



The Winters High School Class of 1951 celebrated their 61st Graduation Anniversary on April 21, 2012 at the Z.I. Hale Museum and Rock Hotel

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Blizzard track is almost ready The extreme makeover to the Winters High School track is expected to be finished by May 25.

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Winters Economic Development Executive Randall Conner, WABIC board member Charles Bahlman and Coleman EDC 4b board members Doodie Taylor-Knox and Mitzy Mays visited before lunch.

Winters represented at regional network luncheon

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

CROSS PLAINS- WABIC executive Randall Conner and board president Charles Bahlman attended the network luncheon in Cross Plains sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network. The luncheon was held at the Cross Plains Community Center on Wednesday, April 25, 2012. Immediately following lunch discussion focused on "Communities of Achievement".

The informal program included a brief video about TMCN and information about the awards program available to member communities. Winters received the "Community of Achievement" Award in 2011. There was an in depth discussion about the importance of rural West Texas cities being prepared for the future with the projected outflow from metropolitan areas of the state. Also discussed was the need for rural communities to have vision with a cross-section of the community leadership being involved and "on the same page".

Cities represented at the luncheon included Cross Plains, Baird, Clyde, Cisco, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Ranger, Rising Star and Winters. Also in attendance was a representative from the Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas. The meal was catered by Staghorn Catering.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a one-of-a-kind regional organization founded in 1994 for economic development, tourism development, regional awareness and promotion, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone."

June Fest to feature entertainment, arts and crafts, and car show

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring JuneFest this year on Saturday, June 2, 2012. It will be held in Downtown Winters with food, drinks, arts and crafts, entertainment, a car show, and many vendors from around the area participating.

It will be held from 9 a.m. Saturday morning until 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Those interested can get vendor application forms and car show forms on-line at www.winters-texas.us or

contact the Chamber office at (325) 754 5210.

In conjunction with JuneFest, the Chamber will be sponsoring a softball tournament to be held at City Park the same day. Applications for teams can be obtained on-line at www.winters-texas.us or through contacting the Chamber office or Vanessa Esquivel at Wes-T-Go in Winters. Any team is welcome to participate and there is a no-alcohol rule in effect.

Come join us on Saturday, June 2 for what should be a great JuneFest celebration!



PHOTO: FILE

This year for the first time the MayFest will be held in June, in Downtown Winters.



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The State Track and Field Meet will be held in Austin at Mike A. Meyers Stadium on the University of Texas campus. The 1A 100M and 300M hurdles are scheduled to run just after noon on Saturday May 12.

State bound Lady Blizzard

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Forecast calls for 100 percent chance of Blizzards in Austin. The Winters Blizzards will once again be represented in Austin as the UIL State Track and Field Championships take place on May 11 and 12.

LeeAnn Taylor hurdled her way to Austin after a terrific performance at the

1A Region II Track Meet in Abilene held Friday and Saturday last week.

Ms. Taylor qualified for the Regional Meet in four events, advancing to the State Championship Meet in both the 300M and 100M high hurdles, and to the Regional finals in the 200M Dash as well. The Blizzards Boys Track team also competed over the weekend at the 1A Region

II Track Meet after having the mile relay team qualify at the Area Meet held in Garden City.

The boys ran a strong race Friday advancing to the Regional finals on Saturday. Saturday's race would have the Blizzards run their fastest time of the year in the mile relay, coming up just a couple of seconds short of advancing to State.

"These Blizzards showed what heart and determination can do. To make this type of run and for our athletes to accomplish all of this without a track this year is something special. I look forward to cheering on LeeAnn as she shows the rest of the state just what kind of special folks we have here in Winters" said Winters Athletic Director Adam Bright.



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The Winters Woman's Club held their annual Ladies Night Out on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at Jones Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church in Winters.

Women's Club enjoy their 18th Ladies Night Out

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Woman's Club held their 18th annual Ladies Night Out on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at Jones Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church in Winters.

The theme of the evening was "An Old Fashioned Hoedown." The guest speaker was Myron Halford, from the Ballinger Cowboy Church. He was accompanied by his wife Jody. Mr. Halford gave a humorous rendition of his career as a

preacher. His stories were received with rounds of laughter. Fran Kidwell played old fashioned "hoedown" piano music while the guests all sang along.

Members of Mrs. Deb Pritchard's AVID group, and others served the tables, did clean up and were an invaluable asset to this fun evening. The menu was: Chicka-dee Chicken Salad, Henny Penny Corn Salad, Mini Tree Broccoli Salad, Bread Sticks, Bread Pudding, tea and coffee.

Door prizes that had been donated by members, friends and local businesses were enjoyed by many.

As in past years, the proceeds from this fun evening and other fund raisers during the year are given back to the community: College scholarships, special school programs, Winters Volunteer Fire Department, North Runnels Hospital, Winters Public Library, Ministerial Alliance and others.

Thanks to all who attend and support the club.

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Deeds of a 'Best Samaritan'

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His smile said much and his words said even more, but good deeds during his "three score and ten" life trumped them both. Alzheimer's finally had its way with Hal Rowe recently, but during the seven-year ordeal, he was talked out of little — and had his way with much — in a life that inspired, delighted and encouraged. More than 500 people gathered at his beloved Bacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock for a memorial service bathed in rich memories of one who did all he could for as many as he could for as long as he could. The sanctuary was awash in "Hal Rowe stories," none richer, though, than one of his final acts of kindness that tied a ribbon around an exemplary life. Nearly four years ago, he gave away a kidney to an

acquaintance....

When Hal learned that Randy Parsons faced a bleak future of blindness and dialysis without a kidney transplant, he offered "a perfectly good kidney."

Family members agreed after medical professionals assured them that it was "Hal talking — not Alzheimer's." He wanted the world to know that having Alzheimer's didn't rob him of his ability to help, and that Jesus' "doing unto others" instructions didn't stipulate "unless you get sick." In fact, he urged doctors to take a portion of his liver while they were "in there." Friends believe he would have given the other kidney away, too, had he known of a need....

At the funeral, laughs and tears got equal time. Words, music and videos provided warm remembrances. His admission of nervousness during his marriage proposal to



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Joyce — his wife of almost 50 years — was recalled. Under a tree at Howard Payne University, their alma mater, he jammed an engagement ring onto her finger without saying a word.

"Hal, I'll marry you, but please put the ring on my other hand," Joyce said.

"I've never done this before," Hal stammered. "Besides, do you want a proposal from a 210-pound football tackle or a 130-pound poet?" ...

A deacon for several decades, he taught fifth-graders in Sunday school

for more than 40 years. "Mr. Fix-It" was the "who-you-gonna-call guy" for hundreds of widows and widowers. Whatever was broken or needed replacement, he was the man, relentlessly taking on all projects. Some of 'em even a former football tackle shouldn't tackle.

He was immersed in work — even as a preschooler — at his dad's service station in Temple, where he and Joyce were high school sweethearts.

A natural salesman, he sold Bibles during summers of his college years. Some earnings went for that engagement ring....

He worked in retail for many years, and with a school-teaching wife, invested steadily in rental properties, all kept up by "Mr. Fix-It."

Rowe always had time for others. Someone recalled the day he misdiagnosed a church widow. The

respondent was not to be spared Hal's warm spirit. "How're you doing?" he asked. She expressed frustration about failure to sell her house.

If you figure that Hal bought it over the phone, you'd be right....

An outstanding college football player, Hal passed on a chance to play professionally with the Dallas Cowboys. Instead, he opted to teach in Comanche during Joyce's final college year.

Soon, they were off to Lubbock, where she was an oft-honored teacher and Hal spent most days — and many nights — giving his life away.

A member of the church orchestra, he "saxophone-d" birthday greetings by phone to widows and widowers for many years....

A couple of years ago, as his memory started to

fail, he told Joyce he wanted folks at his funeral to be fed. He had a full meal in mind, but settled for Blue Bell ice cream cups at the exits. (Pudgy during his adult life, the ice cream lover claimed to be a "recovering anorexic.")

What a model for others! Beloved by his wife, family and friends, he was an unwavering Christian stalwart. Even when his 20-year-old son was killed in an auto crash caused by a drunken driver, his faith was strong.

Hal personified Corrie Ten Boom's quote: "The measure of a life is not its duration but its donation." When he died February 19, that's really all he needed to do that day....

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

Daniel strikes out 10 in Blizzards win over Reagan Co

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS— An ace performance by opener Strait Daniel lifted Winters to a 3-1 win in seven innings over Reagan County Friday, April 27, 2012 in a game played at Snyder. After having scored 43 runs in their previous two games the Blizzards found a rival to play with and improved their 2012 spring record to 15-5.

Daniel worked out of 12 difficult moments for Winters. He pitched seven innings and allowed no earned runs on one hit. Daniel faced his toughest moment in the fifth inning.

Reagan County's lone run of the ballgame came in the first inning on a sacrifice fly by Gardner.

The game was never in doubt after the first, as Winters scored two runs on a passed ball and a sacrifice fly by Daniel.

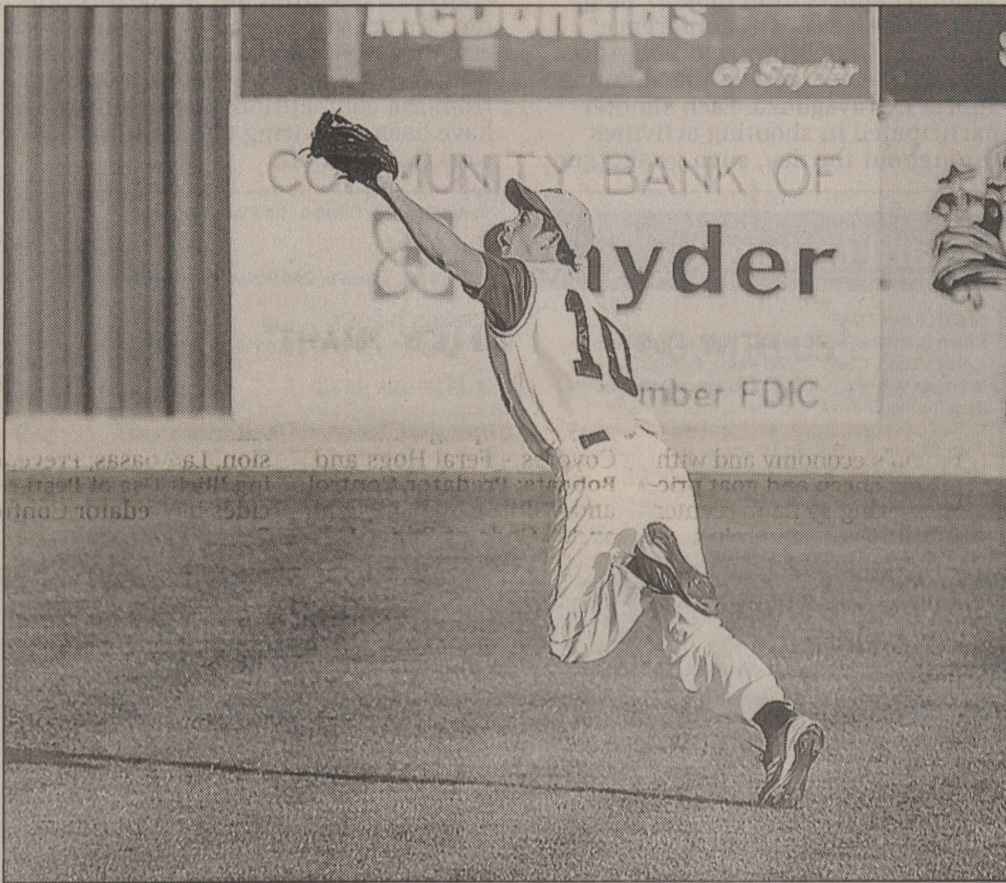


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Jace Thomae makes a running catch in right field during the Winters vs Big Lake game in Snyder, Texas. This game determined 2nd and 3rd place in district.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Bird Watching

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- Instruments struck with mallets
- "Guarding ___" (MacLaine movie)
- Pork serving
- The Who's "Tommy," for one
- The Beehive State
- Follow a trail
- Purge, Pied Piper-style
- ___ fide
- Spheroid hairdo
- 1976 Sean Connery film
- Gorcey or Durocher
- Jiffy
- Cartoon skunk Le Pew
- Dianist Anaís
- Garlicky seafood dish
- Wolfed down
- High points
- Organizer's organization
- 1968 Richard Burton film
- Part of the giblets
- Russell who played Braddock
- Artist Gerard ___ Borch
- Pleasant to look at
- Wan Kenobi
- It's right in an atlas
- "___ you nuts?"
- Figs.
- 1984 Matt Dillon film
- Go hither and yon
- Mischievous spirit
- Periodicals, for short
- ___ from Muskogee"
- Some sibs
- One of the Brontës
- Cry out loud
- Brontë's Jane
- Lavisher of attention
- Code of conduct
- Royal pain
- Apple model
- United ___ College Fund
- Trinidad/Tobago divider
- Sporty Mazda
- Pumice openings
- Chemically nonreactive
- Obsolescent roof topper
- Messy eater, e.g.
- Toon Chihuahua
- "Dallas" family name
- Swimmer Buster
- Word preceding dog or Pie
- Atlanta university
- Moved like the Blob
- Where Paris took Helen
- ___ up (falsify)
- Villain's work
- Have a hunch
- Stereotypical lab assistant
- Big letters on Wall St.
- Monogram part: Abbr.
- Strike out
- Neighbor of Turk.

DOWN

- Word on a penny
- Abbr. on a phone
- Rex's detective
- '40s pinup Betty
- "Socrate" composer Erik
- Oompah sounder
- Thames town
- Makes smoother
- Brings dishonor to
- Burn the surface of
- LP player
- Cajun veggie
- Hacienda hand
- Present time
- Point a finger at
- Ratchet mates

Sheep and goat risk management workshops set for May and June

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO— Three Sheep and Goat Risk Management Workshops for commercial producers have been set for May and June.

The workshops have similar curriculums tailored to their respective locations and will last from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. They are scheduled for May 31 in the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office for Gillespie County, 95 Frederick Road in Fredericksburg; June 5 in the Ed Davenport Civic Center, 100 Brady Country Club Road in Brady; and June 7 at the Iraan Civic Center, 9271 Alley Oop Lane in Iraan.

The workshops are being hosted by a service partnership comprised of AgriLife Extension, the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Risk Management Agency and the American Sheep Industry Association.

The workshops are meant to familiarize sheep and goat producers with the risk management tools now available, said Bill Thompson, AgriLife Extension economist at San Angelo and the workshops' coordinator.

Topics at each of the workshops will include: Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Rainfall Index as a Risk Management Tool, Price Seasonality and Lamb/Kid Market Outlook, Demographics of Lamb Consumers, Successor Development and Management Transition on Family Ranches, and Livestock Risk Protection and Cost of Production Analysis.

"The workshops target commercial producers, but the information is applicable to producers with operations of any size," Thompson said.

"Prices paid for sheep and goats continue to be excellent and the future of the industry is bright," he said. "It is the partnership's aim to help growers incorporate risk management strategies into their plans as they contemplate either expansion or drought recovery efforts."

Individual preregistration due one week before each workshop date is \$15. Late registration and registration at the door is \$40. To preregister and for more information contact Thompson at 325-653-4576, w-thompson@tamu.edu.

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HISTORICAL MARKERS AND THEIR HISTORIES IN RUNNELS CO

The first County Judge in Runnels Co.

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RCHC CHAIRPERSON

WINTERS- Sylvester Adams was born March 9, 1834 in Humphreys County, Tennessee. He came to Texas with his father while quite young. When he was older, he enlisted in the Confederate Service from Bosque Co. March 8, 1862. He was a recruit in Speight's Battalion Texas Infantry. Sylvester Adams was at the reorganization meeting under the conscript law, later transferring to Co. A., First Texas Heavy Artillery and was stationed in Galveston, Texas, Virginia Point and served there for the duration of the war. November 1879, he took an active part in organizing Runnels County, moving from Bosque County. At the organization meeting

The inscription

SYLVESTER ADAMS (MARCH 9, 1834-FEB. 3, 1889) BORN IN TENNESSEE, ADAMS AS A YOUTH CAME TO TEXAS WITH HIS FATHER. A FIRM BELIEVER IN THE CONFEDERATE CAUSE, HE SERVED AT GALVESTON DURING THE CIVIL WAR.

HE HELPED ORGANIZE RUNNELS COUNTY: WAS FIRST COUNTY JUDGE, 1880-1884, ALSO SERVED 1886-1888. HE HELPED PLAN AID FOR HIS DROUGHT-STRIKEN COUNTY, 1886-1887. THOUGH MANY RESIDENTS PROUDLY REFUSED TO TAKE "CHARITY" RELIEF.

HE WAS A DEMOCRAT AND BAPTIST. HE HAD 3 SONS AND 3 DAUGHTERS.

RECORDED 1968

of Runnels County held in Walthall, Sylvester Adams was elected the first County Judge March 10,

family was Baptist.

In Commissioner's Court, May 11, 1880, it was further ordered

1880. He was re-elected twice in succession. Then, after an interval of two years, was elected for his fourth term, November 1886.

Judge Adams was known to his friends as a true friend. He was a Democrat of the old school believing in a government by the people and for the people, believing implicitly in the justice of the Confederate cause, and in religion the

the County Judge retain from proceeds of sales 10 percent as compensation for his services. The County paid all expenses in making and acknowledging deeds. In 1885, the County Judge's salary was raised from \$400 to \$600. During the drought of 1886 in Runnels County, he worked tirelessly to see that needs were met for the families. This was referenced in Commissioner's Court records February 16, 1887, when Judge Adams was allowed \$30 out of the County Relief Fund for his services and expenses in going and returning from Albany in the interest of drought sufferers. County Judge Adams served out his fourth term and died at his home in Runnels City, Feb. 3, 1889. He is buried in Runnels Cemetery.

A lot of the early history of Sylvester Adams was recorded in "Biographical Sketches of Confederate Soldiers", written by H. D. Pearce, the first postmaster in Runnels City, and published September 1910. Judge Adams' many friends had a large native stone monument erected to his memory. He left a wife, three daughters and three sons. The stone monument is approximately 10 feet tall, and is an obelisk type of monument. The monument inscription is as follows: A picture of clasped hands are on the upper part. In Memory of Sylvester Adams born March 9, 1834-died February 3, 1889. A good and true man has gone to rest. One whose heart and hand was ever ready to respond to the petitions of sorrow and distress.

In 1966, a Confederate foot stone of white granite was placed at the grave. It reads: Batry A, 1 Regt., Texas Arty, C.S.A. March 9, 1834, Feb. 3, 1889.

The Texas Historical Commission issued a 16"x12" Grave Marker July 18, 1968. The dedication was held in 1969, when the Runnels County Historical Survey Committee could dedicate two other markers at the same time. The others were for J. W. Clampitt and James (Jim) Flynt. Both were early day sheriffs.

Resources: *Biographical Sketches of Confederate Soldiers, H. D. Pearce September 1910*
Runnels County Historical Commission Marker Histories
Eighteen Ghost Towns of Runnels County, Alton O'Neal, Jr. 2004



Good old days

The Old Colorado Hotel at the corner of Sixth Street and Railroad Avenue in Ballinger, pictured in the late 1800s in this old photo part of the Bob-O Wright collection.

4-Hers bring home 22 awards from Shooting Extravaganza

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- The Runnels Co. 4-H Shooting Sports Club took 27 members to the Texas 4-H conference center on Lake Brownwood on April 21, 2012 to compete in the Shooting Sports Extravaganza. Each shooter participated in shooting activities throughout the day, such as shotgun,

sporter air rifle, air rifle silhouette, air pistol, small bore rifle, and BB gun. The members and their families enjoyed a beautiful day at the 4-H center. We are very proud of our shooters; they represented Runnels County well. They brought home 22 awards from the competition! Our members have been practicing and their hard work has paid off.

Award recipients

SHOTGUN - TRAP
Ethan Bredemeyer - Class A, 1st Place, Seniors
Corey Virden, Class A, 2nd Place, Seniors
Brendan Mikeska, Class A, 2nd Place, Intermediates
Jace Young, Class A, 3rd Place, Intermediates
Colton Cmerck, Class A, 4th Place, Intermediates
Josh Sklenarik, Class B, 1st Place, Intermediates
Hunter Duggan, Class A, 2nd Place, Juniors

SHOTGUN - SKEET
Ethan Bredemeyer, Class A, 2nd Place, Seniors
Hannah Pinckney, Class A, 3rd Place, Seniors
Brady Calcote, Class B, 2nd Place, Intermediates
Corey Virden, Class B, 3rd Place, Seniors

SHOTGUN - 5-STAND
Hannah Pinckney, Class A, 3rd Place, Seniors

Hunter Duggan, Class A, 1st Place, Juniors

BB GUN
Kelton Book, Class B, 2nd Place, Intermediates

RUNNING TARGET
Katelynn Dunn, Class A, 3rd Place, Intermediates

SPORTER AIR RIFLE
Lauren Landers, Class A, 3rd Place, Intermediates
Tierra Mace, Class A, 4th Place, Intermediates
Cody Ischar, Class A, 3rd Place, Seniors

AIR PISTOL
Paul McDaniel, Class A, 4th Place, Intermediates

SMALLBORE RIFLE SILHOUETTE
Kolton Looka, Class A, 3rd Place, Intermediates

AIR RIFLE SILHOUETTE
Cody Ischar, Class A, 2nd Place, Seniors
Kolton Looka, Class A, 2nd Place, Intermediates

Veteran's Corner

Last week, Attorney General Greg Abbott released an opinion that clarifies who can benefit from legislation passed by Senator Dan Patrick in 2011. The legislation, Senate Bill 516, allows surviving spouses of 100 percent disabled veterans to retain the property tax exemption upon the veteran's death. The Attorney General was asked if the legislation only applied to surviving spouses of disabled veterans who died after 2012, when the bill took effect. The Attorney General's Opinion (GA-0918) clarified that the surviving spouse benefit applies to anyone married to a fully disabled veteran that passes away after 2009. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave. or call 365-3612.

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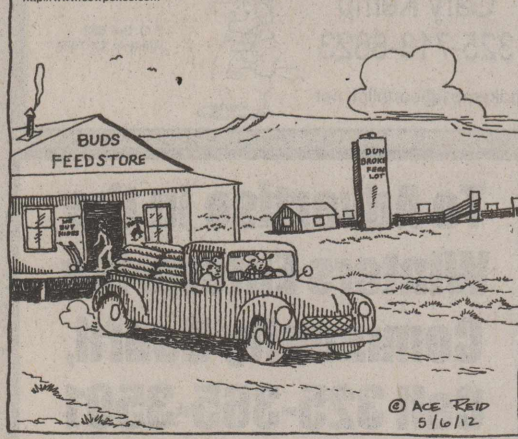
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TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

BREAKFAST POCKET OR Cereal or Pancake/Sausage Link, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

FRIDAY

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

WINTERS ISD LUNCH

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

Monday

Chicken Fries/Gravy or Egg Roll, Fried rice, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Oriental Vegetables, Apple Wedges, Tossed Salad/ Carrot Sticks, Hot Roll, Milk

Tuesday

Spaghetti/Bread Stick or Chicken Pot Pie, Green Beans, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Hot Roll, Strawberry/Banana Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

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

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Second row on left, Mary Gerhart Kurtz, Dale Eubanks, Grady Dorsett, Billy Kurtz.
First row on left, Jo Rita Wilson Sweatmon, Zorita Tomlinson Flippin, Kay Young Colburn, Janet Kendrick Vaughan, Nelavene Vaughan Terry.

Class of 51 reunited 61 years after

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT
WINTERS- Winters High School Class of 1951 celebrated their 61st Graduation Anniversary April 21, 2012 at the Z.I. Hale Museum Rock Hotel. Classmates started arriving at 10 a.m. to a welcoming committee of Gene and Jeanie Wheat, Roy and Noleta Rice and Mary and RC Kurtz. The Hotel was decorated in a Spring theme with bright colors and flowers. A Class Picture was taken by the group at 11:30 followed by more visiting followed by a lunch.
After Lunch a Memorial Service was held by Nelavene Terry for 24 deceased members. The Class of 1951 was the largest class to go though the Winters High School at that time. There were 63 class members and five World War II Veterans

receiving diplomas and six members graduating in the summer. Because of lack of room in the school auditorium it was the first graduation held at the football field. The speaker was John Ben Sheppard, Secretary of State of Texas. A big honor for the town of Winters. It was a beautiful night and the grandstands were filled and more. Besides 29 towns in Texas the class has members in Colorado, Arizona, Florida, Nevada, Georgia, California and Wyoming.
A business meeting was held with Gene Wheat presiding and Mary Kurtz giving the Secretary and Treasure report. Mary Kurtz was thanked for planning the 2012 reunion. Classmates then gave donations for the Scholarship Fund of the "Future of Winters" club. A total of \$ 1,000 was donated.

A committee for the next reunion in two years was then selected; Helen Smyth, Marthiel Russell, Kay Colburn, Janet Vaughan, Jody Sweatmon, Maxine Stone and Rhuennell Hall.
Those present were: Lester and JoAnne Byrd, Kay Young Colburn, Robert and Mary Davis, Grady and Evelyn Dorsett, Dale and Doris Eubanks, Zorita Tomlinson Flippin, Ruth Henderson Jobe, Billy and Clara Kurtz, RC and Mary Gerhart Kurtz, Lanny and Jo Ann Lacy, Suvern and Martha O'Dell, Lera Kay Cummings Randolph, Roy and Noleta Rice, Helen Howard Smyth, Jo Rita Wilson Sweatmon. Nelavene Vaughan Terry, Wendell Traylor, Arlen and Janet Kendrick Vaughan, Gene and Jeanie Wheat, Jerry Whitlow, Ruthie Odom, Geraldine Phelps, Buddy and Rhuennell Hall.

Blizzard track makeover near completion

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT
WINTERS- It is hard to find teams, other than the Blizzards and Lady Blizzards, competing in the Regional Track meet who have spent an entire track season competing without a home track to practice on. But those members of the Blizzards Track teams have fought through the difficulties and are reaping the rewards as they traveled to Abilene last week to compete in the Region 1 Track Meet.
The Blizzards were represented at the meet by the boys Mile Relay team

and by Le Ann Taylor, who competed to make a return trip to the State Track Meet in Austin.
The construction on the new track continues on with roughly half of the track paved with concrete while the remaining half is prepped to be poured shortly. After a curing time, the new track surface will be laid on the new concrete as the project draws to a close.
"We are excited to see the progress that has been made over at the Track Facility. Once completed, Winters will have one of the finest track facilities in the region and we look

forward to continued success in our track program and also in seeing the Blizzards Relays possibly return to Winters very soon. We'll be excited this week to cheer on the track folks at Regionals and hope some fans will come do the same," said new Winters Athletic Director Adam Bright.
Superintendent Don Kuempel added, "May 25 is the projected completion date of the track and not only will our students and athletes benefit directly, but the track will continue to be open to our community as a safe place to walk and exercise."

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