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## Election Day voting locations

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

**BALLINGER-** The Runnels County Secretary's office reminded all voters in the county of the voting locations for the Republican Primary and Democratic Primary elections currently underway with early voting, with the Election Day to be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

Ballinger voting locations will be as follows: Voting Precinct No. 1 will be at the Courthouse Annex Building, 608 Strong (behind Courthouse). Voting Precinct No. 2 will be at Elm Creek Grain, (former Ballinger Co-op) at 302 Hutchings Ave. Voting Precinct No. 7 will be at the Ballinger Community Center, 200 Crosson Ave. And Voting Precinct No. 8 will be located at Ballinger City Hall, Seventh St. and Railroad Ave.

Voting locations in Winters will be as follows: Voting Precinct No. 3 will be located at the Housing Authority Building, 300 North Grant. Voting Precincts 4, 5 and 6 will be at the Runnels Co. Tax Branch Office, 143 West Dale.

Two more voting precincts will be open on Election Day in Miles and Rowena. Voting Precinct No. 9, will be at the Miles City Hall, 110 Robinson St. in Miles, Texas. Voting Precinct No. 10 will be at the Rowena Fire Station, 504 Mary St. in Rowena, Texas.

Voters are reminded that polls will be open 7 a.m. through 7 p.m. on Election Day. A voter ID is required to vote.

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REPUBLICAN PRIMARY  
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### Voting locations

Tuesday, March 4 is Election Day for the Republican Primary and Democratic Primary elections.

**Voting Precinct No. 1-Ballinger**  
Courthouse Annex Building, 608 Strong (behind Courthouse)

**Voting Precinct No. 2-Ballinger**  
Elm Creek Grain (former Ballinger Co-op) 302 Hutchings

**Voting Precinct No. 3-Winters**  
Housing Authority Building, 300 North Grant

**Voting Precinct No. 4, 5 and 6-Winters**  
Runnels County Tax Branch Office, 143 West Dale

**Voting Precinct No. 7-Ballinger**  
Community Center, 200 Crosson Avenue

**Voting Precinct No. 8-Ballinger**  
City Hall, 7th and Railroad Avenue

**Voting Precinct No. 9-Miles**  
City Hall, 110 Robinson Street

**Voting Precinct No.10-Rowena**  
Fire Station, 504 Mary Street



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The 38-star U.S. Flag and Texas Flag flying at the reconstructed Blue Gap Post Office.

## This Saturday Blue Gap Post Office re-dedication

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

**WINTERS-** The Z.I. Hale Museum and the Runnels County Historical Commission will host a re-dedication of the Blue Gap Post Office on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. at 120 North Main in Winters. A reception will follow at the adjoining Winters Public Library where they will be observing open house for their new addition to the library.

The Blue Gap Post Office is a log cabin that was built in 1878 in the gap of Table Mountains 16 miles east of Winters. It served as a U.S. Post

Office from 1878-1882 and also was the stage stop on the Round Rock to Buffalo Gap Stage Line. It served as an office, store, dwelling, and eventually for storage in later years. The Blue Gap Post Office was designated a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark in 1966.

The owner of the property wanted the partially-collapsed structure removed and he donated it to the Z.I. Hale Museum in Winters. The oak logs were carefully labeled and stored out of the weather for several years. Early in 2013, a construction crew consisting of

retired builders — Fred Watkins, Charles Brewer, Roger Stephenson, and Mike Kozelsky — began reconstructing the 136 year-old building at a site on Main Street in Winters. The crew has spent literally hundreds and hundreds of volunteer hours on the project.

About \$4,000 is still needed to pay for the Blue Gap Post Office Project. Donations can be sent to Blue Gap Fund, Z.I. Hale Museum, PO Box 211, Winters 79567.

Everyone is invited to join in the celebration of the completion of this extraordinary project.

## Making our kids Internet-safe conference to be held at WHS

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

**WINTERS-** A digital footprint, the data trail left by a person's online actions and interactions, can have an enormous impact on our children's lives. It goes far beyond anything they can imagine. We as adults need to help our children understand how to make good choices online and how to be good digital citizens.

In the digital environment in which we all live, it is imperative that we take the opportunity to educate our children how their actions today can have a lasting impact on their lives and the lives of others.

Winters ISD is honored to host Mr. James Paul Cummings, Jr. on March 3, 2014 from 6-7 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

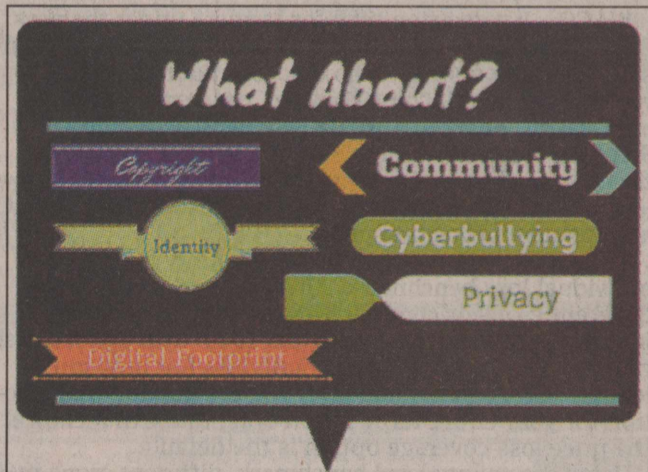


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James Paul Cummings, Jr. Senior Special Agent for the Department of Homeland Security and ASU professor, will be presenting a conference on the importance of making our children Internet aware.

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 informa-

tion, please contact: Billy Mobley at (325) 754 5574 or [billy.mobley@wintersisd.org](mailto:billy.mobley@wintersisd.org).

Please note that this is a service offered by Mr. Cummings and is no way affiliated with the WISD's iPad program. WISD does feel that everyone in our community can gain from his knowledge.

## 'Medicaid, Social Security, in need of reform'

Mike Conaway brings legislative update to Runnels County constituents

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

**BALLINGER-** The unviability of the Affordable Care Act, the need for a Medicaid and Social Security reform, and the much required changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, were some of U.S. Representative Mike Conaway's talking points during his legislative update, held Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at the Ballinger City Hall.

Before a packed hall Conaway said that debt ceiling increase was the last big item between now and the election "right or wrong is done, the only other thing left before the election is the spending bill, the Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2015 starting October 1," he said.

The congressman said that at a billion less than spent in 2009, the Appropriations Bill has a very significant reduction from the high water mark for the current administration.

"Now there is no excuse for legislators for getting their work done before September 30, so we won't have another government shutdown over an argument because we can't agree on how much we can spend," Conaway said.

He added that some of the programs in need of a reform are Medicaid and Social Security, which will be running out of financial resources in 2024 and 2031 respectively.

"We have been postponing this because it's a long way until 2024, but the changes will be draconian... I wish I had a better story to tell you."

Regarding executive orders that the federal government has been issuing, Conaway considered that as constitutional overreach.

"It's about the institution of the legislative body and he (Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid) should be as offended as we are, but he is not, there are law suits in the process," Conaway remarked.

Republicans in the House, he said, tried to defund the Affordable Care Act by reducing the IRS spending by \$526 million "we couldn't specifically earmark that to not implement the cost of the Affordable Care Act, but if you give the IRS less money to spend then they got to pick and choose what they spend."

Conaway explained that the legislature has faced three "must-pass" bills in a row, and they have passed with strong bi-partisan support. Those bills, he said are the total spending budget that passed back in December, the Appropriations Bill and the Farm Bill.

On the Food Stamp program, Conaway said that if he gets re-elected there's a good chance that he can be the next Chairman of the Agricultural Committee in the House, which has supervisory oversight over the Food Stamp program.

"We have not held one hearing in the last five years over the Food Stamp program... What I intend to do if I become chairman of that committee is hold those oversight hearings, in 2015 and 2016, and show the American people what's working and what is not working."

He added that when 10 percent of the Food Stamps recipients are able bodied adults, under 50 and with no dependents, the program is in need of a deep reform. Conaway also said that according to a study, people on welfare is making up to \$16 an hour, and by getting a job or going just \$1 above the poverty level they would lose all those benefits.

"We need to find a way to compensate and go through different shades of gray rather than having a black and white program."



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Congressman Mike Conaway addresses the constituents at the legislative update held on Wednesday, February 19, at the Ballinger City Hall.

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## FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

## Marvin L. Jones

Marvin L. Jones, 80, of Winters, Texas passed away on February 24, 2014 at 10:35 a.m. at Abilene Regional Hospital. He was born August 19, 1933 in Hemphill, Texas to Marvin F. and Virgie (Woods) Jones. He was reared in Beaumont and graduated from South Park High School and attended Lamar University. Marvin graduated from Houston Baptist University in 1967 as a member of the first graduating class and as the first accounting major.

Marvin was active in numerous business endeavors through the years. He started working while in college as a band instrument repairman, serving a four year apprenticeship in the field. Subsequently he was active in the retail business, optical field and banking, in the Beaumont area. Marvin was licensed to preach by the First Baptist Church of Vidor, Texas. In 1965, he married Norvelie Rachford in Beaumont and they were later divorced. They moved to Houston where he graduated from Houston Baptist University. He was in the banking industry during that period. He was a member of the State Banking Department examining force. He later was employed in corporate accounting for a large insurance corporation and in hospital finance. In 1970 he entered public service as Director of Finance for the Children's Protective Service Agency in Houston. Marvin met and married Nancy Norman in 1976 while living in Houston. In 1978, Marvin and Nancy moved to Winters to assist her father, John Norman, in the various family businesses. He opened an Income Tax and bookkeeping business and managed the insurance business of John Norman. He also assisted in the farming operations and operated the Lazy N Stables. In 1983, they moved to Dallas and Marvin joined Dallas County Government, retiring in 2003 as Financial Administrator of the Dallas County Criminal District Attorney's Office. Following the death of his wife Nancy, he returned to Winters to make his home in 2005.

Among Marvin's interests was writing, although none of his works were ever published. He was an advisory director of the Z.I. Hale Museum, which he and Nancy helped found. He was a founding director of the Winters Area Foundation and was president of the board, a member of the Winters Lions Club, a director of the North Runnels County Hospital District and a director of the West Central Texas Council of Governments, where he also served on the Executive Board. He was a lifetime Associate Member of the Sheriff's Association of Texas. Among his civic endeavors were membership in the Vidor, Texas Optimist Club of which he was a distinguished president and a zone committee chairman, the Orange County Chapter of the American Cancer Society of which he was a vice president, membership of the Runnels County Child Welfare Board and chairman of the Region IV Child Welfare Advisory Council. Marvin was a member of the Pilot Committee for Mental Health Services in the 1960s from which developed the Regional Mental Health Services program known as Mental Health/Mental Retardation Authority. Marvin was a founding member of the Board of Trustees of the Southeast Texas Mental Health Center. He also held membership in many professional associations over the years.

Among the special honors he has received was being listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest and Personalities of the South in the 1970s and International Who's Who in Public Service in 2001. He also has received commendations from the Texas Department of Public Welfare, the Dallas County Auditor's Office, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office and the North Texas Auto Theft Task Force. He received the Ronald Reagan Gold Medal, an Eisenhower Commission from the Republican Committee and was a life member of the Republican National Committee.

Genealogy was another of his special interests. The Jones family has been traced to Colonial Virginia, later moving to Georgia and then to Texas. The Woods family were also traced to Colonial Virginia and his great-grandfather received a land grant from the Mexican government in what is now Newton County in 1827. His great-grandfather McCree arrived in Texas in 1865 or 1866, having served as an officer in the Confederate Army. The family lost their South Carolina plantation as a result of the Confederate defeat. He settled in Jasper County and was an early official of that county.

Survivors are a good friend, Kim Gilles, his niece, Edith Jones and her daughter Elizabeth, his niece, Elaine Woodard and her son Joey, his nephews James Cline and Allen Cline. He is survived by other friends and relatives. He was preceded in death by his wife Nancy, his parents, his brother Sam Jones and a sister Mary Cline.

Services will be held Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Heath Powers officiating. Burial will be in Fairview cemetery under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Winters Area Foundation at P.O. Box 211, Winters, TX 79567.

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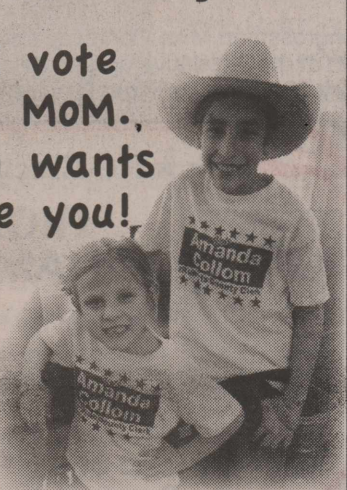
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## NEWS NOTES

## World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer will be from 12 to 1 p.m. Friday, March 7. A salad lunch will be provided at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 104 W. Truett (on Main Street in Winters). Sponsored by the Winters Ministerial Alliance.

## Immunization clinics in Runnels Co

The Texas Department of State Health Services will have two immunization clinics in Runnels County. Thursday, March 6 the clinic will be held in Winters, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience please use rear entrance (Grant Street). Call to schedule and appointment, if no answer leave a message.

A second clinic will be held in Ballinger, 10 to 12 and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Monday, March 17 (please note date change this month) at 600 Strong. Please bring child's immunization record. If child has Medicaid, please bring card. For more information call (325) 754 4945.

## Blue Gap Post Office re-dedication slated for March 1

The re-dedication of the Blue Gap Post Office will be held Saturday, March 1, at the new Blue Gap Post Office site at 120 North Main Street at 2:30 p.m. with Open House at the Winters Public Library following the dedication.

## RCHC to meet on March 8

The Runnels County Historical Commission will meet March 8, 2014 at Casa Cabana Restaurant at 10:30 a.m. Dale Herring of Ballinger will present the program. All meetings of the commission are open to the public.

## Winters Public Library open house

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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 Wilmet, 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.

## New Farm Bill discussed at Blackland conference

BLAIR FANNIN  
SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WACO - It's decision time for farmers under the new 2014 farm bill, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist who discussed details at the recent Blackland Income Growth Conference in Waco.

Dr. Jason Johnson, AgriLife Extension economist in Stephenville, said farmers have a one-time irrevocable decision to choose either price loss coverage (also known as PLC) or agricultural risk coverage (also known as ARC) as a revenue protection plan.

The ARC program offers either a county level or an individual loss benchmark. "It's very possible to have different crops or commodities enrolled in different programs. If you decide you want to go with agricultural risk coverage, you could go county level or individual level. If you go individual level you are making that election for your entire farm. If you don't make that choice, the price loss coverage option is the default.

Using the county level benchmark, different crops may be enrolled in different programs, Johnson said.

"One crop could be enrolled in PLC and others could be enrolled in ARC."

Johnson advised all producers to give each option thorough analysis and determine how they apply to their particular option, risk level and management plans.

Overall, he said, the new farm bill should not be relied upon as the producer's only source of a safety net - individual crop insurance selection and marketing plans will be counted on heavily to fend off potential losses.

Price loss coverage payments occur if the U.S. average market price for the crop year is less than the crop's reference price, he said.

Farmers who choose ARC and select the individual coverage rather than the county average will be covered at 65 percent of base rather than 85 percent with the county average benchmark. The benchmark is developed through a county Olympic average for yield and price. Numbers for the last five years, minus the high and low, and averaging the remaining three provide the basis.

"Multiply the average yield times the average price for the benchmark," Johnson said.

Also available through the Title 11 crop insurance offering is a "shallow loss," supplemental coverage option (SCO) to cover gaps in crop insurance protection.

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# From the Chief's Desk

## Cleaning up the house

Randall Davis  
Winters Chief of Police

Spring is approaching our community and with the warmer weather also comes spring cleaning for most of us. The City of Winters has already begun experiencing some effects of people cleaning properties and disposing of waste with the disposal of some unlawful refuse at the Convenience Center. The Convenience Center has had an increase of dumping of material not intended for the facility. The only items allowed to be placed in the Convenience Center are brush, tree trimmings and items of wood only. The dumping of metals, old furniture and household garbage are strictly prohibited at the facility.

Persons are allowed limited access to the facility and can gain access by contacting the City of Winters City Hall but are prohibited from entering the area without authorization.

The City of Winters has made arrangements for placement of items not allowed to be disposed of at the Convenience Center in roll off dumpsters located on the east side of the City Yard, located in the 400 blk. of Weeks Street. Access to the roll off dumpsters can be gained by contacting the Winters City Hall or contacting the Supervisor Jack Davis Sr.

The Winters Police Department is continuing enforcing the cleanup of dilapidated and abandoned properties in the city. Many properties have been allowed to fall into noncompliance with safety and health codes and remain a haven for stray cats, dogs, mice while harboring other health concerns. The same properties are considered a fire hazard and at the least eye sores, responsible for lowering area property values, and raising complaints from neighbors. Many property owners

have received notices of their properties being in violation and have failed to, or have not attempted to bring the properties up to code. I have directed officers of the Winters Police Department to revisit those cases previously referred to the Police Department and refile the necessary warnings and follow up with the issuance of citations to those in violation until the violations are corrected. These people finding their properties in violation still have the opportunity to correct the violations and bring the properties up to safety codes before receiving notices to appear in court or pay fines, but it is the intent of the Winters Police Department to follow up on these violations.

Other matters in the effort to clean up properties have resulted in property owners or occupants of properties placing large piles of brush or refuse in the alley ways behind the properties. The Winters Police Department is requesting, if the piling of brush is unavoidable, please do so at the edge of the property line near the roadway and City Hall be contacted at (325) 754 4424, for a scheduled pickup. There will be a \$10.00 fee charged to your water bill for each scheduled pickup.

Persons found responsible for blocking an alley way with refuse and failing to correct the violation may face additional charges.

It has never been the intent of the Winters Police Department, nor is it now, to produce revenue through the issuance of citations. But it is our intent to provide a safer community for us all to live in. We are asking the citizens of this community to work with us by being responsible for our own properties there by ensuring a stable, safe, attractive and prosperous community we all are proud to call home.

## Ag Days conference to be held in Upton, Reagan counties

STEVE BYRNS  
SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

**BIG LAKE-** Far West Texans have two chances to catch up on the latest range related news in as many days during Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's County Ag Days set for Upton and Reagan counties on March 19 and 20, respectively.

Both programs will start at 8:30 a.m. The Upton County program will be held in the Upton County Extension Meeting Room, 1000 N. State Highway 329, Rankin, and the Reagan County program will

take place in the AgriLife Extension office, 1430 N. Ohio St. in Big Lake.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available for private applicator license holders at each program.

Individual registration is \$15 for the Upton County event and \$10 for the Reagan County ag day. The fees include lunch. For an accurate lunch count, both programs require an RSVP by March 14. To RSVP to the respective sites, call the AgriLife Extension office in Upton

County at 432-693-2313 or the AgriLife Extension office in Reagan County at 325-884-2335.

Both programs share the same speakers and general format, but their topics will be somewhat dissimilar.

The speakers will include Dr. Alyson McDonald, AgriLife Extension range specialist at Fort Stockton; Bill Thompson, AgriLife Extension economist at San Angelo; Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist at Amarillo; Tiffany Dowell, AgriLife Extension agri-

cultural law specialist at College Station; Stephen Zuberbueler with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Jed Hruska with the Farm Service Agency, both headquartered at Big Lake.

The March 19 Upton County Ag Day topics will include: Management of Tarbush and Mesquite, Restocking Options/Economic Considerations, Predator Management, Agricultural Law, and more.

FMI call at (432) 693 2313, or (325) 884 2335.

### CAFETERIA MENU

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#### March 3-7 Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

**Monday**  
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French Toast/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Wednesday**  
Sausage on Stick/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Thursday**  
Breakfast Pizza or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Friday**  
Cinnamon Roll or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

#### Winters ISD Lunch Menu

**Monday**  
Chef Salad or Steak Fingers/Gravy/Bread Stick or Chicken Pot Pie/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.) Bread Stick (H.S.), Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Apple, Choice of Milk.

**Tuesday**  
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or BBQ Rib/Bun or Chicken Bites/Gravy/Bread Stick, Broccoli w/Cheese, Black Eye Peas, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

**Wednesday**  
Chef Salad or Taco Salad or Bean Chalupa, Corn, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Colelaw, Strawberry, Choice of Milk.

**Thursday**  
Chef Salad or Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy/Breadstick (H) or Chicken Pattie/Fish Bread/ (Elem., J.H.), Bun (H.S.)/Graham Cracker (Elem. J.H.) Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Pear, Choice of Milk.

**Friday**  
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Chicken Fritter/Gravy/Bread Stick, Curly Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Orange, Choice of Milk.

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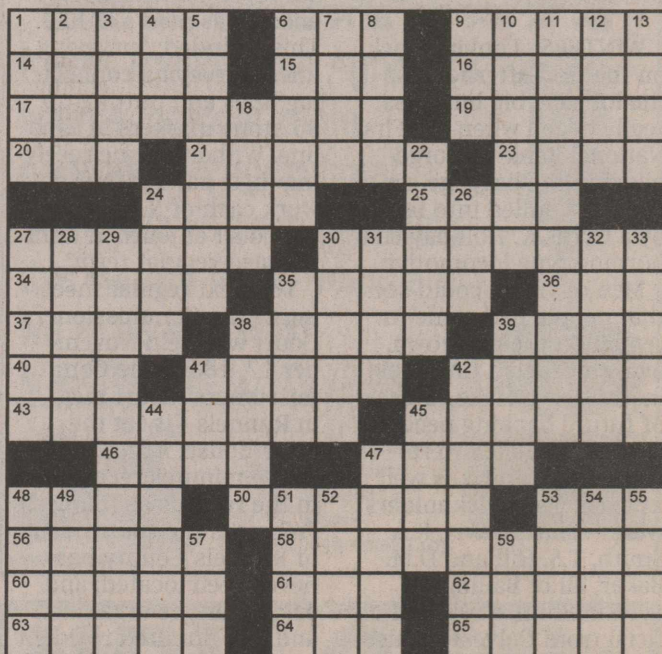
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- Electric \_\_\_
- He works without words
- After-dinner treat
- Summer camp shelters
- Meteorologist's concerns
- Wonderland girl
- Cries loudly
- "Nicely done!"
- Baptism or communion
- Theme of this puzzle
- Penny or quarter
- Permit
- Number of Stooges
- "Same here"
- Sixteen ounces
- \_\_\_ and yon
- Kitchen or parlor
- Aching
- iPhone downloads
- Lobster soup
- Electronics letters
- French-speaking island nation of the Caribbean
- Borscht addition
- Poker announcement
- Mauna \_\_\_, Hawaii

- Dance it takes two to do
- Alternatives to suspenders
- Finish
- Low pair?

Down

- Flower holder
- Website to sell and buy
- Dorothy's last name, in "The Wizard of Oz"
- Part of a play
- City's horizon
- Humble home
- Word before Bear or Berra
- Sniffer
- Lee behind the camera
- Williams with Wimbledon wins

- Chocolate lover's weak spot
- And others
- Tater \_\_\_
- River blockers
- "I'm about to take your picture!"
- Cheese lovers
- Types to
- Monte \_\_\_
- UFO traveler
- Tough thing to swallow
- Prepared to burglarize
- Word in some beer names
- Top of the line
- Mister, in Mexico
- Raise red flags
- Hitchhiker's finger
- Name as a source
- Also
- Emulates 9-Down
- Brand of sticky notes
- One of 24
- Team
- Melville captain
- Not tan
- It's surrounded by water
- Any moment
- Nevada city
- Actor Nicolas of 1-Across
- Famous \_\_\_ cookies
- Connections
- Crowd's cheer



## Two Winters students named to McMurry Dean's List

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

ABILENE- Two Winters students have been named to the Fall 2013 Dean's List at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

Local students earning recognition for the Dean's List are: Evelyn Campos, freshman Business Administration/Accounting major, and Candice Prather, senior Early Childhood Education major also from Winters, Texas.

Offering a diverse academic curriculum to more than 1,400 students, McMurry University is a small Christian liberal arts school in Abilene. Students choose from 41 majors; education and business are popular as are the school's pre-professional programs in medicine, dentistry, law, and physical therapy. The three-week May Term gives students an opportunity to explore a subject outside their major. Through the Servant Leadership Program, students learn about ethics and develop leadership qualities. Internships present undergraduates with the opportunity to acquire additional knowledge.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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## Weather Whys

Q: You sometimes hear of people having the "winter blues." Is there such a thing?

A: The answer is a definite yes, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. The technical name is seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, and it is a mild form of depression caused by long winter months and not much sunlight. "The disorder almost always occurs in northern parts of the world, those that receive a lot of snow and when the daylight hours are shorter," McRoberts explains. "There are from 2 to 5 million cases reported each year in North America, and people who think they have SAD usually complain of 'the blahs' at the start of fall and it continues until spring. Usually, there are very few cases reported from spring through summer."

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# Voters focusing on Republican Primary

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BALLINGER- Friday, February 28, 2014 is the last day for early voting, for the Republican Primary and Democratic Primary elections currently being held in Runnels County. Election Day will be this Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

As of Monday afternoon, 190 voters have cast a ballot by personal appearance at the County Courthouse Annex building, while the County Clerk's office mailed out 179 ballots for a total of 369. Voters in Runnels County have focused mainly in the Republican Primary. Out of the 369 ballots only five — three by personal appearance and two mail outs— were for the Democratic Primary.

Early voting will continue through Friday, February 28, until 5 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex Building, located at 608 Strong Avenue in Ballinger, behind the Courthouse.

Other local officials on the Republican ballot include County Judge Barry Hilliard, District Clerk Tammy Burleson, County Treasurer Ann Strube, and Republican County Chairman Charles Hensley, each one of them running unopposed for re-election.

Running for re-election

### Local contested races

#### Republican Party

**County Clerk**  
Julia Miller  
Amanda Collom

**County Commissioner Pct. No. 2**  
Ronald Presley  
Dickie Clough

**County Commissioner Pct. No. 4**  
Romer Scott  
Richard Strube

**Justice of the Peace Pct. No. 1**  
Glenda Wood  
Steven Gray

**Justice of the Peace Pct. No. 2**  
Louise Sumners  
Richard Hamilton

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 challengers in the Republican primary. Those looking for the nomination are Dan Patrick, Jerry Patterson

#### Remember

Early voting ends on Friday, February 28, at 5 p.m.

For the Primary Election voters will vote in one of the two political party elections.

The chosen candidate (unless a runoff election is necessary) will represent the party in the November 4, 2014 General Election.

A voter will be required to show one of the following forms of photo ID:

Texas Driver License, Texas Election Identification Certificate, Texas personal identification card issued by DPS, Concealed Handgun License, US military ID card, US citizenship certificate, United States passport.

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 Amendment 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, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 365 2720.

## Gov. Perry appoints Jackson to Texas Water Development Board

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- Gov. Rick Perry appointed Kathleen Thea Jackson of Beaumont to the Texas Water Development Board for a term effective March 18, 2014 and to expire Feb. 1, 2015. The board provides leadership, planning, financial and technical assistance for the responsible development of water for the State of Texas.

Jackson is a registered professional engineer and former public affairs manager for Exxon Mobil Corp. She is a board member of the Texas Water Conservation Association, Jason Alliance of Southeast Texas, Young Audiences of Southeast Texas Inc., and the Julie Rogers "Gift of Life" Program. She is a member of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Education Committee and Minority Business Development Partnership.

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Weddings		
Names		Issued
Armando Quinonez and Jessica D. Escobar		Feb. 10
David Lee Murphy and Lorretta Alberta A. Curry		Feb. 19

Divorces		
Names		Filed
Carrie Dawn Mobley and Billy Gene Mobley		Feb. 18

Runnels Co Jail Record February 24, 2014		
Name	Age	Agency
Sheldon L. Bean	18	BPD
Michael P. Child	30	RCSO
Angel P. Enriquez	25	RCSO
Angela A. Reed	33	BPD
Clifton R. McIntire	26	Coke
Jaclyn R. Oliver	23	RCSO
Amber M. Portillo	25	RSCO
Jesse R. Likes	41	BPD
Khodie A. Garza	17	MPD
Dalton Graves	31	Coke

## Veteran's Corner

The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced that 1 million Veterans, service members, and family members have benefited from the Post-9/11 GI Bill since the program's inception in August 2009. The Veterans Benefits Administration, which administers the program, has distributed over \$30 billion in the form of tuition and other education-related payments. Over the next few years, as more than a million service men and women end their military careers and return to civilian life, education will be at the forefront of that transition and helping our veterans succeed in the classroom so they can go on to find good jobs to support their families. The Post-9/11 GI Bill is a comprehensive education benefit

created by Congress in 2008. In general, veterans and service members who have served on active duty for 90 or more days since Sept. 10, 2001 are eligible. On average, VA processes the initial claims for Post-9/11 GI Bill educational benefits in 23 days. Service members also have the opportunity to transfer the benefit to immediate family members. The Post-9/11 GI Bill also provides work-study programs, tutorial assistance and license and certification test reimbursement. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 365 3612.

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# THE IDLE AMERICAN

## It's round-up time in Texas...

Commentary by  
Dr. Don Newbury

For the longest time, "round-up time in Texas" meant "headin' up and movin' out" cattle. Cow-boys atop horses undertook the massive undertaking.

They paid special heed to the "young 'uns" — "little dogies," if the song lyrics are to be trusted. (NOT doggies, "dogies," long "o.")

Whoops, hollers and thundering hooves were sounds of excitement, all of this happening "when the bloom was on the sage," harmonized by the Sons of the Pioneers....

In Sweetwater, Texas, however, when "round-up" is mentioned, locals think of their community's world-renowned extravaganza, begun 56 years ago by the Sweetwater Jaycees. They dreamed of a

community-wide event to control the ever-growing numbers of Western Diamondback Rattlesnakes that were plaguing farmers and ranchers. That was in 1959.

None of them could have envisioned the enormity of an annual event that has become the world's largest rattlesnake round-up. Visitors from around the world attend, sometimes upwards of 30,000. Little did the organizers realize that they had birthed an idea that had teeth — uh, fangs — in it....

They'll be at it again March 7-9, doing "all things rattlesnake," and much, much more, including the 54th annual run of the Sweetwater Rifle and Pistol Club's Gun, Knife

and Coin Show. Motel and restaurant operators will be in "chop-licking" mode. I've been to many county fairs and a passel of hog-calls, but nothing has come close to the big "do'ins" in Sweetwater. For the three big days, the city's population doubles — and sometimes triples.



TEXAS COLUMNIST  
Don Newbury

Everyone pitches in, and folks at the Chamber of Commerce get ready for phone calls from the curious. Some callers from Eastern climes — folks who don't know a "round-up" from a "square-down" — really can't wrap their minds around

all the goings-on at the round-up. Consider these random queries: "Do I need to get vaccinated before I come? When they milk the rattlesnakes, do

they use little buckets? Do I need to wear protective clothing? Do they parade the snakes around on little leashes?" The CofC staffers sometimes giggle between calls....

It's a profit-making deal, and all proceeds are shared with 20 clubs, agencies and other Nolan County causes.

There'll be all kinds of activities related to rattlesnakes — handling, milking and educating, with emphasis, of course, on safety, particularly on the guided snake hunt. All tolled, they've "rounded-up" almost a third of a million pounds of snakes, including one round-up of snakes weighing a total of about 18,000 pounds in 1982.

The "fun for all ages" docket features wide-ranging events and activities to pique many interests, including food, rides and crafts. On the grub menu will be such exotic items as rattlesnake with ham gravy, as well as rattlesnake chili....

Miss Snake Charmer will reign. A midway will light up the sky.

Each year, something new is added. A 5K race was held a while back, but it didn't really catch on.

A newspaper "goof" may have led to the race's demise....

Abilene Reporter-News, the closest regional newspaper, always carries accounts of the round-up.

A writer, intent on amusing his buddies at the newspaper, added a sentence to the news release announcing the 5K race. "The route will be strewn with live, 'unmilked' rattlesnakes to make the race more interesting," he wrote, intending to remove the sentence before publication.

However, he forgot....

A city guy bragged about participating in the round-up annually for many years. A friend asked how many rattlesnakes he's rounded up so far. "None," the participant answered cheerfully, "when you're looking for rattlesnakes,

none is plenty!"

No matter. At this happening, one can be "up close" or "far from" the reptiles at the coliseum. The whole deal is a much-magnified coming together of people who discover each year how much fun it is to be with others. Memories are made for the rest of the year — and beyond — of this West Texas community where, for 72 hours, there's a "whole lot of hissing going on."

For more rattlesnake round-up information, contact the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce. No matter your question, they'll try not to laugh. And if you can't find a motel room, camp out. You might be able to find a shade beneath one of those giant wind generators not far from town....

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The organizers of the Jo Collins Benefit would like to say a great big **THANK YOU** to everyone who made this benefit a huge success. We hesitate to name everyone for fear of leaving someone out; but you know who you are and how much we appreciate each of you.

**THANK YOU** to all of the individuals and businesses who donated items to the Silent Auction and Live Auction.

**THANK YOU** to all of the people who worked tirelessly in the pre-planning of this event.

**THANK YOU** to friends of Jo for the beautiful quilt for the raffle.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who purchased raffle tickets.

**THANK YOU** to the businesses who helped with the food and miscellaneous items.

**THANK YOU** to ALL who worked on the day of the benefit in ALL capacities.

**THANK YOU** to Jody Frey for a great job as our auctioneer,

**THANK YOU** to everyone who came and enjoyed the food and fellowship and were more than generous with their bids at both auctions. It was wonderful to see how this community and the surrounding areas came together to make a difference for someone who has given selflessly in caring for others most of her life.

Jo and Mark Collins asked me to include these words: "How blessed we are and thankful beyond words to those who graciously shared love and support to us. God has granted us such wonderful friends and family. Thanking you all forever".

Sincerely,  
Jo, Mark and Family



A farmer plants corn in Burleson County near Caldwell.

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## Texas crop prospects not good at this time

ROBERT BURNS  
SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

COLLEGE STATION - Dry topsoil and low subsoil moisture, along with cooler than normal soil temperatures, are having a chilling effect on spring planting, said Dr. Travis Miller, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist and Texas A&M University soil and crop sciences associate department head, College Station.

Most of Texas is going into the fourth year of drought, Miller noted.

Drought ratings edged slightly higher, with 58 percent of the state ranging from moderate to exceptional drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor and reports from AgriLife Extension personnel.

"At least in the fall, we had quite a bit of rain across the Blacklands, parts of the Gulf Coast and East Texas," Miller said. "There's deep soil moisture there, but in some places it's getting a bit too dry on the surface for good planting conditions.

Only a few weeks ago in some areas, such as Southeast Texas, fields were too wet to get in to work. But after a couple of dry weeks, a dry or crusty

soil surface can still make planting into moisture a challenge.

But for those areas with subsoil moisture, it's the cooler than normal soil temperatures that pose some concern about late plantings, Miller said.

"Farmers are very hesitant to put very expensive seed in cold soils," he said.

Though the crop prospects aren't good at this time, there's still time for many areas to catch up, Miller said. The corn-planting season began about Valentine's Day for the Gulf Coast and can be as late as mid-June for the more northern areas of the state.

The Texas High Plains remain the worst hit, he said.

"There are pockets that have some moisture, but overall, the Panhandle, South Plains and Rolling Plains remain very dry," Miller said.

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

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

Central: Livestock were in good condition with continued supplemental feeding. If moderate temperatures continued, spring green-up was expected to begin soon. Crops were starting to suffer due to the lack of rain. Corn planting was underway. Some trees have begun to bud out with the warmer weather. High winds and little rain increased wildfire danger.

Rolling Plains: Daytime temperatures were in the 60s and 70s with plenty of sunshine. Farmers took advantage of the weather by preparing fields for the upcoming crop year. Those cultivating and listing fields noticed that subsoil moisture content was higher than expected thanks to the snow and rain during the winter months. However, soil moisture was extremely variable, with some no-till fields showing moisture to four feet deep, while pasture soils were only moist to about 6 inches deep. The rain and snow helped pastures and rangeland, but with

dry and windy conditions, growth slowed. With minimal winter wheat, livestock producers were providing supplemental feed to cattle daily. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Some producers were shipping calves to take advantage of the high cattle prices as well as to relieve grazing pressure on pastures. Ponds and lakes still needed runoff.

West Central: Very warm, dry and windy conditions persisted throughout the week, drying out soils. Temperatures were unseasonably warm in most areas. Field activity was underway in preparation for spring planting. Some producers were spraying winter weeds. Crops were showing signs of stress due to lack of moisture. Wheat was beginning to break dormancy with the warmer days. Livestock remained in fair condition. Stock tank water levels continued to drop, and livestock water was in very short supply. Supplemental feeding continued to increase.

In Far West: The region was warm and dry. Some counties were considering burn bans due to the dry conditions. Val Verde County had a wildfire break out on Feb. 21 on the Moody Ranch along the Rio Grande River. Approximately 1,600 acres and one structure burned. Homes and farms along San Felipe creek were in jeopardy until the Texas A&M Forest Service and local emergency management teams worked through the night into Saturday to contain it. Preparations for spring planting proceeded. Fall-planted onions came out of dormancy and were at the four-leaf stage. Cotton land was being prepared, with pre-irrigation expected to start the first week of March. Alfalfa was also coming out of dormancy, and being irrigated with return flows. Pecan growers finished hedging and started clean up. Some pecan orchards were being irrigated with return flows from the city, while other farmers were using their own wells. Cows continued to calve, and livestock producers were putting out supplemental feed and molasses.



Keith Collom is proudly asking for your vote for his daughter, Amanda Collom, a 1995 Winters graduate, in the Republican Primary for the office of Runnels County Clerk, election to be held on March 4th.

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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.

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Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Henry Dawson Moreland, Deceased, were issued on February 18, 2014, in Docket No. 6855, pending in the County Court of Runnels County, Texas, to: Ruth Kee Moreland.

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## Social Security announces new compassionate allowances conditions

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BALTIMORE- Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, announced 25 new Compassionate Allowances conditions, including a dozen cancers, bringing the total number of conditions to 225. The Compassionate Allowances program expedites disability decisions for Americans with the most serious disabilities to ensure that they receive their benefit decisions within days instead of months or years. The new conditions also include disorders that affect the digestive, neurological, immune, and multiple body systems. "We are dedicated to providing vulnerable Americans with faster access to disability benefits through our Compassionate Allowances program," said Acting Commissioner Colvin. "Social Security disability benefits are a vital lifeline for individuals who are facing severe diseases and we must ensure that

they receive the benefits they rightly deserve." The Compassionate Allowances program identifies claims where the applicant's disease or condition clearly meets Social Security's statutory standard for disability. By incorporating cutting-edge technology, the agency can easily identify potential Compassionate Allowances and quickly make decisions. To date, almost 200,000 people with severe disabilities have been approved through this fast-track disability process. The Compassionate Allowances program is a significant initiative that highlights collaboration between government, medical experts, advocacy groups, and members of the public. Social Security has conducted public outreach hearings and gathered feedback from various stakeholders to identify conditions that are most likely to meet the agency's definition of disability. "I am extremely pleased that the SSA has included

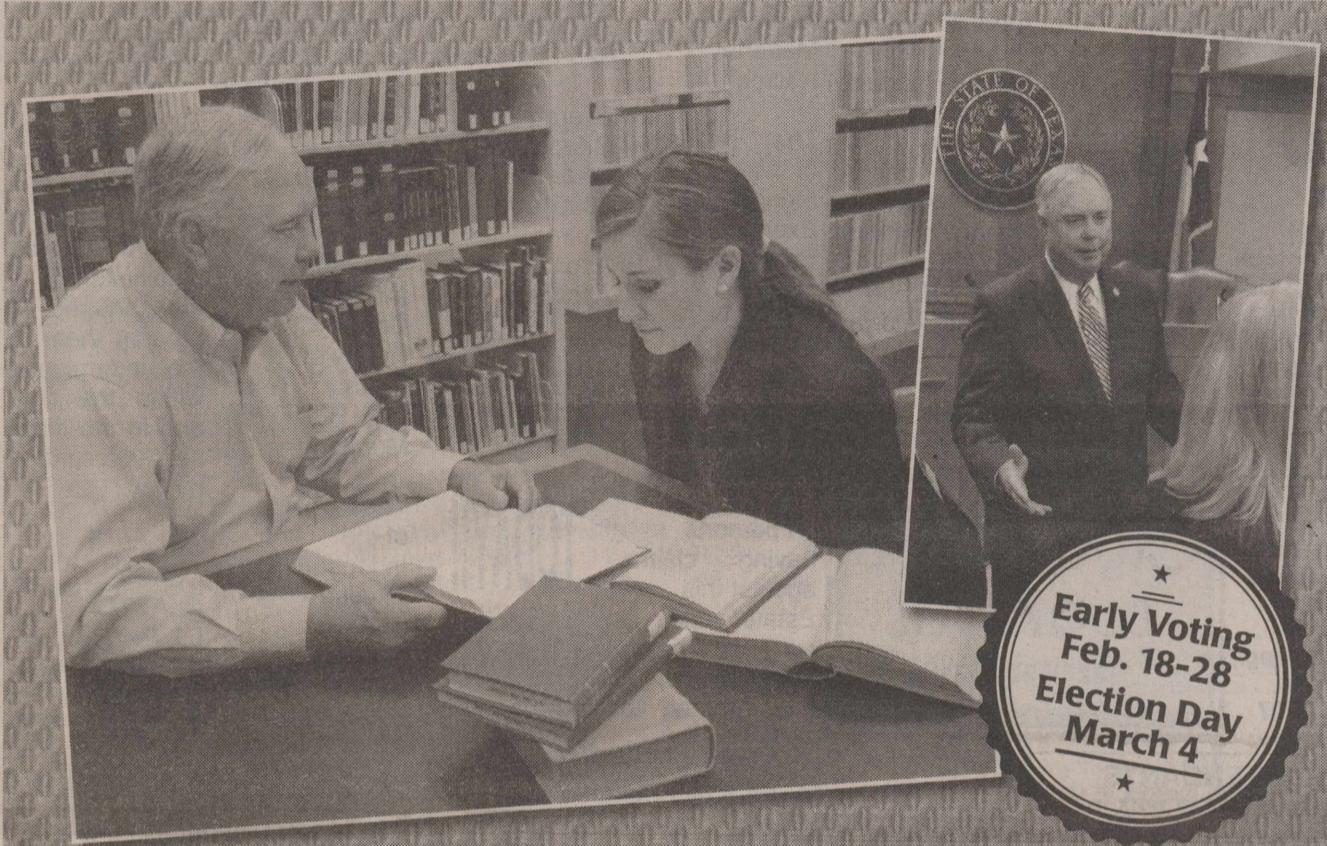
Prostate Cancer in its Compassionate Allowance list - a decision that will save lives, and give more patients access to treatment options," said Congressman Elijah Cummings (D-MD). "Working with constituents fighting this disease, I know just how life altering it can be, as well as how many will benefit from this change in policy." For more information on the program, including a list of all Compassionate Allowances conditions, please visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances).

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## Cattle raisers expo kicks off in San Antonio April 4

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STAFF REPORT

FORT WORTH- Nearly 200 exhibitors will showcase their products and services to cattle producers across the state at the 37th Annual Cattle Raisers Expo during the Cattle Raisers Convention April 4-6 in San Antonio. "The Cattle Raisers Expo is the largest expo in Texas and Oklahoma designed specifically for ranchers," said Pete Bonds, TSCRA president. "We invite ranchers all sizes to come and experience this special opportunity to visit with other ranchers and learn more about the tools they need on their home ranches."

Thousands of ranchers will have the opportunity to interact with companies selling the latest products and services for cattle managers, landowners, and wildlife and pasture management. In addition to equipment and management tools, western wear and jewelry, attendees can also learn more about different products and services including animal health products, animal identification, herd management, real estate, veterinary services, seed products and more.

Meat cutting demonstrations, the Special Ranger Silent Auction, youth contests, Kids Korral and team roping contests courtesy of Dragsteer will also take place in the expo, as well as breakfast Saturday for all attendees.

The Cattle Raisers Expo runs from noon to 7 p.m. Friday, April 4, and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in downtown San Antonio. The expo is open to the general public. Day Pass admission is \$10. Free day passes will be available on the TSCRA Facebook site at [www.facebook.com/tscra](http://www.facebook.com/tscra).

For more information visit the Cattle Raisers Convention website at [www.tscra.org/convention](http://www.tscra.org/convention).

TSCRA is a 137-year-old trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas. TSCRA has more than 16,000 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members. These members represent approximately 50,000 individuals directly involved in ranching and beef production who manage 4 million head of cattle on 76 million acres of range and pasture land primarily in Texas and Oklahoma, but throughout the Southwest.

## Spring lawn and garden workshop set for March 20 in Monahans

STEVE BYRNS  
SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

MONAHANS - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Ward County will conduct their Spring Lawn and Garden Workshop from 5:30-8:30 p.m. March 20 in the Ward County Convention Center, 400 E. 4th St. in Monahans.

Those planning to attend should RSVP to the AgriLife Extension office in Ward County no later than March 14 by calling 432-943-2682. Individual

registration is \$12. The fee includes snacks and refreshments.

"The goal of this workshop is to give local homeowners the knowledge and resources needed to maintain a sustainable home landscape in arid Ward County and our surrounding area," said Caleb Eaton, AgriLife Extension agent in Ward County.

"West Texas is a land of extremes," Eaton noted. "This being said, landscaping methods and resources for other parts of the country or state often do not fit our extremes," he added.

"Without proper planning and knowledge of what works and what doesn't, local homeowners risk wasting time, money and resources on a landscape that is not sustainable in our harsh climate," he said.

Eaton will be joined by Jeff Floyd, AgriLife Extension horticulture agent for Ector and Midland counties in presenting Lawn Management for Arid West Texas, Tree Care 101 and Alternative Landscaping Options.

Eaton said that as an added bonus, he's asking participants with specific landscape-related questions or who have a picture of a problem within their landscape to email those to him at [cleaton@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cleaton@ag.tamu.edu) by the March 14 RSVP deadline. Questions and/or pictures appropriate to the subject matter will be covered at some time during the workshop, he said.

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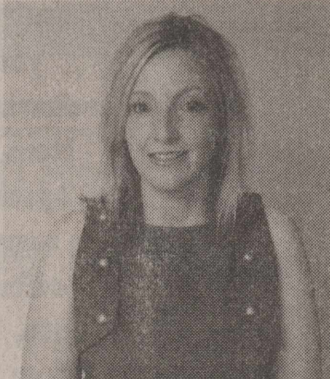
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- 2013-ELECTION ID TRAINING
- 2013- LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS TRAINING
- 2012 -HART- ELECTION PROGRAMS AND EQUIPMENT TRAINING
- 2011 -VITAL STATISTICS- REGIONAL TRAINING

- 2010 -VITAL STATISTICS-STATE TRAINING
- 2010-2014 -DEPUTY CLERK-TRAINED BY ELESACKER, RUNNELS COUNTY CLERK SINCE 1998
- 2010-2013 - REPRESENTED THE RUNNELS COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON THE BALLINGER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

I HAVE THE JOB EXPERIENCE, THE CLASSROOM TRAINING, THE CUSTOMER SERVICE AND THE MANAGEMENT BACKGROUND TO BE A SUCCESSFUL COUNTY CLERK.

I HAVE RECEIVED TRAINING ON THE BASICS OF THE NEW SYSTEMS THAT ARE MANDATORY FOR RUNNELS COUNTY BY JANUARY 1, 2015.

I AM THE ONLY CANDIDATE THAT CAN PROVIDE A SMOOTH TRANSITION FOR THE COUNTY AS WELL AS SAVE THE COUNTY THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF TRAINING SOMEONE WITH NO DEPUTY CLERK EXPERIENCE

I WANT TO SERVE YOU AS THE RUNNELS COUNTY CLERK - PLEASE VOTE AMANDA COLLOM IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ON MARCH 4, 2014.



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