flag in honor of Veterans Day.

All members and other veterans and their families including families of deceased veterans are invited to

attend the Winters Independent School District district-wide celebration for Veterans in the WISD

gymnasium at 9 a.m. After the program V.F.W. members will visit the Se-nior Citizen Nursing Home and Winters Assisted

Living Home.

They will sponsor a Open House in the Veterans Room at the Rock Hotel from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and invite everyone to come and see what has been collected from the local veterans.

They will also join other veterans and anyone else who would like to attend at the luncheon sponsored by the Z. I. Hale Museum members in the Rock Hotel

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Veterans will eat free and others are asked to give an donation for the meal.

A Veterans Day dinner is planned for Saturday night, November 12, 2011. If you would like to volunteer

to help or have any questions call (325) 754 5182.

Drought will continue throughout the winter

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

SAN ANGELO- The Climate Prediction Center of the the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (www.cpc.noaa.gov) reports the West Texas is under the influence of La Nina. La Nina is a phenomenon associated with cooling in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean. The La Nina pattern will continue through this winter season. La Nina conditions were present during the last winter season, and continued into the spring of this year. The period of record for La Nina (and El Nino) events, dating back to 1950, shows that "back to back" occurrences of La Nina are not uncommon.

There is some uncertainty on how strong this La Nina will become.

From the results of a local study, winter season pre-cipitation averaged below normal for Abilene, Brady, San Angelo and Rotan during moderate to strong La Nina years; while winter season temperatures averaged above normal.

Another local study showed that snowfall in non-El Niño winters in Abilene averaged 3.8 inches. Although not quite as pronounced, the San Angelo data showed a similar trend, with snowfall averaging around 2.7 inches in non-El Niño periods.

The 90-day precipitation outlook for December through February indicates an enhanced probability for precipitation to be below normal and temperatures to average above normal, across West Central Texas. This reflects the anticipated effects of La Nina. For specific details, visti http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov

The final score was Mason 14 Breezes 0. The Seventh grade got off to a slow start and gave up a touchdown and two-point conversion up in the first quarter and a touchdown in the second quarter. The second half was a defensive battle. Neither team

Varsity Football: The Blizzards will play against Center Point in Llano at 7:30 p.m. on November 11 for the Bi-District Championship.

Veterans' Day, a celebration of freedom

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPOR

WINTERS- On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month... the fighting of World War I ended in 1918. Due to the conclusion of "The War to end all Wars," November 11 became a universally recognized day of celebration.

The day was originally declared "Armistice Day" eight years after the end of World War I and honored only veterans of that war. Then in 1954, after World War II and the Korean War it was renamed "Veterans' Day" to honor all veterans who served America in war and defended democracy.

So, this November 11 we honor all of our veterans who unselfishly placed their lives on the line for our freedom.

Those men and women were ordinary people until they heard the call of duty and answered it. They left their families, their homes and their lives not for recognition or fame, or even

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the honor we bestow upon them today. They fought to protect our country, to maintain our way of life. As we honor our vet-

erans and remember their great deeds, let us also salute those who are currently fighting for our freedom. The War on Terrorism has helped us all realize how truly unique the American way of life is. The freedom we enjoy is extremely special, and that is why we must defend it.

So, now is the time to not only honor those have fought or are fighting for our freedom, it is also the time for each of us to take part in protecting it.

The defense of freedom is not just for those in the military; each of us shares that duty and responsibility.

We don't have to join the Army or the Navy to actively defend our way of life. We can protect our freedom simply by maintaining it here in America. We must put them into

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action. for example, by voting in elections or speaking out against injustices. We must also ensure that everyone feels the benefits of freedom.

CAFETERIA MENU Nov. 14 - 18 Subject to change* WINTERS ISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Scrambled Eggs, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice Milk. TUESDAY

TUESDAY Breakfast Pizza or Cereal of Breakfast Taco, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice Milk. WEDNESDAY Biscuit/Egg Pattie or Oatmeal or Breakfast Burrito, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of 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 of Milk.

WINTERS ISD LUNCH MENU Note: Menus are subject to change without notice. Students may purchase extra Entree for \$1.00, Milk for \$.30, Sides for \$.50, Large Chef Salad for \$2.00, Small Chef Salad For \$1.00, Tea \$.50 (Jr. High and High School), Water \$1.00, Visiting Adult \$4.00, Visiting Child \$3.00. MONDAY

Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy or Steak Burg-er, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Tomato Pasta, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Rosy Applesauce, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

Applesauce, Hot Holi, 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 Naches er Bean Chelung, Spenich Bias

WEDNESDAY Nachos or Bean Chalupa, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Coleslaw, Rosy Pears, Cornbread/Jep. Che. Bread, Choice of Milk. THURSDAY Turkey & Dressing or Corn Dog, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Fruit Cup, Cake, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk. FRIDAY Cheese Burger or Snaghetti/Bread

Cheese Burger or Spaghetti/Bread Sticks, Confetti Fries, Italian Green Beans, Lettuce/Tomato, Tossed Salad/ Carrot Sticks, Orange Wedges, Choice of Milk.

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89th Annual

November 13, 2011

TURKEY AND COUNTRY SAUSAGE **DINNER WITH TRIMMINGS** Served from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Adults \$8.00 Children - \$4.00 Plates to Go \$8.00 - Drive Thru or Walk Up

Children's Games * Bingo * Country Store * Sausage for Sale

AUCTION BEGINS at 1:30 p.m. **Cotton Begins at 2:00 p.m. Sausage Sandwich** Supper - 4:30 p.m.

St. Joseph's **Catholic Church** 1907 - 2011

IN BALLINGER SOON NEW STORE OPENING **Men and boys Cinch Shirts and Jeans** Wrangler George Strait Jeans and Shirts

20x Jeans and Shirts Levi 501, 505, and 514

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