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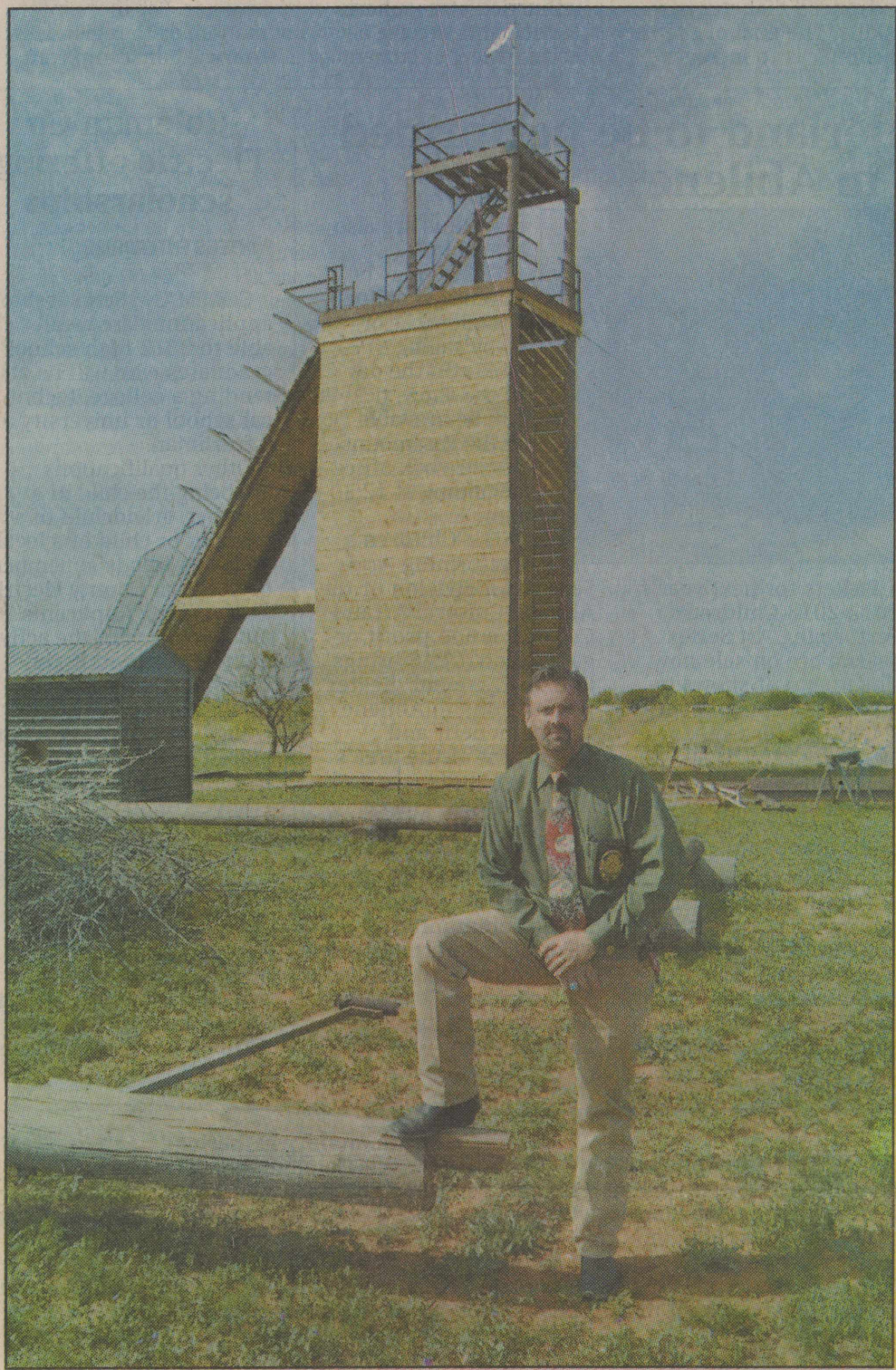


PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Nathan Johnson, Winters Chief of Police and founder of Paladin Community Services led the building of a new campground for the Winters youth north of town.

Gearing up for adventure

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Winters youth with Paladin Community Services program will be soon enjoying big adventures without going far away from home. Founder and initiator of the group Nathan Johnson was giving last week the finishing touches to the soon to be headquarters, in a property located north of Winters.

Leading the boys and aided by people doing community service, the Winters Chief of Police managed to build with donations only a 55 plus foot tower which will serve for rock climbing, front and back rappelling, and will have two zip lines.

"The project had a cost of about \$10,000," said Johnson "and has been entirely funded by donations."

The Paladin Community Services program is an adventure based program in Winters and surrounding areas where youth develop leadership, knowledge, skills, and proficiency in varied subject areas while reinforcing character, code of conduct and community values.

Besides the construction of the rappelling and rock climbing wall the group has been working in the refurbishing of an old Downtown building to be used as a classroom and equipment storage facility.

The opening of the new camp is scheduled for the month of June, 2012. Besides the climbing activities the kids will be able to camp and improve their outdoor skills in a safe, controlled environment near home.

Winters HS has a Bright future

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Amarillo Caprock Defensive Coordinator Adam Bright was hired as the new Winters High School Head Football Coach and Athletic Director, and will be starting this week a new phase in his career with the Winters Blizzards.

Bright was Defensive Coordinator in a District 3 4A school that last year won eight games for the second straight year. The Amarillo Caprock Longhorns finished the 2011 football season with an overall record of 8-3, 5-2 in district games.

The Longhorns reached the first round of the playoffs where they were eliminated by Denton Ryan in the Bi-District game. The Longhorns played with a 3-5-3 basic defense. Bright worked with Seth Parr, the Longhorns Head Football Coach. Bright served as wide receivers coach and defensive coordinator.

Bright comes to a District 13 1A Division I team that reached in 2011 the Area round of the playoffs.

Led by head coach Stephen Hermesmeyer the Blizzards played in grounds they haven't touched in over a decade. Winters had last year an overall record of 9-4, 3-1 in District games and 2-1 in playoffs.

In 2011 Winters defeated Center Point in the Bidistrict round 40-14, didn't have any trouble to pass over Ben Bolt in the Region-



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

New WHS football coach. School Board President Doug Wheat presents new athletic director Adam Bright his official Blizzard gear and notebook commemorating his hiring.

al round 46-13, and finally fell to Shiner 14-42 in the Area round of the playoffs.

On Tuesday, April 3, 2012 the Winters Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of a special committee comprised of faculty members, coaching staff, administration representatives and members of the community. Bright was selected lone

finalist by the committee out of a pool of 70 plus applicants.

"We are very excited to have Bright joining our team," said Winters ISD Superintendent Don Kuempel, Jr. "he is a very dynamic individual and has a very strong leadership. We are excited to have Adam and his wife, Jessica, joining our Blizzard family."

Twelve WHS students honored All-District

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Riley Ripley was named Most Valuable Player, Jordan Busher was selected Offensive Player and 10 other Winters High School boys and girls received top honors in the District 12 Conference 1A All-District basketball teams.

In the girls division nominations include Busher as Offensive Player, LeeAnn Taylor made the First Team and Caitlin Kurtz the Second Team, all of them Seniors at Winters High School. Honorable mentions were awarded to Michelle Kruse and Camille Kurtz.

The Lady Blizzards finished the 2011-

2012 season with a record of 12-19, finished the regular season second in the district and advanced to the Class 1A Division I bi-district playoff.

The boys top honors were awarded to MVP- Riley Ripley, Defensive Player - Andy Garcia, First Team players - Strait Daniel and Cristian Sandoval, and Second Team - Hayden Nitsch. Honorable mentions were awarded to Matthew Pritchard and Nick Kraatz.

The Blizzard Boys basketball team claimed the District championship with a 7-1 record in district games, won the Bi-district round in the playoffs and advanced to Area were they finally reached the end of the season.

Secretary of State urges Texans to register to vote

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- With Tuesday, May 29 now set for the 2012 Primary Elections, Texas Secretary of State Esperanza "Hope" Andrade is urging Texans to register and vote in this important election year.

"While the Secretary of State's Office does not directly administer party primary elections - that duty falls to the county party chairs in their respective counties across Texas - this office works very closely with party officials and local elections

officials to prepare for, and execute fair, accessible and secure elections," said Andrade in a release last week.

As elections officials across the state are preparing for the May 29 primaries, there is much voters can do to prepare as well. Voters can find answers to most of their questions at www.VoteTexas.gov. This website is maintained by the Secretary of State's Office and is available 24 hours a day as the state's official, one-stop hub for voter information.

Registering to vote is

the first and most important step in making sure eligible Texans can vote. The deadline to register to vote in this year's primary elections is April 30, 2012. Texans who are not yet registered will find all the information they need on how to register at www.VoteTexas.gov. Additionally, Texans unsure of whether they are registered can easily verify their registration status through www.VoteTexas.gov.

Voters whose registration cards expired December 31, 2011, are still registered and replacement

voter registration cards will automatically renew and be sent to voters by their county of residence. By federal court order, the new cards will be mailed by April 25, 2012.

Voters who have moved residences or undergone a legal name change should contact their local voter registrar to update their information. Secretary of State also encouraged all Texas voters to take full advantage of early voting. Early voting for the 2012 Primary Elections begins May 14, 2012 and ends May 25, 2012.

A colorful spring

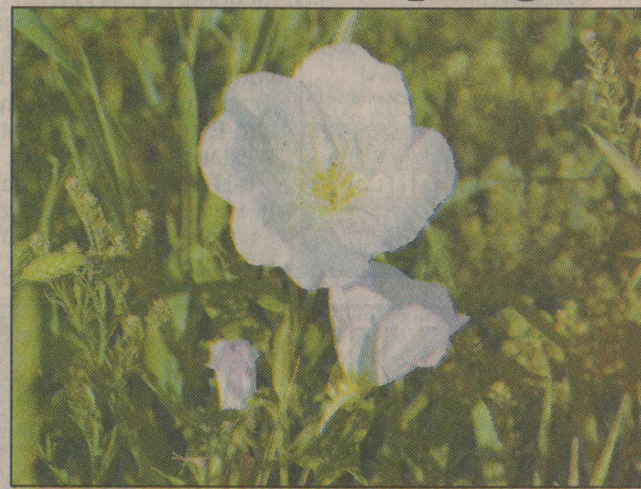


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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

LaLene Decker

LaLene R. Decker, 79, of Ballinger passed away Monday, April 2, 2012 in Ballinger. A memorial service will be held Friday, April 6 at 2 p.m. at Lange Funeral Home Chapel in Ballinger. She is survived by daughters, LeLene Wood of Ballinger, and Tonya Blessing of Randle; sons, Bill Waldrop of Ballinger, Steve Waldrop of Abilene, and John Waldrop of San Angelo; and sister, Jeanette Gill of Hurst. Arrangements are with Lange Funeral Home.

Winters Enterprise, April 12, 2012

Obituaries in The Winters Enterprise are now also online, check out our webpage

at MyRunnelsCounty.com

The Winters Public Library received donations from:

- Joe Nell Harlow.
- Ray and Billie Alderman memorial for Butch Poe and Mrs. Zadnick.
- Marianne Antilley memorial for K.W. Cook.
- Sharon Rice memorial for Josse Chavez Sanchez.
- Ballinger Rotary Club gift of recognition to Tom Stutz.
- Tommy and Charlotte Lancaster memorial for Jimmy Black and Cecil Suddeth.
- Ray and Billie Alderman memorial for Beth Hamilton and Jimmy Black.
- Betty Colburn memorial for Jerry Dobbins.
- Mary and Zannie Slimp memorial for Jim Black, Jackie Ripley and Debra Lindsey.
- Ernest Cathey.
- Larry and Fran Walker memorial for Beth Hamilton.
- Bonnie Elliot memorial for Beth Hamilton.

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One day Type-1 Diabetes seminar at Texas Lions Camp

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

KERVILLE- Texas Lions Camp, in cooperation with Dr. Stephen Ponder, is conducting an exclusive advanced diabetes education seminar for the entire family, including siblings and grandparents on Saturday, April 21 in Kerville, Texas.

Caring for young people with diabetes is a challenge for the whole family, and can be intimidating for grandparents or extended family caregivers. Attending this seminar will provide knowledge, understanding, and

confidence for the entire family. Grandparents will spend a portion of the day in sessions specifically designed for their unique situations.

While children (ages 6-16) with diabetes and their non-diabetic siblings enjoy the supervised activities of Texas Lions Camp's state-of-the-art facility, a team of internationally recognized diabetes experts, led by Dr. Stephen Ponder, will provide a day-long seminar on how to apply advanced diabetes care skills. The goal of the seminar is to increase

levels of advanced diabetes care knowledge and skills. The cost for this opportunity, including all meals, snacks and presentation materials, is \$75 per family (includes grandparents) or \$25 per individual. Register online at www.lionscamp.com.

The focus of the seminar is to enhance the advanced diabetes care skills and working knowledge of parents of children with Type 1 Diabetes and adults with Type 1 Diabetes in a relaxed and unhurried atmosphere. Participants receive a basic review of current

goals of Diabetes care and review core Diabetes care concepts which are vital for anyone with Type 1 Diabetes to master. The seminar concludes with an open forum question and answer session for any topic. A course syllabus will be provided to each family or individual attending with educational materials complementing each presentation.

Please join us at Texas Lions Camp or invite someone who would benefit from attending the seminar. For more information, or to register, go to www.lionscamp.com

Alice in Wonderland to be performed in Abilene

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

ABILENE- Alice in Wonderland, the last of three productions in the Children's Performing Arts Series 2011-2012 will be performed on Sunday, April 15 at 2 p.m. at the Paramount Theatre, in Abilene, Texas.

This is an exciting, full scale musical production from American Family Theater featuring colorful sets, inventive costumes, creative staging and iconic characters like the Mad Hatter, Tweedledum and Tweedledee, the White Rabbit, and of course, Alice herself.

Leslie Bennett of the N.Y. Times says American Family Theater productions "burst with energy, songs, and special effects... Their engaging productions wonderfully command the attention of young audiences and their spirit is contagious."



Tickets for next year's 2012-2013 Children's Performing Art Series season are on sale now. The lineup of shows includes "Sleeping Beauty," scheduled for Oct. 14, 2012, "ImaginOcean," to be performed on Feb. 17, 2013, and "Pinkalicious, The Musical" scheduled for April 21, 2013.

The first 50 people purchasing new season tickets for next season will receive an invitation to the special "Mad Hatter's tea party" following the Alice in Wonderland show. Military and group

discounts are also available.

Tickets may be purchased online at abilenecac.org or by calling 677-1161. On the day of the show, tickets will be available at the Paramount Theatre box office beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The Children's Performing Arts Series is a division of the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council, a non profit organization. CPAS brings live professional theater productions to Abilene for the benefit and enjoyment of the area's youngest audiences and their families. Ticket prices are made affordable though the generous underwriting of individuals and businesses in the community.

For more information, call CPAS director Hollye Jaklewicz at 677-1161 or send an email tocpas@abilene.com.

Coleman Co Electric offering scholarships

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

COLEMAN- Scholarship applications are available to 2012 high school graduates who will be attending a college, technical school or university as a freshman.

Other qualifications are being the child of a member, grandchild of a member or child of a legal guardian who is a member of Coleman County Electric Cooperative. Applicants must reside with the active member and within the Coleman County Electric Cooperative service area.

Eligible applicants will be placed in a drawing to be held in July at the cooperative's annual meeting. There will be nine separate drawings, each scholarship totaling \$500.00. Deadline is June 29, 2012. For an application, visit <http://www.colemanelectric.org> or contact Tony Williams at Coleman County Electric Cooperative at (325) 625-2128 or tony@colemanelectric.org

NEWS NOTES

Ladies Night Out

The Winters Women's Club presents its 18th Annual Ladies Night Out "An Old Fashioned Hoedown." It will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19, 2012, at the Jones Fellowship Hall, 104 W. Truett, Winters, Texas. Cost of admission is \$12.00 per person. You may contact Kay Guy at (325) 754-5248 or (325) 977-1496 to purchase tickets or additional information. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Movie Night at FUMC of Winters

The First United Methodist Church of Winters will be having a free Movie Night on Friday, April 20 at 5 p.m.. The movie will be "Courageous." There will be popcorn. Everyone is welcome to attend and have a good time.

Sesame St characters in Abilene

Elmo, Abby Cadabby and Friends will share their love of music in Sesame Street Live "Elmo Makes Music" at Abilene Civic Center, April 14 - 15, 2012.

Bronte 2012 golf calendar

Bronte Longhorn Golf Club 2012 events: May 5, two-person 18 holes select shot; May 19, Wilson tournament three-person 27 holes select shot; June 2, two-person 18 holes select shot; July 7, two-person 27 holes LB/AS/SS; August 4, three-person 27 holes select shot; September 8, two-person 18 holes select shot; September 29 and 30, Coke Co. Tournament two-person 18 holes select shot each day; October 6, two-person 18 holes select shot; November 3, two-person 18 holes shots.

Carts are limited so sign up early if need carts. Bronte Longhorn Golf Club (325) 437-2156.

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 meeting

The Runnels Co. Retired School Employees will meet on Tuesday, April 10 at 9:45 a.m. at Miles Citizens State Bank (changed location from Winters). Miles UIL students will give a program. Nancy Byler, Dist. 15 President will attend. Important information will be given about the legislature trying to change the TRS defined benefit plan and status of the TRS-Care Insurance program. These will be critical issues of the next legislative session for TRS annuitants. Plan to attend and do get involved in contacts regarding these issues.

Cross Emmaus Community gatherings

The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held first Thursday of each month at 6 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.

Colorado River Bikefest

The Ballinger Noon Lions Club will be holding its 37th annual Colorado River Bikefest/Lions Journey For Sight on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

Entry fee for the 5K ride, run and walk will be \$10. The 30K, 60K, and 100K tours registration fee is \$20. The first 100 entries will be getting free T-shirts. Proceeds will benefit Lions Club Journey for Sight. For more information contact Lanada Driskell at (325) 234-7842, e-mail lanada_driskell@yahoo.com or visit the Noon Lions Club website at <http://www.ballingernoonlions.org>. Entry forms are available on the website.

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Blizzards fall to Miles' early rally

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
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WINTERS- Three runs in the first inning were enough to put the Blizzards behind, and despite the efforts Winters could't catch and fell to the Miles Bulldogs by a score of 10-3 in a game held on Monday, April 9, 2012, in Miles. The Blizzards dropped to 11-5 in the baseball 2012 spring season and had their second defeat in a row after falling to Abilene Cooper JV by 11-3 on Thursday, April 5.

In the third inning two runs helped Winters to close the gap. With one out Hayden Nitsch hit a single, stole second and reached the third base in a passed ball. Nitsch opened the score for the Blizzards with a double to the center field by Riley Ripley.

Kolton Alexander singled to the left field advancing Ripley to third, and Ripley reached the dish in an error by the first baseman.

Top of the sixth Ripley opens with a single, steals second and reaches third with a ground ball by Kolton Alexander. Right after Strait Daniel would connect a solid line drive to the center field to bring Ripley to

Monday April 9, 2012

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

Winters

Batting	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
H Nitsch	2	1	1	0	0	1
R Ripley	3	2	2	1	0	1
K Alexander	3	0	2	0	0	0
S Daniel	3	0	1	1	0	1
F Esquivel	2	0	0	0	1	1
T Cortez	1	0	1	0	0	0
C Gerhart	2	0	1	0	1	1
C Pritchard	3	0	0	0	0	2
J Thomae	2	0	0	0	0	0
J Ripley	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	3	8	2	2	7

2B: R Ripley, S Daniel
TB: H Nitsch, R Ripley 3, K Alexander 2, S Daniel 2, T Cortez, C Gerhart
RBI: R Ripley, S Daniel
ROE: J Thomae
FC: C Pritchard
HBP: T Cortez 2
SB: H Nitsch, R Ripley
CS: K Alexander, T Cortez, J Thomae

Winters

Pitching	O	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	S%
R Ripley	13	4.1	7	10	5	5	5	0	53.2%
C Gerhart	2	0.2	1	0	0	0	2	0	52.9%
Totals	15	5.0	8	10	5	5	7	0	53.1%

Loss: R Ripley
Hit batters: R Ripley 3
Pitches-Strikes: R Ripley 126-67, C Gerhart 17-9
Groundouts-Flyouts: R Ripley 2-5, C Gerhart 0-0
First-pitch strikes-Batters faced: R Ripley 14-32, C Gerhart 0-3

the plate and score the last Winters run in the game.

For the Blizzards Riley Ripley worked the mound for four innings and one

third allowing seven hits and 10 runs, only five were earned runs, walked five and struck out five.

In relief Chris Gerhart worked for two thirds al-

lowing one hit and striking out two batters.

The next Winters game will be on Friday, April 13, when the Blizzards host Reagan County at 5 p.m.

Thursday, April 5, 2012

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Winters	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	5	5
Cooper JV0	1	3	1	0	6			11	11	2

Winters

Batting	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
H Nitsch	4	1	1	0	0	1
K Alexander	4	1	2	1	0	0
S Daniel	3	0	0	0	0	0
F Esquivel	3	0	0	0	0	2
C Gerhart	2	0	0	0	0	1
T Cortez	3	0	2	0	0	1
J Ripley	3	0	0	0	0	3
R Ripley	2	0	0	0	1	1
J Thomae	0	1	0	0	2	0
C Pritchard	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	3	5	1	3	9

2B: T Cortez
TB: H Nitsch, K Alexander 2, T Cortez 3
RBI: K Alexander
ROE: F Esquivel
FC: C Gerhart
GIDP: S Daniel
SB: H Nitsch, K Alexander, J Thomae

Winters

Pitching	O	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	S%
S Daniel	12	4.0	7	5	3	4	2	0	50.0%
C Gerhart	3	1.0	2	3	3	4	2	0	34.3%
R Ripley	3	1.0	2	3	2	0	2	0	63.6%
Totals	18	6.0	11	11	8	8	6	0	48.3%

Loss: S Daniel
Hit batters: R Ripley
Balk: S Daniel, R Ripley
Pitches-Strikes: S Daniel 86-43, C Gerhart 35-12, R Ripley 22-14
Groundouts-Flyouts: S Daniel 3-3, C Gerhart 0-0, R Ripley 1-0
First-pitch strikes-Batters faced: S Daniel 7-23, C Gerhart 2-8, R Ripley 3-6

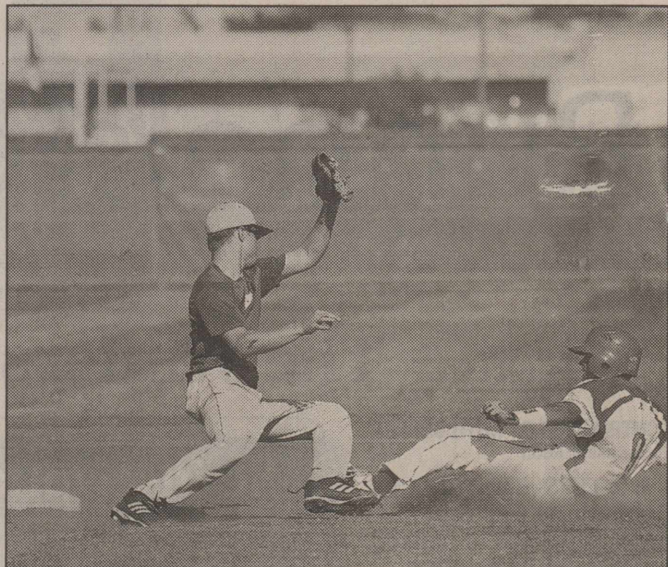


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Hayden Nitsch tagging out an Abilene Cooper player during the Varsity game held on Thursday, April 5, 2012.

GOLF

District 9 Golf first round

Results from the first round District 9 (1-A) played at San Angelo Country Club. Second round scheduled to be played at Diamondback in Abilene on Monday, April 9.

GIRLS	Score	Boys Medalist	Score
Winters Team 1	155	Blaze Thomas (Hamlin)	116
Ally Crook	142	Caymon Georges (Hamlin)	127
Lauren Bredemeyer	163	Christian Tamez (Winters)	125
Kara Kraatz	156		
Kara Heathcott	163		
Total	616		

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- It's a dark side of humanity that we don't like to think about, much less talk about. It's a cancer that destroys families, scars lives, and weakens our communities. But, child abuse simply can't be ignored.

During Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is teaming with local governments and community groups across the state to call attention to how to prevent, recognize, and report child abuse. A schedule of local events is available at www.ItsUpToYou.org

Last year 231 Texas children died because of abuse or neglect at the hands of their parents or guardians, 65,948 children were confirmed victims of abuse or neglect, and 17,108 children were removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect.

Everyone can fight child abuse and reduce its terrible toll by listening to what children are saying and learning about the signs of child abuse at www.ItsUpToYou.org. If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected don't count on someone else to do something, report it to the Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-800-252-5400 or online at <http://www.txabusehotline.org>

This year, DFPS distributed 600,000 child abuse prevention calendars through schools, hospitals, community groups, and others. The Diving into the Sea of Parenting prevention calendar is full of tips on coping with the challenges and stresses of parenthood. Topics like: Promoting healthy habits at home, navigating bedtime struggles, teaching kids to tell the truth and wiping out whining.

CAFETERIA MENU

April 16 - 20

Subject to change*

WINTERS ISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY

Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Cheese and Egg Omelet, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Biscuit/Egg Pattie or Cereal or Yogurt or Sausage on Stick, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice Milk

THURSDAY

Sausage Roll or Cereal or French Toast/Sausage, Toast w/ Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

FRIDAY

Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Cinnamon Roll/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

WINTERS ISD LUNCH

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

Meatloaf or Chicken Tender w/ Gravy, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Apple Wedges, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday

Steak Burger or Lasagna, Corn, Broccoli w/Cheese, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Orange Wedges, Peanut Butter Cookie, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

Frito Pie or Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Coleslaw, Cornbread or Jalapeno Cheese Bread, Peaches, Choice of Milk.

Thursday

Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy or Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Pear Wedges, Hot Roll, Choice Milk.

Friday

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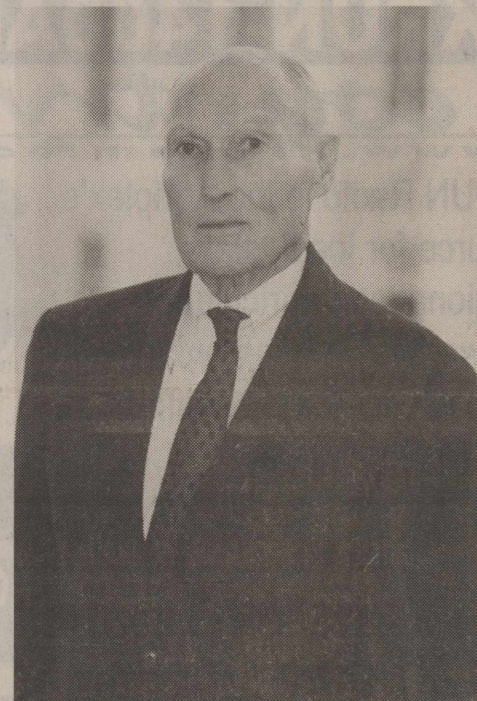
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The Winters Community Old Time Brass Band

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WINTERS— The Winters Community Old Time Brass Band was organized in 1901, 11 years after the town was named, by Charlie Tipton Grant and directed by him for about 15 years. Although the town consisted of only a few stores and the one-room school house, it was the only public meeting place until 1905. The band was the largest west of Fort Worth, Texas. It was well known throughout this section of the state.

The band was in much demand for public and social functions. A bandstand was built on the lot at the corner of Church and Parsonage Streets where Bradley Grain Storage is now located and directly across the street from the First United Methodist Church. The citizens were proud of their band and turned out to hear them practice on Friday nights as well as attend the concerts usually held on Sunday afternoons. In later years, the band stand was moved to Tinkle Park. Tinkle Park and Tinkle Street were both named for Dr.

The inscription

WINTERS BRASS BAND FOCUS OF SOCIAL LIFE DURING WINTERS EARLY YEARS THE BAND PLAYED THROUGHOUT THE AREA FOR BOX SUPPERS, OLD SETTLERS REUNIONS, AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS. CHARLES GRANT ORGANIZED THE GROUP IN 1901 (SEVEN YEARS AFTER THE TOWN WAS INCORPORATED) AND CONDUCTED WHEN IT PLAYED FOR THE COMING OF WINTERS' FIRST RAILROAD IN 1909.

GRANT SERVED AS BANDMASTER FOR FIFTEEN YEARS. SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS WERE PRESENTED IN THE BANDSTAND (THEN LOCATED IN TINKLE PARK), AND MEMBERS TRAVELED IN A BANDWAGON DRAWN BY FOUR WHITE HORSES TO PLAY IN SMALL TOWNS NEARBY. FAVORITE TUNES WERE "THE ANVIL CHORUS", "STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER," AND "POET PEASANT." NEW UNIFORMS, BLUE WITH GOLD STRIPES, COST \$14 IN 1905. AFTER 1920, THE RETIRED MEMBERS HELPED THE CITY SCHOOL ORGANIZE A BAND BY LENDING SOME OF THEIR INSTRUMENTS TO THE STUDENTS.

ABOUT 200 BRASS BANDS ONCE FLOURISHED IN TEXAS, AND MUSIC WAS A CULTURAL ACTIVITY IN THE STATE'S FIRST COLONY IN THE 1820'S. MANY TOWNS HAD STARTED TO BUILD BANDSTANDS BY 1850, USING THEM FOR POLITICAL RALLIES, CHURCH SOCIALS, FUND-RAISING DRIVES, AS WELL AS CONCERTS.

ONCE THE LARGEST BRASS BAND WEST OF FORT WORTH, THE WINTERS GROUP AND OTHERS LIKE IT CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THE CULTURAL GROWTH OF TEXAS.

Recorded 1967



Front row, left to right: John Curry, Albert Spill, Frank Adami, Albert Roberts, Charlie Adami, and Emil Spill. Back row, left to right: G.R. Tucker, Charlie Grant, Ben Spill, Adolph Ernst, Louis Ernst, Charlie Kiefer, Bill Kiefer, and Bill Pierce, not in picture.

School. After 1920, the retired band members helped the Winters School organize a band by lending some of their instruments to the students.

Some 200 brass bands once flourished in Texas and music was a cultural activity in the state's first colony in the 1820s. Many towns had started to build bandstands by 1850, using them for political rallies, church socials, fund-raising drives, as well as concerts.

April 28, 1968, the Winters Brass Band Marker was dedicated in ceremony. The marker was erected on Main Street. Mrs. L. E. Dudley of Abilene, member of the Texas Historical Committee was the speaker. The Brass Band Marker was presented to the county by the state, with matching funds, based on the work of the Runnels Co Historical Survey Committee. The Winters Blizzard Band, under the direction of Jim Swofford, gave a concert prior to the program and played the National Anthem. The Winters Brass Band and others like it contributed much to the cultural growth of Texas.

Runnels County Historical Commission Marker Histories
Oral History, Bobby Mayo, Winters, Texas
Daily Standard-Times, San Angelo, Texas, Oct. 8, 1967
Winters Enterprise, Winters, Texas, April 26, 1968
Daily Reporter-News, Abilene, Texas, Apr. 26, 1968
Runnels My County, Charlsie Poe

Fred Tinkle. The park was located east of his home, and later donated to the city of Winters.

The band was famous for three favorites — The Anvil Chorus, Poet and Peasant, and Stars and Stripes. Charlie Grant was bandmaster for the coming of the railroad in 1909. Traveled in a

band wagon drawn by four white horses, trips were made to Crews, Wingate, Ballinger, Bronte, Maverick, Robert Lee, Ft. Chadbourne and other places. They played for picnics, weddings, old settlers reunion and political rallies.

Longer trips were made by wagon to Ballinger, the nearest railroad, then continued by train. Brownwood, San Angelo, Coleman and Big Spring were included in the itinerary. Any trip out of town required at least three days and more often the celebration lasted that long.

They were invited to play an engagement in San An-

gelo, staying in the Landon Hotel, later known as San Angelo's Town House Motor Hotel. About an hour after they left, the hotel burned and eight people were killed in the fire.

By 1905, the band had new uniforms, the finest that could be bought at that time. They were blue with gold stripes and cost \$14.00 each. Several young men were joining the band. Among local residents, Adolph Ernst, Louis Ernst, Charlie Adami all of Winters and Charlie Kiefer of San Angelo. Charlie and the late Bill Kiefer were born in Baden, West Germany and came

to America with their parents, settling in Seguin in 1888.

In 1900, they moved to Winters. Bill was a painter and paper hanger by trade. He by now had almost made a profession of band music. He was hired by the Waco and San Saba Bands and played three days at the San Saba Fair in 1910.

Bill Kiefer played with the Ballinger Booster Band in 1924. His son, Albert was first clarinetist and Bill was second. His daughter, Mrs. J. B. Templeton noted that Gus Hartman was the first director to introduce band music in the Winters

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WINTERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Museums, the library and a picture of the Green Bay Packers in the Rock Hotel

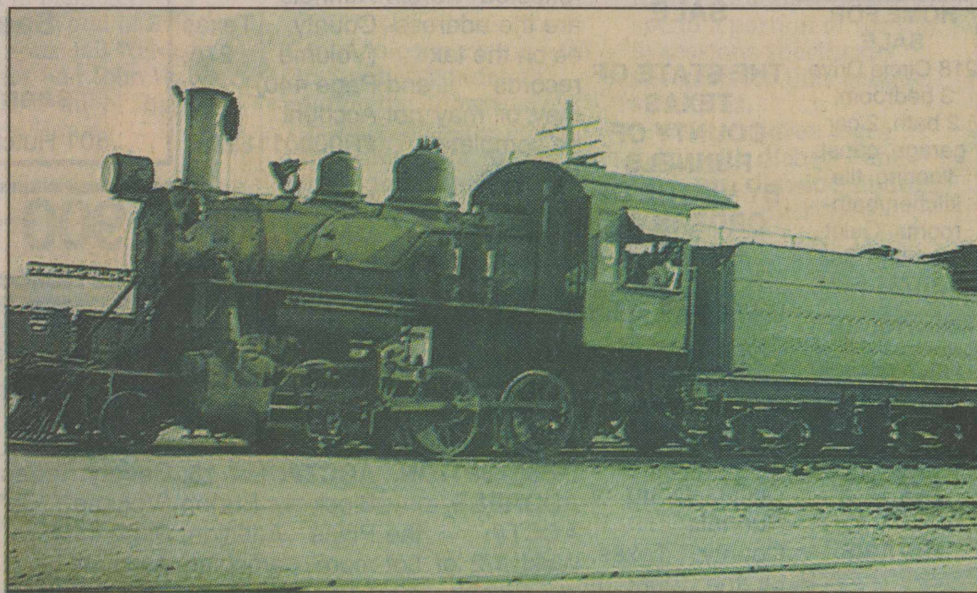
From Spanish Conquistadors to an industrial town the City of Winters has gone through plenty of changes, writers and historians have recorded the rich history of the town which is now presented in a Winters Enterprise series compiled and written by Randall Conner.

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WINTERS- Winters High School students have been involved in every vocation imaginable and penetrated every corner of the world. You can go almost anywhere and find someone with a connection to Winters.

Winters is a very diverse, but yet very caring community.

Whether you have been in Winters all of your life, or 20 years, or 40 years or even if you have been here less than a year, you



Undated photo of the Abilene and Southern Railroad. Winters, as well as other area communities were developed close and around the railroad routes.

can find a place in the community. Churches were started just as people began to settle in the town. These became the center of many families' lives.

Our churches have been the core to developing faith, values, and commitment. They

have been there to minister to those in sorrow and to those in need. The ministers of the local churches banded together several years ago through the Winters Ministerial Alliance to minister to the community and to meet the physical needs of those who

the unique history and heritage of this area. Their dream produced one of the most outstanding museums in this part of Texas, beginning with the Z. I. Hale Museum and its many collections to The Rock Hotel Heritage Center and Drummer

were struggling. This unique bond, which is found in few communities, has evolved into a special ministry in North Runnels County though Samaran's House.

In the 1950's, a handicapped lady felt that Winters needed a library. Despite her disabilities, Winters Public Library became a reality and that vision is manifested today in a modern, computerized center used by many. In the late 1970's, a handful of local citizens saw the need to preserve

House to the Gus Pruser Agricultural Exhibit. The Museum contains the first patented cotton picker in the United States built in 1912, memorabilia of Rogers Hornsby, baseball Hall of Famer, who was born near Winters in 1896, and many other collections of area history.

An interesting story about Winters happened in the 1960's. Huffman House was a restaurant in downtown on East Dale operated by the Huffmans. A young man came in one day and sat down for lunch. Mrs. Huffman, the ever-friendly owner, greeted the diner by saying, "Young man, you look familiar." The man said that he was Bart Starr with the Green Bay Packers. Mrs. Huffman responded by saying, "Oh, I wouldn't know you. We get all of our meat from Gooch's." Starr enjoyed telling the story and sent Mrs. Huffman an autographed picture which hangs in The Rock Hotel today.

The famous jockey Willie Shoemaker writes in his autobiography about spending summers on his grandfather's ranch near Winters and it was here that he first learned to ride a horse.



My name is **SAM SCOTT** and I am seeking the office of **RUNNELS COUNTY COMMISSIONER Precinct 3.**

Judy and I have been married for 42 years and are the parents of 5 children and 8 grandchildren. Our home is in Wingate.

I am a retired High School Math Teacher, Athletic Director, and Head Football Coach. We are currently Stock Farmers in the Norton Community, and I have been employed by Runnels County the past 4 years as a Road and Bridge Hand. I have proven experience in overseeing personnel and have created and administered numerous budgets throughout my career.

Your consideration and vote will be greatly appreciated.

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Volunteers of the First United Methodist Church of Winters get ready to cater the meal at the Winters Community Center.

Feeding body and soul during the Holy Week

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WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Holy Week, time to make a pause and look into our soul, time to look back and also a time to share. This is also the time chosen by the Winters Ministerial Alliance to share with the community, filling the spirit and the body. Seven different churches participated

this year in the annual prayer and lunch held from Monday thru Friday at the Winters Community Center, an event open for everyone willing to share a moment of prayer and a good meal.

Churches participating this year in the event are the First Baptist Church of Winters, Hopewell Baptist Church, Southside Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, St. John's

Lutheran Church, Mt Carmel Catholic Church, North Main Street Church of Christ, Bluff Creek Cowboy Church and New Beginnings Church.

This traditional celebration, held every Holy Week, joined hundreds at the Community Center to share the bread and the salt, and also joined their spirits to remember the Passion of Jesus the Christ.

A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes. It doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the 65 or older or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling for 65 and older or disabled homeowners. The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling to a new home.

If you're a disabled veteran who receives from the Veterans Affairs (VA)—(1) 100 percent disability compensation due to a service connected disability and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployment, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your resident homestead.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2011, you won't need to reapply for 2012 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2012. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications before May 1 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

Runnels County Appraisal District
P.O. Box 524 (505 Hutchings Ave)
Ballinger, Tx 76821
325-365-3583



Or contact:
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Variedad de exenciones contributivas residenciales podrían reducir los impuestos de la propiedad

Una exención contributiva residencial reduce los impuestos de la propiedad al disminuir el valor de la misma. Si su residencia está valorada en \$50,000 y recibe una exención de \$15,000, la residencia pagará los impuestos de una residencia valorada en \$35,000.

¿Quién cumple con los requisitos para las exenciones disponibles?

Cualquier persona que es el dueño de una propiedad el primero de enero y la utiliza como residencia principal en esa misma fecha tiene derecho a la exención contributiva residencial de \$15,000 para reducir los impuestos escolares a pagar. No importa si la residencia es una casa, un condominio o una casa móvil. Los condados, ciudades y distritos imponibles especiales también pueden ofrecer exenciones contributivas residenciales.

¿Existe alguna otra exención?

Si usted es discapacitado o tiene 65 o más tiene derecho a una exención contributiva escolar adicional de \$10,000 para la residencia. Y, si cumple con los requisitos para exención por la edad de 65 o más, o es discapacitado tiene derecho a una cifra de impuestos congelada al llegar a cierto punto específico y permanente de impuestos escolares por la propiedad. El condado, la ciudad o universidad comunitaria pueden también congelar el límite de impuestos a pagar para las personas de 65 años o más y los discapacitados. Los límites de los impuestos escolares para las personas de 65 años o más son transferidos al cónyuge sobreviviente si el sobreviviente tiene 55 años o más al momento del deceso, es el propietario y reside en la propiedad. Los propietarios residenciales de 65 o más, o el cónyuge sobreviviente, puede transferir a una nueva residencia el porcentaje del impuesto escolar pagado y basado en el impuesto congelado.

Si es usted un veterano discapacitado quien recibe de la Administración de Veteranos (VA, por sus siglas en inglés) (1) 100 por ciento del beneficio por discapacidad relacionado al servicio militar o (2) VA determinó que no puede desempeñar ningún oficio, tiene derecho a recibir una exención contributiva para la residencia del valor tasado total.

¿Debo solicitar la exención anualmente?

No. Si usted recibió la exención residencial de la propiedad en 2011 no es necesario solicitar nuevamente a menos que el jefe de tasaciones así exige. Por otro lado, si usted no ha recibido la exención en la residencia actual o se mudó a una nueva residencia en 2011 debe solicitar la exención para 2012. En caso de cumplir 65 durante este año, tiene tiempo para solicitar la exención por edad de 65 o más hasta un año después de la fecha exacta de nacimiento. Y, si sufre de discapacidad puede solicitar la exención para personas con discapacidades.

¿Dónde y cuándo debo solicitar la exención?

Debe solicitar antes del 1ero de mayo en la oficina del distrito de tasaciones. De ser el caso de que necesita tiempo adicional, contáctenos en:

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A taste of the Olympics



Come to the Abilene Zoo, Saturday, April 14, 2012, at 11 a.m. to watch Jenessa Wade (top right), fellow dancers and some family members perform their Texas-themed dance routine that they will perform in London this July. Dance Limited Studio in Abilene has been invited to perform on stages in downtown London during the Summer Olympics. Jenessa is a fifth grader at Winters Elementary. Come join the fun!

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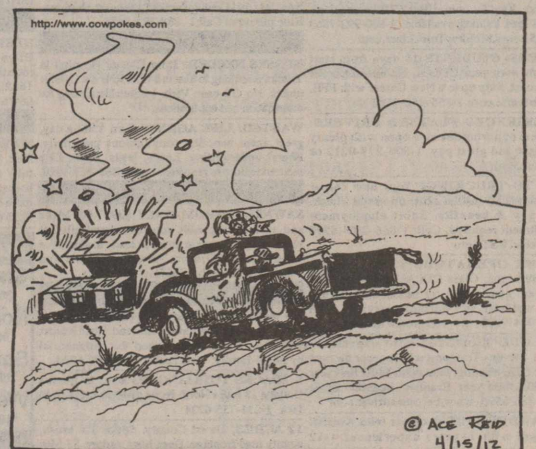
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