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Thursday, August 25, 2016

**Briefly**

**Friday night lights**

The Winters Blizzards will face the San Saba Armadillos in their first official game of the season at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Blizzard Stadium.

All senior citizens, 60 or older will receive free general admission. Senior citizen general admission passes are also available at the WISD administration office. General admission tickets may be purchased at the gate. No advance tickets are available. Admission to varsity games will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

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**WISD meal plan changes**

The Winters Independent School District announced a change to its policy for serving meals to children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2016/2017 school year. Schools qualifying to operate the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) provide breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

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**The last drop**

A cooling trend started last week as a cold front converged on Runnels County bringing rain and cooler temperatures, according to the National Weather Service in San Angelo.

The rain was spotty over Runnels County, dumping several inches in some areas, while others received less than an inch.

The NWS reported Ballinger received .47 inches of precipitation, while Wingate reported 4.21 inches and San Angelo reported .44 inches last week.

Forecasters say that there are slight chances of precipitation in the coming week. On Friday, there is a 20 percent chance of rain in the forecast followed by a 20 percent chance on Saturday. High temperatures will be reaching the low 90s through next week, with lows dipping into the upper 60s.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 18.21 inches of rainfall, with 21.69 inches reported in Wingate and 25.19 inches received in San Angelo.

ON THE NET:  
<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/sjt/>

## WABIC announces new economic development director

### New director starts Sept. 1

STAFF REPORT

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation announced the selection of Shelly Antilley-Guevara as the new Economic Development Director for Winters on Monday.

She will begin serving in the position on Sept. 1 replacing Randall Conner who has served for several years.

Antilley-Guevara will continue as city secretary for Winters while adding the new responsibilities. Conner will retire from WABIC on Dec. 31 after a period of transition.

The economic development director is responsible for coordinating economic development activities, including working with local businesses to create new jobs, trying to

attract new business, helping existing businesses to grow, working to develop community infrastructure, and promoting beautification and good public relations for Winters.

Antilley-Guevara moved to Winters in 2004 with her husband Lupe. She has long family ties to the area and has served as city secretary since 2014, and acting city secretary from 2011-2013. Upon arrival in Winters she became involved in the community

through the Chamber of Commerce, serving as a director, secretary, and vice-president. She served the North Runnels Hospital District as a director, secretary and vice-president. Other involvements include: Co-chair of Blue Santa for three years, associate director for the Z. I. Hale Museum, and co-chair and chair of the Winters Dove Fest Committee for two years.

"I'm excited about this," she said.  
WABIC, 8



Shelly Antilley-Guevara

# WELCOME BACK!

## First day of 2016-17 school year Monday



CELINDA HAWKINS | ENTERPRISE PHOTO

The school day was extended this year at Winters ISD with the last bell ringing at 3:45 p.m. each day. This is eight minutes later than last year. Buses arrived a few minutes earlier to pick up students on Monday afternoon. An estimated 560 students entered the campuses of the Winters Independent School District on Monday as the 2016-17 school year began.

## Sunday morning is 'happy hour'

### St. John's Lutheran Church welcomes new pastor

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Since Pastor Al Brakke came to Winters more than a month ago, he has been inviting everyone to join him "for happy hour every Sunday morning."

Brakke is the new pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church which has been tending to the spiritual needs of Runnels County

residents for more than 11 decades. Brakke and his wife Josephine or "Jo" moved to Winters almost two months ago from Kansas, where he was serving in a mission congregation.

Brakke and his wife have been settling in to their new home at the parsonage, located across the street from the church at 1100 West Parsonage St.

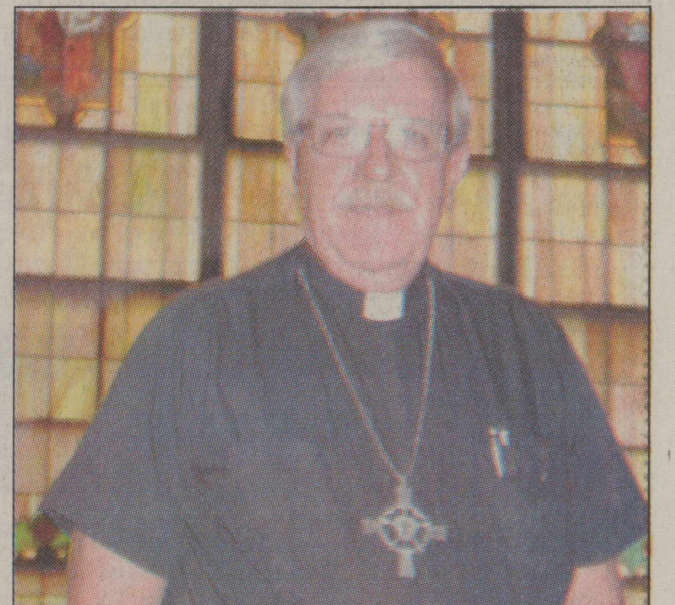
He has heard the calling of the ministry since he

was a teen, he said. He has been a devout Lutheran all his life, and even after teaching high school science and math at schools in his home state of South Dakota and across the country, his compunction to serve the church on a full time basis grew.

"I have been doing supply ministry for the past 17 years," Brakke said.

He would retire from teaching a total of four times, having taught in Minnesota and California and back to South Dakota, finally retiring for good six years ago. He was

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

# Ryan Duane Smith

Ryan Duane Smith, 42, died unexpectedly August 10, 2016 at St David's Hospital in Austin with complications from a recent surgery. Ryan was born July 10, 1974 in Abilene, Texas. He was the son of Mickey Kay Smith of Burnet, Texas and Dwayne C. Smith of Leander, Texas. He is survived by his grandmother Katherine Jones of Burnet, Texas and his grandparents, Johnny Bob and Voleta Smith of Winters, Texas. He is also survived by aunts, uncles and cousins and has a legacy of many wonderful friends. And let's not forget his very loved pet Red Dog of Burnet, Texas!



At the time of his passing, Ryan was surrounded with love by about 25 of his close friends. To each of us, he was a precious son, loved grandson, dear friend and a wonderful kind, intelligent, nice, sweet man. Ryan knew how to be a friend, how to love, work and play hard, was wise beyond his years, so intelligent and could not have been a better person. He was always willing to lend a helping hand if someone was in need. Ryan loved Star Wars, Star Trek, Dr. Who and most all science fiction. Ryan was the guru of technology! When not working for his business, during his life he spent a lot of time on his boat with friends on Lake Travis and enjoyed going to the gun range and target practice. Ryan loved children and knew just how to make them feel special. Ryan was the type man that said what he was going to do and followed through with what he said.

Ryan moved to Burnet in 2015 when he built a new home to be near his mother Mickey and near the business they worked together for. Ryan had been an assistant branch manager since 2003 for Southwest Funding LP, Dallas, Texas, a mortgage lender. He touched many lives in positive ways. Anyone who met Ryan through business would say that he was always professional, always polite, always smart, always had a smile.

We are honoring his wishes to be cremated. There will be a Celebration of Ryan's Life 08-26-16 at 7:00 PM at 200 S West Street, Burnet, Texas 78611. Anyone who would like to come and remember wonderful moments of the life of Ryan Duane Smith is welcome.

Ryan's last words were words of love and caring. He told his Mom: I want to you keep it together and I love you. Each of us who knew Ryan will still cry and still miss him even though we will celebrate his loving ways and have him in our hearts forever. Ryan, Mom is so proud of the man you were and loves you. I will see you in the white light when my time comes and will need a big hug.

Arrangements under the care of Edgar & Jenkins Family Funeral Home, Burnet, Texas.

Winters Enterprise, August 25, 2016

## Food manager certification course offered Oct. 17

STAFF REPORT

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor, Jones and Nolan Counties, is offering a professional food manager certification training course. This two day program will be offered for \$125 on October 17 and October 18 at the Taylor County Extension Office. Cost includes training, materials, and the ServSafe food manager certification examination. The food manager's certification will be valid for five years. The registration deadline is September 26 and only 50 individuals will be accepted into the course.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home.

Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential.

For more information about the Professional Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call Jane Rowan at 325-672-6048. You may also access a downloadable registration form at <http://taylor.agrilife.org>.

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### Immunization clinics

Texas Department of State Health Services will have immunization clinics for children with Medicaid, no insurance, or under-insured and adults with no insurance. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call 754-4945. If there is no answer, leave a message. The clinic in Winters will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, September 1 at the Professional Building, 110 South Main St., Suite 108. For convenience, please use rear entrance (Grant Street). The clinic in Ballinger will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 600 Strong Ave. Please bring the child's immunization records. If the child has Medicaid, please bring the card.

### Health Screenings Sept. 15

Residents living in and around Winters can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. First United Methodist Church of Winters will host this community event on Thursday, Sept. 15 at the church at 141 N. Church St. in Winters. Packages start at \$149.00, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based in your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit the website at [www.lifeline-screening.com](http://www.lifeline-screening.com). Preregistration is required.

### Ready for some football

Purchases for the season tickets and reserved seats for the 2016 Blizzard Football season may be made at the WISD Administration Office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Season tickets will be \$30 per seat this season. Season tickets and reserved seats are sold as one "Season Ticket" to be used for all six home games. Fans that did not have season tickets or reserved seats last year may purchase tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis. All senior citizens, 60 or older will receive free general admission. Senior citizen general admission passes are also available at the WISD administration office. General admission tickets may be purchased at the gate. No advance tickets are available. Admission to varsity games will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Junior varsity and junior high admission prices will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. The Blizzards will host the first home game on Friday at 7:30 p.m. against San Saba.

### Fall Festival at St. Mary's

St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Ball-

inger will host the annual parish Fall Festival on Sunday, September 11. This year, a new menu of brisket, coleslaw and all the trimmings will be served. Dine in meal tickets are \$10 adults and \$5 children. Drive through plates are \$10. The Live Auction begins at 12:30 p.m. Other activities include Bingo, Fancy Stand, Children's games, the silent auction and a hand-made quilt raffle. Raffle tickets are available for a \$1,200 gourmet gas grill, a 40" flat screen TV and a \$250 Wal-Mart gift certificate. A large portion of the proceeds go to support the Ballinger Community Food Pantry.

### Olfen ISD continues CEP program

The Olfen ISD has announced will continue the policy to operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2016-2017 school year. Schools qualifying to operate CEP serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals. For additional information please contact the following person: OLFEN ISD, Attention: Brenda Blake, 1122 PR 2562, Rowena, TX 76875 or by calling 325-442-4301 or via email at [brenda.blake@olfenisd.net](mailto:brenda.blake@olfenisd.net).

### Ballinger Area Wide Garage Sale Sept. 10

The Ballinger Area Wide Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 10. Maps will be handed out in the street in front of City Hall from 7 - 9 a.m. the morning of the garage sale. Please contact the Ballinger Area Chamber of Commerce to be placed on the map. The cost to be listed is \$5. Those who wish to be placed on the map may drop their address and \$5 off by Sept. 6 at 700 Railroad Ave. from 8 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. For more information call 325-365-2333.

### What happens in Vegas...

ROWENA - Vegas Nights in Runnels County will get rolling Saturday at St. Joseph's Hall in Rowena. The event is sponsored by the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show Association with the Casino Night hosted by Casino Connection of Georgetown. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a steak dinner served at 6:45 p.m. with the \$2,000 Grand Prize cash drawing to be held at 7:30 p.m. Casino Night will be held from 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per couple and \$60 per individual, which includes \$5,000 per person in Casino Night money. There will be chances to win tickets for basket and prizes. No one under 18 will be admitted. The event is BYOB with setups available.

### CASA volunteers wanted

The Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County, Inc. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is seeking volunteers. Currently CASA serves 60 percent of the children in foster care. To sign up, call 325-653-4673 or email [mblue@cactomgreen.org](mailto:mblue@cactomgreen.org). CASA serves Tom Green, Runnels, Concho, Crockett, Coke, Irion, Reagan, Sutton, Sterling and Schleicher counties.

### AA meeting

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, in Ballinger, at 7 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday. 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.

### A Time for Freedom

A new addiction class is forming in Winters called "A Time for Freedom," and Pastor Tommy Akin, of the Pioneer Church of God in Winters will be overseeing the program which will provide addiction education to addicts, family and loved ones. The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Pioneer Church of God at 158 North Main St. in Winters. For more information call 903-474-4740.

### Ballinger Farmers Market

There will be a Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through September in downtown Ballinger.

Fresh fruits, vegetables and eggs as well as other edible items such as canned goods, breads, jams, jellies and salsa - are welcome. Baked goods must be wrapped. Other items featured at the market will include plants, homemade lotions and soaps. Everyone from the area is invited to participate in the weekly event, which will not include arts and crafts at this time. Call Cody Rice at 316-549-2017 for information or stop by RM'S Cositas 718 Hutchings or fill out the application online at <https://codyrice12.wufoo.com/forms/ballinger-farmers-market/>.

### Visit Friendly Neighbors

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Runnels County area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening, arts and crafts and other useful subjects to meetings at 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during the summer). Meetings will alternate between the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of south 7th Street and Sealy Ave. in Ballinger and the Winters Public Library at 120 N. Main St. in Winters. If you are interested and would like to find out more about this group, call Martha at 365-3890 or Judy at 754-5386.

### 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.

### Recycling Center Hours

The City of Ballinger's Recycling Center, located at South 7th Street and Sealy Avenue, is open from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday. The recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Saturday, the recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to noon.

### WIC open to many incomes and families

Women Infants and Children, (WIC) located at 706 Strong Ave. in Ballinger is open from 7 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. WIC is closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone 325-365-5925.

### Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

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

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# Just Around the Corner

## Hope for a cold case to be solved, it's never too late

As another school year begins, I can't help but think of Hailey Dunn, the Colorado City teen, who was murdered almost six years ago. Because for years after her disappearance and even after her remains were found, I always remembered her in a column at the beginning of the school year.

As a journalist, there are certain stories and people that just stick with you over the years. That is never more true when I think of the tragedies I've covered. And nothing sticks with me like the loss of a child and a mother's grief.

This week, Hailey Dunn, who vanished from her home in Colorado City in December of 2010, would have been beginning her sophomore year of college. And, Sunday would have been her 19th birthday - but no one is celebrating.

Now, almost six years have passed since her mother Billie Dunn reported her missing - Dec. 28, 2010, the case is still unsolved. It is a case that has

been seared in my brain, since I began covering the story right after she went missing and for the years that followed her disappearance.

Dunn reported her 13-year-old daughter missing Dec. 28, 2010, from the family's home in Colorado City. Shawn Adkins, then Billie's live-in boyfriend, has been the only person identified as a suspect by Colorado City police. But he's never been charged or arrested for anything in connection with the case.

On March 16, 2013, Hailey's remains were found near Lake Thomas in Scurry County. The remains, accompanied by some clothing, were positively identified as belonging to Hailey Darlene Dunn on April 26, 2013. John Young, the attorney for her Hailey's mother, Billie, would be the one to confirm that information to me. The remains were identified through DNA, Young said.

When she was reported missing, the Abilene Reporter-News had a team



Celinda Hawkins

were assembling. We were there when her mother believed there was still hope she would be found alive. We were there, when search teams trudged for many square miles looking for anything that might lead to information about Hailey. We were there when thoughtful caring citizens and visitors traveled to Colorado City to place teddy bears on the bridge on the highway between Colorado City and Snyder.

When the remains were found and later identified as belonging to her, the

Odessa American broke the story. Again we were there.

On May 19, 2013 hundreds of mourners flocked to the junior high school gym in Colorado City to pay their last respects to Hailey, whose face had become a familiar site on billboards, posters and websites all over the state and nation.

The tragic news about Hailey completely devastated the community. In the beginning, as I said before, there was hope and signs and billboards went up in shop windows and businesses across Mitchell County begging for any sightings of her. The story made state and national headlines too, which included nightly reports on "Nancy Grace."

Then, slowly, as the months dragged on, the pictures faded in the windows, the searches stopped and finally, the realization that she was not coming back set in.

And at the beginning of each school year, there was always an empty desk



Hailey Dunn

there for Hailey first to give her fellow students hope that she was coming back, and then to make

sure she was never forgotten. Last December, the Department of Public Safety announced that the case was now dubbed a "cold case" and they were seeking leads in her case and asking for the public's help in solving the case. The Texas Ranger's Cold Case Unit now has the case, but so far, no news of any developments.

Over the last several years, there have been many posts on social media pages where the posters were claiming to have information on her death - as recently as last

week, I saw a post where a man was claiming to have information on her killer. He was basing his assumption on posts and some information on a woman who was in jail in Big Spring (that I spoke to), who claimed that Hailey was kidnapped and taken to a reported drug house in Odessa, where she died from an overdose. None of this information has ever been absolutely substantiated however.

But as a mother, my heart goes out to Billie - there is nothing as excruciatingly painful as losing a child. Since the case remains under investigation, the remains have not been released from the FBI crime lab. Even though there was a service, Billie has not been able to lay her daughter to rest. This cold case is one that needs to thaw, and it is my hope, that for her loved ones' sake and her mother's sake, that law enforcement begins to look at this case again and it moves from unsolved to solved.

# Dove Fest to take off in Winters Sept. 3

## Events slated all over the area

BY CELINDA HAWKINS  
MANAGING EDITOR

The 14th Annual Winters Dove Fest will take flight Saturday, Sept. 3 with events scheduled all over the area.

Dove Fest is held each year in Winters to coincide with the beginning of Dove Season and events kick off Saturday with dove hunts, a 5-K and bike ride, a clay pigeon shoot, arts and crafts, a gun show, gun raffle and the annual hunter appreciation barbecue lunch.

Proceeds from the annual event go to civic and youth groups across the community, said Dove Fest Chairperson Sandee Schneider.

"They go to the organizations who volunteer to help with the events," Schneider said.

This year, there will be three shotguns, three rifles and one pistol up for grabs during the Raffle for 7 Guns. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, six for \$25 or 25 for \$100. The guns are being offered by J.T. Hardware in Winters. **FEST, 5**



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The Hunters Appreciation Barbecue will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 3 at the Winters Community Center. The barbecue brisket will be prepared by the Winters Volunteer Fire Department. Brisket and all the trimmings, drink and dessert is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. The lunch will be free to active military members. Barbecue attendees will be eligible for a variety of door prizes as well.

## BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS AUG. 26 TO SEPT. 1

### Breakfast

Friday, Aug. 26  
Cinnamon roll or cereal, yogurt, applesauce, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Monday, Aug. 29  
Biscuit & sausage w/gravy or cereal, pineapple, fruit juice, choice of milk, jelly.

Tuesday, Aug. 30  
Breakfast taco or cereal, has brown, orange slices, fruit juice, choice of milk, salsa.

Wednesday, Aug. 31  
Breakfast pizza or cereal, egg pop, mixed fruit, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday, Sept. 1  
Waffles or Cereal, oatmeal, banana, fruit juice, choice of milk, syrup.

### Lunch

Friday, Aug. 26  
Cheeseburger or hot dog, curly fries, lettuce/tomato, carrots, grapes, choice of milk.

Monday, Aug. 29  
Chef salad or spaghetti or Ravioli's, Texas toast, Italian green beans, salad, carrot sticks, applesauce, choice of

milk.

Tuesday, Aug. 30  
Chef salad or chicken fajita or burrito, pinto beans, carrots, zesty cucumbers, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 31  
Chef salad or grilled chicken sandwich or meatloaf, baked potato, salad, carrot sticks, pineapple, cookie, choice of milk.

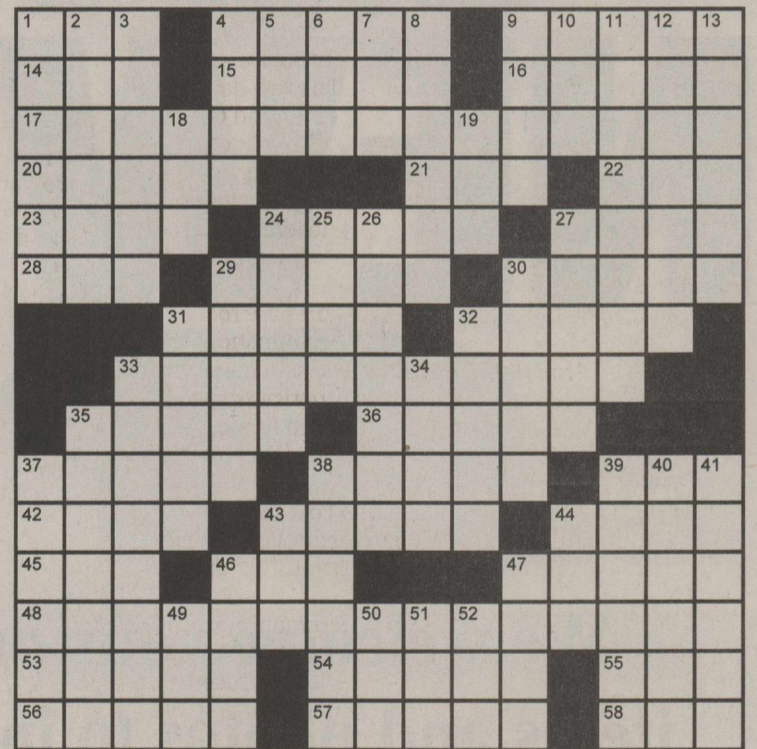
Thursday, Sept. 1  
Chef salad or steak fingers or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, carrot sticks, dinner roll, apple slices, choice of milk.



### "Child's Play"

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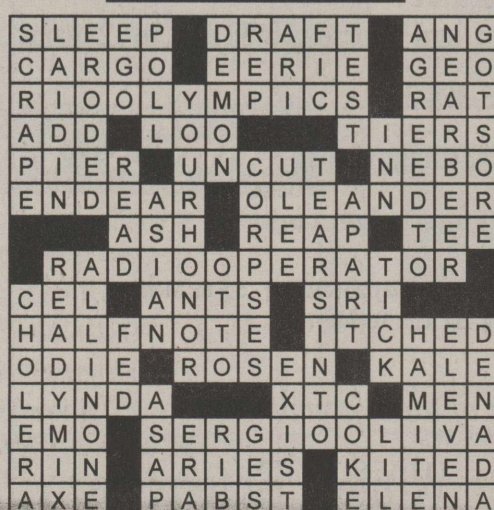
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- 38 \_\_\_ dragon (giant lizard)
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### Runnels County Jail Record

August 25, 2016

Name	Age	Agency
James P. Creech	65	TPWD
Possession of marijuana.		
Winston P. Creech	30	TPWD
Possession of marijuana.		
Emalee M. Roznovsky	22	WPD
Warrant fraud.		
Cynthia M. Rhodes	34	DPS San Angelo
DWLI with previous conviction, possession of controlled substance.		
Dustin B. McDaniel	20	BPD
Public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia.		
Mark E. Turpin	39	Concho
Burglary of habitation.		
Fernando L. Aguayo	26	DPS
Illegal entry, no driver's license.		
Franciso R. Torres	50	RCSO
Illegal entry.		
Larry P. Sandlin	44	Coke
Indecency with child, aggravated sexual assault of a child.		
Eric Ornelaz	33	BPD
Public intoxication.		

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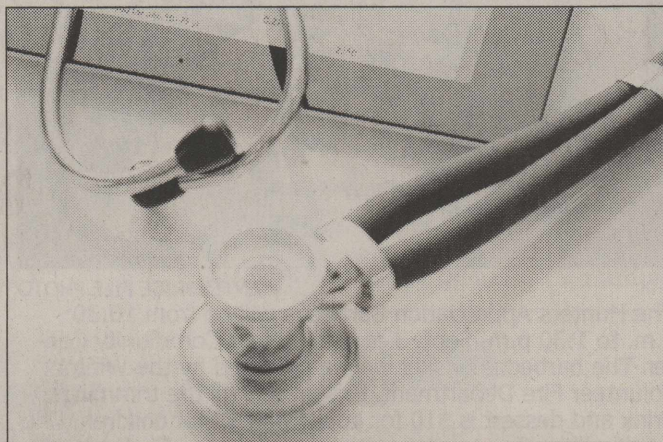
Sandra G. Van Zant

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced recently that an information technology system that it deployed in 2014 and enhanced in 2015, the Beneficiary Fiduciary Field System, allowed it to identify claim processing errors affecting approximately 14,000 Veterans and survivors. These Veterans' and survivors' claims were initially filed over many years, with some going back as far as 2000. The errors concern cases in which VA had proposed that due to disability or age the beneficiary was unable to manage his or her VA benefits without assistance, but did not complete the action by transferring it within VA for appointment of a fiduciary. These cases represent approximately four percent of such proposals since 2000. VA's Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) became aware of a potential problem when it received inquiries about delayed fiduciary appointments from affected beneficiaries or their families. A system-wide review by VBA using the new technology found claim processing errors that had occurred at each of its regional offices and pension management centers across the

country. In these cases, one or more of the procedures for controlling and transferring the workload were not followed, resulting in the fiduciary appointment delays. VBA has set up a dedicated team to immediately review the cases, notify beneficiaries, complete the claim processing steps, and appoint a fiduciary as quickly as possible. Because the law requires VA to check the qualifications of the fiduciaries it appoints, including conducting a face-to-face interview, VA anticipates that it may take as much as six months or more to complete the fiduciary appointment process for these beneficiaries. However, the beneficiaries will continue to receive their monthly benefits as VA works to appoint a fiduciary to assist them. Additionally, VBA has already modified its systems to better track this workload and plans to remove manual transfer processes that are prone to error through enhancements to its automated claims processing system, the Veterans Benefits Management System. For more information, Veterans can contact (1-888-407-0144). For more information, contact Sandra Van Zant at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 325-365-3612.

— Sandra G. Van Zant,  
Veterans County Service Officer

## Health screenings offered in Winters Sept. 15



### STAFF REPORT

Residents living in and around Winters can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. First United Methodist Church of Winters will host this community event on Thursday, Sept. 15 at the church at 141 N. Church St. in

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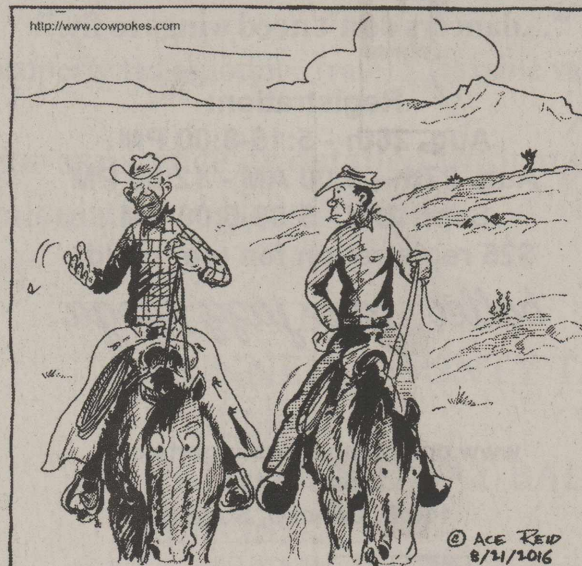
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# Texas rancher receives National Golden Spur Award

## National Ranching Heritage Center to honor Dave Edmiston

**STAFF REPORT**

Dave Edmiston, a third-generation rancher from Brady, Texas, has been named the 2016 National Golden Spur Award winner, the most prestigious honor given by the ranching and livestock industries in recognition of accomplishments by an individual.

A descendent of Texas ranching pioneers, Edmiston will be honored September 10 at the National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) in Lubbock during a dinner recognizing his devotion to land and livestock.

"Honorees for the past 38 years have represented virtually every aspect of the agribusiness industry and all of the major U.S. livestock and ranching areas," NRHC Executive Director Carl Andersen said. "This award recognizes that a single individual has earned notable respect and admiration from peers within the industry."

Established in 1978, the award is a joint recognition given by six of the leading state and national organizations in the ranching and livestock industry: American Quarter Horse Association, National Cattlemen's Foundation, Ranching Heritage Association (RHA), Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Texas Farm Bureau (TFB)

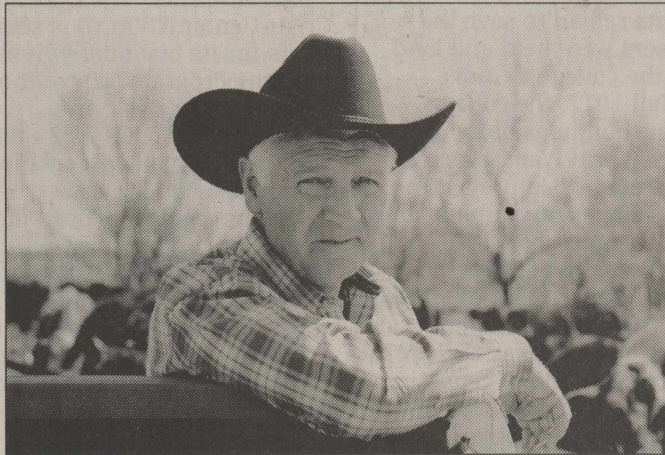
and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Edmiston was vice president of the TFB, the state's largest farm and ranch organization, in 2014-2015 and served on the TFB state board of directors for six years. He is in his sixth and final term on the Texas Beef Council and the Beef Promotion and Research Council of Texas boards of directors. As past chairman of both boards, he serves on the Executive and Beef Resources committees and was instrumental in establishing the Texas Beef Checkoff.

"I like to be able to sit down and talk common sense with individuals who have responsibility in making decisions that affect thousands or millions of people," Edmiston said.

To do that, Edmiston stepped out beyond the fences that border his ranch to walk the halls of Austin and Washington, D.C., to testify on issues he is passionate about, serve on numerous committees and share his agricultural story.

He served as a director on the Cattlemen's Beef Board and chairman of its Global Growth and Export Committees and was a member of the Operating and Executive Committees. He also is a



former director of the U.S. Meat Export Federation and is a Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association member.

"Dave is willing to go the extra mile and speak for Texas and American ranchers," Texas Farm Bureau President Russell Boening said. "His knowledge of beef and passion for the business make him an ideal individual to meet with our elected officials and serve on committees."

Edmiston coached and taught for more than 30 years, but he never really left the ranch. He spent weekends and summers checking cows, mending fences and making decisions. He helped market the cattle and stayed active in agricultural organizations. Edmiston officially came

back to the ranch full-time in 2003 ready to continue building on top of his family roots and contribute more to agricultural organizations. He knows there were other people before his time that "stepped up to the plate," and now it is his time to do what he can.

"When you grow up with a place that was loved by two generations before you," he said, "you learn to respect and love what you have."

The award dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, September 10. Individual tickets are \$100 (\$75 for RHA members), and a table for eight may be reserved for \$1,250. Tickets must be purchased in advance by contacting Vicki Quinn-Williams at vicki.quinn-williams@ttu.edu or (806) 834-0469.



# Small grain coverage deadline Sept. 1

**STAFF REPORT**

RUNNELS COUNTY - Runnels County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Daniel J Lange, urges producers who want to purchase 2017 small grain grazing coverage through the Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date of September 1, 2016.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to normal disasters. The following crops have a NAP application closing date of Sept. 1, 2016 including wheat, oats, barley, rye and triticale for grazing, while Native Grass Grazing Acreage policy has a December 1, 2016 deadline.

Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, Application for Coverage. Producers must file the application and service fee by the Sept. 1 deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties. Producers meeting the definition of a socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher, beginning farmer or rancher or limited resource farmer or rancher will have service fees waived. Buy up levels of coverage are also available.

For more information on sales closing dates and NAP, contact the Runnels County FSA office at 325-365-5757.

# The Market Perspective

## Crude rises 20 percent from recent low

*It's certainly a nice move and it looks like there is some momentum behind it.*  
— Bart Melek,  
Commodity Strategist at TD Securities

Our thoughts the last few weeks both her in the column and on my weblog was the continuation of a \$40-\$50 range for West Texas Intermediate. Crude oil prices dipped just below \$40 as August trading got underway. Price climbed to \$48.89 as of Thursday August 19. So one might say price is at home on the range. Now various momentum indicators are quite overbought after the two rally. So expect resistance at this \$50 level. Indeed the overall stock market is down some 100 points as I write this Friday morning so both are hitting resistance.

The price of energy shares has done

quite a bit better than energy itself. The ETF for energy, XLE, is up from the February low just under \$55 all the way to \$71. The energy service ETF, XES, has been range bound between \$16.50 and \$20. Unlike energy it backed off that high and is now trading at \$18.50. So optimism regarding the service sector remains muted.

OPEC has accomplished nothing but what is the news in that? Saudi Arabia is pumping at record levels. And Iran continues to frantically ship as much as 1.65 million barrels per day to Europe. The bottom line is that supply still outpaces demand. But again, note that did not stop the 20 percent rally which has occurred amid more supply than demand.

Optimism is bubbling up in the Permian Basin however. Parsley Energy



**Dennis Elam**

is paying \$400 million for drilling access to some 1,672 acres in the Midland area of the Permian Basin. Concho Resources Inc. will pay \$1.625 billion in a cash and stock arrangement for rights to 40,000 acres from Reliance Energy.

Parsley has been buying into the declining market. This is Parsley's sixth deal since the collapse began in 2014. To date Parsley has spent \$1.53

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# FEST

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Winters.

Elvis impersonator Harvey McFadden will be entertaining the crowds with his "Tribute to Elvis," performances from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Hunters Appreciation Barbecue will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Winters Community Center. The barbecue brisket will be prepared by the Winters Volunteer Fire Department. Brisket and all the trimmings, drink and dessert is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. The lunch will be free to active military members. Barbecue attendees will be eligible for a variety of door prizes as well.

"The prizes have been donated by folks in Ballinger and Winters," Schneider said. "We are trying to get all of Runnels County involved."

Lots of great items will be up for grabs during the

Live and Silent Auctions. The Silent Auction begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Community Center. The Live Auction gets underway at 1:30 p.m.

Dove hunts will be offered by Archie Jobe for \$70 per person and that includes a ticket to the barbecue lunch. Call Jobe to schedule a hunt at 325-660-8334.

Registration for the Dove Dash 5K and Bike Ride starts at 7 a.m. at the corner of Highway 53 and 83 at The Crossing, which is under construction. The Crossing is also sponsoring the event. The cost to sign up for the 5K is \$15 and \$25 to register for the bike ride. The prices also include the barbecue lunch and the first 40 people to register will receive a t-shirt. For more information on this call Jonathan Meyer at 325-977-0810.

Hunters can head over to the Clay Pigeon Fun Shoot to be held from 8 to 11 a.m. on North US Highway 83. The cost is \$5 for 25 clays. Call Johnny

Bob Pritchard at 325-977-0766 or Colby Pritchard at 325-977-0174 for more information.

The Arts and Crafts booths will be located at City Park near the community center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Booths are \$30 and there is still plenty of space available. Call Sandee Schneider to reserve a booth.

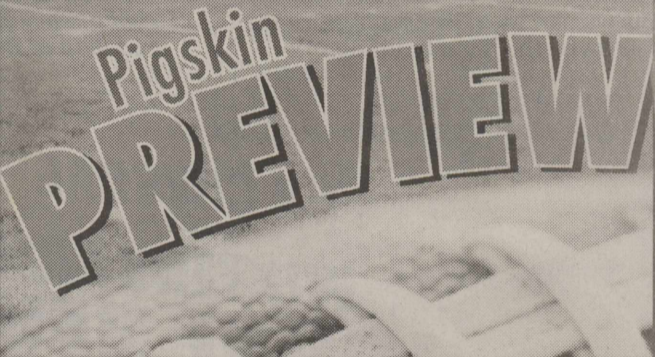
Then visitors can head on down to the Winters

Gun Show to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the building at 131 N. Main St. The cost is \$5 per person to get in and kids 11 and under get in free. Exhibit tables are still available at \$30 each. Call Randall Davis at 325-977-1501 to reserve a table.

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**TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE**

# UTEP a pioneer of education



Dr. Ken Bridges

As schools and universities across Texas begin their school years, teachers and administrators continue their work to educate students and improve lives. The University of Texas at El Paso has long been such an institution, serving not only as one of the pioneers for education in West Texas.

At the turn of the century, El Paso leaders were looking to escape the image of the lawless frontier town. By 1910, the city's population had reached 39,000. Mining was a strong component of its economy. Copper mining in the area and especially copper, silver, gold, and lead ores mined across the border in Mexico were smelted within the city, creating a multi-million dollar economic boon for El Paso. Given the city's unique needs and its location more than 500 miles from the state's flagship university, the need for a college devoted to mining was clear.

The state legislature passed the bill sponsored by Sen. Claude Hudspeth creating the State School of Mines and Metallurgy in 1913, which was signed into law by Gov. Oscar B. Colquitt. The college opened in September 1914 with just 27 students in a building just off the Fort Bliss compound. The students paid no tuition. They simply paid a one-time \$30 registration fee (\$721 in 2016 dollars) and would pay occasional lab fees ranging from \$1.50 to \$25 per course.

The college struggled in its early years. One enduring story was that the college established a football team in 1915, but only because of the donation of \$800 (nearly \$19,000 in 2016 dollars) from one professor, John Kidd, for whom a future stadium would be named. Enrollment rose to only 39 students by 1916. That fall, the campus was hit by a devastating fire that destroyed the main building.

El Paso residents rallied to save the college. Fundraisers were held and land was donated for the college to move and rebuild. By fall 1917, the college reopened with new buildings at its present location. After World War I, reorganizations by the state legislature led to a rapid series of changes on campus. In 1919, the college was merged with the University of Texas to become the University of Texas Department of Mines and Metallurgy. The next year, the name was changed to the Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy and became widely known as "the College of Mines."

Football continued to be a popular part of campus culture. In 1935, the college hosted the first annual Sun Bowl championship game. However, since the college did not have its own field yet, the first three Sun Bowls were played at El Paso High School. The first Sun Bowl on the college's campus was not played until 1938.

The name would change once again to Texas Western College by 1949. In 1961, the college trained the first group of Peace Corps volunteers, part of President John F. Kennedy's program to bring new schools, hospitals, food, and clean water to poverty-stricken communities in the Third World. In 1967, the University of Texas System was reorganized again, with Texas Western College now becoming the University of Texas at El Paso. It expanded rapidly and steadily offered new programs, with its first doctoral program being offered in 1974 (in geology) and a new nursing program starting in 1976.

Today, UTEP has more than 23,400 students and offers more than 160 different undergraduate and graduate degrees. It is currently the only university in the nation with an active mine shaft on campus, still used for training miners. The pursuit of knowledge can take us in unusual directions.

*Dr. Bridges is a Texas native, writer, and history professor. He can be reached at [drkenbridges.com](http://drkenbridges.com).*

# Rape Crisis Center seeks volunteers

Staff report

SAN ANGELO - The Concho Valley Rape Crisis Center (CVRCC) is seeking participants for its biannual Volunteer Advocate Training Program. The 40-hour certified training course will prepare volunteers to answer the agency's 24-hour hotline and provide medical accompaniment to victims of sexual assault.

The program will cover such topics as sexual assault and prevention, the legal system's response, LGBT issues and listening skills. In addition to CVRCC staff, confirmed speakers include Greg Hickey of MHMR, forensic psychologist Dr. Jason Dunham and Ali Villanueva of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley.

"Our volunteers are our lifeblood," said Amanda Mason, CVRCC's Director of Volunteer Services. "Without them, even half of what we do wouldn't be possible."

Classes will be held September 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15 and 17 in the second floor boardroom of Wells Fargo's downtown branch at 36 West Beaugard Ave. Saturday classes will begin at 9 a.m., with Tuesday and Thursday classes set to start at 6 p.m.

Those who wish to participate can access the volunteer application on the CVRCC web site ([www.cv-rcc.org](http://www.cv-rcc.org)). Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, attend an interview and pass a background check prior to being added to the class. The application deadline is Friday, August 26.

**PARENTAL GUIDANCE**

# Prepare kids for earlier bedtime

BY BETH WHITEHOUSE  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

With school starting in a couple of weeks, how can parents best transition children from a laxer summer bedtime schedule back to a predictable nighttime routine?

Start right now, recommends Rebecca Kammerer, a pediatric sleep coach who owns Sleep Cadets in Mineola, N.Y. Kids and parents need a couple of weeks to adjust to the new pattern to avoid starting the school year sleep deprived, she says.

Consider the National Sleep Foundation's recommendation that children ages 6 to 13 need at least 9 to 11 hours of sleep a night, and that kids ages 14 to 18 need 8 to 10, she says. Decide what time your children will need to wake up in the morning for school in the coming academic year, and subtract backward to choose an optimal bedtime, she says.

Then, select one of two ways to set the new routine: One, go cold turkey and start tonight putting them to bed at the earlier time and waking them up at the time they'd be getting up once school starts.

If that seems too drastic, Kammerer recommends putting them to bed 15 minutes earlier every night or two and waking them up 15 minutes earlier until



you reach the desired bedtime and wake up hour. Make sure you or the kids reset an alarm so they are getting up at the appropriate time each day.

Kammerer also recommends parents get into the new pattern starting now as well. She recommends parents plan to wake up an hour before the kids during the beginning of the school year to shower, dress and have a cup of coffee or exercise, "so that you are awake enough to deal with kids who may be resistant."



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billion since the collapse to acquire new acreage. Parsley is financing with the sale of some seven million new shares. As well as \$200 million in 6.25 percent notes due in 2024.

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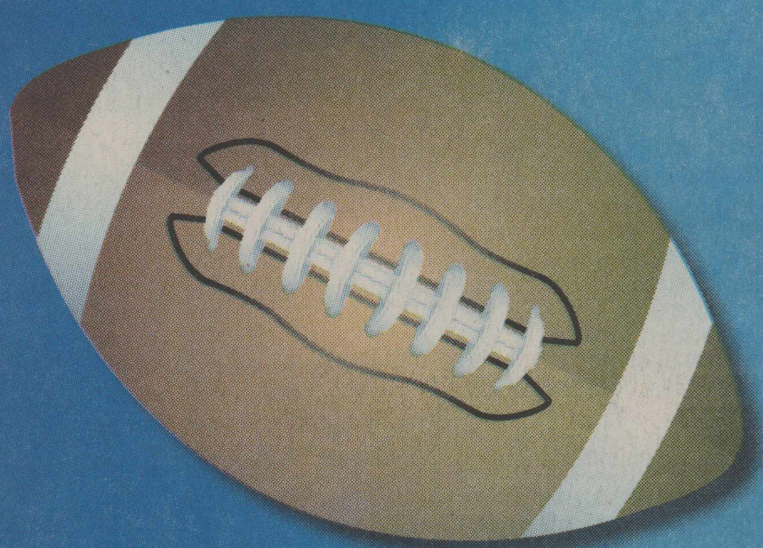
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## Five take-aways from the Winters vs. Ballinger scrimmage

BY CHAD MCDUFFEE  
SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

As the 2016 football season begins, we consider how the season will unfold. Here are five take-aways from the Aug. 19 scrimmage between the Winters Blizzards and the Ballinger Bearcats.

**1.** Winters will be much improved from a year ago. Team speed is much increased from a year ago at the skill positions. The injury bug that struck Winters last season is unlikely to strike twice and all the youth that was forced to play excessive minutes last season will pay off for Coach Matt McCarty this season.

**2.** Winters will have a size and strength advantage on the line against most every 2A team. Ballinger has very similar linemen so it remains to be seen how Winters will fare against a longer, quicker line.

**3.** Winters will have an offensive identity this season, hanging their hat on running the ball behind a massive offensive line. How successful the Blizzards are will still depend upon their

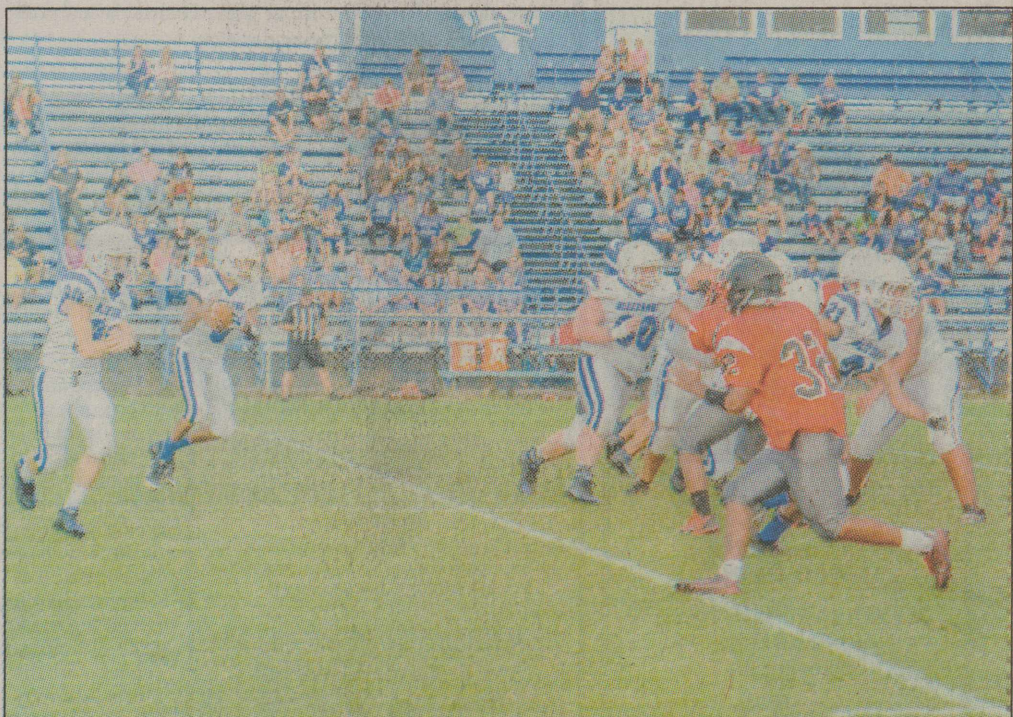
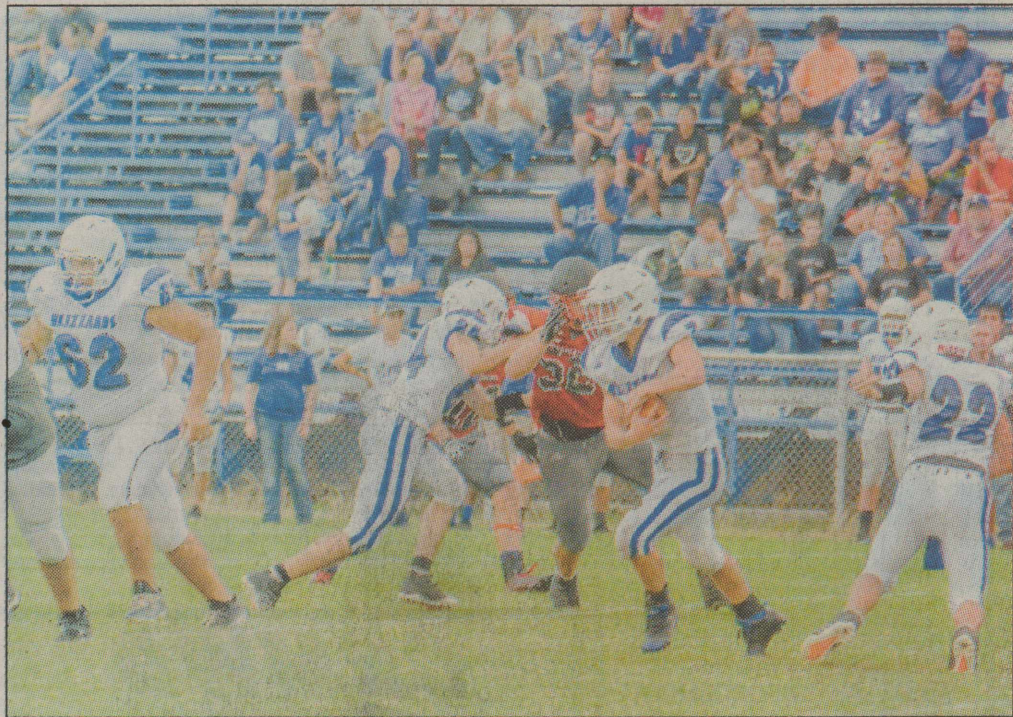


Chad McDuffee

passing game. Can they complete passes when they need to in order to keep pressure off of their running game?

**4.** During live play there was an apparent lack of vocal leaders. There were vocal players, but trash talk has never won a game. Who will emerge to be the ones to rally the team in difficult situations?

**5.** Even with the experience gained last season the Blizzards are not a very deep team. If the offense struggles will the defense have enough gas in the tank to slow teams down in their more difficult games? Winters will be battle tested when it comes to district after playing, Bangs, Hamlin and TLCA in their non-district schedule. They should be well prepared for the likes of a reloading Albany team and Baird coming off of one of their best seasons in recent memory.



CHAD MCDUFFEE | CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

**TOP:** A.J. Smith of Winters finally looks to shine in the Blizzards new season. He's shown here in the scrimmage against the Ballinger Bearcats, August 19, 2016.  
**ABOVE:** Winters will look to run the ball against opponents this season. The Blizzards are shown here in the scrimmage against Ballinger at Blizzard Stadium, Friday August 19, 2016.

## WABIC

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said. "I feel I can bring a lot to the table. I've been in different aspects of economic development all over the community by working with big and small businesses, in retail and in government. I can bring a new perspective to the job."

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation (WABIC) was formed by several local business leaders in 1993 to encourage new and existing business ventures in Winters and to promote economic development in the area. Currently, Jim Lincycomb serves as president, Jerry Sims is vice-president, and Cheryl Bryan is secretary. Other board members include Paul Airhart, Randy Couch, Craig Gehrels, Danny Prado, and Ken Slimp.

Antilley-Guevara said she is looking forward to focusing on job creation in the City of Winters.

"This will allow me to help build what we'd like to build here and focus on job creation," Antilley-Guevara said.

WABIC is a private corporation in that it is not a governmental entity and has no taxing authority. It is public in that it was established for the benefit of the Winters community and works closely with local governments—city, hospital, school, and county. It is a non-profit corporation and no board member can receive financial benefit from the revenues of WABIC. The primary source of income for the operation of WABIC is derived from rental income.

Antilley-Guevara's office will be located at City Hall at 310 South Main Street and she can be contacted at shelly@wtxs.net.

## PASTOR

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consecrated a deacon in the Lutheran Church in 2001.

Brakke, 67, went in to seminary at the age of 62. He was ordained a Lutheran Pastor of Contract in 2012 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Lambert, Minn. He is currently working on the final 10 hours of his degree in the ministry.

The hiring process at St. John's Lutheran Church was online, Brakke explained and after he and his wife came to Winters for the face to face interview with church elders and led his first service, he knew St. John's was a perfect fit.

Joe Gerhart, who serves on the church board, said that everyone is pleased with the selection of "Pastor Al" to the church.

"We have been very pleased with Pastor Al," Gerhart said. "We believe he will do a great job - we are all very excited."

Likewise, Brakke said that he has been blessed to come and lead the Winters congregation, that has a rich history in the community with the formal organization of the church in 1904 and the construction of the present church in 1928.

"I think it is a wonderful congregation," Brakke said. "The warmth and love - it is pure Christian love - it has been years since my wife and I have felt that with a congregation. We thank the Lord every night that we are here."

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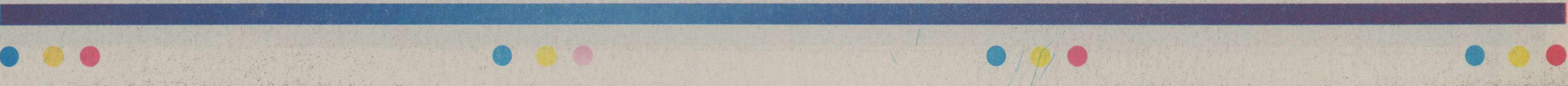
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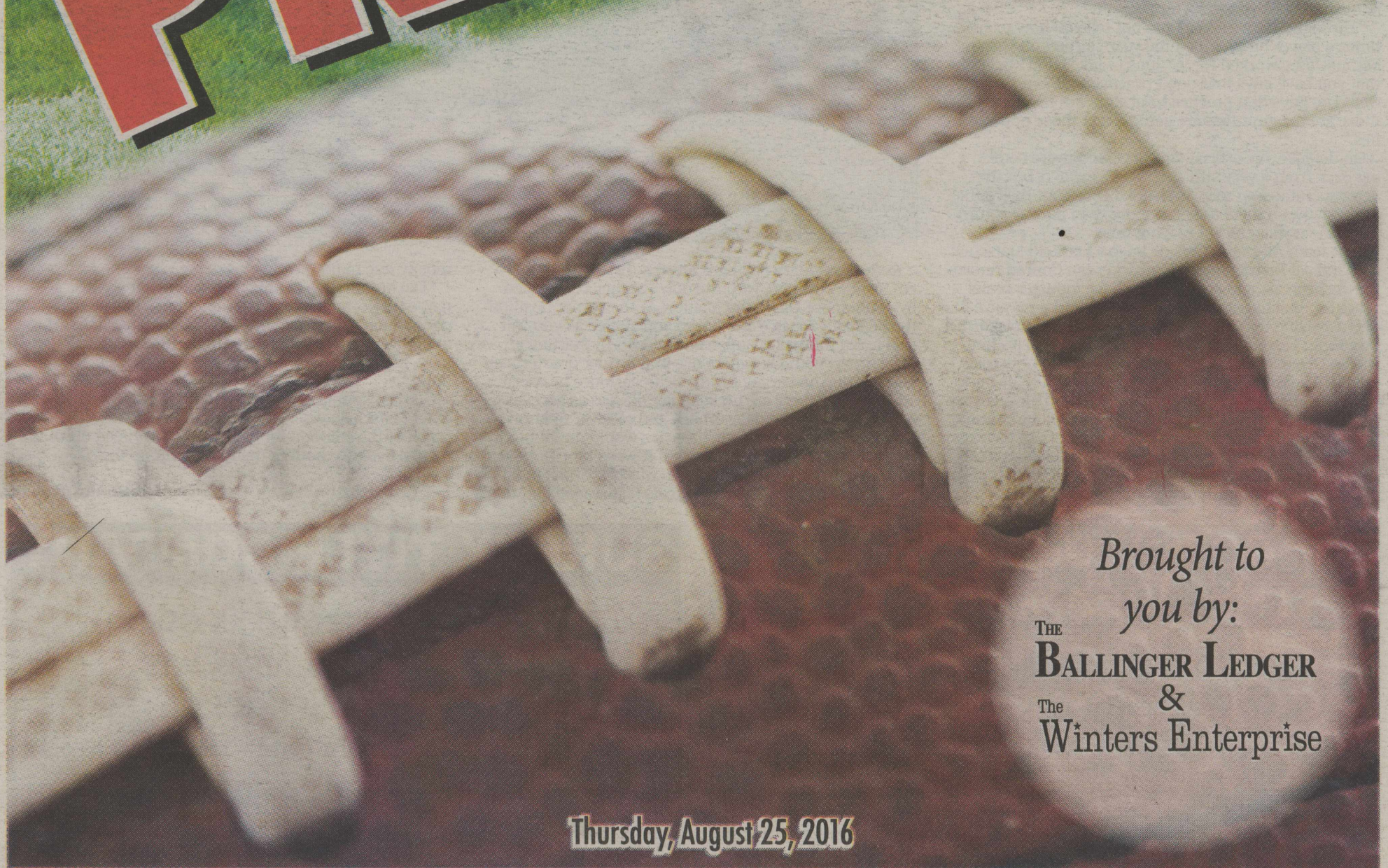
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# BEARCATS READY FOR THE SEASON

*Coach David Jones says team "plays well"*

BY CHAD MCDUFFEE  
SPECIAL TO THE PIGSKIN PREVIEW

**T**he Ballinger Bearcats 2016 season is getting off to a great start and coming together for a successful season this year.

Coach David Jones and the rest of the Bearcat staff got their first real good look at how the team is starting to come together in their August 12 scrimmage against Jim Ned.

Jones does not believe that anything is set in stone as far as depth charts go. Everyone on the team should feel like there is a chance for upward mobility as long as you work for it.

"Throughout my career I can not tell you how many times a player on JV ended the year starting on Varsity because they worked for it," Jones said. "I don't believe that you have guys that don't practice well, but they play well. The guys that practice hard shows in the games and those are the guys that are going to get those opportunities."

On defense, the official tally is eight players coming back from a very stiff defense a year ago, but the Bearcats rotate out many players throughout the course of the game so there are even more than players returning with very significant playing time.

First team All-District inside linebacker Reid Matschek and 2nd All-District inside linebacker Ian Conrad return for the Bearcats and are in line to have monster senior years for Ballinger running around behind a massive line defensive line that boasts two-time All-District performer Jace King. Teaming up with King on the defensive line will be Divad Briones and Jacob Daniels who both lost the 2014 season due to injury, but now look to be back to 100% with another year behind them in their recovery. Along with them will be Donte Belk who will be counted on to be a big time contributor. They might not have been listed as starters last season, but Jones feels like they both played significant snaps last year as part of an at times tremendous defense.



David Jones



CHAD MCDUFFEE | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The varsity defense was flying around all day for the Bearcats and look to be a strong point for Ballinger in a scrimmage August 6, 2016.

In the secondary Ballinger returns three of four starters from a year ago, with the only vacancy being filled by sophomore Deaundre Manley. At the corner position the Bearcats are as experienced and skilled as you will find in 3A football. Damian Michalewicz is starting at one corner. With his experience as a former quarterback and starting on varsity for the Bearcats since he was a sophomore. There are no Ballinger players as good as he is at reading the quarterback and receiver to know where the ball is going. Michalewicz would undoubtedly be the Bearcats best cornerback if it wasn't for Donovan Luna starting opposite him. Luna was one of the most underrated players for the Bearcats last season and that's

mostly due to not hearing his name.

"The bottom line is when you don't hear a player's name very often on defense sometimes that's a really good thing," Jones said of Luna. "People just didn't throw at him very often. He's one of those guys who isn't very loud, not a big talker. He just goes out and gets the job done."

Our last spot in secondary will be manned again by Tyler Matschek, who along with his cousin Reid, provide much of the emotion for Ballinger as they feed off of moments. Look for both of them to pump up their

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Date	Opponent	Location	Time
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August 19	Winters Blizzards (Scrimmage)	Away	TBD
August 25	Comanche Indians	Home	6:00 PM
September 1	Grape Creek Eagles	Home	6:00 PM
September 8	Clyde Bulldogs	Away	6:00 PM
September 15	Merkel Badgers	Away	6:00 PM
September 22	Junction Eagles	Away	6:00 PM
September 29	Mason Punchers	Home	6:00 PM
October 6	Reagan County Owls*	Home	6:00 PM
October 13			OPEN
October 20	San Angelo TLCA Eagles*	Away	6:00 PM
October 27	Sonora Broncos*	Home	6:00 PM
November 3	Alpine Bucks*	Reagan County	6:00 PM

## JUNIOR HIGH

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
September 8	Clyde Bulldogs	Home	5/6:30 PM
September 15	Merkel Badgers (Parent Night)	Home	5/6:30 PM
September 22	Junction Eagles	Home	5/6:30 PM
September 29	Mason Punchers	Away	5/6:30 PM
October 6	Reagan County Owls*	Away	5/6:30 PM
October 13	Colorado City Wolves	Home	5/6:30 PM
October 20	San Angelo TLCA Eagles*	Home	5/6:30 PM
October 27	Sonora Broncos*	Away	5/6:30 PM
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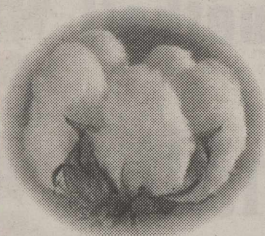
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4	Luke Huston	WR/DB	5'6	135	11th	84	Marcus Toliver	WR/LB	6'2	165	10th
5	Hagen Garvin	QB/H/LB	6'0	170	10th	88	Matthew Dengiro	WR/DB	5'6	135	12th
6	Jon Binder	WR/DB	5'5	135	11th						
7	Damian Michalewicz	QB/WR/DB	5'11	165	12th						
9	Diego Alvarado	H/DB	5'8	155	12th						
10	Tyler Matschek	QB/WR/DB	5'11	175	12th						
14	Deaundre Manley	WR/DB	5'7	160	10th						
18	BJ Howell	WR/LB	5'5	140	12th						
20	Jayden Rivera	RB/LB	5'8	175	10th						
22	Ian Conrad	RB/LB	5'7	160	12th						
24	Caleb Ornales	H/DL	5'8	175	11th						
28	Reid Matschek	H/LB	5'7	165	12th						
30	Adrian Pena	RB/LB	5'8	170	12th						
50	Jace King	OL/DL	5'10	260	11th						
51	Divad Briones	OL/DL	5'8	255	11th						
52	Clayton Hagey	OL/LB	6'4	220	12th						
54	Tyler Lange	OL/LB	6'0	180	11th						
56	Jacob Daniels	OL/DL	5'10	265	12th						
60	Donte Belk	OL/DL	5'10	245	12th						
62	Brandon Lancaster	OL/LB	5'10	190	10th						
65	Adolph Medina	OL/DL	5'9	200	10th						
75	Hunter Wheeler	OL/DL	5'9	190	10th						
77	Riley West	OL/DL	5'8	185	11th						

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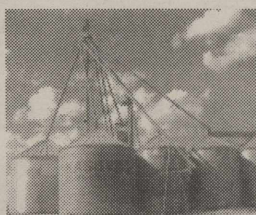
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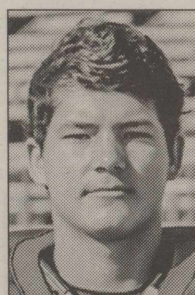
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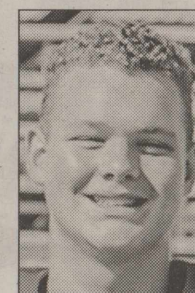
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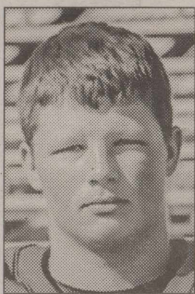
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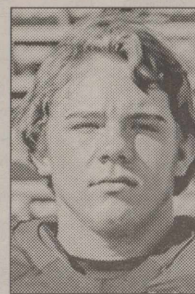
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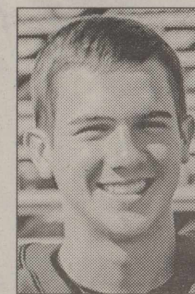
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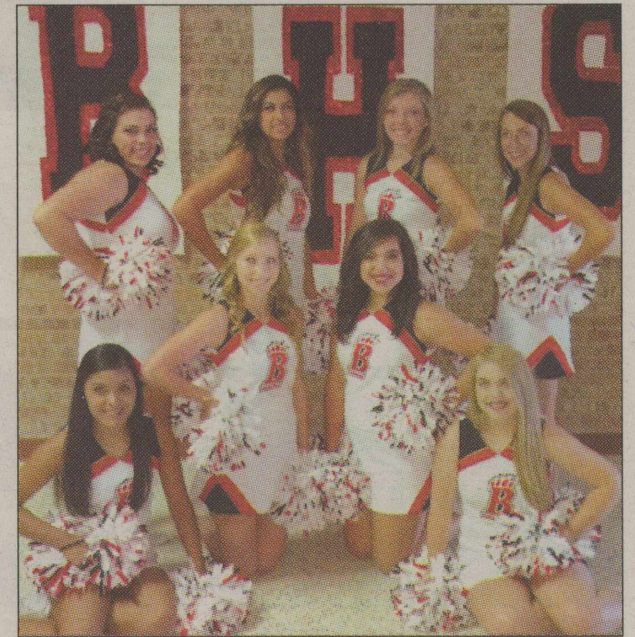
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**RIGHT:** The Ballinger Bearcat Varsity Cheerleaders for 2016 are (from back to front) Lexus Gonzales, Dakota Boone, Kinley Gray, Ally Cortez, Lauren Landers, Shelby Flores, Brenda Martinez and Hunter Cassiday.



**BELOW:** The Ballinger Bearcat Junior Varsity cheerleaders for 2016 are from left to right Nate Gallant, Bailee Egan, Clarice McKinnon, Rosemary Delgado, Camilla Gonzalez, Hailey Matschek and Sydney Bowman.

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# BLIZZARDS LOOKING FOR A GOOD YEAR

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Matt McCarty

**T**he only way to go is up for the Winters Blizzards during the 2016 football season and they are well on their way, says Coach Matt McCarty.

Last year, the team was plagued by injuries for most of the season, leading the team to a final 2-8 record for the season with wins over Miles and Roby.

This year, Winters will be up against some new teams, thanks to UIL re-alignment in February. 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 year in 2015.

With the loss of 12 seniors, the team is fresh, but there are plenty of players returning who know the drill.

"We are pretty much a completely different team," McCarty said. "We had injuries last year but that was not an excuse."

McCarty said that while the loss of 12 seniors would be devastating to most teams, he doesn't feel like it will be a blow to the Blizzards.

"It won't be such a hit for us," McCarty explained. "So many of the seniors were the ones who were injured so the underclassmen were able to play and they are returning this year."

McCarty said the team showed well during a recent three-way scrimmage against Eldorado and Roby.

The major decision now is who will be quarterback - there are three players that have been vying for the spot, including Marcus Mostad, Slater Lindley and Jovan Young.

"They all performed well in the first scrimmage," McCarty said.

The two running backs are A.J. Smith and Troy Hernandez.

"Both of them have looked great so far," McCarty said. Andrew Sanchez and Christian Garcia are the two senior linemen on the team.

"They are our main cogs on the offensive line," he said.




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 The Winters Blizzards are looking good this year as evidenced during the intersquad scrimmage Aug. 5, 2016.

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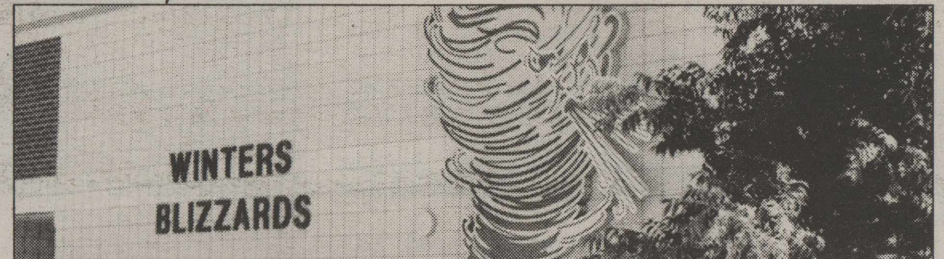
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Number	Name	Class	Position	HT	WT	Number	Name	Class	Position	HT	WT
4	Ashton Hadlock	Soph	FB/LB	5'7	160	75	Jaeggar Collins	Senior	OL/OLB	5'5	125
5	David Fernandez	Soph	WR/DB	5'5	130						
7	Jovan Young	Soph	QB/DB	5'9	140						
8	AJ Smith	Senior	RB/LB	5'8	150						
10	Marcus Mostad	Senior	QB/DB	5'8	155						
11	Slater Lindley	Soph	QB/WR/DB	5'5	135						
12	Brandon L'Abbe	Soph	TE/DE	6'0	170						
14	Nick Brown	Soph	RB/LB	5'8	145						
20	Zach Rodriguez	Junior	TE/OLB	5'9	190						
21	Joey Garcia	Junior	WR/DB	5'10	145						
22	Troy Hernandez	Junior	RB/LB	5'10	170						
24	Drey Patton	Senior	WR/DB	5'10	160						
27	Rolando Rodriguez	Junior	FB/OLB	5'8	165						
28	Ethan Sanchez	Freshman	RB/LB	5'7	140						
30	Alonso Mendoza	Junior	TE/DE	5'11	205						
32	Mikey Diaz	Soph	WR/DB	5'8	130						
42	Omar Martinez	Soph	FB/DE	5'8	210						
52	Isaiah Romo	Senior	OL/DE	5'10	220						
55	Patrick Reyes	Soph	OL/OLB	5'9	220						
62	Hayden Kelly	Soph	OL/N	5'11	280						
64	Nick Marin	Junior	OL/N	5'10	265						
68	Bryce Lanphear	Senior	OL/N	6'0	320						
72	Andrew Sanchez	Senior	OL/N	6'0	285						
74	Christian Garcia	Senior	OL/N	5'8	320						

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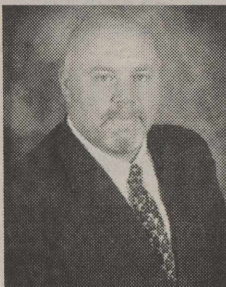
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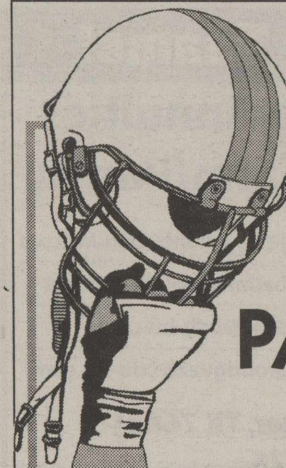
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# GAME SCHEDULE

VARSITY FOOTBALL			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 12	Eldorado/Roby (Scrimmage)	Home	5:00
August 19	Ballinger (Scrimmage)	Home	5:30
August 26	San Saba	Home	7:30
September 2	Deleon	Away	7:30
September 9	Bangs (Homecoming)	Home	7:30
September 16	Hamlin	Away	7:30
September 23	TLCA	Home	7:30
September 30			Open
October 7	Albany	Home	7:30
October 14	Miles	Away	7:30
October 21	Bronte	Home	7:30
October 28	Cross Plains (Parents Night)	Home	7:30
November 4	Baird	Away	7:30

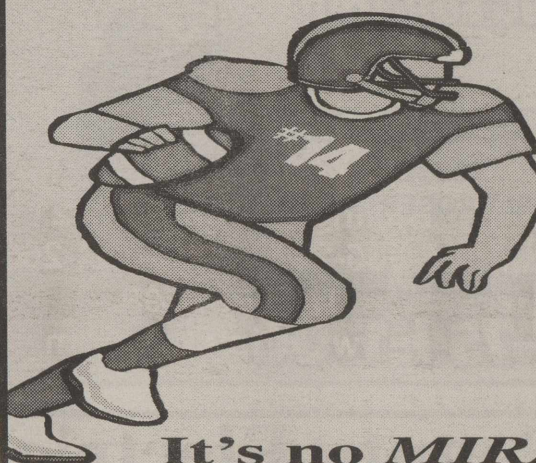
JV FOOTBALL			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 25	San Saba	Away	6:00
September 1	De Leon	Home	6:00
September 8	Bangs	Away	7:30
September 15	Hamlin	Home	7:00
September 22	TLCA	Away	7:30
September 29			Open
October 6	Albany	Away	7:00
October 13			Open
October 20			Open



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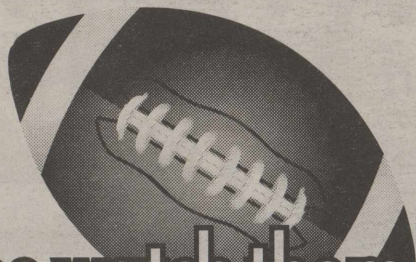
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
October 27			Open
November 3			Open

**JUNIOR HIGH**

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
September 8	Bangs	Away	5:00
September 15	Hamlin	Home	4:30
September 22	TLCA	Away	5:00
September 29	Roby(Combined)	Away	5:00
October 6	Albany	Away	4:30
October 13	Miles(Combined)	Home	5:00
October 20	Bronte(Combined)	Away	5:00
October 27	CP(Combined)	Away	5:00
November 3	Baird(Combined)	Home	5:00

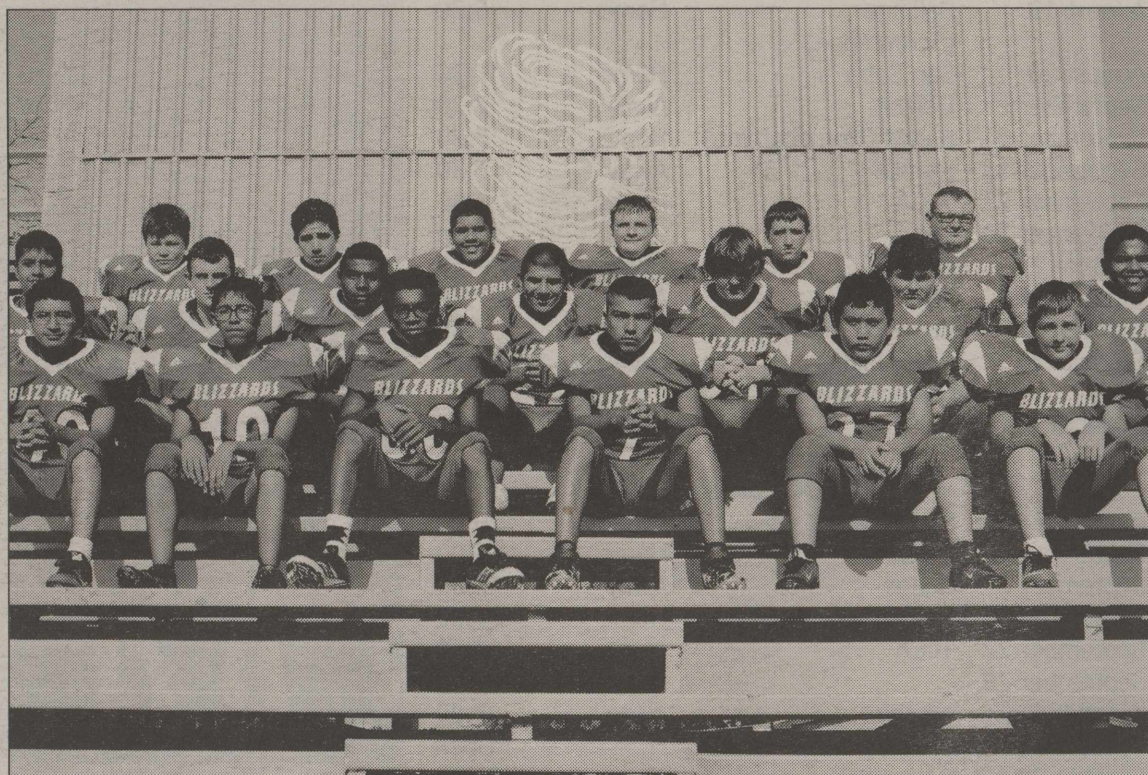
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 The 2016-17 Winters Blizzards cheerleaders are from left to right, front row Justine Alvarado, K'Lee Lindley; middle row, McCaila Walker, Brooklyn Gallaway, Christy Kruse, Alexis Silva and Celeste Sanchez; back row Abbie Killough, Megan Jacob, Brooklynn Anderson and Karlee Busher.

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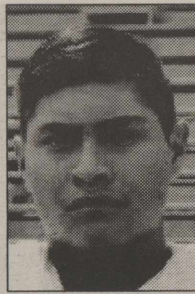


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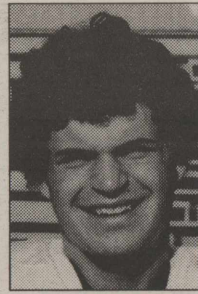
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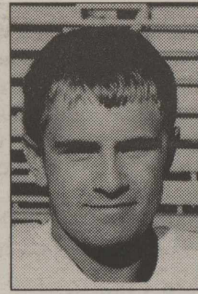
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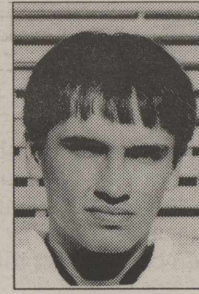
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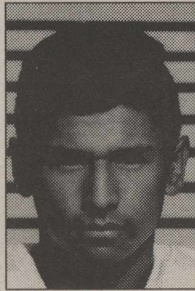
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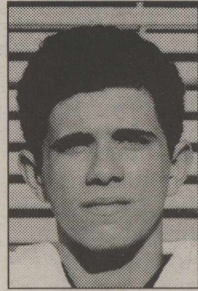
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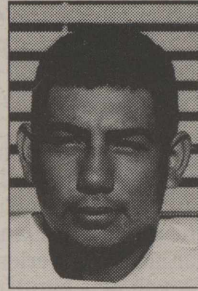
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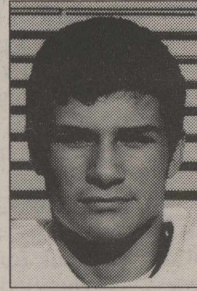
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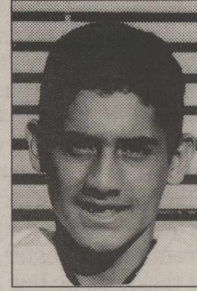
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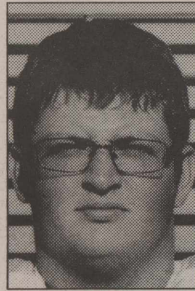
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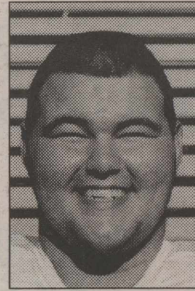
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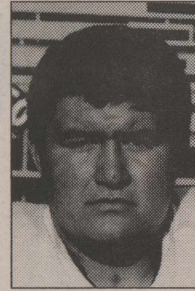
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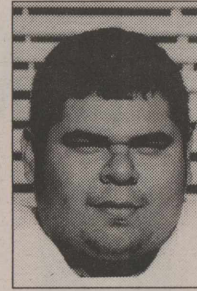
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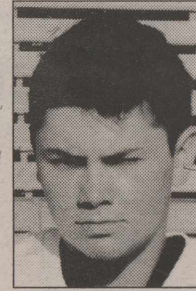
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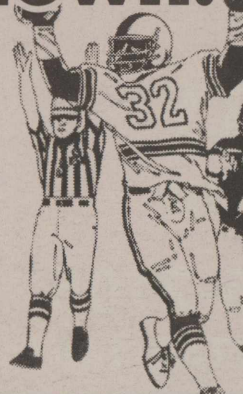
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teammates and the crowd throughout the year.

On offense there are more positions up for grabs than on defense, but when looking at the talent that is returning you can see why many are so confident in the team being better than the year prior.

Along the offensive line there is more bulk than a Beefmasters Fatboy Burger. Jace King will be looking for his third consecutive All-District performance and with possibly the best line from left to right that the Bearcats have had in quite some time his biggest challenge will be his own teammates. Divad Briones will be playing center in his second varsity season and he knows the position as good as anyone, having played it since his days in YMCA football. Flanking him will be King and Jacob Daniels. Throughout the preseason, fellow All District performer, Daniels has looked like he will be challenging Jace King for the best lineman as he is a much improved player, both physically and mentally from a year ago. Moving up to varsity this year look for Brandon Lancaster to make a big contribution at tackle as he has the size and length to be a natural fit at the position.

Playing receiver for the Bearcats you have to first look at Damian Michalewicz. As a two time First team All-District receiver he will be the focal point as far as opposing defenses go. His experience and skill will allow things to open up

around him as the Bearcats will be playing many young receivers around him. Outside of Damian and Tyler Matschek the Bearcats will be playing many sophomores and juniors that are looking to make their names known around the district. Deandre Manley is one of the fastest players on the roster and along with length of fellow sophomore Marcus Toliver the Bearcats look to be capable of replacing much of what they lost to graduation.

In the backfield the Bearcats will return Reid Matschek as a utility player. Lining up in the backfield, out wide blocking and catching the ball it is likely that his statistics will not pop out, but from play to play there is nothing that this all around player is not capable of. Ian Conrad will be looking to replace Clayton Crabb after backing him up the last two seasons. Ian is a very similar back to Crabb although as a senior he is fairly inexperienced as an offensive player. As he showed during the Bearcats' internal scrimmage, he is a play maker and he will make things happen this season.

First in line to replace the fantastic duo of Jake Morgan and Colton Little will be sophomore Hagen Garvin. Hagen has all of the physical tools needed at the position lacking only experience. Look for that lack of experience to be quickly rectified as it will be a baptism by fire for the Bearcats quarterback this season no matter who ultimately wins the job.

Look for the Bearcats to play fast and furious as the mix of experienced to incoming talent looks to be almost as perfect as you could ask for. Ballinger is definitely ready for some football!



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Damian Michalewicz made plays for the Bearcats from the quarterback position and as a wide receiver in the first scrimmage against Jim Ned.

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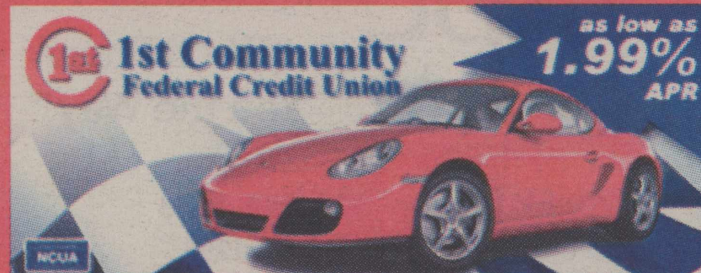
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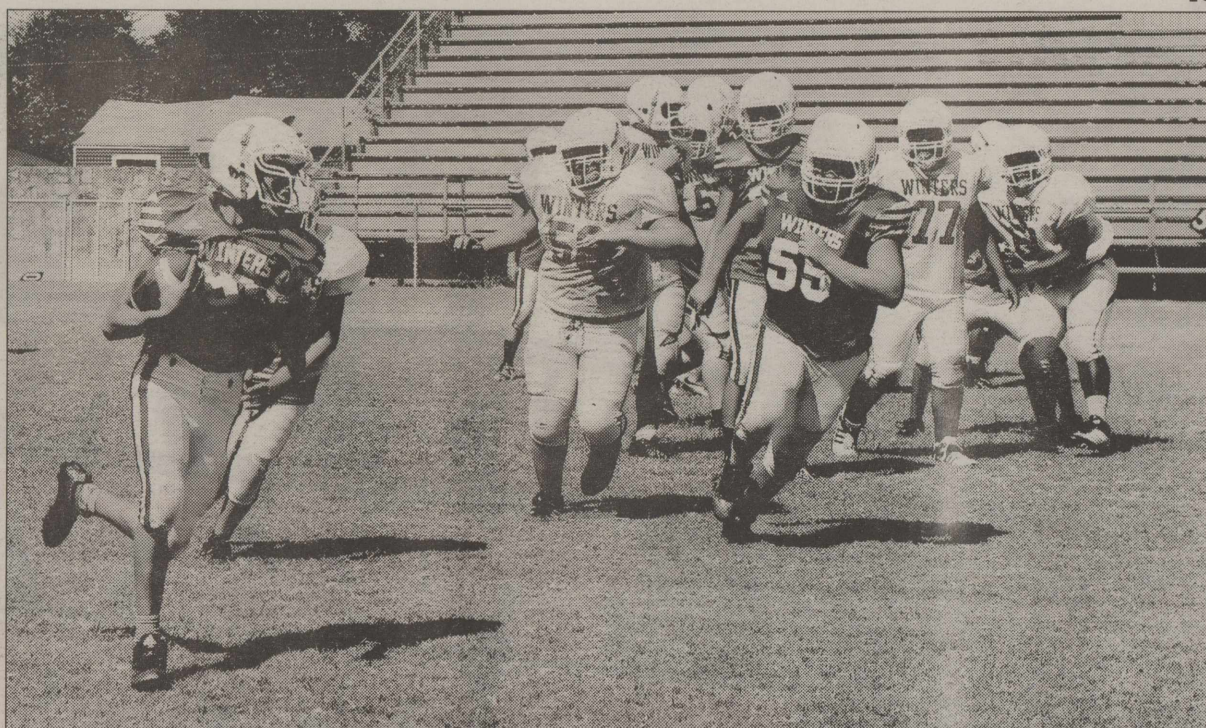
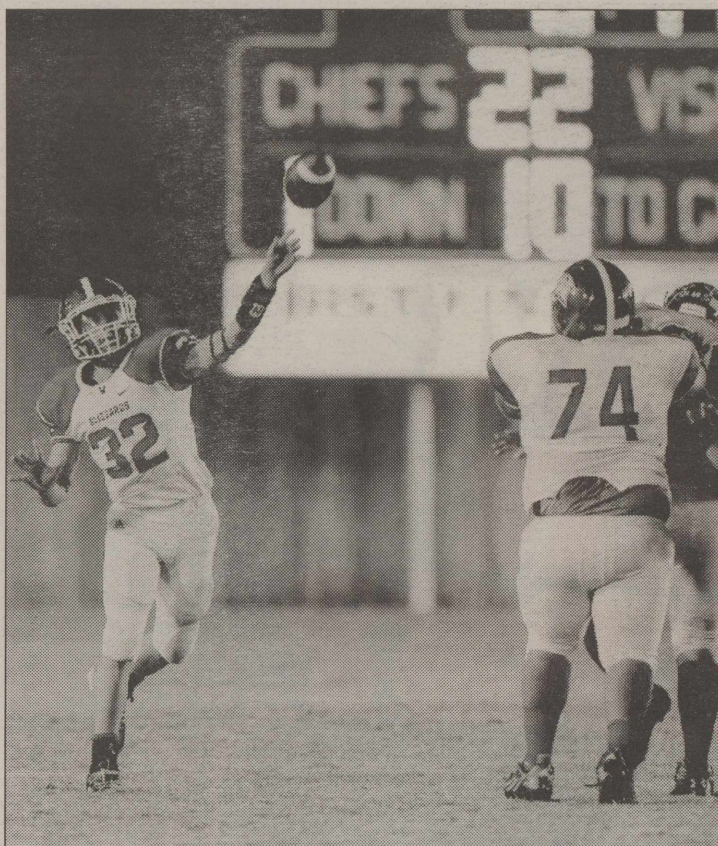
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**ABOVE, LEFT:** The Winters Blizzards were plagued by injury last season giving way to a 38-14 loss against the TLCA Eagles Friday, Sept. 25, 2015.  
**ABOVE, RIGHT AND BELOW:** The Winters Blizzards are looking for a good 2016 football season thanks to changes in their offensive and defensive strategies.

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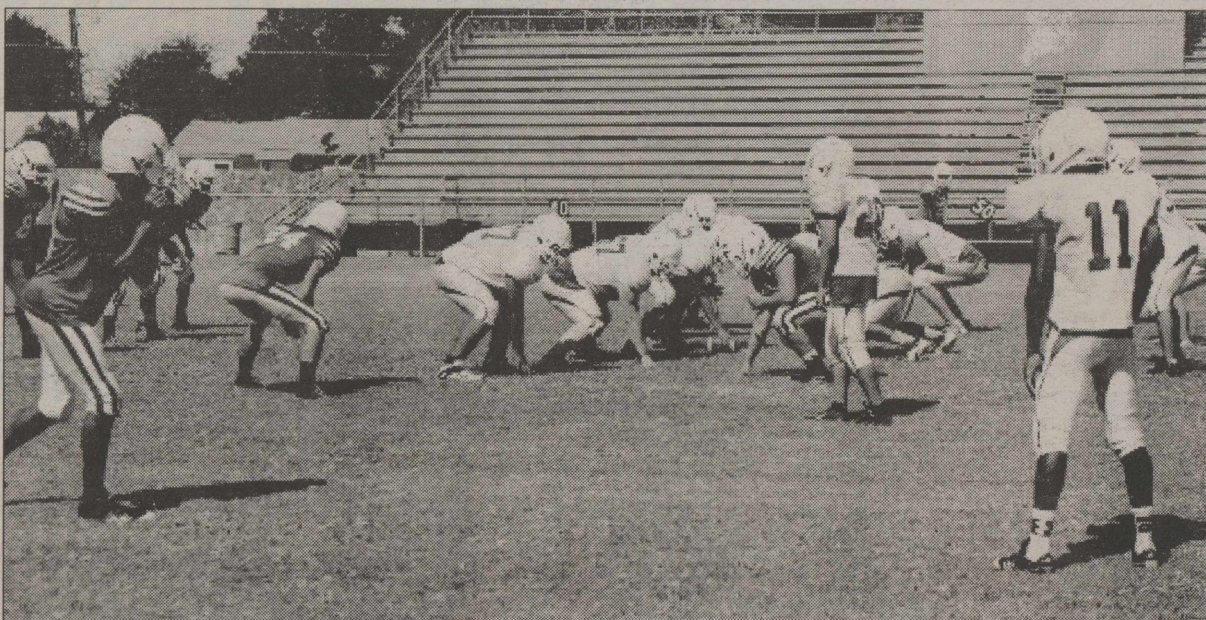
There will be no receivers this year - but Drey Patton and Joey Garcia are the wings this year.

Tight ends will be Zach Rodriguez and Alonso Mendoza and both are "standouts," McCarty said.

Smith and Hernandez, also function as the Blizzards inside linebackers. Patton and Joey Garcia along with Lindley, will be in the secondary. Andrew Sanchez is the starting nose tackle, Rolando Rodriguez will be one of the main outside linebackers while Omar Martinez will be the main defensive end. The secondary defensive back is Mikey Diaz.

Overall, McCarty said he is optimistic about a great year ahead - with the first match up slated for Friday, Aug 26 with the San Saba Armadillos.

"We feel good, having a year in the system and we are performing well," McCarty said. "We've changed things up offensively and defensively - we've simplified a lot more. This is good because the Blizzards can just get out there and play."





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