

Breaking a negative streak, the Winters Blizzard Varsity Basketball boys team split their games last week and is now 4-7 in district and 7-13 on the year.



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Commissioners **Court joins** Winters in **historical** celebration

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BALLINGER- Celebrating the quasquicentennial — 125th anniversary — of the foundation of the city of Winters, the **Runnels County Com**missioners Court passed a resolution naming Saturday, February 28, 2015 the Day of Winters. Tuesday, February 10, 2015 the Commis-

sioners Court met in a regular meeting, and issued the proclamation declaring February 28, 2015, as the official day of the celebration.

Last year the Texas Historical Commission approved a historical marker for the community of Winters. The marker will have an inscription with a brief history of Winters and will be located between the Blue Gap Post Office and the Winters Public Library on the 100 block of North Main Street. The Z.I. Hale Museum is the sponsor for the Winters marker.

The quasquicentennial celebration has sparked a number of events, including the marker dedication and the celebration of the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet, where the names of the Man of the Year, woman of the Year, Business of the Year and Agricultural Family of the Year will be announced. The banquet will be held on Feb. 28 at the Winters High School cafeteria.

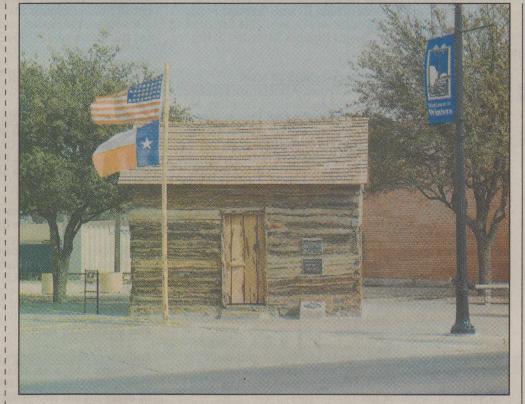


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The new marker will be placed at the Winters Historic Park, between the Blue Gap Post Office (photo) and the Winters Public Library.

Winters receives official **Texas Historical Marker**

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Texas Historical Commission has recognized the Town of Winters as a significant part of Texas history by awarding it an Official Historical Marker. The designation honors the town as an important and educational part of local history

A dedication ceremony to commemorate the event will be held on urday, February 28, 2015 at the site of Winters Historic Park located at 120 N. Main Street. The Runnels County Historical Commission, the Z. I. Hale Museum, Inc. and the Winters Public Library welcomes the public to share in and witness this exciting historical event that will begin at 10 a.m. and will coincide with the Texas Independence Weekend. Speaker for the dedication will be Sarah McCleskey, a historian in the **Official Texas Historical** Marker Program for the **Texas Historical Commis**sion. With the commission since 2005, Sarah currently writes and edits

inscriptions for historical markers, processes marker applications and orders, and coordinates with county historical commissions and the general public on matters related to research and markers. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from Texas A&M University in College Station and a Master of Liberal Arts with a concentration in history

established by reviewing its role and importance in local history, and the age requirement depends on the topic. The THC's Official Texas Marker Policies are outlined in the Official Texas Historical Marker Procedures, which may be obtained by contacting the History Programs Division, Texas Historical Commission. It is vital that as we

move forward, and not our past INOT OTT

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Trial begins for Marine charged with double murder

Suspect in 'American Sniper' slaving heads to court in Stephenville, just over two years after the death of Chris Kyle, Chad Littlefield

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STEPHENVILLE- It was a warm, sunny day on Saturday, February 2, 2013.

With a high of about 60 degrees, it was the perfect afternoon to head to Rough Creek Lodge for some target practice — something that must have surely been on the minds of Chris Kyle and Chad Littlefield when they stepped into Kyle's truck and headed to pick up a man they had never met.

Eddie Ray Routh, 27 at the time, had reportedly been struggling with PTSD and his mother had asked Kyle for help. Kyle, author of

American Sniper, had served four tours in Iraq and had dedicated much of his life to helping fellow soldiers deal with the aftermath of war.

When Routh's mother told him of her son's plight, he immediately agreed to help -adecision that would cost two young men their lives that day. After about an hour of driv-

ing, the trio arrived at Rough Creek about 3 p.m. and headed Chris Kyle to the shooting range.

Shortly before 5 p.m. an employee found the bodies of Kyle and Littlefield lying on the ground covered in blood. They had been shot.



"American Sniper"

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UCIAI ce from St. Edwards's University in Austin.

'The Official Texas Historical Marker program helps bring attention to community treasures and the importance of their preservation," said Mark Wolfe, Executive Director of the THC. "Awareness, and education are among the best ways to guarantee the preservation of our state's history. This designation is a tool that will increase public awareness of important cultural resources," Wolfe said.

A subject qualifies for a marker if two basic criteria are met: historical significance and age. Historical significance is

will the Texas Historical Marker provide awareness in the community of our fascinating history, but it will become a building block for the promotion of local tourism," said Ruth Cooper, Runnels **County Historical Com**mission, Chairperson.

There are three types of Texas Historical Markers: Subject Markers, posted solely for public education awareness and awarded more frequently than the Recorded **Texas Historic Landmark** (RTHL), which is a legal designation for historic structures, and Historic Texas Cemetery markers which identify deeply researched cemeteries.

Routh was arrested hours later after his sister called authorities. He had been driving Kyle's truck.

Now, two years later, the facts of what transpired that day will finally be disclosed in court.

Routh faces charges of capital murder and his trial was scheduled to begin Wednesday, February 11, at

the Donald R. Jones Justice Center in Stephenville. An estimated 800 Erath County residents have been summoned as potential jurors.

Court officials hope to have 12 jurors and two alternates seated with opening arguments set to begin Wednesday.

Routh's attorneys, Shay Isham of Stephenville and Warren St. John of Fort Worth, are expected to pursue an insanity defense.

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Local artist takes top place at Brownwood art show

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Local artist Susan Minzenmayer was awarded the Larry J. Elling Memorial Photography

Award for her entry "Fall of the Friends," at the 17th annual Stars of Texas Juried Art Exhibit held on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at The Depot in Brownwood, Texas.

The exhibit is one that is decided by a juror,



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who this year was Daryl Howard, an experienced and renowned the Friends.' printmaker

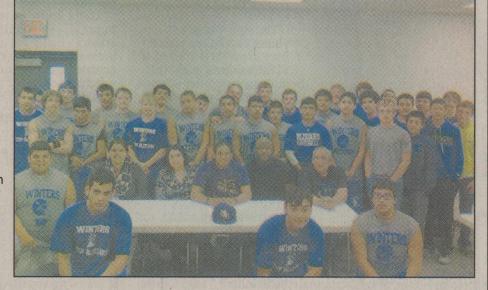
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and mixed media collagist. In all, 14 cash prizes were PLEASE CONTINUE PAGE 3



Winters senior commits to HSU

Winters High School senior Stephon Cleghorn signed last week his letter of intent to play college football for the Hardin Simmons University Cowboys. The Winters Blizzards' running back and receiver had an outstanding senior season, claiming along his team an undefeated district championship.



In the postseason the Winters Blizzards reached the area round of the playoffs and finished the season with an overall record of 10-2. At the individual level Cleghorn was fifth in rushing yards in the district, with 542, an average of 7.0 per game, and also had 9 touchdowns. Stephon Cleghorn is pictured here signing his letter of intent surrounded by family, teammates, and classmates.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES Billy Gene Barberousse

Billy Gene Barberousse, 90, of Winters, died February 5, 2015. He was born September 26, 1924 in Cleveland, Oklahoma and grew up in Antlers and Hugo, Oklahoma. He married Norma Fuller on November 26, 1947 in Atoka, Oklahoma. He was a tail gunner on a B25 in the Pacific Theater in World War II. He

was member of the VFW in Odessa. He was a butcher and market manager in Odessa. They moved to Winters in 1997. He was a Methodist.

He is survived by his wife: Norma Barberousse of Winters, sons Ronald Barberousse and wife Linda of Alvord, Texas and Terry Lee Barberousse and wife Becky of Jenkins, Oklahoma. He is also survived by his sisters Norma Walker of Arlington, Texas and Donna Baird of Gunbarrel, Texas, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, February 20, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church in Winters.

The family request that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the Winters Meals on Wheels, 601 Wood St., Winters Texas 79567.

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James Louis Beckwith

James Louis Beckwith, 78, died February 9, 2015 He was born December 7, 1936 in Mt. Vernon, Indiana and was raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He served in the United States Marines from 1953 to 1957. Following his discharge he had a number of jobs that took him all across the country. He later worked in the oilfield and was a truck driver. He married Gearldine Barnes Collins on August 31, 1982 in Winters.

He is survived by two sons and three daughters: Guy Beckwith and wife Tina of Sweetwater, Jack Beckwith of Monahans, Crystal Walker of Las Cruces, New Mex-ico, Cindy Andrews and husband Dennis of Monahans and Rita Halfast and husband Tim of Paige, Arizona. He is also survived by three step-sons and four step-daughters: Willie Collins, Jr., of Winters, Mark Collins and wife Jo of Winters, Lucas Collins of Mineral Wells, Linda Mae Goodson of Dangerfield, Jennifer Collins of Winters, Ruby Janine Kidd of Poteet and Vi Sue Grice and husband Darrell of Winters. Survivors also include numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday February 11, 2015 at the First Baptist Church in Winters. Burial followed at Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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WHS to crown 2015 Glacier King and Queen

Winters High School yearbook staff will hold their annual Glacier Ceremony to crown a king and queen of the school on Thursday, February 12, 2015 in the WHS Auditorium. Morning ceremonies will begin at 9 a.m. to introduce the king and queen candidates from each of the high school classes. Entertainment will be provided and high school class favorites will also be announced.

Evening ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m. in the audito-rium. In addition to the crowning of the Glacier King and Queen, Senior Class Honors will be announced and class favorites will be presented to the community. Entertainment will be provided. There is no charge for the festivities and the community is invited to attend.

Historic exhibit at the Public Library

A Historic Winters Exhibit will open at the Winters Public Library on Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 10 a.m. The exhibit will feature items of local historical interest, highlighting pictures and artifacts from the 1890s through the current time. This exhibit commemorates Winters 125th year as an established Texas city. The library is open Monday through Thursday from noon until 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. through noon. The Historic Winters Exhibit will be available for viewing during regular library hours through Saturday, February 28, 2015.

Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit to Meet

The Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit will hold their monthly meeting Monday, February 16, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be in the Gus Pruser Agriculture Exhibit at 219 W. Dale, Winters. Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit is a group interested in preserving the agriculture heritage of the Winters area. The group works on tractors and other displays in the museum. For additional information contact John Long at (325) 754 5389 or zihalemuseum@wtxs.net.

Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club meeting The Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club will be holding their February monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 6:45 p.m. at the Coldwell Banker Panian and Mash Building located at 2500 S. Willis, in Abilene, Texas.

Please join us for a light meal. You will get to meet other Aggie Moms and learn a little more about Texas A&M and all of its traditions.

The club meets on third Tuesday of each month, at 6:45 p.m. for refreshments and fun. If you can't make the meeting but would like more information, please call or email: Tammy Crowe at (325) 518 3464 tcrowe@suddenlink.net

Public library board of directors meeting

Winters Public Library Board of Directors meeting will be February 25, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. Meeting will be held at the library in the Lois West Conference Room. All board members: Rhonda Neal, Becky Hays, Jane Allcorn, Nancy Spill, Ouida Nichols, Rhea Parramore, Bettye Pinkerton, Sharon Rice, Sylvia Richie, Sally Spill, Amy Wheat, Cindy Curry, and librarian Jane Wyall to attend. Winters residents are welcome to attend. We appreciate the donation the library received from Paul and Lavera Tharp.

Historical marker project in need of donations

sibly a lifelong career in a field related to science. technology, engineering and/or math.

To help young people fall in love with science, Texas 4-H Youth Development in College

New Texas mill to provide 'grist' for future scientists

Lepley said. "The STEM goals of the Hill Country Science Mill are highly compatible with those of the Texas 4-H program," he said. "One of our program goals is to help prepare young people lated skills and knowledge in their daily work talking about what they do.'

Middlebrook said while there are other science museums and learning facilities in Texas and elsewhere, the Hill Coun try Science Mill is more focused than most in its approach to science education and awareness. "Though the mill is fun and educational for all ages, our displays, STEM camps, games and other educational opportunities are targeted mostly for middle school and high school students," she said. "We also place a lot of attention on helping these students develop their scientific interests and in seeking higher education and a career in a field of science that interests them. Middlebrook said some of the hands-on learning features of the facility tied to science-related careers include a BioLab, chemistry table, virtual human body, custom model race car build, computer video game design activity and wind turbine test bed.

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The Z. I. Hale Museum is the sponsor for the Winters marker. The cost of the project is \$1,900. A significant amount has been raised so far, but funds are still needed before the dedication. Donations may be made to the Z.I. Hale Museum (Marker Fund), PO Box 211, Winters 79567.

TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'

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NEWS NOTES

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.

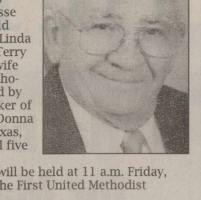
Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meetings on fourth Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmeth, Texas Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754 2048.

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.



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Dr. Mark McKinnon, MD Judy Zuspann, PA-C Tamera Halfmann, RN, FNP-C

hat produces steel grain or cloth. This particular mill was built specifically to produce youth interest in science, technology, engineering and math-ematics, or STEM, subjects, skills and careers.

Johnson City, it's not a mill

to-be-opened facility in

The Hill County Science Mill, which will have its grand opening on Feb. 14, s located at 101 S. Ladybird Lane.

"(The mill) is a family destination offering fun, interactive learning environment for all ages through its cutting-edge, technolo-gy-based exhibits, games and programs," said Bonnie Baskin, facility founder.

"It's appropriate that we're having our grand opening on Valentine's Day because we want the kids who visit to fall in love with science," she said. "Our goal is to expand students' understanding and appreciation of science in their everyday lives by igniting their curiosity and inspiring them to pursue post-secondary education and pos-

part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, is collaborating with the science mill to offer information and instruction opportunities for young people to learn about STEM subjects and science-related careers.

"One of the areas in which we are collaborating is toward developing a first-of-its-kind, online virtual 4-H science proj-ect," said Dr. Toby Lepley AgriLife Extension youth development specialist and assistant program director. "We envision this project to be one in which the young person goes through the Hill Country Science Mill, then returns home and can join an area of interest and participate in a science challenge related to his or her interests.'

Through Texas 4-H, young people can partici-pate in projects related to STEM subjects, including biology, computer science, robotics and entomology,

Night hunters arrested near downtown New Braunfels

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

AUSTIN- Texas game wardens arrested two adults and two juveniles for killing three deer and firing as many as 30 rifle rounds in and around Landa and Prince Solms parks in the New Braunfels city limits.

"From the evidence we have developed, this appears to be a case of indiscriminate thrill killing," says Capt. Jeff Carter, whose regional command includes Comal County. "On top of that, multiple rifle rounds were being fired at night in a populated area. The outcome of this could have been much worse."

State involvement in the case began at 12:20 a.m. Tues-day, February 10, when game wardens Nichole Leonard and Brent Satsky responded to a call for assistance from the New Braunfels Police Department. When they arrived on the scene a short time later, they learned that local officers had stopped a pickup truck near Landa Street and Paradise Alley while investigating a report of gunshots in the area.

Two dead bucks and one doe were found in the bed of the truck.

The game wardens arrested four suspects. After receiving permission to search the vehicle they found a .22 caliber rifle hidden under the rear seat. Charged with hunting deer at night and hunting from a vehicle on a public roadway were Eric G. Johnston, 25 and Anthony E. Castillo, 39, both of New Braunfels. Both men were booked into the Comal County Jail in lieu of \$3,000 bond each. The two juveniles were released to the custody of their parents pending later prosecution.

to excel in science, engineering and technology, and to encourage them to help and fill the pipeline of young leaders proficient in science, an area where the U.S. has fallen behind many other countries."

Lepley added that Texas 4-H is also working with the science mill to help pro-vide educational opportunities for the STEM-focused camps and workshops they will offer in their state-ofthe-art facility.

"A virtual science project will be part of the Explorer Zone offerings on the museum's online learn-ing portal," said Amber Middlebrook, education and outreach coordinator for the facility. "Students will be able to connect to it through our website or the Texas 4-H website. "Users would be able

to participate in different science challenges and learn more about scienceoriented careers, including watching videos of professionals who use STEM-re-

For more information on the Hill Country Science Mill, go to: http://sciencemill.org /

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From the **Chief's Desk Identitiy theft and the IRS**

By Randall Davis Winters Chief of Police

I have come to the conclusion we live in a world of never ending cycle of newly devised attempts to separate the common man from his hard earned money. So often we turn on the news just to hear of the latest unscrupulous attempts to scam people out of their life savings.

Recently the trend seems to be the filing of fraudulent tax returns using stolen the identities of unsuspecting persons. You work an entire year paying your taxes as a responsible citizen and then complete the tedious task of figuring your taxes only to find out someone else has filed a fraudulent tax return in your name and collected a sizable return.

The best case scenario is you having to convince the I.R.S. your return is the factual and true return and you are a victim, having your identity stolen without you even knowing it. With the influx of people filing taxes during this time of the year, the best you can hope for is the matter to be reconciled before the next tax season.

Other recent avenues of separating you from your hard money have surfaced recently in and around Winters as fraudulent collections of past due or delinquent bills. You may receive a phone call from an individual identifying themselves as attempting to collect a charged off credit card or other debt in collections. The caller may have your basic information and will off a great deal to settle the debt by allowing you to pay a settlement of half the debt and then ask for your debit card number. **Responsible consumers** would certainly want to ^{93b}clear the debt and restore on their credit standing, therefore provide the required method of pay ment. Be wary, once the debit/credit card number is given then you have just fective, pulling at the heart strings. Most people are good at heart and nothing makes us feel better than to help someone truly in need, such as a wounded veteran, mother of small children, or a victim of a horrendous accident or illness, especially when the well fare of small children are at stake.

Please do not be hasty to judge my hardened criticism against those in need. There are many people who have fallen on tragedy and at times need a helping hand. Returning Vets, absolutely they need our support and it would only be fair for the service they have rendered. Victims of accidents or life altering illnesses, children victimized by injury or serious illnesses, absolutely I would not hesitate to of fer assistance and would expect others to do the same, but use caution.

Make sure the cause you donate to services the intended person. If donating to the relief of returning soldiers, there are numerous reputable and worthy avenues that are well publicized and doing great things. The same goes for other charities. Do some research, check out news articles, reputable online resources related to the cause. Instead of just handing over cash, offer to donate to the charity base, the hospital bill, or the fund manager, after receiving documentation of the requested donation.

Keep up to date with your credit history and check it frequently. If you locate a charge you believe to be fraudulent, report it to the credit reporting bureau where it appears. If you receive a call from a collection agency offering a great deal to settle a debt, demand they send you documentation of the debt prior to making any kind of a payment. If the charge off being collected by a collection agency does not appear on your credit history, or you have never heard of the debt, then here is a really good chance the call is fraudulent. And, if the I.R.S. calls, demanding back taxes, well, it aint the I.R.S. they don't call, they will send an official letter that

will be easily confirmed. Never offer payment over the phone because you really do not know who you are talking to. Once they receive your money or access to your accounts, your money is as gone as the criminal who just collected it.

You say "this could never happen to me", "I don't have excessive money reserves", "why would anyone bother with my money I have so little, Im not wealthy". It does not matter how much you make, how much you have set aside or how well you live. Everyone is a potential victim from the wealthiest to the least advantaged. Even your local Chief of Police can be the target of fraud... but that's another story for another time.

CAFETERIA MENU Subject to Change*

Feb. 16 - 20 Winters ISD **Breakfast Menu**

Monday Biscuit/Sausage/Gravy or Cereal w/ Graham Cracker, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday French Toast Sticks or Cereal w/ Graham Cracker, Pear, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Wednesday Pancake on a Stick or Cereal w/

Graham Cracker, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk Thursday

Breakfast Pizza or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Apple, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Friday

Cinnamon Roll or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Mixed Fruit, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Winters ISD Lunch Menu

Monday Chef Salad or Chicken Fried Steak/ Gravy/Graham Cracker (Elem., JH) Breadstick (HS), or Hot Dog, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Tropical Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday Chef Salad or Meatball Sub or Chicken Nuggets, Corn, Cheesy Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk

Wednesday

Chef Salad or Nachos or Grilled

Artist: Susan's interest in photography

awarded to 14 artists totaling \$5,250. The show is now officially open to the public, and will continue until February 21.

Susan's interest in photography began at an early age, she was given her first camera at the age of 10. That sparked an interest that continued to grow until her college years, when she had the opportunity to take some courses in composition and darkroom.

"I have always been fascinated by the fact that photography gives an opportunity to capture moments in time; for posterity, remembrance, and personal

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and area history. I am rarely without my camera. It goes everywhere go, because you never know when inspiration may strike, or when the perfect opportunity will present itself.

"Fall of the Friends" was captured in one of those moments. As she and her family were driving around enjoying the local scenery, and ended up at the Ballinger City Park

"I had already taken several images when, as we were leaving, I looked up and was captivated by this image. I named it 'Fall of the Friends' both because of the sense of

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solitude it conveys, and as an ode to the book "The Fall of Freddy the Leaf."

Susan had entered to this show in the past, and she was thrilled to win an award with a photograph taken locally.

Those in attendance Saturday night for the opening reception and awards ceremony enjoyed the creativity and individualism shown in each piece of artwork.

"There is some fantastic art in this year's exhibit,' said artist and exhibitor Robert Priddy. "It doesn't matter what your taste is, you'll find it here. There's a wide variety of different artists and different kinds of art here. You don't get an opportunity to see this kind of variety of great artwork everyday.

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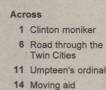
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of getting in your wallet is the old fashioned, but ef-





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Sam and Laverta Hubbard celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, February 7th at their home in Winters. Joining them was several friends and family members. Their daughter-inlaw, Anjelica flew in from California and Laverta's sister Linda and two friends came from Arkansas. An evening of fun and food was enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who made this occasion so special for Sam and Laverta.

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DAILY CLEARANCE ITEMS E 0.00 to 5.20 - SAT 10.00 5.00

Cheese Sandwich, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Coleslaw, Pineapple, Choice of Milk.

Thursday

Chef Salad or Chicken Pattie/Bun or Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Breadstick, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Peaches, **Choice of Milk**

Friday

Chef Salad or Hamburger or Chicken Bites, Curly Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Applesauce, Choice of Milk

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Weather Whys

Q: What are some of the worst-ever weather events in the U.S.?

A: There are several "worst weather" lists says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The deadliest ever occurred in Texas - it's the Galveston Hurricane of 1900," he explains. "It killed at least 8,000 people, leveled the city and is still considered by most to be the worst natural disaster in U.S. history." Number 2 on the list would likely be Hurricane Katrina, which devastated New Orleans in 2005, killing over 1,800 people. "The Dust Bowl of the 1930s wiped out thousands of farms in the Great Plains, causing landowners to declare bankruptcy," McRoberts says. For tornadoes, the outbreak in late April 2011 had an incredible 343 tornadoes in the central and southeastern United States, which killed 321 people.





'We chose to get better'

Chad Littlefield's parents get strength from slain son's memory

JON KOONSMAN

STEPHENVILLE- "Mom, life is so good it's scary.

Chad Littlefield was in high spirits when he spoke those words on February 1, 2013. When he stopped by his parents' Desoto home for lunch that Friday afternoon, he stayed a little longer than usual.

The younger of Don and Judy Littlefield's two boys, Chad spoke of his little girl and where he was spiritually. After about an hour, he hugged

and kissed each of his parents and started down the sidewalk toward his truck.

Upon reaching the curb, Chad sat down the package he was carrying then turned and

walked back up the sidewalk to give them each another hug. It was a little unusual, but neither Don nor Judy paid it much thought as they resumed their busy afternoon.

"Little did I know that I would cherish that moment for the rest of my life," remembered Judy, smiling through tears as the couple sat on the sofa occasionally holding hands.

"That was orchestrated by God," confirmed Don, speaking with an instinc-

tive cadence after 35 years of coaching. He spoke often of his faith, but never like a man searching. He spoke like a man tested.

The following day, February 2, Chad Little-field and his close friend, "American Sniper" Chris Kyle, lay dead on an Erath County gun range.

The long distance shooting range, designed by Kyle himself on the grounds of Rough Creek Lodge, was frequented by the pair for both professional training and Chris's charitable foundation. Shot by a man they were attempting to help, the pair was found that afternoon by an employee of Rough Creek.

Having met as self-described "soccer dads," they became workout partners

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Chad Littlefield

veterans. Well before the success of Chris's bestselling autobiography, the two committed themselves to veteran's causes and helped them cope with

their return to civilian life. As the trial begins on February 11, Don and Judy Littlefield will be listening to opening arguments on a day when they might have expected to be celebrating Chad's 38th birthday.

It is a cruel irony, and it hasn't escaped them. To spend an afternoon sitting across from Don



PHOTO: JON KOONSMAN Don and Judy Littlefield met with Jon Koonsman in Stephenville to talk about their son, Chad Littlefield.

and Judy is to receive a lesson in resilience. They speak of their faith in a way that seems to transcend dogma, looking often at one another as it seamlessly enters the conversation. It is never uncomfortable or forced, never wielded as a shield or crutch. It is as much a part of their fabric as

their family or career. It becomes quickly evident that Chad inherited his peacemaker predisposition. Despite his imposing build, he was the first to insist that family and friends quickly sit down and work through conflict. He regarded it as less uncomfortable than senseless, insisting that they "talk things out" and waste little time on anger or resentment.

"We decided we could get bitter or better,' explained Don as the pair

spoke of the night of February 2, 2013.

They had been called out of bed and sat at the home of Chris and Taya Kyle awaiting word of their son's fate. It was some time before they knew, and on speaking of that moment Judy added simply:

"We chose better." It is a difficult place, being asked to speculate about the feelings of their son. But when asked what Chad would miss most the answer was quick and

decisive "He would miss not being there to see his daughter grow up - to celebrate her accomplishments, they agreed of the doting father.

Their granddaughter, pted now 9 years old, has remained a central part of their lives.

It is an answer that may

seem obvious enough. but when looking into the eyes of a parent who has tragically lost a son, the question itself seems almost silly.

Don and Judy spoke easily and freely about Chad. They were quick to laugh when Judy remembered a day when she looked at Don and said, "You know, I can't think of one thing Chad ever did wrong.

"Let me refresh your memory," laughed Don with a more realistic recollection of their son's childhood.

They sometimes spoke of Chad in the present tense, seemingly less a product of denial than the absence of resolution. Their close relationship with Chad was evident in the way they remembered him, speaking fondly of course, but more noticeably without guilt. Their position is one to be anguished over, and envied. And though the Littlefield's have a practical grasp of the fact that we're all ultimately doomed to be forgotten, they've committed to honoring Chad in a way that says simply: Not yet.

To get to know Don and Judy Littlefield is to become invested in justice. Perhaps it is their unshakable faith, or the striking presence of perspective and grace.

As a parent, maybe it is the startling reality that it could happen to any of us, at any time. Chad's story is a wakeup call to the peacemaker in all of us. to make amends. to walk back up that sidewalk for one more hug. And to hear their story and be entrusted to tell it - to tell Chad's story is to be forever changed. Profoundly so.

Central Texas project to study drought effects in plants

ANNE HAYDEN SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

SAN ANTONIO-Does a tough modern rose really need 4 inches of water a month to survive a drought? Can a plant bounce back after an entire growing season without rain?

A group of Central Texas entities is hoping to find these and other answers by analyzing popular local landscape plants in a drought-survivability study.

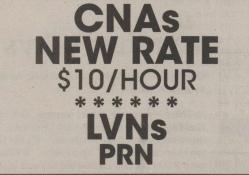
The Texas A&M Institute of Renewable Resources, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, San Antonio Water System, the cities of Austin and Georgetown, and San Antonio River Authority launched the one-year study in January.

The study will examine 100 of the most popular Central Texas landscape plants to determine the minimum amount of water required by the plants to survive and recover after a drought.

Dr. Calvin Finch, Texas A&M Institute of Renewable Natural Resources urban water program director, San Antonio, and Dr. Raul Cabrera, AgriLife Research associate professor, Uvalde, are the lead researchers for the study. The study is being conducted at the existing San Antonio Water System drought simulator and a new drought simulator in Georgetown when it is completed.

"The study consists of 1,600 plants at the San Antonio facility, along with plants at the Georgetown facility. Plants will be subjected to four different drought treatments: no water, and 20 percent, 40 percent and 60 percent of potential evapotranspiration to determine the actual amount of water they require to survive," Finch said. "One hundred percent of PET is the estimated amount of water moving through the plant and from the soil based on the weather conditions.' Study participants are inviting gardeners, landscape professionals and other interested citizens to a drought-tolerant landscapes presentation and walking tour at 10 a.m. Feb. 12 at the San Antonio drought simulator, located at 1104 Mauerman Road, adjacent to the Leon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Research team and sponsor representatives will speak about the need for the study, answer questions and provide a tour of the plants. Finch said the 5,000 square foot drought simulator structure will be operated to show how it can quickly move over the test plants when rain begins so water applications can be limited to those provided as part of the experiment. 'Studied plants that decline will then be restored to full irrigation to see if and how long it takes them to recover," he said. Cabrera said an analysis of data from metered-water use by single-family residences in Texas indicates . about 31 percent of their annual water consumption is for outdoor uses, mostly landscape irrigation. "If these plants can survive on less water than commonly thought, the water savings could be significant," Cabrera said. Karen Guz, San Antonio Water System's conservation director, said they are looking forward to having objective results to reference when working with customers. This study will allow us to quantify how our most beautiful landscape plants can retain quality appearance with very little water," Guz said. "Our similar study from 2006 confirmed that grass can survive on very little water. This study will show that not only can some of the most attractive shrubs and blooming plants survive drought.





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By Ace Reid





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Masako Satterwhite	42	BPD
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Daniel Baxley	28	Coke
/	Assault family violence	
Connie Reyes	30	WPD
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Dalton D. Graves	31	Coke
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Darryl P. Knight	58	Concho
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Greta A. Duderstadt	32	Menard
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Landis B. McCormick	56	Coke
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Devan W. Hale	22	Concho
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Renee D. Benson	22	Concho
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Felisha N. Malone	29	Concho
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Rep. Gus Bilirakis (Fla.) introduced the "Retired Pay Restoration Act" (H.R. 303), which would expand the eligibil-ity of retirees with less than 50 percent disability rating to receive service-connected disability from VA and their full retirement pay for retirees eligible for **Concurrent Retirement** and Disability Payments (CRDP). Currently, only CRDP disability disabled retirees with a rating of 50 percent or more are eligible for concurrent receipt. Rep. Sanford Bishop (Ga.) has also introduced comprehensive concurrent receipt reform (HR 333) that includes disabled retirees with CRDP less than 50 percent and CRDP (Chapter 61) medically retired (less than 20 years of service). These bills have been in Congress for years, hopefully, they will pass this time. 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.

Sandra G. Van Zant Veterans County Service Officer





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Thursday, February 12, 2015

Blizzards break negative streak

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Winters Blizzards split their games this week and are now 4-7 in district and 7-13 on the year.

On Tuesday, the Blizzards hosted the Hamlin Pied Pipers. Despite fighting the flu bug, the Blizzards were able to snap their six-game losing streak by beating Hamlin, 43-29. Winters jumped out to an early 11-2 lead enroute to a 19-11 halftime lead. In the second half, the Blizzards outscored the Pipers, 28-18, for the final margin. Daryl Hagle was the leading scoring with 16 points, while Luke Kraatz had eight. Kimble Bridgeman also had eight points, while pulling down a career-high 17 rebounds.

On Friday, the Blizzards traveled to Stamford to take on the Bulldogs who are still in the playoff hunt and defeated Winters by 24 points the first time the teams played. Still fighting the flu, the Blizzards battled their way to a 19-17 halftime lead behind 14 points by Luke Kraatz, including four 3-pointers. The Bulldogs managed to take a 31-28 lead into the final period, which saw the Blizzards fall behind by as many as 7 points. In the final two minutes of play, the Blizzards rallied to within 37-35, but missed free throws proved costly for the Blizzards and Stamford was able to hold them off for a 44-39 loss for Winters. Kraatz finished with 14 points, while Daryl Hagle had 10.

This week the Blizzards are home, as they host Albany on Tuesday and Hawley in Friday.

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Lucas Kraatz getting a bear hug from a Hamlin player.



Mason Payne passing the ball at the Winters vs. Stamford game.

North Runnels Hospital announces new CEO

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- North Runnels Hospital announced the hiring of Judy Espitia as their new chief executive officer. Mrs. Espitia is a native of Coleman, Texas. She earned her degree from Trinity Bible College and has worked in the healthcare field for the past 15 years as a chief financial officer. Mrs. Espitia and her husband Chris have two children and plan to make their home in Winters. North Runnels Hospital staff and Board of **Directors welcomed Judy** to the hospital staff.



Judy Espitia

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