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Proposed tax rate passes public hearing

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Without any input from the audience, the proposed tax rate for the City of Winters was not modified last Monday, August 29 at the Winters City Council Meeting. The rate was increased 7.04 percent from this year's \$0.68866900 per \$100 of appraisal value to \$0.73717598. The City scheduled a public

hearing for the meeting, but City officials did not receive any feedback from the public about the new rate.

At the meeting the City Aldermen also established new fees for the Old Lake permits. A motion was made and approved to have a \$20 fee for an annual recreational permit, the yearly hunting permit will be \$100, and a \$10 fee will be charged for the daily pass. Permits already issued

are still considered valid until due.

At Monday's meeting the City Council evaluated and discussed several items. Aldermen approved to sell two vehicles, the first one is the one that was assigned to the City Administrator, and the second one a pick up truck seized by the Police Department.

City Council approved the pay request number 5 on RD water

line project, change order number 3 for the Winters Wastewater Systems Improvements Project funded by TWDB.

There was a public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding the proposed redistricting plan concerning proposed new ward boundaries for the City of Winters, no input was provided at this hearing.

Aldermen approved to adopt final redistricting plan, and author-

ized redistricting legal counsel to seek Voting Rights Act Section 5 preclearance of adopted plan.

KW Cook presented a petition to the City Council to have a property given back to him. This 40 by 85-foot tract of land was donated by him to the City in the early 1980s, with the objective to have an alley connected to his property. Conditions were found not to be suitable for the construction of such alley.



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Cheryl Buchanan, a Sixth Grade teacher in Ballinger ISD, was recently elected President of the Association of Texas Professional Educators.

Runnels Co. educator elected ATPE state president

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
 STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN - Cheryl Buchanan, a Sixth Grade English and ESL teacher in Ballinger ISD, was recently elected state president of the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE). Her term began August 1, 2011.

Buchanan, an ATPE member for 20 years, has served the association as state Vice President, state Secretary and state Treasurer. The 24-year education veteran has also served on numerous ATPE state committees and as president of Ballinger ATPE.

Blizzards fall one point short at season opener

CHARLES MURPHY
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE CONTRIBUTOR

WINTERS- With offseason over, two a days done, two controlled scrimmages in the books and countless hours of pounding on each other the Blizzards found themselves on the brink of a new season. It was time to put it all on the field against the Coleman Bluecats at home to begin the 2011 season. Things would not go as the Blizzards would have liked as the home team would fall 14-13. The game was marred with fumbles by both teams. Five by Coleman and three by Winters. The Blizzards would lose three of those with one going for a touchdown.

The Bluecats would jump out to a 14 to nothing lead with 7:26 left in the first half. The first score of the night came on a 4 yard run by Coleman's DF Terrell. The extra point was good for a 7-0 lead with only about half of the first quarter left.

The second score of the night would come after the Blizzards put together a drive inside Bluecat territory. Ripley would drop back and be pressured into making a last second pitch that was tipped and caught by Bluecat Draven Delagarza. He would ramble for 60 yards and a touchdown with a little less than half of the second quarter left. The extra point was good bringing the score to 14 -0 with 7:26 left in the half.

Christian Sandoval would pick up where he left off last year with over 100 yards in



PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Chris Gerhart strip a Bluecat ball carrier of the ball and sprint 31 yards to get into the endzone.

the first half alone and crank out another 62 in the second half for a total of 164 for the night. Without a doubt the Blizzards owned the running game with 45 carries for 259 yards. Just before the end of the half the first score of the 2011 season would come when Ripley found Hayden Nitsch for 25 yards and the touchdown. Strait Daniel's extra point was good and the lead was cut to 14-7 with only 12 seconds left in the half giving the home crowd a big

lift going into halftime.

The second half would prove to be a bit frustrating for both offenses as neither would find the end zone. The only score of the half would come as Chris Gerhart would strip a Bluecat ball carrier of the ball and sprint 31 yards for the score seemingly knotting the score, however, the extra point was blocked leaving the Blizzards facing a one point deficit with 10:52 left in the game.

With both teams pretty worn down by the heat neither was

able to draw blood from this point on. The Blizzards gave up a total of 223 yards with 146 of that on the ground while gaining 259 on the ground and 45 in the air. Turnovers played a big part in the outcome of this game. Not necessarily the number but the outcome of each with one for each team returned for touchdown. As is normal for early season games the kicking game proved to make a big difference as the Blizzards fell by one extra point 14-13.



Employee of the quarter

Richard Stotts was named Employee of the Quarter at North Runnels Hospital. He is a full-time paramedic with North Runnels Hospital EMS and brings to the job 21 years of experience both in the EMS field and in supervisory positions.

Rick is an outstanding employee, as evidenced by this award; NRH is very fortunate to have Rick serving the citizens of the community as a paramedic with NRH EMS. Pictured with Rick is Sidney Tucker, Administrator of North Runnels Hospital.

Last chance for the fall clean up

This Friday is the last day for the City of Winters fall clean up. Clean up started last Friday, August 26, and it will end on September 2 at 5 p.m. Citizens must take their water bill and will be allowed to dump for free. The service is for Winters residents only, and each participant must present a current water/garbage bill receipt to participate in the program. Drop-off location is at the Winters Street Department Yard located on Broadway St.

Stolen vehicle found at Ballinger's lake

Vehicle had been taken from a house in November 2010

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- A 2007 Ford van was recovered last Monday morning from the Ballinger's City Lake. The vehicle surfaced due to the low water level at the reservoir. Ballinger City crews pulled the van out of the water with a bulldozer.

The van was stolen on November 17, 2010 from a house located at 1703 Eighth Street. Gilbert Soto had parked the vehicle in his driveway. Soto had had borrowed the van from Brad Davis, because his own vehicle was inoperable. The stolen vehicle was left unlocked and with the keys inside. No suspects were noted at the time of the incident.

In the middle of the worst drought in Texas recorded history, a wide array of objects have surfaced at the new Ballinger City Lake, due to the low water levels. Old electric motors, car wheels, and buckets filled with cement used as anchors lay now on the banks, far away from the water they were sunk in once.

Water vegetation and brushes that a few months ago were rooted on the ground inside the water now lay on solid terrain, 50 feet away from the edge.

The mid August rains that brought a break to one of the longest, hardest droughts ever in Texas, did not make a significant change in the area water reservoirs.



Tommy New, Ballinger City Manager drives a bulldozer to pull the vehicle out of the water. City crews and Police Department officials recovered the vehicle last Monday, August 29.

The 2007 Ford van was found at the new City Lake, the vehicle is registered under Brad Davis, of San Angelo.

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FUNERALS AND DEATH NOTICES

Ruben Santoya Hernandez

Ruben Santoya Hernandez, 59 of Winters, Texas was called home by his Lord and Savior on, August 27, 2011.

Ruben was born to Emir and Elida Hernandez on September 15, 1951 in San Antonio, Texas. He was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years Maria Gonzales Hernandez and his son David Anthony Hernandez and father Emir Hernandez. He is survived by his mother Elida Hernandez and two daughters Lillie Maria Hernandez and Priscilla Hernandez, also four sons Ruben Hernandez, Jr. Michael Paul Hernandez, and Jacob Jesse Hernandez all of Winters, Texas and Gabriel Hernandez of San Antonio, Texas. Ruben was preceded in death by one of his three brothers Armando and has two surviving brothers Jr. Hernandez and Richard Hernandez and one sister Yolanda Hernandez.

Ruben was blessed with 11 grandchildren Adrian, Chelsea, Brianna, Anthony, Alexxa, Michael John, Keagan, Armando, Serenity, Isiah, Jaylon and one great grandchild Carmela.

Rosary and Memorial services were held at Heritage Family Funeral Home, 1910 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger, Texas with the Rosary beginning at 6 p.m., and memorial services followed at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 2011.

James Lee West

James Lee "Oose" West, 84, of Winters, died Thursday August 25, 2011. He was born August 24, 1927 in Littlefield, Lamb County, Texas and lived there until he was 18 and was drafted into the United States Army serving until his discharge in 1946 having served during World War II.

Following his discharge he moved to Winters where he married Lois Best April 8, 1950. He owned and operated a service station in 1954 and also worked for Heidenimer's. In July of 1970 he started a tool box business, John's International, Inc. In 1978, he and his son Jim established Jedd Mfg.

Some of Oose's accomplishments were: member of the Winters Little League Association having served as president in 1970-1971. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce having served as President in 1975. He was a member of the Winters Country Club, helped start the Little League Basketball Association, was a member of the Rodeo Association and was a City Alderman and served as Mayor Pro-tem for four years. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his two sons: Jim West and wife Lisa of Winters and Jay West and wife Stephanie of Channing, one sister Shirley Perry of Cross Plains, four grandchildren Jayme West and wife Brandi, Amber Davis and husband Rob, Chad Landers and wife Ashley, Savannah West and five great-grandchildren.

The family received friends at Winters Funeral Home on Friday August 26, 2011.

Services were held on Saturday August 27, 2011 in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Heath Powers officiating. Burial was held in the Fairview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Weekend. Collected items will be donated to the food pantry at the Samaritan's House. WVFD will also have the MDA "Fill the Boot" this same day. All money collected will go directly to MDA.

Frank Rodriguez benefit softball tournament

Benefit co-ed softball tournament for the family of Frank Rodriguez. October 15 (14 if necessary) in Rowena, Tx. Deadline is October 12. First thru third place T-shirts plus additional prizes. Homerun derby for male and female, MVP and Golden Glove prize for male and female, depending on teams might be a midnight madness.

Fore more information call Mark Gonzales at (325) 718 8540, Tony Flores (325) 977 0453, Vanessa Lujano (325) 718 8945, or John Escobar (325) 718-7261.

Swimming pool operation

The Winters swimming pool will remain open on Saturday and Sundays through September 4, and last day open will be on Labor Day, on Monday, September 5.

Meet the Blizzards

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.

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

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 Wilmett, 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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NEWS NOTES

BEST meeting this Wednesday

B.E.S.T. will have a meeting on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in the Elementary Library.

B.E.S.T. stands for Blizzard Elementary Support Team.

Library hours on Saturday, Sept. 3

The Winters Public Library will be open Saturday, September 3 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Immunization clinic

Texas Department of State Health Services will have an immunization clinic in Winters from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., Thursday, September 1, 2011, at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience, please use rear entrance (Grant Street).

The clinic in Ballinger will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m., on Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 608 Strong (behind the Courthouse).

Runnels Co. RSE meetings

The Runnels Co. Retired School Employees will have their first meeting for the year on September 13, at the First United Methodist Church at 9:45. Local Runnels Co. RSE meetings will be on the second Tuesday - at 9:45 Sept. 13 (Ballinger-FUMC) Program: J. C. Gore, Police Chief Nov. 15 (Ballinger-FUMC) Program: Dorothy Hoelscher - Yoga Jan. 10 (Ballinger-FUMC) Program: Ashley Wiley, Massage Therapist

Feb. 14 (Miles - Citizen's State Bank) Program: Nancy Byler, Dist. XV Pres.

April 10 (Winters-Winters ISD) Program: UIL Students **On October 11, Runnels Co. RSE is invited to San Angelo Retired Teachers meeting to hear Rep. Drew Darby at San Angelo First Christian Church (29 N. Oakes); meeting begins at 9:30.

Methodist Church hot dog evening

Winters Methodist Church will be having a hot dog day on the evening of Friday, September 2, 2011. Traditional American hot dogs will be served with all the condiments, chips, tea and desserts will also be served. This event will be open for everyone, so please come by, bring your family and enjoy a great evening right before the Dove Fest weekend.

The event will be held from 4-8 p.m., donations will be accepted, Methodist Church Pastor Jayme Palady will be playing the guitar and everybody will be having a good time.

St. Mary's Fall Festival

The St. Mary's Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2011, in Ballinger. The traditional Mexican beef fajita dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Cost for the meal is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under, and \$8 for drive thru plates.

The live auction will begin at 12:30 p.m.. Children's games, bingo, jumping castle, fancy stand and a hand-made quilt raffle will also be available.

There will also be a raffle to win a gourmet gas grill, patio furniture or a \$250 Wal-Mart gift certificate. For more information contact St. Mary's Catholic Church at 608 Sixth St., Ballinger, Texas, or call (325) 365 2687.

Benefit pork loin drive-thru

A barbecue pork loin drive-thru benefit meal for the Victor Hoelscher family, to help defray medical expenses will be provided Saturday evening, September 3, 2011 at the St. Boniface Parish Hall from 5 - 7:30 p.m. at \$7 per plate.

Quilt Show and Sale

Wingate Sew and Sew Club will be having a Quilt Show and Sale on Saturday, October 1, at the Lions Building from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m.

Quilt show and sale, bake sale, and some crafts and baby quilts will be available.

America's Girl preliminary pageant

America's Girl Pageants will be holding a Preliminary pageant on Oct. 15 in Ballinger. All age divisions and for both boys and girls.

Call your local director at (325)718 9989 for more information or to pick up an entry form.

Winters VFD drive

The Winters Volunteer Fire Department is having a can and non-perishable food drive Saturday, Sept. 4, Dove Fest

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'Big 12' and numbers game

Commentary by
Dr. Don Newbury

Jokes requiring explanation should be avoided, and so should athletic conferences with numbers in their names. Too many members are here today and someplace else tomorrow.

For example, the "Big Ten" now has 12 member schools, and the "Big 12," ten. Texas A&M University's continuance in the "Big 12" is tenuous at best. Aggies, typically humming, singing or whistling their War Hymn, now are alternating it with another musical number.

It's the one about boll weevils, "just looking for a home, just looking for a home..."

My Uncle Mort, now two months past age 99, has spoken out on athletics.

"We are headed toward four super conferences of 16 teams each," he maintains, "And they'll slug it out for national champi-

onships. When this occurs, the slipping and sliding between conferences should come to a halt, or very nearly. And the other 100 or so 'wannabe' universities then will have golden opportunities to scale sports back down to perspective."

I shied away from the conversation, because the thicket's resident philosopher was just getting warmed up, and/or overcome by excessive heat. He claimed that Rick Perry, "deciding to run for president instead of the border," will be a key player in deciding whether his alma mater joins the Southeastern Conference, if and when the Aggies are invited....

All I know is that I don't know.

With so many major institutions changing conference allegiances, I feel sorry for sportswriters. Previously, they were expected to predict finishes in football



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COLUMNIST

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"field" days finding new expressions to replace "home field advantages." In most stadia where grass once grew, thatch, gopher holes and plain old dirt remain. And all this when so many voices yell, "Go green!"

One coach said it well: "We may have home dirt advantage, or home rut advantage or home dust advantage," he kidded. "Then, after a good rain, we may have home bog advantage or home pool advan-

standings. Now, they must predict beginnings as well....

With severe drought and three-digit temperatures tormenting so many, writers will have

tage."

All this puts one in mind of Andy Griffith's recitation that catapulted him into national stardom. His What It Was, Was Football hit in 1953 was his description of a game played in a "pretty little green cow pasture." Clueless about football, Griffith drawled about the goings-on of gangs that wanted the same punkin', with "convicts" blowing whistles trying to maintain order, etc....

At TCU, where a \$105 million stadium renovation project is underway, an array of obstacles awaits. Fans must deal with a maze of construction equipment, detours and assorted hazards.

In fact, two early-season night games have been changed to afternoon, giving fans a better chance to remain safe, both coming and going. I guess one might say the Horned Frogs have a "home crane" advantage. The TCU facility is

only a few miles from now defunct Masonic Home and School. The football program there was at the other end of the spectrum. That's where late legendary Coach Rusty Russell led a dozen scrawny kids to football prowess over Texas' major schools and recognition throughout the state. (Twelve Mighty Orphans, Jim Dent's book about the "Mighty Mites," is a great read. Dent said that when Russell arrived, they had no place to play, and didn't even have a football.)...

This is the time of year, of course, when athletes in all fall sports — as well as members of bands, drill teams and cheer groups — sweat greatly in preparation.

Coaches wear sweat-stained garb as well, but their perspiration will continue — whatever the weather — as losses sully their teams' records. No wonder they're already developing clever lines for

media personnel and their athletes.

I like the story of the high school coach who was pumping up his charges in the locker room minutes before facing a mighty foe. Winning the coin toss was the only likely exciting prospect for his out-classed youngsters. Realizing a blood bath was probable, the coach dusted off the old line about the opponents putting on their pants one leg at a time — "just like we do." A scrawny sophomore, his 130 pounds already in quake-mode, whimpered, "But Coach — have you seen the size of their legs?" (The same coach has standing instructions: "If we kick off, try to block the extra point, and if we receive, try to recover the fumble.")...

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Blizzard Pride at Bluecat Stadium

WINTERS BLIZZARDS ATHLETIC REPORT
BY STEPHEN HERMESMEYER

On Thursday, August 25, the Blizzard JV Football team played their season opener in Coleman. The Bluecats scored on their opening drive to make the game 0-7 with 6:37 left in the first quarter. The Blizzards drove the ball on the next couple of possessions, but both possessions stalled deep in Bluecat territory. The second quarter scoring started with a long Bluecat run to make the deficit 0-13.

The Blizzards next possession ended with a 16-yard touchdown run by Jayton Torres. The extra point try by Lucas Kraatz failed. The Blizzard defense held with the assistance of a fumble caused by Jayton Torres and recovered by Daryl Hagle. The first half ended 6-13 in favor of Coleman.

The second half proved to be all Blizzards. The opening kickoff was returned 78 yards by Jayton Torres, the

extra point try of JJ Ripley to Ty Cortez failed. After a defensive fumble recovery by Armando Rodriguez, the offense again crushed the Coleman defense. The drive ended with a four yard touchdown run by Jayton Torres. The try of third-yard run by Dusty Hines was successful. 20-13

The fourth quarter remained Blizzard dominant. Ty Cortez highlighted the quarter with a 48-yard run to set up a three-yard touch down run by Dusty Hines. The extra point pass from JJ Ripley to Ty Cortez was successful. The game ended 28-13.

Effort did not win this game; "Great Effort" won this game. Defensive run stoppers include Armando Rodriguez, Justin Ventress, Rudy Lara, Ty Cortez, Ethan Bredemeyer, and Austin Green. Big hits were applied by Taylor Hooper, JJ Ripley, and Jayton Torres.

The JV Blizzards will take on the Miles Bulldogs next Thursday in Blizzard Stadium at 6 p.m.

WHS Class of 1981 will celebrate 30th Class reunion

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters High School Class of 1981 will be celebrating their 30th Year Class Reunion! Classmates have been contacted via phone and email to notify them of this upcoming event. Listed below is a tentative schedule for the weekend of September 23-24. If you have missed an email or have not been notified by phone, please call Toby Gerhart at 214-298-8882 for details and RSVP info. We are all really looking forward to seeing everyone.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, Sept. 23, 2011

5 p.m. Meet at WHS Cafeteria for Hamburger meal
7 p.m. Meet at the football game at Blizzard Stadium - (Hope to have roped

off area to sit with your classmates) 10 p.m. Meet at Community Center after game for Alumni Reception

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011

9 a.m. Meet at WHS for High School tour (tentative/unconfirmed time)
11 a.m. Formal Class gathering at Brian Davis' place south of town. A hamburger lunch will be served with lots of catch-up, visiting, and a few formal items scheduled. Brian has confirmed that we can stay and visit as long as we want even after our formal program.
5 p.m. The 1976 - 1981 class gathering will take place at the Shed Pavilion in Wingate. The Shed will be catering a meal and a DJ will be available for a dance later in the evening. A \$20 per person charge is requested to cover their expenses and they do need a headcount to plan with the Shed Staff for the meal.

In Miles it's Cotton Fest time

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MILES- The 34th Annual Miles Cotton Festival will be held the weekend of September 9-10. The event is sponsored by the Miles Preservation Authority.

Festivities kick off Friday with the bake-off, salsa contest, and drink mix-off at the Miles Young Farmers Show Complex. Entries are free and need to be turned in between 5 and 7 p.m.

Saturday's events begin with the Miles Masonic Lodge pancake breakfast at 6 a.m. in Weatherby Hall. Arts and crafts and food booths open at 9 a.m. in the City Park, followed at 10 a.m. by a parade down Main Street.

Entries for brisket, chicken, ribs and bean cook-offs will be accepted until 9 a.m. in the M.P.A. Park. Cash prizes will be awarded for showmanship, the best camp site, and the overall cook-off. The event features more than \$3,000 in cash and prizes.

At noon, the Miles Senior Citizens will serve a turkey meal with all the trimmings in the historic 1904 Miles Opera House. Visitors also can tour the Miles Heritage Museum, located inside.

Other events during the day include washer and horse-shoe pitching, a kid's fair and old fashioned carnival, musical entertainment in the City Park and helicopter rides. The Miles Library will have a free book give-away on the sidewalk on Main Street.

The Miles Cotton Queen contest will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the City Park.

Visitors can buy chances on a smokin' cajun grill and fryer and various gift certificates throughout the festival. Souvenir t-shirts and MPA cookbooks also will be available for purchase.

A concert and street dance will begin at 6 p.m. with performances by Aaron Watson, Granger Smith and Gary P. Nunn. Tickets for the concert and street dance are \$15 and can be purchased at the gate.

For information about cook-offs call at (325) 468 3501; arts and crafts, and food at (325) 655 4945; salsa and bake-off, (325) 468 0031; drink mix-off contest, (325) 895 1023; and for general information call at (325) 468 3611, (325) 468 3151 or visit www.milestexas.com

Winters 4-H to meet on Sept. 6

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Winters 4-H Club will meet on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Winters Show Barn. Community Service project for this month is for each 4-H family to donate a case of water to the Winters Fire Department.

Anyone interested in joining 4-H please attend this meeting and find out what 4-H has to offer.

Remember all 4-H members need to hel work at the Annual Dove Fest, on Saturday, September 3.

Runnels County 4-H/ Walmart Bike-A-Thon is on Saturday, September 24 at 5 p.m. Collect your pledges and donations, there are great prizes to win.

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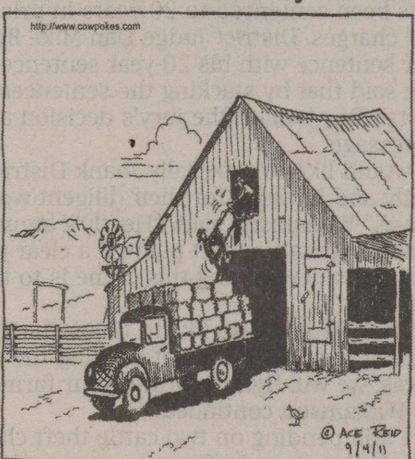
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USPS evaluates closing Talpa's office

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

TALPA— The U.S. Postal Service will hold a public meeting to discuss its proposal to make possible changes in the way postal services are provided in Talpa.

The community meeting will take place at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Immanuel Baptist Church Hall, 176 Second St., in Talpa. Customers will have an opportunity to meet with a Postal Service representative to discuss alternatives.

A review of business activities of the Post Office at this location revealed that the office workload has declined. This reduced workload suggests the maintenance of an independent Post Office here may no longer be warranted.

Anyone who wishes to submit comments in writing can send them to: Consumer Affairs

Manager, USPS Fort Worth District, 4600 Mark IV Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76161-9631.

As more customers choose to conduct their postal business online, on their smart phones and at their favorite shopping destinations, the need for the U.S. Postal Service to maintain its nearly 32,000 retail offices — the largest retail network in the country — diminishes. To that end, the U.S. Postal Service announced July 26 that it will be taking the next step in right-sizing its expansive retail network by conducting studies of approximately 3,700 retail offices to determine customer needs. As part of this effort, the Postal Service also introduced a retail-replacement option for affected communities around the nation.

"Today, more than 35 percent of the Postal Service's retail revenue comes from expanded access locations such as grocery stores, drug stores, office supply stores, retail chains, self-service kiosks, ATMs and usps.com, open 24/7," said Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe. "Our customer's habits have made it clear that they no longer require a physical post office to conduct most of their postal business."

For communities currently without a postal retail office and for communities affected by these retail optimization efforts, the Postal Service introduced the Village Post Office as a potential replacement option. Village Post Offices would be operated by local businesses, such as pharmacies, grocery stores and other appropriate retailers, and would offer popular postal products and services such as stamps and flat-rate packaging.

"By working with third-party retailers, we're creating easier, more convenient access to our products and services when and where our customers want them," Donahoe said. "The Village Post Office will offer another way for us to meet our customers' needs."

With 32,000 postal retail offices and more than 70,000 third-party retailers — Approved Postal Providers — selling postage stamps and providing expanded access to other postal products and services, customers today have about 100,000 locations across the nation where they can do business with the Postal Service.

"The Postal Service of the future will be smaller, leaner and more competitive and it will continue to drive commerce, serve communities and deliver value,"

Donahoe added.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses, and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

A self-supporting government enterprise, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that reaches every address in the nation, 150 million residences, businesses and Post Office Boxes. The Postal Service has annual revenue of more than \$67 billion and delivers nearly 40 percent of the world's mail. If it were a private sector company, the U.S. Postal Service would rank 29th in the 2010 Fortune 500. Black Enterprise and Hispanic Business magazines ranked the Postal Service as a leader in workforce diversity. USPS has been named the Most Trusted Government Agency six consecutive years.



PHOTO: SHEILA CAVAZOS

Rotary District Governor Sherri Muniz visited Ballinger last Tuesday, August 23, to promote the Eradicate Polio Now program.

Rotary District Governor visits with local members

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER— Eradicate Polio Now was the feature topic presented to 25 members and guests of the Ballinger Rotary Club by the District 5840 Governor Sherri Muniz on Tuesday, August 23, 2011.

The End Polio Now project started 25 years ago with a vision of working together with a large team of Rotarians to end the potentially crippling disease. With participation in that program polio has decreased to 312 reported cases worldwide in four countries: Pakistan,

Afghanistan, India and Nigeria.

The focus this year is on India, which has only one reported case this year.

This program is an example of the Rotary Club motto of Service Above Self. Mrs. Muniz was joined by the Polio Pig: A piggy bank to collect donations for the End Polio Now program.

Mrs. Muniz is from San Antonio and has been an active member of Rotary Club for many years before being elected District Governor. Also guests of the club were her husband, Al Muniz, and John Parsons, Assistant District Governor from San Angelo, Texas.

PUBLIC RECORD

MARRIAGES

- Van Ray Spill and Dana Bishop Chamblis Aug. 4
- James H. Palmer and Elizabeth Garcia Aug. 5
- Orlando M. Rodriguez and Sara M. Perez Aug. 9
- Ben R. Halfmann and Carrie M. Blevins Aug. 25

DIVORCES

- Jorge Jimenez vs. Rosalinda Diaz Aug. 2
- James Ned Winchester vs. Kirby Neal Winchester Aug. 4
- Juan Carlos Uribe vs. Oblelia Uribe Aug. 9
- Linda Bockman vs. Harold Bockman Aug. 22

RUNNELS COUNTY CRIMINAL DOCKET AND FEE BOOK

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| Joshua Ron Cavanaugh | Aug. 2 | Assault |
| Jesse Daniel Jones | Aug. 2 | Inhalant abuse |
| Jarod Kyle Wilson | Aug. 2 | POM |
| Randolph Melvin Scott | Aug. 2 | Speeding |
| Roland Lynn Kinsey | Aug. 5 | DWI subsequent offense |
| Randal L. Leonard | Aug. 11 | Theft by check |
| Arthur Taylor | Aug. 12 | Theft of services |
| Christian Clayton | Aug. 12 | Criminal mischief |
| Glen Keith Heard | Aug. 16 | Speeding |

JAIL RECORD

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|----------------------|----|--------|---------------------------------------|
| Walter J. Funk | 47 | BPD | Domestic disorder |
| Robert C. Gehrels | 47 | BPD | SW/POM |
| Roy E. Grimes | 41 | BPD | Child support |
| Christian L. Clayton | 37 | RCSO | Criminal mischief |
| Damon B. Griffin | 17 | RCSO | Coleman Co. warrant |
| Devin T. Griffin | 17 | RCSO | Coleman Co. warrant |
| Bryan D. Fountain | 22 | RCSO | Coke Co. warrant |
| Brandon L. Martinez | 22 | RCSO | MTR-DWI |
| Pedro Alfaro | 35 | RCSO | S/W DWI 3rd or more |
| Sylvia A. Davis | 29 | Concho | Menard and McCulloch warrants |
| Roger Elizalde | 55 | Coke | Aggravated assault with deadly weapon |
| Mario E. Cavazos | 37 | BPD | Aggravated assault with deadly weapon |

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS— The descendants of Frank J. and Agnes Gully gathered for a family get-together at the home place, east of Rowena in Runnels Co. The reunion was held on Saturday, August 13, 2011. Food and drinks were served.

Attending this event were the families of Wilbert and Grace Gully, Adeline and the late Walter Fuchs family, Bernice and the late Harvey Gully family, Frank A. and Dolores Gully family, Rev. Bernard Gully and Robert Louis Gully. Unable to attend was Quentin Gully of California, and the late Alois and Marilyn Gully. Many grandchildren and great grandchildren also attended making a total of 75 descendants.

Sponsoring this gathering was Leonard Gully and wife Jean, and Stanley Gully and wife Linda the youngest sons of Bernice and the late Harvey Gully. The home is being occupied by their grandson, Jason and his young bride, Jinna Gully. Many years ago, Harvey made a video of the home with Agnes Gully, which was run for the enjoyment of all present along with family photos of the past. Tours of the home were given by family members.

On December 3, 1924, Frank J. and Agnes purchased the home along with 240 acres of land



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Descendants of Frank J. and Agnes Gully gathered on Saturday, August 13 for a family get-together at the home place, east of Rowena in Runnels Co. The reunion took place at the 95-year-old house which is a beautiful landmark.

from Emanuel Chylek for \$112.00 per acre. The home and horse barn were built in 1916.

After Frank J. and Agnes passed away, the estate

was settled and the owner now is Frank A. and Dolores Gully. Many improvements were made to the 1 1/2 story home since that time. The

dwelling now consists of three bedrooms, two baths, kitchen, living area, basement and porches. It is a beautiful landmark, which is 95 years old.

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Sept. 5 - 9
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Monday
HOLIDAY
Tuesday
Breakfast Pocket or Cereal or Breakfast Taco, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
Biscuit/Egg Pattie r Cereal or Breakfast Burrito, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Thursday
Breakfast Pizza or Cereal or Pancake/Sausage Link, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Friday
Biscuit/Sausage or cereal or Muffin/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

WINTERS ISD LUNCH MENU
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Monday
HOLIDAY
Tuesday
Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy or Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Broccoli s/Cheese, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Rainbow Bar, Bread Stick, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
Taco Salad or Homemade Burrito, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw/Lettuce & Tomato, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Orange Wedges, Cornbread/Jep.Che. Bread, Choice of Bread.
Thursday
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Girl Scouts race steers toward water conservation

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SAN ANGELO— Girl Scouts of Central Texas will partner with local organizations to teach the basics of water conservation at the 21st annual Race on the River, a Concho River canoe race, on September 17.

Several hands-on activities provided by Upper Colorado River Authority, City of San Angelo and Girl Scouts of Central Texas will guide attendees toward a greater awareness of water and ways that they can help conserve. Event sponsors, H-E-B, San Angelo Standard-Times, KIXY and Atmos, will host a special program that explains how attendees can be proactive in their home, school or business. All events will be held at or near the Girl Scout El Camino Program Center, 304 W. Avenue A.

"We are trying to be proactive this year given our current water situation here in the Concho Valley. In partnership with these local companies, we can make a significant impact while doing something fun," says James Pidgeon, Girl Scouts of Central Texas Development Executive.

Cattle thief sentenced to 99 years in prison

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

QUANAH— A Hardeman County jury sentenced a Henderson County man to 99 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for cattle theft.

Carl Wade Curry, 44, was convicted of stealing 421 head of cattle in Mississippi worth more than \$215,000.

Curry was arrested in April 2010 by TSCRA Special Rangers Scott Williamson and Marvin Wills after he created a fraudulent identity and purchased cattle. He laundered the cattle across multiple state lines. At one time they were held in Hardeman County where charges were filed.

"This sentence sends a strong message that in Texas, and especially in Hardeman County, we protect our agricultural community and we do not tolerate cattle theft," Williamson said.

Curry has been sentenced to 20 years in prison on prior cattle theft charges. District Judge Dan Mike Byrd stacked the 99-year sentence with his 20-year sentence. Williamson said that by stacking the sentences, Judge Byrd was standing behind the jury's decision and honoring their message.

"TSCRA would like to especially thank District Attorney Staley Heatly and his staff for their diligent work to make a strong case," Williamson said. "Heatly's argument about the seriousness of cattle theft painted a clear picture to the jury just how devastating this crime is to the Texas cattle industry."

"Cattle raisers would also like to thank the jury for understanding the importance of sending the message that in Texas, we will fight to protect our farmers and ranchers," Williamson continued.

Trials are still pending on two cattle theft charges in Louisiana and five more in Texas. TSCRA has 30 special rangers stationed strategically throughout Texas and Oklahoma who have in-depth knowledge of the cattle industry and are trained in all facets of law enforcement.

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Producers have from now through February 29, 2012 to re-register their brands at the County Clerk's Office at a fee of \$11.00 per brand, per location. Office hours are 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon and 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday.

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Hunting season begins, keep fire safety in mind

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION—With much of Texas still hot and dry and wildfires continuing to ignite across the state, dove hunters should be especially careful when heading out this week for the season opener.

Fire activity remains steady, and wildfires can easily ignite. All it takes is one spark from an unattended campfire, lit cigarette or even the muzzle of a gun.

"As responsible stewards of the land, hunters need to take wildfire conditions into consideration — especially when they're elevated as they are now," said Justice Jones, coordinator for the Wildland Urban Interface and Fire Prevention programs. "In doing so, they're protecting the resources and wildlife they strive to conserve."

Though dove season kicks off Thursday, September 1, hunters aren't the only people who should take precautions. All outdoorsmen should keep fire safety in mind for the next several weeks while conditions — hot temperatures and dry vegetation — remain ripe for wildfires.

If you're heading outside, keep in mind the following wildfire safety tips:

- Obey outdoor burning bans. Don't build a fire during dry or windy conditions.
- If conditions are right and there is no burn ban in place, you may build a campfire. But keep the fire small and never leave it unattended.
- Make sure the fire is extinguished and cold to the touch before you leave it.
- Avoid burning feed bags and other materials that can create flying embers.

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS— Just one hour into the new school year, High School Principal Perry Putman did something a little out of the ordinary; he held a back-to-school pep rally for secondary and elementary students. "We wanted to start this school year off with a celebration showing our kids how important each one of them is to the success of the district. We are all Winters Blizzards and we all make a contribution," remarked Principal Putman.

As in typical pep rally tradition, the cheerleaders energized the crowd with a display of acrobatic stunts and routines, along with rousing cheers and the school song.

Equally impressive was the performance of the band, under the direction of Phil Mooney, which filled the gymnasium with much pizzazz and generated a great deal of excitement from the student body. Secondary students, elementary students and faculty alike swayed in sync to the rhythm of the

music, displaying a sea of Blizzard spirit and pride.

Another key item featured on the pep rally program included Counselor Laura Hermesmeier's student volunteers, who between intermittent breaks of the song, Don't Stop Believing, performed a skit revealing the six pillars of Character Counts: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship — a district-wide character education program implemented this school year. Mr. Putman and his staff chose the popular 80's rock group Journey's iconic hit song, Don't Stop Believing, as the high school's theme for the 2011-12 school year.

"I've been a rock and roll music fan for as long as I can remember, and this Journey song has always been an inspiration. It became even more inspiring when I learned recently that after the band's lead singer, Steve Perry departed; Journey struggled to continue with their distinct sound. That is until they saw and heard a young man named Arnel Pineda



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High School Principal Perry Putman gives a motivational speech at back-to-school pep rally.

on YouTube. In a real-life Cinderella story, Pineda, who grew up in abject poverty in the Philippines, became the lead singer for

Journey. He now tours the world as the front man for this legendary rock band and gives back to his homeland through his

foundation. Pineda is just one example of how good things can happen if you Don't Stop Believing," noted Mr. Putman.

Veteran's Board

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Running wild!

Returning Winters High School Blizzards running back Cristian Sandoval is ready for this season's challenge, last Friday, at Blizzard Stadium, Sandoval ran for 102 yards in the first half of the game against the Coleman Bluecats.

Sandoval finished the game with a total of 162 yards.

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Local families partner with WTRC for Round-Up Rehab

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS— Ralph and Joyce Spreen and Kevin and Cindy Spreen of Rummels County are partnering with West Texas Rehabilitation Center as local leaders for the 52nd Round-Up for Rehab.

Round-Up for Rehab is a year-round program that provides friends in the agri-

cultural industry an opportunity to support WTRC operations in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona where outpatient services are provided annually to 28,000 individuals with disabilities, regardless of their financial circumstance.

"Our message to ranchers is simple by sincere: Let's help Rehab help all who turn to them for assistance in overcoming illnesses and injuries," said Ralph Spreen. "In spite of our own tough times with drought and range fires, we want to do whatever we can to help these children and adults facing struggles for independence."

Among ways to participate are as follows: Donate livestock to a sale in your area, make a cash gift now or donate later in the year when it better suits your

operation. Cattle sales are set for September 27 at Abilene Auction and September 29 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo. Regional sales and community events also are scheduled in Brownwood, Olden/Eastland, Stephenville, Junction, Coleman and Sweetwater.

Concho Valley general chairmen are Jody Frey and Bob Helmers. They're joined by Big Country chairmen Mike Alexander and Randy Carson as well as legendary Western cowboy entertainer Red Steagall.

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Cake.

FRIDAY

Sloppy Joes, Potato Salad, Cabbage Slaw, Pickles & Onions, Dessert.

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Dove Fest 2011 Schedule of Events

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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 |
| 10:30am - 1:30pm | Entertainment, Winters Community Center |
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