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High school one act play advances

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

Winters High School One Act Play was one of three advancing plays from District 7-2A competition in Stamford last weekend.

The troupe will perform in Bi-District competition with District 5-2A on Saturday, April 11 in Sundown. The schools will perform in the following order: 1. Plains HS-*Mother Courage*; 2. Haskell HS-*The Phony Physician*; 3. Tahoka HS-*The Handler*; 4. Winters HS-*Dearly Departed*; 5. Hawley HS-*Wild Strawberries*; and 6. Sudan HS-*Dearly Departed*. Plays will run back-to-back beginning at 11 a.m.

"I am extremely proud of these kids and what they've accomplished," said Winters High School One Act Play Director Deb Pritchard. "They have been working hard since September on this and their dedication has paid off. They understand their characters and have a lot of fun with the play. We are fortunate to have strong acting throughout the cast and all three of the judges recognized this! They are anxious to take the judges' critique to heart and make the changes and improvements necessary for an even better performance at bi-district."



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Pictured are the individuals who took part in the Winters One Act Play troupe who advanced from the District 7-2A district competition last weekend. From (L-R) in the front row is AJ Smith, K'Lee Lindley, Lucero Vega and Brenna Knight. Middle row (L-R) were Assistant Director Beth Wortham, Elisabeth Wenzel, Ashley Guy and Adreann Lopez, who was awarded to the All-Star Crew member list. The back row featured Armando Rodriguez, Sean Mooney, Gabby Jimenez-Reyes, Kimble Bridgeman, Daniel Gerhart, Cha-Cha Lovelace, Aimee Green, Brooklyn Galloway, Baily Knight and Director Deb Pritchard. Not pictured was Assistant Director Dawn Green.

Annual Kindergarten Roundup held April 7

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The school year is an everlasting process and even though the year is beginning to wrap up parents of young children in the Winters area should be looking forward as Head Start, prekindergarten and kindergarten registration is almost here.

The requirements for what parents need to bring for the annual Winters Elementary School Kindergarten Roundup have been released and the list is specific in what exactly parents must have in their possession and completed before their child is school ready.

A reminder, not all children will qualify for the Head Start and prekindergarten programs.

To be eligible for the Winters Head Start program, students must be 3-years-old by September 1 and serves 3 and 4-year-old students. For what to bring to early registration, see the content box.

To be eligible for prekindergarten, students must be 4-years-old on or before September 1, 2015, must reside within the Winters ISD zone and must bring the information listed in the content box.

The requirements for a child to be enrolled in kindergarten requires that the

student be 5-years-old on or before September 1, 2015 and that the student resides within the Winters ISD zone. However, parents should still bring all the required documentation listed. In addition, all students who are entering school for the first time as a kindergartner will need to pre-register.

The early registration will be held on April 7 from 5-6 p.m. in the Winters Elementary School library.

Only parents are needed at this meeting, Winters ISD asks that no children attend.

For more information regarding the registration, contact Winters Elementary School.

What to bring for a head start student:

- Proof of Income (W-2, Tax Return, Child Support Payment Record, SSI or TANF Letter).
- Proof of Residency (Utility bill).
- Birth Certificate.
- Shot Record.
- Social Security Card.
- Driver's License.
- Insurance or Medicaid/Chip Card.
- Foster Care Documents if applicable.
- IEP for Disability if applicable.

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Head Start Program

Phone: 325-658-6571
Region 14 and Region 15 Head Start DOES NOT provide transportation. (For more information, call Susy Mendoza at 325-754-5577 ext. 5050.)

What to bring for a prekindergarten student:

- Proof of income
- Birth Certificate
- Shot record

- Social security card
- Proof of residence (ex. phone, water, electric or gas bill)
- Driver's license of person enrolling student
- Documentation of custodial rights if parents are separated or divorced.
- Military ID
- Foster care documentation
- **Please Note** Since income level documentation must be current to qualify, we will have to re-verify income as the new school year approaches. We will send letters out in August with directions. Thank you for your cooperation.

What to bring for kindergarten student:

- Birth certificate
- Shot record
- Social security card
- Proof of residence
- Driver's license of person enrolling student
- Legal documents proving custody of child belongs to person enrolling
- Documentation of custodial rights if parents are separated or divorced

Annual Mayfest right around the corner

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With the weather getting warmer that can mean only thing; Spring is in full swing and in Winters that means Mayfest is right around the corner.

The annual family fun event will return this May and has been a staple of the Winters community for more than 30 years.

"Mayfest means home," said event spokesperson Christina Davis. "It's a tradition here in Winters where memories from our childhood are too sweet not to share with our children. It's joy, laughter and community living at its finest."

The event, according to Davis, is the way Winters welcomes in the

Spring and Summer months and the community looks forward to the many event included.

This year, Mayfest will include a 3 on 3 basketball tournament, sets and crafts show, live entertainment, a dog show, children's entertainment and games, story time, an auction, great food, and evening street dance and much more.

"This event is family oriented and encourages a day spent with your family," Davis added. "There are events specific for all ages and it's coordinated by local community members and has always showcased local talent."

This year's Mayfest will be held on May 16 in Downtown Winters. For more information contact the Winters Chamber of Commerce.

Area farmer directs funds to Runnels County 4-H

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RUNNELS COUNTY, Texas (March 27, 2015) - Runnels County 4-H has received a \$2,500 donation from local farmer Bill Bredemeyer and America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. The donation will help the organization cover the expenses related to 4-H events like the annual achievement banquet, national contests, and county leadership officer training.

"I choose this organization because it is a local organization and they need the money. They help enhance the lives of farmers and the lives of other people in the community," said Bredemeyer.

For five years, America's Farmers Grow Communities has collaborated with farmers to donate over \$16.5 million to over 7,300 community organizations across rural America. This year winning farmers will direct another \$3.3 million to nonprofits to help fight rural hunger, purchase life saving fire and EMS equipment, support ag youth leadership programs, buy much needed classroom resources, and so much more.

America's Farmers Grow Communities is part of the America's Farmers initiative. Since 2010, the America's Farmers campaign and programs have advocated on behalf of farmers and their

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Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Join other members of the community Friday, April 10th at 12 noon on the Courthouse lawn for our Pinwheel Ceremony which emphasizes our community-wide effort to prevent child abuse.

County-wide garage sale

The Humane Society of Coleman will again be sponsoring a county-wide garage sale weekend on April 9-11. A map of all sales will be available at the Humane Society Thrift Store, located at 108 E. Pecan at 7 a.m. on Thursday, April 9.

Winters Public Library

Visit your library and check out the new arrivals. If you have a certain author that you like...let us know and we will do our best to order your author's books. This is your library and we are here to serve YOU! Special program: April 17th Friday at 6:30 pm in the conference room.

Winters Public Library Amenities available for you

There are six computers with internet. Also have headphones available. The Winters Public Library is a Wi-fi hot spot. E-Books - free download service available. Conference Room available for meetings with attached kitchen area.

Future of Winters Club

The Winters Area Foundation Future of Winters Club will have their annual dinner on April 7 at the High School cafeteria. The speaker for the event is Bill Little, former WHS student and distinguished alumni.

help. Last year, \$5250 was given through scholarships and grants to Winters Child Development, Winters Fire Department, Z.I. Hale Museum, Ministerial Alliance and Winters Public Library.

Rowena VFW Sausage Sale

Rowena VFW Sausage Sale will be April 10. To order, Contact: Maynard Schwertner at 442-4771, Daniel Redman at 468-3194, Harold Franke at 442-3721.

Historical Commission to publish book

The Runnels County Historical Commission is planning to publish a book about the many schools and post offices that have served the county. Over one hundred schools and twenty-eight post offices have been identified in the county.

The information is being compiled with plans to have the book published in the fall of 2015. Much more information is needed about the older, rural schools. School histories are needed for the current schools-Ballinger, Winters, Miles, and Olfen--as well as Wingate, Rowena, and Norton.

Much information is found in the Rural View published in 1920, but that only covers a short period of school history. Anyone having histories of schools, pictures, or other historical information about Runnels County schools or post offices is encouraged to send the information to Ruth Cooper at jrc@abilene.com or Randall Conner at rconner@wtxs.net or mail to PO Box 211, Winters 79567.

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 Linda at 754-5385.

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.

Phone (325) 365 5925. WIC is open to many incomes and all kinds of families.

AA Meetings

AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

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.

Alanon meetings

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church on Monday and Wednesday night at 7 p.m. Enter on Ave A and Seventh St. side.

Alanon is open to all — for family, friends of alcoholics or drugs including relationship issues and all other forms of addiction. For more info call (325) 365 2323.

Sobriety First AA Group

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous Group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, Ballinger, every Monday and Friday at 7 p.m. Please use the Ave. A and Seventh St. entrance. For more information please contact the church at (325) 365 2323.

Runnels Co Alzheimer Support Group

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer Support Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and care giver perspective.

There is no charge and this is a public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer Association.

40th annual Colorado River Bikefest

The Ballinger Noon Lions Club 40th Colorado River Bike Fest is coming up on April 25. Categories for the annual ride are 100K, 60K, and 30K. A fun run/walk/ride 5K will be held also.

Proceeds benefit blindness programs worldwide. We also support the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville for diabetic and handicapped children also know worldwide, eyeglass recycling which is done here in Texas and many other projects. We thank you for your past support and hope to see you again this year.

HERE IN TALPA

By Talpa Bob

Hello to All: From Marueen: HM and Maureen Duncan helped with the family celebration of Mitzi Jones birthday on Saturday night. Computer fouling up... We went to Novice and attended the Fifth Sunday Singing and supper afterwards.

was asking. I have one like that. Type for ten minutes and it will just disappear. Judy and I did stop by their house the other evening and enjoyed visiting for a few minutes and they were doing okay.

Went to the emergency room. They gave her some muscle relaxers and some pain killer and finally got some relief. They were short rooms and sent us home until Monday. Said to call the Dr. who does the endoscopy thing first thing Monday morning.

the next time she ate, some food stuck to it and the next pill stuck and on and on. So, we are back home now and trying to get it all well. The side effects of some of the meds are just about as bad as the original complaint.

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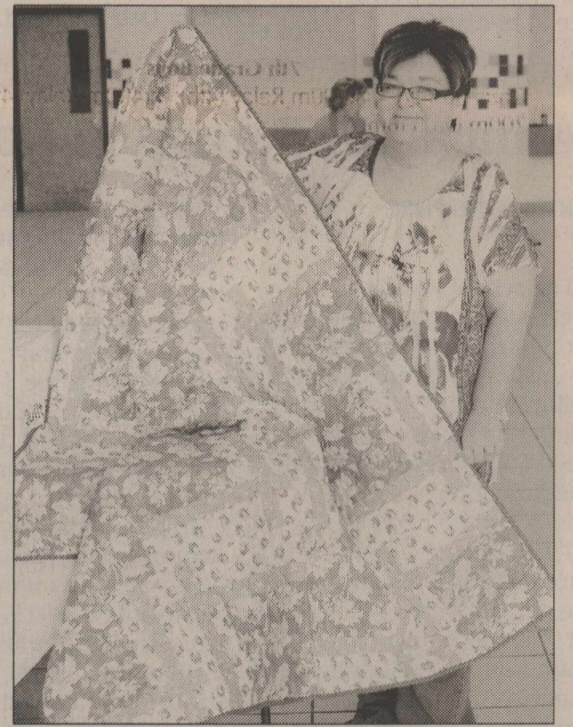


PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED Mandi Briley holds up a quilt which was raffled at a fundraiser benefitting her on Sunday. The fundraiser featured a fajita luncheon and took place at the Winters High School cafeteria.

Child abuse awareness

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, loving, permanent home where his or her physical, emotional and educational needs are fully met; and that is what several individuals belonging to different organizations in the Runnels County area hope to spread awareness of this month.



Child Abuse Prevention Month

ter Parents, School Personnel and many others are working to share the message. "All citizens, community agencies, faith groups, schools, government agencies and businesses are urged to participate in the Child Abuse Prevention Month," said Brenda Tyree in an email.

JOIN US! Somebody Cares Ministries 1011 N. Trinity Winters, Texas 79567

You are invited to join us during this special time of worship! Lunch will be pot luck and we ask all children wishing to participate in the Easter egg hunt to assist by bringing one dozen boiled or prize eggs. SCM will also provide eggs and prizes for the hunt.

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ROLLIND-UP

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For the love of a ship

Brownwood group wants to support WWII veteran's coast-to-coast run

Special to the Ballinger Ledger
BY STEVE NASH, BROWNWOOD BULLETIN

Ernie Andrus of California has never been to Brownwood, but he's heard of it. And he plans to be here in mid-to-late April.

Running.

At age 91.

Andrus, a World War II Navy veteran, is running cross-country, all the way from the Pacific to the Atlantic coasts. Andrus is running to raise awareness and money that would enable a group to return a Navy ship called the LST (Landing Ship Tank) 325 to Normandy, where the ship participated in the D-Day invasion. That group is the LST 325 Ship Memorial Inc. The LST 325 is currently berthed on the Ohio River in Evansville, Ind.

Andrus' route will bring him through Brownwood, and a small, loosely organized group of residents in the Brownwood-Early area who've been following his journey hope to raise funds and publicity for Andrus ahead of his arrival.

Details are being worked out as to what the local group will try to do for Andrus.

The group will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Riverside Park, and anyone who's interested is invited, group member Tammy Poole of Brownwood said.

Poole said when she and some of her friends learned

about Andrus' cross-country run and learned he will run through Brownwood, she and her friends agreed: "We really need to support him. ... Ninety years old, and running?" Poole added.

Residents from other communities have run with him as he has passed through, and the local group is considering ideas such as encouraging residents to donate as actual or virtual runners.

Andrus was a few miles east of Sterling City as of Friday afternoon.

He has been featured in numerous newspaper and magazine articles including Runners World and has been the topic of television news broadcasts.

'I plan to run coast to coast'

A website, www.coast-2coastruns.com, explains what Andrus is attempting:

"My name is Ernie Andrus and I plan to run coast to coast in two to four years. (Super Senior Coast to Coast Run). I turned 90 in August 2013. I started by touching the Pacific Ocean near San Diego, Calif. on Oct. 7, 2013 and will touch the Atlantic Ocean near Brunswick, Ga. two to four years later.

"This feat is being undertaken to raise money for the LST 325 SHIP MEMORIAL, INC. I was one of the crew that brought the LST 325 back from the Isle of Crete, Greece to the U.S. in 2000, 2001 as aired on the History



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Ernie Andrus is pictured running in a photo posted on the Big Spring Herald's website.

Channel as The Return of LST 325. (There were) 1,051 LSTs built during World War II. The 325 is the only one left that has been restored and is still operational. Plans were being made to return the ship to Normandy for the D-Day Memorial Service (D-Day plus 70, 2014) and beach it at the same location where it was on Omaha Beach 70 years before. The cost of taking this ship across the Atlantic and back is tremendous. Shortage of finances caused the 2014 trip to be canceled. Perhaps we can raise enough money for D-Day plus 75 in 2019.

"I plan on running three days a week averaging be-

tween a 1/2 marathon and a marathon a week.

"I welcome any runners who would like to join me on any leg of my journey.

"Anyone interested in being a part of this venture, I can be reached at (928) 308-5478, email, or (928) 445-6613. Draw a line from San Diego, Calif. to Brunswick, Ga. and this will give you a general idea of the course I will be taking."

Andrus doesn't run far each day, and he doesn't run every day. He travels in an RV and parks it, then runs three days a week, averaging about six miles a day — a little more than 18 miles a week. After he finishes a run, he gets a ride back to his RV.

Andrus was reached by cell phone Friday, a non-running day. He confirmed that he'll be running through Brownwood. "That is correct," Andrus said.

Several operations

The LST 325 is 327 feet long, according to www.lstmemorial.org. "These ships were designed in 1942 to land battle ready tanks, vehicles, soldiers, and supplies directly onto enemy beaches. Over 1,000 of these ships were built for World War II. Many more were built for the Korean and Vietnam Wars for their ability to navigate inland waterways. "USS LST 325 participated in several operations, most notable was D-Day at

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Public Record

Runnels County Jail Record April 2, 2015

| Name | Age | Agency |
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| Missouri Warrant/ Intoxicated Assault with a vehicle | | |
| Joseph K. Thomas | 29 | Concho |
| Violation of protective order | | |
| Daniel C. Powell | 35 | Coke Co. |
| D.W.I. | | |
| Holly M. Smith | 21 | DPS |
| Possession of Marijuana less than 2oz. | | |
| Carlos J. Cavazos | 47 | Ballinger P.D. |
| Del. Controlled Substance | | |
| John G. Guerrero | 26 | Winters P.D. |
| Theft of Service | | |
| Jose M. Lopez | 35 | Concho |
| Bexar Co. Warrant | | |
| William T. Watts | 57 | RCSO |
| Bench Warrant | | |
| Jesse R. Likes | 42 | DPS |
| D.W.I. 1st | | |
| Ismael Aragon | 26 | Ballinger P.D. |
| D.W.I. 3rd | | |
| Hamero Hernandez | 39 | DPS |
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| Shawnda D. Bailey | | Ballinger P.D. |
| Young Co. Warrant | | |
| Ignacio Baron Jr. | 42 | RCSO |
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| Charles E. Durnal | 25 | Ballinger P.D. |
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Judge approves RadioShack sale

DOVER, Del. (AP) — A bankruptcy judge has approved the sale of more than 1,740 RadioShack stores to hedge fund Standard General, preserving some 7,500 jobs.

RadioShack's bankruptcy plan calls for Sprint, the No. 3 U.S. wireless carrier, to operate dedicated "store within a store" shops

in most of the locations acquired by acquired by General Wireless, a newly formed affiliate of Standard General LP.

The ruling by Judge Brendan Shannon in Wilmington, Delaware, comes after a court hearing that stretched over four days following a disputed auction process that lasted

almost as long last week.

Shannon said Standard General's bid, valued at about \$160 million, was clearly "economically superior" to an alternative liquidation proposal by another bidding group, even before accounting for the preservation of jobs and "a century-old American retailing icon."

The chain has already shrunk substantially. Roughly 2,000 RadioShack stores have closed or are closing.

In granting the sale, Shannon overruled an objection by Salus Capital Partners, a pre-bankruptcy lender whose \$150 million claim made its one of the electronics retailer's largest creditors.

Salus had called Standard General's offer a "sham" and offered to pay about \$271 million for RadioShack's assets, combining the liquidation proposal with \$129 million that was contingent on winning future litigation in the case.

Salus also had challenged Standard General's right to bid using \$112 million of credit on debt it is owed, and only a small amount of cash.

In last-minute revisions to its initial offer, Standard General agreed among other things that intellectual property and customer data would not be part of the sale. The planned inclusion of personally identifiable information on 117 million consumers had prompted objections from government authorities in several states.

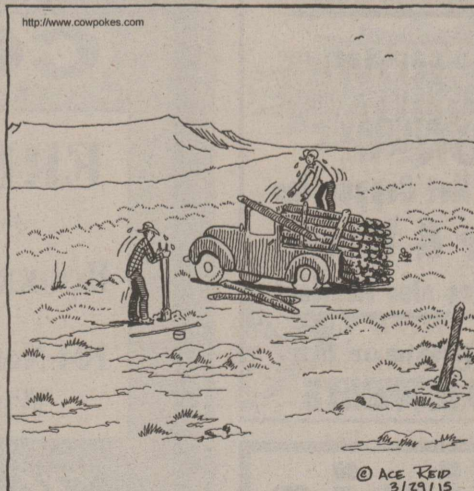
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BLIZZARDS BASEBALL SPLIT GAMES



The Winters Blizzards experienced an up and down week on the diamond as they split games against Cross Plains and Miles.

The Blizzards took care of Cross Plains in stunning fashion by 10-run-ruling

their opposition by a score of 23-1.

Winters jumped out to a quick lead in the first inning scoring 8 runs and then capped the game off by adding another 10 runs in the top of the fifth inning.



PHOTOS BY JOE GERHART

Above left: Senior outfielder Daryl Hagle makes solid contact on a pitch against Miles for what resulted in a double. Above right: Senior first baseman David Torres makes a great scoop on a low throw at first base.

However, the success for Winters didn't carry over to their game Friday when they played host and lost to Miles by a score of 8-7.

The Blizzards hosted the Bulldogs and gave up four quick runs in the first inning. Winters responded

though in the fifth inning when they scored three to make the score 5-3. However, even after outhitting Miles, nine hits to six, Winters fell short in the seventh inning, needing only one last run to force extras.



Senior second baseman Jordan Hamrick makes a leaping catch against Cross Plains.

American Legion Convention



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Local members of the American Legion Post 8 attended the 21st District Convention in Bandera last week. The 21st District is comprised of 17 counties and over 44,000 veterans. From left to right are Ronny Cornett, Post 8 member; Roger Folmar, 4th Division Commander; Billy Rollweitz, Post 8 Commander; Charlie Baker, 21st District Commander; and Sandra Van Zant, Post 8 Service Officer, Runnels County Veteran Service Officer and 21st District Service Officer.

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Omaha Beach, Normandy. She was there for Operation HUSKY, the invasion of Sicily in 1943. She sailed as support for the invasion of Salerno, Italy later that year. This ship has seen 70 years of history and survived as the last fully-operational WWII LST."

Andrus said he served in the Pacific during World War II on a different LST, which was designated LST 124.

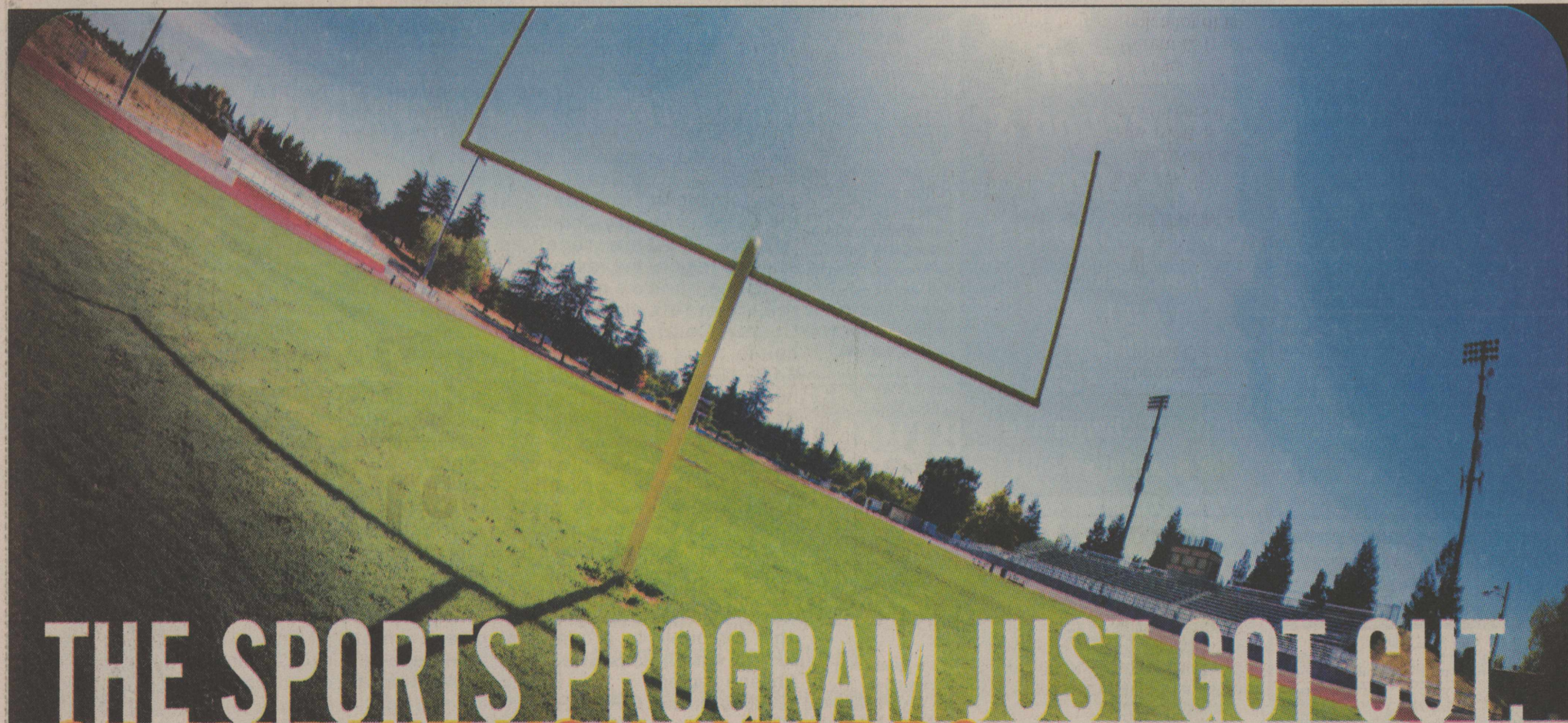
"We took a lot of islands back from the Japanese," Andrus said by phone.

Andrus said while he's never been to Brownwood, he's already hearing from Brownwood residents who are interested in his story.

'A true patriot'

Poole, at age 47, described herself as a "wannabe runner" who believes Andrus is an inspiration. "He's a true patriot," Poole said. "We're the heart of Texas. We're kind of the heart of his run — the half-way point."

And Andrus, when notified by the Bulletin via email that a local group will meet Tuesday to discuss how to support him, had a response. Being told about the group "made my day," Andrus said via email.



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