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Mixed tax rates proposed in Winters

Full-time staff appointed for Senior Citizens Nutrition Program

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Runnels County Commissioners Court appointed the three full-time employees that will be working the Nutrition Program for the Senior Citizens Centers in the county, and started evaluating options for the distribution of the meals to all of the three centers in Miles, Ballinger and Winters.

Tuesday morning, August 13, 2013, at a regular meeting held at the County Courthouse, the Commissioners Court appointed Barbara Heathcott as Head Cook, while Louise Summers will be the Project Manager. Five more part-time employees will be helping with the preparation and distribution of the meals.

Commissioners will be analyzing options for the distribution of the meals to the Seniors Citizen Centers in Miles and Winters, while the main kitchen will be operating from the Ballinger Senior Citizens Center instead of the three kitchens currently working in each one of the centers.

Commissioners discussed the possibilities of acquiring a van or a trailer for the distribution of the meals. No action was taken on the subject at this time.

County Judge Barry Hilliard said that a donor, whom asked to remain anonymous, offered to help with the carriers needed for the distribution of the meals. Commissioner Ronald Presley said that another person had approached him and offered help for the acquisition of a vehicle.

Commissioner Bobby Moore and Judge Barry Hilliard agreed to do more research regarding the prices of trailers and options available, and present the results in a future Commissioners Court.

In more topics in the agenda, the Commissioners Court considered an amendment to two contracts with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, regarding funding for Title 19 and Title 20 programs.

In another agenda item a motion was made by Commissioner Rick Strube, seconded by Commissioner Ronald Presley to increase the pay of Election Judges and Clerks from \$8 per hour to \$10 per hour.

The Commissioners
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New speed limits in Runnels County

The Texas Department of Transportation recently changed the signs in some of the area roads, bringing the speed limits up to 75 mph in some portions of State and U.S. highways in Runnels County.

TxDOT started reviewing speed limits in 2012, after House Bill 1353 was passed, allowing 75 mph speed limits on Texas highways — providing that speed studies showed that it could be done safely.

Statewide new speed limits have been posted on 1,500 miles of interstate highway first, and now contractors are moving to the state highways.

Runnels County highways with the new limits include portions of State highways 153, 158 and U.S. highways 277, 67 and 83.

PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

WISD has 'Met Standard' under new accountability ratings

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Winters ISD earned a "Met Standard" rating in the Texas Education Agency accountability system. The ratings were released on Thursday, August 8, 2013 for districts and campuses statewide. The new rating system is now based on four indexes that include student achievement, student progress, closing performance gaps and postsecondary readiness.

The performance index, which up until last year labeled school districts and campuses under one of each categories including: Exemplary, Recognized, Academically Acceptable, or Academically Unacceptable, designates now schools under Met Standard, Met Alternative Standard, or Improvement Required.

The new accountability system consider standards such as: Student Achievement - Representing a snapshot of performance across all subjects. Student Progress - Providing an oppor-

tunity for diverse campuses to show improvements made independent of overall achievement levels. Closing Performance Gaps - Emphasizing improving academic achievement of the economically disadvantaged student group. And Postsecondary Readiness - Which includes measures of high school completion.

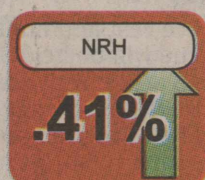
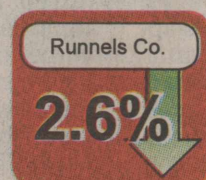
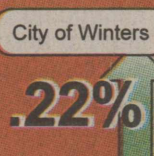
Winters ISD scored above the target scores on all four indexes.

With a target score of 50, Winters ISD totaled 68 in student achievement; 32 in student progress (target 21), 61 in closing performance gaps (target 55) and 94 in postsecondary readiness (target score 75).

In addition to the district and campuses receiving the "Met Standard" achievement, Winters High School received "Distinction Designation" Academic Achievement in Mathematics.

According to the ratings statewide, almost 93 percent of school districts and charters across Texas have achieved the rating of Met Standard.

The 2013 intended tax rates



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WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- With a decreasing taxable value and lower average home prices for 2013, the City of Winters is proposing a slightly higher Property Tax Rate for this year. Local and county governing bodies are looking at the new tax rates, aiming at a budget that allows them maintain operations and keep taxes as low as possible at the same time.

The City of Winters is proposing an effective tax rate .744014 per \$100 of appraised property value. That is .22 percent higher than the .742390 levied last year. This rate was set in light of a .6 percent drop in the value of the average home which went from \$41,803 in 2012 to \$41,554 in 2013.

The total taxable value in the City of Winters dropped .6 percent, going from \$59,413,924 last year to \$59,058,127 in 2013.

The North Runnels Hospital district is also proposing a rate slightly higher than last year. In 2012 the rate was at .410261, and for 2013 the proposed rate is .411956, an increment of .41 percent. Adjustments to the rate reflect a 1.14 percent increase in the average home value which went from \$50,706 in 2012 to \$51,282 this year.

Total taxable value for the North Runnels Hospital district practically remained the same, with a decrease of 0.18 percent. The total taxable value passed from \$258,728,938 in 2012 to \$258,275,504 this year.

The County of Runnels proposed rate will be reflecting a rise in the total taxable value while the rate itself is expected to go down by 2.64 percent.

The taxable value in the county for 2012 was \$601,734,132 while for this year the total will be 2.88 higher at \$619,037,202. The average home price in Runnels County went from \$60,122 in 2012 to \$61,730 (2.67 percent higher) in 2013.

If approved, last year's effective tax rate will go from .605431 to .589452 per \$100 of appraised property value in 2013.

Winters ISD is presenting a proposal with the same Property Tax rate than last year's at 1.04 per \$100 of appraised value.

The average home value for the Winters ISD practically remained the same, with a .52 increase (\$49,166 in 2012 to \$49,420 in 2013), while the total taxable value will be increased in 13.56 percent, going from \$194,154,314 last year to \$220,480,036 in 2013.

All taxing entities in Winters and Runnels County will be evaluating, discussing, voting and approving their 2013-2014 tax rates at their regular meetings.

The new rates will be reflected in the property taxes levied corresponding to 2013-2014.

The new rates will not necessarily represent savings to the taxpayer. While the rates are being lowered, the average appraised value of the properties has been raised compared to 2012 values.

According to Robin Burgess, Runnels County Tax Assessor/Collector, the 2013 adjustments in the proposed tax rates are affected by market adjustments, due to changes on acreage and homesteads, as well as utilities such as power lines in the county.

Turning on the gridiron at WHS

Saturday morning, August 10, 2013, The Winters Blizzards held an intersquad at Blizzard Stadium, gearing up for the upcoming 2013 football season. The Blizzards will be having their first scrimmage of the season this Saturday, August 17, facing the TLCA Eagles in San Angelo.

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NEWS NOTES

WISD to continue with meal program
The Winters Independent School District announced that it is making plans to continue the Provision II Meal Program for all of its students in grades Pre-K thru 12th grade. The National School Lunch and Breakfast Program for the 20013-20014 school year will provide for all students in grades Pre-K thru 12th grade to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost. For additional information please contact: Lisa O'Dell at (325) 754 5574.

Winters Elem. Meet the Teacher Night
Winters Elementary will host its annual Meet the Teacher Night on Friday, August 23 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All parents of WES students are encouraged to come by and meet their student's teacher. This night is a time for parents to come by and briefly get acquainted with their student's teacher.

If you wish to have a lengthy visit with the teacher please call the office and ask to set up a time for a parent/teacher conference on another day. We will have the teacher contact you to set up the conference.

If you do not know which teacher your student has you can come by the office and we will give you the teachers name. If you have any questions please call the WES office at (325) 754 5577.

Winters Dove Fest
The Winters Dove Fest and hunters appreciation barbecue will be held Saturday, September 7, 2013 at the Winters Community Center 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Dove hunts, raffles, entertainment, gun and knife show, motorcycle fun run, clay pigeon fun shoot and live and silent auctions will be held. For more information visit Winters Dove Fest on Facebook, call at (325) 977 1036 or email at Winters-Chamber@outlook.com

WISD registration schedule
Registration for all new Winters ISD students will be held on August 14-15. New enrollment for the JH and HS will be at the High School Library. Enrollment for the Elementary will be in the Elementary Library from 8-12 and from 1-4.

High School and Jr. High schedule is as follows:

August 14: 8-10 a.m. - Seniors, 10-12 a.m. - Juniors, 1-3 p.m. -Sophomores, 3-5 p.m. - Freshmen.

August 15: 8-10 a.m. - 8th grade, 10-12 a.m. - 7th grade, 1-3 p.m. - 6th grade, 3-5 p.m. - New student enrollment.

FBC having a Disciple Now weekend

The First Baptist Church of Winters is having a Disciple Now on the weekend of August 16-18, 2013. It is open to students who are entering grades 6-12 this school year. There is a small registration fee. For more information contact Randy at FBC Winters at (325) 754 5521.

WHS Band summer schedule
Flag Corp: August 5-8 - 8 a.m. through 12 p.m. August 12-15 - 8 a.m. through 12 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.

Eighth Grade and Drum Majors: August 12-13 - 8 a.m. through 12 p.m. Marching fundamentals/hats, sunscreen, sunglasses, tennis shoes. Uniform check out

Full band: Grades 8-12 - August 12-15 from 2-4 p.m. August 19-22 Sectionals: times to be announced

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.

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.

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.

FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK
The great opportunity to serve

By Randall Davis
Winters Chief of Police

As the recently appointed Chief of Police for the city of Winters, I would like to express my gratitude to former Chief Nathan Johnson for his support and guidance while working under his direction these past years. I would also like to thank Mayor Bergman, members of the Winters City Council and the community for the honor of allowing me to serve as Chief of Police here in Winters.

I am looking forward to working with the members of this city as well as Sheriff Bill Baird and the Runnels County Sheriff's Department, Chief McNulty and the officers of the Ballinger Police Department and Officers of the Texas Highway Patrol. These agencies have forged a close working relationship between them with a common goal of serving and protecting their communities.

Since being appointed Chief of Police, I have been asked many questions regarding potential changes in the Police Department policies and staffing among other areas of concern. I will attempt to answer these questions and concerns individually as well by periodicals written in the newspaper.

The policy of the Winters Police Department is to provide the community with the best quality services and the safest environment possible for

its citizens to raise their families. We are very fortunate for Chief Nathan Johnson and the Winters City Council for the hard work they have done equipping the Winters Police Department and building a community oriented agency with strong capabilities. It will certainly make my job easier.

There will always be people who will disagree with some police actions and may not understand the full functions of a police officer. However, the officers of the Winters Police Department have in the past attempted to resolve problems and settle disagreements, keeping the best interest and well being of the community and its citizens at heart. I fully expect some of these problems and disagreements to continue, as that's life, but it is the goal of the Winters Police Department to continue to serve the community with dedication, professionalism and sound judgment, continuing the successful path we have been on without sudden or significant changes.

The most notable change is Chief Nathan Johnson stepping down or passing the torch. Nathan Johnson will be remaining on staff as an important member of this department, with the change allowing him the opportunities to pursue additional career goals.

I am proud to announce one of the changes at hand will be Officer Zack Mazey assuming the sta-

tus of a full-time officer within the next week. Officer Mazey has been an officer with the Winters Police Department for the past year-and-a-half bringing with him prior experience as a police officer and has served his country with distinction as a Marine. Officer Mazey has family and friends residing in Winters and Runnels County and has expressed an eagerness to "come home" to Winters.

While the summer months are wounding down, a new school year is beginning with two-a-day football training already underway. This means as we get closer to the first day of school, we will be experiencing an increase in our younger citizens frequenting the school campuses. I ask everyone to take extra measures to ensure their safety by being vigilant of children walking on or near the school campuses and to and from their neighborhoods.

As the beginning of school nears, the Winters Police Officers will be enforcing school speed zones as well as looking for seatbelt violations. The safety of our children is paramount so lets buckle up, slow down and get their safely.

As a final note this week, and not wanting to ramble on, the officers of the Winters Police Department want to assure the citizens of Winters we are still here, we are fully functional and we still care.

Commissioners Court: Bids accepted

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Court considered and accepted bids for two properties located in Wingate, located at the lots 3 and 4 block 1 Cathey. These

properties used to host the old cafe and the laundromat in Wingate, Texas. Commissioner Ronald

Presley made a motion, seconded by County Judge Barry Hilliard to accept the proposal of Geherels and Associates Insurance as administrator for the Runnels County Section 125 Cafeteria Plan. The motion was approved to name Geherels administrator, but not sole administrator.

The Commissioners Court approved a motion to enter into a joint election agreement between Runnels County and Winters Independent School District, and another agreement between Runnels County and the City of Miles. Both agreements address the upcoming General Election, to be held on November 5, 2013.

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Humane Society of Coleman County will join with REASON Animal Rescue, from Winters and surrounding Runnels County area, at a National Tractor Supply Adopt-a-Thon event in Ballinger on Saturday, August 17 according to REASON's president, Leslie Dunlap.

Dunlap learned the ropes serving on the HSCC board before forming Winters' own spay, neuter and rescue organization in January, 2012.

HSCC provides heavily discounted spay and neuter vouchers for any who ask for them, plus offering an annual free spay and neuter event for dogs and cats. Their rescue and adoption program saves the adoptable dogs that find themselves at the city shelter, and they take in many pets from people who can no longer care for them for various reasons.

In March 2012, HSCC purchased a breeders kennel on Highway 153 just outside Coleman city limits. The kennel and the yards attached to it are the temporary home for all the dogs waiting for their forever family. HSCC also uses the kennel for boarding of dogs and cats.

REASON is the acronym for Rescue, Education Adoption Spay or Neuter. In REASON's first year, they rescued and adopted out over 100 animals. A very impressive accomplishment for an organization's first year.

"It was only with HSCC's wonderful tutelage that we could assist so many animals with finding their "Forever" homes per Dunlap. "This is such a rewarding endeavor. We know the animals appreciate the love and attention they have received. You can see it in their eyes."

Please drop by the Ballinger Tractor Supply on Saturday, August 17, to meet with many of their dogs that are ready for their new home. From a beautiful large Husky mix to a Chi-Weenie puppy, there will be a special friend waiting for you. A special adoption rate of \$50 will apply to all adoptions. The dogs are all spayed or neutered and have shots appropriate to their age.

Cookies and lemonade will be available to cool you off while visiting. Please come and join us. Sweet living treasures are waiting for you to rescue their hearts. Or, is that... "They are waiting to rescue our hearts?"

We would like to express our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to everyone for the tremendous show of love through all the food, flowers, visits, cards, calls and prayers during this difficult time.

A special thank you to the staff of North Runnels Hospital and the Winters Funeral Home for their help, support and kindness.

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Multi-county beef program to be held in Snyder

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STAFF REPORT

SNYDER- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a multi-county Beef Cattle and Range Challenges workshop from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. August 28 in the Scurry Coliseum, 900 E. Coliseum Drive in Snyder. The program involves

offices in Scurry, Borden, Garza, Kent Lynn and Mitchell counties.

"This will be a well-rounded program for producers and landowners throughout our region," said Greg Jones, AgriLife Extension agent in Garza County. "It's hot now, but as we head into fall, it's a good idea to know what our forage availability is

and what we may need to get our cattle through the winter. To that end, we'll be discussing stocking rates, restocking and small grain forages. I think this will be a morning well-spent for cattle producers for a variety of reasons."

Individual registration is due upon arrival. A meal sponsored by PM

Feed and Grain will be served at noon.

Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered.

Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist from Lubbock, and Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist from Amarillo, will be the primary speakers.

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Dove hunts, a gun show, arts and entertainment and much more will be available in Winters on September 7.

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- September will soon be here and so will the 11th Annual Winters Dove Fest. Whether you are a hunter or just want to have a great day of fun, mark your calendar for Saturday, September 7 to be in Winters, Texas. Hosts of this year's event have planned numerous activities for the whole family. Hosts for 2013 include: Winters Dove Fest Committee, City of Winters, Winters Area Business and Indus-

trial Corporation, and Winters Area Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds from the event will benefit area youth and non-profit organizations.

Activities that begin that morning include: Dove hunts; a gun and knife show; a clay pigeon fun shoot; an art show; a motorcycle fun run, food, door prizes, entertainment, karate and tai chi demonstrations, silent and live auctions. A big crowd favorite is the raffle for seven guns with the

drawings being held that afternoon. Each raffle ticket provides the buyer an opportunity to pick their choice of a gun... should they be a winner. A barbecue lunch will be offered at the Winters Community Center beginning at 10:30 a.m. along with the auctions and entertainment.

Remember that September 7 is the first full weekend of dove hunting and for anyone wanting to sign-up for a hunt please contact Archie Jobe at (325) 660

8334. Motorcycle riders will need to register at 9 a.m. for the motorcycle fun run. Anyone needing more information about the run please contact Elmer Buckelew at (325) 365 6124. Both of these events benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Directions and information about other activities can be found by visiting Facebook "Winters Dove Fest," or calling (325) 754 5210. RV hookups will be available downtown and at Winters Lake.



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Colonel Dan of Fort Chadbourne entertains children with true tales about the history of the fort, in this photo taken by Erlinda DeLaCruz.

Public Library reading program ends on a high note

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- On June 18, insects invaded the library led by Mrs. Mandie England, High School Science Teacher, Adrienna Lopez, and Jonathan Sandoval. First the children were entertained with a story about insects. Then they engaged in an art project to create a drawing of an insect from their own thumb prints. The children found this a fascinating assignment, which they pursued enthusiastically. Mrs. England gave each participant a pill bottle in which to catch bugs and a hand lens to take home.

The final session of the summer reading program occurred on June 25. Colonel Dan from Ft. Chadbourne was introduced by Garland Richards and entertained the students with historical tales of the days when Fort Chadbourne was an active frontier fort helping to protect settlers and travelers passing through the area.

The colonel patiently answered numerous questions asked by those attending the program. Erlinda DeLaCruz and Lauren Hogan then gave each child a patriotic tattoo. Finally, a drawing was held for two sets of two tickets to that famous water park in New Braunfels. Natalie Lara and Joseph Escalona each won a pair of tickets to the water park. The tickets were generously donated by KRUN Radio in Ballinger, which has made tickets available for several years.

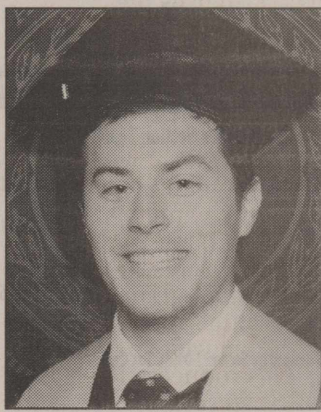
Nancy and Sally Spill donated time and effort to make the program a success. Nancy made treats available to each participant at the end of each session and has done so for years. Sallie kept attendance, made bookmarks and certificates, and assisted Jane Wyatt, the librarian, check out books. These three ladies contributed greatly to a successful summer reading program. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Local residents' grandson graduates with honors

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- McGuire Harrison Boles, grandson of Arlene and the late Monroe Boles and Oneta and Troy McKnight, has graduated Summa Cum Laude from Texas A&M University in College Station on May 10, 2013. His degree is a Bachelor of Arts in English, Creative Writing, with a Minor in Film Studies.

McGuire also studied Italian while at A&M and is a member of the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa honor society. In addition, he was awarded the Kurrus Memorial Award for one of his film monographs at Texas A&M for 2013, and he is a member of Phi Kappa Phi (National Collegiate Honor Society), Phi Eta Sigma (American



Freshman Honor Society), and Sigma Alpha Lambda (National Leadership and Honors Organization). McGuire is a graduate of Lake Highlands High School in Dallas (2010), where his achievements earned him designation as a Lechner Scholar while at A&M. McGuire intends to enter

graduate school and pursue teaching and writing professionally.

McGuire is the son of Becky and Reggie Boles, graduates of Winters High School.

Time to gear up for the Winters Dove Fest

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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Weather Whys

Q: Which heat waves have been the worst killers in the United States?
A: Heat waves can cause a lot of fatalities, says weather expert Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Last year at this time, more than 8,000 temperature records had been broken across the U.S. and so far this year, at least 76 deaths can be attributed to extreme heat," he notes. "The great Dust Bowl period of the 1930s covered more than 50 million acres in the Central U.S. and was a primary cause of a 1936 heat wave that killed more than 5,000 people. In 1955, an eight-day heat wave killed 946 people in Los Angeles and in 1972, a 14-day heat wave killed 891 in New York City. During the summer of 1980, it is estimated that about 10,000 people were killed nationwide and that heat-related damages totaled over \$20 billion. The 1980 summer death toll far exceeded the annual national average of about 400 deaths that are attributed to heat."

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Winters Enterprise

Thursday, August 15, 2013

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New Sheep Inspector appointed, court hears petitions for roads

CONTRIBUTED BY RUTH COOPER
RORIC CHAIRPERSON

WINTERS— The day was August 13, A. D. 1883. The new term of the Honorable Commissioners' Court was meeting. They appointed Mr. H. D. Pearce to be the officer to vote in the election to be held in several counties of the State of Texas.

The purpose of the election was in pursuant of a Proclamation duly issued by the Governor on the amendments to the Constitution submitted by the Legislature of Texas. The court during this time, was appointing another Sheep Inspector. This month, Mr. H. A. Thomson of Runnels City was appointed. Mr. Thomson would soon be the first to donate some of the land for the Old Runnels City Cemetery.

The road issues arose and were addressed. The road from Runnels City to Hudson's Gap needed work. Mr. M. L. Edwards would oversee the work with all men living along the road helping. Mr. H. A. Thomson rented a house to the county for the office of the County Surveyor for nine months. The court met again August 20 and revisited the tax receipts and

records report. They were approved and transferred into the minutes of the court. The roof of the Court House was examined by Mr. Henry Padelford and the report was approved by the Honorable Court. The tax report showed a total of delinquent taxes for the County to be \$45.69 and the State total was \$93.42 for the year June 1882 to the present. The court adjourned for this term.

September 17, A.D. 1883, the third Monday was the beginning of a called term of the Honorable Commissioners Court. The purpose was to view petitions for the public roads from Runnels City to San Angelo, from Runnels City to Paint Rock, from Runnels City to Fort Chadbourne, and the road from Runnels City to Abilene.

In the northeastern area of Runnels County, the town of Content was beginning to grow. They had just gained the Post Office from Blue Gap and Mr. Daniel W. Hale was the first Postmaster. The Texas Rangers with Company E of the Frontier Battalion were camped near Ranger Peak. Captain W. J. Maltby was the officer in charge of the camp. Among the residents moving into that same area was a family of Rossons, and later their daughter, a widow, Nancy Parker with three small children. Nancy Rosson was married to John Parker, a first cousin to Cynthia Ann Parker. They had lived in Parker County where John was one of that county's first of their four commissioners.

Upon the death of John, Nancy came to Content to be near her parents, the Rossons and other family. She arrived in the area near Content and lived in a dug out until the log cabin was built. She made an affidavit of occupancy before the Clerk of the Court in Runnels County. This affidavit assured Nancy the land on which the cabin was located was patented to her from the State of Texas on March 18, 1882. After living in the area for over a decade, Nancy's eyesight had begun to fail. She had been the only "doctor" the area had known. The herbs that grew in the area provided the very medicine needed to help the area residents.

The Texas Rangers helped to build her log cabin. She repaid them by mending and washing their uniforms. Nancy made the dress for Cynthia Ann Parker to wear when the Rangers brought her home from captivity with the Indians. Cynthia had a son, the famous Indian Chief Quanah Parker. The Texas Rangers soon left after clearing the Indians from the area. The town of Content had a school, a hotel later, several stores, two gins, a lime kiln, and a blacksmith shop. Content would soon become the second largest town in Runnels County with 200 residents.

Runnels County suffered an epidemic of measles so serious that a Dr. Currie was summoned to assist Dr. Helm with the illness and other health problems. One death was reported during this time.

The churches were becoming established in Runnels City. The Baptist and the Cumberland Presbyterian churches had organized and had their own buildings. The Methodist Church organized with five charter members. They worshiped two times each month in the Presbyterian Church but never erected their own building in Runnels City.

It was during this time, another doctor came to the county to start his practice. Dr. Henry Ransom located on Oak Creek. A Dr. Pough came at this same time also and opened his practice in Runnels City.

In the early years of Runnels County, it was one of the fortunate counties considered to have sufficient water. There were the creeks, Oak, Valley and Elm and their tributaries, Mulate, Mud, Coyote and Bluff. The Colorado River ran across the county's western and southern area, and the tributaries that fed into it were the Mustang, Grape, Indian, Rocky, Pony and Red Bank Creeks. With the good water, grassland and fertile soil, the settlers continued to pour in. The majority were Confederate Soldiers and their families. They were looking for a new start in a promising new area.

Resources:
Runnels County Historical Commission Histories
Runnels County Commissioners Court Minutes
Runnels County Clerk Records
August, September 1883
Eighteen Ghost Towns of Runnels County, Alton O'Neal, Jr.

Public Record

Weddings		
Names		Issued
Mark Wesley Baxter and Jacalyn Ann Wanoreck		Aug. 07
Runnels Co. Jail Record August 13, 2013		
Name	Age	Agency
Stacy Little	41	Coke
Christopher Medina	25	BPD
Public Intoxication, No DL		
Eta Agbor	21	Coleman PD
Evading arrest w/vehicle		
Mara M. Franklin	59	BPD
Public Intoxication		
Colby R. Davis	30	Coke Co.
Assault, family violence, 2nd offense		
Brenda L. Martinez	42	RCSO
Theft by check		
Raymond R. Ramos	22	DPS
Possession of a controlled substance		
Gary W. Hale	48	Coleman
MTR, intoxication, assault w/vehicle		
Cory T. Pringle	24	DPS
Driving while license suspended		
Jacob Villaipando		RCSO
Criminal trespass		
Michael Rodgers	24	DPS
Possession of marijuana		
Ashley Brewer	20	DPS
Possession of marijuana		
Kristen P. Arnold	31	Concho
Theft by check x3, FTA - Theft		
Dario Diaz, Jr.	26	Concho
Credit card abuse x2		

Veteran's Corner

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced that Veterans filing an original Fully Developed Claim (FDC) for service-connected disability compensation may be entitled to up to one-year of retroactive disability benefits. The retroactive benefits, which are in effect August 6, 2013, through August 5, 2015, are a result of a comprehensive legislative package passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama last year. Filing an FDC is typically the fastest way for Veterans to receive a decision on their claims because Fully Developed Claims require Veterans to provide all supporting evidence when they submit their claims, significantly reducing the amount of time VA spends gathering evidence from them or other sources. Only veterans who are submitting their very first compensation claim as an FDC are potentially eligible for up to one-year of retroactive disability benefits under the newly implemented law. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave or call 365 3612.

NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT

(A VISO DE FECHA LÍMITE PARA PRESENTAR SOLICITUDES PARA UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA)

Notice is hereby given that applications for a place on the City of Winters, Texas, Regular Election ballot may be filed during the following time:

(Se da aviso por la presente que las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta de la Elección Regular de Ciudad de Winters, Texas se pueden presentar durante el siguiente horario:)

Filing Dates and Times:
(Fechas y Horario para Entregar Presentaciones)

Start Date: July 27, 2013 End Date: August 26, 2013
(Fecha Inicio) (Fecha Limite)

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday
(Horario de la Oficina)

Physical address for filing applications in person for place on the ballot:
(Dirección a física para presentar las solicitudes en persona para un lugar en la boleta)

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Address to mail applications for place on the ballot (if filing by mail);
(Dirección a donde enviar las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta (en caso de presentar por correo))

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Shelly Antilley-Guevara
Filing Officer
(Oficial de la Clasificación)

Date Posted: July 12, 2013
(Fecha archivada)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The WINTERS I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 12:00 PM, August 29, 2013 in 603 N HEIGHTS WINTERS TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	1.85 % increase
Debt Service	0 0
Total expenditures	1.85 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$305,820,950	\$428,524,781
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$898,963	\$1,132,567
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$194,154,314	\$220,480,036
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$898,963	\$1,132,567

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0*	\$1.040000	\$3,839	\$5,986
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.101040	\$0*	\$1.101040	\$4,078	\$6,220
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0*	\$1.040000	\$3,898	\$6,110

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$49,166	\$49,420
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$34,166	\$34,420
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.040000	\$1.040000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$355.33	\$357.97
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$2.64

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.053300. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.053300.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$4,201,335
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

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Announcements

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Employment

240
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Part Time

P/T SUPPORT Aide needed for Head Start in Ballinger. High School diploma or GED required. Experience working with pre-school children preferred. \$7.69/hr for 9.5 months. Retirement benefits available after six months. Deadline is August 23, 2013. Call (325)625-4167 for an application or visit www.ctoinc.org for an application and job description. Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. is an E.O.E.

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Full Time

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The City of Winters is accepting proposals for a Real Estate Agent to be considered for acquiring water wells by lease or purchase for the use of the City of Winters Water Department. The deadline is Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 3:00 pm.

\$504 Child Find Notice
Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information

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about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification and placement into Section 504 programs, please contact the District's Section 504 Coordinator Junior High School, Sandy Bryant or Elementary Coordinator, Karen Broyles at (325)754-5577 or by mail at 603 N. Heights, Winters, Tx 79567.

Aviso Sobre La Identificación de Estudiantes Incapacitados bajo la Sección 504

Bajo la Sección 504 del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y proporcionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a estudiantes incapacitados que califican para recibir servicios bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas informacion sobre los derechos de los padres de niños oRequested information to verify the eligibility, (3) meet all requirements and (4) agree to participate in the program will be served.

The application period will be open from August 14, 2013 to September 15, 2013. The first complete application and return the application information, requested information to verify the eligibility, (3) meet all requirements and (4) agree to participate in the program will be served.

Application packets will be available for pick up at Runnels County Court House starting on August 14, 2013.

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RUNNELS COUNTY APPLICATION NOTICE HOME-OWNER REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO RECONSTRUCT HOME FOR LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS

The County of Runnels has received funds through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to administer a HOME Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance Program within Runnels County and City of Ballinger. This program is designed to reconstruct homes for eligible low-income homeowners who occupy their homes.

The application period will be open from August 14, 2013 to September 15, 2013. The first complete application and return the application information, requested information to verify the eligibility, (3) meet all requirements and (4) agree to participate in the program will be served.

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Winters Independent School District offers career and technical education programs in agriculture, science, business education, family and consumer sciences, health science technology, and technology education. Admission to these programs is based on interest, age, appropriateness, and class space availability.

It is the policy of Winters ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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will take steps to assure that the lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to participation in all educational and vocational programs.

The City of Winters will hold the second of two Public Hearings for annexation of the property described below on Monday, August 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas:

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dated April 15th, 2013 and described in Volume 84, Page 402, admission and participation in Rannels County, Texas, cap stamped being RPLS 6332 for located in the South line of corner between State Highway No. 153. same being Northwest corner of this remaining portion of said Busher tract, Thence S 89° 25' 49" along Southwest line between said Wheat Partners, LTD. Tract and State Highway No. 153, a distance line between said Wheat Partners, LTD. Tract and State Highway No. 552.59 feet to the place of beginning and corner of this containing 7.00 acres of land.

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tion of said Busher tract, the same being the south line of this described tract, a distance of 552.59 feet to a 1/2" rebar rod set with survey cap stamped being RPLS 6332 for located in the South line of corner between State Highway No. 153. same being Northwest corner of this remaining portion of said Busher tract, Thence S 89° 25' 49" along Southwest line between said Wheat Partners, LTD. Tract and State Highway No. 153, a distance line between said Wheat Partners, LTD. Tract and State Highway No. 552.59 feet to the place of beginning and corner of this containing 7.00 acres of land.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend these hearings if they have any comments or input concerning this annexation. Details of a 1/2" rebar rod may be viewed by contacting the Acting City Secretary's office at City Hall.

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303 N. Cryer, Winters, Texas - 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 living areas, wood stove, cent. h/a, patio, sheds, 2 car carport, RV cover

315 E. Pierce, Winters, Texas - 3 bdrm, 2 baths, high ceilings, large closets, 2 living areas, dining room and large informal dining. Bonus room upstairs for extra bedroom or playroom, utility room, hobby room, central heat and air, new cedar fence, large metal shop

705 W. Dale, Winters, 2 bdrm, 1 bath, updated floors and paint, fireplace, central heat attached garage and alley entry garage, screened porch

106 West, Winters - 3 bdrm, 1 bath, hardwood floors, central h/a, new roof, small fenced yard, carport, pecan trees.

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303 Pou Ave. - Ballinger, TX SOLD

Homes w/acreage
393.82 Ac. - w/home Taylor Co.
42.83 Ac. - w/home Runnels Co.

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16.27 Ac. - w/home Runnels Co.
2 Ac. 3/2 - w/home Nolan Co. SOLD

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Beginning at a 1/2" rebar rod with survey cap stamped RPLS 6332 (control monument) found for a common corner said Wheat Partners, LTD. Tract and State 1/2" rebar rod conveyed in a deed as set with survey No. 1 to Kevin Busher, et ux

Thence S 00° 20' 28" W along the common line between said Wheat Partners, LTD. Tract and State 1/2" rebar rod set with survey cap stamped RPLS 6332 for a common corner between said Wheat Partners, LTD. Tract and the remaining portion of said Busher tract, same being the southeast corner of this described tract;

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WHS teacher awarded regional Teacher of the Year

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Mandi Briley, a Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher at Winters High School was recently selected by the Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers Association of Texas as the Region 2 Teacher of the Year.

The award was presented at FCSTAT's 50th Annual Awards Program, Thursday, August 1, 2013, at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel, Dallas, Texas, in conjunction with the 2013 FCSTAT State Professional Development Conference and Exhibit Show.

Family and Consumer Sciences Education provides students with knowledge and skills that focus on careers in interior design, fashion design, hospitality and tourism, hotel management, restaurant management, travel and tourism management, culinary arts, human services, child guidance, child development, counseling and mental health and family and community services.

"It is with equal parts of pride and gratitude that we honor these dedicated professionals for their outstanding accomplishments as Family and Consumer Sciences Educators," 2013-2014 FCSTAT President Jennifer Walzel said.

WISD Superintendent Don Kuempel, Jr. commented, "As a district and community we are very proud of Ms. Briley for receiving this prestigious



Winters High School Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Mrs. Mandi Briley was recently selected Region 2 Teacher of the Year.

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award and representing our school district. We are thankful to have her on staff at Winters HS and she is very deserving of this award as she has worked diligently over the past few years to build a very well-rounded FCCLA program and family and consumer sciences program."

"She is deeply commit-

ted to the teaching profession and she constantly strives to teach and equip our students with career and college readiness skills to enter the workforce or enroll in college," Kuempel added.

Family and Consumer Sciences teachers also sponsor local chapters of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of

America, a student leadership organization open to current or former students of family and consumer sciences courses. FCCLA members learn leadership skills by planning and participating in activities and projects for the school and community, as well as competition at the local, state and national level.



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New Ag Teacher Mr. Clayton Stanford.

New Ag Teacher arrives to WISD

Greetings Winter's community, my name is Clayton Stanford and I am your new Agriculture Science Teacher. I hail from the big city of Blackwell, Texas. I recently graduated from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. My parents are Rick and Lisa Stanford, both Tarleton State graduates, as well.

Through my high school and college career I was involved in numerous FFA leadership activities, varsity athletics, and academic opportunities. When given a free moment, I love to play golf and work on my roping skills.

I am beyond excited to assume the position as your new Winters ISD Agriculture Science Teacher. Through hard work, dedication and support, I hope to influence the youth through positive leadership interaction, and improve this great community and its surroundings. This year holds various opportunities for our FFA program to succeed and I am very proud to call myself the advisor of the historic "First FFA Chapter in Texas."

If you would like to visit about the opportunities the FFA has available for your child, please feel free to stop by this summer or once school starts, before or after school hours. I will be glad to discuss projects, courses and leadership opportunities with you. Thank you for your support and God Bless.

THE IDLE AMERICAN A smile that started something...

Commentary by
Dr. Don Newbury

Man's inhumanity to man is well documented. Goodwill toward others, however, often goes unnoticed, unheralded and unappreciated.

Teachers, on the cusp of another school year, play major roles in helping others daily. Following the "do unto others" admonition, most of them routinely toil beyond duty's call.

We owe ongoing salutes to committed educators, and to all folks who offer smiles daily as they celebrate life....

One such celebrant is Megan Harris, a 23-year-old Amarillo woman. She worked at Pak-A-Sak Express that opened a few years back in an unoccupied Starbucks building. Smaller than the 18 other Pak-A-Saks, it has a drive-thru window. Thus,

"Express" is tacked on. Megan knows the window well. For two years, she arrived there at 5 a.m. for 8-hour weekday shifts, with much of her time given to dispensing 99-cent soft drinks. Last year, many of her "regulars" were teachers and staffers from nearby AACAL — Amarillo Area Center for Advanced Learning. (It offers specialty training in half-day blocks for students from the city's four high schools and other area districts.)

AACAL teacher Sue Sanborn, who daily purchased the 44-oz, jump-starting drinks, mentioned Megan to her colleagues in February. "Have you noticed how she smiles every single time we stop?" Another pointed

out that Megan was pregnant with her first child....

Few knew her name; none knew her circumstances. They didn't know she dreamed of starting a family, or that it was "start-over time" for her and husband Aaron. Two years ago, a wildfire destroyed their home and most others in the neighborhood.

The couple, now married four years, has clung to Christian values. The fire took all — "just things," though, claims Megan, a graduate of San

Jacinto Christian Academy and former Amarillo College student.

Neither did the educators know that for more than a year, she also worked four hours daily at a clothing store, stretching work days to a dozen hours. And they weren't aware the couple lived with her parents for 714 days after the fire. It takes a while to build a house when one person does it. Aaron, a fulltime Xcel Energy employee, worked late most nights and weekends on their home. His dad and dad-in-law pitched in, and it was ready four weeks before the baby arrived....

The AACAL folks wanted to do something for the "redhead," as several called her. Quickly, they planned a "drive-thru baby shower."

On the day before Valentine's, they organized an 18-vehicle caravan. From the first car, Tammy Newsom handed the stunned honoree an invitation to the drive-thru

shower. Occupants in the second car offered a corsage made of baby hats, and the third, punch and cupcakes.

Gifts from educators in the remaining 15 vehicles included diapers, clothes and gift cards. Then, they crowded inside to celebrate. Laughter, with some crying, ruled....

Readers of the Amarillo Globe News read Jon Mark Beilue's excellent account with thanksgiving. It's good news well worth sharing with my readers round about!

Much more has occurred since that unique act of goodwill. Computer science students, inspired by a guest speaker from "Snack Pak 4 Kids," designed a logo for the local charity — a simple "hug" design on its website.

Realizing many of their classmates are from "hungry homes," students continue their "give back" spirit with a school pantry. From there, food is sent home discreetly in students' backpacks. The Student Council has spear-headed campaigns to collect thousands of food items, and health science students have helped with public service announcements about teen hunger. And the beat goes on....

What about Megan and Aaron? Well, their daughter arrived safely on March 13 — two weeks before the Easter due date. Weighing in at 5-lb, 11-oz, Phoenix Renee is a "stay at home" baby. Her mom's there, too, in her dream come true.

The "joy bundle," or "cuddle bunny" as her mom calls her, is doing fine. And she has her mother's smile.

Their folks can be proud of this well-grounded couple. So can their "adopted family" at Pak-A-Sak. So can citizens whose taxes make schools possible. And so can you, gentle reader. Wish a school employee well in this new year, even if only with a smile. And offer prayers for them and the students entrusted to them....

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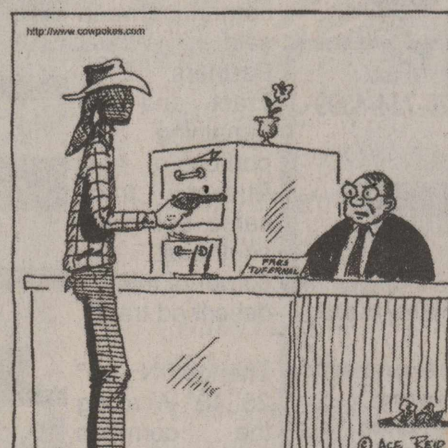
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