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Cuts are just the first step: Conaway

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - Recent negotiations to increase the debt ceiling between Congress and the White House turned out in budget cuts that are a modest first step toward straightening the economy, but they were a first step anyway said West Texas Rep. Mike Conaway.

U.S. Congressman was in Ballinger last Wednesday, August 10, for a morning town meeting with Runnels County residents hosted by the First Community Federal Union in Ballinger.

"The problem we got is that we will spend between 43 to 46 trillion dollars over the next 10 years and the cuts we are talking about are 2.1 to 2.4 trillion, that is a pretty modest first step. That is not something to be bragging on, is just the direction in the overall commitment," said

Conaway.

Rep. considered that the recent downgrade given by risk analysts to the Federal Government is just a "national outlook for our country... It is clear that 75-year projections that are current are unsustainable, the downgrade is driven by the recognition that we need to get on a path that changes that, and that is what we are trying to get done."

According to Conaway creating jobs and providing the base for a stable economy are the only things the federal government can do to revert the downturn "the economy has to protect itself, it is not the federal government's job to protect the economy, the private sector does that best."

Conaway spoke in front of some area residents about amendments to balance the budget, and how the bill will require 290 votes in the the

House of Representatives to pass, as well as the approval of the Senate.

Attendants questioned Conaway about Social Security regulations, a system that will need to face some changes in a nearby future. However these changes will be focusing exclusively in citizens 54 and under, all 55 and older will be retiring with current regulations.

Medicare, said Conaway, also needs to be renegotiated with citizens 54 and younger, current conditions would take the system into bankruptcy by 2024.

Some areas in rural Texas will have to deal with the closure of Post Offices "some people will be affected and they don't like it, we don't like it either but we can not keep operating a system that is losing millions of dollars each year."



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

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Dove Fest to feature live and silent auctions

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WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - This year's Winters Dove Fest will feature live and silent auctions which will be held in conjunction with the event. There will be a silent auction from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The live auction will begin at 2 p.m. and will run in conjunction with the gun raffles at the Community Center and Park, at 300 FM 1770.

Anyone that would like to donate to the auctions may contact Kim Jackson at (325) 754 4339 or Teresa Walden at (325) 754 5394.

The 2011 Winters Dove Fest, one of the largest events in Winters and the surrounding area, will be held on Saturday, September 3. The fest features many activities in several areas of the community and attracts hundreds of visitors and hunters.

This year the fest will feature an Elvis impersonator, Winters' own Harvey McFadden with 50s, 60s 70s and all of the Elvis' favorites. "Elvis" will be rock and rolling from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The hunter appreciation barbecue lunch will take place at the Community Center and Park. Free barbecue lunch will be available for active military.

Besides the live and silent auctions, one of the main hits year after year is the raffle for six guns. Chances are already on sale for a Browning Citori 525 O/U 12 ga. shotgun, Browning Cynergy O/U 20 ga.



PHOTO: FILE

The gun raffle is one of the main attractions every year at the Winters Dove Fest.

SEE FEST, 2

Limb pick-up to continue, corrects City

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - The City of Winters will continue performing the limb pick-up service, according to a correction sent to this newspaper by City officials. Last week, the Winters Enterprise printed that the limb service would be discontinued among other measures taken in order to prevent a future bankruptcy.

The limb pick-up service discontinuation was one of the measures evaluated at the budget workshop held on Tuesday, August 7 but "if the council wanted to keep the lower tax rate they would have to look at cutting some of the services. The council opted not to cut services by choosing the budget put forth," according to a letter sent to the newsroom this week.

Winters' City Council is evaluating a property tax increase from this year's \$0.68866900 per \$100 of appraisal value to \$0.73717598, which is equivalent to a 7.04 percent tax rate increase.

"The rate increase is not going to bring the City more funds than last year it is going to bring in the same amount of funds that we received last year. It needs to be understood that we are not hiking the taxes to increase the revenue over last years numbers we are doing it to get the same amount of revenue and then we are cutting expenses to make this revenue work," said City officials in the letter sent to the Winters Enterprise.

The proposed budget, prepared by City Mayor and interim Manager Lewis Bergman, looks forward to

SEE LIMB, 2

Winters Country Club Men's City Golf Championship

The Men's City Golf Championship was played on Saturday August 13 and Sunday August 14 at the Winters Country Club. Connie Mac Gibbs placed first on the

Championship Flight, followed by second place Anthony Ochoa.

Jerry B. Whitlow placed first in First Flight, with the sil-

ver medal for Kenny Gibbs; and in the Second Flight the first place was for Jerry Sims, with Gary Schwartz placing second.



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Championship Flight first place Connie Mac Gibbs and second place Anthony Ochoa.



First Flight champion Jerry B. Whitlow with second place Kenny Gibbs.



Second Flight winner Jerry Sims and runner up Gary Schwartz.

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FUNERALS AND DEATH NOTICES

Nelda Elizabeth Bedford

Nelda Elizabeth Bedford, 95, of Winters, died August 11, 2011. She was born August 14, 1915 to Paul Otto and Betty Ziemer Dittrich in Hamilton, Texas. She lived there until she was 11 when she moved with her family to Winters, Texas. She graduated from Winters High School and attended John Tarleton College in Stephenville. She married Fred D. Bedford February 22, 1936 in Dallas. She was a secretary for an insurance company. She was a Baptist. The family appreciates the loving care given to Nelda by Vista Care Hospice, Sr. Citizens Nursing Home and Winters Assisted Living.

She is survived by one son: Daniel Bedford of Mill Valley, California; eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by three children: Betty Bedford, Fred Bedford and Norma Sue Bedford.

Graveside service were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday August 16, 2011 at Lakeview Cemetery with Rev. Heath Powers officiating directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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Mary Louise Gray

Mary Louise Gray, 66, of Ballinger, formerly of Winters, died August 11, 2011. She was born April 4, 1945 in Winters and lived there until 1950 when she moved to Kress, Texas with her family.

She is survived by her husband: Zane "Butch" Gray of Ballinger, four sisters: Patsy Grissom and husband Rickey of Winters, Texas, Gay Grenwelge and husband Ben of Kempner, Texas, Polly Lovelady and husband Ray of Abilene, Texas, and Pamela Hoelscher and husband Larry of Odessa, Texas; brothers Wesley Lee Hord, Jr. and wife Linda of Georgetown, Texas, Jack L. Hord and wife Venita of Ft. Worth, Texas and Jake G. Hord of Odessa, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her son James Barton "Jamie" Marks II.

Services were held on Monday, August 15, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ferris Akins officiating. Burial was held in Lakeview Cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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Tickets for the Blizzards already on sale

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STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - Sale of season tickets/reserved seats for the 2011 Blizzard football season will begin on Wednesday, August 17. Last year's season ticket holders have the option of purchasing the same reserved seats at this time. Season tickets will be \$25 per seat this season.

Sales for fans that did not have season tickets/reserved seats last year will begin on Wednesday, August 24. These tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Season tickets/reserved seats are sold as one "Season Ticket" to be used for all five home games. Purchases for season tickets/reserved seats may be made at the district Administration office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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. JV and JR High admission prices will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. All Senior Citizens, 60 or older will receive free general admission. Senior Citizen general admission passes are also available at the administration office.

The Blizzards will host the first home game on Friday, August 26 against Coleman. For More information on Blizzard Athletics please visit the website at www.wintersisd.org

USDA loosens CRP regulations

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STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON - Farm Service Agency (FSA) is modifying its Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) policies to help those affected by sustained drought conditions. Throughout this year of extreme weather, USDA has supported and delivered assistance to farmers, ranchers, and rural communities across the country announced Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

"We continue to do all we can to help thousands of farmers and ranchers in the southwestern United States who are struggling from drought," said Vilsack. "Many ranchers have been or will be forced to sell livestock due to drought and USDA will do what we can to help our farmers and ranchers during these challenging times."

The policy changes influence FSA rules governing emergency grazing. The period normally allowed for emergency grazing lasts through Sept. 30, 2011. FSA is permitting farmers and ranchers in drought stricken states who have been approved for emergency grazing, including those in Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, to extend the emergency grazing period to Oct. 31, 2011, without an additional payment reduction.

Producers wishing to participate in emergency grazing must first request permission from the FSA county office by indicating the acreage to be grazed.

As a second condition designed to help livestock producers, FSA will allow producers nationwide to utilize harvested hay from expiring CRP acres when those acres are being prepared for fall seeded crops. Prior to this modification, all mechanically harvested hay was required to be destroyed. This change enables livestock producers to feed the hay that is mechanically harvested to their own livestock or to sell or donate hay. Consistent with existing policy for managed or emergency haying and grazing of eligible CRP acres, rental payments will be reduced by 25 percent for those utilizing this option.

"We are eager to do all we can in the face of this drought crisis across the southern plains," said FSA Administrator Bruce Nelson. "This has been one of the worst dry and hot spells since the Dust Bowl era of the 1930s."

For further information about the Conservation Reserve Program and Emergency Haying and Grazing, producers are encouraged to visit their USDA Service Centers or go online to www.fsa.usda.gov. Search under Conservation Programs and Disaster Assistance.

Winters Public Library donations

The Winters Public Library received donations from:

- Betty John Byrns, memorial for Wayne Rodgers.
- Bill and Cindy Cathey, memorials for Freddie Gardner, Nina Hale, Virginia Baker, Thurman Deike, Olga Meyers, Pete Eoff, Leona Matthies.
- Betty John Byrns, memorial for Arnold Allcorn.
- Fred Poe.

New adult books:

- "Hope Rekindled" by Tracie Peterson.
- "Escape" by Barbara Delinsky.
- "The Darling Dahlias" by Susan Wittig Albert.
- "The Silent Girl" by Tess Gerritsen.
- "Split Second" by Catherine Coulter.
- "Happy Birthday" by Danielle Steel.

LIMB: to continue service

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reduce the yearly deficit that the City has been having during the last three years. The budget also eliminates the incentive and longevity pays, as well as merit raise allowance for the City employees.

These measures are adopted to deal with the deficit as well as the adjusted appraisal value, which dropped from \$63,684,150 to an adjusted tax base of \$59,446,457. The \$4,237,693 loss represents a 7.7 percent of the appraisal value.

Along with these cuts, some other measures previ-

ously approved by the City Council are taken going into effect to improve the efficiency in different departments such as the City Pool, with increased rates, as well as and cemetery plots.

Winters City Administration staff is already reduced, leaving two full time employees after the resignation of City Manager Alan Hollander and the retirement of Shelia Paschal. At the budget meeting the City Council evaluated a proposal by Bergman to hire a part time City Manager, with a \$20,000 salary. City Secretary vacancy will not be fulfilled.

FEST: one of largest events

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shotgun, Browning X-Bolt Stainless 22-250 bolt action rifle, Ruger M77 Hawkeye 257 Roberts bolt action rifle, Tikka T-3 Hunter 300 WSM bolt action rifle, and a Ruger Mini-14 semi-auto 223 caliber rifle.

Tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25 and may be purchased at several locations including the City of Winters, The Computer Guy, The Stitchin' Post, Bahlman Motors, Bedford-Norman Insurance, and the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation.

Dove hunts on locations near Winters will be available for bird hunters needing a place to hunt, proceeds will benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Weekend hunts will also be available. For more information on the dove hunts contact Archie Jobe at (325) 793 3507 or 660 8334.

For information and available hunting leases go to website www.winters-texas.us. RV hookups are available downtown and at the Winters Lake.

A clay pigeon fun shoot with various competition shoots will take place from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the 91 Rodeo Arena Road, off Highway 83, south of town. The Winters Gun and

Knife Show will again feature lots of guns, knives and hunting equipment and this year will be in the old Dollar Store building, downtown Winters.

Exhibit tables for the Gun and Knife Show are available by calling Nathan Johnson at (325) 977 2021. The trade Show will be located in the newly revamped building downtown Winters and tables and booth spaces for the Trade Show are available by calling Shelly at (325) 754 4424 at the City of Winters offices. Both shows will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A motorcycle fun run will provide a scenic bike run near Winters for all bikers. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and bikes will be back by 3:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. For more information on the bike run contact Elmer Buckelew at (325) 365 6124.

Everyone is invited to join the fun in the Winters on September 3. For additional information on Winters Dove Fest access the website www.winters-texas.us, call at (325) 754 4424 or (325) 754 5210, or e-mail at dovefest@winters-texas.us. Bring the entire family and enjoy a fun filled day in Winters, Texas. This year the fest will include free swimming at the City Pool.

Coleman Co Electric announces 'brown-out'

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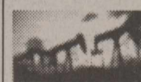
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - AEP is planning an outage at their Winters Substation to perform maintenance and install a portable substation on Tuesday August 23, 2011 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This will affect rural areas in all directions from the City of Winters.

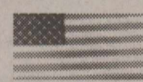
In an attempt to keep the power on, Coleman County Electric Cooperative will back feed power from their Novice and Hatchel substations to their members. Heat will be a factor in this shift of power.

The company is asking residents to be conservative with the use of power during this time. If their power has not been restored after 9 p.m., call the CCEC office at (325) 625 2128.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

In answer to Mr. Bartlett's concern,

The Water Department takes water conservation seriously and every attempt is made to prevent loss no matter the source. The water system is a large and complex system designed to contain a difficult but precious resource.

To clarify, there is no voice mail and no text received on the emergency water number which is 365 1307. The non emergency police line is 754 4121 and that is manned 24x7x365 and has no voice mail.

Water Department personnel were alerted by the automated equipment at the water plant at 2:26 a.m. on the morning in question. This is the first notice received that some issue might be present. By 3 a.m. additional personnel were called in to help locate the leak. It was found before 4 a.m. and stopped shortly thereafter.

We appreciate calls to alert on call personnel in cases like this since it pinpoints the issue and they aren't forced to hunt the break down. As droughts worsen, breaks become more common.

Emergency Water Number 365-1307.

Lewis Bergman
Mayor
City of Winters

Farm Bureau membership drive

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STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - The Runnels County Farm Bureau will be having a membership drive the week of August 22 - 26. Anyone who is not a member of the Runnels County Farm Bureau can take advantage of this opportunity and become a member of the largest agriculture organization in the United States of America.

Texas Farm Bureau's purpose is to be the Voice of Texas Agriculture. The vision of Texas Farm Bureau is to benefit all Texans through promotion of a prosperous agricultural industry, protecting private property rights, preserving the land and environment, and enhancing the food safety and supply. The Farm Bureau is working on numerous items through the legislative process. Some of the high priority issues are: obtain high net income for farmers and ranchers, ensure the right to own and control private property, develop, expand and protect foreign markets, reduce ad valorem tax burden, protect water rights, and reduce

burdensome regulations on agriculture.

Becoming a member indicates that you are concerned about the production of the safest, most inexpensive, and best quality food and fiber produced in the world. Production agricultural is in the early stages of research and development of cleaner and more efficient energy sources in order to reduce the dependence on fossil fuels. The members work together from the county level, to the state and national level to accomplish these goals. Policies are proposed at the county and used by the legislative staff of Texas Farm Bureau in Austin and Washington D.C.

As a member of the county farm bureau your dues also make you a member of the Texas Farm Bureau which is over 400,000 member families strong in 207 Texas counties. The Texas Farm Bureau is affiliated with the American Farm Bureau Federation, which has over 6 million member families in all 50 states. There are many programs for mem-

bers to be a part of. There is a Young Farmer and Rancher Program to develop young leadership, AgLead to educate young leaders, FarmLead to educate the older leaders, youth leadership programs and scholarships, rural fireman training programs, 23 commodity divisions to help producers educate them and make policies.

There are many benefits and services that as a member you are entitled to. Some of these are as follows: vehicle discount, rental car discounts, motel-room discount, banking services, prescription drug discounts, all types of insurance services such as life, health and property coverage. Texas Farm Bureau also offers an estate planning benefit service that is free to its membership.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Farm Bureau member they can contact the Runnels County Farm Bureau office at 325-365-2562. If you would like more information about Texas Farm Bureau go to www.txfb.org.

NEWS NOTES

Section 504 child find notice

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the district has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate, and if eligible provide a free appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, of for answers to any questions you may have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504 programs, please contact the District's Section 504 Coordinator Eva McBeth, at (325) 754 5577 or by mail at Winters Elementary, 603 N. Heights.

Aviso sobre la identificación de estudiantes discapacitados

Bajo la Sección 504 del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el distrito Escolar está obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar y proporcionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a estudiantes discapacitados que califiquen para recibir el servicio bajo esta ley. Si desea más información sobre los derechos de padres de niños discapacitados o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificación, evaluación y colocación de niños en el programa de la Sección 504, por favor llame Eva McBeth, Coordinadora del Programa en el Distrito al (325) 754 5577 o envíe una carta a la Winters Elementary, 603 N. Heights.

Rodeo playday on Aug. 20

The Winters Rodeo Association will host their August playday on Saturday, August 20 at the Winters Rodeo Arena. Sign-up for events at 6 p.m. and ride at 7 p.m. We'll have a full concession stand open in time for supper. We look forward to seeing you there!

For questions or information contact Melissa at (325) 754 5648

Meet the Blizzards update

Meet the Blizzards will be held on Tuesday, August 30 at Blizzard Stadium in Winters. The Winters Athletic Booster Club will offer free hot dogs from 6 to 7 p.m. At 7 p.m. Blizzard fans will be introduced to the 2011-12 Varsity, JV, and JH football players, cheerleaders, cross-country teams, and bands.

The long-standing tradition of a homemade ice-cream supper will follow. Athletic Booster Club will be selling Blizzard apparel and memberships during the event. All Blizzard fans are encouraged to come out and Meet the Blizzards to kick-off the start of what promises to be a fantastic athletic season.

WJH schedules on Aug. 17

Winters Junior High School will be picking up their schedules on Wednesday, August 17 in three different time slots. Schedules for Sixth Grade students will be given from 1:30-2:30 p.m., Seventh Grade schedules will be given from 2:30-3:30 p.m., and Eighth Grade schedules from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. On Thursday, August 18, WJHS will have its open house from 7:30-8 p.m. Parents and new students

are welcome to meet the teachers and get familiar with the facilities.

WHS classes of 1976-80 reunion

Winters High School Classes of 1976-1980 invites all of their classmates and graduates to a multi class reunion September 23-24, 2011. A hamburger supper will be held at the school cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. before the Winters vs. Bronte football game. An after game fellowship sponsored by the Ex Student Association is tentatively being planned to be held after the football game at the Winters Community Center.

On Saturday, a tour of the high school and new activity center is planned to begin at 1:30 p.m. From 3-6 p.m., visiting will be at The Shed Pavilion 608 CR 226, Wingate, TX. At 6:30 p.m. a catered BBQ dinner will be served. A dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. Class representatives are: Class of 1976, Becky Bryan Airhart 1412 S. Main Winters, TX 79567; Class of 1977, Teresa Wright Walden 717 FM 2405 Winters, TX 79567; Class of 1978, Marsha Smith 908 State Winters, TX 79567; Class of 1979, Janet Jacob Cason 6010 Hwy. 83 Winters, TX 79567; Class of 1980 Renee' Pierce Calcote 100 Park Lane Winters, TX 79567. Please RSVP to your respective class representative by September 12, 2011. The organization is working to contact all classmates of these five classes.

WHS activity calendar

These are some important dates to remember. Aug. 22 - First day of school HS Cross Country Practice will begin on

August 8 at 6:30 p.m. (meeting with Coach Holson) and running at 7 p.m. at the HS gym.

Immunization clinic

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be having an immunization clinic in Ballinger, on Thursday, August 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at 608 Strong (behind the Courthouse). Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid or CHIP, please bring card. For more information call 325-754-4945.

Cross Emmaus Community gatherings

The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at the United Methodist Church. For more information call (325) 365 2323.

VFW meetings

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 meet the second Monday night of each month at 6 p.m. in the Rock Hotel. All eligible veterans of the United States military are invited to attend.

Band Boosters

The Band Boosters meet at 6:30 p.m. every Monday evening at Dot's Diner.

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.

Chamber of Commerce Chamber of Commerce meets at 5:30 p.m. first

Monday of the month at DLC Realty 116 S. Main St. in the backroom.

City Council Meetings

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

School Board Meetings

Winters ISD School Board meets at 6:30 p.m. every second Monday of the month at 603 North Heights.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

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

Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting

Masonic Lodge # 643, 500 N Broadway, Ballinger Tx.

Stated meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month except for holidays if it falls on that Monday. For more information call (325) 365 3202.

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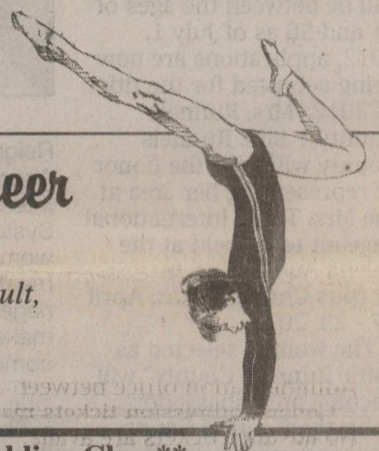
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THURSDAY
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FRIDAY
Bar-b-que on Bun, Corn Salad, Pickles & Onion, Chips, Dessert.

Meals are served 11:30 a.m. daily. Anyone who does not take the meals regularly is asked to reserve a lunch by contacting the Activity Center at 754-4205 by 1 a.m.

Scrimmage brings good results for the Blizzards

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - The Varsity and Junior Varsity Winters Blizzards held their first scrimmage of the season last Saturday, August 13 at Roby, with very good results.

Players from both teams combined for a mixed scrimmage. Winters scored a total of four touchdowns and took one from the Roby Lions.

"Our number two offense scored two touch down passes, we still have a long ways to go but we threw the ball pretty good, we also need to work in our blocking," said Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Stephen Hermesmeier.

Winters will have a new scrimmage this Friday, August 19, at 5:30 p.m. at Blizzard Stadium. They will be facing Rotan and Junction in a three way scrimmage.



Hayden Nitsch carries the ball past the Roby Lions defense line at the first scrimmage of the 2011 season held last Saturday, August 13, at Roby.



Strait Daniel and Nick Kraatz tighten the defense to bring down one of the Roby players.

PHOTOS: JOE GERHART

Looking for Mrs. Runnels County 2012

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

SAN ANTONIO - Have you always wanted to make a difference in your community but didn't know where to start? All around Texas, women are finding that a crown can serve to promote a cause or issue.

If you are married and will be between the ages of 21 and 56 as of July 1, 2012, applications are now being accepted for the title of 2012 "Mrs. Runnels County"! Mrs. Runnels County will have the honor of representing her area at the Mrs. Texas International Pageant to be held at the Selena Auditorium in Corpus Christi, Texas, April 27 - 29, 2012.

The woman selected as "Mrs. Runnels County" will become an ambassador from the Runnels County area and receive an official



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Reigning Mrs. Texas 2011 Angelique Hoover. The Mrs. International Pageant System recognizes married women for their accomplishments, commitment to marriage and their desire to make a difference in their communities.

The woman crowned Mrs. Texas will receive a prize

package valued at over \$20,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the 2012 Mrs. International Pageant in Chicago.

The American Heart Association is the official charity of the Mrs. Texas International Pageant. In 2008, the International Pageants joined the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement and each state titleholder will champion heart disease as a national platform in addition to promoting their own platform throughout the year.

Go Red for Women captures the energy, passion, and intelligence of women, to work collectively to wipe out heart disease - the No. 1 killer of women. While 1-in-30 American women die of breast cancer, almost 1-in-3 will die from cardio-

vascular disease. Our passion is to unite women in this fight. Our involvement in the movement can help save lives. For more information go to www.GoRedForWomen.org.

The current reigning "2011" Mrs. Texas is Angelique Hoover of Houston, Texas. Angelique and her husband, Kenny, have been married for nine years. Together, they have one little boy: Zander. Angelique has dedicated her reign, as Mrs. Texas, to

the Look Good... Feel Better Program: a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the self-esteem and quality of life for people undergoing treatment for cancer. This brand-neutral public service program teaches beauty techniques to cancer patients to help them manage the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment.

Mrs. contestants will compete in Interview, Fitness Wear, and Evening Gown. (There is no talent

or swimsuit competition and no experience necessary!)

Married women living or working in Runnels County interested in applying, should request a bio. form:

Mrs. Texas International Pageant, 14427 Brookhollow, Suite 197, San Antonio, TX 78232, or call (210) 403-0589, e-mail Kristin@TexasInternationalPageants.com, or visit our website www.mrstexasinternational.com for more information.

USDA seeks comments on proposed rule

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) issued a proposed rule on August 11 to establish general regulations for improving the traceability of U.S. livestock moving interstate if an animal disease event takes place.

Under the proposed rule, livestock moving interstate would have to be officially identified unless specifically exempted. The proposed rule encourages the use of low-cost technology, and specifies approved forms of official identification for each species, such as metal eartags for cattle.

"The ability to track where diseased or at risk animals have gone or been moved from, is critical in

ensuring a rapid response should an animal disease event take place," Dr. Dee Ellis, State Veterinarian, said. "We encourage all interested stakeholders to comment on this proposed rule," Ellis stated.

An efficient and accurate animal disease traceability system helps reduce the number of animals affected by the disease itself or movement restrictions. A traceability system also reduces the time needed to control the spread of the disease and ultimately decreases the cost to producers.

This notice will be published in the August 11 Federal Register.

Comments must be received on or before Wednesday, November 9. Comments may be submitted by the following methods: Federal eRulemaking

Portal: Go to www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2009-0091 to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically; or Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send two copies of your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2009-0091, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2009-0091.

For more information regarding the proposed animal traceability rule visit <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/2011/08/pdf/QAtraceabil.VS.pdf> or for general information about USDA-APHIS visit www.aphis.usda.gov

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The WINTERS I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 30, 2011 in 603 N HEIGHTS WINTERS, TX, ADMIN. BLDG. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.000000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	-5.60 % decrease
Debt Service	0.00 % increase
Total expenditures	-5.60 % decrease

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$429,923,440	\$305,820,950
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$3,373,340	\$898,963
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$217,713,966	\$194,154,314
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$3,333,400	\$898,963

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.000000*	\$1.040000	\$3,901	\$7,056
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.219120	\$0.000000*	\$1.219120	\$3,989	\$7,395
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.000000*	\$1.040000	\$3,619	\$6,700

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$42,473	\$44,642
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$27,473	\$29,642
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.040000	\$1.040000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$285.72	\$308.28
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$22.56

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.040000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.040000.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$949,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

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9am - 6pm	Winters Gun & Knife Show, Downtown
9am - 6pm	Trade Show, Downtown
9am - 3:30pm	Motorcycle Fun Run
10:30am - 1:30pm	Silent Auction
10:30am - 1:30pm	Hunters Appreciation Barbecue, Community Center
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A copy of the proposed budget can be seen at the City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All citizens that are interested are encouraged to attend the public hearing.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Rose Marie Brown were issued on August 8, 2011, in Cause No. 6748, pending in the County Court of Runnels County, Texas, to Susan Marie Brown Mansell and Linda Ann Brown Duggan.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Susan Marie Brown Mansell and Linda Ann Brown Duggan Independent Executors Estate of Rose Marie Brown, Deceased c/o John A. Hay, Jr. P.O. Box 271 San Angelo, Texas 76902-0271

All persons hav-

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

DATED August 9, 2011.

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By: JOHN A. HAY, JR. State Bar No. 09266500 P.O. Box 271 San Angelo, Texas 76902-0271 325-658-2728/325-655-2278 (fax)

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THE STATE OF TEXAS: IN THE INTEREST OF **CARISSA ALEXIS MARTINEZ, A CHILD CAUSE NO. 790** IN THE 119TH DISTRICT COURT OF RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS

Attorney for Plaintiff: Elizabeth O'Connor P.O. Box 495 Ballinger, Texas 76821.

TO: **ERIC JASON MARTINEZ** Defendant - **GREETING**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

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

c/o: Kenneth H. Slimp P.O. Box 157 Winters, Texas 79567

DATED the 8 day of August, 2011.

Kenneth H. Slimp Attorney for Billie Schaefer Independent Exec03514020. State Bar No.: 18500900 Box 157 Winters, Texas 79567 Telephone: (325) 754-5563 Facsimile: (325) 754-5564

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technical Education Programs

Ballinger ISD offers career and technical education programs in Agriculture Science, Career and Technology, Family & Consumer Science, Business/Office Education and Industrial Technology. La admisión a estos programas se basa en student course request, counseling, and prior course prerequisites.

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For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, and/or Will Brewer, Superintendent at 802 Conda Avenue, Ballinger, Texas (325)365-3588.

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Texas Education Agency Division of Career and Technical Education

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technical Education* Programs

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Local breeder to Cowgirl Hall of Fame

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER - A lifetime cattle breeder, developer of a new breed and the first woman to be trained by the American Breeders Service for artificial insemination will be one of the 2011 inductees of the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame. Sarah Buxkemper, a long time Runnels County resident, always knew cattle was going to be part of her life.

"I want to be a cowboy when I grow up," she said to her mother when she was 4 years old. At that age she only had a rocking horse. Sarah's family has a strong tradition of breeding cattle. Lucy Kuhn, her grandmother and long time Rowena's pharmacist, started her in the cattle business.

"My grandmother was one of the founders of Rowena, when her husband died in 1906 she went back to school and became a pharmacist, many people still remembers her as the town pharmacist," said Sarah.

Even when Sarah was born in West Virginia and moved to Runnels County until 1969, she had strong ties and deep roots in the area. Her mother was born in Rowena. Sarah is currently living in Ballinger.

Sarah started college at Michigan State in East Lansing, as a Chemistry major, after a while she changed her major to Animal Husbandry and was able to make the Livestock Judging Team.

She transferred to Oklahoma A&M for the last two years and graduated in 1954. She was elected to the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi. Sarah was the second girl to graduate in Animal Husbandry, only preceded by Minnie Lou Bradley one year before.

After graduation Sarah went to work for Uncle Boots, in a ranch near Seguin, Texas, she was in charge of the Red Brahman herd.

Dr. G.L. Artecona, a veterinarian and native of Paraguay was doing graduate work in Animal Breeding at Texas A&M with the genetics of Hudgins Brahman. He started promoting American Brahman in Latin America. "Since my aunt and I had also returned from a Latin American trip, we got interested and went to the Butler ranch with Dr. Artecona to see the movies".

Common interests led to marriage and two children were born from this marriage, Edgar in 1957 and Ana in 1960. In 1959 Sarah

was the first woman to attend the Technician Training School of American Breeders Service. Her husband "Art" was hired by ABS as a foreign representative and the family moved to Mexico, where Ana was born.

Sarah's youngest daughter, Lucy Jo Buxkemper Humble, is from her marriage to James Buxkemper.

Sarah started raising cattle at her grandmother's ranch "my program was that no single breed had everything needed to be adaptable and produce a high quality product, breed associations were very narrow in focus at that time, so I took what I wanted from several breeds to make my cattle."

Her grandmother Lucy Kuhn used the prescription brand for cattle as she, as well as her grandfather Rudolph Turek, were pharmacists. Sarah uses the RX brand for her ranch today.

Over the years Sarah used things like artificial insemination and embryo transfer and she helped to develop a composite breed. When she put some Brahman bulls on the Hereford cows everybody told her she was crazy. However County AG agent, C.T. Parker, loved the results.

Sarah found the resulting



PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED

Long time Runnels County resident and lifetime cattle breeder Sarah Buxkemper will be inducted in October to the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, Texas.

breed to be less prone to have the Herefords' eye problems, had increased heat and parasite tolerance, and produced more milk.

Sarah's cross breeding was not well seen when she started, but Dr. Ray Woodward introduced her to the newly imported breed of Simmental and suggested that the American Simmental Association was very much in line with her research

work. Sarah became an early member of the ASA and served as South Central Region Trustee for seven years.

She helped to develop the rules for the Simbrah breed and still continues as Chairman of the International Committee and as a Consultant in Molecular Genetics.

In 1989 Sarah started graduate school at the University of north Texas in the molecular genetics field, although she completed all the course work for a Ph.D., she stopped making the weekly trip to Denton and received a Master of Science Degree in 1998.

After a few years the science of animal breeding evolved and has embraced the ideas of making composites. Most pigs and chickens raised today are composites.

Sarah's work will be recognized on Tuesday, October 25, and Wednesday, October 26 at the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon and Ceremony, to be held in Fort Worth, Texas.

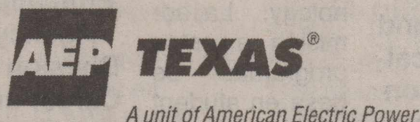
The three other cowgirls honored at the event are: Mary Loy LeCompte, of Washington; Sandy Collier, of California, and the late Anna Mebus Martin, of Texas.

AEP Texas schedules planned outage in Winters area on Tuesday, August 23, at 7 p.m.

On the evening of Tuesday, August 23, AEP Texas will undertake work at the Winters substation to ensure continued electric reliability. In order to do so safely, a planned outage in the Winters area is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and conclude by 9 p.m., if not sooner.

AEP Texas appreciates your support and patience as this work is completed. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this planned outage. If you have any questions, please call (877) 373-4858.

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