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Thursday, May 2, 2013

City commits to enforce the code

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

WINTERS- The City of Winters committed to enforce the Code of Ordinances, in order to bring residents to compliance, and start a citywide cleanup campaign. Monday night, April 29, Mayor Lewis Bergman received the support of all the council members regarding a discussion concerning code enforcement codes, violations, ticket-

ing, and enforcing.
"When we start this process it will not be pain free, you will be hearing from people and maybe not the people you think, about this code enforcement. I believe it's necessary, I think it needs to be done, but people are not going to like it," Bergman said to the council. "We plan on pursuing this with vigor and trying to get

things turned around." Bergman thanked the council for the "unanimous declaration of support," and said that "As painful as it is going to be, I think it's worth the

At the City Council meeting the new City Police Officer, Eric Samaniego, was sworn in by the Mayor.

Sage Diller, from Enprotec Hibbs and Todd, presented the status report for the Water System Improvements Project funded by Rural Development and the status report on the ground water well project testing. The city will be testing in 4 to 5 wells located east of town.

The City Council approved the new WTU energy rates for a 36-month term. The rate secured will be .05269 per kilowatt.

The City Council also passed an agenda item

approving the Allied Waste services increase in the amount of 1 percent.

Aldermen passed a resolution committing Fund Balance in accordance with Governmental **Accounting Standards** Board statement 54. This statement establishes fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds.

An ordinance was amended for sewer connections. According to the amended ordinance the owner of a sewer line stemming for a city-owned main line, will be responsible for his or her line regardless of the properties crossed by the stemming line.



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ Winters City Mayor Lewis Bergman swearing in Eric Samaniego, the new City Police officer.

Aldermen also passed Ordinance 2013-01 regarding water and sewer billing charges. According to this ordinance water users located outside the city

limits will be subject to a

\$3 extra charge. The City of Winters approved the annual interlocal agreement for paving services between Runnels

County and the City of Winters.

A budget amendment was approved to transfer

funds from the fund balance to the Street Department, in order to purchase new playground equipment for the park. The council voted to amend the budget in the amount of \$49,900.

The City of Winters passed a motion approving the Fair Housing Month Proclamation for HOME Program and passed Resolution 2013-02 establishing a Section 3 Policies for HOME Program from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Acting Secretary Shelly Antilley-Guevara was appointed Fair Housing/ Equal Opportunity/Section 504 Standards Officer for the City of Winters.

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PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Roofing crew members working at the Paladin Community Services building are left to right: Facundo Castillo, Jason Boatman, Cody Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Emilio Castillo.

Bringing support to Winters youth

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Monday, March 4, 2013 strong winds gusting up to 60 mph destroyed several roofs in Winters. The wind storm left a trail of damages behind but it also opened the door for the community to show support.

Jason Boatman, a roof, tree trimming and fence contractor from Abilene was working in town last week when he found out about the damages caused to a building located in the 100 block of North Main, Street. The building, which has been under remodeling and repairs for about two years, will be housing the clubhouse of Paladin Community Services, a nonprofit organization working with kids ages 10-18, and completely run by volunteers.
"I just couldn't think of a better thing

to do for a small town, I am from a small town also," Boatman said.

Boatman was hooked up with Nathan Johnson, Winters Chief of Police and founder of Paladin Community Services, and together they started working to replace the damaged roof.

'We really appreciate what he is doing, he is volunteering the general contracting, Paladin purchased the materials and we are working together to put this back in service," Johnson said.

To repair the nearly 3,000 square foot structure they salvaged what the could. They got metal sheets and special screws



The crew securing the metal sheets in place with the special scews to prevent future damages.

to go deep enough to prevent the same situation from ever happening again. Paladin Community Services has a total of 20 members in Winters. The mentorship based organization is a nonprofit where all the participants are completely volunteers. Their activities include backpacking, certification classes that are adventure-based learning, skills like scuba diving, rappelling, rock climbing, canoeing, boating safety, and this summer they will have a scuba diving camp.

Library holds Meet the Author Night



The Winters Public Library hosted its Meet the Author Night last Thursday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. Five area authors gave a brief presentation of their books and visited with the audience answering questions and selfing copies of their books. Authors attending the event were left to right: Randall Conner, Elaine Coleman, Ann Pate, Susan Conner, Ruth

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the event.

Cooper, and Becky Hays presiding over

Local music fest earns statewide recognition

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Elizabeth Cook and the Curing for Cancer Music Fest brought the spotlight to Ballinger last week, by earning Humanitarian of the Year at the 2013 Texas Regional Radio and Music Association Awards.

The award ceremony was held Sunday, April 21, at the Arlington Musical Hall in Arlington, Texas. Some of those receiving awards include Eli Young Band - Entertainer of the Year, Stoney LaRue - Male Vocalist of the Year, and Bri Bagwell - Female Vo-

calist of the Year. The Curing for Cancer Music Fest, a two-day event currently gearing up for it's fifth edition, started in 2009 and so far has raised over \$50,000. The funds each year are donated to the American

Cancer Society. We started the fest because there was no longer a Relay for Life event here in town," said Cook, who is no stranger to cancer survivors. "The first year we were celebrating 10 years of my mother being diagnosed with cancer, and in 2011 my father was being treated of



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ Cheryl King, Kellye Potter, Elizabeth Cook and Jennifer Korn, organizers of the Curing for Cancer Music Fest held annually in Ballinger since 2009.

throat cancer."

"After a while the Relay for Life was back in town but we were already doing the fest," she added. Regional and statewide

music bands participate each year in the Curing for Cancer Music Fest, donating most of their time and resources, and play at the Ballinger Airport. The event is sponsored by local and regional sponsors and media, and put together by Cook, Kellye Potter, Jennifer Korn and Cheryl King.

"This wouldn't be possible without the help of these ladies," said Cook.

For Cook, receiving an award that last year was earned by Justin Frazell, a country music DJ know all over the state for his efforts in "Picking for Pennies," and the "March of Dimes" for premature babies, is quite an accomplishment.

In 2012 bands participating in the event were: Taylor Hodak Band, Larry Joe Taylor, Creed Fisher, Buckshot Bradley, Zach Edwards, Deryl Dodd, Mike McClure, Matt Kimbro, Haden Burchard, Crazywater, Trey Rushing and 277 South and Mark McKinney.



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graduated from Winters High School in 1964. She got her Registered Nursing degree from Texas Christian University. She practiced nursing in Austin and returned to Winters in 1989. She was a member of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. She loved her animals, life and her friends and was always "Chipper Chipper". She is survived by two sisters and two brothers:

Mary Jo Tucker of Winters, Susan Jere White of Austin, Biff White and wife Debbie of Winters and Jimmy White and

wife Susan of Granbury. Rosary was recited Sunday April 28, 2013 at Winters Funeral Home. Funeral services were Monday April 29, 2013 at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. Burial followed in the Crews cemetery. The



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Johnnie Combs Harwell

Johnnie Combs Harwell, age 105, of Ballinger, passed away Thursday, April 25, 2013 at Ballinger Memorial Hospital after a short illness. Johnnie was born on February 14, 1908, in Childress, Texas, to Bea and Dr. L.A. Combs.

Visitation for family and friends was Saturday, April 27 at Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. Services were held Sunday, April 28 at First Baptist Church in Ballinger. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

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Winters Public Library donations

The Winters Public Library received donations from:

- Jim Caskey. - Jo Nell Harlow.
- Sherry and Dan Calcote
- Judy Crouch, Jimmy Glen, memorial for Carlene Car-
- son, Sherry Calcote and Teri Volger. - Dan and Gaylene Carpenter, memorial for Pauline
- O'Neal. - Bonnie Elliot, memorial for Judy Ann Hilliard.
- Butch and Tancy Kendrick. - Ray and Dorotha Laughon.
- Jeanne Hilliard, memorial for Kenneth Sneed. - Bubba Brown, memorial for Mary Kurtz.
- Sharon Rice, memorial for Mary Kurtz.
- Jim and Carol Calvert, memorial for Lois West. - Ouida and Jiggs Nichols, memorial for James Spill.
- Mike Conner, memorial for James Spill. - Lanny and Brenda Bahlman, memorial for Joanie
- McAdoo, Mary Kurtz, Kennedth Sneed, James Spill. - Darlene Sims.
- Jane and Charles Allcorn,, memorial for James Spill. - Dixie Gordan Lee, memorial for James Spill.
- Betty John Bryns, memorial for Gene Billups Nichols.
- E.R. and Marlene Smith, memorial for James Spill.
- Marian Guerin. - Kenneth Slimp.
- Sheri and Fred Garcia.
- Barbara Pearce, memorial for Margaret and Buford
- John and Ann Calahan, memorial for Betty Brown. - Dean and Jack Burns, memorial for Anne Rogers.
- Reggie and Becky Boles.

AgriLife ag agent transfers from Concho to Coleman Co.

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

COLEMAN- Michael Palmer has been named the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent for agriculture and natural resources in Coleman County effective May 15, according to an announcement made by Coleman County Judge Joe Watson and Scott Durham, AgriLife Extension administrator in San Angelo.

'I'm very pleased to be able to make this announcement," said Durham. "Michael is very well known and thought of within our 23-county West Central District. He's been a successful AgriLife Extension agent in neighboring Concho County since 2000, so he knows the area's people and agriculture. I expect this to be a smooth transition and very beneficial to the already strong AgriLife Extension programming efforts in Coleman County."

Palmer earned a bachelor's degree from Tarleton State University in 1997 and a master's degree from Texas A&M University-Kingsville in 2002.

His AgriLife Extension career began in 1997 in Wilson County as an assistant agent. After three years, he transferred to Concho County.

While in Concho County, Palmer developed strong educational programs in small grains, livestock management, wildlife, and predator management.

Winters Country Club Memorial Tournament

The Winters Country Club will have their annual Memorial Tournament Sunday May 5. Tee time will be 1:30. Entry fee will be \$10. A covered dish will be served after play. This tournament is to honor some of our members that have died but did so much for the club. John McAdoo, Herman Baker, Bob Shields, Bill Hall and Gil Gilmore. These guys loved the game of golf and also put countless hours in working at the club. Come out and enjoy the day at the Winters Country Club. For more information contact Jerry Sims or call the club at 754 4679.

Winters 4-H Club meeting

The 4-H Club is meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7 at the Winters Show Barn. Come and enjoy ice cream and fellowship as this is our last meeting for this school

Counts Cemetery and Content reunion gathering

The annual cemetery work day will be held Saturday, May 4. Gathering will begin at 9:30 a.m., with lunch at 11:30 a.m. Everyone with family buried at Counts or interested in plots at Counts Cemetery is invited to help with the upkeep through service or donations.

Lunch on the ground will be served with the meat provided. Please bring a vegetable or salad. Counts cemetery is located 9 miles south of Lawn on

County Road 181 off of FM 382. Please mail donation to Rex Miller, 1710 PR 1811, Novice, TX 79538. For more information contact Buddy Miller at (325) 754 56401, Billy Richey (325) 583 2368, or Carolyn Miller Gully (325) 583 2545.

Crews School reunion

The Crews School Reunion will be held this year on Saturday, May 4, 2013 starting at 10 a.m. at the Crews Gym. A potluck lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Paper goods and drinks will be furnished.

For more information call Dale and Linda Duggan at (325) 365 3145 or Marvin and Melvena Gerhart at (325) 723 2076

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

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 Commu-

nity 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.

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.

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 scholar-ship 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

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

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 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.

Warm-season grass pastures still drought damaged

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

COLLEGE STATION -Much of the state's warmseason grass pastures have yet to recover from damage suffered during the 2010 drought, said a Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Service forage

The recovery delay is caused by several factors, said Dr. Larry Redmon, AgriLife Extension state forage specialist, College Station. Factors include the continuing drought, cooler-than-average weather, cutbacks on fertilizer applications and overstocking.

As of April 23, the U.S. Drought Monitor listed 92 percent of the state in one form of drought or another — moderate, severe, extreme or exceptional.

Producers can't do anything about the drought, Redmon said. But if they can lower their stocking rates and improve soil fertility, they'll improve the chances for warm-season grass recovery However, from his

observations as he travels around the state, many producers have not done either.

"It's spring, and it's green out there," he said. "But most of that green is not grass but weeds, and we have to be very careful with our stocking rates. Only a very few people are using the amount fertilizer they should be because prices are so high. Hybrid Bermuda grasses must be fertilized or they start to weaken and other species (forbs or weeds) start moving in to take their place.'

On a positive note, warm-season grasses were not damaged by the late freezes in March and April, he said. The lack of damage was because of delayed emergence from dormancy, which was a result of the cooler-thannormal weather interrupting a warming trend.

However, some areas are better off than others, which is allowing people to cut back or quit feeding hay entirely, Redmond said.

"If you look at a little bit of East Texas, it looks pretty good," he said. "But when you get out of deep East Texas and into the post oak savannahs, the Blackland Prairies, South Texas, West Texas, North Texas - many of those areas are essentially unchanged from 2011.

Even native grass pas-

tures, which have good drought tolerance, were not spared in some areas, Redmon said.

"If you were in Central Texas, west and south, there were a lot of those forages that were destroyed, even with their great drought tolerance," he said. "When we start killing redberry juniper out on the plateau, you know it's dry.'

But there is native grass seed in the soil, and with some water and the correct stocking rate they will eventually recover, Redmon said. More information on

the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife **Extension Agricultural** Drought Task Force website at http://agrilife.tamu. edu/drought/.

AgriLife Extension reported for Central Texas freeze damage to crops, particularly to the peach crop, which have largely been lost. Cotton planting continued, as well as general fieldwork and spraying for weeds. Growth of grain sorghum and corn

slowed. Wheat and oats still looked good. Some producers were getting ready to harvest hay.

In the Rolling Plains: The region received another late freeze that was expected to kill production by any fruit trees that had escaped earlier freezes. Even mesquite trees were damaged. Temperatures climbed into the 90s one day and were below freezing the next morning. What winter wheat was left also had additional freeze damage. Many producers say they always graze wheat and were less affected than those who raise the crop for grain. Others were saying they will wait until closer to harvest to determine damage and file insurance claims because the haying and grazing opportunities on failed wheat is not a good option. Another factor is that reduced livestock inventories meant there were fewer cattle to take advantage of wheat for grazing. Pecan growers were scouting for nut casebearers.

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City Council: The May meeting was moved due to Memorial Day CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The May meeting was moved from May 27 to May 20 due to Memorial Day Holiday.

The City of Winters passed a motion adopting the 2006 International Fire Code allowing the Fire Marshall discretion to apply the code for the safety and welfare of the citizens and structures in Winters.

Resolution 2013-04 regarding budget amendments to move funds from the Police Department to the USDA loan payments was passed to correct an error in the

The council passed a motion to reimburse Chief of Police Nathan Johnson for the purchase of guns and ammunition for the new officer. The council also passed a motion to waive the fee for

three nights usage of pool for explorer scuba program. A second pool pass was granted to Karen Colburn, for kids participating in the Reading Program once a week between the dates of June 17 to August 8.

Mayor Lewis Bergman, council members Rene Woffenden, Jim Lincycomb, Brenda Briley, Armando Tamez and Chris Bahlman, and City Attorney Ken Slimp were present at the City Council meeting.

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Art and Literacy Fest to be held in Abilene

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ABILENE- Mark your calendars for the second annual Children's Art & Literacy Festival (CALF) scheduled for June 13 - 16, 2013. CALF will take place in Downtown Abilene, Texas. This year's featured artist is renowned illustrator and author Walter Wick. Wick is the mastermind and artistic genius behind the famed children's books "Can You See What I See?" and the co-creator and photographer of the book series, "I Spy." More than 38 million copies of Walter Wick's books have been sold worldwide and Abilene is thrilled to host this one-ofa-kind event for families and children of all ages.

Following a hugely successful inaugural year celebrating the works of Dr. Seuss, CALF will once again showcase the artistic brilliance of children's literature with a weekend of dramatic readings, games, parades, contests, music, art exhibits, author interactions, and much more. CALF co-creator and Executive Director of the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council Lynn Barnett said, "This festival is the only event of its kind. Families from all over the United States come to Downtown Abilene to experience an entire weekend of unique activities and experiences centered on the celebration of art in children's literature. We are fortunate to have an amazing artistic community and a series of world-renowned museums and attractions that work together to completely bring the world of Walter Wick to life."

The most recent addition to Abilene's ever-growing list of outstanding, oneof-a-kind attractions is the newly developed Storybook Sculpture Garden in Everman Park. Purchased from the Seuss Foundation through grants and private sponsorships, life-sized bronze statues of Seuss most popular characters are now on permanent display throughout the park. Beverly Guthrie, CALF co-creator said, "Nowhere else can you stroll through such a beautiful garden landscape and see unique bronze sculptures of your famous Seuss friends like Horton, Yertle, the Lorax, Sam I Am, The Grinch and of course The Cat in the Hat. It is a beautiful garden that brings out the kid in all of us."

Partnering with CALF is the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature (NCCIL), the Grace Museum, the Center for Contemporary Arts, the Abilene Zoo, Frontier Texas!, Abilene Cultural Affairs Council, the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau, Abilene Independent School District and many more vendors and volunteers.

For more information please contact Lynn Barnett at (325) 677-1161 or acac@ abilenecac.org. Visit www. abilenecalf.com for a complete itinerary of events.

Out at home!

New 4-H statewide photo program set for July 20-21 in Temple

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

TEMPLE- The Texas 4-H Program, in partnership with the Bell County 4-H Photography Advisory Board, will host a statewide photography workshop July 20-21 in Temple, said event coordinators.

The workshop is open to 4-H members 9-18 years old and their parents. It will be held at Central Texas Christian School, 4141 W. Farm-to-Market Road 93.

The 2013 Texas 4-H Photography workshop will focus on careers in photography such as portrait, Internet, commercial, newspaper, magazine, sports, forensic, wedding and video production," said Dr. Toby Lepley Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service 4-H and youth development specialist, College Station. "Participants will have the opportunity to select several of these career tracks

to experience as well as learning basic, intermediate and advanced skills in the various areas.'

Lepley said the workshop also includes a statewide community service project of creating note cards using photos taken by the 4-H

'These 3-by-4 or 4-by-6 inch note cards will be assembled and either donated locally in Bell County or back in the community of the workshop participant," he said.

Lepley said a new feature of this workshop will be the premiere of the Texas 4-H Photography Judging

'This new pilot contest will place the 4-H member in the shoes of a photography judge by allowing them to judge four photographs, placing them in order of first to fourth," he said. "The 4-H member will explain and defend their placements within

Aspiration

one of the given classifications people, animals, elements of design, nature/landscape, and special effects/digital darkroom.

Lepley said the second day of workshop will be a day of "photography emersion" at a local farm.

'At the farm the participants will have various photo opportunities and be able to use props and subjects such as costumes, antique farm equipment, animals and farm activities," he said.

"We hope the young people who attend this program will get an idea of some of the possible career opportunities in photography," said Micah Holcombe, AgriLife Extension agent for 4-H and youth development, Bell County. "We also want them to learn about what all it takes to make a good photograph, such as knowing how to get the right composition and content."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CAFETERIA MENU May 6-May 10

Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

Monday

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

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

Wednesday Biscuit/Egg Pattie or Cereal/Toast or Yogurt/ Toast or Breakfast Burrito, Toast w/Jelly.

Juice, Choice of Milk. Thursday Breakfast Pocket or Cereal/Toast or

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

Winters ISD **Lunch Menu**

Milk

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

Monday

Chef Salad or Grilled Cheese Sandwich/Fish Bread (Elem., J.H.)/Graham Cracker (Elem. J.H.) or Chicken Nuggets/(Graham Cracker (H.S.), Cheesy Potatoes, Broccoli W/Cheese Tossed Salad, Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry

Tuesday

Chef Salad (H.S. only) or BBQ Rib/Bun or Chicken Bites/Gravy/Bread Stick, Green Beans, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Cream Bar/Rosy uce, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

Chef Salad or Taco Salad or Bean Chalupa Corn, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Coleslaw, Orange, Choice of Milk

Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Chicken Fried

Steak/Gravy/Graham Cracker (Elem.,J.H.)/ Breadstick (H.S.) or Chicken Pattie/Fish Bread (Elem., J.H.) Bun (H.S.)/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.), Mashed Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Mixed Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Friday

Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Chicken Tenders/Graham Cracker (Elem. J.H.) (H.S.) Bread Stick, Curly Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli, Cherry Tomato, Lettuce/Pickles, Pears,

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



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Q: Why does the wind seem to die down at night?

A: The simple and quick answer is that there's no sun, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Wind is a form of energy and it gets much of its strength from the sun," he explains. "You can think of wind as a huge river of air over land, and it does this day or night. But as the sun rises and starts heating up the ground, rising warm air mixes with slower air near the ground and with air moving faster that is above ground. This faster-moving air is pushing downward, and it creates windy and breezy conditions as the day progresses.

Texas Game Warden recognized by Environmental **Enforcement Task Force**

Winters Blizzards catcher Taylor Hooper tagging out a Eldorado runner trying to leap into home plate during the

Varsity vs Eldorado game held on Friday, April 26, at San

PHOTO: JOE GERHART

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

Angelo Lake View.

AUSTIN- The Texas Environmental Law Enforcement Association (TELEA) has recognized Texas game warden Sgt. Robert Waggett as the state's 2013 Environmental Investigator of the Year.

In presenting the award, the association noted that Sgt. Waggett has exemplified outstanding investigative skills and teamwork at an operational level. Working closely with the Houston Police Department Environmental Crimes Unit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and many local and county agencies, the sergeant has handled numerous investigations of major environmen-

Based in Houston, Sgt. Waggett is a seasoned 20-year Texas Parks and Wildlife Department veteran.

Additionally, TELEA has recognized TPWD's contaminants laboratory staff, senior chemists Pamela Hamlett and Gary Steimentz, with the association's Environmental Investigator's Award in the non-commissioned category. Part of TPWD's Inland Fisheries Division, the two chemists were singled out for their work in advising field investigators in sampling procedures and protocols, along with the laboratory analysis and reporting of evidence used in numerous environmental crimes

investigations. "As we see more demand on water, the need for clean water for both people and wildlife becomes more important," said Grahame Jones, head of Special Operations in TPWD's Law Enforcement Division. "Our environmental crimes unit, made of Texas game wardens, is dedicated to protecting our environment, especially, our state waters. Sgt. Waggett, along with Hamlett and Steinmetz, are extremely dedicated and TPWD appreciates TELEA's recognition very much."

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A committee to inquire county finances

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WINTERS- The county seat of Runnels County, Runnels City, was the center of the county. With all of the activity, homes being built, businesses being started, and people coming in, the new city was busy.

Roads were being built in all directions to the county line from this new city. Slowly Runnels City was becoming a little more sophisticated except the times when the cowboys came into town from the local ranches. Even with the population growing, there were fewer females than males during this period of time in the county. The wild ways were falling into disrepute and it was not considered entertainment as the population grew. The county judge was beginning to fine the offenders and they had to pay the county a fine of \$40.

The February Term of the Honorable Commissioners Court opened on Tuesday the 15th day of February A. D. 1881 with the Honorable County **Judge Sylvester Adams** presiding. Also present were Commissioners, N.W. Dean, Precinct 1, C.G. Davenport, Precinct 2, T.L. Odom, Precinct 3, P.S. Turner, Precinct 4, Sheriff John M. Formwalt and W.N. Copeland, County Clerk. The committee appointed to "look after and inquire into the condition of the finances of the county" included Col. T.L.

Odom, C.G. Davenport, Maj. G.W. Perryman and W.N. Copeland, County Clerk. The court then adjourned until the following morning.

Wednesday February 16th, A.D. 1881, the Honorable Commissioners Court met with Judge Adams presiding with all present as of the day before. Several orders of business were on the agenda. First, taxes were lowered for a resident from \$30 to \$16 on merchandise. The report of the committee noted the clerk would make an itemized account of the court to date; the sheriff was ordered to give a report on lots sold the third day of July A.D. 1880; and the order was given for a report from Judge Adams of lots sold and all would be filed with the County Clerk. The court heard the report of Mr. James Halcomb, road overseer of Precinct 1 and it was approved. The report of Mr. N.P. Jones, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 was heard and approved. That concluded

the business for the day. The Honorable Commissioners Court met Thursday February 17, A.D. 1881. All were present as of the previous day. The report from Mr. T.L. Odom, Mr. H.H. Luckett and Mr. C.H. Pullen, road reviewers for the road from Runnels City to Fort Chadbourne was given and approved. The court then appointed Mr. George Pemberton to be overseer for that road. The next order was to appoint Mr. James Halcomb to be overseer of the road from Runnels City in the direction of Paint Rock to the Runnels-Coke County

A.J. Wilson and Samual Brown were appointed by the court to be reviewers to view and mark out a road from Runnels City to Blue Gap in the direction of Jim Ned Peak to the county line of Runnels County.

The court ordered J.C. Bowman, B.W. Taylor and Dudly Toms to view out a road from Runnels City to the county line in the direction of Buffalo Gap and that order be amended as to add Dr. Helm and Mr. H.D. Pearce as reviewers

for that road.

Mr. H.E. Dickenson was appointed road overseer for the road from Runnels City in the direction of Coleman to the county line of Runnels-Coleman Counties. Mr. W.T. Castleberry was appointed road overseer for the road from Runnels City in the direction of Maverick to the county line of Runnels-Tom Green Counties.

The court asked for a report from Mr. H.D. Pearce of tools and material on hand. Orders were given to pay for supplies and services. Mr. H.H. Luckett was notified to inquire about locating the four leagues of School Land for Runnels County in the April Term of 1880 and was given payment for his services. The following orders were given to pay as follows:

Mr. Luckett, a reasonable compensation of \$35, \$70 to the Sheriff ex-officio services for the term year ending in 1880. The Tax Accessor was allowed \$50 for ex-officio services for making abstracts for the County and Runnels City and the same for the Treasurer. The order was given to pay \$35 by the County Clerk to the Treasurer. The court ordered the County Judge be paid \$50. The court order giving persons the authority to sell real estate in Runnels City, was revoked.

The court then ordered Mr. R. M. Thomason would be held responsible to the amount of \$50 to Runnels County per month from the 1st day of January 1881. This would be until the time he completed the Court House and turned the same over to the County Commissioners Court of Runnels County.

The court then ordered pay to each commissioner and payment to Mr. H.D. Pearce for \$1.50 for a load of wood. The court was adjourned until the next meeting.

Next: A called meeting, County continuing road work and work on the Court House

Resources: Runnels County Historical Commission Histories Runnels County A Look Back, RCHC May 1, 2010 Runnels County Commissioners Court, February 15, 16, 17, A.D. 1881

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Texas Aggie Muster held in Rowena

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

ROWENA- Former student of Texas A&M University assembled in Rowena on April 21 for annual Texas Aggie Muster, announced Brad K. Teplicek.

The Muster activities consisting of reminiscing and visiting began at 6 p.m. at the Lowake Steak House. A total of 24 people attended with 17 A&M former students, four spouses and three guest.

The guest speaker was Marcus Hoelscher '54 form Hereford, Texas. A raffle was held with proceeds going to the town of West, Texas victims of the recent accidental chemical explosion.

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During wars, Aggies mustered in foxholes, on the battlefield, aboard ships, in airplanes and in medical hospitals. In World War II, a Muster was held in Corregidor island shortly before the Japanese captured it in 1942.

Every Muster ceremony is the same, Teplicek reported. Texas Aggies pay their respects to all those who are absent because of death since the last Muster. When the names of the honored dead are called from the Muster Roll, a friend of the deceased answers, "Here".

Runnels SWCD announces poster and essay contest winners

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) announced last week the winners of it's annual Conservation Poster and Essay Contest. Each year, SWCD sponsors the contest for area students.

This year the themes for the poster contest were "Soil to Spoon" and "Where Does Your Water Shed?".
In all 110 conservation posters were received from

students in the Ballinger and Miles school districts.
Ribbons were awarded for first, second, and third place in each grade level at each school district. Other deserving posters were given Honorable Mention ribbons.

In addition, posters from each grade level from all the schools were combined and judged to select the overall area winners.

Cash awards of \$25, \$15, and \$10 respectively were presented by Runnels SWCD to first, second and third place overall area winners. The first place overall area poster winner, Gage Ohman from Miles ISD, represented Runnels SWCD at the Area Awards Banquet held on April 4. At the banquet, Gage received an engraved plaque signifying his accomplishments in conservation education. His winning poster was forwarded to compete in regional competition.

The theme for the essay contest was "Why Soil and Water Conservation Is Important to My Future." There were 22 entries received from students. Hannah Pullin, from Miles ISD, was the first place winner and represented Runnels SWCD at the Area Awards Banquet held

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By Ace Reid

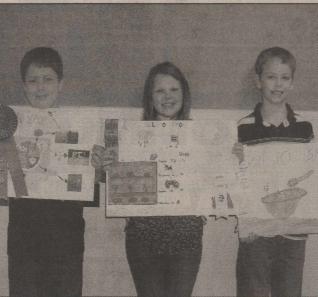
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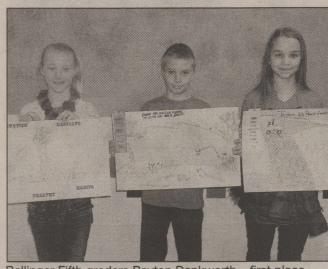
Runnels SWCD honored the teachers of the students with the winning poster and essay with \$25 gift cards. Mr. Curt McKneely from Miles ISD is the teacher of the poster winner, Gage Ohman. Mrs. Courtney Lange from Miles ISD is the teacher of the essay winner, Hannah Pullin.

Runnels SWCD thanked the many administrators, teachers and students who helped make this year's poster and essay contest educational and fun for all those who took part.

The Schaefer Brothers of Norton were the Outstanding Conservation Farmers selected by Runnels SWCD. Ralph, Alton and Bernard Schaefer received a plaque for their conservation accomplishments.



PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED Ballinger Third graders Markus Castleberry – first and second place Area winner, Tristen Cassaday –second and third place Area winner, Landyn McIntyre – third place.



Ballinger Fifth graders Payton Dankworth – first place, Brandon Teplicek – second place, and Cammie Teplicek – third place.



The Schaefer Brothers, Ralph, Bernard and Alton received their plaque from Bobby Myers, Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District Board member.

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1	4343	The County of Runnels, Texas v .Iohnny Zetuche et al	Lots 8 and 9, Block 29, Original Townsite of the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 3 I I, Page 502 and Page 503 and Vol. 424, Page 234, Deed Records), Account #ROOO008977	
2	4398	The County of Runnel s, Texas v Harry Sauceda et al	an undivided twenty five percent interest in Lot 10, Block 92, 1 st Railroad Addition to the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 143, Page 53), Account #ROOO009403	
3	4412	The County of Runnels, Texas v Deborah Ann Flores AKA Debra Flores	Lot 8, Block 20, Dale West Addition to the City of Winters, Runnets County, Texas (Volume 180, Page 361 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas), Account #ROOOO122731R000022295	
4	4455	County of Runnels v Glenda Graham et al	Part of Lot 3, Block 11 , College Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 135, Page 670), 604 E. Truett, Account #ROOOO I 1921	
5	4462	The County of Runnels, Texas v Leonard E. Foster et al	Lot 4, Block I, Tinkle Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 207, Page 281), Account #ROOOO I 3 I 30	
6	4468	The County of Runnels, Texas v Fernando Sanchez et al	Lot 6, Block 17, Wilke 3rd Addition to the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 222, Page 358 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas), Account #ROOOOI 0224	
7	4471	The County of Runnels, Texas v Gertrude Loyd et al	Lots 9, 10, and 11, Block 5, Original Townsite of the Town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 522, Page 63), Account #ROOO08728	
8	4474	The County of Runnels, Texas v c.P. Burgess et al	a 54' x 214' tract of land, more or less, out of the Thomas Green Survey #490, out of Abstract 232, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 66, Page 586, SAVE & EXDECEFF that property more particularly described in Vol. 457, Page 291 and Vol. 268, Page 652, and Vol. 268, Page 640). Account #80/OOO 13421	

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing .Toint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 4th day of April, 2013, at Ballinger, Texas

WILLIAM A. BAIRD Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas

You may contact the attorney for the taxing units at (325) 672-4870.

THE IDLE AMERICAN Life was simpler then...

Commetary by Dr. Don Newbury

Keene, TX, isn't today - nor was it ever — Mayberry, RFD. With a few decades peeled back, however, history suggests there were some parallels. Keene "town characters" also wound up in unlikely "fixes" of their own mak-

I'm talking about the kind Andy and Barney faced in weekly TV episodes where the duo usually showed up as "eventual responders."

Earlier arrival might have made a good plot bad. Arriving late — as they often did — allowed them to tie ribbons on cases that had already solved themselves....

One such Keene figure who invested most of her adult life teaching English

at KHS was Lilah Beth Hopps Creel. If local citizenry could vote on sainthood, she'd win on the first ballot.

She was beloved, an institution unto herself. Widowed at midlife and with no children of her own, she claimed students as hers, too. Her name, even today, is mentioned in hushed tones that drip in reverence.

All this being true, the fact remains that she operated a motor vehicle several years past her prime. Éveryone in town recognized her car, and in her twilight years, let her have whichever lane she chose, even on two-lane roads....

Perhaps the best remembered "Lilah Beth" story involved her, a visitor at the nursing home and the Keene Police Department, circa 1990. That day, a "stolen car" and a "found car" puzzle

was solved in warp speed.
"I parked there first," Lilah Beth might have maintained. When she returned to her "honker" of a car — a maroon, 1984 Buick Park Avenue — it was hemmed in by other

visitors' vehicles, one of which was a Toyota.

It is important to mention that the much smaller vehicle was parked behind Lilah Beth's Buick behemoth....

Always unflappable, the diminutive school marm maneuvered forward and back repeatedly, finally lurching forward for the quarter-mile trip home.

She puttered down Old Betsy Road, taking a right turn onto Fourth Street to her home.

Newbury What she didn't realize is that during one of her back-ups, her rear bumper engaged with the Toyota's front bumper....

Dennis Laursen, who operated a garage/service station at Old Betsy and Fourth for four decades, dropped a tool when he watched Lilah Beth — Toyota in tow — make the turn.

He wasn't sure she was the driver - no one ever was, since she was only five feet tall and peered out through the steering wheel.

To complete her homeward trip, she crossed a dip in front of her property. The bumpers disengaged, and the Toyota somehow rolled to a stop in the driveway before the Buick came alongside....

When she spotted the Toyota, Lilah Beth assumed she had a visitor. She "helloed" the place and got no response. So, she called the police about the extra car in her driveway.

A few minutes earlier, the owner of the Toyota had contacted the police to report a stolen car.

Things were righted in a few minutes; no charges were filed....

A few years earlier, when narrow-laned "Old Betsy" was being widened, a young flagman alerted motorists of caliche being dumped. Alas, Mrs. Creel didn't see the flagman. She forged on, almost hitting him as she

brushed by Seconds later, she drove up, over and down one of the caliche piles. Soon, the foreman was giving the young flagman "what for." The boss wasn't buying the youngster's claim that someone had ignored the warn-

ing, taken on a pile of caliche and driven on. A few minutes later, Lilah Beth

came back down "Old Betsy." The boss saw enough caliche dripping from the car's grill to fill pavement holes in the road of the Johnson County commu-

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Old-timers with memories run back to the 50s confirm these accounts.

More important, though, were the many ways she instructed and befriended students, and made her hometown proud. She is remembered for unwavering commitment to teaching, hoping, caring, giving, nurturing and praying.

And if there's ever a ballot for sainthood in Keene, look for her name at or near the top. She was an institution, this grand educator who logged some 90 years of living — driving (herding?) cars most of the way. (I wouldn't have had the courage to take the car keys from her, either.)...

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Runnels Co. well-represented at Midwest **Community Network luncheon**



Nine Runnels County representatives attended the Texas Midwest Community Network luncheon held on Wednesday, April 24, in Robert Lee, Texas. Those attending the event from Runnels County are left to right: Darlene Kelly, Tommy New and Jolene McBurney of Ballinger; Lynn Granzin, Jane Jeschke and Glenda Lacy of Miles, and seated Shelly Antilley-Guevara, Randall Conner and Rev. Alsen Wenzel of

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DPS identifies remains found as missing teen from Colorado City

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- After more than 2 years of uncertainty, the search of missing 13-year-old Hailey Dunn has come to an end. Friday afternoon the Texas Department of Public Safety informed that the remains found near Lake J.B. Thomas, in Scurry County on March 16, are a positive match.

Hailey's remains were found in a remote West Texas location and the Texas Department of Public Safety informed her mother, Billie Jean Dunn, that the remains are her daughter's.

Dunn was reported missing December 28, 2010, from her home in Colorado City. She was 13 at the time.

The remains were discovered near Lake J.B. Thomas were local, state and federal authorities gathered evidence over



Authorities are still investigating the circumstances of Hailey Dunn's disap-

pearance and death. several days.

statement during last Friday's news conference.

According to the information released the remains were sent to the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification for DNA analysis.

The investigation into the circumstances of Hailey's disappearance and death is ongoing, the statement said. This is a joint investigation of Scurry and Mitchell county sheriff's offices. Colorado City Police Depart-

ment, FBI, Texas Rangers and other local and county officials.

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Memories

The Texas Department

of Public Safety released a

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We go about our daily lives doing our everyday chores rather routinely. We do these because it is necessary to survive. We don't realize that while doing these, whether minutely or in a grand way, memories are being formed. If the task at hand is work or play we remember the good or the bad. We make a mental note of what we can do to make the situation better or how the situation makes us look forward to doing it

As I sit to write these articles I think back on things that have affected me or inspired me. People, places or things that have stuck in my mind and made me think. At the ripe young age of 55 I certainly have not experienced all there is and don't profess to know it all. I humbly jot down on paper what God puts into my head.

April 6 marked the three-year anniversary of my dad's passing. Memories of him flooded my

head all day long. And an ironic fact is on that day I was trimming trees where he was mowing on the day he died. I know he was there watching as I cut the branches of the trees. I keep asking myself if I'm doing all I can to make fond memories to my kids and grandkids. I hope these articles might reflect a little of myself. People affect others

memories with small things they do and not even realize they are doing it. This last week the Rowena community lost a wonderful man, Kenneth Feist. He was known to all by "KD" and I never knew until his funeral that the "D" stood for Dixon. Kenneth delivered mail to our family and a lot of times as a child I would go to meet him at the mailbox. We knew the time and he would arrive at the same time every day. Kenneth would stop and chat with us kids and always take the time to ask how we were and what we were doing and then leave us with a smile. I remember

Kenneth and Irene and my mom and dad getting together to play dominoes or go to conventions to-gether. When I was in 4-H, Kenneth's daughter Jan and I did several method demonstrations together winning state once in the Natural Resources contest and again placing second in state in Electrical. On the first trip to College Station, dad and Kenneth thought we had to detour to Westphalia and visit the old general store. At that time we were not too impressed but now I do remember the store and town and wonder what has changed. Oh and we had to stop at Green's Sausage House in Zabcikville for snacks. Kenneth, Irene and Jan, thank you for the memories.

Here's another one for you. Remember when it rained, on a regular basis. I know of kids who have never seen a full lake or river that ran more than a trickle. I remember when boating used to be a Sunday afternoon activity. I remember when the fish we caught didn't have chapped lips. Or remember reading Elmer Kel-ton's, "The Time it Never Rained." Could we be

living the sequel? Memories are what keep a farmer planting the seeds every year and the rancher taking care of the stock. The memory an abundant harvest sticks in the farmer's mind and keeps the drive to see that harvest again. Seeing the baby calves, lambs and kids playing alongside their mothers brings a smile to your heart. Since the column is called "On the Level" I would be remiss to not mention that it's the conservation issues we must keep aware if we are to preserve our natural resources so we can continue to remember this great land for many years to come.

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