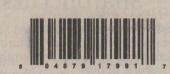
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PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED Hellas Sports Construction employees work at the Winters Track Field as the project nears completion.

Winters track field near the finish line

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Winters ISD track field is inching towards the finish line as employees from Hellas Sports Construction brave the triple digit heat. The new track facility which has been under construction for most of the spring is shaping up with the new surface being laid over the past two

After the surface is finished, striping and painting the track will be up next as the project draws nearer to completion.

"The facility is looking great thus far. Once completed, Winters will certainly have one of the finest track facilities in the state and we look forward to yet another top of the line facility for our Blizzards to use. With the new facility we can once again look to host track meets that will bring not only great attention to Winters but also business to local merchants from visiting teams and fans," stated Winters ISD Athletic Director Coach Bright one afternoon checking on the progress at

Once the new track facility is completed the track will be open to all Winters residents for their walking and running enjoyment.

FUMC welcomes new pastor

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The congregation of Winters First United Methodist Church, 141 N. Church Street, welcomes their new pastor, Rev. David Montoya, and his wife, Juanell. David and Juanell are coming to Winters from Mineral Wells.

Rev. Montoya has been a pastor for 30 years. He has served as a youth minister and hospital chaplain. Rev. Montoya has a Masters of Divinity with Biblical languages degree. He taught Greek and Ethics as a adjunct instructor for Howard Payne University (Rio Grande Valley Extension). He is a published hymn writer: Celebrate Grace Hymnal. "Light the Fire, the Fire of Life."

Juanell Montoya is a special education teacher with a B.A. degree from North Texas State University, They have three adult children and four grandchildren.

Everyone is invited to join us for worship on Sunday, June 17, at 10:45 a.m. as we welcome David and Juanell to First United Methodist Church and to Winters.

Head-on collision in Runnels Co claims three lives

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

BALLINGER- Three people were killed in a two-vehicle crash occurring Sunday, June 10, at 6 a.m. on Farm to Market Road 2887, 1.8 miles south of U.S. Highway 83, in Runnels County. Juan Ramirez, 20-years-of-age, from Winters, Texas died at the scene, and was pronounced dead at 7:30 a.m. by Judge Richard Hamilton.

Antonio Espino, 21, also from Winters and Brandon Scott Cochran, 32, from San Angelo, were airlifted to Shannon Medical Center, in San Angelo. They were both were pronounced dead by Judge Kay Longest, Espino at 7:37 a.m. and Cochran at 8:15 a.m.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety Juan Ramirez was driving a 2003 Chevrolet Impala northbound, on the old Winters road, Antonio Espino was riding in the car. Quinton Christopher Collins, of Winters, was driving a 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer southbound on the same road. Brandon Scott Cochran was a passenger in the SUV.

The accident happened when Ramirez' car drifted into the oncoming traffic lane and struck Collins' vehicle head-on, DPS stated in a release.



Juan Ramirez, of Winters, was driving a 2003 Chevrolet Impala northbound, on the old Winters road. Quinton Christopher Collins, also of Winters, was driving a 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer southbound on the same road.

According to the investigation Ramirez was wearing a seat belt and Espino was not wearing a seat belt. In the SUV Cochran wasn't wearing a seat belt.

Visitation for Juan Ramirez will be held on Thursday, June 14, from 9 a.m. thru 9 p.m. at Heritage Family Funeral Home, in Ballinger, Texas. A funeral service will be held at 7 p.m. at the funeral home chapel. Friday, June 15, the funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. at the First

Baptist Church of Winters.

As of press time funeral arrangements had not been set for Antonio Espino or Brandon Scott Cochran.

The body of Espino was taken to Heritage Family Funeral Home, in Ballinger. Cochran was taken to Lange Funeral Home, also in Ballinger.

The weather was clear and the roadway was dry. This crash is being investigated by Trooper Jimmie Bass, of the Texas Department of Public

Fundraisers to help the families of the victims were held in Winters and Ballinger. Antonio Espino and Juan Ramirez were Winters High School Class of 2010 students. Coltyn Pritchard, Class of 2012 President started a memorial scholarship fund at Security State Bank, in Winters, in memory of the two victims. For donations and for more information about the scholarship contact Coltyn Pritchard at (325) 977 0081 or (325) 977 0540.

A SEASON 'TO REMEMBER

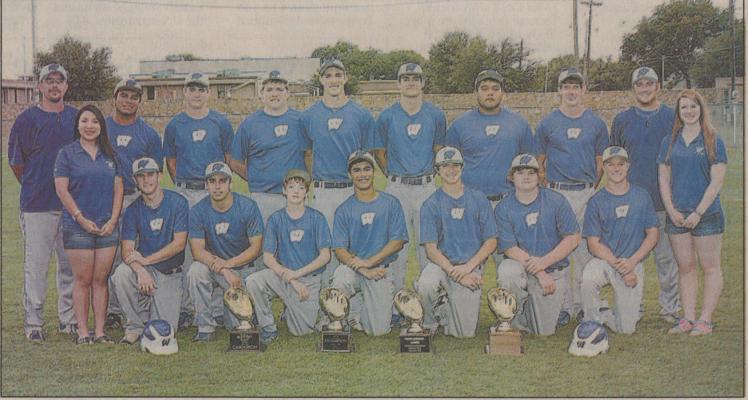


PHOTO: JOE GERHART

The Winters Blizzards won their first playoff game every during the 2012 season. The Blizzards kept on going deep into the playoffs to become Class 1A Regional Runner Up. The Blizzards defeated McCamey, Tahoka, Ft. Hancock and Seymor during the playoffs to

claim four golden gloves. Pictured are Kolton Alexander, Chris Gerhart, Jordan Hamrick, Ty Cortez, Jimmy John Ripley, Taylor Hooper, Hayden Nitsch, back row Coach James Spivey, Sarah Lara, Fermin Cruz, Bryce Mikeska, Corey Pritchard, Riley Ripley, Strait Daniel, Fabian Esquivel, Jace Thomae, and McKenzie Hooper.



North Runnels Hospital Employee of the Quarter

Amy Garza was selected as North Runnels Hospital Employee of the Quarter for January-March 2012. Amy has been employed at North Runnels Hospital since 2007 as a radiologic technologist. In 2010, Amy took over the supervisory duties of the radiology department. She is always willing to help other staff members of the hospital and takes extra care to ensure that patients are comfortable. North Runnels Hospital is proud to have Amy as part of their health care team.





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Sharon Turk

Sharon Turk, 74, of San Angelo, died Sunday June 10, 2012. She was born June 1, 1938 in Aurora, Illinois and moved to Kerrville, Texas with her family as a child and

returned to Aurora, Illinois when she was a junior in high school and graduated there. She attended Texas Women's University for one year. She married Carroll-Turk July 7, 1962 in Kerrville, Texas. She worked in banking and was a homemaker. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters. She enjoyed her Sunday School Class and the sewing group at church and loved Pastor Alsen Wenzel. She loved her



children and grandchildren, who were the lights of her life. She knitted prayer shawls which she gave to family

She is survived by her husband Carroll Turk of San Angelo, her son James Turk and Gretchen Jensen of Humble, Texas and her daughter Trisha Hunter and husband Rob of Fishers, Indiana. Survivors also include sisters Kay Harbin of Sandwich, Illinois and Sheila Jaeger of Austin, Texas, and five grandchildren: Alison and Camille Turk and Mark, Brandon and Logan Hunter.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday June 15, 2012 at St John's Lutheran Church with Rev. Alsen Wenzel officiating under the direction of Winters Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at 6 p.m. Thursday June 14, 2012 at Winters Funeral Home.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Winters Enterprise, June 14, 2012

Norma Faye Killough

Norma Faye Killough, 84, of Winters, died Tuesday June 12, 2012. She was born March 22, 1928 in Robert Lee and grew up there. She married Cletes Carl Killough October 2, 1943 in Ballinger and they moved to Winters in 1962. She worked for Dry Mfg. for over 20 years. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by children Cletes Wayne "Bo" Killough and wife Linda of Longview, Carlene Vogler Carson and husband Walter of Ballinger, Danny Ray Killough of Coleman and Donny Glen Killough and wife Lavelle of Ovalo; 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and four greatgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday June 14, 2012 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Heath Powers officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home at 6 p.m. Wednesday June 13, 2012.

Winters Enterprise, June 14, 2012

CAFETERIA MENU

June 18 - 22

WINTERS ISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY

Biscuit/Sausage, Juice,

Choice of Milk.

TUESDAY

Sausage Roll, Juice,

Choice of Milk.

WEDNESDAY

Pancake/Sausage on a Stick,

Juice, Choice of Milk.

THURSDAY

Cinnamon Roll, Juice.

Choice of Milk.

FRIDAY

NO SCHOOL

WINTERS ISD LUNCH

Note: Menus are subject to change

vithout notice. Students may purchase

extra Entree for \$1.00, Milk for \$.30,

Sides for \$.50, Large Chef Salad for

\$2.00, Small Chef Salad For \$1.00,

Tea \$.50 (Jr. High and High School) Water \$1.00, Visiting Adult \$4.00, Visiting Child \$3.00.

MONDAY

Pizza, Pear, Carrot Sticks,

Choice of Milk.

TUESDAY

Burrito, Blue Bell, Celery

Sticks, Choice of Milk.

WEDNESDAY

Grilled Chicken/Bun, Broccoli

Florets, Orange,

Choice of Milk.

THURSDAY

Hamburger, Watermelon, Car-

rot/Celery/Broccoli,

Choice of Milk.

FRIDAY

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Alcohol abuse leads to social isolation, study shows

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gaining "liquid courage" to let loose with friends, teenage drinkers are more likely to feel like social outcasts, according to a new sociology study from The University of Texas at Austin.

The study, published in the June online issue of the Journal of Health and Social Behavior, shows to increased social stress with tightly connected

For their study, Robert Crosnoe, professor of sociology, and Aprile Benhuman development and family sciences, analyzed data on 8,271 adolescents from 126 schools as part of the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, the largest and most comprehensive survey of health-related behavior among adolescents between grades 7 and 12,

which started in 1994 The researchers, both research affiliates in the Population Research Center, found a correlation between drinking and feel ings of loneliness and not fitting in across all school environments. But these feelings were especially significant among self-reported drinkers in schools where fellow students tended to avoid alcohol

AUSTIN- Rather than

alcohol consumption leads and poor grades, especially among students in schools friendship cliques and low levels of alcohol abuse.

ner, assistant professor of

and were tightly connected to one another.

Winters Rodeo Playday

The Winters Rodeo Association will host their June Playday on Saturday, June 23 at the Winters Rodeo Arena. Sign up for events at 5 p.m. and ride at 6 p.m. For more information please contact Melissa Gerhart (325) 754 5648.

YMCA Fall Football Signups in Winters

YMCA fall football signups will be held for boys and girls third thru sixth grade. Registration and payment will on Friday June 22, 2012 from 6-8 p.m. at the Scout

YMCA members \$60, Non Members \$75. Equipment fee \$35 for both helmet and shoulder pads.

YMCA representative will be on site for scholarships/financial assistance approval. Bring last two pay stubs, financial form 1040, or other proof of income to qualify.

Season kick-off: September 15, 2012. For questions please contact Ida at (325) 669 4521 or Amy at (325)

Immunization clinic

The Texas Department of State Health Services will have an immunization clinic in Runnels County. The clinic will be held in Ballinger, from 10 to 12 and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, June 14, 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

Pray Until Something Happens

Every first Friday of the month the First United Methodist Church will be having PUSH "Pray Until Something Happens" everyone is invited to come and pray from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Bronte 2012 golf calendar

Bronte Longhorn Golf Club 2012 events: July 7, twoperson 27 holes LB/AS/SS; August 4, three-person 27 holes select shot; September 8, two-person 18 holes select shot; September 29 and 30, Coke Co. Tournament two-person 18 holes select shot each day; October 6, two-person 18 holes select shot; November 3, two-person 18 holes shots.

Carts are limited so sigh up early if need carts. Bronte Longhorn Golf Club (325) 437-2156.

Mentors needed

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

Cross Emmaus Community gatherings

The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held first Thursday of each month at 6 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 every Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the Band Hall.

Winters Women's Club Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call

Marlene Smith at 754-4961 for additional information.

AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind church

on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Ballinger Al-Anon meetings

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

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

Farm Safety Day to be held in Abilene

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

ABILENE- For many children, the rural neighborhood, small town, or ranch is a home, a playground, and a place where they do chores. Teaching them to take some of the responsibility for their own safety at home and in their neighborhoods is the subject of the eighth bi-annual Big Country Progressive Agriculture Safety Day, which will be held June 22, 2012, at the Big Country Hall located on grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. Youth who have completed third thru ninth grade are invited to . I participate in this daylong activity sponsored by many local organizations, businesses, and agencies

Foundation. Older youth are welcome to participate and/or assist with the activities.

Progressive Agriculture Foundation is committed to providing education to help youth and their families avoid tragic accidents. At the heart of this effort is the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day program, formerly known as the Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp program. Founded by The Progressive Farmer magazine in 1995, the program trains and provides the resources that local communities need to conduct one-day safety programs that are age-appropriate, hands-on, fun, and safe for children. Progressive Agriculture Safety Days are conducted in the United States, Canada and

the U.S. territories. 415

Progressive Agriculture Safety Days are planned in 36 states, 9 Canadian Provinces, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. These Safety Days could reach 80,000 participants with the help of 18,000 adult and older teen volunteers.

The Big Country Safety Day will focus on safetyrelated practices involving fire, electricity, snakes, weather, train, guns, drugs, internet, grain auger/PTO, and passenger safety. Hands-on activities, lectures, and demonstrations will provide youth with information that will reinforce the importance of taking responsibility for their own safety, respecting parents' safety rules, and sharing safety tips with their family and friends.

Parents may register

their children by calling the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor County - 325-672-6048; Callahan County - 325-854-5835; Coleman County - 325-625-4519; Fisher County - 325-776-3259; Jones County - 325-823-2432; Nolan County - 325-235-3184; or Shackelford County -325-762-2232 Ext. 7. A \$5 registration (maximum of \$15 per family) fee for the event covers lunch, snacks, a take-home bag and a Safety Day t-shirt.

For more information contact Martha Alice Spraberry at 325-672-6048 or by e-mail m-spraberry@ tamuedu. Martha Alice Spraberry serves as County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences with Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor County.

Beef cattle short course to feature industry and economic trends

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

in conjunction with the

Progressive Agriculture

COLLEGE STATION- The Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course will feature a New Mexico State University economist who will address the future of the cattle industry and economic trends during the Aug. 6 general session in College Station.

Dr. Lowell Catlett, a Regents professor, dean and chief administrative officer in the university's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, will provide insights and an outlook on the agriculture industry, specifically beef-cattle production, plus the overall current state of the economy.

The short course is coordinated by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and scheduled for Aug. 6-8 on the Texas A&M University campus.

"Dr. Catlett is a noted, national speaker who provides varied and upbeat presentations," said Dr. Jason Cleere, AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist and conference coordinator. "His latest focus is the economy and what we can expect for agriculture and beef cattle markets in the future.

Meanwhile, the cattleman's college portion of the short course provides participants with an opportunity to choose workshops based on their level of production experience and the needs of their ranch, Cleere said.

"These 22 concurrent workshops will feature information on introductory cattle production, management practices in the areas of forage, nutrition and reproduction, record keeping, Brush Busters, cattle handling, landowner issues and much more," he said. "Our goal is to provide participants with information



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that will help them improve the efficiency and, ultimate-

on the morning of Aug. 8.

"There will be demonstrations on chute-side calf working, cattle behavior, penning, selection and brushbusting," Cleere said. "These provide an opportunity for ranchers to see beef cattle production practices put to use.'

Participants can receive a Texas Department of Agriculture private pesticide applicator's license during the short course and can earn at least seven pesticide continuing education units if they are already licensed, Cleere added.

An industry trade show will be held during the event, featuring more than 120 agricultural businesses and service exhibits.

Registration is \$160 per person and includes educational materials, a copy of the 600-page Beef Cattle Short Course proceedings, trade show admittance, admission to the Aggie prime rib dinner, lunches, breakfasts and daily refreshments.

Registration information and a tentative schedule was mailed to previous participants in May and can also be found on the short course website at http:// beef.tamu.edu.

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65. "Peel __ grape'

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-Magnon

55. One Time?

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Wingate exes hold school homecoming

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINGATE- The Wingate School Homecoming was held at Wingate Lions Club on June 3, 2012 with Betty Jo Hinds, President, welcomed everyone and lead us in prayer. She thanked Cecil Self for getting every one registered, Thurman Self, for getting the chairs and tables set up, Sandy Dean for keeping the roll and preparing the mail-outs. She also thanked Joe Tucker for having ball caps made with the Pirate Logo and Wingate, Texas on them. These were used as door prizes as well as other gifts.

Bill Chapman received the gift for coming the longest distance from Canyon Lake, Floyd Huckaby was the oldest attendee at 92 and Gene Wheat for being the youngest graduate. Betty read a reunion poem.

There was two former teachers attending, Loritta Alcorn and Bennie Walker. There was between 55 and 60 people there and all had a good time. Tea and lemonade and cookies were served.

The minutes were read, Treasurer's report was given and a report by Troy Hensley on the Cemetery Fund, and the basket was passed for donations to the Cemetery Fund. If any one wishes to make a donation to the Cemetery Fund it can be mailed to Wingate Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 216, Wingate, Tx. 79556.

- President; Landa Grohman - Vice Tickets were drawn for door prizes.

Gene Wheat gave a touching report on his and his family visit to Europe, especially the place where his brother Cullen Wheat was killed in WW2. Their guide was well informed about the area and the war history for that area. Tribute was also made to the WW2 veterans in attendance. The School Song and Bless be the Tie that Binds was lead by Gene Wheat. A good way to spend the afternoon, visiting with old friends and making new ones. The next Wingate School Homecoming will be held first Sunday in June 2014.

New officers were elected: Bill Cathy President, and Glenda McNeill - Reporter.

Four WHS graduates named in ASU Dean's List

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

SAN ANGELO- The Dean's List for the 2012 spring semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, stu-

dents must be enrolled fulltime at ASU and maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees include the following from Winters: Sonia Armendariz, Clent W. Bryan, Kristin L. Cook, and Brandon R.

Winters graduate makes HSU's **Honor Roll**

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

ABILENE- Jacie Frierson, of Winters, Texas, was named to the Honor Roll at Hardin-Simmons University for the spring 2012 semester. The Honor Roll is comprised of students carrying 12 or more semester hours who obtain a GPA of 3.6-3.74

HSU has an enrollment of approximately 2,300 undergraduate and graduate students from 28 states and 20 countries.

HSU sits on 220 acres and has a 13:1 studentto-faculty ratio. Eighty percent of HSU's faculty members hold the highest available degree in their fields.

time students do not increase while they are enrolled in consecutive fall and spring semesters and make continuous, satisfactory progress toward a degree. (The tuition freeze does not apply to some programs.)

HSU is ranked in the Top Tier of U.S. News and World Report's Best Universities in the Western Region, the university was cited by The Princeton Review as a Best in the West University, is recognized by Colleges of Distinction for teaching, learning, and service, has been named to the 2011 Honor Roll by The Chronicle of Higher Education as a Great College to Work For, and named to the President's

Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

Through seven schools and colleges, HSU offers seven undergraduate degree programs encompassing more than 70 major fields of study. Eighteen graduate programs are offered, including doctoral programs in physical therapy, ministry, functional manual therapy, and education.

Special programs include Honors, International Studies, and Leadership

Hardin-Simmons University, founded in 1891, is a private Christian institution, affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas (Texas Bap-

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Weather Whys

Q: What is a landspout?

A: A landspout is a tornado that has formed from clouds that do not rotate, explains Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Because most tornadoes are formed from rotating clouds, they tend to be strong to severe in strength," he says. "But a landspout is generally a weak tornado not associated with supercell thunderstorms. Landspouts typically are short-lived and weak, but some have the potential to cause some fairly severe damage."

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Texas courthouses named to nation's most endangered list

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- Texas' historic courthouses have been named for the second time to the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places list, demonstrating the continued need to generate greater awareness and resources in the ongoing effort to preserve and restore this unique collection of architectural treasures. More than 70 historic county courthouses across the state remain in need of rehabilitation. Fortunately, a greater number have been either partially (21) or fully (62) restored since the landmarks were first placed on the Most Endangered List in 1998. Thanks to continued support and funding from the Texas Legislature, the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program plays a fundamental role in the 83 successful restoration projects that have taken place across the state, bringing increased economic activity and a strong sense of community pride to participating counties.

'This recognition sends a strong message that, as the National Trust likes to say, these places are worth saving," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. "This is another wakeup call, as was the case in 1998, that if action is not taken now, we could possibly lose forever any one or more of these magnificent structures in our foreseeable future, which would be a tragic loss both to the community and to the State of Texas. These courthouses belong to all of us, and they belong to future generations as well. They tell the real stories, often quite literally, as they house the historic records, that are the legacy of the Lone Star State.'

The establishment of the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program was an unprecedented effort to restore these cherished landmarks for many more years of service, maintaining the integrity and beauty of the original design with upgrades and safety improvements

more suited for a modern workplace.

"Since the courthouse program's inception, nearly \$247 million has been awarded to more than 83 counties for the preservation of their county courthouses," said Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program Director Stan Graves. "Courthouse restorations have generated more than 8,579 jobs throughout Texas, and more than \$19 million in local taxes. We're grateful the Texas Legislature has supported us through challenging economic times, providing a strong foundation on which to build an even stronger program.

With their brick and stone towers and domes, Texas' courthouses offer some of the most remarkable examples of public architecture in the state and the nation; 139 are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Yet some of the oldest, and most distinctive, have fallen into disrepair due to inadequate funding and mainte-nance at the county level. Continued state funding is necessary to assist with local courthouse preservation efforts across Texas.

From coffee table books to calendars, the historic county courthouses of Texas, and their restorations, have been documented and shared, confirming the success of the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. The program was recognized by the White House in 2008 with the highest national award for historic preservation achievement, the Preserve America Presidential Award.



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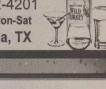
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San Clemente Mission

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WINTERS- Juan Dominguez de Mendoza made two of the earliest expeditions into present-day Texas. Born in 1632, he went to New Mexico when he was 12 years old. In 1654, he accompanied the expedition of Diego de Guadalajara from Santa Fe as far as the Concho River near the present-day town of San Angelo, Texas.

At the time of the Pueblo Indian revolt in 1630, Mendoza was a Lieutenant General and Maestro de Campo in New Mexico. The desire was to establish a mission among the people so the Governor of New Mexico, Domingo Jiroaza Petriz de Cruzate, chose Mendoza to accompany Fray Nicolas Lopez on an expedition to the land of the Jumano Indians. Mendoza was instructed to aid the

missionaries, to penetrate the plains as far as the Nueces River, to bring back samples of pearls found there and make arrangements for the regulation of Indian trade.

The party left Real de San Lorenzo, a few miles below El Paso, Texas, on the south bank of the Rio Grande River on December 15, 1683. On Christmas Eve the group had reached Nuestra Senora de Popolo, identified as being eight leagues from Belen, the expedition crossed into present-day Texas. The group followed the river on the Texas side to Apostol Santiago in "La Junta de los Rios" an area near present Presidio, Texas. Leaving Father Antonio Acevedo in charge of the new mission at La Junta, Fathers Lopez and Juan de Zavaleta joined the expedition on to the plains. From

La Junta the route turned northward to the Salado (Pecos) following the river nine leagues and crossing near Horsehead Crossing. Leaving the Pecos, Mendoza struck eastward across the plains and after 40 leagues, reached the Middle Concho River; following it eastward for 20 (or 24) leagues, he reached its junction with the Nueces River. Nineteen leagues further eastward he reached the end of his journey at the San Clemente (apparently the Colorado) near its junction with

the main Concho River. Juan Sabeata, "a Jumano Indian" along with other Indian Chiefs desired Christianity and friend-ship with the Spanish.

The mission was established March 16, 1684 and was the first mission known to have been established east of the Pecos River.

The Mendoza Expedition remained in the area about six weeks. He built the mission two stories high at the juncture of the Colorado and Concho Rivers some 15 miles southeast of Ballinger, Texas. Mendoza called the new mission San Clemente (his name for the Colorado River). The account records the country along the river was very fertile and there were many pecan and mulberry trees. The woods were filled with game and the number of buffalo was too numerous to count. More than 4,000 were killed while they were in camp. In this place there are no shells whatsoever; but six days journey below the place on the road, there was a great quantity of large shells and most of them had pearls.

Mendoza's stay at San

Clemente was to await the envoys of 48 nations, the chiefs and warriors of 16 tribes had already joined him. Mass was celebrated every day. Two rooms were built for that purpose. The room below was for a chapel and the one above for a lookout which offered great security for the camp and horses because it was on a hill. The structure was most likely made of logs.

formed by friendly Indians that Sabeata plotted to kill them, they were harassed by the Apaches who swept down from the north to attack Mendoza and his Indian allies three times, both by day and night. It was during these attacks that Mendoza

Spaniards were in-

heard the Indians were carrying a French flag. Mendoza held a council of war to determine his course of action. It was decided not to wait any longer for the envoys of the nations that were expected. To those in camp, Mendoza and Father Lopez faithfully promised to return and establish missions for them. These events would lead to other Spanish expeditions being sent into the area. It was during this time also that La Salle, the French explorer had landed on the Gulf Coast. Some of the chiefs left with their followers for their pueblos and others remained with the expedition, which started on its return march to New

Mexico the following day,

taking a different route

home. All of the Indians

present in the camp asked

to become Christians and

assisted in everything.

Mendoza kept watch

for the barbaric nations that were

their enemies. Another account as to the location points to a spot in the heart of what is called the Edwards Plateau Country of Texas, about midway between San Angelo and San Antonio.

The Texas Historical Commission commemorated the San Clemente Mission with a 1936 Centennial Marker and placed it in Concho County at the county line of Runnels and Concho Counties. The marker is located at the edge of a cliff overlooking Lake Ivie.

The Runnels County Historical Commission placed an Official Texas Historical Marker commemorating the mission just off US Highway 83, seven miles south of Ballinger. The mission is thought to be 10 miles southeast of the marker on Highway 83. The commemoration ceremony was held in 1968.

Resources: Runnels County Historical Commission Marker Histories Handbook of Texas, Vol. II New Conclusions on

the Route of Men-

doza, J. W. Williams, 1683-1684 printed in the West Texas Historical Association Year Book, Oct. 1962, pp., 111-134.

The inscription

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THE TEXAS WILDERNESS. (1968)

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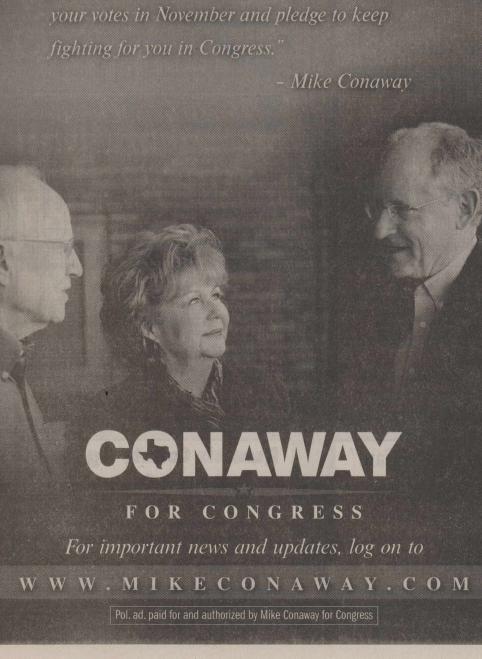
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THE IDLE AMERICAN Unraveling of Riddles...

Commetary by Dr. Don Newbury

A silly riddle from bygone years: "Railroad crossing, look out for the cars. Can you spell THAT without any 'r's'?"

Wow, that was a mountain to climb until older kids' explanations finally made sense! Eureka! Light dawned; there are no "r's" in "that."

Now, mention of railroads awakens pre-school imagery of stops at crossings where train cars lumbered forward like so many elephants, each grasping the next tail. We grew dizzy trying to count them, so spelling anything — with or without any "r's" — was off our radar....

Those were "stop, look and listen" days. Now, it's "pause, glance and text." I can't remember the last riddle I heard - or overheard. Marquees, t-shirt messages and "tweets"

have put riddles to rest. Consider Abilene Animal Hospital's sign: "It's all fun

and games until somebody ends up in a cone." Passersby are snapping pictures, remembering when vets placed megaphone-like cones around their pets' heads.

remember the childhood tag game called "got-you-last." Each tag got rougher. Oneupmanship became two-up, then threeup before one or more participants broke into tears. We deserved to be handcuffed; cones would have only heightened our determination to get the last tag....

Makes one

I came across a 90 percent-off sale on t-shirts the other day. There were reasons for the virtual giveaways. Some messages

failed to resonate; others were hopelessly dated. I examined the shirts with eagerness equal to my wife's as she slams down multiple chocolates. One had "two strikes"

against it. First, it had a washtub full of "X's" in front of XL. Second, its message: "I Beat Anorexia.

Another dated back to the American Revolution: "General Washington's Boat'll Never Make It Across the Delaware."...

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Will and Tracey Carrier have turned out millions of t-shirt messages at Willie's T's, a business they founded 22 years ago.

Long-time friends

Here are some of their favorites: "I Smile Because You're My Sister — I Laugh Because There's Nothing You Can Do About It.... To Save Time, Let's Just Assume I'm Always Right.... I'm Silently Correcting Your Grammar.... I'm Not Short — I'm Fun Size.... Mom Likes Me Best.... I'm Not Bossy — I Just Know What You Should Be Doing.... Bad Spellers of the World — Untie.... I Don't Suffer From Insanity; I Enjoy Every Minute of It!"

Here are a few more picked up here and there: "Photoshop: Helping the Ugly Since 1988.... He IS heavy, Father (Flanagan); He's My Brother-in-Law... Spousal Question: Why Do I Love Your Mother-in-Law more than I Love My Mother-in-Law?... Only Dead Fish Go With the Flow...I'm a Glove-findin', Uniformwashin', Gatorade-gettin', Carpool-drivin', Picturetakin', Always Cheerin' Baseball Mom!"... Drum roll, please, for my favorite: "Top 10 reasons to procrastinate: No. 1)."...

Before we were enfolded by t-shirt info, we depended on signage -

billboards, for example for humor enhancement. Somewhere along the way, neon light signs pierced the darkness, usually with brevity. (Them 'lectric signs were priced by the letter. Thus "Acme" became a generic name for an array of firms.)

One of my ill-fated business ventures (ill-fated seemed to fit all of 'em) was selling snow cones. My machine, cups, scoop and flavors were atop a table in a small gun shop.

You guessed it: The sign out front read "Snow Cones and Handguns."...

A public outrage erupted during World War II, when soft drink companies dared to increase the charge from five cents to six cents.

Grocers and restaurants alike tried to "soften" the blow with clever wall messages, such as "We Don't Know Where Mom Is, but We've Got Pop on Ice."

Another stated: "Our

Drinks Are All Sick Scents."...

We aren't much good at public outrage anymore. Anyone else notice that soft drinks, iced tea and coffee now cost a minimum of \$1.50 at restaurants? We've yawned instead of picketed.

We are in "ho hum" modes, settled into "sockit-to-me" postures. We fully expect daily "hits" by unidentified missiles from unexpected directions.

Radio's "Lum and Abner," one of the weekly "must-hear" shows of yesteryear, posted this door sign at their general store: "Open When We Get Here; Closed When We Leave." They unashamedly carved out fishing time daily and lived to a ripe old age....

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FSA county committee nominations start June 15

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Runnels County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Byron A. Bauerlein, announced that county committee election nominations begin June 15, 2012. Farmers, ranchers and landowners are encouraged to nominate farmer and rancher candidates to serve on their local FSA county committee by the August 1, 2012 deadline.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity, and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues.

"County committees are unique to FSA and are a valuable resource that gives locally elected farmers and ranchers who participate in FSA programs the opportunity to impact farm programs at the local level," said Bauerlein. "I hope to see a high level of participation during the nomination and election process," he said.

Producers may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Organizations that represent minority and women farmers and ranchers may also nominate candidates. Nominees must participate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area (LAA) in which the person is a candidate. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and more information about county committee elections are available online at: www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

"In order to have fair representation of the demographics and agricultural interests in the community, I encourage all producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers to participate in the nomination and election process," said Bauerlein.

Teenager in critical condition after wreck on County Road 288

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

BALLINGER- A teenager from Ballinger was seriously injured in a one-car wreck occurring last Saturday afternoon on County Road 288, in Ballinger, Texas.

Lazaro Herrera, 17 years of-age, was driving a white Ford pick up truck when he failed to negotiate the vehicle on Country Club Road, went off the road and into the brush.

The vehicle crashed into mesquite trees clearing a path of about 50 feet into the brush until it finally

came to a stop.
Assisting in Herrera's rescue were Ballinger EMS crew and Ballinger Volunteer Fire Department. They worked together to save the driver using jaws of life. Also on the scene were Ballinger Police Department, Runnels County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol and Rowena Volunteer Fire Department.

Herrera was taken to Shannon Medical Center. in San Angelo, were as of



Lazaro Herrera was pulled off the vehicle with the jaws of life by the first responders, he was transported to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

press time he was listed in critical condition.

The crash is under investigation by Trooper Nichols, of Texas Department of Public Safety in Sweetwater, Texas. Herrera was involved in another wreck last year,

when he was run over by a vehicle while he was walking in the dark on the old Winters highway.

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Applications available for **HOME** program

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COLEMAN- Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. (CTO) announced that applications for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program will be available to eligible applicants living in the cities of Brownwood, Bangs, Clyde, Cross Plains, Coleman, Comanche, Deleon, Cisco, Eastland, Ranger, Brady, Ballinger and Winters.

Applications may be obtained and downloaded from CTO's web site at www.ctoinc.org, or may be picked-up from one of the Community Outreach Centers participating.

In Runnels County they can be obtained at 601 West Pierce, Winters, Texas, (325) 754-4443 Tuesday-Wednesday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and from 12:30-4 p.m. The application process will begin on June 18, 2012

and end on July 6, 2012. For additional information, please contact the center that is closest to you. The HOME Investment Partnerships Program is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide affordable housing assistance and services to low-income families.

Through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, CTO will be awarding eligible applicants, housing assistance with three program options.