

A Winters man was arrested and charged with the burglary of a house in Ballinger. He was also found in the possession of drugs.

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Early voting is under way

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WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Last Monday the federal, state and local election process started in the Runnels County Courthouse, with the early voting by personal appearance. Early voting will be conducted until Friday, November 2, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the County Clerk's Office at the Courthouse in Ballinger.

Any qualified voter is eligible to vote early in person. Voters are reminded to please bring their voter registration card when voting. Along with the General Election for Federal, State and District Offices, there will also be elections for the City of Ballinger, City of Winters, Ballinger Independent School District, Winters Independent School District and the City of Miles.

Citizens in Ballinger will be holding an election for one School Board member. Candidates running for the Single Member District No. 5 are Jodi Busenlehner and Steve Kelly. The local election in the City of Ballinger also has two registered candidates. Candidates running for the Single Member District No. 4 are Eloyed Fuentes and Bob McDaniel.

In Winters, the Independent School District will be holding an election for one School Board member. Candidates running for the Single Member District No. 3 are Dan Killough and Danny F. Martinez.

The City of Winters will also be holding an election for the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages of off-premise consumption only, and for the legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only.

The City of Miles will be holding an election for City Council members. Candidates running at large are Larry Gilbert, Tony Dillon, Terry Penkert and Jane Jeschke.

County uncontested candidates declared elected are County Attorney - Ken Slimp, Sheriff - Bill Baird, Tax Assessor-Collector - Robin Burgess, County Commissioner Precinct No. 1 - Bobby Moore, County Commissioner Precinct No. 3 - Sam Scott, Constable Precinct No. 1 Wayne Pohels, and Constable Precinct No. 2 - Archie Jobe.

Sample ballots are available at the County Clerk's Office in Ballinger, the Tax Branch Office in Winters and Miles City Hall.

For further information, please contact the County Clerk's Office at (325) 365 2720.

Winters FCA travels to ASU Gameday

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- A group of over 45 traveled this past Saturday to San Angelo for the Concho Valley FCA Gameday Rally. There were over 100 area high school and junior high students from San Angelo Lakeview to Blackwell and everywhere in between that participated in the event. Fellowship of Christian Athletes, or FCA, is the largest Christian sports organization in the world. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference.

After meeting in front of the high school to scarf down some great pizza and snacks, the Winters FCA group was San Angelo Stadium bound. Games such as peanut butter ping pong and bobble head were both won by Blizzards over the rest of the groups there during the pre-game FCA rally held inside the stadium. "I think our student

athletes had a great time today. This event was a kick off of sorts to us starting FCA in Winters. I want to make sure and thank the guys over at Winters First Baptist Church for their help with today's event," stated Winters Athletic Director Adam Bright.

"I think our kids had a great time and an opportunity to get away for a few hours and have fun with friends is important to them. I am glad that even our band guys were able to make it to the game after getting 1's at competition! I believe that FCA is a great ministry that can make a difference in the lives of our students, and I am thrilled to be able to partner with FCA in Winters," Bright added.

The event was capped off with a great NCAA Lone Star Conference football game between the Angelo State Rams and the Texas A&M Commerce Lions. It was Homecoming for the Rams and a huge crowd saw a dramatic 17-



Winters High School and Junior High students traveled to San Angelo on Saturday, October 2012, for the Concho Valley FCA Gameday Rally.

PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

16 come from behind win for the Rams. Winters High School

and Junior High School students should look for more information about

FCA in the coming weeks as the Winters FCA Huddle begins to take shape.

Blizzards' comeback falls short in Anson

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Blizzards' football team dropped another game Friday night, losing to the Anson Tigers, ranked 21st in the state, by a score of 61-25. The Blizzards are now 1-7 on the season.

Anson jumped out to an early lead, scoring five touchdowns in the first quarter to go up 35-0. Winters recovered from shell shock in the second quarter, however, scoring their first touchdown of the night on a 25-yard run from junior running back Chris Gerhart. Anson would answer back before the half ended with a touchdown pass from Tiger quarterback Jalen Garza to receiver Lance Norman to go into the locker room up 42-6.

The Blizzards came out of the locker room and into the second half swinging. Sophomore quarterback Jimmy John Ripley completed his longest pass of the night, 42 yards, with a little over 7 minutes to go in the third



Chris Gerhart dives into the Anson Tigers endzone for a touchdown during the second quarter of the game.

PHOTO: JOE GERHART

quarter to senior Bryce Mikeska. Ripley added to the Blizzards' scoreline with an 11-yard scamper with a minute left in the quarter.

With the score resting at 42-19, Anson put a damper on Winters' comeback,

scoring three consecutive touchdowns in the fourth quarter to go up 61-19.

Winters, however, did not give up the fight. The Blizzards continued to battle until the final whistle, with Ripley scoring the final touchdown of

the game on a 2-yard run with less than a minute to go in the ball game.

Ripley finished the game 7 for 15 with 120 yards passing, one touchdown, and one interception. He also had 37 yards on 8 carries, scoring two touch-

downs in the process.

Gerhart had his best game of the season, carrying the ball 21 times for 112 yards, an average of 5.3 yards per carry, and one touchdown. Gerhart was also Ripley's leading receiver with 3 receptions for 59 yards.

"I think that our guys saw tonight that what they are learning can work. We have to go into this bye week and get better and allow some time for some of these guys to get healthy and get back on the field with us. Our young freshmen that played got some experience that will pay off in the long run. We just need to go back to work and figure out how to eliminate the small mistakes. Against good teams like Anson, those small mistakes turn big in a hurry" said Winters Head Coach Adam Bright after the game.

The Blizzards are on their bye week this week. They will face off against Haskell at home on November 2 at 7:30 for Senior Night.

Against all odds cotton crops could wind up

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- Despite drought, record-high summer temperatures, an early freeze and the failure of many dryland fields, the Texas High Plains cotton crop could wind up being near or slightly above the 10-year average, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Though the predictions seem contrary to what many expected, they're based on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistical Service's October surveys of farmers and measurements taken in

fields, said Mark Kelley, AgriLife Extension cotton specialist, Lubbock.

"For a 2012 crop, they're predicting 3.96 million bales produced in the High Plains - that's in the 1-North (Pamhandle) and 1-South (South Plains) districts," Kelley said. "Looking back to '98, when I first came out here, to 2011, we had an average of 3.59 million bales. And for the last 10 years, the average was 3.89 million. So according to that, we're going to be just slightly above the 10-year average.

Though many dryland acres failed in the Texas High Plains because of the

drought and heat, he said the irrigated yields that he's seeing this year are pretty good.

"A lot of it is up around the two-bale (per acre) mark, and then there's some that's coming in even higher than that, where they've got good water and timely rainfall events," Kelley said.

There was late-planted cotton that was "dinged pretty good" by an early freeze, but much of the crop seemed to escape major damage, he said.

"I've been pleasantly pleased with some of the results," Kelley said. "Even after the freeze, the bolls were opening up at some

of these locations. Of course, there is still some out there where the top bolls are having a tough time getting open."

Kelley warned that anyone's predictions this year may not hold up.

"Some of these fields are doing a lot better than expected. Some are doing a lot worse," he said.

Statewide, the USDA predicts the 2012 cotton crop to total 6.1 million bales, 74 percent higher than 2011, a year of severe drought. Over the last 10 years, total bales produced has ranged from a low of 3.5 million in 2011, to a high of 8.25 million bales in 2007.



WHS Class of 1954 held it's 58th Class Reunion

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Thanksgiving Dinner

Runnels County and the Winters Activity Center are so blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers and friends that do so much for our program and center. We would like to invite you to Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, Nov. 2 at 11:30 a.m. This is a special time to be "thankful" for our health, our family, friends and all of life's glorious gifts.

Z.I. Hale Museum meet

This Thursday is the regular meeting time for Z. I. Hale Museum. Meeting time is 5 p.m. Discussions on the Christmas Tree display and events for the next two months will be held. Please come help with the plans.

Athletic Booster Club Halloween Carnival

The Winters Athletic Booster Club will host their annual Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 27 at 6 p.m. in the Yellow Activity Building. In conjunction with the carnival, a Trunk or Treat will be hosted by the Blizard Elementary Support Team (BEST) in the Sticker Stadium Parking Lot from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. At the carnival, a variety of booths will be available for the enjoyment of children of all ages including games, concessions, a cakewalk, and BINGO. Admission is free and everyone is invited to enjoy an evening of family fun and community fellowship.

Trunk or treat at the FUMC

On Wednesday, October 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, we will have Trunk or Treat. This will be a fun time for all ages. The members of First United Methodist will have the trunks of their cars or the backs of their pick-ups filled with "treats" for all the kids who come out. Come to the parking lot at the church and enjoy the fun. While you are here, enjoy a hot dog and drink and more fellowship with your friends.

Christmas for Kids looking for donations

The Children Advocacy Center's "Christmas for Kids" program is in need of sponsors for 16 children from Runnels County and seven children from Concho County. These children have either been removed from their homes due to documented child abuse or have been removed in order for early intervention services to

be provided to them and their parent or guardian.

You can sponsor a child by obtaining their "Wish List" and purchasing the items or by making a monetary donation which will be used to purchase the items. Depending upon the age of the child, the total cost per child is \$50-80. To make a monetary donation, please note "RUNNELS/CONCHO" on your check and send it to: Monica Elrod, Community Resource Director, Children's Advocacy Center, P. O. Box 5195, San Angelo, TX 76902. To obtain a child's "Wish List", please contact Laura Malory, 365-1772.

Runnels Co. 4-H Shooting Sports

Runnels Co. 4-H Shooting Sports will be holding their first practice on October 29 and 30 at the Miles Young Farmers Barn. New members have a mandatory safety meeting on October 29 at 5:30 p.m., followed by their first shooting session. If you are interested in the shooting sports program and have not turned in your paperwork, please attend this meeting and we'll get you registered. This safety meeting is mandatory before any new member can begin shooting. All returning members be sure to check your e-mails for sign-up times, and e-mail us. If you have any questions please call Lori Looka at 277-7139 or email us at rlooka10@aol.com.

Senior Citizens Nursing Home Halloween night

The Activity Department of Senior Citizens Nursing Home is making plans for Trick or Treat on Halloween night starting at 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

We are asking for donations of candy (individually wrapped) to be turned in no later than Monday, October 29 to the Activity Department.

We thank you for your cooperation. This is a fun time for the residents and is looked forward to by all.

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: November 3, two-person 18 holes shots.

Carts are limited so sign 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 fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. 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 Meetings

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

Ballinger Al-Anon meetings

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

City Council Meetings

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

Fire Prevention Month serves as a reminder for Texans to protect their property

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- Texas A&M Forest Service and the State Fire Marshal's Office are joining forces to remind Texans of simple measures to help protect their homes and families from fire.

October is Fire Prevention Month - and a good time to rake leaves, remove dead or dying vegetation and trim tree canopies. Residents are encouraged to relocate wood piles away from the home, remove combustible materials and vegetation from around and under decks, remove or prune vegetation near windows and remove dry leaves and pine needles from the yard, roof and rain gutters.

"We saw homes survive the brutal wildfires of 2011 because of actions homeowners took long before ignition occurred," said Justice Jones, Wildland Urban Interface and prevention coordinator for Texas A&M Forest Service.

"It doesn't take long and it doesn't cost much to do a few things that could end up saving your home."

Residents also should create and practice an evacuation plan and ensure that working smoke alarms are installed on each floor of their home, said Texas State Fire Marshal Chris Connealy.

"Homeowners can significantly increase their safety and their home's likelihood of survival by taking a proactive approach to fire prevention and home defense," he said. "But these measures cannot guarantee personal safety in the face of catastrophic fires, so it's paramount to have an exit strategy."

Fire propelled by strong winds can move as fast as 60 mph, Connealy added. When told to evacuate, residents should leave the area immediately and choose a route that leads away from the fire. Stay alert to changes in the speed and direction of fire and smoke.

AgriLife Extension agent named to Coleman County position

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

COLEMAN- Janet A. Nelson has been named the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service family and consumer sciences agent for Coleman County, effective Nov. 1. The announcement was made by

Coleman County Judge Joe Watson and Scott Durham, AgriLife Extension administrator at San Angelo.

"Janet comes to Coleman County with an extensive family and consumer sciences background," Durham said. "She has years of AgriLife Extension and

classroom teaching experience that, when combined with her proven programming skills, should carry on the strong AgriLife Extension tradition in this key county."

Nelson holds a master's of agricultural sciences from Texas A&M University at Kingsville. She also earned a bachelor's of science degree in home economics and a secondary teacher certification in human sciences from Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

She has served as the AgriLife Extension family and consumer sciences agent in Stephens County since 2003, where she was responsible for family and consumer sciences educational programs and shared responsibilities in 4-H and youth development with the agriculture and natural resources agent.

SWCD directors to gather for their 72nd annual meeting

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

TEMPLE- Soil and Water Conservation District Directors representing 216 soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) in Texas will be gathering October 29-31 at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort near Bastrop Texas for their 72nd annual state meeting. The meeting is expected to draw approximately 600 conservation leaders and special dignitaries.

Keynote speaker for the conference is Carter Smith, Executive Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Smith will address the gathering of SWCD directors at a legislative appreciation banquet on Monday evening.

During the Tuesday morning general session SWCD directors will hear addresses from Jule Richmond, President, Association of Texas SWCDs (ATSWCDs); Thomas Boggus, State Forester and Director, Texas A&M Forest Service; Tom Maynard, Executive Director, Texas FFA Association; Tom Christensen, Central Regional Conservationist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Washington D.C., and Billy R. Bradford, Jr., Chairman, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

Boggus, State Forester and director of Texas A&M Forest Service will talk about the agency's drought assessment program, Bastrop Fire and Recovery program and Texas Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal (TxWRAP) program.

Christensen will focus on soil health as the foundation for conservation planning with a tie in to farm-ranch economics as the basis for long term sustainability of the resource.

He is also expected to talk about how voluntary private

lands conservation programs are achieving results. "With 70 percent of the land in the lower 48 states in private ownership, the quality of our environment depends on the decisions that are made by farmers, ranchers, and other private landowners every day", Christensen said.

Maynard will talk about the status of agricultural education in Texas and of the necessity of agricultural industries working alongside public education to connect agricultural teaching to the real world so that students have opportunities to learn, reinforce experience, apply, and transfer their knowledge and skills into the workforce.

Bradford will talk to the conservation district directors about the 2012 State Water Plan and the implementation of the plan. The focus of his address will deal with historic and projected population growth in the state along with a projected water demand compared to existing supplies. He will also talk about water management strategies.

Concurrent workshops will be held on Tuesday afternoon. Dr. John W. Nielsen-Gammon, State Climatologist, Texas A&M University will do a presentation on current and future drought prospects for the state.

Gina Bono Andrews, partner in the Houston law firm of Oaks, Hartline, and Daly, along with attorney Karen Dalton Walker, will present a workshop on the basics of estate planning, and an explanation of estate and gift taxes as well as a discussion on

imminent changes to the January 2013 estate and gift tax law.

In addition, Andrews and Walker will touch on estate-planning issues and techniques for landowners on how to keep the "family farm". Taking advantage of the large gift giving opportunity of 2012 provisions to reduce estate taxes will also be discussed.

Cary Dupuy and Lisa Elledge with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts will present a workshop on the endangered species act and its potential impact on agricultural producers.

They will also review current species under review for listing and discuss the role of the Interagency Task Force on Economic Development and Endangered Species.

SWCD directors who need continuing education units to retain the currency of their pesticide applicator licenses will have an opportunity Tuesday afternoon to attend a one hour CEU workshop on Pesticide Laws and Regulations presented by Perry Cervanta, Certification Specialist, Texas Department of Agriculture.

Following the workshops, Earl Garber, President-elect of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) will present an address during the business session of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Gerber is expected to talk about the 2012 Farm Bill proposals, budget reductions through sequestration and NRCS state water quality certainty programs.

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Blue and yellow make green

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COLEMAN- Bill Shields, President of the Fine Arts League of Coleman Co., Inc., presented the program for the League General meeting at Heritage Hall on Saturday October 20. While demonstrating the technique, Shields taught the important basics for color mixing, values, and perspective while doing a landscape in acrylic dry brush. Bill will also do a demonstration for the Comanche Art Organization October 23. His painting won Best of Show at the recent Fiesta Membership Art Show October 6, in the Coleman Public Library.

Winters has invited the Coleman group to enter their first show November 24 at the Rock Hotel. Information on entry can be found at chairperson email chabery@netzero.net.

Heritage Hall Gallery will present a Seasonal Exhibit "Heritage Hall-i-day" Saturday December 8, 10am-4 pm to get

the holiday season started.

The Fine Arts League Youth Art Show is being reviewed and will be announced at a later date.

The League discussed the possibilities of exhibiting in businesses during an "open house" situation.

Lois McCarty will have the program on November 17, hands-on project using fabric and crayolas. December 15th meeting will be the Christmas Party.

For information on becoming a member of the Fine Arts League of Coleman Co., Inc., contact any of the officers: Bill Shields, Lois McCarty, Bitsy Murchison, Bob Murchison, Sue Shields, Sharon Dick or Marian Johnson. Your help is needed and wanted to keep the Arts active in the community. Three ways to become a member are: member \$20; Patron: \$20; honorary: 0. Dues for 2013 will be collected in January. Come join us on the third Saturday meeting each month at 2 p.m.

Comptroller's Office will bring answers on State Tax questions

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- On Thursday, Oct. 25, the Comptroller's office will offer a free taxpayer seminar in San Angelo from 6 to 8 p.m. The seminar will take place at the Angelo State University Small Business Development Center, Rassman Building, Room 100, located at 2222 Dena Drive.

During the seminar, taxpayers can learn how to properly fill out tax forms, and file and pay taxes electronically. Information about e-services will

also be available to help taxpayers manage their accounts online. Comptroller representatives will be on hand to answer questions and provide assistance to attendees.

"We want to empower Texas business owners by making resources and information accessible. Conducting these seminars and making our team of tax specialists available provides guidance for businesses," said R.J. DeSilva, spokesperson for the Comptroller's office.

For more information

about the seminar, call the Comptroller's Abilene Field Office at 325-695-4323.

Those who are unable to attend the seminar can call the Comptroller's tax assistance line at 1-800-252-5555. Tax forms and tax information can also be found on the Comptroller's website, www.window.state.tx.us. A complete list of locations, dates and times of taxpayer seminars scheduled throughout the state is available at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/seminars.html.

Last chance to participate in the Predator Management Board election

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Ballots are available until October 26, 2012 in the offices of County Extension Agents within the 111 county referendum area for any producer who wants to vote in the Sheep and Goat Predator Management Board election. Terms will expire for one director in each district on December 31, 2012. In addition there will be a vote for an increase on the refundable assessment from \$.30 per

head to \$1.00 per head. Ballots are also available at the Sheep and Goat Predator Management Board offices at 233 W. Twohig, San Angelo Texas. Ballots must be returned to the Board office by the midnight October 26 deadline.

John Wade (District 1), J.R. Evans (District 2), and Allen Belk (District 3) are the directors of the nine-member board whose terms are expiring.

The current Board urges all sheep and goat producers within the referendum

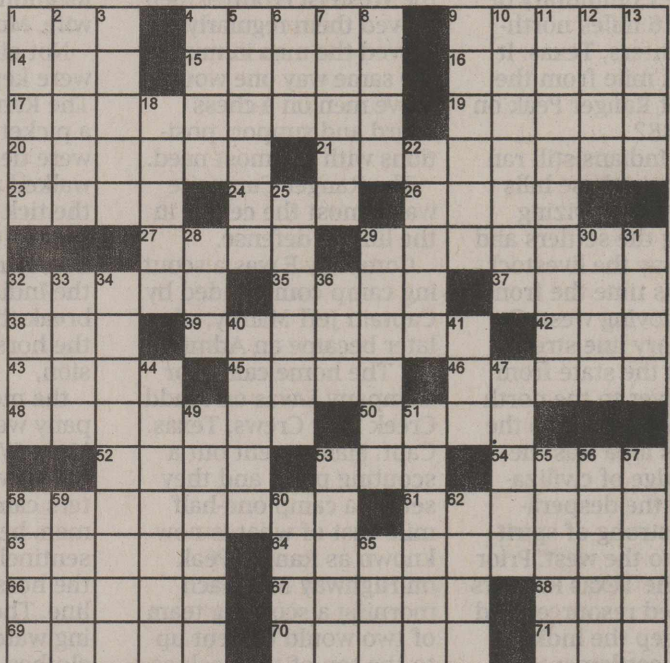
area to vote in the district of their legal residence. A map on the back of the ballot should answer any questions regarding the district you should vote in. Candidates participating are District 1- Curry Campbell of Sonora, Texas; District 2- J.R. Evans of Ft. McKavett, Texas; District 3- Allen Belk of Winters, Texas, and Kevin Herring of Briggs, Texas.

The postmark deadline for ballots is midnight, October 26, 2012. Official canvassing will be Nov 19.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. Bouncers' requests
4. "R.U.R." playwright
9. "Rabbit food"
14. Teachers' org.
15. Beyond's partner
16. Two-dimensional
17. If actress Tyne married Chicago politico Richard, she'd be Tyne
19. Upper crust
20. "Don't fire ___ fired upon"
21. Orthodontist's device
23. Caught in the act
24. Guinness suffix
26. Gaelic tongue
27. 1/2 fl. oz.
29. Dr. Scholl's products
32. Felix's roommate
35. Director Preminger
37. Pew area
38. Scuff up
39. If artist Yoko married skater Apolo, she'd be Yoko
42. Palindromic Bobsey
43. Jillions
45. Moffo or Pavlova
46. Politico Lott
48. Wanted-poster figures
50. Mason's job
52. Native Canadian
53. KLM rival
54. In the proverbial cellar
58. City south of Elizabeth, NJ
61. Grosse __, MI
63. Siouan tribesmen
64. If skater Sasha married director Ethan, she'd be Sasha
66. Look for water



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67. Getting chilled
68. __ Plains, IL
69. Aids in wrongdoing
70. Arboreal abodes
71. Bard's before

11. If singer Cleo married actor Nathan, she'd be Cleo
12. Kitty starter
13. Word before XING
18. Gossipy sort
22. Mortise mate
25. Impromptu percussion
28. A sib
29. Cornell's city
30. Hunter or Bayh
31. Shipped off
32. Actor Epps
33. Mall event
34. If singer Sheryl married actor Russell, she'd be Sheryl
36. Won __ soup
40. Quadrennial candidate Ralph

41. 4th-qr. followers, sometimes
44. Most tangy
47. Dig find
49. Candy brand
51. Facet
53. Brit's weight
55. Battery terminal
56. Beef on the hoof
57. On tenterhooks
58. Closing passage
59. Get from __ (progress a bit)
60. MBA subj.
62. Till stack
65. __ Master's Voice

DOWN

1. Pakistan's chief river
2. Colonial diplomat Silas
3. Explorer Sieur de La
4. Ill-bred sorts
5. Puts down
6. Capitol Hill figure
7. Navratilova rival
8. Chan films regular Luke
9. Gear for some fishermen
10. Jazzman Mose or puppeteer Fran

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

All-Day Event

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HISTORICAL MARKERS AND THEIR HISTORIES IN RUNNELS COUNTY

A hand-dug water well that did not provide any water

CONTRIBUTED BY RUTH COOPER
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WINTERS- The Ranger Campsite Water Well is located on private property in the Community of Content, 16 miles northeast of Winters, Texas. It is one-half mile from the location of Ranger Peak on Highway 382.

In 1874 Indians still ran rampant over these hills and valleys, terrorizing and killing the settlers and driving away the livestock. During this time the frontier was moving west. On an imaginary line stretching across the state from the Red River to the north and Nueces County to the south, this area was the western edge of civilization. Only the desperadoes and strong of spirit ventured to the west. Prior to 1874, the Texas Rangers with limited resources had tried to keep the Indians out of the settlements developing along this line. The Rangers were on the defensive and could do little more than stay on the outskirts and keep the Indians pushed back. There were not enough men to pursue the Indians or seek them out of their camps.

It was during this period of time, the Frontier Battalion was established by Governor Richard Coke in 1874, which eventually brought an end to the Indian problems in this area. The Battalion was composed of six companies of Texas Rangers, all volunteers with 75 men in each company. The companies were identified as A through F. Each company was headed by a Captain, a First and Second Lieutenant. The six companies of the Frontier Battalion all were commanded by Major John B. Jones of Corsicana, Texas.

Major Jones was a quiet, unassuming man who was said to have never taken anything to drink stronger than black coffee and buttermilk. His dynamic spirit enabled him to success-

fully command his men as well as drive the Indians out of the area. Major Jones stationed his companies along this line of the Western Frontier then moved them regularly. He moved the men in much the same way one would move men on a chess board and support positions with the most need.

The Ranger Campsite was almost the center in the line of defense.

Company E was a scouting camp commanded by Captain Jeff Maltby, who later became an Admiral. The home camp for Company E was on Mudd Creek near Crews, Texas. Capt. Maltby sent out a scouting party and they set up a camp one-half mile east of what is now known as Ranger Peak on Highway 382. Each morning a scouting team of two would be sent up to the top of the peak as early as it was possible to see. They remained on the peak until noon and scanned the countryside for any approaching Indians. At noon, they were relieved by two other men. They stayed until they could no longer see the terrain. These four men had no other duties than take their turn on the lookout peak.

The Rangers were sheltered in tents although some cabins were built at the foot of the peak. According to Mr. J.B. Hudson's letters now in the Crain Library at Hardin Simmons, he told of these cabins to Henry Bright.

The Rangers dug a well by hand 60 feet deep. This well, they hoped would supply water for themselves and their horses, however, no water was found.

They built lots for their horses by putting up a foundation of stout poles and then lay thick brush across the poles. The fence was stronger than one might suppose and it prevented the horses from

straying. In 1882, when the Bright family moved to the property, the lot was still standing. Mr. Henry Bright later described this location many times to his wife, Mrs. Icy Bright.

Not all of the horses were kept in the corral. The Rangers kept some on a picket line where they were tied and a sentinel walked as regularly as the tick of the clock. This prevented the loss of their horses many times as the Indians often tried to break these lines and steal the horses. On an occasion,

the men of the E Company were stationed below Muke Waters in a green valley when flood waters came down and the men, being warned by the sentinel quickly mounted the horses on the picket line. They escaped the raging waters with only the clothes on their backs and their side arms.

Major John Jones came regularly to the Content Camp as well as the five other camps. He brought the provisions and checked on their activities. His sense of integrity prevented him working from any office. He came into the field and personally supervised the activities of the Frontier Battalion.

When he could not reach the camps, the men had to forge for themselves. Capt. Jeff Maltby wrote in his book "Capt. Jeff," stories about the Rangers stationed at the campsite.

The Rangers were sent out in groups of two and three when they were hunting for food. When on these scouting expeditions searching for Indians; they had strict orders not to shoot unless an Indian was sighted. On a specific scouting expedition they were riding single file over the rugged countryside and sighted a black bear ahead of them. They had not been given instructions to take game, but

The Rangers were engaged in many Indian fights. They were helpful in guarding the frontier as well as seeking out the Indians in their camps and retrieving stolen horses and cattle. It was in the area of Valley Creek that Big Foot, the famous Kiowa Chief was killed.

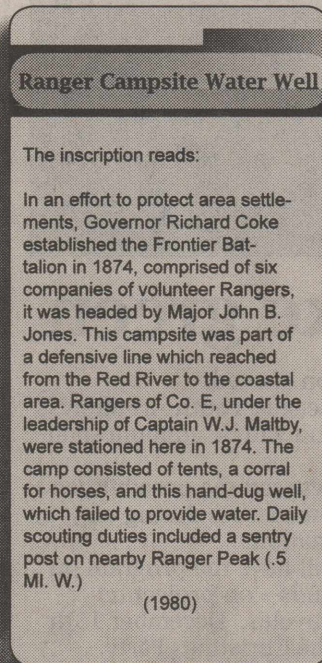
The men of Company E commanded by Capt. Jeff Maltby moved out of the area of Content and Crews on Mudd Creek by 1875. In 1876, Major Jones report indicated he believed the Indians had been driven back. Major John Jones died in 1881. The Frontier Battalion was abolished in 1900.

The application for a historical marker was submitted May 4, 1977 for the Campsite Well. Mrs. Icy Bright had already financed four historical markers in the Content area, Nancy Parker's Cabin and the three markers at Ranger Peak on Highway 382. At that time, Mrs. Bright owned the property of the Ranger Campsite Well and although the site would be on private property, she wanted the well site marked or it would be totally lost to future generations. Through her determination and dedication to preserve the history of the sites in the area, Mrs. Bright was successful in getting the Historical Marker approved for the Ranger Campsite Water Well June 26, 1980.

The dedication ceremony was held in November of 1980. The Runnels Co. Historical Commission met at the Z.I. Hale Museum and drove to the site of the Water Well. Fourteen members attended the dedication ceremony, then the group went to Nancy Parker's Cabin, another historical landmark.

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Researched For May 9, 2009
Program at Texas Ranger Campsite Well for the Runnels County Historical Commission



provisions were low. Their big problem was how to take the bear without firing a shot. Sergeant Mathers was in command and gave strict orders for every man to stay in rank. He swung his lasso and roped the bear which had been staring back at them. Sgt. Mathers' well-trained mount tightened the rope and held the bear securely. The bear then struggled and flopped at the end of the rope.

The Sergeant dismounted and quickly advanced toward the bear with his Bowie Knife in hand. The horse held the rope taut. Not a man stirred.

Quickly the Sergeant raised his Bowie knife for the kill and as the bear fell, the others rushed in and assisted. They placed the bear on one of the horses and went back to camp. Mrs. Icy Bright, wife of Henry Bright told the story as told to her by Tolbert Buford, a pioneer in the Content area. The Rangers were back at camp skinning the bear when he rode into camp. He was 9 years of age then. His father had sent him to get tobacco from the Rangers.

Burglary suspect arrested with meth

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- A Winters man was arrested last Saturday, October 20, 2012 for the burglary of a house located in the south side of Ballinger, and was found in possession of a substance believed to be methamphetamine.

A woman came to her house, located in the 1000 block of Park Avenue, in Ballinger, Texas, just to find it had been burglarized. The woman called the emergency number and officers with the Ballinger Police Department started searching the area.

Officer Chris Sargent found a man hiding in the neighborhood, and in possession of what is believed to be methamphetamine. The man, later identified as Benny R. Renfro, 35-years-of-age, was also in possession of drug paraphernalia.

Renfro was in possession of nearly 30 cc of the drug, and he also had a needle, a spoon, and an arm tie.

Renfro was taken to the Runnels County Jail and charged with possession of controlled substance, burglary of habitation, and failure to identify.

Officer Sargent was assisted by Senior Patrolman Larry Nitsch.

Veteran's Corner

Congress passed, and the President signed into law, the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011. Included in this new law is the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP). VRAP offers up to 12 months of training assistance to unemployed veterans. There are eligibility requirements and limits. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave or call 365-3612.

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St. Joseph's Fall Festival Committee Chairmen

Descendants of the early parishioners of St. Joseph Parish, Rowena, will continue the tradition started in 1922 to celebrate Armistice Day. November 11, 2012, marks the 90th Anniversary of the Fall Festival with the theme "Home of the Free Because of the Brave."

The following volunteers will be in charge of the various committees that help make the plans for the day work out smoothly.

Pictured left to right Worker Coordination Co-Chairmen- Nelson and Julie Book, Kitchen Food Coordination Co-Chairmen- Duane and Dee Dee Schniers, General Co-Chairmen- Doug and Margaret Watkins, Kitchen Food Coordination Chairmen- Tim and Janice Travis, Worker Coordination Chairmen- Troy and Brenda Halfmann.

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WHS Class of 1954 58th reunion

The 58th Class Reunion for WHS Class of 1954 was held at the Winters Housing Authority Meeting Room Saturday, October 13, 2012. The gathering began at 10 a.m., with visiting, then the business of future reunions. The class decided to meet again during Homecoming of 2013. Pictured left to right are front row: Garland Williams, Nolo Gene (Virden) Davis, Barbara (Yates) Everett, Ruth (Vogler) Cooper, Lennis (Moore) Robertson, Bobbie Sue (King) Jackson, Sue (Hamilton) Wood, Rose (Best) Partee, Jo Ellen (White) Pullin, Patsy (Wood) Roberson, Bonnie Jane (Bryan) Elliott, Max Parker and Shirley (Scott) Hall. Back row: Kenneth Mills, Cecil Tekell, Bailey Mayo, Johnny Walker, Jim Kruse, Wendell Gideon, James Gehrels, Juanita (Pruser) Bredemeyer, Don Davis, Wanda Jean (Wessels) Howell, Lee Wood.

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County approves contract with Driver License Division

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WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Runnels County Commissioners met Tuesday morning, October 23, 2012 for a regular meeting. Commissioners voted unanimously to allow County Clerk to renew the contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services for the issuance of remote birth certificates. The contract will allow the County Clerk's office to issue birth certificates to citizens

born in any county in Texas. Commissioners approved a motion to allow County Judge Barry Hilliard to contract with the Texas Department of Public Safety for the Fail to Appear program with the Driver License Division. The agreement will prevent DPS from renewing a driver license if a person has a citation pending in a court in the county. Commissioner Rick Strube presented the

advances in the repairs of a bridge on County Road 288. Commissioners took no action on funding the emergency repairs needed to repair the bridge. Commissioner Strube said that he was still estimating costs and waiting for estimates for both materials and labor for the repairs. In a different agenda item commissioners approved the sale of a grid roller from Precinct 4 to Kimble County for \$8,000.

Commissioners also approved a request from the Millersview-Doole Water Supply Corporation for installation of water lines in the county's right of way across County Road 244 and County Road 255. Commissioners voted to change the next regular meeting from Tuesday, November 13 2012 to Wednesday November 14, in order to canvass the votes for the November 6 General Election.

Pumpkins not the only round orange now in season...

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Blizzards Girls Basketball team released their 2012-2013 schedule this week. The schedule this year includes 13 home games and 9 games on the road as well as three tournaments. The season begins

this Saturday with a home scrimmage versus Coleman at 10 a.m. The regular season schedule gets underway on November 10 with an early afternoon contest versus Robert Lee. "I feel like we have put together a solid schedule that will test us as we prepare for district

play. Our first week of practices has gone very well, and I am proud of the work these ladies have put in so far. I like having more home games and look forward to the good crowds wearing their blue and filling our awesome facility" stated Girls Basketball Head

Coach Ryan Ocheskey. The Winters Blizzards Boys Basketball team will be releasing their schedule early next week as they prepare to make another run at a district title. Be sure to come early, be loud, and wear blue and cheer on our Blizzard hoopsters this season.

Texas unemployment rate drops to 6.8 percent in Sept

AUSTIN— Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 6.8 percent in September, down from 7.1 percent in August. The state's unemployment rate is down from 7.9 percent a year ago, and is well below the national unemployment rate in September of 7.8 percent. Texas added 21,000 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs in September.

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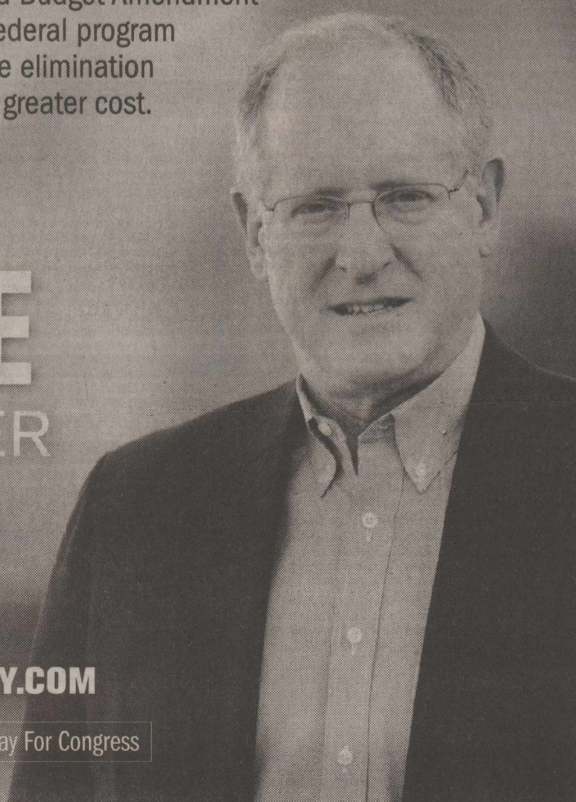
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Conaway voted to repeal ObamaCare, lower taxes, pass a Balanced Budget Amendment and require any new federal program to be matched with the elimination of another of equal or greater cost.

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MONDAY

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TUESDAY

Breakfast Pizza or Cereal r Breakfast Taco, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

WEDNESDAY

Biscuit/Egg Pattie or Cereal or Yogurt or Breakfast Burrito, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

THURSDAY

Breakfast Pocket or Cereal or Pancake/Sausage Link, Toast w/ Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

FRIDAY

Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Muffin, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

WINTERS ISD LUNCH

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

MONDAY

Cheese Stick w/or without Spaghetti Sauce or Steak Fingers/Hot Roll*, Corn, Broccoli w/Cheese, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Watermelon, Choice of Milk.

TUESDAY

Meat Loaf or Grilled Chicken Pattie/Bun, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Strawberry/Banana Bar, Peaches, Choice of Milk.

WEDNESDAY

Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Frito Pie, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Cake, Choice of Milk.

THURSDAY

Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak/ Bread Sticks (Elem. JH) (HS) Hot Roll or Chicken Tender/Bread Stick (Elem. JH) (HS) Hot Roll, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Pears, Choice of Milk.

FRIDAY

Chef Salad (HS only) or Hamburger or Chicken Bites/Bread Sticks, Oven Fries, California Blend, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Lettuce/Pickle, Orange, Choice of Milk.

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