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Burn ban continued in Runnels County

Runnels SWCD to hold annual fish stocking program thru April 26

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

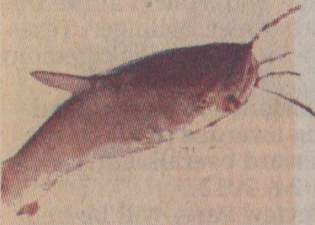
WINTERS- Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District is holding its annual fish stocking or restocking of ponds this year.

The program will continue through April 26, 2013 with delivery of the fish on May 1, 2013 at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 2000 Hutchings Avenue in Ballinger. Available species are channel catfish, largemouth bass, bluegill sunfish, red ear perch, crappie, minnows (fathead or shiner), and sterile grass carp (available with TPWD permit).

Bags, air and water necessary to transport your fish to their destination will be furnished.

For more information on this year's program call the office at (325) 365 3415 ext. 3 or stop by the NRCS office at 2000 Hutchings Avenue in Ballinger.

Programs and services of the SWCD are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regard for race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status or handicap.



Quilting for a wounded warrior

Members of the Winters 4-H Club voted at their March meeting to sew a quilt to send to an injured military serviceman. Club members met at Bee's Quilt Shop on Wednesday, March 13 to sew the quilt. Thank you to Maegan Schwartz, owner of Bee's Quilt Shop for her help in creating the quilt. Pictured with the finished quilt top left to right: Macey Gerhart, Kara Heathcott, Brenna Knight, Baily Knight and Brooklynn Anderson.

SUBMITTED BY WINTERS 4-H REPORTER SETH GERHART

North Runnels Hospital award presentation

TOP: Wendi McGowan has been voted Employee of the Quarter for North Runnels Hospital. Wendi has been employed at North Runnels Hospital since 2004 serving as a Paramedic and Registered Nurse. She is currently serving as the Assistant Director of Nursing. North Runnels Hospital is fortunate to have Wendi as a member of their healthcare team. Pictured with Wendi is administrator Sidney Tucker. BOTTOM: After 24 years of dedicated service, Pat Galloway is retiring from NRH. Pat has been a dedicated employee of the hospital, always going the extra mile to make sure patients were comfortable during a hospital stay. All of the employees at North Runnels hospital will miss her and wish her the best in her retirement.



RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Considering the lack of rain and windy conditions in Runnels County, the Commissioners Court voted to continue the burn ban currently in effect in Runnels County. Commissioners Court held a regular meeting last Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at the Commissioners Courtroom.

All outdoor burning is currently prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Runnels County. Burning is still allowed under certain conditions but it should be done with all necessary precautions and in compliance with the burn ban.

In the hour-and-a-half meeting commissioners also passed a motion made by Commissioner Robert Moore and seconded by Commissioner Sam Scott to approve the replacement of six county bridges by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Certified as an "Economically Disadvantaged County," Runnels County is required to fund 3 percent of the replacement cost of all six bridges. The bridges are located at County Road 272 over Valley Creek, County Road 301 over Valley Creek, County Road 114 over Pony Creek, County Road 128 over Mustang Creek, County Road 234 over Fuzzy Creek, and County Road 216 over Oak Creek.

Commissioners received and opened bids for emulsified asphalt to be used in the repair and maintenance of county roads and bridges. Those presenting bids were Heartland Asphalt from Hurst, Texas; Ergon Asphalt, of Austin, Texas; Cleveland Asphalt, of Shepherd, Texas, and Western Emulsions, of Lubbock, Texas.

Commissioners voted to accept the bid presented by Ergon Asphalt.

On another agenda item, the Commissioners Court discussed and voted to challenge the appraised values placed on several county owned properties by the Texas Association of Counties for insurance purposes.

Commissioners are also discussing to go out for bids or proposals from different insurance companies in order to get a more competitive option than the one presented by TAC.

Commissioners approved a 5-year lease purchase agreement submitted by Precinct 2 Commissioner Ronald Presley, to acquire a Kubota tractor equipped with an A-boom attached shredder. The price of the unit (\$108,647.68) will be paid in five annual installments with an option to buy the tractor for \$1 at the end of the lease. The unit will be purchased to New Holland of Abilene, Texas.



J'Lynn Cooper and Randy Dean were awarded Employees of the Month by the Winters ISD. They are pictured with board members Dan Killough and Doug Bryan.

Employees, students recognized at WISD



Student of the Month awards were awarded on Monday, March 25, 2013. Pictured are board member Dan Killough, Evelyn Campos - High School Girl, Matt Jacob - Boy Elementary, Esmeralda Gallegos - Girl Elementary, Christopher Gerhart - Boy High School, and board member Kevin Busher.

PHOTOS: JOE GERHART

WHS participates in UIL Academic District Meet



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Placing in the District 7A UIL Academic meet are left to right: Kara Heathcott, Missy Calcote, Bailee Busher, Jordan Hamrick, Sean McGowan, Erica Lerma, Hannah Johnson, Elisabeth Wenzel.

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Winters High School participated in the District 7-1A Academic UIL meet held last Saturday in Mertzon at Irion County High School. Thirty students sponsored by nine faculty members competed for WHS in a number of events.

Thirteen schools vied for honors in the district competition. The following students placed and have qualified for regional competition at South Plains College in Leveland on Friday, April 19:

Hannah Johnson 1st Literary Criticism and 1st Ready Writing (Regional qualifier in both)

Hannah Johnson,

Erica Lerma and Kara Heathcott 2nd Literary Criticism Team (Regional alternate)

Jordan Hamrick 4th Feature Writing (Regional alternate)

Missy Calcote 5th Feature Writing (Regional alternate)

Bailee Busher 4th Editorial Writing (Regional alternate)

Elisabeth Wenzel 3rd Computer Applications (Regional qualifier)

Christa Bahlman 3rd Persuasive Speaking (Regional qualifier)

Sean McGowan 4th Informative Speaking (Regional alternate)

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Andrea Marcene 'Andi' Gerhart

Beloved mother, grandmother, "Nanny," sister, aunt, and cousin, Andrea Marcene "Andi" Gerhart, 68, passed from this earth after a brief illness on March 23, 2013 surrounded by her loving family in San Angelo, Texas.

Andi was born June 18, 1944 in San Diego, California to Pat and Maxine Pritchard of Wingate, Texas while Pat was serving in the Navy during WWII.

Andi attended school in Wingate and graduated from Winters High School in 1962. She attended nursing school in Winters and Abilene, Texas. She began her nursing career in her early 20s, graduating from the only LVN class at North Runnels Hospital in Winters. Her nursing career spanned over 48 years in many communities in the state of Texas, including Odessa, Abilene, Winters, Ballinger, Coleman, and San Angelo. She served in the medical field not only in hospital and nursing home care, but also in family planning and outreach, home health, and private duty nursing. Her longest service was to the Ballinger community at Ballinger Memorial Hospital for over 18 years. She retired from San Angelo Community Medical Center, but continued to work as a private duty nurse up until the time of her illness.

Andi had a special zest for life, a contagious laugh, and a tremendous passion for her family. Her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren and attending as many of their activities as possible. She was a country girl at heart. Andi loved country music, dancing, preparing and sharing her favorite recipes, and attending the rodeo and junior livestock shows. Many times she would work a long shift at the hospital and drive through the night to be at her children's livestock shows, no matter where they were across the state. Andi never missed a sporting event that her children were involved in. Although known to be fashionably late, Andi never missed a family wedding, baby shower, birthday party, or the Heathcott family reunion, which was the highlight of her summer.

Andi never shied away from hard work whether it was in the hospital, on the farm, or working with the animals. She had a servant's heart with a true caregiver's spirit. Andi sacrificed much of her personal time to care for her aging parents and other family members when they needed help. She was always available to give encouragement and advice, and she inspired many of her family members to pursue a career in nursing.

Andi was a believer in Christ and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters.

She was preceded in death by one son, Darold Joe Smith, and her parents.

Andi is survived by her four children: sons, James Lee Smith of Saginaw; Harold Joe "Red" Gerhart and wife, Michelle, of San Angelo; and Jarrett Gerhart of Winters; one daughter, Mandi Gerhart Priess and husband, James, of Fredericksburg. She is also survived by her two grandchildren: Michon Gerhart of San Angelo, and Landry Smith of Saginaw. Andi was anxiously awaiting the arrival of her grandson, Joshua Chad Priess, who is due to make his arrival in June. Andi is also survived by brothers, Pat Prichard, Jr. and wife Doris, of Clyde; Joe Prichard and wife, Donna, of Winters; sisters, Mary Lynn Presley and husband, Ronald, of Winters; and Martha Jean "MJ" Spence and husband, David, of Frisco. Andi leaves behind a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many dear friends.

Services for Andi Gerhart of San Angelo were held at First United Methodist Church in Winters on Tuesday, March 26 at 2 p.m. Reverend David Montoya officiated. Burial followed in the Wingate Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Denny Heathcott, Llano Heathcott, Robby Heathcott, Ronald Heathcott, Johnny Bob Pritchard, and Steve Pritchard. Honorary pallbearers were brothers-in-law, cousins, nephews, and nephews-in-law.

The family wishes to thank the many caregivers who assisted during Andi's illness: Drs. Leckie, Durham, Blanc, and Prieto; and the staff of San Angelo Community Medical Center, with special thanks to the ICU nursing staff.

The family has asked that memorial donations may be made to the Winters Activity Center Meals on Wheels, 601 Wood Street, Winters, Texas 79567, or to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Services were under the direction of Lange Funeral Home of Ballinger. Guests may register online at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

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Milton Rios Cortez

Milton Rios Cortez, 57, of Winters died March 23, 2013. He was born June 18, 1955 in Runnels County and was a lifetime resident. He attended school in Winters. He worked at Tradesman Truck Accessories, LLC for several years. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He is survived by four children: Joann Cortez and husband Jacob Villalpando of Winters, Vanessa Esquivel and husband Phillip of Winters, Christy Marquez and husband Jessie of San Angelo and Arthur Martinez and wife Teresa of Abilene. His father: Felix Cortez, Sr. of Winters. Eight grandchildren. Three brothers: Danny Cortez of Winters, Eddie Cortez of Winters and Felix Cortez, Jr. and wife Estella of Abilene. One sister: Betty Martinez and husband Jr. of Winters.

A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday March 27, 2013 at Winters Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday March 28, 2013 at the First Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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NEWS NOTES

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce Mayfest

The Winters Mayfest will be held on Saturday May 4, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Winters City Park and Community Center.

Festivities include games, 5K walk/run for Trent's Retreat, possibly Softball tournaments. For more information, please call Pam, Linda or Randy at (325) 754 5210.

Vendor booth spaces, 8 by 8, are available until April 22. After deadline there is an additional fee. Arts and Crafts and any vendors are welcome.

We need entertainers for both inside stage in Community Center as well as outdoor pavilion. Any entertainers interested in performing please contact chamber office at (325) 754 5210.

The 5K walk/run will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday morning. Packets are available at the chamber office and Lone Star Video/Diner located at 200 W. Tinkle as well as Main Street in Ballinger, Texas.

VFW meetings

Winters VFW Post 9193 has consolidated with the Rowena VFW Post 9196. Meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at the Rowena Post off of Highway 67 in Rowena, Texas.

Easter Egg Hunt

Senior Citizens Nursing Home will have it's annual Easter Egg Hunt at 2 p.m. Friday, March 29 for children ages 1 thru 8.

Power outage

AEP will be performing routine maintenance on the Hatchel Substation on Tuesday April 2, 2013 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. The clearance will affect electrical service north, west, and east for Ballinger.

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings

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

Maundy Thursday Service at FUMC

First United Methodist Church, 141 N. Church Street, will have Maundy Thursday Services on Thursday, March 28 at 6 p.m. "Maundy Thursday" is the Thursday before Easter, when Jesus had the Last Supper with His disciples before His betrayal, trial and crucifixion. Every one is welcome to come worship with us. For more information, contact the Rev. David Montoya at 754 5213.

Tenebrae Service at FUMC

First United Methodist Church, 141 N. Church Street, will have Good Friday services at 7 p.m. Friday, March 29. These services will be a Tenebrae Service which is service of increasing darkness with the seven last words of Christ. Everyone is welcome to come worship with us. For more information contact Rev. David Montoya at 754 5213.

Coleman County Easter Musical

The Coleman County Choir will present an Easter Musical Saturday March 30 and again on Sunday March 31 at 6 p.m. each evening in the sanctuary of Coleman First United Methodist Church.

This year the group will present "O What A Savior" by Russell Mauldin and Sue C. Smith under the direction of Ann Hargett and accompanied by Jesse Lotspeich on the flute. Narrator will be Richard Hettel with Robert Lowe as the sound technician. Soloists include Larry Thompson, Leslie Cross, Lorrie Payne, K'Lynn Storm, Carolyn Merriman, and Garvin Cox.

Coleman County Choir is sponsored by Coleman First United Methodist Church and Pastor Brad Slaten. Sixty four members from several churches in the area are singing with the group for this musical.

Coleman First United Methodist Church is located at 500 W. Live Oak. Call the church office at (325) 625 3501 or Director Ann Hargett at (325) 625 5383 or (325) 363 3575 for additional information.

Lower Rolling Plains agricultural conference to be held in Snyder

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SNYDER- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the annual multi-county Lower Rolling Plains Agricultural Conference from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on April 3 at the Scurry Coliseum, 900 E. Coliseum Drive in Snyder.

"The conference updates our region's producers on many of the major issues they may face during the upcoming growing season," said Zach Wilcox, AgriLife Extension agent in Nolan County.

"The topics will range from cotton economics to guar and sesame production," he said. "As has become our tradition, AgriLife Extension agents in the participating counties have made every effort to pinpoint information our producers really need. And while much of the information is very important here, a lot of it can be applied anywhere in the state."

Topics during the morning's general session will include: cotton and grain economics, laws and regulations, and the weather-cycle outlook.

Following a catered lunch, the program will split into concurrent A and B sessions.

Session A presentations will be: Weed Management Strategies for 2013 and the Importance of Water Quality on Herbicide Efficacy; Deep Sampling of Nitrogen and Cotton Variety Trial Results; Guar and Sesame Production, and an Integrated Pest Management Update.

Session B presentations will include: Cow Herd Management; Overview of Research at the Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch; Weed and Brush Control in Range and Pastures; Bermuda Grass Production and Sand Burr Control and Cattle Health Management.

For more information and to register, call either the AgriLife Extension office in Nolan County at (325) 236 6912 or Scurry County at (325) 573 5423.

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Coleman Co Electric Co-op offering scholarships

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

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

Ballinger Noon Lions 2013 Bikefest

Ballinger Noon Lions Club will be holding the 38th Annual Colorado River Bikefest. The run/bike ride will be held in conjunction with the Ethnic Festival. The festival starts on Friday, April 26 and the Bikefest will be on Saturday, April 27 starting at 8:30 a.m. by the Courthouse.

Go to www.ballingernoonlions.org and get an entry form to register.

The Bikefest will have 30K, 60K and 100K tours as well as a 5K fun ride/walk/run.

TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'

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

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

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.

Mentors needed

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

Cross Emmaus Community gatherings

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

Winters Women's Club

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

AA Meetings

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

Ballinger Al-Anon meetings

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

City Council Meetings

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

Miniature show and sale set for April 27 in Ballinger

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- The Mid-West Texas Artists Guild will hold its annual Miniature Show and Sale on April 27, 2013. The sixth annual show will be held at the Do-Art Studio, 108 South Ninth Street, Ballinger, Texas from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with the awards ceremony at 4:00 p.m.

Categories will be Professional, Advanced and Amateur with prizes being awarded in all categories with a Best of Show award overall. Entries are due on Wednesday, April 24, 2013.

A "Blue Star Award" Preview Party will be held on Thursday, April 25 from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. This will be an opportunity to purchase a painting for the nominal fee of \$50. These miniature paintings make a great gift or addition to your own collection. Some of the artists will be in attendance. Refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited to attend.

If you would like a prospectus, please contact Shirley Minzenmayer at 754 4216, or need further information, please contact Louise Drennan at 365 9920 or Maryellen Strinni at 365 5721 or any guild member.

Please plan to attend on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Awards ceremony will be held at 4 p.m.

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High roads and bunny trails...

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Dr. Don Newbury

The trails of life — marked by obstacles of many kinds — rarely intersect with bunny trails of blue sky songs and joyous egg hunts.

They draw closer, however, when a youngster sees few limits and imbues others along the trail with a "yes we can" attitude. That's the essence of Haley Whatley, 18-year-old senior tennis star at Birdville High School in North Richland Hills, Texas.

For 13 years, she's been the driving force to provide new stuffed animals for Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth. They've collected some 29,000 animals — each one buoying spirits and providing blessed assurance that the young patients are not alone....

Her dream began at age four, when her heart was touched by a TV appeal from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. She had numerous questions for her parents, Gary and Elizabeth Whatley, and upon their move to the Metroplex a year later, a tour of Cook Children's Medical Center further amazed.

Haley was particularly taken by the "prayer bear room" provided by pastoral care efforts of churches and businesses.

Her mind was spinning, this soon-to-be kindergarten at Fort Worth Christian School. She was puzzled that the room

had no bunnies — animals she viewed in tandem with Easter, her favorite holiday....

Learning that patients received bears year-around — even at Easter — she asked if she could bring stuffed rabbits for the next Easter.

Her mom gulped, knowing that her five-year-old's mind was not completely wrapped around the enormity of her promise. After all, there were 186 beds, each with a patient, some with waver-ing hope.

The program was "gotten on with." Friends at church and school responded, signs were posted and collection boxes set up. They missed their goal by miles. Instead of 186 stuffed animals, 1,400 — mostly bunnies — were donated! The annual project was born....

Her parents' eyes rolled — and hearts beat merrily — for her incurable optimism! (Ditto her 15-year-old brother, Shea.)

Elizabeth saw Haley making friends of strangers in grocery store lines. And when in first grade, she dialed the only American Airlines number stored on her mom's cell phone (Gary is an AA pilot). She detailed the project to the operations manager.

After all, she felt certain that pilots, flight attendants, baggage handlers and others deserved to

share the joy of giving. It worked. American Airlines is now a corporate sponsor, along with Six Flags Over Texas, Holt Caterpillar and Camp Gladiator. "Build a Bear Foundation" in St. Louis annually sends 100 already-built bears....

By year three, Haley — the "bunny manager" — was speaking at schools and churches. Her message? "Don't give 'till it hurts, give 'till it feels good!" Legal pad at hand, she scribbled notes for inclusion in manuals and training materials for future "Bunny

Ambassadors." Seeing Bugs Bunny at Six Flags ignited her request to speak with management. Six Flags "bought



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- MONDAY**
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- TUESDAY**
Breakfast Pizza or Cereal/Toast or Breakfast Pocket, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
- WEDNESDAY**
Biscuit/Egg Pattie or Cereal/Toast or Yogurt/Toast or Sausage on Stick, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
- THURSDAY**
Sausage Roll or Cereal/Toast or French Toast/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Friday**
Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal/Toast or Cinnamon Roll/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
- WINTERS ISD LUNCH**
Note: Menus are subject to change. Students may purchase extra Entree for \$1.00, Milk for \$.30. Sides for \$.50.
- MONDAY**
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Lasagna/Bread Stick (Elem., J.H.)(H.S.) Hot Roll or Grilled Chicken Pattie/Bun, Peas & Carrots, Baked Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Peaches, Choice of Milk.
- TUESDAY**
Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak/Bread Stick (Elem., J.H.)(H.S.) Hot Roll or Chicken Tenders/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.)(H.S.) Bread Stick, Italian Green Beans, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Fruit Bar/Apple Sauce, Choice of Milk.
- WEDNESDAY**
Chef Salad or Nachos or Chicken Fajita, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Coleslaw, Pears, Choice of Milk.
- THURSDAY**
Chef Salad or Chicken Nugget/Gravy/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.)(H.S.) Bread Sticks or Steak Fingers/Gravy/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.)(H.S.) Bread Sticks, Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Mixed Fruit, Choice of Milk.
- FRIDAY**
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Chicken Bites/Bread Stick, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Lettuce/Pickles, Orange, Choice of Milk.

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George Mostad

in," and now Bugs is present for the annual hospital "bunny drops." There've been other spin-offs, including a dinner featuring celebrity waiters. By happenstance, Haley met Bob Reynolds while playing in a Houston tennis tournament. Learning that he owns a few dozen Red Robin restaurants, she gave him the opportunity to host the event — providing food for 400 — so he could feel good, too. It raised \$5,000 for the hospital....

There'll be voids at BHS, as well as at Colleyville First Baptist Church, come the autumn, when Haley

will be a freshman — on a full tennis scholarship — at Erskine College in Due West, South Carolina. Her love for the project she founded, though, remains strong. She's identified a successor to keep it rolling. Her name is Trudie Troublefield, a seventh grader at Westlake Academy.

Not many years ago, Haley was her babysitter....

Haley's spirit and love for others has been well-kindled. Her confidence in what can be done for others is strong.

This reminds me of a savior named Jesus Christ,

often on record of his love for children to "come unto him." His resurrection celebrated each Easter is a reminder of His light on our earthly trails.

No wonder Haley has won numerous honors, including Texas' Youth Volunteer of the Year. No wonder others respond. No wonder Easter is her favorite holiday. And no wonder she eagerly shares the message — we are NOT alone....

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ACROSS

- Hoops great Chamberlain
- Pinup's legs
- Name in fine china
- Musk, e.g.
- Give off
- Not so hot
- Nobelist Wiesel
- Iditarod's terminus
- "You ___ kidding!"
- Bids for the Hill
- Aunt Polly's nephew
- Comfy shoe
- Mangy mutt
- Jack Benny catchword
- Put on ___ (make famous)
- Chilling
- Sunup direction
- First miracle site
- Candidates for Village Voice bestowals
- Bit of mosaic
- Spot for a dummy
- Moves like the Blob
- Breastbones
- Newsroom fixture
- Suffix with Brooklyn
- Photo ___ (camera sessions)
- Nugent of rock
- Incorrect totals, e.g.
- Waker-upper
- Keister
- Cookie resembling the old Hydrox
- Suffix with Beatle
- 2000 role for Julia
- Thor's lord
- 10-to-12-year-old
- Was decked out in
- Pioneering video game
- Led Zeppelin's "Whole ___ Love"
- Old geezers
- Not suitable
- Biathlon weapon
- Try for a better view, maybe
- Stored on board
- Canyon effect
- Indian corn
- Starts the pot
- No longer in
- Geyser output
- Laundry supply
- Llama country
- Doing business
- Big rackets
- NYC clock setting
- Place for a bell ringer
- "Tristram Shandy" author
- Prison guard, slangily
- Hang like a walrus mustache
- Crab morsel
- Sprinter's path
- Ashtabula's lake
- Prefix with drome
- Thieves' hideout
- Novus ___
- Securum (dollar bill phrase)
- Jockey strap
- For a ___ (cheap)
- Qty

DOWN

- Deep troubles
- Just lying around
- Butcher's cut
- Grab the tab
- Human ___ project
- Love personified
- Maurice Chevalier song
- Trucker with a handle
- ___Pea
- Giraffe kin
- Maker of collars for oxen
- "Psycho," sicko Bates

Veteran's Corner

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JUNIOR HIGH ZEPHYR TRACK MEET

Boys results		200-meter dash	
March 18, 2013		Place	Name
EIGHTH GRADE		3	Mooney
		4	Garcia
SEVENTH GRADE		Chris Diaz	
Dylan Bryant		Josiah Fernandez	
Jaeggard Collins		Jose Garcia	
Christian Garcia		Troy Hernandez	
Adrian Gonzales		Brandon L'Abbe	
Mason Johnson		Alonso Mendoza	
James Lange		Rolando Rodriguez	
Sean Mooney		Zachary Rodriguez	
Marcus Mostad		Devin Cumpston	
Drey Patton		High jump	
Efren Rodriguez		Place	Name
Isaiah Romo		2	Diaz
Andrew Sanchez		Discus	
AJ Smith		Place	Name
Richard Sortwell		1	Diaz
Jeffery Weaver		400 relay	
Sam Woodall		Place	Names
		6	Fernandez, Mendoza, Rodriguez R, Hernandez
Pole Vault		110 hurdles	
Place	Name	Place	Name
2	Gonzales	1	Fernandez
3	Smith	3	Rodriguez R
4	Mostad	3	Rodriguez Z
		4	Mendoza
110 hurdles		800 Relay	
Place	Name	Place	Names
1	Gonzales	2	Diaz, Fernandez, Mendoza, Hernandez
2	Smith	400-meter dash	
5	Patton	Place	Name
6	Romo	3	Weaver
		300 hurdles	
100-meter dash		Place	Name
Place	Name	1	Gonzales
3	Sortwell	2	Smith
3	Garcia	1	Romo
		2	Patton
800 relay		400-meter dash	
Place	Names	Place	Name
3	Gonzales, Mostad, Smith, Weaver	3	Fernandez
		300 hurdles	
400-meter dash		Place	Name
Place	Name	3	Diaz
3	Weaver	6	Garcia

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Weather Whys

Q: What's the coldest it's ever been in Texas?
A: Texas is no stranger to below zero temperatures, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "There have been numerous times in the last 100 years when parts of the state have been below zero," he explains. "But one day stands out among all others. On Feb. 8, 1933, the temperature was -23 degrees in Seminole to set the state's all-time low. It should be noted that the elevation of Seminole is over 3,200 feet, which is no doubt one reason the temperature that day was a record."

Q: What about surrounding states?
A: In Arkansas, the all-time low temperature is -29 degrees (1905), while in Oklahoma the record low is -27 (1930). "In Louisiana, the all-time low is -16 degrees (1899), and in New Mexico, it gets a lot colder than most people think," McRoberts adds. "In 1950 in the town of Gavilan, the temperature reached -50 degrees."

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The County Poll Tax

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WINTERS- Runnels County was now 22-years-of-age and a legal entity with a county seat. The town of Runnels City was growing and advertisements described it as a place where people from near and far were pouring in. The advertisements described the grassland and plentiful game along with beautiful scenery.

The Honorable Commissioners' Court of Runnels County met on the 10th day of May, 1880. Present were the Honorable Sylvester Adams, County Judge presiding. Also present were Commissioners Wm. Guest, Precinct 1, W.G. Preston, Precinct 2, J.D. Yarbrow, Precinct 3, P.S. Turner, Precinct 4, J.W. Formwalt, Sheriff and W.N. Copeland, County Clerk. This was a regular term and the following orders were set out. By order of the court, a Poll Tax would be levied at 1 dollar for male persons between the age of 21 and 60-years-of-age. By order of the court, a county tax for the general county fund was fixed at half the amount of the State Tax which would be one-fourth of 1 percent. By order, a special tax was fixed for public buildings at one-fourth of 1 percent. By order, the court levied the County Occupation Tax not otherwise provided for by law.

By order of the court, the County Treasurer be authorized to pay to W. N. Copeland upon warrant issued, \$12.05, per freight paid out to him for Freight on Books, Coggins Park and Hightower and Stationary he had bought. Court adjourned until Tuesday May 11,

1880 until 9 o'clock a.m.

The Honorable Court met according to appointment May 11th, 1880. Present as of yesterday with the exception, Commissioner Guest, Precinct 1. By first order of the day, the authorization for County Judge upon the sale of the lots in Runnels City, that titles be made in the name of Runnels County, Texas. It was further ordered the County Judge retain out of the proceeds, 10 percent as compensation for services with the county paying expenses in making and acknowledging deeds. The court ordered S. N. Taylor, the County Attorney authorized to go to the City of Austin, Texas and procure the library to which the county is entitled to by an act of the legislature of 1848, Feb. 1850, May 1846, also 14 revised statutes of 1879. The order also included instructions to S.N. Taylor to the State Comptroller or Treasurer in the City of Austin for \$20 for the money to be placed to the credit of Runnels County to defray his expenses. An order also to Mr. S.W. Bourne, the County Treasurer to give Mr. S.N. Taylor an order to the State Comptroller or Treasurer of the State in the City of Austin for the amount placed to the credit of Runnels County in the City of Austin less the \$20 for Mr. S.N. Taylor for expenses in a check on some national bank. An order to Mr. S.N. Taylor for the Assessor's abstracts in the amount of \$66.10 to be remitted in the City of Austin for Geo. D. Barnard of St. Louis, Mo. An order gave the Honorable Sylvester Adams a leave

of absence for 20 days.

The court employed Mr. Wm. Jackson to sink a well on the public square in the town of Runnels City, Runnels County, Texas at the rate of \$1.50 per foot in dirt. Mr. Jackson would bear all expenses digging and walling and for blasting rock, \$2.50 per foot with the county furnishing powder and fuse. Other business, the County Attorney gave notice to Mr. A.G. Wills that the district surveyor of Bexar District would not recognize the transcript he had sold to Runnels County as being legal.

The Clerk of Runnels County gave notice to Mr. H.C. Wylie, Sheriff John W. Formwalt and Jno. Turner the instructions to view and mark out a road from Runnels City, the County Seat in the direction of Fort Concho to the County Line in a practical route and report to the next term of the Court. The County Clerk gave notice to Messrs. G. W. Preston, Jno. Barfoot and Samuel Brown to view and mark out from the County Seat of Runnels County in the direction of Buffalo Gap to the Runnels County line. It would be laid out in the most direct and practical route and report at the next term of the court. The County Clerk gave notice to Messrs. Geo. Clayton, H.D. Pearce and Z.C. Taylor to view and mark out a road from the County Seat of Runnels City in the direction of Coleman City to the county line of Runnels County. They needed to lay it out in the most direct and practical route and report to the next term of the court.

The Clerk gave notice to Messrs. J.S. Cotton, A.J. Prater

and James Carpenter to view and mark out a road from Runnels City, the county seat in the direction of Paint Rock. It would be laid out in the most direct and practical route to the county line and report to the next term of the court.

An order was given that the county surveyor procure or have procured from Travis and Bexar District all files and notes from December 4, 1879 and present his accounts to the court. The order was handed down to pay the County Surveyor for his services of laying out the county seat, a total of \$40. Also ordered, that the commissioners be paid for their services.

There being no other business, the court adjourned until Monday June 9, 9 a.m. A. D. 1880. Signed County Judge Sylvester Adams, W. M. Copeland, County Clerk Court, Runnels County, Texas.

Runnels City was changing from the primitive wild western town — needed a jail, or at least a calaboose, although the newspaper editor noted "there were no bad residents in the county seat".

Next: Runnels County continues to grow.

Resources: Runnels County Historical Commission Histories Runnels County A Look Back, RCHC May 1, 2010 Runnels County Commissioners Court Minutes, County Clerk Records, May 10, 11, 1880. The Runnels County Record, Jan. 13, March 17, 1883.

Public Record

Runnels County Jail Record
March 26, 2013

Name	Age	Agency
Charges		
Logan Luster	25	BPD
DWLI		
Christopher Potlis	17	WPD
DOC		
Lorenzo Rendon	65	Concho
DWI		
Guadalupe Roman	38	WPD
Assault bodily injury/FM w/prev.		
Manuel Roman	21	WPD
Disorderly conduct		
Robert Runyon	19	Coke Co.
POM, Poss. of drug paraphernalia		

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Planned Parenthood gets record number of our tax dollars

With its release of the 2011-2012 Annual Report, Parenthood, the world's largest abortion provider, shows a record number of tax dollars, in the most recent fiscal year. This tax money provides almost half of the abortion giant's budget, although the report shows that Planned Parenthood has a surplus of funds amounting to more than \$1 billion.

With this report, it is apparent that PP has increased its abortion numbers and decreased its other health services (which does not include mammograms) all while receiving more than half a billion tax dollars. In these days when our government is in deficit is in deficit budget spending and struggling with the ever-growing national debt, we should all protest this increased funding from our hard-earned tax dollars to support Planned Parenthood which is taking more and more precious unborn lives, on an average of more than 5,800 every week. Planned Parenthood opposes common sense regulations on abortion, such as parent's involvement and informed consent, and even defends their right to perform horrific and brutal late-term abortions.

Years ago, Congressman Henry Hyde passed an amendment forbidding tax funding for abortions. But, according to the Tennessee Congressman Diane Black, Planned Parenthood is circumventing the law through Title X federally funded grants and purposely misusing taxpayer dollars. The bill she is introducing in the House of Representatives would stop all taxpayer funding for abortion providers, such as Planned Parenthood, to ensure that our tax dollars are used for its intended purposes: women's health.

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Eden's Market Days feature art in the making

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

EDEN- Zane Blackwell's hobby is knife smithing and he stays plenty busy custom making knives and filling orders from his recent feature in Southern Living Magazine. Blackwell is just one example of the many artists, hobbyists and entrepreneurial spirits in our midst.

"If you look around, there are so many talented people in and around Eden and the Concho Valley" Blackwell said, "and we need to showcase them — hand made and repurposed goods are a big deal now."

From those thoughts, and a newspaper ad Blackwell had posted looking for other artists to form a guild, a new venture was conceived.

Celina Hemmeter, Eden City Administrator, had gotten some old dilapidated buildings (the old wool warehouse and locker plant/feed store complex) donated to the City in 2009 from the Foster Charitable Foundation saving a piece of the community's history from demolition.

"Zane was looking to form an artist's guild and so we put our heads together and started brainstorming" said Hemmeter. The buildings needed to

be put to use as some sort of community center so a five member board was formed and the Eden's Green Apple Art Center and Market Days idea was put into action. Laura Bowden, Ben McCulloch II and Chere Agnew, board members, round out the team each bringing insight, ideas and creativity to the process.

The buildings, which are located on US Highway 83, one block south of downtown Eden, are a perfect location for such an event. The old signage from the 1940's has been restored by San Angelo muralist Crystal Goodman and the atmosphere inside is rustic with cedar beams reinforcing the old block walls.

At the Market Days, the artists and artisans are encouraged to demonstrate their craft and everything must be handcrafted or handmade — nothing mass produced will be sold. There will also be live music and some food during the once a month events which are held on the second Saturday from 9-5 taking ideas from the Old Chicken Farm Art Center in San Angelo and other Market Days events around the Hill Country.

"We have a music committee

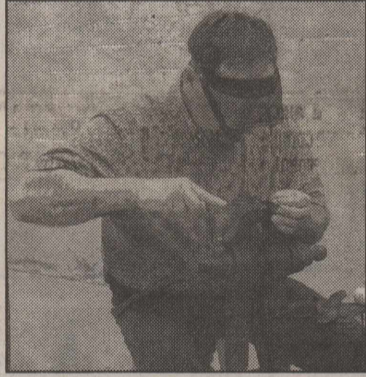


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Zane Blackwell working on a knife at the first Market Days event on March 9, 2013

and hope to bring a live music listening event once a month in the evenings as well, similar to events in Mason and Llano," Hemmeter added.

On one building the entire roof had fallen in. It was cleared out and is now an open courtyard where 15 of the vendor's booths and stage are located with electricity available. More booths and, hopefully in the future, a blacksmith stand and farmer's market will be located behind the buildings in and around a rustic lean to shed. Chere Agnew an Edinite and former small business owner is interested in offering sea-

sonal plants and items such as Christmas trees and pumpkins and maybe even watermelons during the summer.

Laura Bowden known as "the booth lady" has been instrumental in obtaining grants from the San Angelo Area Foundation and the Spirit of Eden Foundation to pay for building renovations and Ben McCulloch II along with Blackwell has put in many hours of volunteer labor installing new electrical service.

"This wouldn't be possible without everyone working together and the support of the community and City", said McCulloch. The City of Eden Public Works crew, backed by the Mayor and City Council, took on the arduous task of clearing out the first building, cleaning up the grounds, installing the wall bracing as well as building the new stage area.

Check out the Market Days events on the Second Saturday of each month (admission is free) and stay tuned for some exciting music acts coming this summer. For more information and booth rates contact (325) 869 2211 or visit www.edentexas.com under the tab Green Apple Art Center.

TRTA Rally Day in Austin

AUSTIN- Runnels County residents and Texas Retired Teachers Association members Shannon Caughron, Mary Etta Kvapil and Lynn Granzin grabbed a seat in the Senate Gallery on Wednesday morning, March 20, 2013 and waited for the senators to meet. The gallery was at full capacity when the meeting started at 11 a.m. and David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor and president of the Texas Senate, commented on all the red shirts in the gallery.

BY: AMANDA LEJA



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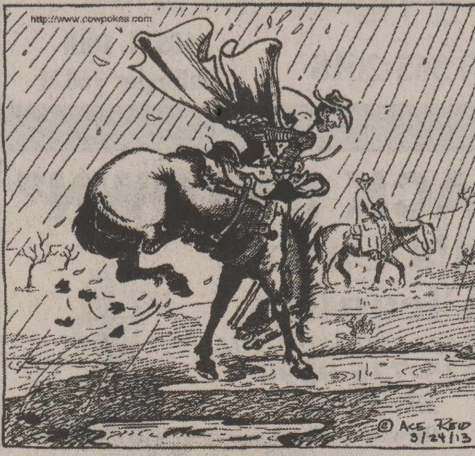
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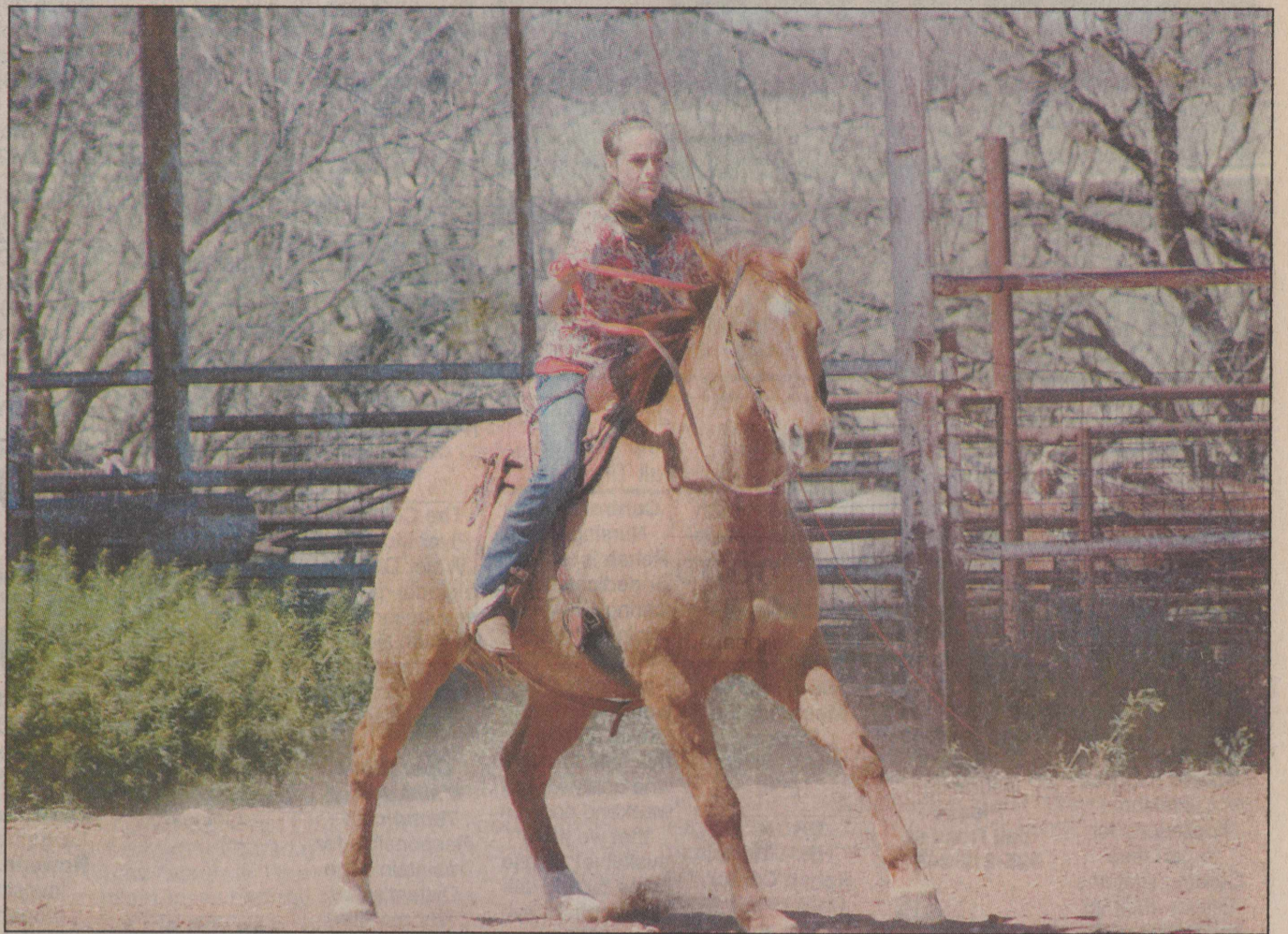
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Tyler Loggins of Valera running the straight barrels.

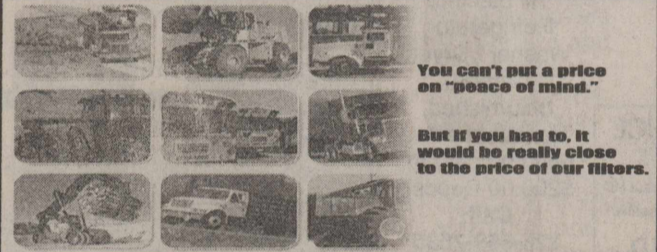


Macey Gerhart of Winters setting up for her run at the barrels.



Brenna Knight of Winters coming through the gate for her run at barrels.

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Anika Hinton of Ovalo racing for home.



Eli Drake of Winters riding in the leadline competition - led by his mother Doddie Drake.

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