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Incumbents re-elected in local primary

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- All incumbents were re-elected in the Runnels County contested races after the March 4 Republican Primary unofficial results were released Tuesday night. In the only contested race there was not an incumbent participating, County Judge Assistant Julia Miller defeated Assistant County Clerk Amanda Collom for Run-

nels County Clerk.

Miller will be replacing retiring County Clerk Eleasa Ocker, who has been in office since 1998.

After the ballots were tallied Miller had a total of 913 votes, gathering a 54.3 percent of the 1,680 votes casted, while Amanda Collom received 767 votes, 45.7 percent.

In the race for County Commissioner Pct. No. 2 incumbent Ronald Presley got 243 votes (64.5

percent) by 134 (35.5 percent) of the challenger Dickie Clough.

Running for re-election Pct. 4 County Commissioner Ricky Strube defeated the challenger Romer Scott. Strube received 486 votes totaling 82.9 percent by 100 (17.1 percent) votes casted for Scott.

Both of the Runnels Co. Justices of the Peace ran in contested races. Precinct No. 1 Judge Glenda Wood got 761 votes (67.9 per-

cent) by 359 (32.1 percent) of challenger Steven Gray. In the Pct. No. 2 race Judge Richard Hamilton got 442 votes (78.4 percent) vs. 122 (32.1 percent) casted for challenger Louise Summers.

Other local officials running unopposed on the Republican ballot were County Judge Barry Hilliard, District Clerk Tammy Burleson, County Treasurer Ann Strube, and Republican County Chairman Charles Hensley.

There were no candidates running for local elections in the Democratic Primary in Runnels Co.

Statewide in the Republican Primary and Democratic Primary were also up for election the tickets for Governor, U.S. Senator, District 11 U.S. Representative, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, District 72 State Representative, Agriculture Commissioner, Comptroller of Public Accounts and more.

BLUE GAP POST OFFICE RE-DEDICATION

A look to the past aiming at the future

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Once an active building, part of a young nation's thriving communications network, the Blue Gap Post Office is back in service in Winters, now as an historical building erected on 120 North Main Street, to remind everyone of our past and inspire younger generations' future.

Saturday, March 1, 2014, 136 years after the post opened for the first time, a re-dedication ceremony was held at it's new location in Winters, Texas, just north of the Winters Public Library. The log cabin, which was in service from 1878 to 1882, was restored and rebuilt after being donated to the Z.I. Hale Museum in 2000.

Originally located in Coleman County, but found to be in Runnels by a survey made after the organization of the new county in 1880, the Blue Gap Post Office was established February 14, 1878.

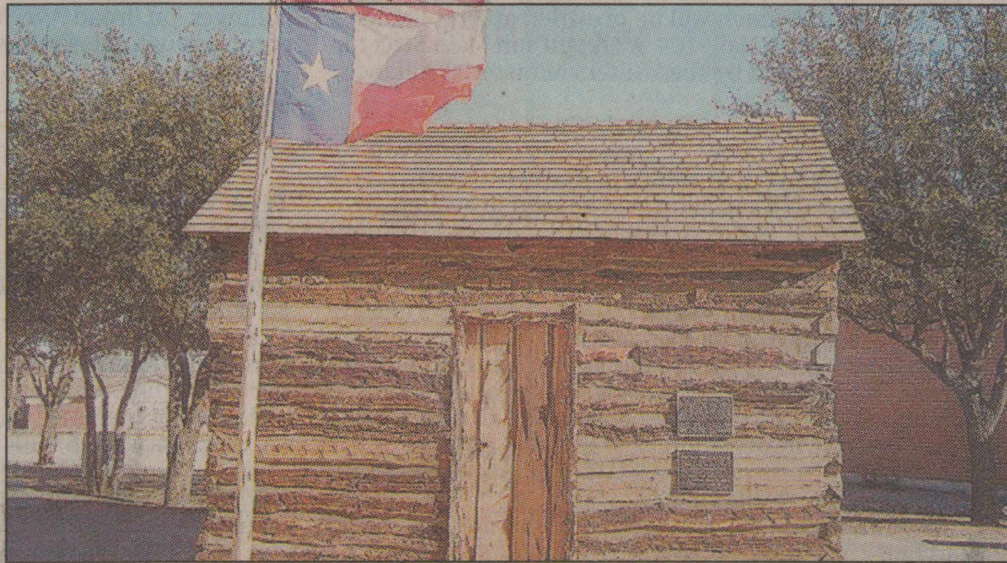
The original location was a little over 16 miles east of Winters. The post was named after the area — a scenic pass through the mountains about one and one-half miles away. It served as the stagecoach stop for the Round Rock to Buffalo Gap stage line.

The post office, which received the Distinguished Medallion from the Texas Historical Commission in 1966 as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark Building, had been restored several decades ago, but over the years the elements took its toll and was partially collapsed.

The property owner donated the structure to the Z.I. Hale Museum and it was stored last year.

The late Mary Kurtz had been pushing for the rebuilding project for many years, which was spearheaded in 2013 by WABIC Economic Development Director Randall Conner. Conner recruited retired builders Fred Watkins, Roger Stephenson, Charles Brewer and Mike Kozelsky.

The construction crew volunteered hundreds of hours to the project following the Department of the Interior recommendations for the restoration of log cabins. The crew utilized the original materials but had to replace some of the logs, floor and shingles. Most of the logs in the walls and rafters



The 38-star U.S. Flag and Texas flag posted in front of the renovated Blue Gap Post Office.

Blue Gap Post Office

The Blue Gap Post Office was named for the gap in the Table Mountain. It was established February 14, 1878 and transferred in 1882 to the town of Content, two miles north.

The one-room structure has hand-hewn cedar rafters, cedar shingle roof, and walls of roughly hewn logs.

The cabin also served as a top on the Round Rock to Buffalo Gap stage route. It was recorded Texas Historic Landmark in 1966.

The cabin was originally located 16 miles east of Winters, and was donated to the Z.I. Hale Museum in 2000.

The building was reconstructed in Winters in 2013 by a crew headed by Fred Watkins, Roger Stephenson, Charles Brewer and Mike Kozelsky.

Five postmasters served at the Blue Gap Post Office: James K. Paulk - Feb. 14, 1878; B.F. Sullivan - Sep. 16, 1878; J.J. Craig - Apr. 15, 1879; James K. Paulk - June 2, 1879; A.A. Hanscomb - Jan. 26, 1880.

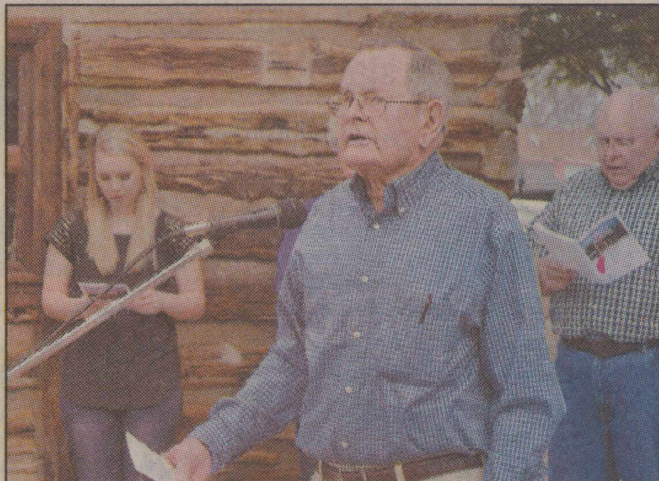
were preserved, as were the rocks the cabin is set on.

Ruth Cooper, Runnels County Historical Commission Chairperson served as Mistress of Ceremonies at the re-dedication ceremony. Wanda Brewer, Z.I. Hale Museum President welcomed the attendants, and the invocation was made by Alton O'Neal, RCHC Secretary.

Anthony Lange led the



Winters Postmaster Arnulfo Gonzales, Blue Gap honorary Postmaster Ted Ahrens, Runnels County Historical Commission Chairperson Ruth Cooper and Z.I. Hale Museum board President Wanda Brewer.



Gene Wheat leads the attendants singing "God Bless America."

pledge to the U.S. flag and Texas flag, Gene Wheat led "God Bless America" and Fred Watkins presented short summary of the restoration project. WHS senior and 2013-2014 Homecoming Queen Alana Cooper read the inscriptions, Randall Conner made the closing remarks, and the benediction was made by Charles Brewer.

Ted Ahrens, U.S. Postal Service employee who retired a day earlier after almost four decades of

service, was named honorary Postmaster of the Blue Gap Post Office.

The Historical Commission and Winters community will be gathering again in the spring in the same spot, for the dedication of a historical marker recently approved to the City of Winters for its 125th anniversary. The historical marker will be placed between the Blue Gap Post Office and the Winters Public Library.

ALL-DISTRICT HOOPS

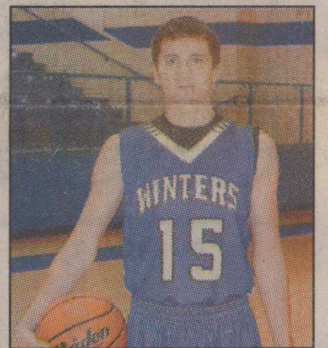
Winters High School students named to the 8-1A All-District team. Photos by Joe Gerhart.



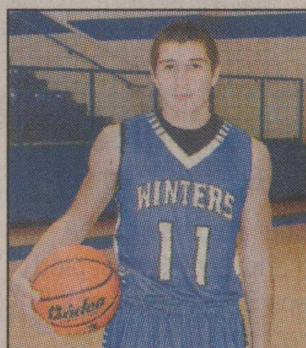
Jake Brock, Newcomer of the Year



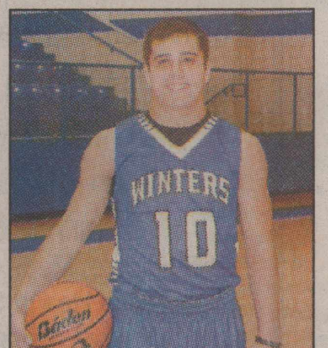
Lukas Kraatz, Second Team Forward.



Daryl Hagle, Second Team Guard.



Julian Soto, Honorable Mention Guard.



Chris Gerhart, First Team Guard.

Future of Winters Club to have night of magic

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- On April 1, 2014 the Future of Winters Club will meet for the annual dinner and meeting at the Special Events Center of Winters Independent School District. Lonnie Chevrie, famed magician, will present sleight of hand acts and astonishing magical acts for the members.

Along with the entertainment, members will feast on a rib-eye dinner cooked by Archie Jobe and the Rehab Chuck Wagon gang.

The event is open to all who are willing to invest in the Future of Winters. The contribution entitles members to two dinners and the night of entertainment. The money is distributed to local charities and organizations the evening of the event and throughout the year as needs arise.

Money from the Future of Winters Club has gone to the Samaritan House, the Library, the Child Development Center, Winters and Wingate area fire departments, and the Z. I. Hale Museum.

The night of entertainment starts at 6 p.m. and the dress is casual. Tickets are available at Wheat Energy, J&T Hardware, Raymond's Clip Joint and the WABIC office.

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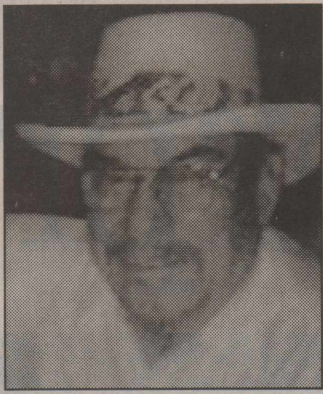
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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Louis Gonzales

Louis Gonzales, 72, of Winters, died Monday February 24, 2014. He was born November 28, 1941 in Wingate. He was raised in Gonzales and moved to Winters as a young man. He married Victoria Velasquez on November 21, 1958 in Ballinger. He was an oilfield worker and worked for Gulf and Exxon for many years. He was owner of LG's Place for 24 years. He was member of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.



He is survived by his wife: Victoria Gonzales of Winters. Two daughters: Irma Brown and husband Keithel of Winters, and Irene Gonzales of Winters. One brother: Esidrio Gonzales of Abilene. Three grandchildren: Juanita Simpson of Corpus Christi, Vicki Madrid of Winters and Gabriella Madrid of Winters. Two great-grandchildren: Lexi Madrid and Valenciano Madrid. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Cecelio and Petra (Cardenas) Gonzales. Two brothers: Lee Gonzales and Fidencio Gonzales. And his sister Teresa Santivalles.

Rosary was recited Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral service was Thursday, February 27, 2014 at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. Burial followed at Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Winters Enterprise, March 6, 2014

During a time like this, we realize how much our family & friends really mean to us. Special thanks to all who traveled far, Judge Hamilton, the motorcycle riders - lots of hugs for making Dad's last wish possible. To his wonderful nephews who were pallbearers - Lee Gonzales (Midland), James Gonzales (Abilene), Ernest Gonzales (Abilene), Simon Gonzales (San Antonio), Moses Balobos (Brownwood), & Jesse Ortiz (Winters). Dad loved each one of you. To Nadine DeLaCruz, Mary Arrendondo, the ladies who prepared the dinner, Pioneer Church ladies, & Jack and Jill Donuts. To Tony Soto Sr. & the ladies from the Catholic Church Choir of Abilene, Sonny Santoya, & Lorena for the rosary service. Thanks to Hilda, Carmen, & Bros. Arnold Gonzales, Morton, Lackey, Powers, Taylor who brightened his day & lifted his spirits with prayer & songs when most needed. Thanks to Hendricks Medical Center, Dialysis Center, & the friends we met during the past 6 years. Danny Prado, Elma Castillo, Odela Escamia, and dieticians. Mike Meyer & staff for being kind & professional. Warm thanks to each one who sent food, prayers, flowers & plants, called or visited. An emotional thanks to Anita Trevino, Sonia & Jesse Ortiz, Raul Trevino, Bro. Greg Taylor (Stamford) & Janis Lowacke (Morning Glory), & John Moreno & Juanita Simpson (Corpus Christi). There are too many to name, but you know we love each and every one of you. Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Louis Gonzales.

NEWS NOTES

Gifted and Talented nominations being accepted

Nominations are being accepted for the Winters Elementary Gifted/Talented program, for First-Fourth grades. If you believe your child might benefit from a gifted/talented program, we welcome your nomination. Nomination and parent permission for testing forms may be obtained at the Elementary Principal's office during normal working hours. All forms must be completed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by April 7, 2014.

Nominaciones para el programa de estudiantes dotados y con talentos especiales

La Escuela Elemental de Winters está recibiendo nominaciones para el programa de estudiantes dotados y con talentos especiales en los grados de primero a cuarto. Los padres que desean nominar a un niño/niña pueden recoger una forma en la oficina de la escuela. Las formas deben entregarse antes del 7 de abril del 2014.

Memories of Times Past Spring Fest

Memories of Times Past Spring Festival will be held Saturday, April 12, 2014, 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. antique tractor show, quilt show, vintage auto show, motorcycle show, photo contest, live music, food, raffle, games, blacksmith demonstration, soap making and more.

Abilene Aggie Mom's Club meeting

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 the Abilene Area Aggie Mom's Club will be holding a meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Coldwell Banker Panian and Mash Building 2500 S. Willis. Please join us for a light meal. You will get to meet other Aggie Moms and learn a little more about Texas A&M and all of its traditions!

We meet the third Tuesday of each month, at 6:45 p.m. for refreshments and fun. If you can't make the meeting but would like more information, please contact Venita Teal (President) 669 0886 vltmini5@gmail.com or Kathy Hocke (Membership) 721-3131, hockeig@camalott.com

RCRSE to meet

Runnels County Retired School Employees will meet in Miles at the Miles Opera House on March 18, at 9:30 a.m. District President Lynn Granzin will be our program.

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.

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.

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.

Winters Jr. High Honor Roll

2013-2014 Fourth Six Weeks

Table with columns for grade level, honor roll category, and student names. Includes Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade lists.

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THE ORGANIZATION OF RUNNELS COUNTY

Farmers and ranchers struggle with drought-stricken economy

Drought almost paralyzes the county's progress in 1886-1887

CONTRIBUTED BY RUTH COOPER
RCHC CHAIRPERSON

WINTERS— The drought of 1886 continued into 1887 and although it lasted less than two years, it almost paralyzed the county's progress. Immigration stopped, ranchers moved some cattle out of the county. Jim and Cora Johnson brought three children, boys, into the world.

"I have reared them all to know the ins and outs of the livestock industry, to profit by the mistakes I made and think and act for themselves. The result is that two of them are stepping right along in my tracks, I am glad to say missing one occasionally, when it wasn't much to my credit, but the third is a cotton buyer, says he had all of cattle prodding that he wanted when he was a kid."

Most residents of Runnels City left their former glorious city, some even leaving the county for more promising areas. At the time, the residents of Runnels County did not realize it, but the drought was a preview of the coming years. After a while, people began to recuperate from the droughts' effects and the campaign began to attract new settlers.

The Honorable Commissioners' Court began with a special term of the

Court and continued their meeting after counting the votes in the meeting held January 2, 1888. The meeting was at the Court-house in Runnels City. Officers present were the Honorable County Judge Sylvester Adams, Commissioners, C.H. Willingham, E.M. Teel, George D. Cole, Sheriff John McEwen Formwalt, and County Clerk W.L. Towner. Order number one, Judge Sylvester Adams ordered John M. Formwalt, Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas at once proceed to move all the records of Runnels County, Texas to the Town of Ballinger "the elected and chosen county seat of Runnels County". (Runnels County Minutes, January 2, 1888, Page 490.)

Order number two indicated the Commissioners' Court be adjourned to Ballinger, Texas.

January 3, A. D. 1888, the court met promptly at 9 a.m. at Ballinger, Texas. All officers were present as the day before. The next order of the court declared that the Sullivan two-story building rented for a period of one year to be used as the courthouse. The rent would be \$26 per month. The house would be fixed as agreed upon between the Commissioners' Court and the owner, Dan Sullivan. The court then revoked the order number three of the special term of September 1887. That order included specification for the Paint Rock Road and the level needed to divert the water into the creek. It was re-written in the January term of the

Court. January 4, the court continued to meet and pay their bills.

Residents were working very diligently to set up businesses as well as build their homes in the railroad town on the river. Structures were built, a hotel, livery stables, carriage houses and barns. There were also bins for grain and hay where there would be plenty for horses. H.D. Pearce family had just bought new furnishings for the Brandt Hotel in Runnels City so those were loaded into wagons and placed in the new Pearce Hotel in Ballinger, Texas. The hotel provided a place for their customers they had in Runnels City.

Ballinger was a thriving town, the businesses were doing well and houses had been built or moved from Runnels City. Ballinger did not have a school but there were some that started gathering at the Presbyterian Church until a school could be built in Ballinger.

With the new town also came other changes like a new day for farming. The first bale of cotton was raised on the Muncy Farm in the fall of 1887. The bale was eventually brought to Ballinger and placed on the street corner to be viewed by all who came by. A cowboy named Hy Johnson roped it and drug it into the muddy street and said in explicit terms "so that's what is going to become of the county! Thousands of farmers will come in and ruin a beautiful country."

W.C. Procter was the first Postmaster at Ballinger, Texas and held the office

only one year. H.D. Pearce took the office and was the second Postmaster of Ballinger. He held the position only one year because so many of his various businesses needed his attention. With all of the Pearce enterprises in the new town, H.D. had more opportunities to meet Confederate veterans coming into town. They stayed at the wagon yard. With all of the people meeting there, someone in the group would begin singing and continue to lead. There was a fiddler in almost all groups, also a harp and a harmonica player. A trip to the wagon yard at night was much like going to a party.

In 1888, Pearce made a contract with the US Government to convey the mail from Ballinger to Hayrick. Hayrick had been designated the county seat of the newly organized County of Coke. Pearce was the mail contractor but did not actually make the deliveries. He hired drivers to carry the mail. Soon he had a contract to carry the mail from Ballinger to Abilene, then one to carry mail to Menardville.

Resources:
Runnels County Historical Commission Histories
Runnels County Commissioners Court Minutes, January, 1888.
Runnels County Clerk's Records
The Peaces Pioneering Days in Texas, Zelma (Haley) Strom
Abilene Reporter-News, March 1976, The Cattle Drivers

Public Record

Weddings		Issued
Kenneth Ray Lowrey and Maria I. Vasquez		Feb. 24
Freddy Brown and Latasha Love Moore		Feb. 25
Divorces		Filed
Joe Eddy Martinez and Martha Ray Martinez		Feb. 25
Fabian Ortiz and Heather Ortiz		Feb. 27
Runnels Co Jail Record March 4, 2014		
Name	Age	Agency
Clyde D. Escobar	50	RCSO
Caleb T. Pringle		23
Possession drug paraphernalia		RCSO
Christian T. Lincoln	20	RCSO
Evading arrest, possession of controlled substance		
Kristen P. Arnold	32	Concho
Forgery of financial instrument		
Cameron M. McCown	18	Concho
Obstruction of a highway- MTR		
Eric Hernandez	29	Concho
Theft of property		
Victor A. Hernandez	44	Concho
Out of state warrant		
Charles B. Watson	44	Coleman
Blue warrant		
Stacy L. Martin	27	BPD
Dealing marijuana		
Cedric D. Hearvey	31	BPD
Dealing marijuana (warrant)		
Mark Majalca	30	BPD
Assault causing bodily harm/ Family Violence (warrant)		

Veteran's Corner

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced the phased rollout of newly designed, more secure Veteran Health Identification Cards. The new cards are distinguished by additional security features and will have a different look and feel. Similar to a typical health insurance card, the VHIC displays the Veteran's Member ID, a new unique identifier, as well as a Plan ID, reflecting the Veteran's enrollment in VA health care. The VHIC is personalized to display the emblem of the Veteran's branch of service. It also provides features that make it easier to use, such as the addition of "VA" in Braille to help visually impaired Veterans, and the printing of VA phone numbers and emergency care instructions on the cards. The card replaces the Veteran Identification Card (VIC), which was introduced in 2004. As part of a phased rollout, starting this month, the card will only be offered to newly enrolled and other Veterans who have not been issued a VIC. Then, in early April, VA will begin a three month effort to automatically issue the more secure VHIC to current VIC cardholders. VA recommends Veterans safeguard their VIC as they would a credit card, and cut up or shred the card once it is replaced. While not required to receive VA health care, all enrolled Veterans are encouraged to get a VHIC. 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 RUNNELS County Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking applicants for the position of **Full Time, Temporary Program Technician**. All candidates must be U.S. Citizens, high school graduates or the equivalent. Basic requirements include general office clerical work, record keeping, computer ability, organizational skills and good public relation skills are a must. All applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications (FSA-675) may be obtained at the USDA/Runnels County Service Center, 2002 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger, Texas. Applications must be delivered no later than close of business on Friday, March 21, 2014. For more information, contact Byron A. Bauerlein, County Executive Director at (325)365-5757. FSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Help Wanted
Full Time

THE CITY OF BALLINGER will accept applications for the position of a swimming pool manager until 5:00p.m. March 25, 2014. The person selected for this position will be responsible for all operations of running the swimming pool. The manager will be responsible for hiring lifeguards, getting lifeguard's certifications, scheduling parties and day to day operations. Applications are available at the City Hall, 700 Railroad Avenue, Ballinger. Any questions regarding this job should be directed to Steve Nixon at (325)365-5437. The City of Ballinger is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Ballinger Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center is seeking motivated team players to join our staff. We are currently hiring Certified Nurse Aides for the 2:00-10:00 pm shift and a part time van driver. Please apply online at www.dvcr.com or in person at 2001 N. 6th Street, off the Old Winters Highway. EOE

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106 W. Spill, Winters, Texas - Quaint little home with living room, 1 bedroom, kitchen and bath, old tin building for storage.

748 Avenue D, Lawn, Texas 2 bdrm/2 bath, cent. h/a, fenced, two car carport, new roof in 2013.

403 Lamar, Winters, Texas - Contemporary Texas-sized home, 3 Master Bdrms/ 3-1/2 Bath, den w/wood-burning fireplace, lots of storage, dining room, office, bar, large fenced yard, garage/storage, garage/workshop, carport, water well, sprinkler system. There is just too much to list!

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

110 S. Main - Office space available for rent, Professional Building.

106 West, Winters - 3 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, central heat, new roof, small fenced yard with covered patio, carport, pecan trees.

214 Paloma, Winters, Texas - 3 bdrm/2 bath, dining room, nice kitchen, pecan trees, 576 sq. ft. metal shop with attached carport.

611 N. Magnolia - 3 bdrm, 2 bath, extra room for bed or office, fenced carport, fenced yard, pecan trees.

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BID NOTICE
The City of Winters will be accepting sealed bids at the Winters City Hall to dig a 40 foot x 40 foot x 20 foot pit and to demolish up to 30 houses. The City requests that the pit is bid on the job basis and the houses on a per hour basis. The City is to provide two dump trucks and drivers for house demolition and removal. Once complete will need to cover the depth of 12 inches of compacted earth. The bids will be accepted from February 21st, 2014 at noon. Bids will be opened at Regular Council meeting on February 24th at 6:00 pm. All bids must be made in writing, make sure

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sufficient contact information is given. The City reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION - TRC 109 & 114

Cause No. 863 IN THE 119TH DISTRICT COURT OF RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS

THE STATE OF TEXAS: ITIO: L'ANNA MARIA CASTANEDA, A CHILD

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER Defendant GREETING NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date of this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation

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the same being Monday April 7, 2014 before the Honorable 119th District Court of Runnels County, at the Courthouse in said County in Ballinger, Texas. Said Plaintiff's was filed in said court on the 26th day of February 2014 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: **Petition in Suit Affecting The Parent-Child Relationship and Request for Temporary Order** as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Ballinger, Texas this 26th day of February 2014.

Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff: **Maricela Vasquez Mendoza** 228 W. Harris Ave. San Angelo, Texas 76903
Clerk of the Court:

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Tammy Burleson P.O. Box 166 Ballinger, Texas 76821
Runnels County, Texas

SEALED PROPOSALS
Sealed proposals addressed to Barry Hillard, County Judge of Runnels County, Texas, will be received at the Commissioner's Court Room at 613 Hutchins Ave., Room 103 Ballinger, Texas until 10:00 A.M. on March 25, 2014. Bids received after that date and time will not be considered. No faxed bids will be accepted.

You may bid on one or both of the following items:
Emulsified asphalt, per gallon, (CRS-2) and (CRS-2H) at the Plant and delivered to Runnels County. Delivered price is for a full truck load quantities and will not include pump or demurrage. CRS-2 and CRS-2h asphalt must be 170 to 187 degrees. Specify no amount of gallons. Bid on asphalt to be effective until December 31, 2014. Delivery of Emulsified Asphalt must see State specifications.

The bids will be presented on March 25, 2014 during a regular session of the Runnels County Commissioner in the Runnels County Courthouse. The county reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any and all formalities. The county also reserves the right to extend this bid for one year, if the County and vendor awarded this bid both agree.

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mile. Topping rock to be delivered within 15 days of notification.

The bids will be presented on March 25, 2014 during a regular session of the Runnels County Commissioner in the Runnels County Courthouse.

The county reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any and all formalities. The county also reserves the right to extend this bid for one year, if the County and vendor awarded this bid both agree.

Information for general conditions applicable to bids may be obtained at www.co.runnels.tx.us or by contacting Cindy Winchester, Runnels County Auditor at (325)365-2221.
By order of Commissioner's Court on February 25, 2014.

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