With the records of Runnels County now in Ballinger, and with a building rented for a year, the County Commissioners were back to work. It was during this time when everyone was trying to get LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY OR RUNNELS COUNTY IN THIS set up in their homes or businesses.

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Winters man shot in alleged **burglary on Rodgers Street**

Suspect in custody at the Runnels **County Jail**

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ INTERS ENTERPR

WINTERS- A local man was shot and sent to the hospital with non lifethreatening injuries last Tuesday morning, March 11, 2014 at his residence located at 505 North Rodgers, in Winters, Texas. A suspect was later put in custody and sent to the Runnels County Jail.

Tuesday morning, at 5:30 a.m. Winters Police Officer Zach Mazey responded to a call of shots being fired on Rodgers Street. Upon arrival to the scene he found 31-yearold Adrian Rodriquez with a shotgun wound to the arm.

According to Winters Chief of Police Randall Davis, Rodriquez stated that he heard somebody trying to break in to the house and when he opened the door he was shot through the screen door.

Rodriquez was taken to the North Runnels Hospital and later transported by ambulance to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, Texas.

Responders, including officers with the Ballinger **Police Department and**



Suspicious activity sparks search at hotel

Winters Police Department, Ballinger Police Department and the Runnels County Sheriff's Office responded Tuesday morning, March 11, 2014 to a suspicious activity call at one of the rooms in the Winters Inn, located on 608 South Main Street in Winters, Texas

After searching the room officers recovered evidence of illegal activity. According to Chief of Police Randall Davies a couple had rented the room overnight but fled before law enforcement arrived to the scene.

The Winters Police Department is working in conjunction with the Runnels County Sheriff's Department to solve the case.

Pictured above are Runnels County Sheriff's deputies Steven Gray and Carl Squyres, and Winters Police Department Sergeant Juan Parra.

PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

outstanding warrant for revocation of probation under charges related to

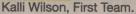
arrested by the Winters **Police Department. Officers** responding to a noise call found 28 grams of a substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine, alleged marijuana, prescription pills and a firearm. Adrian Rodriquez was charged with the unlicensed possession of a

firearm, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance with



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







Bailee Busher, Second

Team.



Nina Mooney, Second Team.



Athena Mata, Honorable

Runnels County Sheriff's Office started a search for a subject of interest.

Later on 31-year-old Christopher Lujano was arrested at his residence located on 1105 Concho Street. Lujano had an

the possession of narcotics. According to the Winters Police Department additional charges are pending.

Last week Rodriguez and his wife, 28-year-old Stacy M. Rodriquez had been

intent to deliver. Stacy was charged with possession of marijuana. The couple posted bail bonds and got out of jail before the shooting. As of press time Rodriquez was being treated in Abilene.

Z.I. Hale Museum gearing up for spring fest

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ INTERS ENTERPR

WINTERS- Saturday, April 12, 2014 the Z.I. Hale Museum will be holding its first annual Memories of Times Past Spring Fest benefiting a new roof for the Rock Hotel. A host of events have been scheduled starting at 9 a.m. in and around the City of Winters

An antique tractor show featuring vintage and recent tractors will be on display and competing for the "People's Favorite." A "Tractor Olympics" event will also be held, with prizes being awarded to the best performers.

A Motorcycle Show and Fun Run will be starting with registrations at 9 a.m. at the Gus Pruser Agricultural Museum, on West Dale Street. There will be games on the grounds, a scenic bike run near Winters, and prizes will also be awarded to the "people' choice.'

Three classes will be considered in the Motorcycle Fun Run: Cruiser made after 1989, Trike made after 1989, or Vintage made 1989 or before.

Riders are required to



Memories of Times Past Spring Fest will include a tractor Olympics event among many other attractions.

1989, Antique or Classic

Commercial Vehicles (25

years or older pickups

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hot rods and race cars).

Interest Vehicles (1989 or

newer cars, trucks, sports cars, modified vehicles,

Completed entry forms

for the auto show should

be also mailed or emailed

The Rock Hotel will be

to the Z.I. Hale Museum.

hosting a Quilt Show 9

mail a completed entry form before April 1, 2014 to Z.I. Hale Museum, P.O. Box 211 Winters, Texas, 79567, or email it to zihalemuseum@wtxs.net

An Antique Auto Show with antique and classic vehicles is scheduled for the fest. Participants will be divided in four classes: Antique or Classic Cars 1945 or earlier, Antique or Classic Cars 1947 to

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and in-town RV park.

a.m. through 5 p.m. vintage and recent quilts will be shown.

Entertainment will be provided with live music starting at 11 a.m. An evening street dance is scheduled starting at 7:30 p.m.

Attendants to the Memories of Times Past Spring Fest will be also able to enjoy the New Chick Inn experience, featuring ham-burgers and drinks from the 1950s in the recently built mobile restaurant. The Memories of Times

Past Spring Fest will be also including a photo contest, games, food, blacksmith demonstration,

soap making and more. For more information on the Tractor Show contact Dale Duggan at (325) 977 0527. For more on the motorcycle fun run contact Elmer Buckelew at (325) 365 6124 or (325) 977 0092. For the auto show information call Jim Jordan, at (325) 754 4505. For more on the Rock Hotel Quilt Show contact Wanda Brewer at (325) 365 5313, and for more on the live music and street dance contact Jackie Bean at (325) 365 0145.

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Mention.

The Winters Public Library hosted an open house Sat-urday, March 1, 2014 in conjunction with the dedication of the adjacent Blue Gap Post Office. The open house was held at the library on 120 North Main Street Win-ters, Texas. The library celebrated the recent addition of a kitchen, which was added thanks to the generosity of the estate of Nadine Robinson.

The Winters Public Library has long enjoyed the generous support of the community though donations of books, cash and volunteer time as well as the support of the City of Winters, Winters ISD and Runnels County through their annual expenditures.

The newly addition consists of a modern kitchen/break area complete with a small refrigerator and coffee maker. The new area is located adjacent to the Lois West Conference Room, which is available for public events. Pictured here are left to right: Library Treasurer Nancy Spill, Board member Ouida Nichols and Board President Rhonda Neal.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES Matt Harrison

Matthew Lynn "Matt" Harrison, 35, of Ballinger, Texas passed away Wednesday, March 5, 2014 in Brownwood, Texas as a result of a vehicle accident.

Matt was born September 16, 1978 in Abilene, Texas to Phil and Vickey (Prince) Harrison. He gradu-

ated from Ballinger High School in 1997 where he was active in sports and other school activities. Matt married his high school sweetheart, Courtney Lange, on July 22, 2000 in Ballinger. He was a graduate of the University of Texas in Austin where he also earned a MBA. Matt was a true Longhorn.

A genuine entrepreneur, Matt was known

for his inner drive and excellent work ethic, as well as his friendly smile and pleasant personality. He was currently associated with the NAPA franchise in the Abilene area, expanding to other locations such as Austin. He was respected and well liked by those with whom he worked and came in contact. Matt's best work, however, was as a devoted husband and father.

Matt is survived by his wife, Courtney, and his children, Emma and Zac of Ballinger; parents, Phil Harrison of Abilene and Vickey Harrison of Cedar Park; sister, Jennifer Choat of Cedar Park; nieces Kaitlin and Kennedy Adam of Cedar Park; nephews, Harrison Adam and Houston Choat of Cedar Park; a goddaughter, Audrey Brown of Ballinger, and grandmother, Billie Brown of Ballinger. Other extended family members also survive, as well as a host of classmates, associates, and friends.

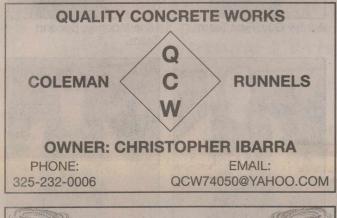
Funeral services were held Saturday, March 8 at the First Baptist Church in Ballinger with Bro. Bobby Broyles and Rev. Buddy Moore officiating. Burial followed in Ballinger Evergreen Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Awareness Foundation or a favorite charity.

Arrangements are with Lange Funeral Home of Ballinger. Guests may register online at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

Winters Enterprise, March 13, 2014

Obituaries in The Winters Enterprise are also online, check out our webpage at MyRunnelsCounty.com





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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 ob-tained 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.

Nominations open for Man and Woman of the Year

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

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

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

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

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 p.m., first Thursday of the month at the Lone Star Video, 200 Tinkle Street.

TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors' The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Winters and Ballinger area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening and arts and crafts to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during summer) at 2 p.m. at the Runnels County Extension Office on the

corner of South Seventh and Sealy Ave in Ballinger.

If you are interested and like to find out more about us, call Nancy at 325 5042 or Linda 754 5385.

Winters Women's Club

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Sylvia Wilson 754 4992 for additional information.

AA meetings AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Ballinger Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

City Council Meetings

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

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WIC open to many incomes and families

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

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

Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting

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

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. &

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

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge meetings

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge No. 613 meets the first Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. Supper will be pro-vided after the meeting. The location is the Masonic Lodge building located at 360 South Roberts on Highway 83 South.

DPS increases spring break DWI **VI enforce**

Thursday, March 13, 2014

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, March 15 Rowena 4-H.Club annual rabies clinic 9 a.m. through 12 noon at the Fire Hall in Rowena, Texas.

Saturday, March 15

Norton Lions Club's Annual Sausage and Pancake Super. From 5:30-7 p.m. at the Norton Community Center, 210 Holloway Ave. Norton, Texas, Proceeds to benefit Community Center repairs.

Sunday, March 16

Barbecue chicken at the St. Boniface Parish Hall hosted by the Olfen Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters. Drive-thru sales begin at 10:30 a.m. For preorders call Marty Frey at 365 6618 or David Rohmfeld at 442 3331.

Monday, March 17

Texas Department of State Health Services immunization clinic in Ballinger 10 to 12 and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at 600 Strong. Bring child's immunization record. If child has Medicaid, bring card. For more information call at (325) 754 4945.

Monday, March 17

Friends of the Gus Pruser Museum meeting at 6 p.m. 219 W. Dale Winters, Texas. Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit is a group interested in preserving the history of agriculture whether it be tractors or just memories. FMI contact John Long at (432) 684 5214 or zihalemuseum@wtxs.net.

Tuesday, March 18

Runnels County Retired School Employees meeting at the Miles Opera House at 9:30 a.m. District President Lynn Granzin will present the program

Tuesday, March 18

Abilene Area Aggie Mom's Club monthly meeting at 6:45 p.m. Coldwell Banker Panian and Mash Building 2500 S. Willis, Abilene Texas. FMI Venita Teal (President) 669 0886 vltmini5@gmail.com

Tuesday, April 1

Future of Winters Club annual dinner and meeting. Winters ISD Special Events Center. Magician Lonnie Chevrie will present the entertainment at 6 p.m. Tickets at Wheat Energy, J&T Hardware, Raymond's Clip Joint and the WABIC office.

Thursday, April 3

Rowena VFW Ladies Auxiliary rummage sale at 5 p.m. Rowena VFW Hall. Friday April 4, from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 3

Toast of Ballinger variety show at the Old Texas Theater at 6 p.m. Meal will be provided. Hosted by the Runnels County Child Welfare Board, For ticket information call Malisia Goetz or Debbie DeBerry at (325) 365 3511 or Cecelia at (325) 754 4941.



WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- The Texas Department of Public Safety increased DWI patrols from March 7 - March 23, which coincides with one of the busiest Spring Break periods in Texas. During this effort, DPS troopers will focus on DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. The enhanced patrols that target intoxicated drivers are funded by a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) grant.

"The decision to drink and drive during Spring Break - or any time - can often lead to disastrous and deadly consequences," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Taking impaired drivers off Texas roadways during Spring Break is a top priority for the department, and we also call on the public to do their part and designate a sober driver.'

During last year's Spring Break enforcement period, DPS troopers made more than 1,000 DWI arrests, and approximately 226 were the direct result of the increased patrols funded by the grant. DPS enforcement also resulted in more than 11,400 speeding citations, 1,600 seat belt/child safety seat tickets and about 12,000 other citations. In addi-

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fugitive arrests and 463 felony arrests during this time period.

The drinking age in Texas is 21, and any driver under that age with any detectable amount of alcohol in their system can be charged with breaking the law. Additional troopers will also be patrolling in areas with high concentrations of Spring Break activity.

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Spring Break holiday:

Slow down - especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas. Eliminate distractions while driving. Buckle up everyone in the vehicle. Don't drive fatigued. Drive defensively. Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained. Avoid travel to Mexico. Check the U.S. Department of State website for the latest security issues.

Saturday, April 12 Memories of Times Past Spring Fest hosted by the Z.I. Hale Museum starting at 9 a.m. Antique tractor show, quilt show, antique and classic auto show, motorcycle show and fun run photo contest live music, games, food, blacksmith demonstration, soap making

Saturday, April 26

Ballinger Noon Lions Club 39th Annual Colorado River Bikefest. Race starts at 8:30 a.m at the corner of Hutchings Ave. and Hwy 83, in Ballinger, Texas. 5K walk/run/ride, 30, 60 and 100K tours. Entry forms available at www.ballingernoonlions.org FMI call at (325) 234 7842

Community News and the Community Calendar are open for all members of the Runnels County community wanting to advertise an event. To have an event listed please include the day, hour, location and particulars of the event to our office at 806 Hutchings Ave. Ballinger, TX 76821, fax it at (325) 365 5389 or email it to news@ wintersenterprise.com Certain restrictions apply. This space is free of charge



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Collision near Brownwood claims Ballinger man's life

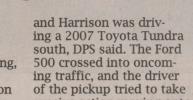
STEVE NASH BROWNWOOD BULLETIN

A Ballinger man was killed Wednesday morning, March 5, 2014 in a twovehicle crash occurring on U.S. Highway 84, near the Brown/Mills county line. Matt Harrison, 35-years-ofage, was a Ballinger High School graduate.

The Texas Department of Public Safety identified the victims as Maria Martineau, 46, of Austin, who died at the scene, and Harrison, who died at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

The accident happened at 7:34 a.m. one mile south of the Brown/Mills county line, and eight miles north of Mullin, according to information released by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Martineau was driving a 2005 Ford 500 north,



evasive action moving onto the highway's shoulder. The collision happened on the paved shoulder. Accident investigators

don't know what caused the Ford 500 to cross the highway into incoming traffic, and the accident remains under investigation, DPS said.

Harrison is survived by his wife, Courtney Harrison, a teacher and coach at Ballinger Junior High School, two children, and his parents, Phillip and Vicki Harrison.

Funeral services for Matt Harrison were held Saturday, March 8 at the First Baptist Church in Ballinger.

Two teens perish in wreck near Talpa

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Two Brownwood teenagers were killed and another one walked away with non life-threatening injuries from a two-vehicle wreck occurring Sunday morning, March 9, 2014 on U.S. Highway 67, between Ballinger and Talpa, in **Runnels** County.

Texas Department of Public Safety identified the fatalities as Bolton Layne Day, 19-years-of-age, and Billy Edward Jones, 18. A third passenger of a 2002 crew cab Ford Ranger, identified as Kelly Blake Delacruz, 16, also of Brownwood, was the lone survivor in the truck.

Sunday morning, at 6:29 a.m. the

three teenagers were eastbound on U.S. Highway 67 in the Ranger driven by Day. The truck took a wide curve on the road, ran into a westbound Ford F 250 pick up truck hauling a flatbed loaded with pipes, and hit the front left corner of the trailer.

The collision damaged the left side of the Ranger tearing its the body in two and ripping both axles from the left side of the flatbed.

Both vehicles continued on the road leaving debris for over onequarter of a mile until they came to a stop.

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Jones, who was riding in the back seat of the truck, was ejected from the vehicle. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Runnels County Justice of the Peace Glenda Wood at 7:55 a.m. Day was transported by ambulance to Ballinger Memorial Hospital and later airlifted to Shannon Medical Center, in San Angelo. He was pronounced dead at the hospital at 3:28 p.m. by Dr. Flynn. Delacruz was riding on the front passenger seat. Delacruz was taken to Ballinger Memorial Hospital where he was treated and later released.

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Jessie Roland Robles, 49-years-ofage, of Joshua, Texas, was driving the F 250 and was uninjured.

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According to law enforcement alcohol was found at the scene.

CAFETERIA MENU

March 17-21

Winters ISD **Breakfast Menu**

Monday

Biscuit/Sausage/Gravy or Cereal/ Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday 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

Wednesday

Chef Salad or Frito Pie or Grilled

Cheese Sandwich/Fish Bread

(Elem. J.H.), Spanish Rice, Pinto

Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks,

Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Coleslaw,

Thursday

Chef Salad or Turkey/Rice/Gravy or Meatball Sub/Graham Cracker

(H.S.), Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy,

Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato,

15 Apple, Choice of Milk.

Chef Salad or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich or Steak Fingers/Gravy/ Bread Stick, Green Beans, Baked Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot

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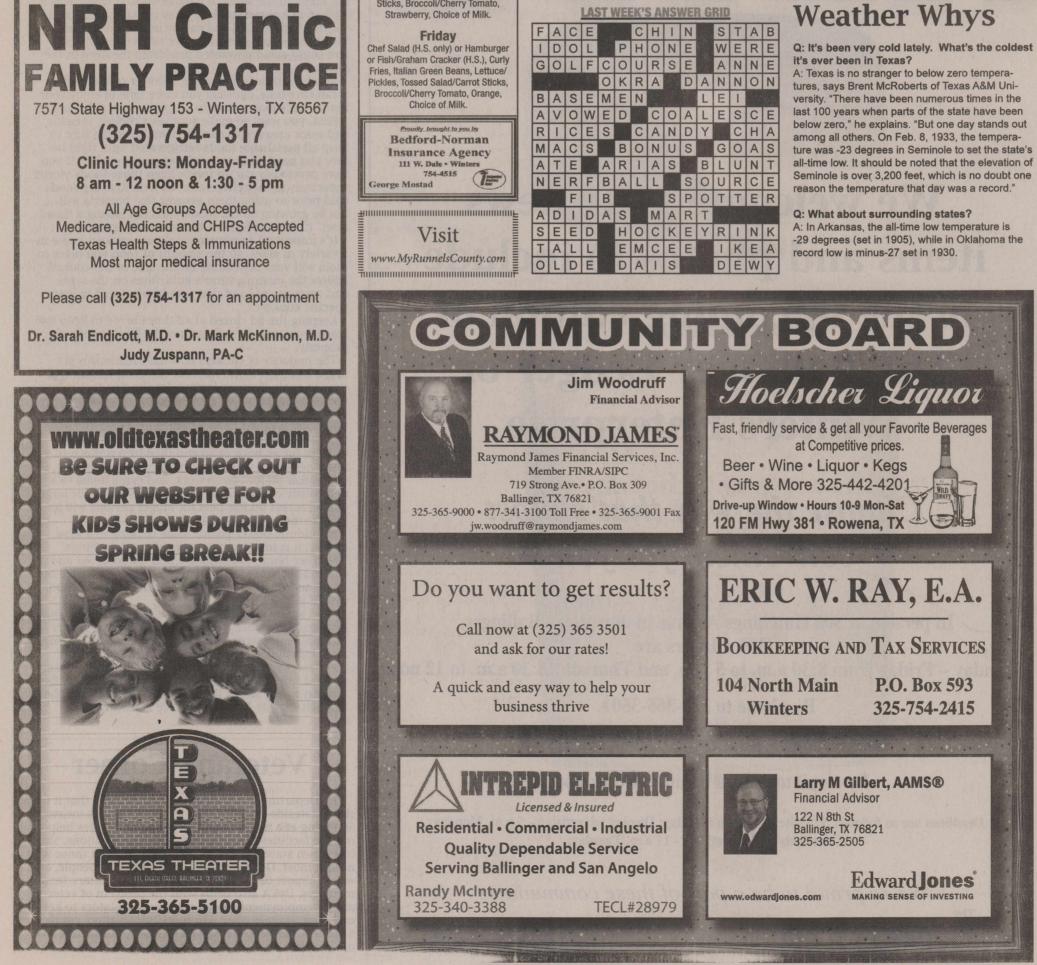
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THE ORGANIZATION OF RUNNELS COUNTY

Promoting the sale of land in Runnels Co

Runnels County records transferred to Ballinger and homes set up

CONTRIBUTED BY RUTH COOPER RCHC CHAIRPERSON

WINTERS- With the records of Runnels County now in Ballinger, and with a building rented for a year, the Runnels County Commissioners were back to work. It was during this time, when everyone was trying to get set up in their homes or businesses. H.D. Pearce advertised in the various papers that he would take anyone anywhere. Prospective buyers of land in the county made up most of his customers. He had a lot to do with promoting the sale of land in Runnels County, being a real estate agent; he just sold the land himself

There were numerous people in the business of rentals of horses and carriages, especially on weekends. On Sunday afternoons, there were seldom enough bug-gies to go around. The young men would take a young lady on an outing. This was a favorite past-time of the young people and played a big part in the courtships. Several people invested in stables, horses and buggies in the new town. Since the young horses were so cheap, they were purchased more often but they had to be broken for the jobs. The children could watch the horses being broken from a distance but only with cotton in their ears because of the language used by the cowboys. On the mail route from Ballinger to Hayrick (the county seat of Coke County), there were no bridges over Oak and Valley Creeks so the horses would wade through the water to cross. On the trip, a lot of bones could be seen in the grass pastures where cattle had died because of the severe drought. There were no gates on this mail route that went through Maverick. A lady, Mrs. Marshal, a widow and her

children would provide a meal for the driver and exchange the horses, then on the return trip to Ballinger, the horses would be traded out the next day. Mrs. Marshal was the postmistress and had a small store in addition to a restaurant in her home.

One of the earliest businesses in Runnels County was the sale of Singer Sewing Machines. H.D. Pearce was the agent in Runnels City almost immediately after the city was established with the election held in 1880 to make it the county seat.

The Singer Company sent out beautifully colored picture cards with short stories, mostly about historical events or educational stories. These cards were very entertaining for the children that could read.

Jim Johnson continued his writings, stating, "Three years ago I moved to the little town of Winters, near my ranch, I say little and it is that, as towns are compared and spoken of this day and

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time, but it is enough sight larger than Runnels City or Ballinger either one was when cattle were a monopoly in Western Texas. I still with the help of my two cowboys manage the ranch, couldn't get along without cattle." He continues, "But we are now doing what is commonly called stock farming, an altogether different pursuit from old-time ranching on the open range with thousands of longhorns grazing where they pleased. Of course, blooded cattle rate higher in the market and they require care and feed too. There is no letting them live on prickly pear and chaparral."

The year of 1888 was a busy year with many important matters to consider. In February, the scalp law was put in force and the county clerk was ordered to issue scrip for scalps of animals when the hunters had complied with the law. All convicts were put to work on public roads and the sheriff was

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ordered to carry this out to the strictest letter of the law. (Runnels Is My County, Charlsie Poe)

February of 1888 was the date of the regular term of the Runnels **County Commissioners** Court. Their first business was to establish **Election Precinct No. 8.** The court created it to begin at the SE corner of Burnett Co. School Land, thence to the SE corner of H#TB.R.R. Co., Survey No. 43, thence SW and North with the lines of the H.D. Pearce School District to place of beginning. The court paid some accounts then proceeded with other business

The court ordered the clerk to advertise for plans, bids and specifications to build an iron bridge across the Colorado River in Runnels County in the Town of Ballinger. The court reserved the right to accept or reject the plans, bids and specifications.

The court ordered that the Hutchinson School District be laid out by the Burnett Co. School Land as well as the Hale School District. The court ordered that the taxes should be the same as levied the past year-State Ad valorem tax-25 cents, Special Court House and Jail Tax-15 cents.

The Commissioners Court began the changes needed to re-route the roads from Runnels City to Ballinger from all directions that had been previously made. Appointments were made to oversee the changes needed.

A petition was submitted and examined by the court for an election to determine if a school tax be abrogated for 20 cents on the \$100 in District No. 1. It would be held the 17th day of March A. D. 1888. After meeting for six days, the court adjourned until the next regular term.

Resources:

Runnels County Historical Commission Histories Runnels County Commissioners Court Minutes, February 1888, Runnels County Clerk Records. The Pearces Pioneering Days in Texas, Zelma (Haley) Strom



Plan and prepare meals at home class to be held in Ballinger

BALLINGER LEDGER STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER-Sandy Taylor, Runnels County Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will be presenting a series of cooking classes that will teach individuals to plan and prepare more meals at home and in return save them money. Classes will be held on March 18, April 29, and May 6 at the Runnels County Extension Office, 608 Sealy Ave. in Ballinger. Classes will begin at 6 p.m. Call the Runnels County Extension Office to reserve your spot at (325) 365 5042.

Slow cooking

Do you remember when you were younger and coming home to the smell of a home-cooked meal? Was it way to prepare food and can be used throughout the year. Using a slower cooker saves on electricity and could avoid unwanted heat from the oven in the kitchen. Another advantage to using a slower cooker is that it can save time, allowing you more time to enjoy your family. Let's look at how to properly use a slow cooker. First, you want to make sure your cooker, utensils, and work area are cleaned and sanitized. Be sure to keep all perishable foods refrigerated until right before you need them to be placed in the cooker. If you have previously cut up foods, keep those foods stored separately in the refrigerator, as well. Keeping foods cold prior to using them assures that bacteria will not be growing on the foods, thus not having a "head start" if they are left out at room temperature. It's important to remember slower cookers come in a variety of sizes, so the amount of food you place in them will vary depending on the size of the cooker. Follow the manufacturer's guidelines on the sizes and amounts of food that should be placed in your specific cooker.

We welcome your news items and photos to include in the upcoming edition of The Ballinger Ledger or Winters Enterprise Choose the way that's most convenient for you

In person, at 806 Hutchings Avenue in downtown Ballinger. Office Hours are Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

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By fax to 325-365-5389.

By email to news@ballingerledger.com.

Deadlines are as follows: News items - Noon Monday; Display advertising - 5 p.m. Monday; Classifieds line advertising - 11 a.m. Tuesday.

We're proud to be a part of these communities **Ballinger Ledger**Winters Enterprise Keeping the lid closed at all times helps to keep the steam/moisture in and ensures the food is cooking properly.

The majority of cookers now have numerous settings. Different foods will take different amounts of time to cook. If you're leaving for the day, it is recommended that foods be cooked on the low setting; however, if you're at home and wish to cook it quickly, the high setting might be more appropriate for the meal you have selected. When possible, turn the cooker on high for an hour or so and then turn it down to a lower setting. If you do not have time for this step, set the cooker on low, go to work, and come home to a deliciously cooked meal! Cooking less tender or larger cuts of meats on low heat for longer periods will allow the meat to become more tender.

Should the power go out while cooking in a slow cooker, it is important to remember a few things. If you are home, immediately pull the food out and continue cooking it by another method. If you are not home and the power goes out, throw away the food, even if it looks done.

Food safety should always be a top priority in your kitchen. Remember to always cook foods to proper internal temperatures, follow good personal hygiene, and clean and sanitize all food contact surfaces.

For more information on cooking with slow cookers or food safety, contact your local county AgriLife Extension agent, Sandy Taylor at (325) 365 5042 at the Runnels County Extension Office in Ballinger.

Veteran's Corner

The Department of Defense has announced that it may close stateside commissaries as a cost savings measure. Shopping at a major facility in the United States helps out the facilities overseas and at remote locations. Shutting down stateside commissaries will impact those who need it most. DeCA employs nearly 100,000 people, of whom almost 62 percent are veterans or military family members. DeCA also helps with the problem of veterans' unemployment. Please ask your legislators to keep our commissaries open. 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 coll 265-2612 Thursday, March 13, 2014

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WHS to present Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp on Sunday, March 16

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Winters High School One Act Play will perform Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp for the community on Sunday, March 16, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Winters High School Auditorium. Admission is free and everyone is invited to attend.

Adapted by Jack Neary, based on The Arabian Nights tale, and published by Dramatists Publishing, the story takes place in the palace of the King in an unnamed Eastern Land. The King is terribly

bored in his kingdom and asks Scheherazade to spin a tale that will mesmerize him. She tells the story of a young lad, Aladdin, who goes to the town square at his mother's request to seek his fortune. Along the way he encounters an evil Magician, a conniving Grand Vizier and his weasly son, a Princess and her father the Sultan, and a magical Genie.

The cast and crew of 20 high school students do a wonderful job of conveying the plot of this whimsical fantasy. Adults and children alike will enjoy the tale of Aladdin.

Dear Residents of Runnels County,

I am incredibly honored to have been elected for the position of the Runnels County Clerk.

I would like to thank the voters of Runnels County for believing in me and giving me the opportunity to serve. I would also like to express my appreciation to those that have been so supportive with their words, thoughts, actions and prayers. It could not have been done without you.

I am excited and looking forward to being of service to all that utilize the county clerk's office.

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I would like to thank everyone that voted for me in the Republican Primary election. To all of my family and friends that worked so hard for me, I appreciate you so very much. I thank all the voters for your support. I would also like to congratulate Ronald Presley on his reelection. I wish him well. pol. ad. pd. by. Dickie Clough 116 Belair, Winters, Tx.

Moving Check out our Classifieds Call at

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

EXAMPLE A

Thursday, March 13, 2014

North Runnels Hospital **Employee of** the Quarter

Eve Torres was elected North Runnels Hospital Employee of the Quarter for October-December 2013. Eve has been a nurse aide for the hospital since 2011 and enjoys giving the best patient care to her patients and is always willing to help co-workers at any time. Pictured with Eve is Judy Espitia, CFO.

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PERMIT NUMBER 749

APPLICATION Wingate Gin Corporation has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 749, which would authorize continued operation of a cotton gin located at 1403 State Highway 153, Wingate, Runnels County, Texas 79566. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <u>http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.045833&lng=-100.110555&zoom=13&type=r</u>. The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and organic compounds.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 3, 2014. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Abilene regional office, and the Runnels County Courthouse, 613 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Abilene regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: alterations, amendments, perarist by rule, and changes in emission factors. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforce-ability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 18006874040. The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is **published**. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Com-mission may only grant a hearing on those issues reised during the multi-comment period and path with drawn mission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax num-ber, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contest-ed case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the applica-tion and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of wour prometty relative to the facility and (6) a description of how you wou to men and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the prop-erty which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or asso-ciation seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be sub-mitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hear-ing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <u>www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html</u>, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 18006874040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Wingate Gin Corporation, P.O. Box 167, Wingate, Texas 79566-0167 or by calling Mr. J. Kelley Green, Texas Cotton Ginners' Association at (512) 615-1102.

Notice Issuance Date: February 19, 2014