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Soil and Water Conservation Board to elect board member

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STAFF REPORT

TEMPLE- Soil and water conservation districts in State District II will elect a member to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) on Tuesday, May 1. The election will be held at 6 p.m. in Wall, Texas in the Saint Ambrose Catholic Church Parish Hall Conference Room.

State District Two consists of 51 counties within which there are 45 soil and water conservation districts in the Hill Country and Big Bend-Trans Pecos region of Texas.

The current TSSWCB member for State District Two is Marty H. Graham of Rock Springs, Texas. Graham, who has been a member of the TSSWCB since May, 2008, is a rancher in Edwards County.

"Since its beginning, the TSSWCB has been governed by five board members. Each respective board member is elected in a convention type election by delegates from soil and water conservation district directors within the state district that the member resides. However, with the enactment of S.B. 1828 by the 78th Legislature, two Governor appointees also serve on the TSSWCB to create a seven-member board," said Rex Isom, TSSWCB Executive Director.

"Elections occur annually to comply with the soil conservation laws of Texas. The elections are held in state district conventions and TSSWCB members serve two-year staggered terms. Since this is an even numbered year, TSSWCB member elections are being held in State Districts Two and Four," added Isom.

Elected State Board members must be 18 years of age or older, hold title to farmland or ranchland, and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. The Governor appointees must be actively engaged in the business of farming, animal husbandry, or other business related to agriculture and wholly or partly owns or leases land used in connection with that business.

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
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WINTERS- Riley Ripley, a four-year starter quarterback with the Winters Blizzards, signed last week with the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboys, looking forward to play college football in Abilene. Ripley accumulated an avalanche of sports accolades during his four high school years, and after several offers he opted for HSU.

During his four years with the team the Blizzards always qualified to the playoffs. In 2008 Ripley along with the Blizzards had a record of 3-7, 3-2 in District games; in 2009 they improved to 4-5 (3-2 District); in 2010 the Blizzards finished the season with an overall record of 6-6 (3-2 District) and made it to the Area round of the playoffs, and in 2011 Winters finished with an outstanding 9-4 (3-1 in District), Area championship, and made it to the Regional round of the playoffs.

Football, however, is not the only field for Ripley. He also played basketball, baseball, tennis, and ran track.

In his senior year pitching for the Blizzards Ripley has a record of 1-1 with 14.1 innings pitched, has struck-out 23 and



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Pictured here from left to right are Will Duggan, former HSU player and a big influence in Ripley's decision to go to HSU, Ripley's brother Jimmy John Ripley, mother Elma Bernal, father Jimmy Ripley, and Ripley's biggest fans Bronte, Bryce and Laura Hermesmeier.

has an ERA of 4.40. His batting numbers are also remarkable, Ripley has a batting average of .342 in 14 games played and has 10 RBI's.

In basketball Ripley was recently named the Most Valuable Player in the All-District team. And in tennis along with Hayden Nitsch placed second in

doubles in the District tournament.

Now Ripley will look forward to major in coaching at HSU, while he works for the team

and gives his best at the field.

"I am going to work and compete, help the team the best I can," said Ripley

All-District players



Jordan Busher was selected Class 1A District 12 Offensive Player of the Year.



Andy Garcia, Class 1A District 12 Defensive Player of the Year.

Runnels SWCD fish stocking set on May 7

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STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District is holding their annual fish stocking or restocking of ponds this year.

The program will continue through May 7, 2012 with delivery of the fish on May 10, 2012 at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 2000 Hutchings Avenue in Ballinger. Available species are channel catfish, blue catfish, largemouth bass, bluegill sunfish, hybrid bream, red ear perch, crappie, minnows (fathead or shiner), and sterile grass carp (available with TPWD permit).

Bags, air and water necessary to transport your fish to their destination will be furnished.

For more information on this year's program call the office at (325) 365 3415 ext. 3 or stop by the NRCS office at 2000 Hutchings Avenue in Ballinger.

Programs and services of the SWCD are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regards for race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status or handicap.

Scuba diver found dead at O.H. Ivie after two-day search

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- The body of a Midland diver reported missing on Wednesday afternoon, April 18, 2012, was found nearly 48 hours after inside an 8-foot water line that runs into the pump station at O.H. Ivie Reservoir.

Richard Stovall, 77, and a scuba diver who was collecting soil samples at the lake was found at 11 a.m. nearly 350 feet into the line that runs into the pump sta-

tion on Friday, April 20. Rescuers with the Brady Fire Department had to use rescue lines to recover the body 1:15 p.m. from inside the water line.

The body of Stovall was found by professional scuba divers with Global Diving, of Houston, Texas, brought after the accident.

First responders and game wardens with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department started the search for the missing diver at about 2 p.m.

on Wednesday, April 18.

According to investigators at the scene the man was diving trying to get a soil sample near the water intake tower. Witnesses with the crew collecting samples stated that Stovall refused to wear a safety line, but he finally accepted to wear it after they insisted. After 30 minutes the workers pulled the line out of the water just to find it wasn't attached to Stovall anymore.

According to the company's

website, Stovall Scuba, the man has over 50 years of experience in the industry, he was a master instructor for scuba diving, and certified by the Professional Association of Diving Instructors.

The man offered courses ranging from introductory to search and rescue diving and equipment specialist.

Stovall entered the water through a concrete tower pumping station and was working in approximately 40 feet of water.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Nadine Robinson

Nadine Robinson, 96, of Winters, died April 16, 2012. She was born March 27, 1916 in Winters and was a lifelong 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 were held Wednesday April 18, 2012 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Peter Burow officiating. Burial was held in Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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John Cook

John Holland Cook, Jr., widely known as "Johnny," of Marble Falls, Texas passed away Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at a Burnet hospital at the age of 56.

Johnny was born December 21, 1955 in Ballinger to John Holland, Sr. and Lillie Mae (Drake) Cook. He married Karla Marie Zly, who preceded him in death in 1997. He was also preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Jackie Hurt.

He was employed with GTE and Verizon for several years and worked various other jobs as well.

Johnny is survived by his two sons, Adam Cook and wife, Sabrina, their daughter, Lily Marie, and their sons, Andrew and Raymond, of San Angelo, and Logan Cook of Marble Falls; sister, Elizabeth "Cookie" Ryan and husband, Richard, of Bogalusa, Louisiana; brothers, Marvin Cook and wife, Shirley, of Amarillo, and Robert Cook and wife, Rhonda, of Winters; and stepdaughter, Jordan Cook of San Angelo. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Family visitation was on Thursday, April 19 at Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. Funeral services were held on Friday, April 20 at Lange Funeral Home Chapel with Fr. Hugh Wade officiating. Burial followed in St. Boniface Catholic Church Cemetery in Olfen.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Guests may register online at ballingerfuneral-home.com.

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Mark Lee McCoy

Mark Lee McCoy, 50, of Winters, died Wednesday April 11, 2012. He was born March 21, 1962 in Wichita Falls, Texas to Earl and Ethel McCoy. He was a construction worker.

He is survived by eight brothers and three sisters: Earl McCoy of Flower Mound, Texas, John McCoy of Corpus Christi, Texas, Robert McCoy of Iowa Park, Texas, Richard McCoy of Graham, Texas, David McCoy of Ft. Worth, Texas, Paul McCoy of New Caney, Texas, Patrick McCoy of Cleveland, Texas, Michael McCoy of Ft. Worth, Texas, Jeanne McCoy of Oakridge, Tennessee, Marie Fox of Cleveland, Texas and Madonna Allen of Medina, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Patricia Logan.

A memorial service will be held Thursday April 26, 2012 at Winters Assisted Living.

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COUNTS CEMETERY GATHERING

Counts Cemetery Gathering and The Content Reunion have joined together and will meet at Counts Cemetery on May 5, around 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served with the meat provided. Please bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert.

For more information contact Buddy Miller at (325) 754-5401 or Carolyn Miller Gully at (325) 583-2545

Donations may be mailed to: Rex Miller, 1710 PR 1811, Novice, Texas 79538

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

Texas Department of State Health Services will be holding two immunization clinics in Runnels County. Flu vaccine will be available.

The first clinic will be held in Winters on Monday, May 7, 2012 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience please use rear entrance on Grant Street.

A second clinic will be held in Ballinger on Thursday, May 10, 2012 from 10-12 and from 1:30-3 at 608 Strong, behind the Courthouse.

Please bring child's immunization records, if child has Medicaid or CHIP please bring card. For more information call (325) 754-4945. For your convenience please call to schedule an appointment, if no answer leave a message.

Z.I. HALE MUSEUM MONTHLY MEETING

Z.I. Hale Museum monthly meeting will be held on April 26, 2012. Help is needed in preparing envelopes for mailing. Meeting time is 5 p.m. until we finish. For more information call Wanda at 754-5313.

GOSPEL SINGING IN WINGATE

There will be a Gospel meeting at the Wingate Church of Christ. The speaker will be Danny Johnson and the song-leader will be Kevin Hall. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, May 6 and Monday through Wednesday, May 7, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a potluck lunch, Sunday noon and area wide singing from 2 to 4 p.m.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Enrollment for the school year, 2012-2013, for Pre-Kindergarten and those Kindergarteners who have not enrolled in school before, will be May 8 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the elementary school library.

Parents of children who will be 4 on or before September 1 must qualify for Pre-Kindergarten. All parents wishing to see if their child is eligible for Pre-kindergarten must bring the following information to the meeting on round-up night: 1) Proof of income, 2) Birth certificate, 3) Shot record, 4) Social Security card.

Children who will be 5 on or before September 1 and are entering school for the first time as a kindergartner will need to pre-register. Please bring the following information to the meeting on the round-up night: 1) Birth certificate, 2) Shot record, 3) Social Security card.

Only parents are needed at this meeting, no children, please.

STROKE SEMINAR

Winters Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a stroke seminar in Winters on Wednesday, May 2. Gerald Creel, RN and director of the Stroke Center at Shannon Health Center will instruct on how to spot stroke symptoms and what to do at the first signs. Mr. Creel will speak twice, once at Samaritan's House at 10:30 and once at the Senior Activity Center at 11:30. There is no charge for either of these sessions, however, if you choose to eat at the Senior Activity Center, there will be a nominal charge for that meal.

FMI contact Susan Conner at 754-5760.

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

Texas & Pacific Railway Depot listed in national historic register

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BAIRD- The Texas and Pacific Railway Depot in Baird, Texas, was recently listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) assisted in the nomination of this property in recognition of its importance to the history of Baird and the State of Texas. Noted for its historical and architectural significance, the building joins other properties around the state with National Register status.

The 1911 Texas and Pacific Railway Depot was built to replace an earlier passenger depot in Baird. The building's design incorporates ele-

ments of Prairie School, Renaissance Revival, and Mission Revival styles, with a plan that expresses the functional aspects of depot design, as well as the social aspects of race separation under Jim Crow laws. The building stands as a good example of depot architecture, and reflects the significance of the railroad on the establishment and development of the city. The two-story depot is prominently sited, anchoring the south end of Market Street in downtown Baird. The exterior of the building has been restored to its original appearance, while the interior has been sensitively rehabilitated for use as a museum.

"Listing in the National

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.

FOW TO HOLD ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner for the Winters Area Foundation Future of Winters Club is May 8. Tickets should be purchased by May 4. For the membership price of \$100, members get a steak dinner for two and a delightful evening at Fort Chadbourne and the new visitor center. Area residents are encouraged to contact any director of the Foundation for tickets: Charles Bahlman, George Mostad, Armando Tamez, Hilda Woffenden, Nancy Spill, Marvin Jones, Mike Bedford, Gene Wheat or Susan Conner. A check made to the Winters Area Foundation for your membership may be mailed to Box 211, Winters. Everyone is invited to join.

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.

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.

REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

is both an honor and a substantial contribution to the local economy through the state's heritage tourism efforts," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. "The work done by property owners, local preservation organizations, THC staff, and the THC's professional review board results in an achievement that the community can be proud of as they join our agency in saving the real places that tell the real stories of

TEXAS HISTORY."

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of cultural resources deemed worthy of preservation. Authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register is part of a federal program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect the country's historic and archeological resources. The National Register includes more than 3,000 listings in Texas.

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Two pitchers team up for no-hitter

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WINTERS- Two pitchers baffled TLCA and teamed up to throw a no-hitter for Winters in a 22-0 victory in five innings over TLCA on at San Angelo.

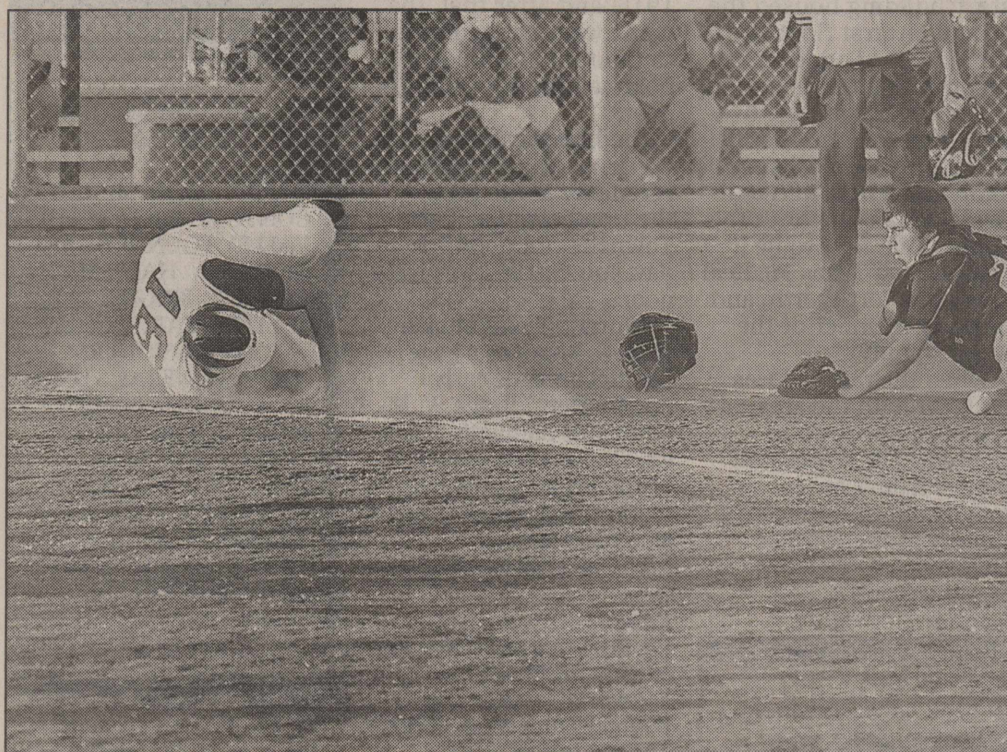
Chris Gerhart and Jimmy John Ripley rounded out their sterling stat line with 11 strikeouts and two walks.

Gerhart shut down TLCA while he was on the mound. Gerhart held TLCA hitless over three innings, allowed no earned runs, walked one and struck out six.

Nineteen runs in the first three innings helped Winters blow out TLCA. An error, an RBI single by Ty Cortez, a two-run single by Riley Ripley, a two-run double by Strait Daniel, and an RBI single by Fabian Esquivel in the second inning supplied the early offense for Winters.

Daniel racked up five RBIs on three hits for Winters.

Winters easily handled TLCA pitching as seven hitters combined for 18 hits, 17 RBIs and 18 runs scored.



Corey Pritchard comes over the catcher to score during the Varsity vs TLCA game held last week in San Angelo. PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Game stats

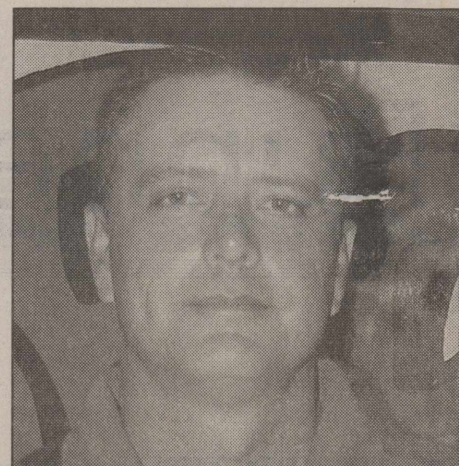
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Winters	0	7	12	0	3			22	20	1
TLCA	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	6

Winters Batters	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
T Cortez	3	3	2	2	1	0
R Ripley	5	4	2	4	0	0
K Alexander	4	2	4	1	0	0
S Daniel	5	2	3	5	0	0
F Esquivel	4	2	3	2	1	0
C Gerhart	3	2	1	0	1	0
C Pritchard	4	3	2	1	1	0
B Mikeska	4	2	2	2	1	1
J Thomae	1	1	0	2	1	0
Hamrick	2	0	0	0	0	0
F Cruz	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hooper	1	0	0	0	0	1
J Ripley	1	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	37	22	20	20	6	2

2B: S Daniel 2
3B: S Daniel
TB: T Cortez 2, R Ripley 2, K Alexander 4, S Daniel 7, F Esquivel 3, C Gerhart, C Pritchard 2, B Mikeska 2, J Ripley
RBI: T Cortez 2, R Ripley 4, K Alexander, S Daniel 5, F Esquivel 2, C Pritchard, B Mikeska 2, J Thomae 2, J Ripley
SF: J Thomae
ROE: R Ripley, F Esquivel, C Gerhart, J Thomae
FC: R Ripley, C Pritchard
HBP: F Cruz
SB: T Cortez 2, C Gerhart, C Pritchard, B Mikeska

Winters Pitching	O	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	S%
C Gerhart	9	3.0	0	0	0	1	6	0	62.5%
J Ripley	6	2.0	0	0	0	1	5	0	73.1%
Totals	15	5.0	0	0	0	2	11	0	66.2%

Win: C Gerhart
Pitches-Strikes: C Gerhart 48-30, J Ripley 26-19
Groundouts-Flyouts: C Gerhart 1-2, J Ripley 1-0
First-pitch strikes-Batters faced: C Gerhart 5-11, J Ripley 5-7



Ballinger Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Aaron Keesee.

Keesee leaves BHS, no official reason revealed

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Ballinger High School Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Aaron Keesee presented his resignation last Thursday, April 19, 2012. The resignation is effective until the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

Will Brewer, Ballinger ISD Superintendent, said he could not comment on Keesee's reasons to leave the school. Coach Keesee could not be reached and did not return a message.

"The district thanks Coach Keesee for his service to the students of our district and wishes him well in his future endeavors," said Brewer in a brief statement. Ballinger ISD named Offensive Coordinator Lamar Kello as interim Head Football Coach and High School Principal Mike Carter as Athletic Director.

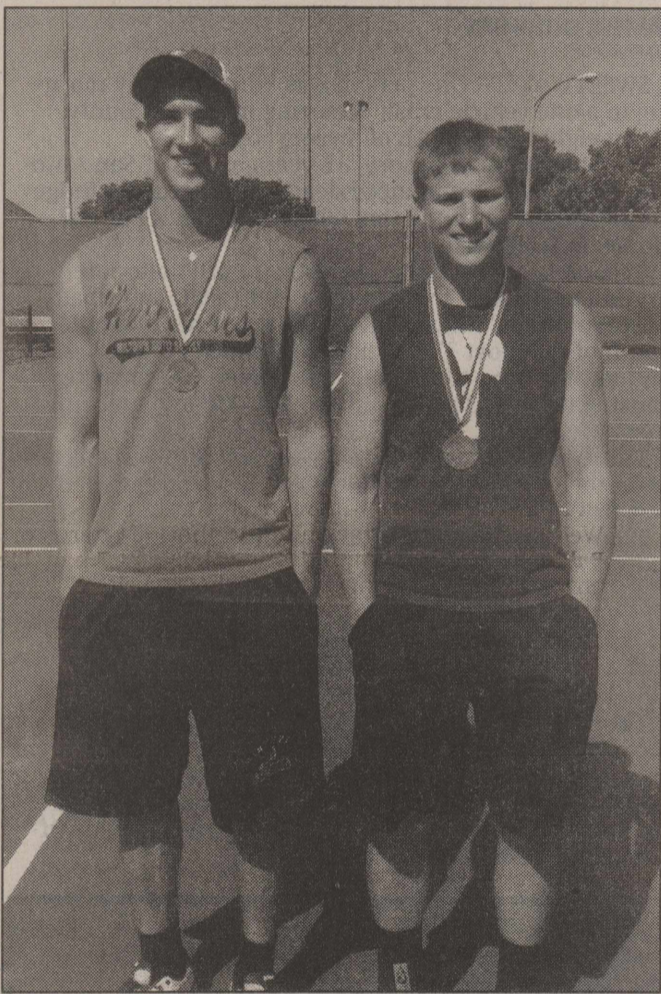
Brewer said that Keesee's resignation will be presented to the School Board of Trustees at the next meeting, on May 14, 2012.

Keesee was hired in February of 2009 as the Ballinger Bearcats Head Football Coach and Athletic Director.

Keesee is a former star quarterback for the Bearcats in the early 1980s and a graduate of Angelo State University. After Keesee's first year in Ballinger the Bearcats ended up the season with 2-8, 0-5 in district games.

In 2010 the Bearcats made it to the first round of the playoffs and had an overall record of 6-5, 5-1 in district games, and was eliminated by Breckenridge in the Bi-District round of the playoffs. Last year the Bearcats had to deal with many injuries, and the results were evident. Ballinger finished the season with a 1-9 record.

Ripley and Nitsche place third in Regional Tournament



Riley Ripley and Hayden Nitsch claimed the bronze at the Regional Tennis Tournament held in Abilene. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Riley Ripley and Hayden Nitsch claimed the third place at the Regional Tennis Tournament held on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at Rose Park Tennis Center in Abilene.

Ripley and Nitsche, the fourth seeds, defeated third seeds Austin Alonzo and Kaleb Keeney of Paint Rock for the bronze medal.

Nitsche and Ripley won the boys doubles match at the Region II-1A tennis tournament for the second year in a row, and fell short of the state-tournament berth.

The top two finishers in each draw qualify for the Class 1A state tournament, scheduled for April 30 and May 1 at World of Tennis in Lakeway.

Round	Winters	Opponent	W	L
Round 1	Ripley Ripley/Hayden Nitsch	6	6	
	Simmons/Agnew (Rising Star)	0	0	
Quarter Finals	Ripley Ripley/Hayden Nitsch	6	6	
	Padillo/Perez (Bronte)	0	3	
Semi Finals	Rodriguez/Pae (Poolvilles)	6(7)	6	
	Ripley Ripley/Hayden Nitsch	6(3)	2	
Third Place/Playback	Ripley Ripley/Hayden Nitsch	7	6	
	Alonzo/Keeney (Paint Rock)	5	3	

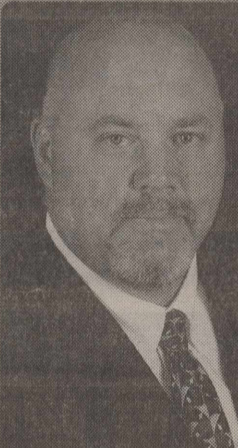
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SAN ANGELO- This year on May 13, in honor of mothers everywhere, Hospice of San Angelo will host a Mother's Day of Giving. Whether your mother is here or in Heaven, Hospice of San Angelo wants to honor them all!

Hospice of San Angelo staff member Anita McDuffie's mother passed away when she was young. Although she has been gone for many years, Anita still feels the urge to do something for her on Mother's Day. "It still feels strange not to buy her a gift or cook her favorite meal. Like most mothers, she gave me everything she had... and then some," said Anita.

Since 1985, Hospice of San Angelo has cared for thousands of mothers; some were patients, some were mothers of patients. The general public may think all hospice organizations are the same. But, Hospice of San Angelo is actually a non-profit organization that treats everyone regardless of ability to pay. They have cared for more than seven thousand patients in Tom Green and eleven surrounding counties of West Texas. Hospice of San Angelo also has the only freestanding bereavement center in West Texas, The Landy House, which is the home of the highly respected Building Bridges program. Building Bridges is specifically designed to aid in the grief process of children. All patients

receive the same high quality interdisciplinary care regardless of their financial status.

Hospice of San Angelo has gone above and beyond for their patients on more than one occasion. These are the stories that never make headlines. "Once we had to bail two mules out of the animal shelter for a patient. The wandering mules, pets of one of our patients, had gotten out while the patient was out of town for treatment, and she had no resources or means of collecting them, but was devastated when she discovered them gone. So, our staff pitched in and paid the fine, and with the help of one of our former patient's husband and his stock trailer, hauled them home where they belonged. Their "mother" was waiting for them with the biggest, most priceless smile on her face," said Anita.

Once the staff at Hospice of San Angelo hosted a wedding for a young woman who wanted to be married to her long-time boyfriend before she died, something she didn't have the strength or money to pull together for herself. The staff planned and pulled off her dream wedding, from the dress to the little green butter mints. There was not a dry eye in the church, said Nurse Mary Cheek.

Since the government does not fund the bereavement services, how does PLEASE CONTINUE ON PAGE 6

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HISTORICAL MARKERS AND THEIR HISTORIES IN RUNNELS CO

A little town named Content

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BALLINGER- The history of Content, covering its birth, life and death is chiefly a matter of record in the personal papers written by individuals. The members of the Bright family had written long-hand or typed records of activities and deaths of members of their family. The family Bible, in the possession of their descendants, provided important dates. The United States Post Offices verified information regarding post office information. WPA Writers Project notes and newspaper clippings in the Baker Library at the University of Texas

provided verifications and local research added to the information. Mr. Henry Bright advised that Mr. Daniel W. Hale spoke of the area as a contented valley. This was considered by the old timers as the basis for the name of Content. One of the earliest towns in the county, Content was located in the far northeast corner.

The exact location of the original town site was located at School Street ending at Broadway Street. A broad concrete platform indicated what was left of the General Store. Mr. Dan W. Hale was considered the founder of the town in 1881.

The Post Office was

moved from Blue Gap in 1881 to Hale's Store and he served as the postmaster in 1882. The first school at Content was in 1882.

By 1888, the town boasted of a two-story hotel. It was in 1896, that a teachers convention was held in Content. By 1890, Content was the county's second largest town with approximately 200 people.

In 1905, the name Content was changed to Tokeen. The Henry Bright family had a large photograph taken in 1906 from the north. It showed a long line of buildings along Broadway Street and to the south down

School Street. The two story building housed the school on first floor and the Masonic Lodge on the second floor. In its period, it had several stores, two gins (one was the first in the county), a blacksmith shop and a lime kiln and first woman doctor in the county (the first to be licensed by a Texas Medical School in Fort Worth, and an early member of the Bright family).

When the railroad was built through the area, it missed the town of Content. The stores and homes from Content moved out of Runnels County to the town of Goldsboro. Only a few remained.

The Post Office closed in 1916, and after that, the name was changed back to Content. A total of 12 postmasters served at that post.

The historical marker for Content was dedicated in ceremony at the time of the Homecoming of the Townsite of Content Sunday, July 3, 1966 at 12:30 noon.

Winters, Texas banker John Q. McAdams gave recollections of early day Content. Judge W. H. Rampy of Ballinger assisted. Sheila Allen, daughter of the Brights, unveiled the marker. Her sister Frances also participated.

The inscription reads:

The inscription

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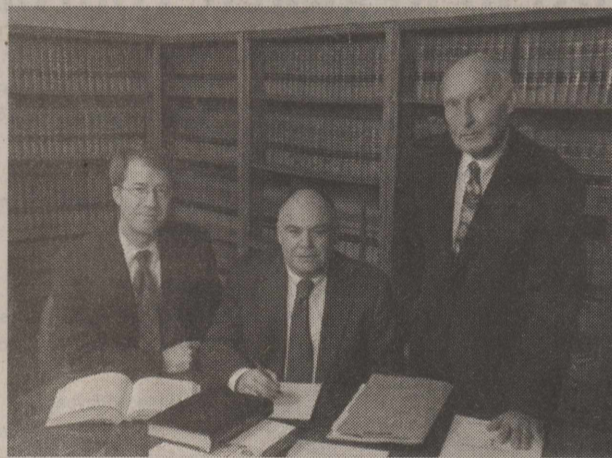
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Fatal crash in Nolan Co

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SWEETWATER- One person was killed Monday morning in a one vehicle crash occurring in Nolan County, about eight miles south of Sweetwater.

Christopher Alan Landry, 31-years-of-age of San Antonio, Texas, was pronounced dead at the scene by Judge Farmbrough. The body was taken to McCoy's Funeral Home, in Sweetwater.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety in Abilene, Landry was driving a 1999 GMC Suburban northbound on State Highway 70, two tents of a mile south of milepost 336. Landry lost control of the vehicle and left the road to the west, the driver overcorrected causing the vehicle to go into a side skid and embankment.

The driver was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from the vehicle. The weather was clear and the roadway was dry.

Trooper Jimmie Michael Bass is investigating this accident.

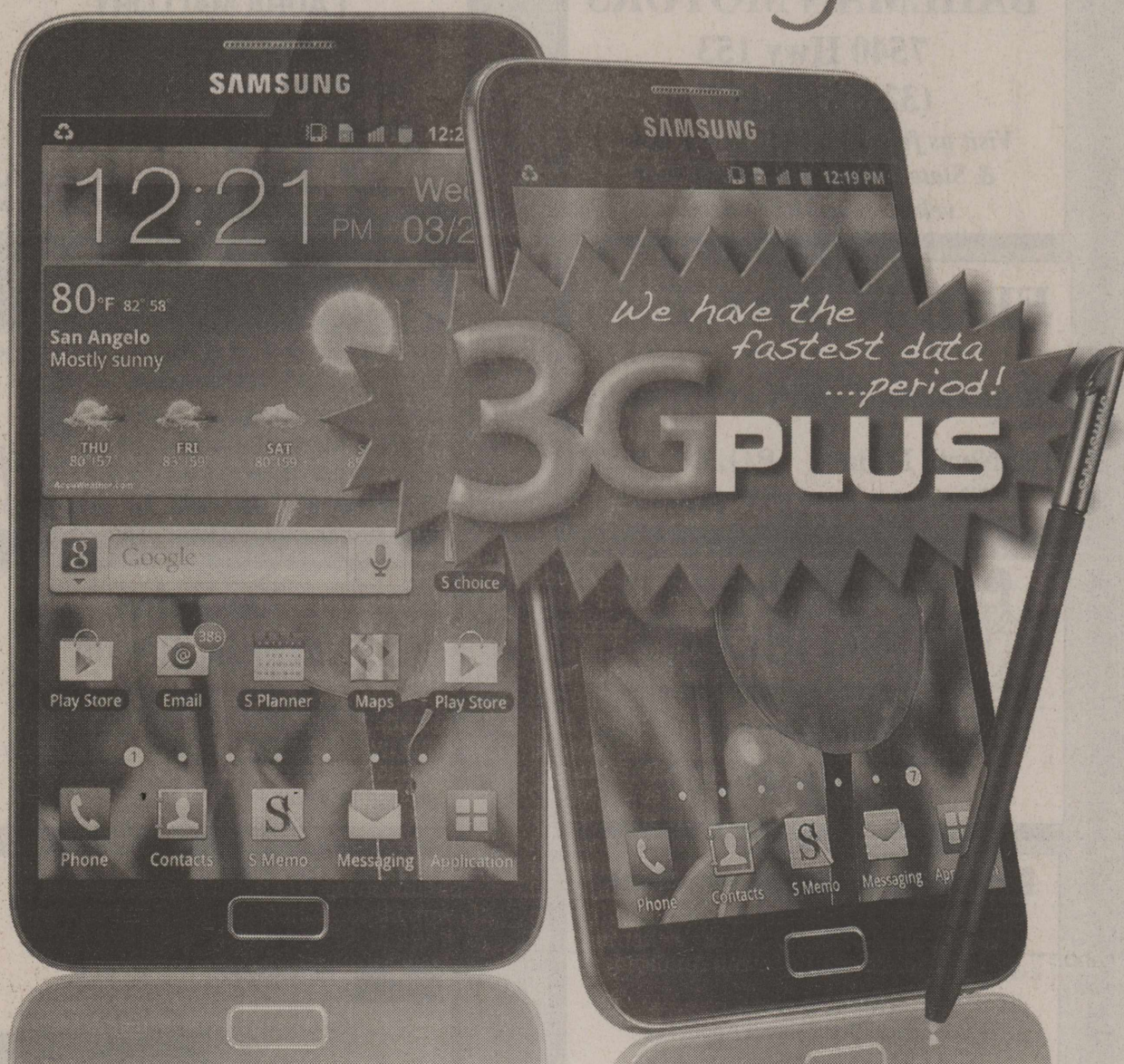
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'Made in Winters' the local industry and manufacturing history

The City of Winters has been chosen by several businesses to build quality products thanks to the diligent craftsmanship found here

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LAST OF FOUR

WINTERS- In 1946 following World War II, four brothers began tinkering in their father's cabinet shop on Frisco Street. They had heard about a new fangled contraption called the evaporative cooler. These became popular in the following years and the Dry Brothers built a large manufacturing company that shipped the units all over the United States and even around the world including Iran. They sold this company in 1955 and soon after started another company, Dry Manufacturing. This new company built air conditioning vents, louvers, and grills and later added vent pipe and fittings. Several years later, they sold this company which remained in Winters until 2009. At one time they employed over 500 people and the manufacturing and warehousing covered several hundred thousand square feet of floor space. In about 1980, a couple of the brothers started a tool box manufacturing company which today is Tradesman Truck Accessories. What started in a small cabinet shop developed into a major metal manufacturing industry in Winters.

Manufacturing in Winters really began much earlier when Dr. Fred Tinkle started produc-



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Tradesman Truck Accessories is one of the largest employers in Winters, and has a long tradition in the metal manufacturing industry.

and many had worked there over 30 years. These folks were dedicated to the company and they worked hard until their last day. The company closing brought a lot of sadness and a few tears on the employees' last days. Over the years, Selkirk had taken some people who were hardly employable, trained them, encouraged them, and turned them into very productive workers. There were people with only an elementary school education who were operating computers and sophisticated machines. Other employees became supervisors, machinists, automated equipment operators, and managers. That experience made it clear that Winters has a very special asset — a hard-working, dependable, skilled, and loyal workforce.

People — that is really what makes a community. Whether it is our teachers, business folks, volunteers, church members, parents, kids, medical workers, farmers, oilfield workers, retired people, or employees at the plants, it

ing his healing oil and tonic in the early 1900's. He would ship a wagon load a day by parcel post all over the U.S. Today, Winters has over one million square feet of manufacturing and warehousing space under roof. "Manufactured in Winters" items include Dr. Tinkle's tonic, evaporative coolers, metal shelving, pre-fab convenience stores, cigarette machines, air conditioning vents/louvers/grills, vent pipe, pickup grill guards/headache racks/bumpers, grain trailers, aviation components and aircraft engine parts, animal traps, ropewick herbicide

applicators, grain elevators, grain handling equipment, sand conveyors, aircraft tire racks, oilfield vessels, livestock feed, trailers, fish cookers, Sparkle-Lite signs, tool boxes, log racks, fuel tanks, drink coolers, and probably more.

The oil industry began in this area in 1949 with the first oil well completion. Over the years, there have been numerous well servicing companies, supply stores, as well as oil production companies. Oil and gas are still important to the local economy. I mentioned that a WHS graduate had been the Texas Secretary of State. Another Secretary of State worked for an oil company in Winters during the summers when he was going to college. Agriculture, manufacturing, retail, and oil have all been significant contributors to the Winters' economy — when one was depressed, one of the others was doing better, giving economic stability to the community.

In 2011, 32 new businesses were started in Winters. While most are small, every business contributes jobs and income to the community. With over 250 businesses in the Winters area, the local economy is now above the pre-recession peak reached in 2007. Consumer spending is



West Side of Main Street, in Winters, Texas. Gambill's is now Heidenheimer's.

the best contributor to creating new jobs. If every person in Winters would spend \$20 per year in Winters that they are now spending outside of Winters, that alone would create one new job. If we did that every week in a year, that would create 50 new jobs. We can be our own job creators.

When Selkirk, the former Dry Manufacturing Company, was closing in 2009, people realized first hand it was a very unique business. It was really a family — some of the employees had been there over 45 years

takes us all to make a community. We have had leaders who have a vision for Winters and dreamed about making it a special place. Many people have worked to develop every aspect of the Winters community. You are these leaders, the people who have made it happen, the folks who have worked hard to make this a better place, the people who have volunteered to guide our youth, the ones who have given of yourself to support our organizations, the people who have made the dream happen.



Winters street view in about 1920s looking north on Main St.

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Chicken Tenders w/Gravy or Meatball Sub, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Apple Wedges, Peanut Butter Cookie, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

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Marvin and Melvena Gerhart 50th wedding anniversary

Marvin and Melvena celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Log Country Cove Cabin in Burnet, Texas on April 7, 8 and 9.

Melvena, the former Melvena Wright is the daughter of the late Barney and Myrtle Wright. Marvin is the son of the later Wilmer and Sally Mae Gerhart. Marvin graduated from Winters High School in 1957. Melvena graduated from Ballinger High School in 1961.

They married April 14, 1962 in Ballinger, Texas. They have three children, Sherri Mikeska, Scott Gerhart and Keith Gerhart. They have lived in the Crews Community all 50 years. Marvin is a farmer and rancher. Melvena attended Scoggin's Beauty School and graduated 1962. She worked as a hairdresser for 32 years.

They are members of Hopewell Baptist Church. Those attending the celebration were, Bret, Sherri, Bryant and fiancée Bailey Boyce, Braden, Bryce and Brandon Mikeska; Scott, Melissa, Macey and Seth Gerhart; Keith, Cathy, Caylie, Kenley and Kaden Gerhart and friend, Bernie Haley.



Hospice: Through generosity of donors

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Hospice of San Angelo do it all? It is through the generosity of donors in the communities they serve. Private dollars make up the majority of their budget along with a few grant dollars. "The community has always been good to us," said Nurse Veronica Fierro.

The Mother's Day of Giving is simple. It is a way to pay it forward to the next mom or child losing their mom. This Mother's Day you can make a donation in her name to Hospice of San Angelo.

They will mail out a card to let her know. The money will be put to good use taking care of hospice patients in San Angelo and around the area.

Anita will never be able to repay her mother for all she has done, but she can help Hospice of San Angelo by paying it forward to the next mother or loved one going through a difficult time. "I am making a donation in memory of my mother, and two more donations in honor of my daughters who are wonderful mothers themselves," said Anita. "I've worked here for 16 years. I know where the money goes and I can promise you it will be used for good."

"We pray that you and your family never heed hospice care, but if you do, our family will be honored to help your family."

How to Give: You can mail your donations to Hospice of San Angelo, PO Box 471, San Angelo, TX 76902, go to www.hospiceofsanangelo.org, or call 325-658-6524. All donations are fully tax deductible. Thank you for helping us help those who need it most. Press Release Date: Before May 1st please

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