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Early voting underway in Runnels County

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER— Early voting by personal appearance is underway for the Republican Election and Democratic Election in Texas, with a few contested races on the Republican side in Runnels County.

Early voting by personal appearance for the March 4, 2014 primaries got started on Tuesday, February 18 and will continue through Friday, February 28, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex Building, located at 608 Strong Avenue in Ballinger, behind the

Courthouse.

Contested local races for the Republican Party in Runnels County include the one for County Clerk between Julia Miller and Amanda Collom; running for County Commissioner Pct. No. 2 are incumbent Ronald Presley and challenger Dickie Clough; running for Justice of the Peace Pct. No. 1 are incumbent Glenda Wood and challenger Steven Gray, and running for Justice of the Peace Pct. No. 2 are challenger Louise Summers and incumbent Richard Hamilton.

Other local officials on the Republican ballot include County Judge Barry

Hilliard, District Clerk Tammy Burlison, County Treasurer Ann Strube, and Republican County Chairman Charles Hensley, each one of them running unopposed for re-election.

Running for re-election U.S. Senator John Cornyn is facing seven challengers, District 11 U.S. Representative Mike Conaway is being challenged by Wade Brown, while four candidates signed up for the Republican ticket in the Governor race including Secede Kilgore, Miriam Martinez, Greg Abbott and Lisa Fritsch.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst is looking for re-election and faces three challeng-

ers in the Republican primary. Those looking for the nomination are Dan Patrick, Jerry Patterson and Todd Staples. The position of Attorney General is also up for election, Barry Smitherman, Ken Paxton and Dan Branch are the Republican candidates.

District 72 State Representative Drew Darby is looking for re-election. Darby is being challenged in the Republican Primary by Shannon Thomasson.

Other subjects up for election in the Republican ballot include religious freedom, a proposition to support Second Amend-

ment liberties, a bill to abolish the state franchise tax, welfare reform, a proposition to do away with lawmaker exceptions, and another one to repeal the Affordable Care Act known as "Obamacare."

The Democratic ballot does not include any local race in Runnels County. Running for U.S. Senator are five candidates: Maxey Marie Scherr, Harry Kim, David M. Alameel, Kesha Rogers and Michael "Fjet" Fjetland.

Running for the Governor ticket on the Democratic primary are Wendy Davis and Reynaldo "Ray" Madrigal. The Democratic Primary also includes

provisions regarding immigration reform, urging the U.S. Congress to pass a provision that includes an earned path to citizenship for those contributing to the economy, also to pass a legislation raising the federal minimum wage to at least 110 percent of the federal poverty level, Medicaid expansion, and a legislation that expands protections against discrimination.

Any qualified voter is eligible to vote early in person. Voters are reminded that identification is required when voting. For more information, contact the County Clerk's Office at 365 2720.

Old Texas Theater to host two benefit programs

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER— This weekend the Old Texas Theater in Ballinger will be hosting two programs sharing a common denominator besides being held in the same venue. Friday night, the theater will be hosting a fundraiser for Ballinger's own Chad McDuffee, a wounded war veteran that found a new meaning for his life in adaptive sports, and Saturday night the live entertainment by Greg Peterson will be benefiting the Ballinger and Winters FFA chapters.

Friday night the Old Texas Theater doors will be opening at 6 p.m.

After dinner the theater will be showing a movie about the 1980 U.S. men's hockey Olympic team. An inspiring film based on a true story.

The movie will be starting at 7:30 p.m.

Army veteran Chad McDuffee is looking to fund his participation in the Wounded Warrior games and ultimately earn a trip to the Special Olympics in Rio 2016.

Saturday night the Old Texas Theater will be having a live entertainment program, with Greg Peterson, of the Peterson Farm Brothers.

Doors will be opening at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.



Sgt. Lynn Beard of the Abilene Police Bomb Squad holds the explosive device that was taken from David James Richardson's home in Rowena on Monday, February 10, 2014.

Craigslist post leads to bomb, pot arrest in Rowena

Local man busted with pipe bomb, homemade gun and marijuana

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
BALLINGER LEDGER

BALLINGER— A homemade bomb was defused, and a homemade gun and marijuana plants were seized last week in Rowena, after a local resident posted an online classified ad trying to sell one of the plants to an undercover Runnels County Sheriff's

Deputy. David James Richardson, 26-years-old, of Rowena, Texas, was arrested Monday, February 10, 2014 and charged with two counts for the possession of a prohibited weapon, and for possession of marijuana.

The bomb, which authorities believe was manufactured to booby trap the marijuana plants, surfaced after an undercover Sheriff's Deputy got in contact with Richardson in response to a Craigslist ad about a plant for sale.

According to county officials Richardson told the deputy about the pipe bomb he built at his house.

After Richardson was arrested, the Abilene Police Department Bomb Squad was called in to defuse the bomb. The bomb, which had been manufactured with readily available materials, was taped to a board and apparently was intended to go off in case of an intrusion.

The bomb was removed from the premises and deactivated by the bomb squad. Them

bomb was brought outside the house and remotely shot at with a shotgun shell. The defused bomb was then turned in to the Runnels County Sheriff's Department.

A search at Richardson's home later produced a homemade gun. The Sheriff's Office confiscated it as a prohibited weapon.

Richardson is the lone suspect for possession of the prohibited weapons and the marijuana. Richardson bonded out of Runnels County Jail posting a \$75,000 bail.

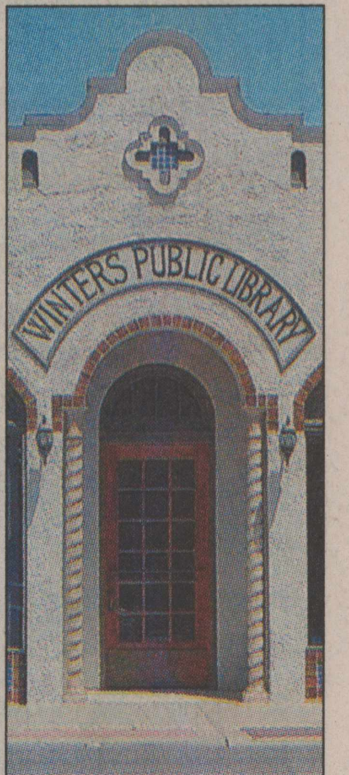
Winters Public Library to host an open house

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS— The Winters Public Library will have an open house Saturday, March 1 at 2:30 p.m. in conjunction with the re-dedication of the Blue Gap Post Office. The Library Board is asking the community to join for the dedication of the new kitchen area in memory of Nadine Robinson.

Nadine was a long time member and supporter of the Winters Public Library. She was also a long time school teacher at Winters Elementary school. The Library Board is very proud of the new kitchen area which adjoins the Lois West Conference room. The conference room and kitchen are available to the public for meetings and gatherings.

Please join this celebration of your public library on March 1, at 2:30 p.m. at 120 North Main Street. Refreshments will be served.



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Valentine's Day at the Rock Hotel

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Janie Patton Leady

Janie Patton Leady, 65, of Ballinger passed away Sunday, February 16, 2014 at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

She was born on September 16, 1948 to Renzo and Rose (Cornelius) Patton in San Angelo, Texas. Janie married James Frank Leady in 1974 and they shared 15 years together before his passing in 1989. She worked as a supervisor for a property management company. Janie was a member of the Baptist Church. She loved her grandchildren and especially taking them to the duck pond. She also loved to cook.



Janie was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a brother, Bobby Patton.

She is survived by a daughter, Susan Jacob and husband Mark of Winters and a son, Frank Leady and wife Heather of Ballinger. Also surviving are five grandchildren: Whisper, James, MaKayla, Megan, and Matt.

Visitation for family and friends will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19 at Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 20 at Rough Creek Cemetery at Novice, Texas with Lynn Smith officiating. Arrangements are with Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. Guests may register online at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

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TAHC visiting stock shows to discuss biosecurity

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STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- The Texas Animal Health Commission is currently visiting with major stock shows and rodeos to discuss good biosecurity practices in the event of an animal disease outbreak. Practicing and implementing sound biosecurity measures is critical in keeping Texas' animals disease free and marketable.

Having a proper biosecurity plan in place to execute in the event that an animal disease is introduced while a major stock show and rodeo is taking place will reduce the chances of an infectious disease being spread by people, animals, equipment, etc.

Anytime animals are congregated at events, owners increase the chance that their animal(s) may be exposed to an infectious disease agent.

By following these simple guidelines you can help minimize that risk.

Consult your veterinarian to establish an appropriate vaccination program for your livestock prior to attending an event.

Before stalling your animal at an event, make sure the stall has been cleaned and disinfected. Always use clean, fresh bedding.

Minimize your animal(s) from having direct contact with unknown animals, especially nose to nose contact.

Use your own water and feed buckets. Avoid letting your animal(s) drink from a communal water trough. Fill water buckets from a faucet.

Do not share grooming equipment or tack. If you must, then wash and disinfect it before returning to your own animal(s).

Wash your hands thoroughly after handling other animals, to minimize the risk of transferring a disease back to your animal.

Before returning home from an event, clean up your equipment (boots, tack, grooming supplies, buckets, etc.) to help reduce the risk of transporting an infectious agent back home.

NEWS NOTES

Conaway to hold town hall meeting in Ballinger

U.S. Representative K. Michael Conaway (R-Texas) will hold a town hall meeting at the Ballinger City Council Chamber, 700 Railroad Ave., 4-5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2014. The town hall is open to members of the media and the public.

Small Town ACTS Men's Retreat

Small Town ACTS Men's Retreat will conduct a retreat for men on February 27, through March 2, 2014 at Christ the King Retreat Center in San Angelo. Give yourself this gift of time with God, or consider attending the retreat as a means of preparing for Lent. This retreat is Christian oriented so that Christian men from all denominations are invited to spend this time with God. Cost of the retreat includes all meals and lodging. A deposit is required to reserve your place with the balance due at the Thursday evening check-in. Financial assistance is available for those who need help. Please do not let the cost keep you from attending.

For more information, please contact James Matthiesen at (325) 442 3691, Joe Matthiesen at (325) 718 9038 or Mike Kozelshey at (325) 754 4133.

VFW Post 9196 to honor first Gulf War veterans

The Rowena Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9196 and its Ladies Auxiliary continues to recognize those veterans who served in our nation's wars. On February 28 we honor and recognize those veterans who served in Operation Desert Storm, popularly known as the first Gulf War (August 2, 1990 - February 28, 1991).

Desert Storm was the successful US-Allied response to Iraq's attempt to overwhelm neighbor Kuwait. The Post would like to invite all veterans to the VFW Post Home, Depot Street and Hwy 67 in Rowena, on Friday evening February 28, 2014 at 7 p.m. to honor those veterans. A short program is planned on that war and the veterans who served there. Refreshments will be served.

Norton Windy Top Wind Energy meeting

The Norton Windy Top Wind Energy Project Board of Directors will have a meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at the Norton Community Center at 7 p.m. to discuss future plans of the project. If you would like more information, please submit your request in writing to: Norton Wind Energy Project, P.O. Box 63, Ballinger TX 76821

Cyber world issues conference to be held at WHS

Winters ISD is honored to host Mr. James Paul Cummings Jr. one night only on March 3, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the High School auditorium. Mr. Cummings is a professor at ASU and Senior Special Agent for the Department of Homeland Security specializing in Homeland Security Investigations.

Mr. Cummings will speak to our community about the following important issues we face in this new digital age.

Social Media Issues, Identity Theft, Internet bullying, Child Exploitation/Child Pornography cases worked in our area.

This event is open to anyone in our community. For additional information, please contact: Billy Mobley at (325) 754 5574 or billy.mobley@wintersisd.org.

Eat at home and save workshop starts Feb 25

Sandy Taylor, Runnels County Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will be presenting four cooking classes that will teach individuals to plan and prepare more meals at home and in return — save them money. Classes will be held on February 25, March 18, April 29, and May 6 at the Runnels County Extension Office, 608 Sealy Ave in Ballinger. Classes will begin at 6 p.m. The cost covers all classes. So bring your friends, or come make new friends. For more information or to reserve your spot call the Runnels County Extension Office at (325) 365 5042.

Nominations open for Man and Woman of the Year

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is taking nominations for Man and Woman of the Year. If you would like to nominate someone, please send a brief letter with the name of the person you would like to nominate and the reasons you feel they deserve to be

Man or Woman of the Year.

Please send nomination to: Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 662, Winters, Texas 79567

You can also drop off your nomination letter to Pam or Randal Barnes.

Fundraiser for Chad McDuffee

An account has been established at the First National Bank of Ballinger to accept donations or sponsorships for Chad McDuffee. McDuffee is a Ballinger native and veteran of the Iraq War. Chad lost most of the use of his right foot after sustaining an injury while on deployment in Iraq in 2006. Chad earned a bronze medal in the 2013 Valor Games Midwest in powerlifting and is currently trying to earn a spot on the U.S. Paralympic Team in time for the 2016 World Games in Brazil. Donations to the account will be used to help defray his travel expenses and purchase special equipment for training.

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 Sylvia Wilson 754 4992 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.

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WIC open to many incomes and families

Women, Infants and Children, located at 706 Strong Ave in Ballinger is open Monday thru Wednesday 7 a.m. till noon and 1 p.m. till 6 p.m.

Closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone (325) 365-5925. WIC is open to many incomes and all kinds of families.

Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting

Masonic Lodge 643, 500 N Broadway, Ballinger, Texas. Stated meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month except for holidays if it falls on that Monday. For more information call (325) 365 3202.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meetings on fourth Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmeth, Texas Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754 2048.

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge meetings

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge No. 613 will have stated meetings on the first Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. beginning January 2, 2014. Supper will be provided after the meeting. The location is the Masonic Lodge building located at 360 South Roberts on Highway 83 South.

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Amanda has served as a Deputy Clerk in the Runnels County Clerk's Office since 2010. Amanda will provide a smooth, cost effective transition for our county.

Amanda, who is a 5th generation Runnels County resident, moved back to the county to be near her family and to raise her children. Amanda has always been in the business of serving others and has always done so with a positive attitude.

Elesa Ocker (our County Clerk since 1998) trained Amanda and would not be retiring if she did not believe that Amanda was prepared to do the job, and leaving the office in good hands.

Amanda attended the County and District Clerk School last month and is prepared to meet the State's new mandatory systems which must be in place by January 1, 2015. Amanda was also selected as a Board Member at the State Conference in December to assist in the final developments of the new Vital Statistics System which also goes into effect January 1, 2015.

Please vote in the best interest of our County • Vote Amanda Collom for Runnels County Clerk • Thank You

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From the Chief's Desk

War on drugs II

Randall Davis
Winters Chief of Police

During the past week I have received several comments regarding the article I wrote in last weeks edition of the paper. I appreciate the feedback as I have wondered on occasion if my viewpoints were being read or just taking up space. I revisited last week's article and realized I was much better pointing out the problems of society but had left out many causes for the problems and more importantly, viable solutions to the problems.

Last week's article focused on the loss of people and talent from drug overdoses. When searching for the beginning or birth of this problem, we have to realize this problem didn't just appear overnight. The use of opiates, specifically morphine, was widely spread prior to and during the Civil War. Morphine was eventually refined into heroin, the most addictive substance known to man. Oddly enough heroin was developed as a cure for morphine addiction. Unfortunately it worked.

Throughout history other drugs were developed and refined to suit the needs of the time. The Third Reich of Germany ushered in the wide spread use of methamphetamines to give the German soldiers an extra edge and enable them to continue the fight for days at a time. The drug has since made its way into mainstream society and has become one of the most destructive substances we have ever encountered.

Cocaine, once known as a rich man's party favor is now produced and smuggled into this country in such quantities, it has become a common narcotic.

Enough of the history lesson, my point is we have been battling illegal narcotics and drugs for well over a century. We cannot expect an overnight remedy or cure.

I've been asked in the past: "How do I get my child clean and away from drugs?" The simple

answer is you can't. You can spend your life savings and throw every moment of your time at the problem only to find yourself broke and old with same problem existing. The only way to beat this addiction is for the addict himself to come to a point in life where he has no choice but to face the addiction head on and fight it with every ounce of energy he can muster. When you are dealing with a monster like heroin, meth or the many other substances plaguing our world, you are in for the fight of your life, and that fight often last a lifetime.

The longer you use the drug the longer it will take to get rid of the addiction. Last week I mentioned an actor found dead of a heroin overdose following two decades of sobriety. He relapsed after 20 years. Heroin had that strong of a hold on him.

The best and most successful way of fighting a drug addiction is to avoid the addiction in the first place. The only sure way to avoid the addiction by abstaining from the use of drugs, including the "gateway drugs", more commonly known as marijuana and alcohol.

I like to think about it this way... How many of us smoke cigarettes. Do we do it because it really does make us look "just too cool"? I don't think so, but I'm willing to bet it's because we have developed a dependency on nicotine, otherwise known as a habit, or an addiction. I know most of us would much rather quit smoking than continue to pay an average of \$35 a week (\$140 per month) for cigarettes, but we can't.

Now consider trying to quit or stop ingesting the most addictive substances known to man, opiates, meth and their derivatives. If you can't stop smoking cigarettes, how successful would you be stopping smoking these stronger substances. The result is we are left with a lifelong problem that continues to claim victims and destroy lives.

These addictions are often immediate and too strong for a single sole to overcome. Successful recovery often requires medical and psychological intervention, help from "true friends" and family who can be tough and learn the art of saying "no" along with people who know how to effectively deal with an addiction without enabling the addiction. A successful recovery will always require a person willing to make the necessary changes and to overcome. I am fortunate to know many people who have taken on the fight and are victorious.

JULIA MILLER FOR Runnels County Clerk



Julia currently works in the county judge's office as the judicial assistant and court coordinator. She feels that her experience in this position has given her a strong basis for the ability to move smoothly into the county clerk's position if elected.

Since many of the documents in the clerk's office must go through the judge's office, she is familiar with the records and procedures. Over the past 3 years, she has worked closely with the clerk's office in regards to commissioner court records, criminal records as well as civil, probate and guardianship records. In addition, the software that is used in the clerk's office, Local Government Solutions, is the same software that is currently used in the judge's office thus linking the two offices.

If elected, Julia is fully aware that there will be a tremendous amount to be learned as the new county clerk, but through her intelligence, her strong work ethic and the continuing education that is required, she will be able to fulfill the position with the utmost integrity.

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CAFETERIA MENU

Subject to Change*

Feb. 24-28 Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

Monday
Breakfast Taco or Cereal/Toast w/ Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday
Pancake Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/ Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast Burrito/Salsa or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday
Sausage Roll or Cereal/Toast w/ Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Friday
Muffin or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Winters ISD Lunch Menu

Monday
Chef Salad or Lasagna/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.), Bread Stick (H.S.) or Chicken Pattie/Bun, Peas & Carrots, Baked Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Apple, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday
Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak/Hot Roll or Chicken Tenders/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.), (H.S.) Bread Sticks, Italian Green Beans, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday
Chef Salad or Nachos or Chicken Fajita, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Coleslaw, Strawberry, Choice of Milk.

Thursday
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Chicken Nuggets/Gravy, Bread Stick or Meat Loaf/Hot Roll (2oz.), Broccoli w/ Cheese, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Pear, Choice of Milk.

Friday
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Chicken Bites/Bread Stick, Oven fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Lettuce/Pickles, Orange, Choice of Milk.

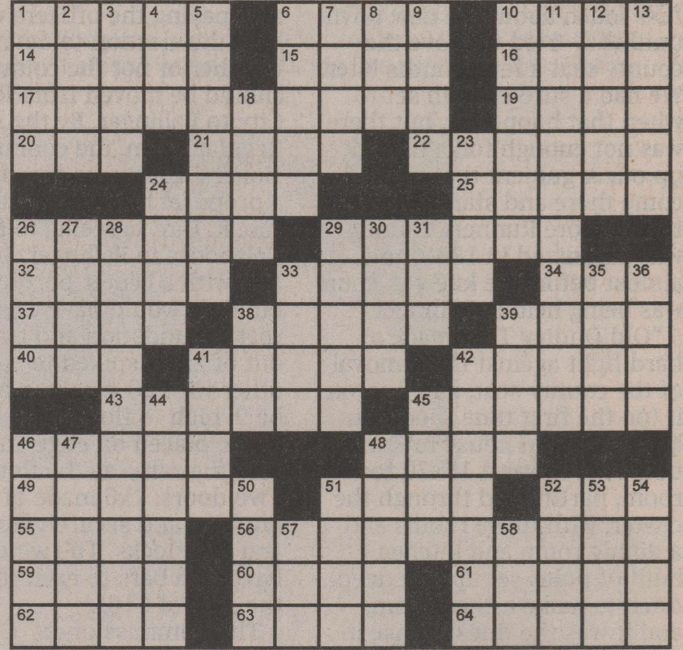
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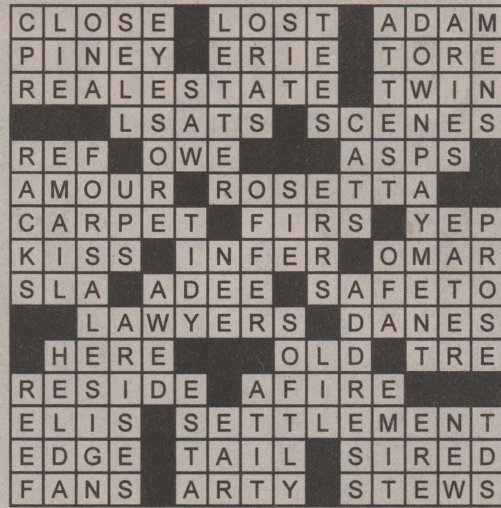
"Greetings!"

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 - Show and ___
 - Cute cat from Japan
 - Utah ski resort
 - Bird that hoots
 - Fellow
 - Took to the seas
 - Chesapeake and Hudson
 - Sleep loudly
 - Capital of Greece
 - Brunch beverage
 - Tricky shoes to walk in
 - Rice dish
 - Soldiers, for short
 - "Enchanted" girl in a 2004 film
 - Sucker
 - TV show set in Korea
 - Brooks of "The Producers"
 - Road payments
 - "Common Sense" pamphleteer
 - Non-alcoholic beer brand
 - Makes a hard copy of
 - Grand ___ National Park
 - "High" time
 - ___ groups
 - Top medal in Sochi
 - Charge
 - Common surname in China



- Down
- "Very funny!"
 - Once more
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 - Mottoes
 - Whirls
 - Brad of Hollywood
 - Picnic pest
 - Beams
 - New shirt ruiners
 - 1987 Shelley Long comedy
 - Make changes to
 - Air freshener brand
 - Lock openers
 - Since
 - Actor Lugosi
 - "Pardon me..."
 - Prefix with marketing or commuting
 - "Greetings!"
 - Flour ___
 - Societal problems
 - April follower
 - Survey before an election
 - "That ___ funny!"
 - The Beatles' "___ Leaving Home"
 - Late singer Reed
 - Common street name
 - "Beloved" author Morrison
 - Nudged along
 - Put on, as a hat
 - Game played on horseback
 - Computer experts
 - Lucy's best friend
 - Pitcher Ryan
 - Poker player's piece
 - Hidden valley
 - Like the Great Plains
 - Otherwise
 - Checked out
 - Barely get, with "out"
 - "... ___ mouse?"

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Q: Why is it that ice always forms on bridges first?

A: The answer is heat – or a lack of it, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. Roads and highways, even though they are made of asphalt and concrete, are protected by the ability of soil underneath to absorb heat. "But bridges and overpasses are suspended in the air, which means they do not have the means to absorb heat," McRoberts explains. "So when temperatures start dropping below freezing, it takes a while for the ground temperature to reach freezing. But bridges and overpasses, with freezing air on top and below the structures, will cool down and freeze much quicker."

Spotter's classes coming up

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The National Weather Service has scheduled several storm spotter classes in the area. A class will be held in Abilene on Saturday, February 22, from 9-noon at ACU's Hart Auditorium.

Another training session will be held in Eden on Monday, Feb. 24 and a third one in Brady, on Tuesday Feb. 25. There are several more scheduled across the area through April. Anyone with an interest in public service and/or severe weather is encouraged to participate in the SKYWARN program. SKYWARN trained spotters provide timely reports of tornadoes and other severe weather features to the National Weather Service. Their reports assist the NWS in their mission to protect life and property. SKYWARN Spotters typically come from the following backgrounds: fire fighters, law enforcement, public utility workers, HAM radio operators and the general public. For more information contact the National Weather Service office in San Angelo.

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'Before we knew it, Court was being held in Ballinger'

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WINTERS- The stories of Jim Johnson continue in his writings. "We were so glad to have a railroad that we didn't fuss much about the new town until they tried to move the county seat a few months later. We had a sure-enough set to when that happened, but there was not enough folks to back up our argument that we had come there and started up a town before Runnels County was organized in 1880, and almost before we knew it, court was being held in Ballinger."

"Old Dudley Tom made a hard fight against the removal of the county seat, and he won it too the first time. Dudley Tom built the third house in Runnels City. It was a 15x20 foot room, partitioned through the center, with those rooms and a dining room and kitchen built of poles set up in a deep ditch to make a shed room, and it was the finest house in town. The lumber cost \$55 a thousand and was hauled from Coleman City."

"Strange wasn't it, how we used to tack city onto every town that was named. Now Runnels City 'shore' was a bird of a place to carry such a pretentious title as that. I remember in 1879 when Dudley Tom built his house, there were but three business houses in the place. Davis, Guy and Baker had a general merchandise store as Dud used to say, 'about big enough to cuss a cat in'. Dean Swift had a saloon somewhat larger than that and H.D. Pearce held forth (as written) in the post office, a room about 12 feet square and that constituted the city. But she had the name and she got the reputation as long as Ballinger

was not on the map."

The Runnels County Commissioners' Court continued to meet in Runnels City's courthouse, taking care of business, paying their bills and also paying the officers who held the election to determine whether or not the county seat should be moved from Runnels City to Ballinger. By the August Regular Term, the commissioners' court was accepting a proposal from a contractor, Jno. R. Day, agreeing to build a Calaboose in Ballinger, 12x20 feet with a center portion. The building would have a "solid rock" foundation and be built out of 2x4's spiked to each other with 20 # nails, walls to be 9' high — flooring to be of 2x4's, placed on edge and the roof the same as the flooring. Two doors, 2x6 made of 1x12 doubled and securely hinged and with locks. The windows to have iron bars to each room for the sum of \$165.

The Commissioners' Court rejected the road reviewers report, appointed constables, and then adjourned until the next morning, August 9, 1887, the court received a petition from Precinct No. 5, Runnels County, Texas requesting that an election be held, "for the purpose of enabling the free-holders of said precinct to determine whether hogs shall be permitted to run at large in said precinct". The petition was signed by J. W. Powell, J. W. Clampitt, E. D. Walker and about 30 other names. The court ordered the election held September 10, 1887. The court reviewed a report on the Runnels City to Oak Creek road in accordance with the original order of the court. The commissioners, judge, sheriff and clerks all received their pay

and the next order of the court was to convene in Special Term Monday, August 22, 1887.

August 22, 1887 was the first day of Runnels County Commissioners' Court with the Honorable Judge Sylvester Adams, Commissioners: C. H. Willingham, George D. Cole, E. M. Teel and M. C. Bright all present.

The first order of the day was to require the Runnels County Surveyor, H. E. Dickenson, to proceed to establish the South and West boundary lines of Runnels County. The court also ordered the Runnels County Surveyor to meet on Monday September 5, 1887 with the Concho County Surveyor to establish the boundary and the Runnels County Surveyor meet September 12, 1887 with the Tom Green County Surveyor to establish the boundary line with Tom Green County.

The court ordered Mr. H. A. Thomson to place hitching posts at each of his gates on the Runnels-Content road.

The commissioners examined the Calaboose built by J. R. Day in the Town of Ballinger. It was found to be built according to contract and they accepted the Calaboose in every way. The court then ordered Mr. Day to be paid. The special term continued in Runnels City at the courthouse. It was August 27, 1887. The County Treasurers' report was heard. All members of the court received their pay, and then the court adjourned for this August special term.

Resources:
Runnels County Historical Commission Histories, Old Trail Drivers, ARN, 1976
Runnels County Commissioners Court Minutes, August 1887 County Clerk Records

FOOD COST REDUCING TIPS

Get the most for your food buck

BALLINGER LEDGER
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- In today's economic climate, many American families are trying to reduce their household spending. One strategy is to reduce food costs. On average, Americans spend about 13 percent of their disposable income on food says Sandy Taylor, County Extension Agent for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

According to data from the USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, food costs rose 4.8 percent last year. In fact, recent data show that the cost to feed a family of four (a couple ages 19-50 with two children between the ages of 6 and 11 years) at home on a moderate cost food plan has increased 3 percent between January and June of this year. Higher food prices coupled with the high price of gas, means that families need strategies to get more bang for their food buck.

To help families economize, Sandy Taylor recommends these tips:

Know your food budget. Take a look at your family budget and decide how much you can spend on food. From this amount, determine your weekly food allowance and stick to it!

Make a plan. Each week plan your family's meals and snacks. What kinds of foods does your family like to eat? Can you find some new low-cost, easy to prepare recipes? What food items do you already have on hand at home? Using these items first will help you save money.

Be a smart shopper. Once you have your grocery list for the week, head to the store. If possible, plan only one shopping trip per week. The more often you shop, the more money you spend. Once at the store, remember to stick to your list. Resist the urge to make impulse buys especially on foods that do not have much nutritional value.

Next, look at store ads to identify items your family likes to eat that are on sale. Can you substitute something on your list for a

food item that is on sale? Which types of fresh produce are in season and on sale? Often, these may be cheaper than canned or frozen versions of the food. Stock up and repack the food into smaller quantities at home. Stock up on shelf stable bulk items if you have space to store them and will eat them before they spoil. Also consider looking at unit prices of foods which can often be found on the shelf tag. Larger sized packaged items may be cheaper.

Consider trying store brands of foods which may be of the same quality as other name brand products. Also, look up and down on store shelves. The most expensive items are usually at eye level. If possible, try to avoid convenience foods which may be more expensive than preparing the item from scratch.

Consider organizing your grocery list by section of the store. Only visit those aisles which have a food you need to purchase. When you check out, be sure to watch for errors in pricing. Make sure sale items ring up correctly and that any coupons you have are applied to the purchase.

Eat at home as often as possible. Once you have purchased foods for the week, eat them! Cook once, eat twice. Prepare enough food at the evening meal so that you have leftovers for your lunch the following day. Make eating out a special treat.

Reduce food waste. When you throw food away, it's like throwing your money in the garbage. Be sure to store any leftovers you have at home promptly and eat them in one to two days. If you cook in bulk and cannot eat the entire batch of food in one to two days, freeze some of it for later use.

The tips will help you stay reduce your food costs, stay within your food budget, and get more bang for your food dollar! To learn more about food and nutrition topics, contact your County Extension Agent with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service at (325) 365 5042.

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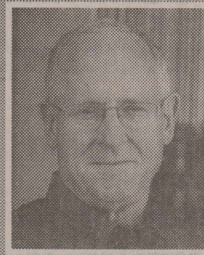
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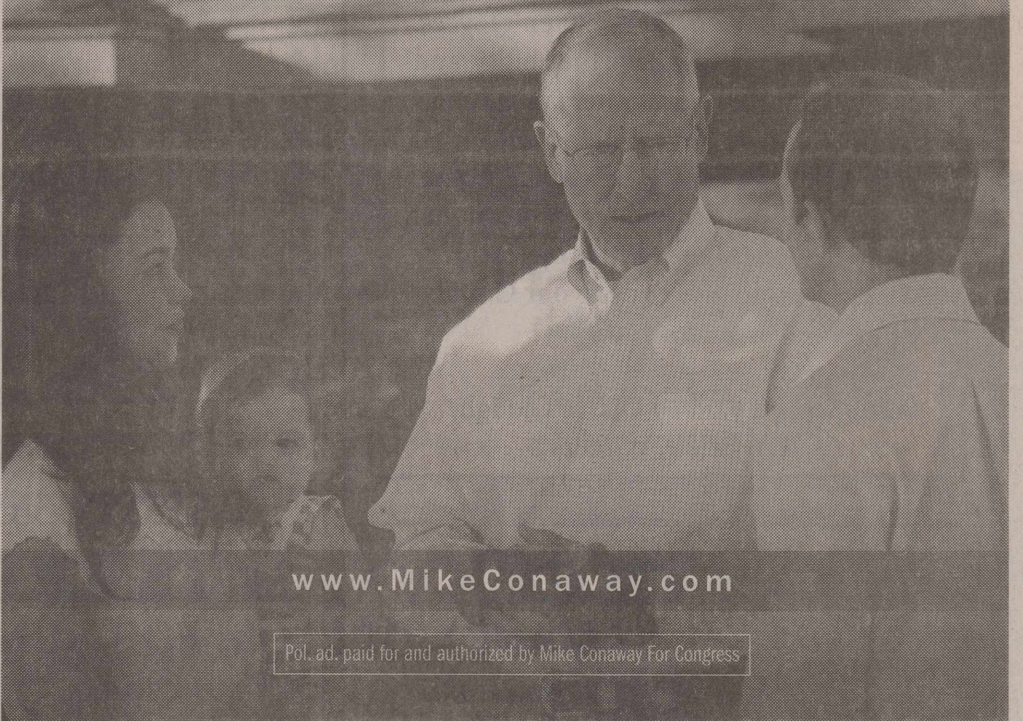
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So far as I know, none of my elementary school-mates made it to the Metropolitan Opera — unless as a member of the audience, usher staff or clean-up crew.

On balance, our highest musical aspirations might have justified our inclusion in church choirs, but without expectation to be chosen for solos. When Christmas pageant time rolled around, we risked minimal embarrassment by shooting for silent roles — perhaps as shepherds.

Donning masquerades as camels might best have fit our ability — front or back end — as long as each end knew what the other was doing....

Lest you think our teacher was a buffoon, I hasten to emphasize that the late Betty Jo Rice was more than "up to speed"

to handle music instruction for all eight grades. In fact, she was superior in numerous ways, not the least of which was showing us that music fits neatly into our lives long after school bells are silent.

She convinced us that we could — and should — face the day smiling. Surveying the room, she smiled broadly each day, asking if we were ready for our breathing exercise. We were determined to please her, with our breathing if not our singing.

We may have been among the best "breathers" on the planet, taking in big gulps of air, holding 'em a few seconds, then exhaling on command. I'm here to tell you, we had the breathing part down....

Little did we know at the time that now, some 70 years later, we've pretty much given up on singing outside the shower. However, we're clinging to an exercise regimen, hopeful for another "inhale" after each "exhale." Mrs. Rice might find it hard to believe that in these days, exhaling is the hardest part.



TEXAS
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We all have lists of breathtaking challenges, from the communities where we live to the globe which we share. Admittedly, Carter was big in pill production, but many folks today have as many problems as he had pills.

Take the current Winter Olympics as an example. When will all parties concerned — participants, fans, media personnel

and Russian hosts — feel free to exhale? Add pilots and flight attendants to the list; surely they have to wonder if someone has slipped a rigged tube of toothpaste onto the plane. (One guy mentioned he'd never previously heard of "Sochi," and when he did, offered a "Gesundheit.")...

As a former higher education administrator, I wonder how many educators today need to take some deep breaths, hold 'em and then fully exhale.

At the University of Texas, for example, worms are out of the can. What a mish-mash of problems between the governor, regents, chancellor, presidents and coaches, perhaps not in that order.

Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa has had enough, opting to return to his medical career in organ transplants. After all, he's performed kidney and liver transplants "every

three or four weeks" during his five years as chancellor. On my best "chancellor" days at a much smaller institution, they wouldn't have thought me capable of transplanting mesquite trees. However, I could exhale with the best of them....

On local levels, stomachs churn on many topics. Consider "bullying," a problem atop many lists. Some bullies seem committed to ugly tactics for a lifetime. (It wasn't long ago that the word "bully" was usually followed by "pulpit.")

We risk boggled minds with daily news accounts of man's ongoing inhumanity to man. Sometimes it's more than a body can reasonably bear. (Deliver me from Denmark, where zoo workers have ghoulish ways to dispose of giraffes.)

Only the lions win....

I heard of a third-grader,

call him "Wee Willie," who asked his dad for \$5 to take to school the next day. Sensing jagged edges of concern in his son's request, Mr. Winkle, reached for his wallet, always eager to help out. Pausing, he asked, "What's it for?"

"Big Bob the Baddest Bully blabbed that if I don't bring bucks — five of 'em — he's going to bludgeon me to a bloody blob," Willie answered. The youngster found little comfort in his dad's response, "No way, son, that's extortion."

"Nope," the third-grader countered, "Big Bob says it's health care." (No doubt Mr. Winkle gasped for air, hopeful of being able to exhale before too long.)...

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Speaking inquiries/comments to: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Website: www.speakerdoc.com. Twitter: @donnewbury.

Cattlemen's spring clinic slated for February 27 in Lampasas

STEVE BYRNS
SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

LAMPASAS— The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the Cattlemen's Spring Clinic from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Lampasas County Farm Bureau Building, 1793 N. U.S. Highway 281 in Lampasas.

The multi-county program involves the AgriLife Extension offices in Lampasas, Burnet and Llano counties.

Individual preregistration covers a barbecue lunch. RSVP by Feb. 24 to the AgriLife Extension office for Lampasas County at (512) 556 8271.

"This winter has been

really something weather-wise, but as February rolls along, we know spring can't be too far off," said Heath Lusty, AgriLife Extension agent in Lampasas County. "Our goal for this clinic is to ready our area's producers once spring finally arrives."

"We've gathered some of the top experts in several fields to speak, and we're also giving them ample time to cover a lot of material. I think this program is a must for anybody seeking ranch-related information in our area."

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For more information, call Lusty at 512-556-8271 or any of the AgriLife Extension offices.

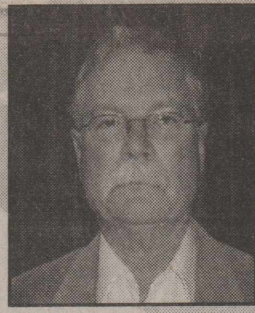


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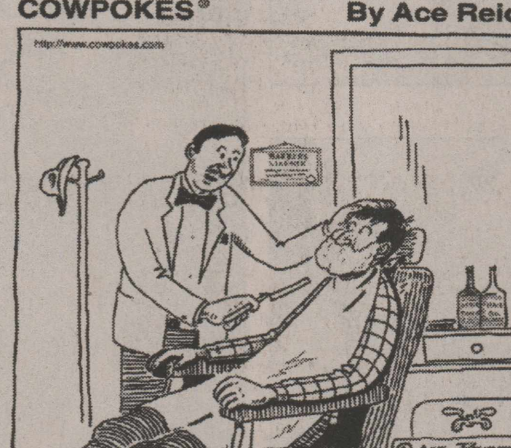
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STAFF REPORT

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