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FOW to hold annual dinner

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WINTERS- The annual dinner of the Future of Winters Club will be held at the Fort Chadbourne Visitor Center on May 8. The brand new visitor center features an amazing collection of over 300 antique guns, many historic displays, an old stage coach, a restored bar from Zappe's saloon and authentic relics from the old fort. Anyone can join the Future of Winters Club by contributing \$100 to the Project Fund of the Winters Area Foundation. That contribution entitles you to a steak dinner for two, admission to the Fort, and a pleasant evening spent with many other positive people. The Future of Winters Club has been responsible for providing almost \$35,000 to area non-profits such as the fire department, library, scout hut, and child development center.

Contributions may be sent to Winters Area Foundation, Box 211, Winters, TX 79567 or by contacting any director: Gene Wheat, George Mostad, Charles Bahlman, Mike Bedford, Marvin Jones, Armando Tamez, Nancy Spill, Hilda Woffenden or Susan Conner.



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Winters FFA teams State bound

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters FFA Chapter was proudly represented by four teams competing in the combined District and Area level judging contests this past week. Schools big and small from Miles to Wichita Falls and from Quanah to Hamilton arrived ready to compete in the annual event held on the campus of Tarleton State University in Stephenville. The numerous Career Develop-

WHS students

honored All-

District

WINTERS- Riley Ripley

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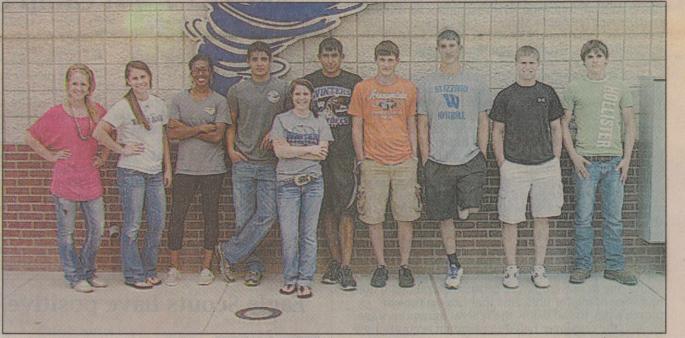
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ment Events, or judging contests, are designed to develop career specific skills and knowledge in students.

The Winters Livestock Judging team, consisting of Ethan Bredemeyer, Hannah Franklin, Kara Heathcott, and Jace Thomae, was awarded fourth in District and sixth in Area, which qualifies them to compete in the state contest on May 5 at Texas A&M University.

Out of 213 individual competi-

tors, Kara Heathcott finished as the third high individual and Ethan Bredemeyer finished as the twelfth high individual. The Winters entomology team, consisting of Archie Mills, Cannon Bryan, and Jack Pritchard finished up first in District and third place in Area. This qualifies the entomology team to compete at the state level on April 21 at Texas Tech University. Archie Mills placed as the fifth high individual. The Winters Wildlife team, consisting of William Mobley, Bryce Mikeska, and Taylor Hooper, placed second in District and ninth in Area, just missing advancement to the state level. Finally the Winters Horse Evaluation team, consisting of Jordan Busher, Michelle Kruse, Reba Coleman, and Jaymee Pritchard, placed ninth in District and 29th in Area. Congratulations to all the FFA judging teams and good look at the state!





The Winters Blizzards Varsity Baseball team added two wins to their season record by defeating Reagan County and TLCA. SEE **PAGE 5** 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 bidistrict playoff. The boys top honors

were awarded to MVP- Ri-

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Blizzards Hoopsters awarded All-District honors (left to right) Michelle Kruse, Caitlin Kurtz, LeeAnn Taylor, Cristian Sandoval, Camille Kurtz, Andy Garcia, Nik Kraatz, Riley Ripley, Hayden Nitsch, Matthew Pritchard, and not pictured are Jordan Busher and Strait Daniel.

ley 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.



Commitment and dedication

Winters Elementary students Cristina Aragon and Emanuel Espino were named Students of the Month for the month of April, 2012. The students are pictured here with School Board members Kevin Busher and Danny Martinez.

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MVP... Riley Ripley, 2012 Basketball 1A District 12 Most Valuable Player.



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Nadine Robinson

Nadine Robinson, 96, of Winters, died April 16, 2012. She was born March 27, 1916 in Winters and was a life-long resident. She married Spec Robinson July 6, 1941 in Tuscola. She was a retired school teacher having taught in Sweetwater and Winters. She was a Presbyterian.

Her survivors include a nephew and a niece: Rick Robinson and wife Jean of Brenham and Jan Sims and husband Jerry of Winters.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday April 18, 2012 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Peter Burow officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Earth Day calls for a respect for biodiversity

Earth Day, April 22, call us to respect all life on planet Earth, especially human life. Today this respect for life is expressed on the term "biodiversity." Biodiversity, or biological diversity, refers to the great wealth of beings that live on planet Earth, as well as the delicate equilibrium of interdependence and interaction that exists between them and the physical environment that hosts and conditions them.

This biodiversity is translated into different ecosystems, of which examples can be found in forests, wetlands, savannah, jungles, deserts, coral reefs, mountains, seas and polar zones. There are three imminent and grave dangers to biodiversity that require an urgent solution: climate change, desertification and the loss of biodiversity.

Biodiversity is linked to human activity and other lifestyle. Earth Day is a time for all of us, government church, special interest group, businesses that require an urgent solution: climate change, desertification and the loss of biodiversity.

Each day we are in contact with the beautiful nature that surrounds us and encouraged to respect and value the beauty and marvelous gifts of all creation. There exists in nature a certain reciprocity: as we care for creation, we realize that God, though creation, cares for us.

Earth Day is a day to remind ourselves how we are to care for our beautiful planet Earth that sustains our life needs and how we are to share in a loving way these gifts of God with others that belong to all the people on Earth.

> **Bishop Michael D. Pfeiffer** San Angelo Catholic Diocese

Underpayment ruled to health workers in Abilene WINTERS ENTERPRISE

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ABILENE- Sears Methodist Retirement System Inc. has agreed to pay \$167,805 in back wages to 318 vocational nurses and aides employed at three facilities in Abilene following an investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division that uncovered violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act's minimum wage, overtime and record-keeping provisions.

"This company took advantage of its employees by not paying them for all hours worked," said Cynthia Watson, regional administrator for the Wage and Hour

Estate-planning seminar Tuesday, May 8, 2012 from 6 p.m. thru 8 p.m. a local estate-planning attorney will be offering a free Preparing Your Estate Plan seminar to learn basic estate-planning strategies. The seminar will be held at Main Street Restaurant, 701 Hutchings, Ballinger, Texas. RSVP by May 1 to 365 2505.

Gifted/Talented nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the Winters Elementary Gifted/Talented program, grades First through Fifth. If you believe your child might benefit from a gifted/talented program, we welcome your nomination. Nomination and parent-permission-for-testing forms may be obtained at the Elementary Principal's office during normal working hours. All forms must be completed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by April 30, 2012.

Las nominaciones para el programa de niños dotados/ con talentos especiales se estarán recibiendo para alumnos de primero a quinto grado. Los padres que deseen nominar a un niño/niña pueden recoger una forma en la oficina elemental. Las formas deben ser entregadas en la escuela antes del 30 de abril del 2012.

WHS Class of 1951 anniversary

Winters High School Class of 1951 will celebrate their 61st Graduation Anniversary Saturday April 21, 2012 at the Rock Hotel, in Winters, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. members of other class are invited to stop by to visit. Call Mary Kurtz at (325) 754-5182 for more information.

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tion, Box 211, Winters, TX 79567 or by contacting any director: Gene Wheat, George Mostad, Charles Bahlman, Mike Bedford, Marvin Jones, Armando Tamez, Nancy Spill, Hilda Woffenden or Susan Conner.

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.

Bronte 2012 golf calendar

Bronte Longhorn Golf Club 2012 events: May 5, twoperson 18 holes select shot; May 19, Wilson tournament

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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 sigh 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.

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 infor-mation 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.

District 7 4-H camp to be held at San Angelo

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SAN ANGELO- The Texas AgriLife Extension Service's 4-H youth component will conduct the District 7 4-H Science Day Camp from 9

huge success across the state," Bading said. "The focus of the camp for the youth is to help them learn proper scientific procedure in a fun, hands-on environment. There will be no formal adult training scheduled during the day, but there will be plenty of opportunities for them to learn by simply observing the activities. The morning's topics will include: "Scientific Method Exercise - Experiments That Will Blow Your Mind" and "Investigable Question - If You Can Pronounce It, You Can Do It!"

the Hard Part,""Result Interpretation - Telling the World, Like a Scientist" and "Poster Design - What Goes Where and Why."

Individual preregistration due by May 30 is \$25 for current 4-H members and adult volunteers and \$35 for non-4-H members. The fee will cover materials, lunch and snacks and a thumb drive containing all the day's educational materials. Register for the "District 7 4-H Science Day Camp" online May 1-30 at 4-H Connect: https://texas.4honline. com

Division in the Southwest. "Health care workers are among the lowest-paid employees in the nation, and this employer profited by paying these vulnerable em-ployees less than they were legally due under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

An investigation by the Wage and Hour Division's Abilene Field Office found that the company deducted one hour from employees' pay for lunch periods, even though employees took only half-hour breaks for lunch. Because these unpaid hours were not included in employees' total time worked, overtime hours those worked beyond 40 in a week - were not correctly calculated or compensated. Back wages also were found due to one employee because illegal deductions had been made for uniforms that caused the employee's pay to fall below the federal minimum wage. Finally, the employer failed to maintain accurate time records.

Investigators found violations at the Wesley Court Methodist Retirement Community, Mesa Springs Retirement Village and Health Care Center, and Windcrest Alzheimer Care Center.

In addition to paying all back wages owed, Sears Methodist Retirement System has agreed to comply fully with the FLSA in the future.

The FLSA requires that covered employees be paid at least the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 for all hours worked, plus time and one-half their regular rates, including commissions, bonuses and incentive pay, for hours worked beyond 40 per week. In general, "hours worked" includes all time an employee must be on duty, or on the employer's premises or at any other prescribed place of work, from the beginning of the first principal work activity to the end of the last principal activity of the workday. Additionally, the law requires that accurate records of employees' wages, hours and other conditions of employment be maintained.

a.m. - 4 p.m. on June 5 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at San Angelo.

The center is located about 5 miles north of town on U.S. Highway 87.

Charla Bading, AgriLife Extension 4-H specialist at San Angelo, said the camp targets currently enrolled 4-H youth and adult leaders, but youth not currently in 4-H are also encouraged to attend.

'The 4-H Science Camps are a

Afternoon session topics following lunch will include: "Experimental Design - Getting an Answer is Not

For more information contact Bading at 325-653-4576, c-bading@ tamu.edu

Eagle Scouts have positive, lasting influence study shows

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPOR

WACO- One hundred years after Arthur Eldred of New York earned the first Eagle Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America, researchers with Baylor University's Institute for Studies of Religion (ISR) and Program on Prosocial Behavior have released findings from a nationwide, scientific survey that demonstrates the significant, positive impact Eagle Scouts have on society - from leadership and giving, voting to volunteering, protecting

the environment to being prepared for emergencies. The full study – "Merit Beyond the Badge" – can be downloaded at www.

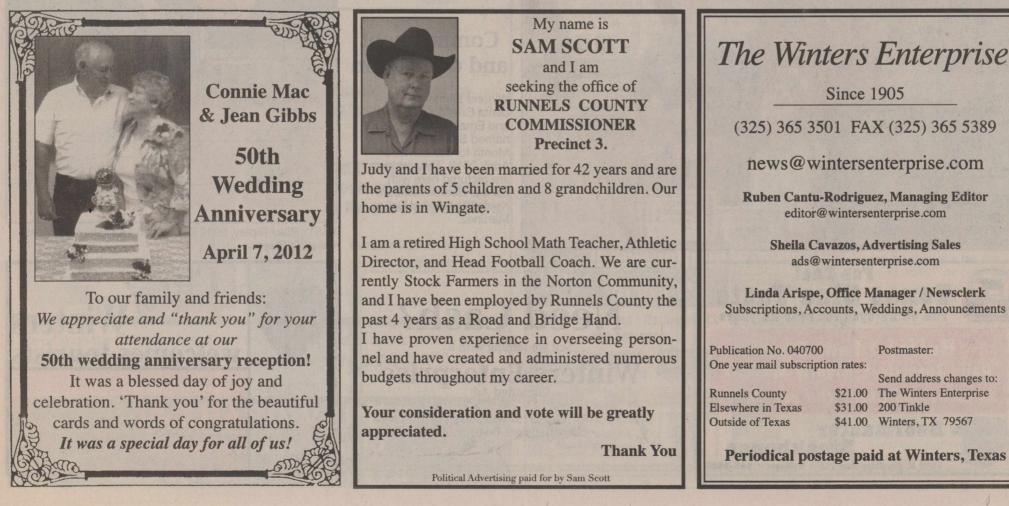
baylorisr.org. There is no shortage of examples or anecdotal accounts that suggest Scouting produces better citizens, but now there is scientific evidence to confirm the prosocial benefits of Scouting or earning the rank of Eagle Scout," said the study's principal investigator, Byron R. Johnson, Ph.D., **Distinguished Professor** of the Social Sciences,

director of the Program on **Prosocial Behavior and ISR** co-director. "The central question of this study was to determine if achieving the rank of Eagle Scout is associated with prosocial behavior and development of character that carries over into young adulthood and beyond."

With funding from a major two-year research grant from the John Templeton Foundation, **Baylor researchers with** ISR's Program on Prosocial Behavior partnered with the Gallup Organization to conduct a nationwide

random survey of 2,512 adult males.

The Baylor study found that Eagle Scouts - compared to Scouts who never attained the rank of Eagle Scout and men who were never Scouts were significantly more likely to exhibit higher levels of participation in a variety of health and recreational activities. show a greater connection to siblings, share a greater belief in duty to God, and be committed to setting and achieving personal, professional, spiritual and financial goals.



Thursday, April 19, 2012 **Beware**, snake season experts alert

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION-Coming to an area near you: snakes, and plenty of them. With unusually warm temperatures and plenty of rainfall this spring, experts say this could be a bumper crop year for snakes. While Texas has never been short on the snake commodities list, people and pets should be aware that they are out and about, says a Texas A&M University expert.

Jill Heatley, associate professor of veterinary medicine, notes she and other veterinarians have already seen several snake-bitten pets brought into the Small Animal Hospital at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine & **Biomedical Sciences.**

She says a snakebite on a human can be painful - and very expensive.

It is not uncommon for a person bitten by a venomous snake to have medical bills of \$50,000 or more because of hospitalization, which can run from one day to several weeks, treatments on damaged tissues, plus antivenin treatments that can run into the thousands of dollars, she adds.

Although snakes are found in most of the world - Ireland, Iceland and New Zealand are some of the few snakefree countries - only four types found in Texas are venomous: the coral snake, copperhead, rattlesnake and cottonmouth (also called water moccasin), and the state is a ground zero, slithering paradise for all of them.

"The thing to remember about snakes is that generally, they want to be left alone. They are probably more afraid of you," Heatley explains.

"Of the four types of venomous snakes in Texas, the coral, copperhead and rattlesnake are almost never aggressive unless they are provoked. The cottonmouth has been known to be a little on the aggressive side, so you should be a little

Kent Cates Fifth six weeks honor **Destiny Chausse** roll: **FIRST GRADE** "A" Honor Roll Abanea Cortez James Galvan "A-B" Honor Roll **Courtney Chausse Kira** Collins **Raven Collins** Jesenia Corral Brianna Griggs Anthony Llanas Serenity Luera Kaydee Palady Felix Reyna **Krisol Reyna** Jazelyn Rodriguez Nicholas Rodriguez **Roman Sandoval James Speir** Wyatt Staggs Nicholas Trevino James Winchester SECOND GRADE "A" Honor Roll Jon Busher Tori Campos **Connor Garcia** James Killough "A-B" Honor Roll **Chaney Bahlman**

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Fifth six week honor roll SIXTH GRADE "A" Honor Roll Jose Garcia **Bronte Hermesmeter** Megan Jacob **Kolton Jones** "A-B" Honor Roll **Brooklynn Anderson** Alyssa Bullard **Christopher Diaz** Mason Donica **Brenna Edwards** Hyla Forder Macey Gerhart Aimee Green

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Angel Stratton

Stacie Ventress

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Connie Mac and Jean Gibbs 50th wedding anniversary

Connie Mac and Jean Gibbs celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on Saturday, April 7, 2012 from 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church, Winters. Hosts for the reception were their children and their spouses: Tammy and Mark Kaczyk and Kenny and Leticia Gibbs. Grandchildren helping host were: Brooke Atkins and Kynzi Kaczyk of Big Spring, Tex., Haley Kaczyk of Abilene, Tex. and Lane Gibbs of Winters, Tex. Unable to attend was Justin Kaczyk and Michael Atkins of Big Spring, Tex., Angel Ramirez of Lubbock, Tex., Tana (Gibbs) Struve of Germany and Stephen Struve serving with the U.S. Army, deployed. Great-grandchildren attending were Hope and Paige Atkins and Kaylie and Kavan Kaczyk of Big Spring, Tex. Paisley Struve of Germany was unable to attend. Friends helping with the anniversary were Helen Hale, Brenda Briley and Vickie Blackerby.

Over one hundred family and friends attended the reception. Special guests at the reception were members of the wedding party in 1962: Georgia Gibbs, Lynda(Gibbs) Ford, Donnie Gibbs, Bailey Mayo and flower girl, Emily (McKnight) Cravens.

Decorations were in appropriate gold, ivory roses, lighted votive candles and the 50th wedding anniversary flower, violets. Of special interest on the anniversary cake, made by Carol Kozelsky, was the '50th Cake Topper' used on Connie H. and Georgia Gibbs' 50th anniversary cake in 1991.

Jean is the former Jean Mayo, daughter of the late Dick and Neva Mayo. Connie Mac is the son of Georgia Gibbs of Winters and the late Connie H. Gibbs. The couple graduated from Winters High School with the WHS Class of 1961. Connie attended Sul Ross College and both attended Draughon's Business School in Abilene, Tex. The couple married on April 7, 1962. They have lived in Winters most of their lives

Connie Mac was employed by Dry Mfg.-Selkirk Div. for 36 years as Customer Service Mgr. and Credit Mgr. retiring in 1999. Jean was employed at the North Runnels Hospital-business office for 8 years and in the Savings and Loan business for 12 years, retiring from First American Bank in 1995. They are active members of the First United Methodist Church and both help with

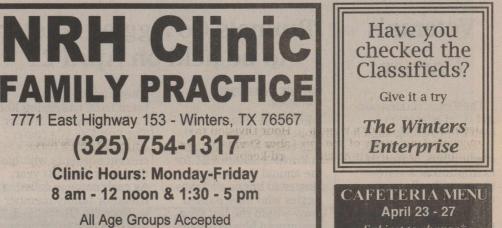
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the local Meals on Wheels. They enjoy spending time with family and friends. They have traveled in several countries and in the USA. Connie's interest include grandchildren's activities and golf. Jean enjoys the family activities, crafts and genealogy.

The couple appreciates all who attended their 50th Anniversary Reception. They were blessed to have so many loved ones together to share this special event — it was a fun and blessed day with family and friends!



more wary of it, especially if you are near a creek or lake where they have been frequently seen."

Heatley says an inquisitive pet can be a snakebite victim.

If bitten, a dog usually suffers the bite on its face or nose, while cats tend to be nicked on their paws, she explains.

'The area that has been bitten will usually begin to swell almost immediately, and that's a tell-tale sign to look for," she notes. Venom can spread quickly inside the ani-mal, and kidney failure can result within 12 to 24 hours, which is why a bitten animal needs immediate treatment.

She says it's important to know that all snakebites are not the same.

'Sometimes an animal or person will get just a small amount of venom from a bite, and sometimes it's much more,' she adds.

"There is also such a thing as a 'dry bite' in which no venom is injected at all. And also, larger snakes tend to have lesser amounts of venom than smaller ones.

For more information about snakes, she recommends such websites as Herps of Texas, Austin Herpetological Society and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Wheater Whys

Hail formation Q: What causes hail to form? A: Hail is caused when raindrops are lifted up into the atmosphere during a thunderstorm and then supercooled by temperatures below freezing, turning them into ice balls. says Dr. Dick Orville of Texas A&M University. "The faster the updraft on these balls of ice, the bigger they can grow," he explains. When these stones fall to earth, the damage can be devastating, even deadly. Large hailstones have been clocked at more than 90 miles per hour and there have been reports of humans and livestock being killed by large hailstones

"A-B" Honor Roll **Daniel Cortez** Allison Crook Karl Fink Rodolfo Lara Adreanna Lopez Magally Mendoza Nina Mooney Victoria Sanchez **Cody Towe Elisabeth Wenzel**

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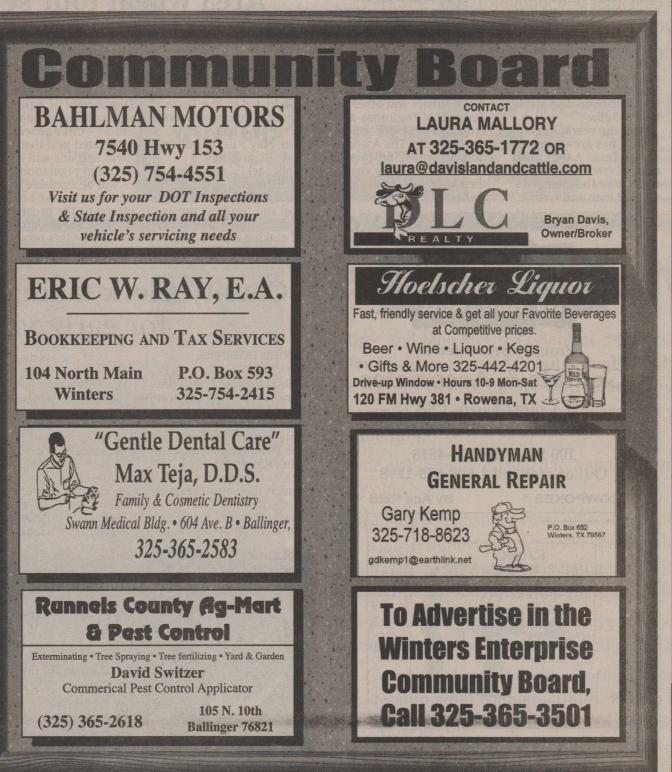
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HISTORICAL MARKERS AND THEIR HISTORIES IN RUNNELS CO

A family tragedy turned into cowboy heritage

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WINTERS- Charles H. Noyes was born December 29, 1896 on the rambling Noyes farm near Menard, Texas. He was the son of Gus and Lula Noyes, pioneer ranchers and farmers of the area. When Charles was in his teen years, the family moved to the Melvin Ranch, about five miles southwest of Melvin. He attended the Noyes School until he was 14 years of age. The family then moved to Ballinger. **Charles finished Ballinger** High School and completed a course at Draughan's **Business School in** Abilene, Texas.

Charles returned to the ranch and worked with his father for two years. He was working to make ranching his career. February 17, 1917 began as usual with work on the ranch. The cowboys had rounded up a herd of 500 cows with their calves and were holding them in the calf pasture. Their job that day was to separate the weaning calves from the cows.

Charles and some of the men were holding a small herd of calves when some broke away. Charles reigned his horse after them, and as he was turning the calves one continued on in a straight course. Charles' horse ran

The inscription

CHARLES H. NOYES (1896-1917) CHARLES H. NOYES, 21 DIED WHEN HIS HORSE FELL WHILE ROUND-ING UP CATTLE ON THE NOYES' RANCH. HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, GUS AND LULA NOYES, ERECTED MONUMENT IN 1919 AS A TRIBUTE TO THEIR SON AND ALL COWBOYS. POMPEO COPPINI OF CHICAGO STUDIED HORSES TWO YEARS BEFORE SCULPTURING STATUE.

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into the calf throwing both horse and rider. The horse struggled slowly to its feet but Charles never moved again.

The cowboys rushed forward, Kirkendahl, a ranch hand, was the first to reach the fallen boy. He soon discovered that the fall had broken Charles' neck. The accident happened one mile from the little station of Lightner . on the Frisco Lines near Marco. To perpetuate the memory of his son and all other cowboys, Mr. Gus Noyes gave the bronze statue that stands on the Runnels County Courthouse Square. The Melvin Cemetery where Charles is buried was considered, but Mr. Noyes wanted it placed where in years to come, there would be someone to care for the statue and he accepted Ballinger's request to place it on the courthouse lawn.

In Runnels County Commissioners' Court, May 17, 1918, it was ordered that Mr. Noyes be granted the privilege of placing the statue on the Runnels Courthouse Lawn. Those signing the order were: County Judge O. L. Parish, Commissioners: R.P. Kirk, Precint 1; W. D. Meadows, Precint 2; J. D. Smith, Precint 3; C. W. Craft, Precint 4.

The statue is considered by many to be the finest in the world of a cowboy and his horse. Mr. Noyes commissioned Pompeo Coppini of Chicago, Ill. After receiving the commission, he took two years to study horses so he might fashion a cutting horse with true fidelity. He moved to Kentucky to study horses. After two years of sculpturing the solid bronze statue, at the cost of \$22,000 dollars, was ready to be set.

This monument is rather unique as both horse and rider are in a peaceful and restful pose position just before mounting. The base of this monument consists of three pieces of solid Texas Granite taken form Burnet County Granite Mountain.

The upper block contains 156 cubic feet weighing 31,200 lbs., in one solid piece.

The center block contains 74 cubic feet, weighing 14,800 lbs., in one solid piece.

The base block contains 132 cubic feet, weighing 24,400 lbs., in one solid piece.

The monument was unveiled on October 25, 1919 with an appropriate and impressive ceremony. Mr. Pompeo Coppini was present. He delivered an interesting address. When he finished, he left for Austin, Texas where he was to do some work for Texas University for a memorial to Major Littlefield. During the ceremony a model of the monument was presented in 1919 to Charles' family, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Noyes and their daughter, Aileen. It was given to them by the sculptor, Mr. Coppini. The Runnels County His-torical Survey Committee, Chairman Rankin Pace of Winters, Texas introduced Truett Lattimer of Austin, the Executive Director of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee as the speaker for the dedication of a historical marker

PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ The statue of Charles H. Noyes lays at the Runnels County Courthouse lawn, at the intersection of Hutchings and Highway 83, in Ballinger.

included information for marking, recording and preservation of history as it related to tourism and travel in West Texas. The dedication was held Wednesday, April 5, 1967 at the Runnels County Courthouse Lawn in Ballinger, Texas.

Resources: Runnels County Historical Commission Marker Histories San Angelo Standard Times, San Angelo, Texas, March 2, 1967 Ballinger Ledger, Ballinger, Texas; March 30, 1967

Veteran's Corner

The Texas Hazlewood Act is an education benefit providing eligible veterans with up to 150 credit hours of tuition exemption at a statesupported college or university.

This benefit is also extended to the dependent children and spouses of eligible veterans who died in the line of duty or as a result of a service connected disability or missing in action. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave or call 365-3612.

Runnels Co Aggies Muster to be held on April 21

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

ROWENA- Former students of Texas A&M University will assemble in Rowena on April 21 for the annual Texas Aggie Muster to honor all Texas Aggies who have passed away within the last year, ed Muster Chair Cody Halfmann. Various Muster activities will begin at 5 p.m. at the Turnrow in Rowena. All former and current students, their families, and friends of Texas A&M University are invited to attend, Mr. Halfmann said. The Texas Aggie Muster tradition, which spans more than a century, will be observed in more than 300 locations around the world. These Muster gatherings are held in many unique places ranging from battleships and foxholes during World War II to ballrooms and steakhouses today. Over the years, Aggie Muster has grown to be one of Texas A&M's most revered traditions. Muster honors the memories of A&M men and women

whose deaths prevent them from answering Roll Call at this year's Muster. The Roll Call is a roster compiled of all former and current students who have died over the past year. As each name is called, a friend or family member will answer "Here!" symbolizing that the ory lives on in the hearts of Aggies everywhere. Muster is more than just a ceremony; it is also an annual way for Aggies to re-new the loyalty and unity which constitute the foundation of their friendship for each other as well as their love and devotion for their school. For more information regarding the Texas Aggie Muster held in Rowena, please contact Cody Halfmann at (325) 245-8928, or by email at cody@halfmannredangus.com. Additional information about Texas Aggie Muster and other Texas A&M Traditions and Programs can be obtained by contacting The Association of Former Students at 979-845-7514 or by visiting their website at www.AggieNetwork.com.

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Fifth Annual Miniature Art Exhibit

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at the statue. His speech

BALLINGER- Mid-West Texas Artists Guild will host their Fifth Annual Miniature Art Exhibit and Sale on Saturday, April 28, during the Ethnic Festival at the Do-Art Studio at 108 South Ninth Street across from Kit's Body Shop. Hours are from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. p.m. and Award emony is at 4 event will be over after the awards are presented. Last year, we had a record number of entries at 65, and expect to exceed that this year. Awards will be given in three categories with a Best of Show overall. We invite the public to vote on their favorite painting.

for a miniature painting "Irises" by Shirley Minzenmayer. You may purchase a raffle ticket from any guild member, or find us at Shoppin' Basket on Friday and Saturday. Tickets may be purchased until 3 p.m. on Saturday at the art exhibit.

Purchase Awards may be obtained for \$50 each and are an excellent way to add to or begin an art collection. Preview sale for Purchase Award patrons will be held on Thursday, April 26. For further information contact any guild member. Art camp sign-up will be held in conjunction with the art exhibit. We invite everyone to stop in during the Ethnic Festival. For more information contact Queba at 365 3770 or Shirley at 754 4216.

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M-WTAG is currently holding a raffle

Area wheat tour set for May 3

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MILLERSVIEW- The annual Concho-McCulloch County Wheat Tour conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service is set for 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. May 3 in the Millersview Gymnasium.

Michael Palmer, AgriLife Extension agent in Concho County, said high fuel and fertilizer prices, along with the possibility of making a good crop, prompted this year's meeting planners to focus on minimal and no-till practices for wheat and small grain marketing. Five and a half Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units — three general, one integrated pest management and one-and-a-half laws and regulations — will be available to pesticide license holders attending the program. 'The planning group would like this program

to small grain producers in the Concho Valley," Palmer said. "Topping the list are the skyrocketing inputs producers are now having to invest into a crop and the need for price protection to ensure higher pay-outs on the harvested grain.

For more information and to RSVP by May 1 contact the AgriLife Extension offices in McCulloch County at 325-597-1295, or Concho County at 325-732-4304.

County Clerk taking applications for early voting

to address issues critical

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By Ace Reid

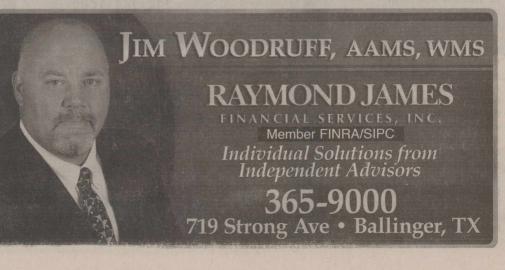
@ ACE REID 4/22/12 BALLINGER- The County Clerk's Office is now accepting applications for early voting by mail for the May 29 Democratic and Republican Primary Election. A voter has the option of voting in either the Democratic Primary or the Republican Primary.

A qualified voter is eligible to vote by mail if the voter 1) expects to be absent from the county of residency on election day and during the regular hours for early voting by personal appearance; 2) is disabled; 3) will be 65 years of age or older on election day; or 4) is confined in jail but eligible to vote.

The last day to receive an application to vote by mail is May 22, 2012.

Any qualified voter will be eligible for early voting by personal appearance at the County Clerk's office in Ballinger, beginning May 14 and ending May 25, Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

For further information or to request an application to vote early by mail, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 365-2720.



Thursday, April 19, 2012

Winters hang on against **Reagan County**

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPOR

WINTERS- Reagan County was never able to get over the hump and overcome its troubles against Winters, as Reagan County fell 5-3 at Winters after falling behind by three runs in the fifth inning.

Reagan County scored one run in the sixth on an RBI single by Lopez. Still, Reagan County couldn't catch Winters.

Winters' Kolton Alexander was perfect at the dish, going 3-3. He singled in the first, third, and fifth innings.

Strait Daniel got the win for the Blizzards. He allowed three runs over six innings. The Winters pitcher struck out eight, walked five and surrendered five hits.

Winters closer Chris Gerhart put away the final three outs to record the save.

The game was never in doubt after the first, as Winters scored two runs on a two-run single by Alexander.

One run in the top of the third helped Reagan County close its deficit to 2-1. A groundout by Gutierrez triggered Reagan County's comeback. But, Daniel got Botello to strike out to end the inning.

It didn't take long for Winters to answer as it scored one run of its own in the third. Winters scored on an error.

One run in the top of the fourth helped Reagan County close its deficit to 3-2. An error fueled Reagan County's comeback. Finally, Daniel induced an inning-ending fly out from Rodriguez.

Winters scored one run of its own in the fourth. Winters scored on an error.

District Tennis Results 2012

Varsity Mixed Doubles			
Halfmann/Halfmann (Miles)	6	6	
Shelly Soto/Joe Gallegos	1	1	
Varsity Boys Singles			
Nikolas Kraatz	6	6	
Libey (Cross Plains)	0	0	
Parmer (Christoval)	6	7	
Nikolas Kraatz	1	5	
Jimmy John Ripley	6	6	
Havlak (Miles)	1	4	
Smith (Christoval)	6	7	
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Jimmy John Ripley placed third in boys singles

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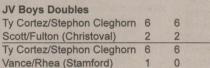
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Varsity Boys Doubles				
Luke Kraatz/Daryl Hagle	6	6		
Fields/Edwards (Albany)	0	0		
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Fischer/Fischer (Miles)	6	6		
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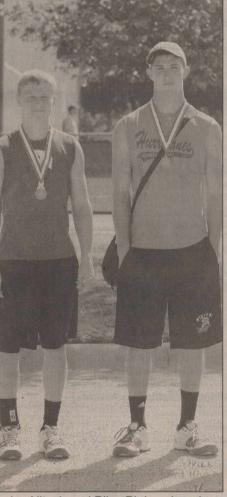
Luke Kraatz/Daryl Hagle placed fourth in Boys Doubles

Riley Ripley/Hayden Nitsch	6	6	
Williams/Basquez (Rotan)	3	2	
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Kurgis/Hoffman (Miles)	4	3	
Fischer/Fischer (Miles)	7	3	6
Riley Ripley/Hayden Nitsch	5	6	4
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JV Girls Singles			
Savannah Hurley (Miles)	6	6	
Alicia Reyes any value aon	10	1	

JV Boys Singles Stewart Hohensee (Miles) 6 **Kimble Bridgeman**



Ty Cortez/Stephon Cleghorn placed first in JV **Boys Doubles**



Hayden Nitsch and Riley Ripley placed second in Boys Doubles.

Game stats

Friday, April 13, 2012

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Reagan Co	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	5	4
Winters	2	0	1	1	1	0		5	8	6

Batting	AB	R	Η	RBI	BB	SO
H Nitsch	4	1	1	0	0	1
R Ripley	4	2	2	0	0	0
K Alexander	3	1	3	2	0	0
S Daniel	3	0	1	1	0	1
F Esquivel	3	0	0	0	0	1
C Gerhart	3	0	1	0	0	1
T Cortez	2	0	0	0	1	0
J Ripley	1	1	0	0	0	1
J Thomae	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	5	8	3	1	5
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Winters

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S Daniel	18	6.0	5	3	2	5	8	0	62.5%	
C Gerhart	3	1.0	0	0	0	2	1	0	45.8%	
Totals	21	7.0	5	3	2	7	9	0	58.9%	
Win: S Da	niel									
Save: C Gerhart										
Hit batters: C Gerhart										
Pitches-St	rike	s: S	Da	nie	88-	55, C	Ge	rhar	t 24-11	
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First-pitch strikes-Batters faced: S Daniel 19-30. C Gerhart 4-6

Winters Enterprise 5

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Jace Thomae makes a catch during the Winters vs Big Lake game.

PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Winters High School Girls Golf team improved 85 strokes in a week, and Strait Daniel and Lane Gibbs are qualifying medalist for Regionals held at Shady Oaks in Baird. The boys team finished third as a group. First two teams qualify for Regionals plus top two medalist.

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Winters Girls Team 1			
Name	Day 1	Day 2	Total
Ally Crook	155	129	284
Lauren Bredemeyer	142	129	271
Kara Kraatz	163	134	297
Kara Heathcott	156	138	294
Total	616	530	1146
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Kolton Garcia	101	92	193
Lane Gibbs	90	89	179
Strait Daniel	95	87	182
Daryl Hagle	129	117	246
Lukas Kraatz	122	129	251
Total	408	385	793
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Boys Medalist			
Name	Day 1	Day 2	Total
Blaze Thomas (Hamlin)	116	114	230
Caymon Georges (Hamlin)	127	99	226
Christian Tamez (Winters)	125	126	251
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THANK YOU **Community of Winters**

for supporting the Winters Volunteer Fire Department. We especially thank Standard Pump Services, PowerFlex, John and Joe Sims for donating the meat for the fire convention. Winters Lions Club cooked the meat, and the Winters Red Hat Ladies served the food. If you have not been named, we thank you. WINTERS VOLUNTEER

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Colts release two players

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPOR

SAN ANGELO- The San Angelo Colts announced they have released pitcher Ryan Turner and catcher Brandon Fowler.

The Colts acquired Turner on February 19 from the Washington Wild Things of the independent Frontier League to complete a previous trade. Turner signed with the Wild Things on December 16, and therefore never played for them.

Drafted by the Tampa Bay Rays in 2011, Turner played for the Rookie Ball Gulf Coast League Rays last season. He went 1-1 with a 6.35 earned-run average in 13 relief appearances. The Colts signed Fowler on March 19 along with infielder K.C. Judge. Fowler played for the Chico Outlaws last year, and posted a .186 batting average with a home run and seven RBIs in 27 games. He was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in 2007, and began his career in their organization a year later. Fowler played seven games for the Rookie Ball Arizona League Royals.



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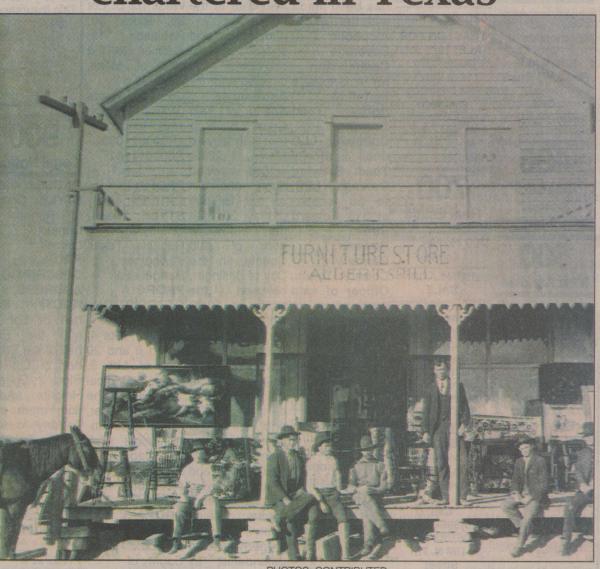
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Years went by and from a little town in the middle of nowhere Winters turned out to be the craddle in Texas of one of the most important agricultural education organizations nationwide, in 1930

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WINTERS- Winters has had many doctors and medical professionals who have cared for our citizens. In 1937, the community saw the need for a hospital. In 1970, the need for enhanced facilities was recognized by some of our leaders and North Runnels Hospital District was formed and a new hospital was built. Today, we have a strong medical center with a dedicated and caring staff and soon we will see a state of the art clinic building to serve the medical needs of the area.

Winters boasts the first Future Farmers of America chapter in Texas, established in 1930. This event was recognized with a historical marker which stands in front of the WHS Vocational Agriculture Building. Back in 1905, when Winters still had the one room school house literally on Main Street, the school purchased its first football for the kids to use at recess--and how that changed a community. Winters had its first football team in 1923 and Jim Fields scored the first touchdown against Ballinger. Winters had the bug for sports and it continues today. Many will remember the foot-



PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED Albert Spill's Furniture Store, in Winters, in this1905 picture.

ball teams of the 1960's and the 1990's and the great successes in recent years. You will remember the great rivalries throughout the years. Along the lobby wall of the gym, you can see pictures of numerous WHS students who excelled in all kinds of sports — at district, regional, and at state. It is truly one of the legacies of Winters

High School. And it does not stop with sports. The Winters Schools have always excelled in academics and UIL competitions. Winters has a great tradition of sweepstakes bands and the "Pride of West Texas" lives on today.

There are so many things to spotlight about Winters. Let's look at a few "Do You Remem-



The first patented cotton picker, built by Gus Pruser in 1912. The machine is currently in the Ag Museum, in Winters.





State Theatre or the Queen Theatre or the Fiesta Drive In? How many of you remember the Chick Inn? There are so many stories about just these few places. Do you remember the Lazy N Stables and Jno. Norman's Shetland ponies in parades? How many gas stations can you remember? Grocery stores? Did you ever have a dress or shirt made out of a feed sack? What was your favorite restaurant of the past? Do you remember buffalo burgers at Huffman House? Do you remember when your phone number began with PL4? How many tractor dealers do you remember? Or cotton gins? You can still go down memory lane at the Z. I. Hale Museum.

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A young man who grew up near Winters and attended school here joined the Navy in World War II. Years later he told the story that he saw the lights of Tokyo before he saw the lights of San Angelo or Abilene. Winters has provided an exceptionally large number of citizens who have served in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines. This patriotic service has been continuous from World War I through wartime and peacetime until the present.

The first football team in Winters, in 1923.

JP Dry and Sons in August of 1948. In their first location in Winters they made evaporative coolers and grills.

Coke County leaders move to GOP

AUSTIN- Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples stood in front of Texans in Robert Lee to welcome seven elected officials from Coke County to the Republican Party. The elected officials changing parties included County Judge Roy Blair, County Commissioner Bobby Blaylock, County Commissioner Wendell Lee, Sheriff Wayne McCutchen, Constable Marty Boyd, County Clerk Mary Grim and Tax Assessor Josie Dean.

Tax code change qualifies beekeeping agricultural in land appraisals

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SAN ANGELO – The new tax code change that now qualifies beekeeping as an agricultural use enterprise in Texas open-space land appraisals has generated a lot of interest, said Dr. Chris Sansone, Texas AgriLife Extension Service entomologist in San Angelo.

Sansone said that in a recent update, Deborah Cartwright, director of

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the Property Tax Assistance Division from the state comptroller's office (http://www.window.state. tx.us/), announced the Texas Legislature added beekeeping as another agricultural use for pur-

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poses of open-space land appraisal.

Tax Code Section 23.51(2) was amended to include in the definition of agricultural use "the use of land to raise or keep bees for pollination or for the production of human food or other tangible products having a commercial value, provided that the land used is not less than five or more than 20 acres."

"The second option states that the food or products must have commercial value, not commercial production," Sansone said. "While human food and products must be produced, the law does not require that they be sold commercially. Commercial production of agricultural products, such as livestock or crops, is not required for land to qualify for open-space land appraisal under current law. The other option requires that the land be used for raising or keeping bees for pollination."

Sansone said the Texas Comptroller's office recommended that each appraisal district consult their local AgriLife Extension office concerning the number of acres and hives needed to fulfill the requirement.

"A bee yard or apiary can be run on a pretty small scale," he said. "Bees forage over a large area, sometimes well over a mile depending on available resources. Central Texas is not the optimum for beekeeping because of the lack of a consistent pollen and nectar source compared to the Houston/College Station areas. Sansone said the website:

http://www.ent.uga.edu/ bees/pollination/managing-bees-pollination.html offers a good overview of managing bee populations.



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