Two wrecks involving semitrailer trucks took place last week in Runnels County. Despite severe damages to three vehicles nobody was seriously hurt. PAGE 4

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PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ Jimmy John Ripley rushes the ball looking a way around Ben Holden. Ripley ran for 183 yards with two touchdowns.

#### Winters claims the Runnels County Showdown

**RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ** WINTERS ENTERF

WINTERS- Winters hosted the Ballinger Bearcats Friday night, September 12, 2014 at Blizzard Stadium. The Blizzards came out victorious in the Runnels County Showdown by a score of 27-7. It was the 14th win for the Blizzards and the first since 1971 in a total of 69 games these teams have played since 1923. Ballinger has 51 wins and they have tied four times.

"Our offensive line reany dominated, the first half we didn't get the ball that much, so we just

made an adjustment at halftime, after that I think the game was ours, that was key to us," said Winters Head Football Coach Stan Caffey.

"At halftime we told our team that we had to stop them, we had to get the ball and that's what we were able to do... our offensive line did great, Jimmy John Ripley did a great job executing and all our players did well, Ripley is an explosive runner, if he can get a little daylight he can make the

play, Carrey added. Winning the Runnels County Showdown has

Showdown **Ballinger at Winters** 

historically proven to be a tough challenge for the Blizzards since the last time they won a game to Ballinger was 43 years ago. The last time they tied was in 1976.

we are so nappy, you live in the same county and is so frustrating not being able to ever win a game, this is a big win for our community and is going to be good for the rest of our season, this is a real confidence-builder, to be able to beat this team makes us believe that we got a good team this year," Caffey said.

Struggling with injuries and a grueling start of the season, the outcome didn't help the Bearcats to get out of the bottom of the standing. While Winters improved its season record to 3-0 the Ballinger

Bearcats dropped to 0-3. "I tried to warn them all PLEASE CONTINUE PAGE 6

# De la Cruz, Lewis, WHS Distinguished Alumni

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE** 

WINTERS- Two Distinguished Alumni of Winters High School will be honored at half-time of the homecoming football game between the Winters Blizzards and TLCA

Eagles on Friday, September 26, 2014 at Blizzard Field. JoRay De La Cruz is a 1974 Winters High School graduate who currently lives in Austin, Texas. He is a nurse anesthetist who graduated from the University of Texas School of Allied Health Sciences in Houston with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. De La Cruz has provided anesthesia services all over the country, including proudly serving in the United States Army Reserves. Operating as an independent contractor, he currently is providing anesthesia services in Austin and Abilene.

Melba F. Lewis, M.D. is an otolaryngologist (ear, nose, and throat surgeon) with her own practice, Austin Association of Otolaryngologists. Dr. Lewis graduated from Winters High School in 1969 and attended Rice University. She later graduated with honors from Texas A&M College of Medicine. Lewis has done extensive medical research and has published and presented papers in cancer and surgery at many universities and medical centers over her career. She currently resides in Austin.

Dr. Lewis and Mr. De La Cruz will be speaking to Winters High School students at a school assembly on Friday, September 26 at 10 a.m. in the WHS Auditorium. Friends and others are invited to hear their presentations.

## BPD officer terminated following internal probe

**RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ** 

**BALLINGER-Ballinger** Police Department patrolman and former Winters PD officer Mike Herd, a master peace officer that had been with the Ballinger department since 2013, was terminated last Tuesday, September 16, 2014 following an internal investigation involving accusations of racial slur.

A complaint, made on Saturday, September 6, sparked the internal investigation which was conducted by the Ballinger Police Department. The incident allegedly took place inside a cell phone store in Abilene, Texas, where Herd and two men were reportedly interchanging racial-relat-

ed remarks. "I can't get into details about the issue but I can confirm that an investigation has been conducted and he has been terminated this morning (Tuesday)," said Ballinger Chief of Police Mark McNulty.

Herd, who was under paid administrative leave since the complaint was presented, said he will be appealing before the

Ballinger City Council. Herd said he looked for legal advice with the Texas Municipal Police

Association, and will be fighting the termination. He attended the regular council meeting held on Monday, September 15, but his case wasn't heard since it wasn't in the agenda. The next regular council meeting will be held October 6, 2014.

Interviewed by this weekly and once the sanction was applied, Herd said he didn't think there was a basis for his termination.

According to the accusation, Herd and two hispanic men publicly interchanged racial remarks inside the Sprint store in Abilene, Texas.

"We were laughing and joking around mutually... they were joking with me just as hard as I was with them," Herd said.

One of the men, Herd said, apparently was troubled with the conversation and left. "I offered to give him an apology," Herd said.

Herd questioned if his termination was related PLEASE CONTINUE PAGE 2

#### 2014 Homecoming

Friday, Sept. 26, 2014 10:00-10:50 a.m.

High School Assembly with Distinguished Alumni,

7:30 p.m.

Half-time

Blizzard Pep Rally, WISD Special Events Center rkey & Dressing Home

5:00 pm-'til New Chick-Inn serving drinks at the Chick-Inn site

Winters Blizzards vs. TLCA Eagles Football, Blizzard

Crowning of Homecoming and Coming Home royalty Recognition of Distinguished Alumni

After game
Alumni Reception, WISD Special Events Center-Northside

**Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014** 7:00-8:30 a.m. Bre Breakfast at The Rock Hotel, 300 West Dale Street 8:30-9:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.-'til

Winters High School and WISD Special Events Center Z. I. Hale Museum open, 242 West Dale Street

Classic cars and bikers meet in front of Winters High

School

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

"Making the Drag" parade around the Chick-Inn site New Chick-Inn serving drinks at the Chick-Inn site. Chick-Inn souvenirs for sale at Chick-Inn site Hamburger lunch by Winters Volunteer Fire Depart-

ment at Fire Station on South Main Noon-Afternoon Class reunions and get-togethers around town

"The McKenzie Years" Band Reunion-WISD Special Events Center, 1:00-

WHS Class of 1954-Winters Housing Authority, 300 North Grant Street

WHS Class of 1959-Winters School Cafeteria WHS Class of 1964-The Rock Hotel, 300 West Dale Street, 10:45 a.m.

#### Two cotton field tours slated for area producers

**STEVE BYRNS** ECIAL TO THE BALLINGER LEDGER

BALLINGER- Concho Valley cotton producers will have two chances to learn what's new in the West Texas cotton patch during upcoming field events in Runnels and Tom Green counties.

The first is the Runnels County Turnrow Meeting set for 8:30 a.m. Sept. 30 on the Paul Minzenmayer farm located just off U.S. Highway 67 between Ballinger and Rowena. The second is the Tom Green County Cotton Field Tour slated for 9 a.m. Oct. 2 on the John and Doug Wilde farm just north of the intersection of Loop 306 and Farm-to-Market Road 765 east of San Angelo.

Both events are free and open to the public. "The Runnels County Turnrow meeting will center around talks on cotton varieties," said Rick Minzenmayer, AgriLife Extension integrated

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#### **Winters CDC** off to a great school year

The Winters Child Development Center is off to a great school year. Ms. Stephanie's toddler class is learning so much they have spent the last couple of weeks reading Llama Llama Red Pajama. They ended the week with a pajama day. Pictured Ms. Stephanie, Charli Jacob, Sutton Casey, Stryke King, Gage Finlay not pictured Hazel Goetz, Chloe Pringle.

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#### FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

#### Melba Jo Emmert

Melba Jo (Lollar) Emmert, of Austin, Formerly of Winters, passed away on September 12, 2014 in Austin. She was born on October 2, 1932 in Crews, Texas. She is survived by her son Mike Emmert and his wife Nancy, grandson Jake Austin Emmert, her daughter Shelly Emmert, grandsons Nathan Helser and wife Diane, Jeremy Helser and wife Syntisha, great-grandson Hayden Helser, granddaughter Jamie Johnson and husband Trent, her sister Mozelle Hamper and nephews Rusty Hamper and Sandy Lollar. Also she leaves her friend and companion of later years, Glenn Hoppe, Sr., and her "little" sister-in-law Pat Emmert.

Melba Jo planted and harvested her own acre of cotton given to her by her dad John Lollar. She played baseball and attended school in Crews, Texas. In 1948, She married Don Emmert of Winters. They worked at the Winters Manufacturing Company from its beginning in the Dry brother's garage until they retired from Dry Manufacturing Plant in Winters, Texas. Melba Jo was an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department and volunteered with Meals on Wheels. She was active in the Baptist Church and, in later years, the Lutheran Church.

Melba Jo made everyone feel "at home" around her and her many friends. She will be remembered for her witty humor, good sense and her unwavering support of her family and friends. She was lucky with lotto and enjoyed domino games, dancing, fitness walking and playing golf.

Most of all, Melba Jo enjoyed her family. She said she got her wish of having twins, Michael and Michelle, who were born 10 years apart. Her biggest joy was being with her family at home, in Port Aransas and later on at Lake Proctor. Any place was special when they were together. Her children, grandchildren and greatgrandson were her greatest joy in life. She was a loving mother, caring grandmother and terrific great-grandmother. She was and always will be their "Maw Maw".

Melba Jo is preceded in death by her husband, Don Eldon Emmert, who passed away in 1993, her parents, John and Ola Lollar, her brothers, Howard, Vernon, Curtis and Carlos and her friend forever, Geneva Em-

The family received friends at Winters Funeral Home on September 15, 2014. Services, officiated by family friend and fellow golfer, Peewee Gehrels, were Tuesday September 16, 2014 at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside service was held at the Crews

In lieu of flowers, a donation to Altus Hospice of the Hills in Austin, Texas would be appreciated.

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#### A&M working to engage more students earlier

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

COLLEGE STATION- At many colleges and universities, students have little involvement with their career centers until they become upperclassmen and start looking for internships or full-time jobs in earnest, however, leaders of the Texas A&M University Career Center are reaching out to students when they start their college careers — helping them be even better

Texas A&M, with the largest student body in Texas and among the largest in the nation, has long had a reputation for producing graduates who are highly successful in the workplace, and university officials predict this new emphasis will make Aggies even more prepared to interact with the thousands of active recruiting employers who seek Aggie talent.

Career Center Executive Director Leigh Turner said Texas A&M is one of only four universities in the nation with specific staff dedicated to assisting freshmen and sophomores in the career development process.

"With nearly 19,000 freshmen and sophomores enrolled at Texas A&M, the Career Center is intentionally targeting underclassmen to ensure adequate career preparedness so they will be successful upon graduation, whether this is landing the job of their dreams, gaining admittance to their graduate or professional schools of choice, or starting their own businesses" Turner noted.

TODAY'S BEST COUNTRY

WHS Class of 1957 reunion

The Winters High School Class of 1957 will hold a class reunion Saturday, September 27, 2014, at the First United Methodist Church, 141 Church Street, beginning at 10 a.m. Alumni of Winters High School in town for school reunions welcome to drop by and visit.

WHS Class of 1954 reunion
The Winters High School Class of 1954 will be celebrating its 60th year reunion on September 27, 2014.

They will begin meeting about 9 a.m. at the Winters Housing Authority. The class welcomes visitors in the afternoon.

WHS Class of 1964 reunion

WHS Class of 1964 will hold it's 50th reunion during Homecoming weekend, September 26-27. Friday night's activities will include attendance at the football game with the general homecoming of all classes after the game meet at the new gymnasium. Detailed information for the 1964 reunion can be obtained from local classmates or from Gary Hester, coordinator, 4706 Enchanted Lane, Austin, Texas 78745; (512) 444 4904; 3ghester@att.net; or Facebook.

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 p.m., first Thursday of the month at the Lone Star Video, 200 Tinkle Street.

TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'
The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Winters and Ballinger area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening and arts and crafts to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during summer) at 2 p.m. at the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of South Seventh and Sealy Ave in Ballinger.

If you are interested and like to find out more about us, call Nancy at 325 5042 or Linda 754 5385.

**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.

WIC open to many incomes and families

Women Infants and Children, located at 706 Strong Ave in Ballinger is open Monday thru Wednesday 7 a.m. till noon and 1 p.m. till 6 p.m.

Closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone (325) 365 5925. WIC is open to many incomes and all kinds of families.

**Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting** 

Masonic Lodge No. 643, 500 N Broadway, Ballinger, Texas. Stated meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month except for holidays if it falls on that Monday. For more information call (325) 365 3202.

**Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings** Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meetings on fourth Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmeth, Texas Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754 2048.

**Paint Rock Masonic Lodge meetings** 

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge No. 613 meets the first Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. Supper will be provided after the meeting. The location is the Masonic Lodge building located at 360 South Roberts on Highway 83 South.

#### Sugarcane aphids confirmed on Southern High Plains

STEVE BYRNS

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

FLOYDADA- They're hundreds of miles from the nearest sugarcane fields, nevertheless sugarcane aphids have now been positively identified in significant numbers on grain sorghum in Floyd County, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologist.

The confirmation near the Briscoe and Swisher county lines is the first positive identification of a sizable population on the Southern High Plains, said Dr. Charles Allen, AgriLife Extension's state integrated pest management coordinator at San Angelo.

"Dr. Pat Porter, AgriLife Extension agronomist at Lubbock, documented the find on Sept. 9." Allen

"Blayne Reed, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent for Hale and Swisher counties.

brought in a bag of sugarcane aphids, a fairly large colony collected from grain sorghum leaves on Sept. 9," Porter said. "These aphids were collected by Clay Golden, an independent crop consultant serving the area. The aphids were in the same area where Blayne found individual adult sugarcane aphids on grain sorghum panicles 16 days ago. "This timetable would

be about right as we are told it takes 10 days to two weeks for sizable colonies to establish."

Allen said the pest isn't new to the U.S., but its expanding range and taste for grain sorghum and forage sorghums are. Sugarcane aphid reproduce very quickly and when large populations develop and go untreated yield losses and harvest problems can develop, he

"Aphid feeding removes nutrients and causes

leaf damage," Allen said. "Aphid numbers can become so high that their waste called honeydew, can actually 'gum up the works' in combines, thus interfering with harvesting.'

The pest moved from the Lower Rio Grande Valley into the blacklands and northern blacklands earlier this summer and has also been confirmed in the Concho Valley in West Central Texas, Allen said.

The sugarcane aphid, Melanaphis sacchari, was first found in Texas last summer, but has been in Florida since 1977 and Louisiana since 1999, Allen said.

"Growers need to keep a close watch on their grain sorghum up to the time of harvest," Allen said. "When about 40 percent of the plants are infested with 100 or more aphids per leaf, it's time to spray.

He said the tiny tan to

cream colored sugarcane aphids initially colonize on the undersides of leaves near the bottom of the plants, then move up as their populations increase.

"A Section 18 emergency label was granted earlier this year by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the pesticide Transform, the only labeled, effective control on this particular aphid," Allen said. "The waiver allows for application rates from 0.75 to 1.5 ounces per acre. And only two applications are allowed during a single growing season, so timing and thorough coverage are crucial for best results. Also, remember that this pesticide requires a 14-day interval between application and harvest."

For more information. contact Allen at 325-653-4576, ctallen@ag.tamu. edu or Porter at 806-746-6101 p-porter@tamu.edu.

#### Fall camping workshops announced for outdoor families

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

AUSTIN- With cool weather around the corner, the Texas Outdoor Family program has scheduled outdoor recreational workshops statewide though the beginning of December. The workshops offer a low-cost weekend trip where families can un-plug, reconnect with nature, and learn the basics of camping.

"The Texas Outdoor Family Program has exponentially grown in popularity since it began six years ago," says Robert Owen, Texas Outdoor Family Program Coordinator for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Unfortunately, it seems that nowadays kids are more likely to play video games than ride a bike or play outside. We aim to change that and are proud to offer the first step to helping families get outdoors and reconnect with nature by enjoying their state

Workshops coming up this month can be found at Garner State Park, Lake Mineral Wells State Park and Trailway, Franklin Mountains State Park, Galveston Island State Park, Brazos Bend State Park and Guadalupe River State Park, just to name a few.

The program provides families with all of the camping and recreational supplies that would be needed, so you can test drive camping without making the investment of buying equipment. The only thing families

need to bring are food and bedding for the weekend.

During the overnight workshops, a ranger not only teaches families the basic skills of pitching a tent and cooking outdoors, but also how to enjoy state parks through activities like kayaking, fishing, and geocaching - an outdoor treasure hunt using GPS devices. Participants also learn how to protect their state parks through good stewardship and "Leave No Trace" principles. The cost of workshops starts at \$65 per family (up to six people), and includes camping fees.

#### Terminated: Charges were never filed CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

to an article printed last week by the Abilene Reporter News, in Abilene, Texas, where he was featured along with other law enforcement officers in the Big Country accused of misconduct.

According to the story Herd was booked-in in Shackelford County accused of impersonating a security guard and running a security company without a license.

Herd explained that charges were never filed in that case because the Taylor County District Attorney refused to file them. He said the arrest took place while he was working for a night club, where he was warned by a Texas Department of Public Safety officer that as a part-time law enforcement officer he couldn't work as a private security guard.

After that and following guidelines of trooper Ismael Orosco, Herd said, he limited his activities to checking ID's at the door.

"About three weeks later six of them (DPS officers) came in and arrested us," Herd explained.

Earlier, Chief McNulty said the Ballinger Police Department had knowledge of the incident in Shackelford County since Herd's hiring, but it was until the recent complaint that Herd went under suspension and investi-

According to his work record Mike Herd has been a Texas peace office since 1976. He served in the Texas Army Reserves from 1986-1988 and served as a contractor for SOC in Iraq in 2011. He started with the Ballinger Police Department in 2013.

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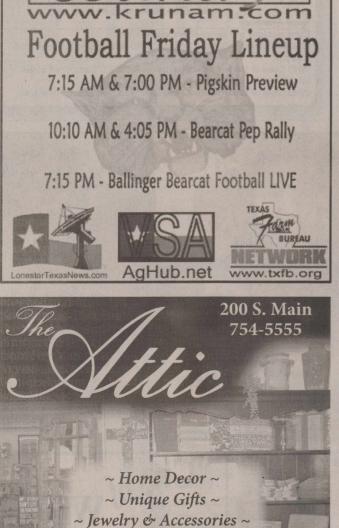
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#### **Runnels Review** Politicians, football

Looks like somebody in the Ballinger City Council needs to have his or her eyesight checked. Last Monday, September 15, 2014, the council entered into executive session for consultation with the City Attorney regarding alternative water sources. Apparently nobody had noticed that the City Attorney didn't go to the meeting at all. After realizing the mishap the executive session was immediately called off.

Charles Perry was elected District 28 state senator last week. He started his new job with a head start over his future senate fellows that will be elected until the November 4 general election.

Perry, a Republican from Lubbock, Texas, will take his experience as State Representative to the State Senate after solidly winning the sixcandidate race in the September 9 special election. He is replacing Robert Duncan, who left the Senate to become Chancellor of the Texas Tech University System. "Our work ethic never

subsided and our grassroots army truly turned out the vote," said Perry in his victory speech.

"Throughout this campaign, I made an effort to visit as many constituents as possible from all 51 counties in the district. I look forward to providing common sense, conservative leadership to the entire district - communities large and small," he continued.

A string of traffic accidents shook up the area last Thursday and Friday. Two trailer trucks in unrelated incidents were involved in serious wrecks in and around Ballinger, Texas. Luckily nobody was seriously hurt. Hopefully that will be the end of the string and we won't be seeing any more of those wrecks for a looong time.

The Winters Blizzards claimed the Runnels County Showdown held last Friday in Winters. The team looks like a contender in 2A football and has improved a lot from last season. Ballinger on the other hand has been struggling with injuries and lost another player in that game. Hopefully the team will recover and will become a contender in the upcoming district games. Friday night is Homecoming in Ballinger. if you don't have plans for dinner a chicken fajita dinner will be served hosted by the Ballinger Noon Lions Club at the **Ballinger Elementary** Cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a good meal and help a local non-for-profit.

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#### Cotton tours: Will also discuss wheat varieties

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pest management agent for Runnels and Tom Green counties. "We'll also discuss wheat varieties producers may want to consider planting during the upcoming fall small-grain season. And with a little luck, we should have a harvest-aid trial ready to view while discussing the various treatments involved with that demonstra-

"We'll complete the program with a complimentary noon meal served at St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall in Ballinger.

Minzenmayer said Texas Department of Agriculture continuing educations units will be available for those completing the entire morning's program.

"The Tom Green County tour the following week will offer an irrigated cotton variety test plot, harvest-aid trial and a look at the new Monsanto XtendFlex technology in Americot/NexGen cotton varieties," Minzenmayer said. "This technology features insect-protected, herbicide-resistant traits meant to better allow control of resistant weeds within a cotton crop.

"The tour will conclude with a boll weevil eradication update and complimentary meal at the barbecue area at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall.'

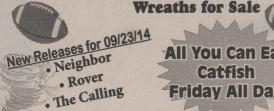
Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units, one general and two integrated pest management, will be available to those attending the entire tour.

Minzenmayer said the Tom Green County event typically draws a large crowd, so those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County at 325-659-6523 by Sept. 26 so an

accurate meal count can be made. Minzenmayer is the contact for both meetings. He can be reached by calling the AgriLife Extension integrated pest management office in Runnels County at 325-365-5212.

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The proposed amendment will

appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the use and dedication of certain money transferred to the state highway fund to assist in the completion of transportation construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects, not to include toll roads.

struction, maintenance and acqui- Published by Texas Secretary of sition of rights-of-way for public State Nandita Berry, www.Vote-Texas.gov or 1-800-252-VOTE (8683).

### Rebuilding the beef herd program set Sept. 25

**BLAIR FANNIN** SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

FRANKLIN- Brazos Valley cattle producers considering rebuilding cowherds will have a unique opportunity to hear a comprehensive economic analysis as well tips on developing a sound restocking plan Sept. 25 at Camp Cooley Ranch, according to organizers.

The ranch is located at 4297 Camp Cooley Ranch Road in Franklin.

Rebuilding the Beef Herd: Planning to Capture the Opportunities will be held from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

and is open to beef cattle producers throughout the Brazos Valley, said Ed Schneider, AgriLife Extension agent for Robertson County. The program will feature a number of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialists discussing cattle market outlook, forage and stocking management, replacement cow/ heifer options, resource use and leased grazing considerations. A tour of Camp Cooley Ranch is also scheduled.

"Cattle prices are charting at record highs and there are many beef producers considering restocking options," Schneider said. "However, there are still economic challenges such as high input costs, land use and return on investment when buying cows or replacement heifers. Those with serious intent to enter, rebuild or expand their beef operation need to have a sound plan.'

Cost is \$25 and includes lunch, program materials and breaks. For meal count purposes, preregistration is requested by calling 979-828-4270.

Payment may be made at time of arrival. A number of agribusiness booths will be exhibited, and door prizes will be given throughout the day, Schneider said.

Speakers from AgriLife Extension will be Drs. Ron Gill, Jason Cleere and Larry Redmon, all from College Station. Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist, Vernon, will also be presenting. The group will rotate on discussion topics and attendee participation is encouraged, Schneider said.

#### GROSSWORD PUZZLE CAFETERIA MENU

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#### Sept. 22-26 Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

Breakfast Taco or Cereal, Apple Sauce, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Monday

Tuesday Pancake/Syrup or Cereal, Orange, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday Breakfast Burrito/Salsa or Cereal, Orange, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday Sausage Roll or Cereal, Apple, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Friday Muffin or Cereal, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

## Winters ISD Lunch Menu

Monday

Chef Salad or Lasagna/Graham Cracker (Elem., JH) Breadstick (HS) or Grilled Chicken Pattie/Bun, Peas & Carrots, Baked Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Peaches, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday

Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak/ Breadstick (Elem., JH) Hot Roll (HS) or Chicken Tenders/Graham Cracker (Elem., JH) Breadstick (HS), Italian Green Beans, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/ Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

Chef Salad or Nachos or Chicken Fajita, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/ Cherry Tomato, Coleslaw, Pears, Choice of Milk

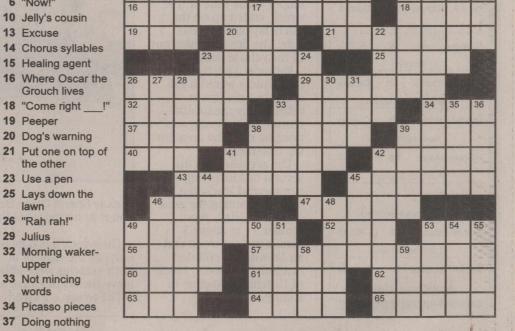
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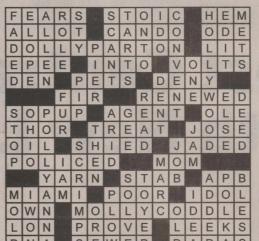
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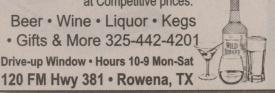
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Juan M. Escobar 58 D.W.I. 3rd or more

Jorge A. Mendoza --Assault family violence

## Two semitrailer truck wrecks in two days

**RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ** 

BALLINGER- An 18-wheeler rolled over last Friday, September 12, 2014 on on U.S. Highway 67, one mile east of Benoit, Texas. The driver, hauling a tanker truck drove through a black spot on the road, lost control of the vehicle and went across the oncoming

The vehicle, a tanker truck that had delivered a load of hydrochloric acid the day before and was empty at the time of the wreck, ended up on the ditch, laying on its left side. The driver walked out of the vehicle uninjured.

Ballinger EMS first responders were on the scene but the driver refused any medical attention. A light rain was pouring over the area during that morning.

The accident was the second one involving a commercial truck in a little over 24 hours in the area.

On Thursday, September 11 at about 5 a.m., a pickup truck and an 18-wheeler collided head-on on the 400 block of Hutchings Avenue in Ballinger.



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Deputy Sheriff David Sellers helps the driver of this trailer truck after the rollover taking place on U.S. Highway 67, one-mile northeast of Benoit, Texas.

The wreck left damages only, as the drivers of both vehicles were able to leave the scene unharmed. The wreck occurred

when the driver of a Chevrolet pickup truck on the northbound lane fell asleep and merged into the oncoming traffic. The

pickup struck head-on a southbound semitrailer

The drivers did not sustain injuries. Traffic

on Hutchings Avenue was down to two lanes until the vehicles and debris were removed from the

#### Area students earn degrees at ASU

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

SAN ANGELO- Three area students graduated from Angelo State University during the summer graduation ceremony held in August in San Angelo, Texas.

Those receiving their graduate and undergraduate degrees were: M.S.N. -Amanda M. Ramos of Ballinger, B.S. - Jay M. Rodriguez of Miles, and M.S.N. – Tamara D. Halfmann of Winters, Texas.

ASU conferred 202 undergraduate and graduate degrees upon 201 graduates. Areas of undergraduate academic study at ASU lead to the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Border Security, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Cultural

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Graduate degrees offered are: Master of Arts, Master of Business Administration, Master of Education, Master of Professional Accountancy, Master of Public Administration, Master of Science, Master of Science in Nursing, Master of Security Studies and Doctor of Physical Therapy.

#### Veteran's Corner

Last week the Defense Department (DoD) announced it has agreed to reconsider other-than-honorable discharges for thousands of Vietnam-era veterans who may have suffered from combat-related post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Many were dishonorably discharged in an era before PTSD became a diagnosable condition. The Pentagon said veterans from the Vietnam era and other past wars with other-than-honorable discharges will be given "liberal consideration" if they seek to correct their military records and provide some evidence of a PTSD diagnosis that existed at the time of their service. Upgraded discharges could a live and their service. result in the restoration of some benefits, such as disability pay, separation pay or

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GI Bill benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) — benefits that are typically denied to veterans who receive other-than-honorable discharges. Health care in the VA system, however, is typically provided to these veterans regardless of their discharge status. If you or someone you know needs their discharge upgraded, I am here to help. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm, or call 365-3612.

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Josiah Fernandez rushes the ball closely followed by the Ballinger defense for a good gain at Bearcat Stadium.

# JV Blizzards hold on to early lead to defeat Ballinger

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

BALLINGER- The JV Blizzards played neck-and-neck last Thursday, September 11, 2014 at Bearcat Stadium, and were able to hold on to the victory by defeating the JV Ballinger Bearcats by a score of 34-26.

Ballinger took the lead in the first quarter with a 47-yard rush by Tyler Matschek. Before the first period was over Winters responded with two touchdowns by A.J. Smith. First Smith rushed the ball 54 yards and then 64 yards to put the Blizzards ahead 12-6.

Ballinger caught up before the half with a 33-yard pass from Matschek to Christian Martinez, 12-12.

In the third quarter Winters scored twice. First by means of a 33-yard pass

from Josiah Fernandez to Cordale Armstrong with a two-point conversion by Fernandez, and then with another touchdown by Fernandez to put the score 26-12

In the forth quarter Nick Hernandez closed the gap 26-18 for the Bearcats with a one-yard rush. But the Blizzards still had more to go. A.J. Smith carried the ball up the middle in a 46-yard rush for the Blizzards. Fernandez added the conversion with a rush, 34-18.

The last touchdown of the game came from the Ballinger side when Tyler Matschek found Christian Martinez with a 34-yard pass. Matschek added the two-point conversion for the final 34-26.

This Thursday the JV Blizzards will be hosting the Hamlin Pipers starting at 7:30 p.m. at Blizzard Stadium.

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#### Blizzards: This is a dangerous game

week, that this is a trap game, if you look ahead this is a dangerous game, you got to look ahead, you got to play hard, and I don't want to take anything away from Winters because they played a great ball game," said Ballinger Head Football Coach Justin Wiley.

"This is the game they circle on their schedule, if you overlook it they will embarrass you. We want to get the kids healthy and back on the field, I'm trying to press upon them every day, we are not doing the little things right now and that's killing us," Wiley added.

Winters offense was led by quarterback Jimmy John Ripley, who had one completion inside the end zone and rushed-in two touchdowns more. He ran for 16 carries and 183 yards. Ty Cortez ran 10 carries for 48 yards with one touchdown. Chris Diaz and Stephon Cleghorn also added to the Winters' running game, Diaz with seven carries for 58 yards, and Cleghorn with 41 yards in nine rushes.

Ripley completed one pass in eight attempts for a 20-yard touchdown. Daryl Hagle was on the

receiving end of the pass.
Ballinger relied in its junior running back Clayten
Crabb, who had 30 carries
for 160 yards. Passing



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Two defensive players stop Ballinger's running back at the scrimmage line.

Colton Little completed 17 of 31 attempts and had two interceptions. Receiving Damian Michalewicz led the Bearcats with seven receptions for 49 yards, Layne Halfmann had 3-35, Rusty Fischer 3-24, Reid Matschek 3-16,

and Stephen Studer 1-8.
Winters took the lead
when Jimmy John Ripley rushed-in the ball 41
yards into the end zone as
the first quarter expired.
Lukas Kraatz added the
point after touchdown
with his kick to put the

Blizzards ahead 7-0. Winters would score once again before halftime, when a 20-yard pass from Ripley found Daryl Hagle with 5:01 left to play in the half. Kraatz put the ball between the poles to increase the lead 14-0.

Ballinger would score its lone touchdown of the game in the second quarter, with 1:53 on the clock. Junior quarterback Colton Little completed a 19-yard pass to Layne Halfmann while Jace King added the kick to send the game 14-7 into halftime.

The Blizzards would score twice again in the third quarter. First by the

means of Ty Cortez with a 6-yard carry (3:10) and then Ripley rushed a 36-yard ball with 52 seconds remaining in the third.

Kraatz added both kicks for the final 27-7.

This Friday Ballinger will be hosting the Merkel Badgers at Bearcat Stadium for their homecoming game. Merkel has yet to know the victory during this season after having lost to Eastland, Anson and Stamford.

The Blizzards will be traveling to Hamlin to face the Pied Pipers which are 3-0 after defeating Anson, Roscoe and Hawley.



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