

Thursday, March 19, 2015

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Coleman County accident claims life of Ballinger resident

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

The investigation regarding a fatal traffic incident in Coleman County is still ongoing, however, several details regarding the individuals identity and the synopsis of the accident have been released.

According to the Department of Public Safety, Ballinger resident Margie Smith Strother, 79, was pronounced dead at the

scene. She was wearing her

seatbelt. Strother was traveling on FM 702 and was 2.2 miles east of Novice when she approached the intersection with US 84. According to the report, the driver then failed to stop at the stop intersection and traveled across US 84 where the vehicle crashed through a fence and into numbers trees. The vehicle then spun around and came to a rest facing northwest in the pasture.



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The upcoming Stribling Art Extravaganza in San Angelo will feature multiple artists who live or have ties to the Runnels County area.

Stribling Art Extravaganza to showcase area artists

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

One of San Angelo's biggest art shows will take place towards the end of March and will proudly feature art work from multiple artists here in the Runnels County

In February of 2000, the idea for a local art show came to mind when a local artist offered West Texas Rehab a couple of their personal works to be hung in the Rehab Center in San Angelo to help decorate the walls. To add, the artist would allow the sale of the piece if someone was interested and would gladly share a portion of the profit directly with the Rehab Center. This kind gesture helped bring to light the Stribling Art Extravaganza!

Celebrating its 16th year, Stribling Art Extravaganza will showcase 170 Concho Valley Artists and Artisans March 27-29, 2015 at historic Fort Concho's

Quartermaster, Commissary and Barracks 6 buildings. The public show and sale is free and open to the public. Since its beginning, Stribling Art Extravaganza has raised over \$800,000 for WTRC and continues to serve as a great outlet to feature local talent. Multiple residents from Runnels County including Susan Mansell, Patricia Zappe Billimmeier, Jean Smith Hensely, Maryellen Strinni, Ginger Test, Shirley Minzenmayer and Susan Minzenmayer will be featured in this year's show.

Featuring pieces of original art from a variety of mediums including oil, watercolor, pottery, mixed media, pastels, sculpture, drawing, fiber, glass, wood, clay and photographs, this show will have something for everyone. Guests can come and enjoy the art Friday March 27 from 10-7, Saturday March 28 from 9-6 and Sunday March 29 from 11-2. Every piece

will be for sale and supporting this show not only benefits the Rehab Center, but supports the local artists. "It's a partnership" says Justin DeLoach, Donor Relations Coordinator for WTRC. "The artists graciously agree to a portion of the sale of their art to come back to the Rehab. Those dollars directly go back to our patients we see each day here at the Rehab Center."

In addition to the 300 piece showcased, there are special events which take place throughout the weekend. Up and coming artists are featured from local High Schools in the show's Young Artist Display. While this art is not for sale, it is a great reflection of future artists learning all the different strokes of art. On Saturday, Ellen Myer and KB Brown will provide "Music with the Art" at 2:00 PM in the Quartermaster building. Also, during

noon-5 p.m. Saturday, "Paint the Fort Grounds" will feature 2015 Stribling Artists as the artists will be working on different pieces in person. This is a great way to meet some of our local talent along with having the chance to visit with them about their art. All these events are free and open to the public.

The Stribling Art Extravaganza is graciously sponsored by Beverly and Ben Stribling. The show's name proudly displays the Stribling's love for art and local artists. "This event is a great example of neighbor helping neighbor. It is our pleasure to offer such an event to local artists as we partner together to make a difference in the lives of family, friends and our community," comments President/CEO of WTRC Woody Gilliland. For more information, call 325-223-6313 or visit striblingart.org.

First Baptist Church to celebrate 125 years

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

Eighteen dedicated people met in the one room school house in the town of Winters soon after it was erected with volunteer labor. There they went on to organize the Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, March 22, 1890, the first church in the community of Winters. Texas.

Citizens had met in the school house, the only public meeting place, two months earlier to name the new town "Winters".

If the building were still standing, it would be in the middle of the block on Main Street, across the street and a little to the north of the present First Baptist Church Sanctu-

In August of 1903, the church met in regular conference and voted to change its name to the Winters Baptist Church of Christ. April 21, 1906 was set as the date to set hitching posts on the church grounds. The second Sunday in May was observed for the dedication of the new church. Electricity was installed in February

of 1910. In 1913, a lot was bought at the crossing of Main and Truett Streets and the old church was sold. A new building was completed by 1915. The name was changed to First Baptist Church.

An outstanding revival was held in April of 1926, with Dr. George W. Truett, the evangelist, B. B. McKinney directed the music and the revival was held under a tent furnished by Harley Sadler, comedian and circus producer. During the period of time of WWII, the local congregation decided to ring the bell each morning at 10:00 a.m. for prayers for our nation and service men and women.

Through the years, First Baptist Church has added structures and in 1958, the present sanctuary was built. Educational space was added and missions were sponsored to reach Hispanics and African Americans in the community. The church has celebrated the various anniversaries through the years.

There have been 24 pastors that have served in the church. Numerous Ministers of Youth and Music have also served at First Baptist Church.

Bro. Heath Powers serves as Pastor with his wife Leigh and children, Hannah, Joshua and Lydia. Bro Heath and family begin their ministry at

Winters First Baptist Church in 2009. Danny Martinez serves as Associate Pastor, with his wife Dora. Randy Jackson serves as Minister of the Youth with wife Cindi. Those serving with the music ministry are Susan Conner, pianist; Doug Wheat, keyboard; Robbie York, drums; Monte Angel, guitar and Dawn Killough as vocalist. Sunday, March 22, 2015 the church will celebrate its 125th anniversary. Sunday services will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School. Worship will follow at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Ronnie Prevost of Abilene, Texas, a former Interim Pastor will bring the message. Ken Williams of Belton, Texas, a former Minister of Music will lead the music as well as bring the special music to the service. There will be lunch served at noon, followed by a time of recognition for those who have previously served in the ministry of the church and a time of fellowship with those attending.

Winters One Act Play to offer free show to public

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The Winters High School One Act Play troupe will give a public performance for the community on Sunday, March 22,

2015 at 7 p.m. in the WHS Auditorium. Admission is free.

The group will compete in District competition on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at Stamford in the SHS Audito-

rium and will be the seventh school to perform at approximately 4 p.m. Other schools competing that day will be Anson, Hawley, Stamford, Roscoe, Albany, Hamlin and Haskell. The public may attend the district contest. Admission will be charged at the door

The WHS group will perform this year's contest piece, Dearly Departed. The play was written by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones and is published by Dramatists Play Services.

The beleaguered Turpin family, a dysfunctional group of Southern eccentrics, proves that living and dying below the Mason-Dixon Line in the Baptist backwoods of the Bible Belt, are seldom tidy and always hilarious. Despite their earnest efforts to pull themselves together for their father's funeral, the Turpin's other problems keep overshadowing the solemn occasion.

Firstborn Ray-Bud drinks himself silly as the funeral bills mount; Junior, the younger son, is juggling financial ruin, a pack of no-neck monster kids, and a wife who suspects him of infidelity in the family car; their spinster sister, Delightful, copes with death as she does life, by devouring junk food; and all the neighbors add more than their two cents worth. If that's not enough, Aunt Margurite and her good-for-nothing son Royce join these misfits to offer their condolences at this time of bereavement only to find a not-so-grieving

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Runnels County NRCS accepting conservation applications

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WINTERS — USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Kathy Saunders has announced that applications for funding opportunities with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) are currently being

accepted at the NRCS offices located

at 2000 Hutchings Ave.

NRCS in Texas has received its EQIP funding for Fiscal Year 2015 and will begin ranking and obligating contracts after April 17, 2015. All agriculture producers interested in submitting a contract application for 2015 should do so before this ranking deadline.

EQIP — one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill — is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal regulations.

"EQIP is a valuable tool to help Runnels County's agricultural producers implement conservation

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Kent J. McNeill

December 20, 1958 - March 7, 2015

After a seven year battle with cancer and its effects. Kent J. McNeill, 56, of College Station went to be with his lord and savior on Saturday, March 7, 2015. A

graveside service is scheduled for April 4, 2015 in Albany, Texas. Kent will be laid to rest beside his brother Zane at the Johnson Cemetery at 2 p.m. His son-in-law John Kimbrough will officiate. Cremation services are in the care of Callaway-Jones Funeral Home and Crematory.

Kent was born in Winters, Texas, on December 20, 1958 to Jon and Lavoy King McNeill. He graduated from Winters High School in 1977 and attended

Western Texas College in Snyder where he was a member of the college rodeo team. He worked across the state in the oil and gas industry. Kent loved being with his family. He was a diehard Texas Longhorn fan, enjoyed watching college and professional sports, and enjoyed antiquing. He was a grandpa who lived his life for his grandchildren, Sutton Grenwelge, Jackson Pilosi, Jacob Pilosi, Gus Kimbrough, and Elaina Kimbrough whom he loved very much.

Surviving Kent is his wife Cheryl Grenwelge, his son Shane McNeill, stepson Seth Grenwelge and wife Caroline; stepdaughter Erin Kimbrough and husband John; his twin brother Flent K. McNeill, his sisters Jill McClellan and husband Les, Jan Oden and husband Joe Dan; his grandchildren; and numerous nieces and

Preceding him in death are his parents and his brothers Zane King McNeill and Dickie Jon McNeill. In lieu of flowers/plants memorial donations can be given to: Please include Kent's name as the person you wish to honor with your memorial gift.

All donations to MD Anderson will go to the Children's Cancer Center:

MD Anderson Cancer Center P.O. Box 4486

Houston, TX 77210-4486 www.mdanderson.org/gifts

Donations can be made on line for Hospice of Brazos Valley at http://www.hospicebrazosvalley.org/ donate.html or mailed to Hospice of Brazos Valley, Bryan Office, 502 W. 26th Street, Bryan, TX 77803 or to St. Joseph's Regional Cancer Center, 2215 E Villa Maria Rd, Ste 130, Bryan, TX. 77802.

Expression of condolences can be made at callawayjones.com

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Alvis Waldrop

Alvis Waldrop, 91, of Winters, died March 14, 2015. He was born October 4, 1923 in Content and lived in Runnels County all his life. He served in the Army Air Force during World War 2. He married Dorothy Turnbow February 16, 1946 in Winters. She preceded him in death January 7, 2006. He worked for Runnels County retiring in 1987.

He is survived by two sons and three daughters, David Waldrop of Houston, Johnny Ray Waldrop of Nachadoches, Donna Casares of Andrews, Jessie Lou Waldrop of Ballinger and Doris Hassan and husband Aref of Winters; and 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews and his best buddy, Pete and two special friends, Geraldine Phelps and Ruth Jobe.

He was preceded in death by his wife, one daughter, Opal Stanfield; and two grandsons, Courtney Collom and Colby Geistmann.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday March 18, 2015 at Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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Words seem so inadequate for express our sincere "THANK YOU" to everyone for the many prayers said for Bud during the past year and especially the last three months while he was in the hospital and in the nursing home. It was a such a comfort to have so many people tell us they were praying for us.

Thank you so much for the food brought to us, the visits, phone call, prayer grams, the hugs and expressions of concern.

Thanks to Bro. Heath Powers and Bro. Barry Taylor for their many visits to the hospital and nursing home. Thank you to Bro. Barry Taylor for the wonderful service and to Mike Meyer and Linda Dry for making a difficult time a little easier.

During times like this, friends and family are such a blessing. May we be of help to you in your time of need.

The family of Bud Busher, Kay, Kelli, Kevin and Jonna and all the grandchildren.



NEWS NOTES

Winters Public Library Amenities available for you There are six computers with internet. Also have headphones available. The Winters Public Library is a Wi-fi hot spot. E-Books - free download service available. Conference Room available for meetings with attached kitchen area...just make your reservation to hold the room.. We have over 100 Audio Book CD's...Large Print Books...Aladdin Reader, which is helpful if you require visual help. This machine was donated by Bary Taylor. The Winters Enterprise Newspaper is always available hot off the press! Look for our Face Book site very soon. Also watch for Special Programs each month - held in

the library. We are certainly open for ideas for new programs. Stop by for a visit.

Future of Winters Club

The Winters Area Foundation "Future of Winters Club" will have their annual dinner on April 7 at the High School cafeteria. The speaker for the event is Bill Little, former WHS student and distinguished alumni. Bill has had an illustrious career with the University of Texas and their athletic department.

Membership in the Future of Winters Club is open to any area resident. Annual dues are \$120 and include a steak dinner for two catered by West Texas Rehab's main cook, Archie Jobe. Through the Winters Area Foundation, local organizations have received financial help. Last year, \$5250 was given through scholarships and grants to Winters Child Development, Winters Fire Department, Z.I. Hale Museum, Ministerial Alliance and Winters Public Library. Dues may be sent to Winters Area Foundation, PO Box 211, or by contacting any director. President Gene Wheat, Mike Bedford, Charles Bahlman, Susan Conner, Jill Davis, George Mostad, Jordan Sanchez, Nancy Spill or Armando Tamez.

Winters Public Library

Our next program at the library will be "Landscaping with Flowers" presented by Scott Warren of ACU. Date and time not scheduled yet. We will let you know. Thanks for all the feed back on the last program. Come visit us!

Historical Commission to publish book

The Runnels County Historical Commission is planning to publish a book about the many schools and post offices that have served the county. Over one hundred schools and twenty-eight post offices have been identified in the county.

The information is being compiled with plans to have the book published in the fall of 2015. Much more information is needed about the older, rural schools. School histories are needed for the current schools--Ballinger, Winters, Miles, and Olfen--as well as Wingate, Rowena, and Norton. Pictures are needed, especially from the 1940s to present.

Much information is found in the Rural View published in 1920, but that only covers a short period of school history. Anyone having histories of schools, pictures, or other historical information about Runnels County schools or post offices is encouraged to send the information to Ruth Cooper at jrc@abilene.com or Randall Conner at rconner@wtxs.net or mail to PO Box 211, Winters 79567. The information must be received by June 1, 2015 in order to be included in the book.

4-H Club Rabies Clinic

The Rowena 4-H Club will be hosting their annual Rabies Clinic on Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon at the Rowena Fire Hall in Rowena.

Dr. Matt Belden will be administering the vaccinations. Thank you for supporting the Rowena 4-H Club!

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 Linda at 754-5385.

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

City Council Meetings

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

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.

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 provided after the meeting. The location is the Masonic Lodge building located at 360 South Roberts on Highway 83 South.

Alanon meetings

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church on Monday and Wednesday night at 7 p.m. Enter on Ave A and Seventh St. side.

Alanon is open to all — for family, friends of alcoholics or drugs including relationship issues and all other forms of addiction. For more info call (325) 365 2323.

Sobriety First AA Group

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous Group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, Ballinger, every Monday and Friday at 7 p.m. Please use the Ave. A and Seventh St. entrance. For more information please contact the church at (325) 365 2323.

Runnels Co Alzheimer Support Group

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer Support Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and care

There is no charge and this is a public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer Association.

40th annual Colorado River Bikefest

The Ballinger Noon Lions Club 40th Colorado River Bike Fest is coming up on April 25. Categories for the annual ride are 100K, 60K, and 30K. A fun run/walk/ ride 5K will be held also. Entry forms can be found at www.ballingernoonlions.org. Free T-shirts to the first 100 entrants. This event is held during our annual Ethnic Festival each year. Come and enjoy Ballinger for

Proceeds benefit blindness programs worldwide. We also support the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville for diabetic and handicapped children also know worldwide, eyeglass recycling which is done here in Texas and many other projects. We thank you for your past support and hope to see you again this year.

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widow trying to cope with her family and funeral arrangements. As the situation becomes fraught with mishap, Ray-Bud says to his long-suffering wife, "When I die, don't tell nobody; just bury me in the backyard and tell everybody I left you." Amidst the chaos, the Turpins turn for comfort to their friends and neighbors, a community of misfits who just manage to pull together and help each other through their hours of need, and finally, the funeral.

This year's cast includes: seniors Ashley Guy as Aunt Marguerite; Armando Rodriguez as

Ray-Bud Turpin; Kimble Bridgeman as Junior Turpin; Stephon Cleghorn as alternate; Daryl Hagle created sound effects and Adreanna Lopez, Elisabeth Wenzel and Gabriella Reyes are crew members. From the junior class Daniel Gerhart portrays Norval. Sophomores in the play include Brooklyn Gallaway as Raynelle Turpin; K'Lee Lindley as Veda; Alex Hernandez as Bud Turpin; A.J. Smith as Royce; and Sean Mooney as Reverend Hooker. Freshman cast members are Brenna Knight as Lucille Turpin; Baily Knight as Suzanne Turpin; Aimee Green plays Delightful Turpin; Cha-Cha Lovelace portrays Juanita; and Lucero Vega is a crew member.

By Talpa Bob

First a few words from Maureen:

After the weather turned decent, HM and I made some trips out to do the shopping that had been necessary. Ballinger took some of their money and Coleman invited them to spend more in that direction. HM's daughter Viv and family left for Ohio to visit Jeff's family. Viv is taking 60 "wordless book" dolls as far as Missouri on their way to a mission field in Nicaragua She hopes the weather holds out for them.

It has been quiet out here the past few weeks. The cold weather finally let up and with the bright sun and moisture (wasn't rain) the weeds are doing well. So, got the lawn mower out and pulled and pulled. Finally got it started but it wouldn't stay running. Took the cover off and saw that the air cleaner was just a ball of dirt. No need to even try to clean that nasty thing up. Will get a new one and it will run just fine. Got the weed whacker out and with a fresh tank of gas it started right up. I got around the house, the side yard fence and out by the

Just as I was walking out toward the storage building here comes a flock of Guinea hens. They sure are loud just to be walking around. H.M was telling me tonight that they eat ticks. So, I guess they can come by and eat all the ticks they want. Hope they develop a taste for fleas. I got bitten several times while running the weed eater. Surprised that we have any so soon after a good freeze like we got.

And so it goes in out quiet little corner of Coleman

Talpa Bob



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Blizzards baseball takes on Hawley, Grape Creek

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The Winters Blizzards took the field twice last week and came away with a 1-1 record after games against Grape Creek and Hawley.

Winters put on a hitting clinic against Hawley posting 19 hits and seven runs in the first two innings as the Blizzards came out on top 15-13. However, Hawley didn't back down and posted one run in the 7th inning narrowing Winters' lead to two before the Blizzards shook the nerves and posted the win.

The Blizzards fell to Grape Creek 14-7 in a contest that saw Winters commit seven errors. Even though the scoreboard showed a large margin of victory, Winters kept up with Grape Creek under the hits column charts posting 10 hits compared to Grape Creek's 11 and also led 2-0 at the end of the first before giving up 14 unan-

Also getting some work in on the diamond were the Winters Lady Blizzards who also took on Grape Creek. However, the Lady Blizzards suffered the same fate as



Winters Lady Blizzard catcher Brooklyn Galloway brings in a foul ball for an out against Grape Creek last week. Grape Creek won the contest 11-0.

Basketball All-District

After enduring an up and down season the Winters Blizzards basketball team was well represented when the All-District 7-2A teams were announced. Those receiving recognition included:

First All-District: Daryl Hagle, Senior **Second Team All-District:** Lukas Kraatz, Senior **Honorable Mention:** Kimble Bridgeman, Senior Jake Brock, Senior Daniel Gerhart, Senior **Academic All-District:** Kimble Bridgeman, Senior Jake Brock, Senior Brady Calcote Jr, Junior Daniel Gerhart, Junior Daryl Hagle, Senior Lukas Kraatz, Senior Jonathan Sandoval, Junior Christian Tamez, Senior

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Blizzards senior David Torres makes an important block on a low pitch versus Hawley. See more photos on page 6.

CAFETERIA MENU Subject to Change*

March 23-27

Winters ISD **Breakfast Menu**

Monday Breakfast Taco or Cereal w/Graham

Cracker, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk. Tuesday

Pancakes or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Pear, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday Breakfast Burrito or Cereal w/Gra-

ham Cracker, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday Sausage Roll or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Orange, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Friday Blueberry Muffin or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Mixed Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Winters ISD **Lunch Menu**

Monday

Chef Salad or Lasagna Graham Cracker (HS) or Grilled Chicken/Bun, Peas & Carrots, Baked Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Diced Pears, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday

Chef Salad or Corn Dog or Chicken Nuggets/Gravy/Graham Cracker (Elem., JH) (HS) Breadstick, Mac-N-Cheese, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

ad or Chicken Falita or Frito Pie, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Coleslaw, Tropical fruit, Choice of Milk.

Thursday

Chef Salad or Chicken Fried Steak/ Gravy/Graham Cracker (Elem., JH) Breadstick (HS) or Chicken Pattie/Bun, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Choice of Milk.

Friday

Chef Salad or Hamburger or Chicken Tenders/Gravy, Oven fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Apple, Choice of Milk.

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Weather Whys

Q: Some days, it's very breezy, and other days, there seems to be no wind at all. What causes

A: There are several reasons why it's windy one day, and calm the next, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Wind is caused by air flowing from an area of high pressure to an area of low pressure, he explains. "Add to that the rotation of the Earth," he adds. "The Earth's rotation also affects air flow. And during daylight hours, the heat from the ground causes a convective reaction to occur, meaning heat is moving away from the Earth's surface and sunlight causes an excess of energy buildup. At night, the convection is much less, meaning winds die down. Nature is always trying to balance things out, and the result of trying to balance and equalize pressure from one area to another results in wind."

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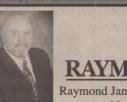
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Texas Senate gives 1st-round OK to open carry of handguns

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AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Senate gave preliminary approval Monday to a measure that would make the Lone Star State the largest in the country to allow licensed open carry of handguns.

Gun rights advocates call the measure an important self-defense and Second Amendment issue that would put Texas in line with most of the rest of the country. But opponents say openly carrying guns intimidates the general public.

The 20-11 party-line vote was muscled through by Republicans. It was the first major gun rights vote of the session, and several more pushes on the issue are likely. A final vote on open carry to send the bill to the House is expected Tuesday, when the Senate is also expected to vote on allowing concealed handgun license holders to carry their weapons into college buildings and classrooms.

While most states allow some form of open carry, Texas, Florida, New York, California, Illinois and South Carolina still ban it. Among those, Texas easily has the most gun-friendly reputation. From manufacturers to dealers, Texas has the most federal firearms license holders in the country. It has few restrictions on gun ownership, and the state has actively lobbied gun makers to move to the state.

Texas also allows the public display of long guns, such as rifles and shotguns, and open carry advocates have staged high-profile rallies at the Alamo and state Capitol. Concealed handguns are allowed inside the Capitol, where license holders can bypass metal detectors.

But the state has also had a 140-year ban on open

carry, a prohibition dating to the post-Civil War era that disarmed former Confederate soldiers and freed slaves alike.

The bill passed by the Senate still requires Texans to get a license to carry a handgun. Texas has nearly 850,000 concealed handgun license holders under a process that requires classroom and gun range training, although lawmakers have lowered those standards in recent years.

License holders would have to carry their weapon either in a shoulder or belt holster with a choice to conceal the weapon or not. Business owners would still have the right to ban weapons from their premises, and open carry would not be allowed on

"These people have been vetted and trained," Estes said. "I think it's time we let them decide which way they want to carry.'

Sen. John Whitmire, a Democrat, said he voted for a concealed carry bill in 1995, but called open carry an unnecessary step that will introduce the public presence of guns into urban areas such as Houston and Dallas, two of the largest cities in the country. Whitmire noted that law enforcement groups have largely opposed open carry.

Open carry opponents, such as Moms Demand Action for Gun Safety in America, say carrying guns on the street is more about intimidation than selfdefense and gun rights.

The bill passed Monday is not the so-called "constitutional carry" measure, which would allow open carry without a license. That separate measure drew heated debate and raised concerns when the session began in January when advocates confronted a House lawmaker in his Capitol office.

Second teen gets life term for San Angelo double slaying

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — A second San Angelo teenager has been sentenced to life in prison for the 2013 fatal shooting of two people during an argument at a party.

Johnny Garcia pleaded guilty Monday to capital murder. The 19-year-old Garcia was sentenced to life in prison without

parole in the attack at a San Angelo apartment.

Daniel Uvalle (yoo-VY'-ay) was convicted last month of capital murder in the deaths of 22-year-olds Tabitha Freeman and Alvaro Carrillo Jr.

Uvalle was 17 at the time of the shootings. He's now 18, was tried as an adult and eligible for parole in 40 years.

Texas law does not allow life in prison without parole for a defendant who was 17 at the time of a slaying. Garcia was 18 at the time of the killings.

MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY DAY

SAN ANGELO, TX. - U.S. Representative K. Michael Conaway (R-Texas) invites area high school students interested in attending a military service academy to an Academy Day event, from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2015. The Academy Day will be held at Angelo State University, MCS Building, Room 100, 2200 Dena Drive, San Angelo, TX. Academy Liaison Officers,

ROTC Representatives and others will be on hand to meet with prospective stu-dents and their families. The Academy Day program will feature information about the nomination process involved

in securing academy appoint-

Students who reside in the 11th Congressional District are encouraged to submit their applications in the spring of their junior year of high school to Congressman Conaway at his San Angelo Regional Office. Deadline for completed applications to be received for the Class of 2020 (entering the Academy Summer of 2016) will be October 9, 2015. Congressional staff members will be at the Academy Day event to assist prospective applicants. For more information about service academy nominations, please visit Congressman Conaway's

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'The Sound of Music' film celebrates a golden anniversary

NEW YORK (AP) — The hills are alive with the sound of a big, lucrative anniversary

The 1965 Oscar-winning film adaptation of the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" is celebrating its 50th birthday this year and its star Julie Andrews can't quite believe it.

'This is a lovely moment to mark. I've been saying all along it's like a very bad joke because surely it was only 30 years ago — not 50," she said. "I feel I lost 20 somewhere along the way. A little thing called life got in the way.

The movie that popularized whiskers on kittens and warm woolen mittens isn't holding back on its golden anniversary: There are events, DVDs, books, soundtracks and screen-

Other American movie musicals may be revered — "Cabaret" and "West Side Story," for example - but few are as beloved as "The Sound of Music." Andrews, 79, thinks she knows why.

This one stuck because it was very well made with beautiful music and a lot of glorious assets like scenery and mountains and children and an adventure story and a love story and all of that," she said.

To honor the milestone, 20th Century Fox is releasing a five-disc Blue-ray/DVD collection, the soundtrack is being re-released, and the film will be screened at the

TCM Classic Film Festival in Hollywood later this month and over 500 movie theaters in April.

Four new books about the film are being published, and there's a Diane Sawyer-led "20/20" special airing on ABC at 10 p.m. **EDT Wednesday featuring** an interview with Andrews in Austria, where the story was set. Princess Cruises will also celebrate the anniversary with special screenings and sing-

The musical and movie are a fictionalized account of the life of Maria von Trapp and tell the story of a 1930s governess who teaches her charges to sing and falls in love with her employer, naval captain Georg von Trapp, and the family's flight before World War II.

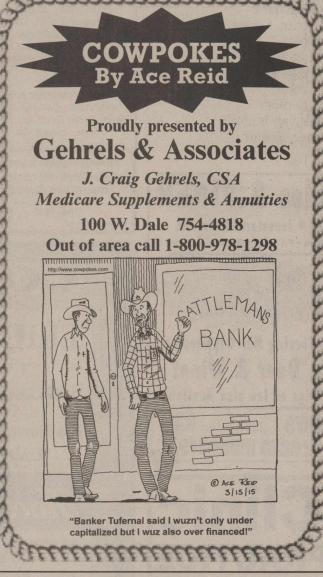
Angela Cartwright, who played Brigitta von Trapp, said cast members have gone through ups and downs and births and deaths during the past 50 years but "when we all get together, we pick up where we left off."

"It was an honor to be a part of such a great movie," she said. "When we were filming it, we had no idea that it was going to last and be so successful. It was such a charmed part

of my life." Not everyone is reveling in the film anniversary with the same fervency, especially her 85-year-old co-star Christopher Plummer, who played Captain von Trapp and has in the past derisively called the

film "The Sound of Mucus." "I've never really knocked the movie; I just knocked the experience of playing a part which I didn't think was very exciting, that's all," he said. "I thought I was the cat's meow and this was very much inferior stuff.

Andrews doesn't begrudge Plummer his view and the two have remained buddies. In fact, Plummer's less-than-earnest performance may have helped the movie.









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The San Angelo Area Foundation is partnering with local nonprofits, connecting donors to high-impact organizations that enrich our local culture and solve the most critical community challenges. "We truly believe that every donation, no matter how large or small, makes a

difference in our area," said Matt Lewis, President & CEO of the San Angelo Area Foundation. "San Angelo Gives is a way to support nonprofit organizations who work tirelessly and selflessly to keep communities across the Concho Valley vital and strong."

Donations made through the San Angelo Gives website (www.sanangelogives.org) will be amplified by more than \$100 thousand dollars already raised by the San Angelo Area Foundation, increasing each gift made on May 5th. Nonprofits will be eligible to win cash prizes throughout the day making San Angelo Gives a fun and exciting way to raise money in our community. The San Angelo Area Foundation is encouraging everyone in the community to be a philanthropist by giving to their favorite charities on May 5th and be part of the largest day of giving in the San Angelo area.

Nonprofit organizations who wish to participate in San Angelo Gives must complete an online profile at www.sanangelogives.org by April 1, 2015.

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practices that provide environmental benefits to help sustain agricultural operations," says Saunders.

EQIP is a continuous sign-up program that allows landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices. The deadline for the first 2015 funding allocation is April 17, 2015. Contracts are offered periodically depending on budgetary allocations. Applications made after the deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide higher cost efficiency.

EQIP offers technical and financial help to install or implement structural, vegetative, and management practices that can benefit the soil, water, air,

plants, livestock, and wildlife. Each county in the state is funded yearly to assist producers financially with these land management practices.

Last year, NRCS in Texas funded over 3,400 EQIP contracts with \$82 million to accomplish conservation practices such as irrigation efficiency, minimum tillage, brush management and more on 1.8 million acres across the entire state.

In addition to helping our environment, Farm Bill conservation program funds support rural communities. In Texas, it is estimated that each dollar of NRCS and private matching expenditures on NRCS conservation programs generates an additional \$2.54 in sales of goods and services locally.

For more information, including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office in Ballinger at (325) 365-3415 ext3. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Masonic Lodge golden year service award

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Ballinger Masonic Lodge #643
A.F. & A.M. was honored to
present the 50 Year Service
Award to Brother O.J. Murray
for his continuous service in
Masonry. Pictured (L-R) is Mrs.
Jackie Murray, Brother O.J.
Murray and District Deputy
Steve Schlittler of District 105.
RW Schlittler presented the
award to Brother Murray on
March 2, 2015 at an open ceremony at Ballinger Lodge.



BLIZZARDS BASEBALL



Second basemen Jordan Hamrick fields a ball in Friday's 14-7 loss against Grape Creek.



Senior Luke Kraatz makes contact with a pitch against Hawley last week.



PHOTOS: JOE GERHART Batter Daryl Hagle dodges a close inside pitch during play over the weekend versus Hawley.

For that yard sale There is nothing better than an ad in



Catcher Kyler Richards make a tag at home plate to save a run in last Friday's game versus Grape Creek.



Infielder Daniel Gerhart makes the tag on a Grape Creek bas-



