

Blizzards varsity basketball team lost to Anson Friday
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Thursday, February 4, 2016

Briefly

Glacier Royalty announced

The Winters High School Glacier Staff will host the 2016 Glacier Ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 11 in the WHS Auditorium. The community is cordially invited and admission is free; however, donations will be accepted at the door. As always, the theme for the event is top secret and will be revealed when the curtains are drawn.

The candidates from each class will be presented to the audience, followed by the naming of class favorites, senior class honors, and student entertainment. The ceremony will close with the naming of this year's Glacier King and Queen. The 2016 nominees are: Senior Class-Bianca Trevino and Angel Escamia; Junior Class-Desiree Wilson and Sam Woodall; Sophomore Class-Monique Carrillo and Chris Diaz; and Freshman Class-Michaela Sanchez and Orlando Ochoa.

This year's theme will be royally enchanting for all; and, picture opportunities will be available for elementary students and young children before the ceremony.





ENTERPRISE FILE PHOTO Pictured is Coach Matt McCarty.

UIL Realignment announced Monday

BY CHAD MCDUFFEE SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) announced realignment Monday, bringing notable changes to the Winters district after the Blizzards were placed in District 6-2A from 2016-18. The UIL announces realignments every

Gone are Menard, Roscoe and Roby from the Blizzards schedule and in come Albany, Baird and Cross Plains to join with Bronte and Miles. This looks like a very



favorable district should Winters get back on track after a down

Winters Coach Matt McCarty noted the district changed by half, with three formidable football teams in Albany, Baird and Cross Plains - all of which made it to the playoffs last season.

"We know what we're getting with Miles and Bronte," McCarty said. "It is going to be a tough district."

For basketball the Blizzards will be joined in District 7 by Christoval, Eldorado, Forsan, Irion County, Miles and Ozona.

Grocer has restocked the shelves

BY CELINDA HAWKINS MANAGING EDITOR WINTERS ENTERPRISE

n Friday, Jan. 29, a steady stream of shoppers filed in to the Cash Saver grocery store in Winters, thankful that the store did not close.

"It's wonderful to have a grocery store," said Winters resident Naomi Gerhart. "I've shopped here

Jennifer Rios and her mother Letty, were busy picking up fresh produce at the store.

"We are happy we have somewhere to shop and don't have to

go out of town," Jennifer Rios said. The Cash Saver is fully stocked and customers are enjoying shopping at the community's only

grocery store. The store is 100 percent stocked after the decision was made two weeks ago to keep the location

"We've got everything stocked

back," said president and CEO Jay Lawrence of Lawrence Brothers in Sweetwater. "We feel good about where we are now.'

On Jan. 28, the WalMart Express, which had been open only a little over a year, closed for good, after corporate officials announced they would be closing all 105 stores under this model. On Jan. 15, Lawrence Brothers based in

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CELINDA HAWKINS | ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Naomi Gerhart, of Winters has been shopping at Cash Saver in Winters for years. She was one of many customers who shopped there Friday, Jan. 29, 2016. LEFT: The WalMart Express store in Winters closed for good Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016 (PHOTO BY STACI CORTEZ).

The last drop

Winter weather is back thanks to a cold front that is bringing cold temperatures to Runnels County, according to the National Weather Service in San Angelo.

Cold temperatures will remain in the area through next week, with lows in the mid-20s and highs reaching the mid-50s, forecasters say.

There will be between a 40 and 50 percent chance of rain Friday into Saturday, when the high will only reach the mid-40s

Cold weather continues, but there will be a slight warming trend Sunday, when lows will be in the mid-30s and highs in the

No rainfall was reported from Jan. 28-Feb. 2 in Runnels County.

However, so far this year, traces of rain have been reported including .03 inches of rain in San Angelo and .05 inches of rain in Wingate. No rainfall has been reported this year for Ballinger.

The official rainfall for 2015 was 28.87 inches for Ballinger, 33.24 inches for Wingate and 26.78 inches reported in San Angelo.

ON THE NET: http://www.srh.noaa.

Alton O'Neal, Cash Savers retiree.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Employee retires after 43 years Lawrence Brothers longest tenured employee says goodbye

MANAGING EDITOR

WINTERS ENTERPRISE f you ask Alton O'Neal, what tell you it's the people.

he liked about his job, he'll O'Neal, retired Friday, Jan. 29, 2016, after 43 years with Lawrence Brothers and has the

distinction of being their "longest tenured employee." He retired from the Cash Saver location in Winters.

O'Neal, 73, started working for the company in 1966, at the Piggly Wiggly store in Winters. Then it would be on to the Lawrence Brothers store, the Super S store, Lawrence Brothers again and the

current Cash Saver location. On Friday, he was clad in his red shirt, doing what he does best, making sure all of the price signs are up to date on the shelves.

"It's bittersweet," O'Neal said about retirement. "I've never not

O'Neal has been with the SEE RETIRES, Page 5

Lady Blizzards defeat Anson, vying for playoff spot

Biggest upset so far this season

STAFF REPORT

The Anson Lady Tigers (20-5, 8-2) came to town Friday night to face the Lady Blizzards (3-7, 6-18) needing just one victory to clinch a playoff spot. On paper, that's how things should've turned out as the Lady Tigers had defeated the Lady Blizzards three weeks ago in Anson, 59-30 after cruising out to a 19-0 lead. However, in what has to be the biggest upset this year in District 7-2A, the Lady Blizzards stopped that from happening, as they pulled off a 44-37 win.

Anson jumped out to a 13-6 first quarter lead, as the Lady Blizzards could only manage two 3-pointers, one by senior Bailee Busher and the other by sophomore Aimee Green. In the second

quarter, led by Green who had six points, Winters was able to cut Anson's lead to three points at 22-19. In the third quarter, junior K'Lee Lindley scored five points while sophomore Monique Carrillo had four, as Anson took a 32-28 lead into the final stanza. In the fourth quarter, Busher scored 11 points, including three 3-pointers, as the Lady Blizzards scored a total of 16 points, while holding Anson to 5, to take the 44-37 victory. Busher finished with 17 points and five 3 pointers, while Green had 11.

In the JV game, the Lady Blizzards defeated Anson's JV 27-26. Brooklynn Anderson had 11 points, while Stacie

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PHOTO COURTSY JOE GERHART

Christy Kruse goes for a left hand lay up during the game with the Anson Lady Tigers, Friday, Jan. 29, 2016. The Lady Blizzards defeated Anson 44-37 in what was called one of the biggest upsets of the season in District 7-2A.



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Paula Sue Patton

Paula Sue Patton, 69, of Winters, died Jan. 31, 2016. She was born June 15, 1946 in Wichita Falls and moved to Winters as a small child. She married Lonnie G. Patton Nov. 20, 1962. He preceded her in death Oct. 20, 2013. She was a homemaker.

Graveside service were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016 at Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral

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Morris Eugene Sweeney

Morris Eugene Sweeey died Jan. 26, 2016. He was 95. He was born July 15, 1920 in Denver, Colo.

Visitation was held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 at the Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church in Ballinger. Services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30 at the First Baptist Church in Ballinger with Lynn Smith officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger.

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The Market Perspective The oil experts aren't

J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. reduced its first-auarter price forecasts for the second time in two months on Jan. 15. It expects global benchmark Brent to average \$31.50 a barrel in 2016, down from a Dec. 18 prediction of \$51.50, itself down from a view held in October of \$54.75.

Blackstone Group LP, the world's largest private-equity firm, is using the decline in global stock markets as a buying opportunity — except for the energy sector.

— Wall Street Journal Energy Journal, Friday Jan 29, 2016

I have noticed that most experts in any one industry make the same mistakes as the average investor. Energy and energy service companies were caught up in the euphoria of \$110 oil, borrowing and building as though the oil beanstalk would grow ever higher. Energy analysts made the same error while we were warning of too high prices in light of plenty of sup-

And as the above quote demonstrates, they are likely wrong again, right at the bottom in the oil price.

Other headlines this morning have Russia and Saudi Arabia talking production oil production cuts. But notice the low in oil occurred prior to these discussion for no apparent reason whatsoever.

For new readers, this has been our track record. Over

ago we warned of much lower energy prices. That came to pass. We described the three

of a bear

stages

Dennis Elam

market as Denial, Acceptance, and Capitulation. We noted the 2009 low at \$33 was probably the support level. And we expected the low would occur by the end of this

month, January 2016. So how did that work out? The low so far occurred on January 20, quoting the front month of March, 2016. The high that day was \$29.47. The price spiked to a \$27.56 low closing that day at \$28.35. As I write Jan. 29, the same contract trades at \$34.10. And that is a 24% increase in a mere seven trading days!

Yes we have had other rallies along decline from \$110 to \$27.56. Is there any evidence that would corroborate this as a bottom? As matter of fact, ves there is.

The same thing happened and at the same time, for Cullen Frost Bank. The biggest independent bank in Texas was pounded over its 16% of loan portfolio energy exposure. The

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Mary Sue Cooke Turner Feb. 4, 1928 — Jan. 11, 2016

Mary Sue Cooke Turner passed from her earthly life on Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 in Tyler, with her children and close family by her side.

Sue was born on Feb. 4, 1928 in Winters to Sam and Eula McNeill Cooke.

Sue attended McMurray College in Abilene, as well as San Angelo College in San Angelo. She worked for many years as a bookkeeper at the Lone Star Gas Company, and then for Angelo State University until her retirement.

Sue will be remembered as one of the kindest and most genuine people anyone could possibly know. She was generous to her family, friends, and anyone she encountered with her time, attention, and talents; she served others and those in need whenever she could. Sue loved her family fiercely, and enjoyed every moment spent with them: cooking amazing meals, baking Italian cream cakes, and peach cobblers were some of her many talents she especially enjoyed with her great-granddaughter after moving to Tyler. Sue weathered many storms in her life, and no matter how difficult the situation she had to face she maintained a positive attitude, and motivated others to do the same. Anyone that encountered Sue Turner was quickly inspired by her philosophy on life with God as the center. She loved and served the Lord Jesus with all her heart, witnessed her love of Him to everyone around her, and all who knew her



believe she is rejoicing with Him right now in Heaven forever.

Sue is survived by her sister, Martha Gehrels; son, Steve Turner and daughter-in-law Susan; son, John Turner and daughter-in-law Cindi; granddaughter, Lara Turner Miller and husband Jeff; grandsons, Josh Turner and Austin Turner; as well as one greatgranddaughter, Morgan Leigh Miller.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Bob

and Ernest Cooke; and her husband of sixty-eight years, Floyd Turner.

Services will be held at 10:30 on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 at the Winters Funeral Home in Winters. Donations in Sue's memory may be sent to West Texas Rehab, the West Texas Boys Ranch, or Meals on Wheels.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Winters Chamber Annual Banquet

The Winters Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 5 at the Winters Community Center. The banquet will be catered by The Shed. Tickets are \$20 each with a limited number of sponsorship tables available for \$200, seating eight people at each table. Man and Woman of the Year along with Agriculture Family of the Year will be honored. New awards to be announced at the banquet this year will be Teacher of the Year and First Responder of the Year. Please send nominees to the Winters Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 662 Winters, 79567. The deadline for nominations is February 24, 2016.

Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit meeting
The Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit will hold their monthly meeting Monday February, 8 at 6PM. The meeting will be in the Gus Pruser Agriculture Exhibit at 219 W. Dale in Winters. Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit is a group interested in preserving the agriculture heritage of the Winters area. For additional information contact John Long at 325-754-5389 or zihalemuseum@ wtxs.net.

Hone your computer skills

A Basic Computer Skills course will be held Thursday's through Feb. 11 at the Winters Public Library. Reservations must be called in 325-754-4251 as there are only six computers. Attendees may bring lap tops, but no Macs please. However you must reserve a space for your lap top also. This will be a six week program. Participants are encouraged attend all sessions if possible. This is a free program

provided by the Winters Public Library for the community.

City Council meetings

The Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. Monday, January 25 in the council chambers at 310 North Main.

Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group
The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer's Support

Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month from. All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and caregiver perspective. There is no charge for this public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer's Association.

Sobriety First AA Group
Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, in Ballinger, at 7 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The group will meet Saturday with prior arrangements. Please use the Avenue A and Seventh Street entrance. Child care is available. For more information please contact the church at 325-365-2323.

Alanon meetings

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger at 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday night. Enter on the Avenue A and Seventh Street side. Alanon is open to all family and friends of alcoholics or drug users. Child care is available. For more information call 325-365 2323.

ACU's Springboard Ideas Challenge broadens competition

Runnels County community members, college students welcome to participate

STAFF REPORT

The Springboard Ideas Challenge, sponsored by ACU's Griggs Center for Entrepreneurship and Philanthropy, has made some big changes for 2016. The Challenge is open to participants in the 19-county Big Country region, which includes Runnels County.

Founded in 2007, the program has made a name for itself by allowing local college students and members of the community a chance to pitch their ideas to local investors and

possibly walk away with thousands of dollars in startup funding and other resources. Over the last nine years, the competition has awarded more than \$400,000 in winnings to aspiring entrepreneurs.

For 2016, the program will make significant changes to the overall process.

"One of the biggest changes has been moving from a business plan to a business model com-petition," Karen Heflin, Springboard program coordinator, said. "A business

plan, which is what we've required in the past, is a lengthy report. A business model is more of a storyboard presentation with initial research done by participants. It gives aspiring entrepreneurs valuable information before they ever launch their business, helping them be more successful.

In 2016, the Spring-board Ideas Challenge will be making it easier for entrepreneurs across the Big Country to compete. Participants will get started by presenting a two-minute elevator pitch instead of submitting a plan or written application. These first round elevate pitch events will be hoster in several cities including Sweetwater (Feb. 8), Brownwood/Early (Feb. 11), Haskell (Feb. 23), Abilene (Feb. 22) and Snyder (TBD).

Training and mentors will be available to teams that advance past the first round of the competition. These resources will help prepare contestants to take their initial idea, and transform it into a working and applicable business model that investors would be interested in.

The competition will end in May with the top three teams presenting their final business model to a group of local investors for a chance to win \$15,000.

For more information, visit acu.edu/springboard, call Heflin at 325-674-6485 or email griggscenter@acu.

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stock dropped from \$72 to the low 40s. The low for CFR was \$42.41 on January 25. Three days later it hit \$50.03. That is an 18% jump in three days! CFR by the way is trading just over book value and paying a 4.5% dividend.

Floserve FLS also bottomed on January 20. From a low of \$34 it has jumped to 38.04. The energy service ETF of XES also bottomed on January 20 rising from \$12.62 to \$14.61.

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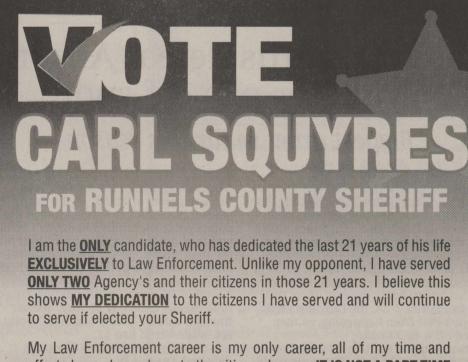
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John Hemphill, first justice of the state supreme court in Texas

He was the first chief justice of the state supreme court in Texas, and as such, he made Texas law into an instrument to be used by all people. John Hemphill was one of the first great legal minds to preside over a Texas

Hemphill was born in South Carolina in 1803, the son of a Presbyte-

rian minister and Irish immigrant. As a young man, he attended Jefferson College in Pennsylvania and briefly served

Dr. Ken

Bridges

Though college-educated, he never attended a formal law school. As was the custom at the time, he apprenticed himself to a local attorney to study the law. Within a matter of months, Hemphill was allowed to practice law in South Carolina. By 1831, he had established his own law practice. He was an outspo-ken lawyer and briefly edited a newspaper in Sumter.

After Texas gained its independence from Mexico in 1836, he became fascinated by the events unfolding in the new republic. He headed west in 1838 and began a law practice at Washington-onthe-Brazos, where he quickly became a

respected figure. In January 1840, the Texas Congress selected him to be associate justice on the Supreme Court of the Republic of Texas. As a justice, he had to shape how the law in Texas would be interpreted by the courts. Texaswas just developing its own law system and was still working with laws left over from Spanish and Mexican rule. Realizing he had to be able to understand the cases coming before him that were based in Spanish law, Hemphill quickly learned Spanish to be able decipher and apply the intricacies

of these old laws. By December, the Texas Congress had elevated him to the position of chief justice of the supreme court. As chief justice, he played a careful role in crafting the practice of law in Texas. He ruled on

Breakfast

Blueberry muffin, cereal w/grahams,

Pancake on a stick, cereal w/grahams

Mandarin oranges, fruit juice, choice

Donuts, eggs/hash brown, cereal w/

Raisins, fruit juice, choice of milk

Yogurt, bagels, cereal w/ grahams,

French toast, cereal w/ grahams,

Cinnamon roll, cereal w/ grahams

Mixed fruit, fruit juice, choice of milk

Fruit juice, choice of milk

of milk

grahams

Feb. 12

blizzard berries

Fruit juice, choice of milk

Fruit Juice, choice of milk

several cases that gave women inheritance rights equal to men and increased ease of settlers to claim property. Hemphill believed that the law must not be used to oppress but instead be used to recognize the rights of all citizens. Overall, he believed that a judge must act with honor and that the law must be exercised with respect to evidence and the rights of the people.

As an active supporter of statehood, he attended the state constitutional convention in 1845 and helped draft the new state constitution for Texas as it prepared to become a state. Later changes in the state constitution made the supreme court an elected position rather than an appointed position as it was with federal judicial positions and judgeships in several other states. Hemphill's popularity did not make this an obstacle. He easily won the election to the position of chief justice in 1851, followed by re-election five years later.

In 1858, the town of Hemphill was named after him in Sabine County and made the county seat. That same year, the state legislature rejected Sam Houston's bid for re-election to the U.S. Senate and instead elected Hemphill to succeed him in the Senate.

However, his time in Washington did not last long. Two years later, as Texas seceded from the Union, Hemphill openly supported secession and was expelled from the Senate along with other southern supporters of secession. Texas immediately chose him to represent Texas at the new Provisional Confederate Congress. Hemphill served on the Judiciary and Finance committees but failed to win a full term in the fall 1861

Hemphill died in 1862. In 1876, the state legislature honored his service by naming Hemphill County, located in the Panhandle, after him.

Dr. Bridges is a Texas native, writer, and history professor. He can be reached at drkenbridges.com.

Chef salad, cheese burger, hot dog

Curly fries, salad/carrot sticks, diced

Chef salad, chicken fried steak w/gravy

Ham & cheese sandwich, Italian green

Chef salad, chicken nuggets, nachos,

Chef salad, bbq bun, peanut butter/jelly

Sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, salad,

Chef salad, steak fingers, sliced bread

Grilled cheese sandwich, oven fries,

Salad/carrot sticks, mixed fruit

Salad/carrot sticks, peaches

Goldfish, choice of milk

Lunch

Choice of milk

Choice of milk

Choice of milk

salad/broccoli

Choice of milk

Fruit cup, raisins,

Feb. 10

School menus for Feb. 5 to Feb. 11

ASU Dean's List released for 2015 fall semester

STAFF REPORT

Students achieving the Dean's List for the 2015 fall semester have been announced by Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full time at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The ASU Dean's list includes students from Ballinger, Miles, Rowena and Winters.

Ballinger

Justin R. Carson, Sydney R. Dankworth, Jennifer D. Fischer, Julie N. Fischer, Alyssa B. Flanagan, Amber T. Galvan, Whitney M. Gilbert, Jessica L. Good, Julie R. Gray, Blake R. Holle, Kassia B. Jaramillo, Cody S.

Jenkins, and Courtney D. Leverett.

Miles

Ashley M. Dodson, Janelle R. Fant, Caden J. Glass, Bailey N. Halfmann, Cadyn S. Heinze, Araceli Hernandez, Charly E. Holik, Matthew D. Johnson, Jessica R. Kalina, Jarred T. Rodriguez, Samantha S. Sanchez, Roxann K. Sloan, and Colton J. Wilson.

Rowena

Brooklynn R. Halfmann, Shayann M. Matschek, Abbey M. Multer, and Paige N. Zentner.

Winters

William L. Gibbs, Jordan C. Hamrick, and Elisabeth M. Wenzel

Runnels County clerk accepting vote by mail applications

Deadline to apply is Feb. 19

STAFF REPORT

The Runnels County Clerk's office is now accepting applications for early voting by mail for the March 1 Democratic and Republican Primary election. A voter has the option of voting in either the Democratic Primary or the Republican Primary.

A qualified voter is eli-gible to vote by mail if the

1. Expects to be absent from the county of residency on election day AND during the regular hours for early voting by personal appearance;

2. Is disabled;3. Will be 65 years of age or older on election day; or

4. Is confined in jail but eligible to vote

The last day for the county clerk's office to receive an application to vote by mail is February 19. Any qualified voter will be eligible for early voting by personal appearance at the Runnels County Election Office (courthouse annex)

in Ballinger, beginning Tuesday, February 16 and ending Friday, February 26. Office hours: 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Sample ballots will be available February 1 at the County Clerk's office in Ballinger, the Tax Branch office in Winters and the City Hall in Miles. For additional information or to request an application to vote early by mail, please contact the County Clerk's



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45 Fold 47 All's opposite

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49 Mind factor 51 Long hike

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60 Oman's land

61 Deception

62 Fork-tailed flier

63 Intrusive 64 Wish

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5 "Same here"

6 Pop singer Sands 7 Sediment

8 Consume 9 Price word

10 Beat, and how!

11 Buoy 12 Was sweet (on)

13 Palm reader, e.g.

19 "Fork it over!"

36 Floor it 38 Some stingers

close

39 Speak boastfully

21 Sunless state

26 "Constant Craving"

29 Steel ingredient

30 Band's helper

31 Shade of white

34 Complimentary

35 Award for a play

above (better)

25 Ram's mate

singer

28 Gala

42 jacket

43 Attacked

46 Sovereign

48 Highlander

50 Asian desert

49 Web auctioneer

52 Iroquoian Indian

55 Mountain pass

45 Task

53 Wail

56 Go off

57 Hang back

44 Strand at the chalet

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Weather Whys

Q: How strong does a snowstorm have to be before it's called a blizzard?

A: There are some specifics regarding blizzards, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "In meteorological terms, a blizzard is a severe storm that has belowfreezing temperatures, winds of at least 35 miles per hour and heavy snowfall, with visibility reduced to just 1/4 of a mile, and all of these conditions have to last at least three hours," he explains. "So just a heavy snowfall is not always a blizzard. Blizzard conditions occur most often in the Great Plains, North Central United States and parts of the Northeast."

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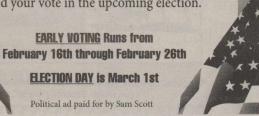
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> - Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer

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AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans in advance of the that Election Identification Certificates (EIC) are available year-round at all for individuals in need of proper identification required to vote. DPS will be deploying mobile stations to various locations ties. Additionally, select driver license offices will be open on Saturday, Feb.

■ Any of the more than 220 Texas driver license offices during regular business hours throughout the

offices on Saturday, Feb.

exas Department of Public Safety

DPS Reminds Texans: Election Identification Certificates available at driver license offices

Certificates also available at mobile stations, select county locations

upcoming Primary Election Texas driver license offices across Texas; and alternate approved locations will be issuing EICs in select coun-20 and Feb. 27, to issue EICs only.

The 2016 Primary Election is March 1, with early voting from Feb. 16-26. The last day to register to vote is Feb. 1.

Texans can obtain an

■ Select driver license

20 and Feb. 27, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (EIC transactions only)

■ EIC mobile station locations (EIC transactions

■ Alternate approved locations issuing only EICs in select counties

Most residents already have an acceptable form of photo identification needed for voting and will not need or qualify for an EIC. If an applicant already has any of the following documents, they are noteligible to receive an EIC:

■ Texas driver license - unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting

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To apply for an EIC, applicants must visit one of the locations listed above and complete an application for a Texas Election **Identification Certificate** (DL-14C). (For the Spanish language version of the EIC application, see http:// www.dps.texas.gov/internetforms/forms/DL-14CS.

To qualify for an EIC, an applicant must:

■ Bring documentation to verify U.S. citizenship and Identity

■ Be eligible to vote in Texas (Bring a valid voter registration card or submit a voter registration application through the Texas Department of Public Safety)

■ Be a Texas resident

■ Be 17 years and 10 months or older

To avoid delays or complications, DPS urges potential applicants to make sure they have the neces-sary documentation before arriving at the office, mobile station or alternate approved location.

The EIC receipt an individual receives will include their photo and can be used for voting until the permanent card is delivered by mail.

The EIC is free of charge to qualifying applicants and is valid for six years. There is no expiration date for an EIC for citizens 70 years of age or older. The EIC can only be used for the purpose of voting in an election and may not be used as personal identification.

For more information on the requirements, exemptions and process for obtaining an EIC, please visit: http://www.txdps. state.tx.us/DriverLicense/ electionID.htm.

For more information on voting in Texas, visit the Secretary of State's website: www.votetexas.gov.

\$8,000 reward for Most Wanted sex offender, San Antonio

www.wintersenterprise.com AUSTIN - The reward b 000 for Robert Chrismon, 53, a

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Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offender and this month's featured fugitive, has been increased to \$8,000 for information leading to his capture if the tip comes in during the month of Febru-

offender, and is wanted for parole violation and failure to comply with sex offender registration requirements. All tips are guaranteed to be anonymous.

Chrismon has ties to San ary. Chrismon is a violent sex Antonio, and he has been

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known to work as a general laborer. His criminal his-

tory includes aggravated rape, aggravated kidnap-



Robert Chrismon

ping and escape. In 1981, Chrismon was sentenced to 55 years for the kidnapping and aggravated rape of a San Antonio teenage girl. He received an additional 10 years for the attempted stabbing of a Corpus Christi police officer during an arrest. For more information and updates in the event of his arrest, see his wanted bulletin at:

http://www.dps.texas.gov/ Texas10MostWanted/SexOffenderDetails.aspx?id=250.

Chrismon is 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighs approximately 180 pounds. He has a scorpion tattoo on his right arm, a scar on his chest and additional scars on both

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of the Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitives or sex offenders.

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All submissions to the Ballinger Ledger or Winters Enterprise must be typed and emailed to the editor. Handwritten submissions will no longer be accepted.
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letters to the editor is no more than 350 words, for guest columns it is 650 words. Lengths for other submissions will be determined by the

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Winters Webelos Pack 249 earn First Responder pins



Winters Webelos Pack 249 earned their First Responders pin recently. The pack thanks Bobbie Collom, nurse at Runnels County Hospital, for helping them earn the pin. Pictured from left to right are Carlos Reyna, Gabriel Espino, Jayden Santos, Bobbie Collom and Ishmael Sanchez.



2016 (STACI CORTEZ). RIGHT: The Cash Saver grocery store in Winters is fully stocked and customers say they are glad the store

remained open. Jennifer Rios and her mother Letty Rios, shopped in the produced department Friday, Jan. 29, 2016 (CELINDA HAWKINS)

SHELVES.

from Page 1

Sweetwater, announced the Cash Saver would remain open after scrapping plans to close the store by the end

Lawrence, who previously said the town could not support two grocery stores, made the decision to remain open within an hour of the WalMart announcement.

'It will take a bit of a ramp up... but we wanted to make sure Winters won't be without a grocery store," Lawrence said at the time. offender, and is wanted for

RETIRES.

company so long, he remembers the co-owners Jay and Kyle Lawrence as children.

"I remember them as little boys," he said.

President and CEO Jay Lawrence said O'Neal was a dedicated and loyal employee.

"They don't make them like him anymore," Lawrence

O'Neal, who moved to Winters in 1963 when he was a



shelves in the meat, produced and dairy isles as well as

Couch. "All of our people are happy to be here as well." Cash Saver employs 18 full and part time associates. Lawrence said they were also able to hire some of the WalMart associates that did not want to travel to other

There will be some new additions to the Winters location too. Over the next 30 to 60 days, Lawrence said the store will be adding Barbecue of the Day, which will include a meat and sides at a self service counter.

'We will also be adding rotisserie chickens," Lawrence said. "We saw a need for that and wanted to get going

on that pretty quickly.'

Lawrence Brothers closed a store in Merkel in January and is now working to reopen that location as a Cash Saver. The Cash Saver in Anson, which was set to close, will also remain open.

Just Around the Corner

Cheering for the ads on Super Bowl Sunday

Get out the hot wings and the chips and salsa and get ready to plunk down in front of the TV for Super Bowl 50 for the to-the-death gridiron fight between the Carolina Panthers and the Denver Broncos. Most folks will want to be parked in front of the TV by about 5 p.m. Sunday - kick-off is at 5:35 p.m. on CBS.

But really, I don't watch the game since (I don't like to admit this) I really don't know what's happening, but I love hanging with friends and I never miss the commercials.

This year, it seemed weird that they released the lot of them ahead of time. A couple of days ago, CNN released their top picks for today's barrage of commercials, which includes an ad featuring British actress Helen Miren, berating drunk drivers. Probably an appropriate thing since a lot of folks will be enjoying adult beverages Sunday. She does indeed call

drunk drivers "stupid," as well as potential Darwin award winners.

"If you drive drunk, you, simply put, are a short

sighted, utterly useless, oxygen wasting, human form of pollution," she says in the ad. "A Darwinaward deserving,

selfish





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coward. If your brain was donated to science, science would return it.'

Other Super Bowl spots this year - which are going for a whopping and record breaking \$5 million per 30-second spot - include the 10th annual Doritos fan commercial contest. They have narrowed this down to three finalists - with the grand prize being a million bucks.

Also, more Anheuser-Busch ads - which include the iconic Clydesdales should be good. And Coca Cola and Pepsi will have offerings as well. And Aerosmith's Steven Tyler will be doing something for Skittles, I hear.

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PHOTOS COURTESY JOE GERHART Lady Blizzard Megan Jacob fights for the rebound in the game against the Roscoe Plowgirls, Jan. 26, 2016. The Lady Blizzars were defeated by the Plowgirls, 29-24.



Lady Blizzard Monica Carillo goes in for a lay up during the game with the Anson Lady Tigers Friday, Jan. 29, 2016. The Lady Blizzards defeated Anson 44-37.

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WINTERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE TEN MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Back in the day — the suspense and the utter secrecy of the Super Bowl — commercials were part of the fun. Let's go back in time and revisit the cool commercials

from the past, and then I'll treat you to a few fun facts. It was Apple's iconic "1984" Super Bowl commercial that started all game day ad competition. Then, the big game was still really all about the Big Game. But when the Orwellian Apple ad launched the Macintosh, everything changed and another entertainment avenue opened up on

Super Bowl game day. And in the past 30 years, there have been some very

memorable albeit hilarious ads. How about the 1998 Pepsi commercial with the sky-diving wind surfer and the duck? Or the Doritos commercial where one or two guys are showing off their chip-eating acumen when a gal saunters in and shows them up — by catching all kinds of chips.

"Aye, Chihuahua," the guy who played Jack in "Will and Grace" says.

How about 2001's Budweiser commercial that show screams into the phone "what are you doing?" Or my other favorite featuring Cedric the Entertainer accidentally drenching his date with Budweiser after shaking it up?

Then there's the 2004 Budweiser frog commercial and the Budweiser Clydesdale donkey clip. I have to say, Bud gets the prize for the most diverse ads over the years.

Here are some facts you can spout off to your fellow Super Bowlers as y'all sit around and wait for the kickoff

Danica Patrick holds the record for starring in the most Super Bowl commercials.

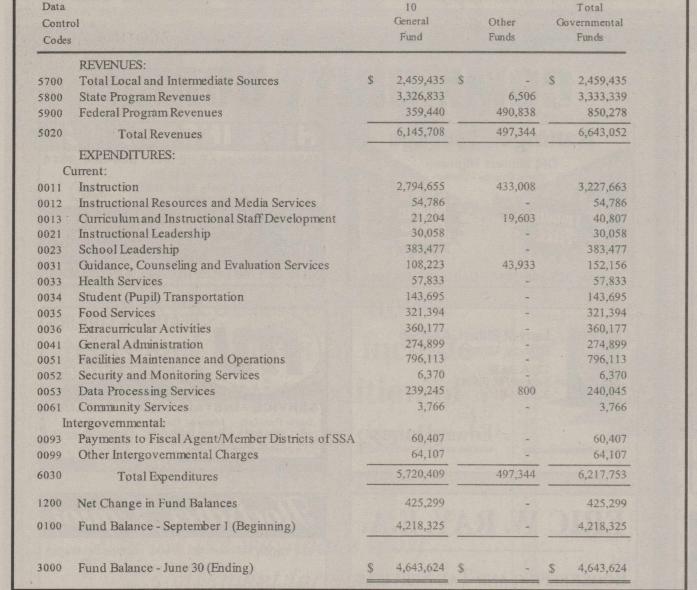
Jay Leno shilled for Doritos for a commercial back in the

Duh...the Super Bowl generates more ad revenue than all seven games of the World Series and all three games of the NCAA Final Four.

And, hopefully, there will be plenty of that cheese that starts with a "V," a staple on game day. Pass the queso, my friends.

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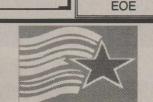
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BLIZZARDS BASKETBAL



PHOTOS COURTESY JOE GERHART The Winters Blizzards boys basketball team lost to Anson, 70-39, Friday, Jan. 29, 2016. Here Mason Donica goes in for a short jump shot.

BLIZZARDS from Page 1

Ventress had six. Earlier, in the week, the Lady Blizzards aced the Roscoe Plowgirls and were ice cold, as they lost to Roscoe 29-24. Micai-

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ela Ochoa had 5 points.
With three district games remaining against Hamlin, Stamford and Albany, the Lady Blizzards at 4-7 are one game behind Hamlin and Hawley, who are both 5-6, in the hunt for a playoff spot.

Coach Valton Acree contributed to this



The Winters Blizzards varsity basketball team lost to Anson Friday, Jan. 29, 70-39. During the game, Chris Diaz and Brady Calcote led in scoring with 8 points each, followed by Kyler Richards with 7 points and Slater Lindley and Mason Payne with 6 points. Mason Donica and Zach Rodriguez each scored 2 points.

Here, Chris Diaz makes a jump shot under heavy defense



K'Lee Lindley goes for a jump pass during the game with the Roscoe Plowgirls, Jan. 26, 2016. The Lady Blizzards were defeated 29-24.



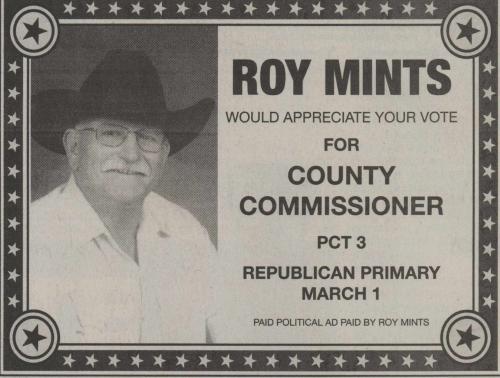
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