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The Winters Blizzard Varsity Baseball team fell short of advancing to Regionals by dropping the game against Sundown.

Winters drops Area heartbreaker to finish the 2013 baseball season

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS.- The Winters Blizzards Varsity baseball team finished the 2013 season in a 12-inning showdown held against the Sundown Roughnecks in Burnet, Texas. Winters fell by a score of 9-8.

Winters was two outs away from clinching the Area championship, but the Roughnecks rallied 6 runs in the bottom of the seventh forcing the extra innings and eventually claiming the golden glove.

Winters fell victim to a walk-off single in the bottom of the 12th inning. With the score tied at eight, Hinson came to the plate and singled plating Marshall.

Chris Gerhart racked up two RBIs on two hits for Winters. He singled in the first and seventh innings.

Daniel Gerhart baffled Sundown striking out 13 batters. Daniel allowed four earned runs on four hits and two walks over 6 innings and one third.

Winters jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the second.

The Blizzards got two-run rallies in the third inning and the seventh. In the third, Winters scored on a fielder's choice, bringing home Daryl Hagle.

Winters posted one run in each of the fifth, sixth and ninth. In the fifth, Winters scored on a groundout by Chris Gerhart, scoring Kolton Alexander.

It didn't take long for Sundown to answer as it scored one run of its own in the fifth. Sundown scored on a sacrifice fly by Marshall.

Sundown scored six runs of its own in the seventh. Sundown scored on a passed ball, a bases loaded walk by Chris Gerhart, a walk by Hinson, a walk by Sanchez, a hit by pitch, and a sacrifice fly by Vaught.

Sundown answered Winters's top inning with one run of its own in the ninth. Sundown scored on an RBI double by Vaught.

The Roughnecks will be playing Ira in a three-game series for the Regional quarter finals starting on

Friday, May 17, at 5 p.m. at Moffett Field in Snyder, Texas. Game 2 (and 3 if necessary) will be played Saturday, May 18, at 2 p.m. at O'Banion Field in Lubbock, Texas.

Area championship

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Winters	0	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	8	6	2
Sundown	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	1	0	0	1	9	10	7

Batting: 2B.- C. Pritchard; TB.- K. Alexander, C. Gerhart 2, C. Pritchard 3, D. Hagle; RBI.- C. Gerhart 2, C. Pritchard 2, B. Mikeska; SAC.- T. Cortez 3, J. Ripley; ROE.- K. Alexander, D. Torres, J. Ripley, A. Green, J. Ventress; FC.- K. Alexander, C. Gerhart; SB.- J. Ripley.

Pitching: D. Gerhart: IP.- 6.1, H.- 4, R.- 4, ER.- 4, BB.- 2, SO.- 13. C. Gerhart: IP.- 0, H.- 0, R.- 3, ER.- 3, BB.- 3, SO.- 0. C. Pritchard: IP.- 5.0, H.- 6, R.- 2, ER.- 2, BB.- 2, SO.- 4.

Thunderstorms bring wind, hail, and a little rain

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Winds gusting in excess of 60 miles per hour, golfball-size hail and a little of the much needed rain were brought last week to Winters and Runnels County by back-to-back thunderstorms on Thursday, May 9, and Friday, May 10, 2013.

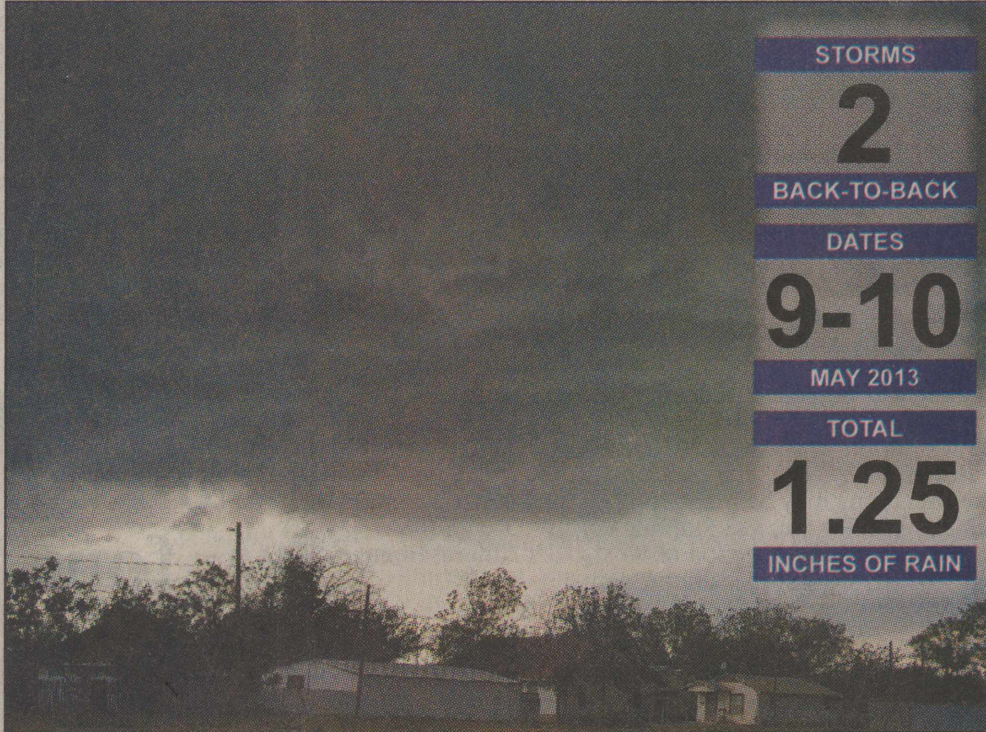
Thursday morning, the National Weather Service office in San Angelo started issuing storm alerts effective for the area of Runnels, Concho and Coleman counties.

It was until 4:53 in the afternoon when a strong thunderstorm passed through the area leaving a trail of wind, damaged roofs and some rain behind. Spotters reported golfball size and quarter size hail in Norton, south of Winters and northeast of Ballinger as the storm traveled southeast through Runnels County.

Extensive damage was reported to the wheat and other seasonal crops. The storm headed south toward Olfen, Paint Rock and Ivie.

In Ballinger trees were reported down in several locations.

The Courthouse and Sheriff's Office's phones



were down due to the line damage.

Rain gages north of Ballinger registered up to 1 inch of rain on Thursday and some in the Rowena area recorded up to 1 inch and one-half. The San Angelo office of the National Weather Service registered .70 of one inch on Thursday and .55 of one inch Friday afternoon.

Multiple outdoor events were cancelled and

rescheduled. Ballinger Relay for Life, scheduled to be held Friday night at the Ballinger High School track, was moved indoors to the Wool and Mohair building.

The rains left some runoff behind, which was reflected in the latest area reservoirs. According to the Colorado River Municipal Water District report, issued Tuesday morning, the level at O.H. Ivie reservoir went

up 2,023 acre-feet from 105,687 last week to 107,710 on May 14. Lake Ivie passed of being 19.07 percent full to 19.43 percent full after the rains.

The improved water level is the only increase the lake has registered since October of 2012, when O.H. Ivie reservoir received over 77,000 acre-feet of inflow after almost 12 inches of rain over two days.

Commissioners Court approves new equipment for Precint 3

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
BALLINGER LEDGER

BALLINGER- The Runnels County Commissioners Court approved unanimously a petition submitted by Precint 3 Commissioner Sam Scott, for the purchase of a used John Deere 672GP motor grader. The unit, currently with 3,300 hours, has a price of \$212,000. Commissioners Court held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at the Runnels County Courthouse.

Precint 3 Commissioner Scott will be trading in two 38-year-old Cat 120G graders receiving \$54,000 for trade-in of the two units. Along with a cash down payment of \$50,000 the outstanding balance

of \$108,000.00 will be paid off in 5 annual payments of \$23,818.71.

Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer, presented her annual report to the Commissioners Court. According to her office there were 899 veterans living in Runnels County as of 2012. This represents a decrease of 63 compared to 2011.

These nearly 900 veterans bring a total of \$2,401,000 in paychecks to the area. This amount represents an increase of \$50,000 from 2011.

The Commissioners Court accepted a \$50 bid from Manuel Lara for the purchase of a 15' lot located on the Lot 9 Block 2 of the Vancil Addition in the

City of Winters. The property is located between two lots property of Lara.

A resolution regarding Section 3 Policy in conjunction with the County's HOME Program from the Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs was discussed and passed.

Commissioners Court approved the designation form for Section 504 Equal Opportunity/Fair Housing Officer.

A motion was passed to approve a petition by County Auditor Cindy Winchester, to allocate part of the funds received in April for additional Sales Tax revenue to re-

pay the balance due to the Sales Tax overpayment. The county has been paying this Sales Tax overpayment since 1997.

In April Runnels County received \$66,162.26 in additional funds from Sales Tax. The Commissioners Court approved to re-pay the due balance of \$17,873.45 with this funds.

Runnels County Commissioners discussed and passed corrections of the contracts approved on March 26, 2013 for the replacement of county bridges by TxDOT. Per program regulations each one of the contracts has to state the individual amount designated for the construction works.

Slaid Cleaves to perform at Eden's Green Apple on May 25

BALLINGER LEDGER
STAFF REPORT

EDEN-The Green Apple Art Center and Guild has announced its inaugural music event will take place on Saturday May 25. "An Evening With Slaid Cleaves" will kick off a series of concerts featuring some of the finest singers and songwriters in the country, and all in Eden's very own musical venue. The former Eden Locker Plant has been transformed into a comfortable and intimate music venue that will seat

approximately 130. It will have an outdoor patio feel to it, with open windows and doorways, all covered by a 90 percent sun blocking awning. The Guild plans to have approximately one weekend show per month spring through fall, focusing on great songwriting talent.

Slaid Cleaves certainly falls into the great songwriter category. The New York Times has lauded him as "one of the finest songwriters from Texas" and his song "Broke

Down" won for him an Austin Music Awards song of the year. His lyrics are pure poetry, and his hauntingly beautiful singing voice completes the package. Originally from Maine, he has lived in the Austin area for over twenty years and gained a loyal following on both a local and national scale. He is known for connecting to audiences and has developed a reputation for sincere and entertaining shows featuring his intimate songs presented with

a variety of top-notch instrumental accompanists. South Texas Music Walk of Fame guitarist Michael O'Conner will accompany Slaid for the evening in Eden.

Writer Stephen King, one of Slaid's biggest fans, said this in the linear notes of Slaid's critically acclaimed album "Everything You Love Will Be Taken Away": "I'm glad I found Slaid Cleaves, because my life would have been poorer without him. You'll feel the same, I think, when

you listen to this beautifully crafted album. Listen, go to one of Slaid's shows, take a friend, and pass on the news: not all the good guys wear hats.

Take his advice. Come to the show. Bring a friend. Bring your spouse. Bring your favorite beverage. But most of all bring a warm smile and a great West Texas welcome to the first of many artists coming to our home. For tickets and info, call the Eden City Office at 869-2211 or visit www.edentexas.com.

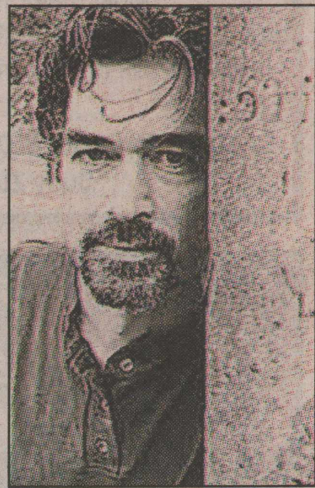


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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Yvonne Thomas

A memorial service for Marion Yvonne Thomas, 92, of Sulphur Springs, formerly of Winters, Texas, was held Monday, May 11, at West Oaks Funeral Home with Chaplain Jimmy Henry officiating.

Mrs. Thomas died Monday, May 6, 2013, at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler.

She was born September 5, 1920, in Batavia, Iowa, the daughter of John George and Anna B. Neff Hughell.

She completed nursing school in Moline, Illinois, in 1940 and was a civilian nurse for the United States Army Air Corp in California at the start of World War II and also worked with Flight Surgeon Lt. Thomas R. White, MD, who flew as one of Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle's Raiders on the Tokyo Raid.

Yvonne married Richard Clyde "Dick" Thomas Oct. 31, 1945, and together they owned and published The Winters Enterprise in Winters, Texas, and they worked at newspapers in Gatesville, Texas, Shoshone, Idaho, along with newspapers in Kansas and Iowa. She also worked as a registered nurse until her retirement from North Runnels Hospital in Winters in 1998. She was a certified Emergency Medical Technician and was a licensed pilot.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Winters.

Survivors include her daughter Kelley and husband Kerry Craig of Sulphur Springs, grandchildren Angela and T.J. Nash and Bryan and Corrin Craig of Sulphur Springs, Brandon and Tiffany Craig of Fort Worth and Teri and Spencer Wilson of Hobbs, New Mexico; great-grandchildren Orin and Kadence Nash, Payge Frazee, and Loryn Craig of Sulphur Springs, Loghan and Jaxson Craig of Fort Worth, Kendra Wilson of Dallas and Brittany and Koedy Wilson of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Her great-grandchildren served as honorary pallbearers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one sister and two brothers.

Visitation was May 3, 2013 at West Oaks Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to Hopkins County Veterans Memorial, PO Box 533 Sulphur Springs, TX. 75483

Service under direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com/

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Cody Charles Ogle

Cody Charles Ogle, 62, of Ballinger, Texas, passed away on May 7, 2013. Cody was born on April 7, 1951 to proud parents of L.C. and Naomi Ogle. He married Ricci Hunter and had two children: one son Stacy and one daughter Shila. He was preceded in death by brothers Larry, Burl, of Milton, and Billy. Sister Lahoma Trammel. He is survived by his wife, children, brothers Wesley, and Robert. Also sisters, Wanda Harris and Barbra Bryant. He has seven grandchildren. Memorial service was Saturday May 11, 2013 at Heritage Family Funeral Home in Ballinger, Texas.

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Rodeo Association May playday

The Winters Rodeo Association will host their May playday on Saturday, May 18 at the Winters Rodeo Arena. Sign up for events at 6 p.m. Events will begin at 7 p.m. A concession stand will be open. Scheduled events are: poles, straight barrels, flags, clover barrels, and boot race. Ribbons are awarded to all participants 18 and under at each playday. Current membership and attendance of at least half the playdays will make you/your child eligible for end of the year awards. For more information call Melissa at (325) 754 5648

Senior Baccalaureate service

Everyone is invited to attend the Senior Baccalaureate service at 6 p.m. Sunday May 19, 2013, at the First Baptist Church. There will be a reception following the service.

Runnels Co. Retired School Educators meeting

May 23, 2013, the Runnels County Retired School Educators Association District XV will hold it's Spring Leadership Training at the Brownwood Administration Building, meeting time 9:30 a.m.

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings

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

Coleman Co Electric Co-op offering scholarships

Scholarship applications are available to 2013 high school graduates who will be attending a college, technical school or university as a freshman.

Other qualifications are; must be a child of a member, a grandchild of a member or child of a legal guardian who is a member of Coleman County Electric Cooperative. Must reside with the active member and within the Coleman County Electric Cooperative service area. Eligible applicants will be placed in a drawing to be held in July at the cooperative's annual meeting. There will be nine separate drawings, each scholarship totaling \$500.00. Deadline is June 28, 2013. For an application, visit <http://www.colemanelectric.org> or contact Tony Williams at (325) 625 2128 or tony@colemanelectric.org

NEWS NOTES

TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'

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

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

Mentors needed

Winters Elementary School is looking for volunteers to be a mentor on an elementary student. The volunteer would meet with the student once a week during school hours for approximately 30 minutes to help with homework, read a book, or just talk. Mentoring has shown to help build self-esteem, improve grades and in some cases improves test scores. Anyone interested may contact Charles Murphy, Elementary Counselor at 754 5577 ext. 1126.

Cross Emmaus Community gatherings

The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. For more information call (325) 365 2323.

Winters Women's Club

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Marlene Smith at 754 4961 for additional information.

AA Meetings

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

Ballinger Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

City Council Meetings

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

Texas A&M University ranked one of the nation's four 'most affordable'

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STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- Texas A&M University is one the nation's four "most affordable colleges with high return on investment," according to new rankings by an online organization that focuses on affordability combined with high quality in higher education. Return on investment (ROI) reflects salaries received by college graduates in relation to the cost of their college education.

The 2013 rankings by AffordableCollegesOnline.org (ACO) spotlights the top 50 colleges that "provide students with the best bang for their buck after graduation," note ACO officials, who say they reviewed the records of 875 colleges and universities.

In placing fourth nationally, Texas A&M is outranked only by Georgia Tech, State University of New York (SUNY) at New Paltz and the University of Virginia.

"It's always gratifying to learn that Texas A&M is recognized nationally for providing affordable education in keeping with our high academic standards and that we are producing highly qualified graduates whose talents are recognized and rewarded in the marketplace," notes President R. Bowen Loftin. "Having said that, we are certainly not surprised by this most recent and welcome confirmation of what has been our assessment for many years — that Texas A&M graduates are sought after in the workplace, perform admirably and are well rewarded for their successes."

Texas A&M is the only Texas institution to rank among ACO's top 10. The University of Florida is the only other Southeastern Conference school to rank

among the top 25 institutions on the list.

"This is an important list for prospective students to consider," says ACO founder Dan Schuessler. "Many students don't have the financial means or are not comfortable taking on mounds of debt to attend an expensive college. The colleges ranked here are affordable yet still provide students a solid return on their tuition investment."

ACO officials say that after developing their own process for determining affordability — using a combination of governmental data and assessments developed by highly respected organizations related to higher education — they incorporated findings by Payscale.com, which they consider the nation's premier salary data collection organization. They say they were then able to determine which institutions' 30-year net ROI were highest.

More than 3,000 employers, including 80 percent of the Fortune 100 companies, recruit at Texas A&M each year, according to records maintained at its Career Center. Personnel there report that job opportunities posted for Texas A&M students have increased significantly in recent years.

Also, Texas A&M is graduating students at a record rate. It awarded degrees to a record 7,175 students at its spring commencement exercises last week — approximately 300 more than were presented degrees in the spring of 2012.

More information about the rankings and a list of the top 50 institutions cited by ACO is available at <http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/affordable-colleges-with-high-returns/>.

Spring Beef Cattle meeting set for May 28

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STAFF REPORT

ANDREWS- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Andrews County will conduct their Spring Beef Cattle Meeting: "Focus on the Female" program from 5:45-8:30 p.m. May 28 at the AgriLife Extension office, 851 East Broadway Street in Andrews.

"As the name implies, this program deals specifically with the health and well-being of the cow component of the beef cattle herd," said Josh Blane, AgriLife Extension agent in Andrews County.

"Problems with maintaining a top breeding herd as economically as possible intensify during a drought. Our goal is to offer producers options to stretch their overhead dollars as far as possible through the use of specific management and nutritional tools and strategies."

A sponsored meal is included with the event, so those planning to attend should RSVP by May 24 to the AgriLife Extension office in Andrews County by calling at (432) 524 1421.

Veteran's Corner

The Veterans Benefit Administration has been directed to adjudicate all rating benefit claims that are over 2 years old within 60 days from April 26, 2013. This is a special initiative for older claims. If you have an old claim pending and receive a letter, please come and talk to me. The VA is granting "provisional ratings" and denying claims to lessen their backlog. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave or call 365-3612.

Sandra G. Van Zant
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USDA seeking applications for grants for technical assistance

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STAFF REPORT

TEMPLE- USDA is seeking applications from organizations that will provide technical assistance to rural businesses announced last week Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Funding will be provided through USDA Rural Development's Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) program with up to \$2.6 million available offering maximum grants of \$100,000. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) remains. The announcement is one part of the Department's efforts to strengthen the

rural economy.

"These grants will help businesses get access to planning, mentoring and other services that can help ensure their success," Vilsack said. "This assistance will provide development and managerial services that often are not readily available to businesses in rural areas."

"USDA Rural Development's mission is to provide assistance that will increase the economic conditions of rural communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director. "By providing these grants, we promote sustainable economic development

in rural communities and regions with exceptional needs."

Grants may be used for feasibility studies, strategic planning, leadership training and other types of business development activities. Eligible applicants include public bodies, non-profit corporations, institutions of higher education, Indian tribes and rural cooperatives.

USDA Rural Development is further interested in RBOG applications to support a new initiative called Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP). This initiative is intended to stimulate an environment

for developing manufacturing jobs. RBOG applicants, for example, could seek grants to help rural communities develop long-term strategic plans for their manufacturing sectors or to provide training to entrepreneurs who want to create manufacturing businesses in rural areas. Applicants who receive RBOG funding complementing the IMCP initiative may later be eligible for much larger grants directly through the initiative.

Some of the funding available under this RBOG notice will be made available for projects benefiting federally recognized

Indian tribes and projects benefitting Rural Economic Area Partnerships. The remaining funds are open for national competition.

The RBOG program and other USDA business and cooperate development programs have had a significant impact on rural communities. In 2012 alone, they helped almost 10,000 rural small business owners or farmers improve their enterprises. Business and cooperative program funding created or saved an estimated 53,000 rural jobs in 2012.

The application deadlines for Rural Business Opportunity Grants are June 30 for partnership

funds and June 28 for all other requests. For additional information on how to apply, see the May 14 Federal Register, page 28184, or visit <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-05-14/html/2013-11451.htm>.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, has a portfolio of programs designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

USDA has made a concerted effort to deliver results for the American people.



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED
Runnels County athletes participated in the Special Olympics held on April 20 at the Elmer Gray Stadium in Abilene, Texas.

Runnels Co. Reds go for the gold

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- April 20, 2013 the Runnels County Reds Special Olympic Track and Field Team traveled to Elmer Gray Stadium, at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas for the Area 14 Track and Field Meet. Our athletes represented Runnels County well in running and field events.

Bill Hudgens claimed gold in 50-meter assisted walk and gold in softball throw, Quincy Shields placed first in 100-meter dash and got silver in softball throw, Billy Bennefield finished first in 100-meter walk and second in shot put, Quentin Shields claimed two golden medals, the first one in 50-meter dash and another one in softball throw.

Melissa Martinez claimed gold in 100-meter dash and silver in softball throw, Angelica Nava placed third in 100-meter dash and third in softball throw, Shannon Cowan claimed two silver medals: 100-meter dash and shot put. Kim Jackson finished first the 200-meter dash and second in softball throw.

Athletes were accompanied by Sue and Tommy Chambliss and Martha Hartley.

"We would like to thank the following merchants who supported this event so generously: First National Bank, Toliver Brothers, Ballinger's Bank, Dr. Sims Chiropractor, Shoppin' Basket, and Wal-Mart," said Sue Chambliss.

Sandy Esquivel graduates from Mary Hardin Baylor

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Sandy M. Esquivel graduated with Bachelor's of Art in Special Education from the University of Mary Hardin Baylor in Belton, Texas, on Saturday May 4, 2013. Celebrating Sandy's graduation were her mom, Rey, Rachel and the kids; Philip and Vanessa Esquivel and their kids; and her uncle, Steven Esquivel. Way to go Sandy!

CAFETERIA MENU May 13-May 17 Subject to Change*

Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

- Monday**
Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal/Toast or Cheese and Egg Omelet, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Tuesday**
Breakfast Pizza or Cereal/Toast or Breakfast Pocket, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Wednesday**
Biscuit/Egg Pattie or Cereal/Toast or Yogurt Toast or Sausage Stick, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Thursday**
Sausage Roll or Cereal/Toast or French Toast/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Friday**
Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal/Toast or Cinnamon Roll/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Winters ISD Lunch Menu

Note: Menus are subject to change without notice. Students may purchase extra Entree for \$1.00. Milk for \$.30. Sides for \$.50.

- Monday**
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Sloppy Joe or Chicken Nugget/Graham Cracker (H.S.), Mac & Cheese, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Applesauce, Choice of Milk.
- Tuesday**
Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak/Bread Stick or Chicken Spaghetti/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.)/Bread Stick
- Wednesday**
Chef Salad or Frito Pie or Grilled Cheese Sandwich/Fish Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Stick, Coleslaw, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Apple, Choice of Milk.
- Thursday**
Chef Salad or Chicken Bites/Bread Stick or Meatball Sub, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Peaches, Choice of Milk.
- Friday**
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Chicken Tenders/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.)/(H.S.) Bread Stick, Curly Fries, Italian Green Beans, Lettuce/Pickles, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Orange, Choice of Milk.

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- Game with a 108-card deck
- Part of a fire drill
- Corduroy feature
- Gardener's sackful
- Butter up?
- "Spare tire," essentially
- Eye impolitely
- Nasal partition
- Oregano and others
- To no
- Zero-point Scrabble tile
- Attila, e.g.
- Yardage pickup
- Treaty result
- Whittle away
- Charades "little word"
- Sudden thrust
- Blue-haired Simpson
- Camera card contents
- Did a valet's job
- Most minute
- Kobe currency
- One in a cast
- By necessity
- West of Hollywood
- One who takes boughs?
- Mess up
- Two under par
- African antelope
- Hobby room
- Dalmatian features
- Editorial strike-outs

DOWN

- Field yield
- Red in the middle
- Meat-grading org.
- Editor's direction
- Injurious
- Lovers' liaison
- Small, agile deer
- "La Cage Folles"
- "Love You" (Beatles hit)
- Change for the worse
- Bottom-dwelling kin of the great white
- Singer O'Day
- "Check," in poker
- Good soil

DOWN

- "_ you for real?"
- "The final frontier"
- Fork feature
- It's a long story
- Politico Bayh
- Certain summer job holder, maybe
- Plating metal
- Smelting byproducts
- "The Devil and Daniel Webster" author
- Spur on
- "I say more?"
- Snub-nosed dogs
- The usual
- Hamlet's slayer
- Mann of '60s pop
- "O Sole _"
- Cuzco's country
- No longer feral
- Words of compassion
- Affirmatives
- Attack, as with eggs
- Gawk at
- Like McCoy?
- Traffic marker
- Means justifiers, for some
- Kanye West specialty
- Self-perception

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Weather Whys

Q: Is there a difference between a funnel cloud and a tornado?

A: It's all in the timing, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. A funnel cloud is a powerful twisting mass of air stretching down from a thunderstorm, but it has not yet touched the ground. "Once it makes contact with the ground, it's then officially called a tornado," McRoberts explains. "That means that a funnel cloud has become a tornado. A funnel cloud doesn't do much damage up in the air, but once it makes contact with the ground, that's when trouble starts. If a funnel cloud is spotted, it should be treated like it is a tornado because the situation can change quickly and become a life-threatening event."

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TxDOT planning expansion of US 67 and US 277

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STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO- The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is hosting a meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, to discuss the proposed expansion of US Highway 67 and US Highway 277 in San Angelo. The area under consideration starts at the interchange of US 67/US 277 with Loop 306 and extends northeast through the interchange of US 67 and US 277 and follows US 277 north to the intersec-

tion of FM 2105. This 3.5 mile corridor includes the West Texas Training Center Campus and Howard College, the San Angelo Business and Industrial Center, Porter Henderson Implement Company, the Chaparral Commercial Center and others.

The public is invited. This is a preliminary planning meeting for the purpose of gathering public input regarding the ultimate configuration of the future expansion.

The meeting will be held

at the West Texas Training Center, 3501 N. US Hwy 67, San Angelo, Texas 76905 in the Kevin J. Barry Room beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Persons with special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT's Public Information Officer, Karen Threlkeld at (325) 947 9205 at least three days prior to the meeting. Because the public meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language in-

terpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least three days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

There will be a public comment period from May 21, 2013 to June 1, 2013. Written comments can be submitted to John DeWitt, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation, 4502 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904.

Public Record

Weddings	
Names	Filed
Anthony Martin Bryen and Elena Swyanne Valdez	May 7
Chance Clifford Hogan and Sabrina Renee Bullock	May 7
Justin Eric Simpson and Tamara Lynn Franklin	May 9

Divorces	
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Deborah Lynn DeBerry vs. Douglas Mark DeBerry	May 8

Runnels County Jail Log	
May 14, 2013	
Jaclyn Oliver	22 RSCO Forgery financial instrument
Eta Agbor	20 Coleman Burglary of habitation
Donald Johnson	50 Concho Indecency w/child
Staton Connor	25 Menard Ter. and MTR
Edward Odon	44 RSCO Sent 365 days Co. Jail
Benjamin Garcia	23 Concho DWI w/open container
Ector Rodriguez	32 Winters PD Assault causing Bodily injury/Family violence
Jonathan Reyes	19 Coke Co. Assault family violence, criminal mischief
Aristeo Alfaro	18 RSCO Assault causing bodily injury
Cory Johnson	17 RSCO Assault causing bodily injury

Deadline extended for Rural Energy for America applications

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

TEMPLE- USDA Rural Development announced that an amendment to the Notice of Funding Availability for the Rural Energy for America Program was published May 8, 2013 in the Federal Register.

The notice extends the application period from April 30, 2013 to May 31, 2013 for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvement projects grants and grant and loan combination applications, and for renewable energy system feasibility study applications. The Guaranteed Loan only application deadline is not being modified and will remain as July 15, 2013.

The notice also clarifies the regulatory requirement that an applicant is not eligible for an award if the System for Award Management (SAM) and Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) requirements are not met. All applications wishing to compete for funding consideration must have a DUNS number which is registered and current in the SAM system as of the deadline noted above.

The Notice of Funding Availability for the Rural Energy for America Program published May 8, 2013 in the Federal Register can be found at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-05-08/pdf/2013-10941.pdf>. As indicated in the notice, the agency intends to publish a separate notice to amend the funding available under REAP.

Rural small businesses and agriculture producers who have interest in renewable energy or energy efficiency projects are encouraged to take this opportunity to submit applications for Fiscal Year 2013 if they have not already done so. If an application has already been submitted for funding consideration, the extension affords an opportunity to enhance or modify the proposal up to the newly published deadline. Please note however, that the application date will be changed accordingly based on the new submission date.

Please visit our website for additional program information and for application templates at:

http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/TX_Energy.html or call the Texas State Office Business and Cooperative Programs staff at 254-742-9780.

Local shooters take top honors in McCulloch County shoot

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- Emily West, Paul McDaniel, and Riley West represented the Runnels County 4-H Shooting Sports club May 11, 2013, at the third Annual McCulloch County HOT Invitational Shoot hosted by the McCulloch County 4-H Shooting Sports club at the Brady Gun Range in Brady, Texas.

Emily competed in the Junior age division in Sporter Air Rifle, Light Rifle, and .22 Rifle Silhouette, earning first place honors in Junior Sporter Air Rifle. Paul competed in the Intermediate age division in Sporter Air Rifle, Light Rifle, .22 Rifle Silhouette, 10M Target Air Pistol, Four-Position BB, and BB Silhouette. He was third place Intermediate in Sporter Air Rifle and third place Intermedi-

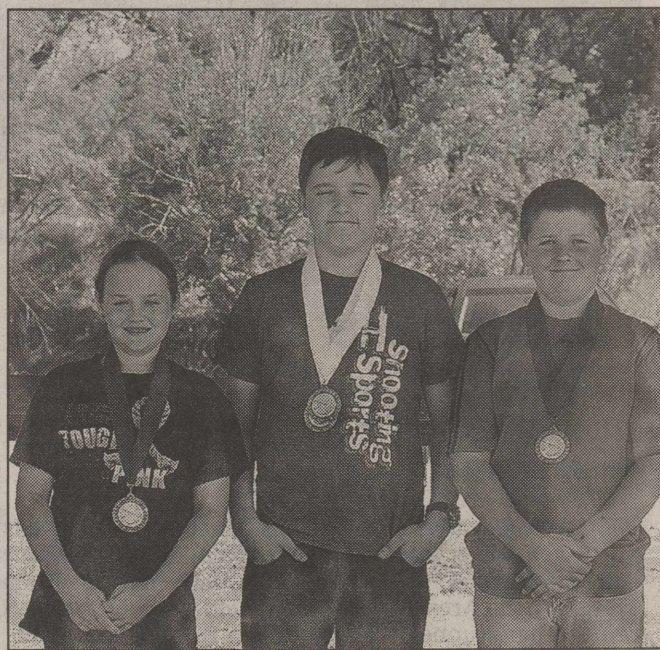


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Emily West, Paul McDaniel, Riley West

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The residence of the Independent Executor is in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, and the post office address is: P. O. Box 612, Ballinger, Texas 76821.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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On top of that, we wouldn't have had rolling pins — a foothold for male chauvinism — and

one Dale Scarth might not have been able to graphically convey to the former Helen Marie Johnson that the way to his heart was indeed through his tummy....

Scarth, who rose through the ranks of what was then Texas Electric Service Company from engineer to president (1949-1989), in his youth dug post holes for Kansas rural electric lines. The year was 1947; he was freshly discharged from World War II military service. Soon, Scarth was smitten with his true love. He looked forward to walking her home after work each day.

His work day ended 90 minutes before hers, so he often whiled away the time in a Fredonia cabinet shop.

(He's always been handy with his hands, and in retirement has made hundreds of wire "doo-hickies" handy for engaging those pesky top buttons

on dress shirts. His invention provides yet another use for welding wire.)

As the courtship advanced, Scarth decided to make Helen a rolling pin. He wasn't about to be the object of fun-poking that inevitably would have been offered by friends in town if he carried it on their walk to her home. Without an auto of his own, he carefully placed it on the back seat of her dad's car

parked nearby....

The same evening following dinner, he and Helen cozied up on the front porch swing — a frequent pastime. This



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setting beckoned when the weather was nice, fireflies cavorted and things were right for sweet nothings to be shared by the light of the silvery moon.

Scarth popped the question, and she accepted. Immediately, she raced back inside to tell her folks about the marriage proposal. Helen's dad responded in a deep, gruff voice. "Does that thing in the back seat of the car have anything to do with that thing on your finger?"

It probably did. Dale and the Scarths' four children agree that she was a world-class baker. The couple was married for 64 years, ending with her death in 2011....

My Uncle Mort identifies with rolling pins, even though their use has diminished greatly in recent decades. (Mostly, they are seen now in museums and rarely in kitchens.)

"When I was a kid, my dad always urged me to search for a 'working wife'," my almost 101-year-old kin told me. Mort asked his dad how in the world he could be sure, and was told to go over to the girl's house "of a morning." There, he could go straight to the woodpile out back to learn if her mom was a "working woman." Mort still was puzzled.

"If there's a biscuit dough hanging from the ax handle, a working woman lives there," Mort's dad said....

Some years ago, my wife made one of her occasional trips to Canton for the community's heralded "First Monday" sale. Brenda was gone for a couple of days, hurrying from booth to booth at the big attraction.

While she was away, I decided to do something I'd rarely done before — clean

house. I buffed, painted, vacuumed and mopped — the whole deal. I fully expected to be lavished with praise when she saw all I had done. Upon her return, I escorted her into every room, expecting thankful comments. Instead, she was stone silent, saying nothing. Finally, I asked, "Isn't there something you'd like to say?"

Pausing, she finally responded, "Yes, it's a thankless job, isn't it?..."

I have to give her credit, though, for her emphasis on healthy meals.

Nowadays, she's pushing blended diets.

Last night, we drank a chicken....

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It's never too early to start

The 91st Fall Festival of St. Joseph's, Rowena, is scheduled for Sunday, November 10, 2013. But, it's never too early to start planning and preparing for the big day. Mandy Smetana (left) and Maxine Michalewicz (right) show off the quilt that will be the first prize in the raffle at the festival. Mandy used her talents to create the beautiful quilt top and also donated the backing, batting and edging that will complete the quilt. In the next coming months the ladies of St. Joseph's will gather for a quilting bee to put the quilt together and ready it for the festival. Maxine Michalewicz is president of St. Ann's Altar Society and Christian Mothers, the group which sponsors the raffle each year.



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Study up on college savings vehicles

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Another school year is drawing to a close — so if you have young children, they're one year closer to the day when they head off to college. And both you and your children need to prepare for that day. Your kids can do so by developing good study habits. As for you, it's never too soon to start preparing for the high costs of higher education.

Just how costly is college? According to the College Board's figures for the 2012-13 academic year, the average cost for one year at an in-state four-year public school is \$22,261; for a private school, the comparable expense is \$43,289. And if college costs continue rising faster than the general inflation rate, these figures will increase substantially in the years ahead.

Of course, it's entirely possible that your kids will receive some scholarships or grants, which can significantly lower your out-of-pocket price tag. Nonetheless, it's probably a good idea not to count on your offspring getting a "full ride" to school — which means that you may want to start exploring college-savings vehicles. Fortunately, you have

some attractive options, one of which is a 529 plan.

When you contribute to a 529 plan, your earnings accumulate tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (Keep in mind, though, that 529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax and a 10 percent IRS penalty.) Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may be deductible from your state taxes. However, 529 plans vary, so be sure to check with your tax advisor regarding deductibility.

A 529 plan offers other benefits, too. For one thing, the lifetime contribution limits for 529 plans are quite generous; while these limits vary by state, some plans allow contributions well in excess of \$200,000. Plus, a 529 plan is flexible: if your child, grandchild or other beneficiary decides against college or vocational school, you can transfer the unused funds to another family member, tax and penalty free.

While a 529 plan may be a good choice for building resources for college, it's certainly not the only choice. For example, a Coverdell Education Sav-

ings Account, like a 529 plan, can generate tax-free earnings if the money is used for higher education expenses. However, you can typically only put in a maximum of \$2,000 per year to a Coverdell account.

Another college-savings possibility is a custodial account, known as an UGMA or UTMA, which offers some tax benefits, no contribution limits, and may have an impact on financial aid. You might also consider investing in a zero-coupon bond that matures just when your child is ready for college. Unlike other bonds, you won't receive regular interest payments with a zero-coupon bond, but you purchase it at a deep discount, so you might find the affordability factor to be worth considering. (Be aware, though, that even though you don't actually receive the interest payments annually, you'll still be liable for the taxes on them, so before purchasing a zero coupon bond, consult with your tax advisor.)

Whichever college-savings vehicles you choose, try to put them to work as early as you can. Before you know it, today's first-graders will be tomorrow's college freshmen.

Not much freeze-damaged wheat likely to be replanted to cotton

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COLLEGE STATION—Texas cotton planting intentions may be affected by the replanting to cotton of freeze-damaged wheat acreage, but a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert doesn't expect the change to be significant on dryland wheat acres.

"Most of the shift will occur on irrigated wheat fields lost to late spring freezes in the Rolling Plains and Northern High Plains," said Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension

state cotton specialist, College Station. "The optimum planting window for cotton has passed in South Texas and the Blacklands."

However, cotton planting has just begun in the Rolling Plains, South Plains and Panhandle regions, but there are other factors — not the least of which are precipitation expectations — that will limit producers replanting to cotton, he said.

"Many of the production regions where wheat had severe freeze damage are not major cotton acre

regions, so we won't see a big shift there," Morgan said. "And the other factor is that if things remain dry, there's not a lot incentive for guys to go in with another crop. Finally, it will depend on the multi-dimensional aspects of crop insurance for both the wheat and cotton, which may be different for irrigated and dryland fields." But the major factor continues to be the weather, he said. With forecasts not predicting a turnaround of drought conditions anytime soon, things are looking "pretty bleak for the Southern High Plains where most of our cotton is grown."

In the Rolling Plains, a rough estimate is about 50 percent of wheat was lost due to the late freezes, Morgan said. But with the region still suffering severe to exceptional drought, replanting wheat acres to cotton is really only a viable option for those with sufficient irrigation capacity to make a cotton crop.

In March, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Prospective Plantings report predicted Texas intended cotton plantings to be 5.5 million acres, which represented a 16 percent drop from actual cotton plantings of 6.55 million acres in 2012. The National Cotton Council predicted a more severe drop of 25 percent to 4.91 million acres.

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>

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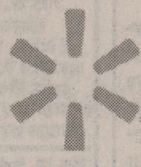


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