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Z.I. Hale Museum's 'Memories of Times Past' festival this Saturday

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

Saturday's Memories of Times Past "Spring Festival" will have something for the whole family.

At least one of the sights, sounds or smells around the festival will please everyone in your family, whether it's some great food or just a great activity.

There is no admission to come look, take pictures and enjoy the day. At this family friendly event we will have the 200 block of West Dale, Winters, Texas closed to through auto traffic, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on

Saturday.

The event will have on display a lot of old relics but will also have some of the newest and latest available to see as well.

The auto show will have everything from what your grandfather drove to the newest vehicles on the road. Some of the autos will be shown in their original or original restored state, while other vehicles will have been modified or changed in unbelievable ways. There will also be some 'Just Plain Janes' available to see. The whole family will also have a chance to vote on their favorite vehicles in show.

Motorcycles will be shiny and noisy and will come in all different classes. Some will have two wheels while others will have three; some will be vintage and some will be just off the showroom floor.

In between all of these activities, there will be different individuals and groups playing music during the day. At 7:30 p.m. the dance band will take over for a street dance until 10:30 p.m..

The festival has enlisted "Lone Star Lead and Lace" to come help Winters celebrate it's 125th Birthday. They are an act Out of the Old West with their period dress costumes and staged gun fights. Actors will be accepting fast draw contestants so come and try your speed.

Tractors will also be on display. The drivers will be using their tractors to test their driving skills. The String Olympics will test the driver's skills in driving a straight line, stopping close to the fence, backing up and running the slow race. Come watch the Olympics and vote for your favorite.

There will also be new and old aprons on display in the Rock Hotel. A silent auction will take place on the front porch and pies and drinks will be served out back.

Over in the Gus Pruser Agriculture Exhibit there will be information and demonstra-



tion booths. One of the booths will be the Texas Department of Transportation's "Impaired Driver Simulator". How good a driver will you be trying to text and drive?

The goal of the Z. I. Hale Museum's Memories of Times Past "Spring Festival" is to raise funds for the museum's financial needs. The museum hopes that families from far and wide will come and help achieve the museum's goal.

Donated merchandise will also be sold in the Rock Hotel's Silent Auction and Gift Shop. There will have a raffle for a \$450 Dinner and Movie Pack-

age that includes a \$300 Perini Ranch Steakhouse gift card, a \$100 credit card and a Tom Perini Cookbook. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

The new Chick-Inn will be serving 50s fare: burgers, hotdogs and other stuff, the Rock Hotel will be serving Pie by the Slice with drinks and the Cowboy Church Chuck Wagon will be serving food cooked over wood fires. The Chuck Wagon will also be letting the kids roast their own hot dog wienie and marshmallow over a camp fire.

All proceeds will be used for the maintenance and up keep of the Z. I. Hale Museum Complex.



Sheriff's Department purchases WOLFCOM VISION™ PLUS police body cameras

SPECIAL TO THE
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RUNNELS COUNTY, TX- The Runnels County Sheriff's Office recently purchased 6 WOLFCOM VISION PLUS police body cameras for \$1,499.94.

"We want to provide high quality body cameras at an affordable price so all law enforcement departments can utilize them. Police body cameras need to be used because they benefit the police officers as well as the citizens in the community. The use of body cameras gives the community transparency and in return, the community will have more trust toward officers," said WOLFCOM CEO Tiffany Wang.

Deputy Steven Gray says it was an easy decision for the department, "We had a grant and it seemed like a good idea at the time with all that was going on in the news," said Gray. The department was all in favor of the purchase of the cameras and did extensive comparison and research online. "Our officers like the ease of use, HD quality and rotatable camera lens of the WOLFCOM VISION cameras," said Gray.

Even though the department just received their cameras, Gray says the offers like using them. "Some other officers from other departments have seen our videos and said that the quality was real good."

Gray says the department has not had any major incidents yet where the cameras have documented

a major case, but he sees where having video would be helpful. "It's basically a witness. Once you have video that should cover everything... people's stories can change, but the video doesn't," said Gray.

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BLIZZARDS BASEBALL GETS WIN OVER SAN SABA

PHOTOS BY JOE GERHART

The Winters Blizzards took on San Saba last week and squeaked away with a 5-4 win. The star of the game was pitcher Daniel Gerhart who pitched nine innings in the match-up and also recorded 17 strikeouts.

LEFT: Junior pitcher Daniel Gerhart brings the heat with a fastball against San Saba. Gerhart pitched nine innings to complete the game.

BELOW: Senior shortstop Ty Cortez tags out a San Saba runner trying to steal second base.



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Gifted/Talented Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the Winters Elementary Gifted/Talented program, 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 May 8, 2015.

Los nombramientos para el programa de gifted/talented se están tomando para el grado primero-cuatro. Los padres que desean nominar a un niño/una niña pueden recoger una forma en la oficina elemental. Regrese las formas a la escuela antes May 8, 2015.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Join other members of the community Friday, April 10th at 12 noon on the Courthouse lawn for our Pinwheel Ceremony which emphasizes our community-wide effort to prevent child abuse. The Ballinger Elementary 5th graders are assisting us with our ceremony. Everyone is encouraged to wear "blue" that day to show we care for the children of Runnels County.

Winters Spring Festival

Do you have an apron or two you would like to see hanging in the Rock Hotel? An apron show will take place on April 18. For more information, contact Wanda Brewer at 754-5313.

Winters Public Library

April 17th at 6:30 Friday evening, Mr. Rusty McLen will conduct a program on "Understanding the Button Pushing Problems Between Kids and Parents". Supervised entertainment for kids with their parents. Don't miss this opportunity to attend this free important session.

Visit your library and check out the new arrivals. If you have a certain author that you like...let us know and we will do our best to order your author's books.

This is your library and we are here to serve YOU! Watch the Winters Enterprise for future programs.

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.

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

Central Texas Nursing and Rehab students complete nurse aide training

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

Seven new nurse aides joined the healthcare team as they completed a nurse aide class on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at Central Texas Nursing and Rehab with a graduation and celebration.

Four of them will work at the Central Texas Nursing and Rehab facility and three will go on to work at Oakridge Nursing in Brownwood.

They now are waiting to take their state certification test to become a Certified Nurse Aide.

The class consisted of the required 100 hour curriculum with both classroom and clinical aspects.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED
The seven individuals who graduated as nurse aides included (front row, left to right) Selina Ayala, JoAnne Flores, Tawnee Cavazos, RN Instructor Breanna Baker Amanda Rodriguez, (back row) Maria Pospichal, Nadia Ayala and Primo Reyes.

by June 1, 2015 in order to be included in the book.

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.

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.

AA Meetings

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

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 caregiver perspective.

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 a day.

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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SpaceX launches cargo capsule, fails to nail rocket landing

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AP AEROSPACE WRITER

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — SpaceX launched a shipment of groceries to the International Space Station on Tuesday, including the first espresso maker bound for orbit. But the company's third attempt to land the left-over booster on an ocean platform failed.

SpaceX chief Elon Musk wrote via Twitter that the first-stage booster rocket landed but then tipped over. He wants to reuse the rockets rather than discard them in the ocean to reduce launch costs.

Despite improvements to the booster and landing platform, Musk still had predicted a less than 50 percent chance of success

for the latest effort. He and other company officials repeatedly stressed that the landing test was secondary to getting the Dragon capsule into orbit.

Indeed, NASA congratulated SpaceX on Tuesday's "picture-perfect" launch, delayed a day by stormy weather. Images beamed down from orbit showed the protective covering popping off the Dragon and the two solar wings unfolding, like a newborn chick.

The supply ship holds more than 4,000 pounds of food, science experiments and equipment for the six space station astronauts. At liftoff time, the orbiting lab was soaring over Australia. The delivery should arrive Friday. "We watched live!" Italian astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti said in a tweet. "Amazing to think that in 3 days #Dragon will be knocking on our door."

The specially designed espresso machine is for Cristoforetti, who has been stuck with American instant coffee since she arrived at the space station in November. The Italians in charge of the project hope to revolutionize coffee-drinking in space.

SpaceX, meanwhile, hopes to transform the rocket business by eventually landing the first-stage booster on a platform floating a few hundred miles off Florida's northeastern coast, near Jacksonville.

The booster was programmed, following separation 2½ minutes after

liftoff, to flip around and fly to the platform dubbed "Just Read the Instructions."

The goal, a vertical touchdown, eluded Musk in January and February. The steering system ran out of hydraulic fluid on the first try, and the booster slammed into the platform and exploded. Rough seas scrapped the second shot. Improvements to both the booster and platform followed, but apparently were not enough.

This was the second launch attempt for this mission, SpaceX's seventh supply run for NASA.

The Dragon — the only supply ship capable of returning items intact — will remain at the space station until around May 21.

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Winters Public Library parenting program tomorrow night

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Friday, April 17 will be an exciting and informative evening at the Winters Public Library. John "Rusty" McLen, MMFT, LMFT, counselor from Abilene will be the speaker.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED
John "Rusty" McLen will speak at the Winters Public Library Friday, April 17. The content will feature his program "Understanding the Button Pushing Problems Between Kids and Parents."

His program "Understanding the Button Pushing Problems Between Kids and Parents" will be held at the library at 6:30 p.m. Kids are welcome to come with their parents. There will be supervised entertainment and refreshments provided by the library.

McLen earned his Bachelor of Arts in Bible and his Masters of Marriage and Family Therapy at Abilene Christian University.

From 1989 to 2002, he was the Counseling Minister at Hillcrest Church of Christ in Abilene. From 2002 to 2011, he was in private practice and co-founder and Executive Director of the Texas Family Institute.

At the present, McLen has a full-time private practice in Abilene. His specialties include: marriage therapy; parenting adolescents and adult children; counseling victims of sexual abuse; counseling Christians in matters of faith; anger management and communication skills.

A Vietnam veteran, he served in the U.S. Air Force as a crew chief and flight engineer from 1968 to 1976.

The community is fortunate to have Mr. McLen offering his services. Please take advantage of his expertise and the opportunity to take part in this free program.

If you need additional information contact the library 325-754-4251.

Aggie Muster set for April 21

WINERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

Former Students of Texas A & M University will assemble in Ballinger on Tuesday, April 21 for the annual Texas Aggie Muster, announced Muster Chair Brad Teplicek.

The Muster will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Acapulco Restaurant in Ballinger. Muster is open to all former students and their families, parents of students and friends of Texas A & M.

Texas A & M is in its "Second Century of Greatness" and since 1876, Texas A & M has grown from a small Land Grant College to one of the leading research and educational institutions in the world, now holding the distinction of sea and

space grants as well.

The Muster tradition is more than 100 years old. More than 400 Musters will be held around the world this year, mentioned Muster Chair Brad Teplicek.

During wars, Aggies mustered in foxholes, on the battlefield, aboard ships, in airplanes and in medical hospitals. In World War II, a Muster was held on Corregidor Island shortly before the Japanese captured it in 1942.

Every Muster ceremony is the same. Texas Aggies pay their respects to all those who are absent because of death since the last Muster. When the names of the honored dead are called from the Muster Roll, a friend of the deceased answers, "Here."

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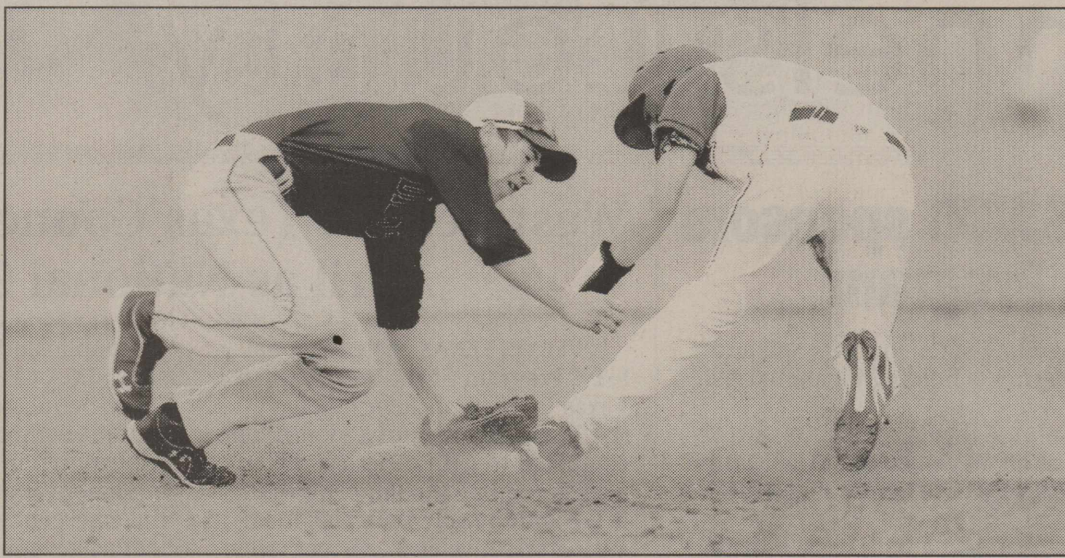


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JOE GERHART

Winters senior baserunner Daryl Hagle beats a tag after stealing second base during last week's game against San Saba.

CAFETERIA MENU Subject to Change*

April 20 - 24

Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

- Monday**
Breakfast Taco or cereal w/Graham Cracker, Pineapple, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Tuesday**
Pancakes or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Diced Pears, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Wednesday**
Breakfast Burrito or Cereal w/ Graham Cracker, Mandarin Oranges, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Thursday**
Sausage Roll or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Friday**
Blueberry Muffin or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Mixed fruit, Fruit Juice, 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, Mixed Fruit, Choice of Milk.
- Tuesday**
Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak or Chicken Tenders, Broccoli w/Cheese, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.
- Wednesday**
Chef Salad or Grilled Cheese or Bean & Cheese Burrito, Corn, 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 Fries/Gravy, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Apple, Choice of Milk.

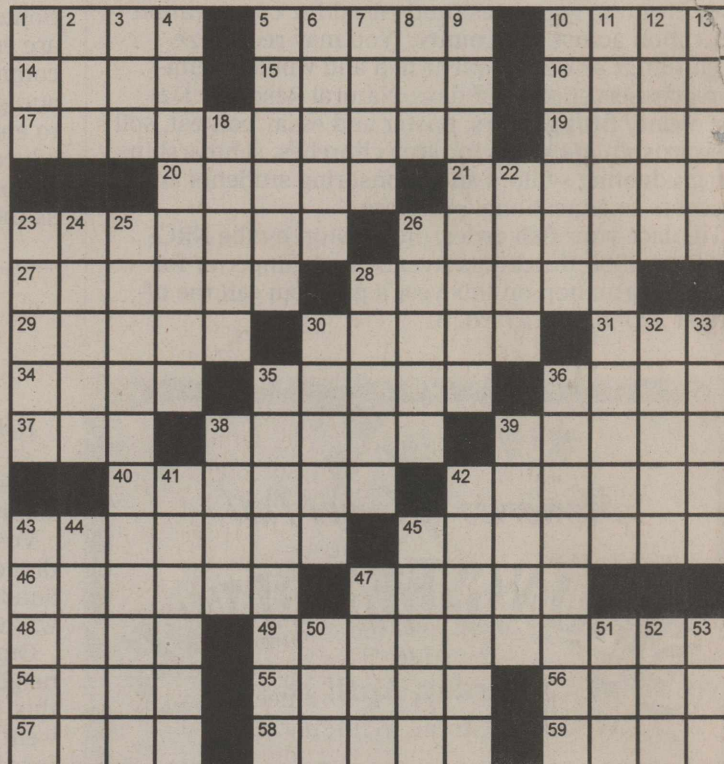
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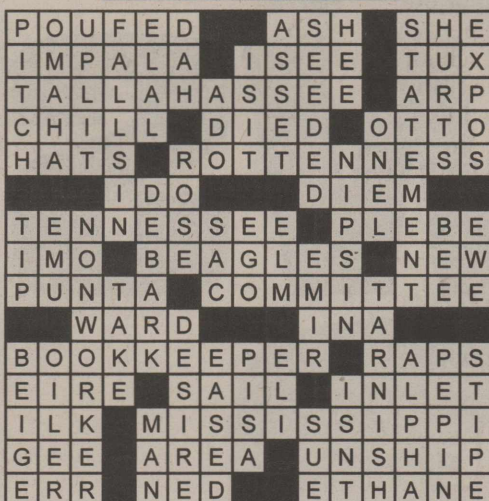
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- 16 Bring on, as a new coach
- 17 Fake embroidery?
- 19 Exam format
- 20 Man in a box
- 21 Conductor Antal
- 23 Made engravings
- 26 Scout's spike
- 27 Rang, as a bell
- 28 Nickname of baseball's Leo Durocher
- 29 "I ___ return!"
- 30 Like the ten o'clock scholar
- 31 Set the price
- 34 Tends to the lawn
- 35 Romanian river
- 36 He or she: Abbr.
- 37 Bleating female
- 38 Yet
- 39 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Tim
- 40 Insecticide made from the powdered roots
- 42 The Pooh
- 43 Tops
- 45 Minerals used in paints
- 46 Entertainer Goldberg
- 47 Designate
- 48 Mom's sister
- 49 Haircuts?
- 54 Timber-to-be
- 55 Piscivorous fliers
- 56 Snug corner
- 57 Checked items
- 58 ___-thon (literary event)



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- 1 It has an Apple menu
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- 3 Refuse to fold
- 4 bird with a serrate beak
- 5 Fled suddenly
- 6 Sounded amazed
- 7 Eros, in Rome
- 8 Rest area?
- 9 Certificates issued to property purchasers
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- 11 Smog?
- 12 Jabber
- 13 Baseball boss Bud
- 18 Picasso's prop
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- 24 "Keep dreaming"
- 25 Vandalized art work?
- 26 Heaved, as a football
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Q: Which state has the most thunderstorms?

A: The answer is Florida, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Florida has all of the right ingredients for thunderstorms – especially warm, humid air and heat. "Because of its large coastline and its warm temperatures, Florida has more thunderstorms than any other state," McRoberts explains. "National Weather Service data shows it has more than 100 thunderstorm days each year, the most in the United States. It is also one of the most frequent places for lightning strikes in the world."

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Runnels SWCD sponsors Fish Program

It's time for fish, fingerling size. Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District is holding its annual fish sale this year.

The program will continue through April 28, 2015 with delivery of the fish on May 6, 2015 at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 2000 Hutchings Avenue in Ballinger.

Available species are channel catfish, bass, bluegill sunfish, red ear perch, crappie, minnows (fathead or shiner), and sterile grass carp (available with TP&WD permit) (visit NRCS office for information).

The vendor will provide bags, air and water necessary to transport your fish to their destination.

The Fish Program in addition to the Windbreak Tree Program generates funds used for conservation education across our county. You may recognize such things as our frequent fish and wildlife seminars, conservation field days, Natural Resource Day for county fifth graders, poster and essay contest, soil stewardship materials for area churches, scholarships for graduating seniors and sponsoring students and teachers to educational seminars.

To place your fish order, please stop by the NRCS office at 2000 Hutchings Avenue in Ballinger or for more information on this year's program call the office at 325-365-3415 ext. 3.

West Central Texas Council of Governments recognizes April as National 9-1-1 Education Month

ABILENE, TEXAS - The Regional 9-1-1 Program of the West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG) has begun a month-long campaign to help Americans of all ages recognize the importance of 9-1-1 and the role they play in ensuring effective and efficient emergency response in times of crisis. Groups including the United States Congress and the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), a leading public safety association, have also recognized April as National 9-1-1 Education Month, and are encouraging the media, the 9-1-1 community, the wireless industry, and public information providers to engage in 9-1-1 awareness and education activities this month.

"For forty years, 9-1-1 has served as the vital link between the Ameri-

can public and emergency services," said NENA CEO, Brian Fontes. "Public education and awareness initiatives throughout the years have contributed in large measure to the incredible and ongoing success of the emergency communications system as a whole. It is our hope that all groups interested in promoting and enhancing the safety and welfare of the public will help deliver critical 9-1-1 messages this month."

As consumers utilize new communications technologies and devices, 9-1-1 education takes on an increased importance for everyone, but especially for children, teens, and parents. Joe Rogers, Director of the WCTCOG's Regional 9-1-1 Program says: "It is vital that those who disseminate 9-1-1 information have the tools to educate the citizens that

the 9-1-1 system serves, especially in light of an ever-evolving telecommunications market."

NENA has also made a number of public safety educational resources for the media, 9-1-1 professionals, public educators, and citizens available via its National 9-1-1 Education Month webpage, <http://www.nena.org/education/911-education-resources>, including an E-Brochure entitled Making 9-1-1 Work for YOU!. The brochure is designed to provide essential information to the general public, children, teens, and parents about the 9-1-1 system and emergency response.

For more information about the WCTCOG Regional 9-1-1 Program, go to: http://www.wctcog.org/wctcog/911_index.php.

HERE IN TALPA

By Talpa Bob

Hello to All:

First a few words from Maureen:

Voss Baptist enjoyed dinner after church on Sunday and all agreed, it was way too much food.

Our good friend and neighbor passed from this. World on Friday. We went to the funeral home for visitation on Sunday evening and to his funeral on Monday morning.

Been a quiet week out here. Last weekend, Judy went to OK to have Easter with The Baby, a week late. The Baby doesn't know that the Easter Bunny is late so it didn't matter to her. They had a good time as there were a couple of "cousins" about the same age. Judy got a ton of pictures and videos of them putting eggs in each others baskets. Then on Sunday I drove to meet them half way, which is about Seymour, TX ... maybe not miles but in driving time.

Her grandson, Blake, drove her there from Verden OK.

Well, no way to ease into some subjects. Went to another funeral today. Phillip Davis passed on last Friday. The funeral was at Lange funeral home in Ballinger. There were about 15 family members and a like number of friends from Talpa and around. There was to be a private burial. Phillip was a painter by profession but more will remember him from his last endeavor, The Talpa Pit

Stop and Grill. It was not in business all that long but that sign out by the highway was known from Dallas to Houston. The food was good and Friday nights Phil had "all the fried catfish" you can eat. For a few months, that was the only social gathering place in Talpa. Phillip was a good man and he will be missed.

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Talpa Bob

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VETERAN'S CORNER

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is updating their Schedule for Rating Disabilities (VASRD, or Rating Schedule), which will modernize and improve the delivery of disability benefits to veterans. The VASRD governs how VA claims processors evaluate the severity of disabilities. Updating the VASRD is

essential to better reflect modern medicine, clarify rating criteria, help VA claims processors make more consistent decisions with greater ease, and ensure greater understanding of VA decisions. While the VA has routinely updated parts of the VASRD, it has not systematically updated the entire VASRD since 1945. A working

group of specialized physicians (VA and non-VA), stakeholders (including members of Veterans Service Organizations), and claims processors review each system and provide analysis to assist the VA in developing changes. The updated Rating Schedule may afford some veterans with service-connected disabilities an increase in their disability evaluation based on the new rating criteria. Federal statutes prohibit the VA from reducing the disability evaluations of veterans who are already service-connected due solely to changes in the rating criteria. If a claim or an appeal is awaiting a decision when the VA publishes the final updated rating criteria, the VA will apply the criteria previously in effect and may continue to apply those criteria, if more favorable to the veteran, after the new criteria becomes effective. The VA will apply the new criteria for periods after their effective date if more favorable to the veteran. Claims processors using the Rating Schedule will receive training on recognizing how and when to apply its updates, as well as on its significant changes. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm, or call 365-3612.

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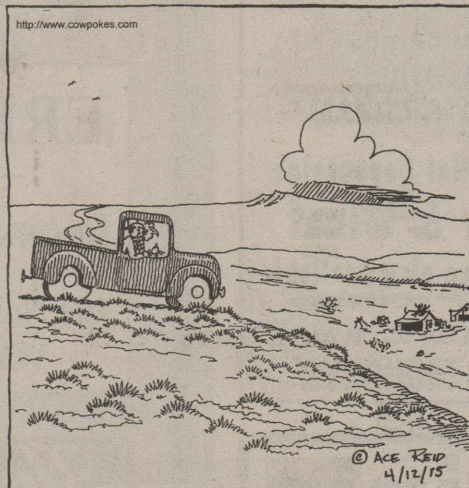
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Health Watch: Combat common running and walking ailments

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TIP OF THE WEEK

If running or walking is your workout of choice, nothing is worse than an ache or pain. The good news? With a smart plan and a few simple strategies, you combat these common and annoying ailments. Time to finally put shin splints, side stitches and muscle cramps to bed and get on with your workout.

Shin splints: Shin splints aren't only a nuisance, but they are seriously painful, too. Tiny tears that occur around your shinbone are to blame. The first step in avoiding this ailment altogether is to pace yourself. Periodically switch to running or walking on grass, gravel or sand instead of hard pavement to reduce the shock that travels through your legs.

Also, make sure you are wearing a good quality pair of running shoes with proper support.

Side stitches: Although the cause of side stitches has yet to be proven by science, a few strategies can decrease your chances of experiencing this annoying ailment. Avoid eating within an hour of running and hydrate your body with water instead of sugary drinks. Never take off on a run without a proper warm-up. Walk briskly for a few minutes to prep your body for what's to come. Finally, make sure you are taking big, deep breaths.

Muscle cramps: When a spasm hits your calves, hamstrings or quads, immediately stop running and stretch your legs on the side of the road. To lessen the chance of cramps happening next time, make sure you drink enough water prior

to your run. Try using your foam roller on your legs.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

As the weather begins to warm up, it's important to keep your child hydrated when she's out on the soccer field or baseball diamond. Heat exhaustion is a common ailment for young athletes during spring and summer months, and it can turn into the more dangerous heat stroke if it isn't taken care of. If your child begins exhibiting signs of heat exhaustion -- including increased thirst, headache or nausea -- make sure to get him into the shade or into an air-conditioned space as soon as possible. Remove any extra layers of clothing, encourage your child to drink water or a sports drink and call your doctor if symptoms

persist.

SENIOR HEALTH

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the U.S., and according to current estimates, 40 to 50 percent adults who live to be 65 or older are likely to develop some form of skin cancer at least once. To reduce your risk of developing skin cancer, it's important to wear water-resistant SPF 30 (or higher) sunscreen when you go outdoors, and wear protective clothing and hats when you spend time outside. If you are worried you may have skin cancer, make sure to see your doctor as soon as you can.

NEW RESEARCH

A new study published in JAMA Internal Medicine suggests that routine vigorous exercise can mean a significant reduction in early mortality. Researchers from James Cook University and the University of Sydney tracked more than 204,000 participants ages 45 and older for an average of six and a half years, and found that the benefits of exercise were applicable regardless of body weight or chronic disease status.

BOOK PICK

'Body of Truth' by Harriet Brown
As a science journalist, Harriet Brown has explored this collective longing and fixation from an objective perspective; as a mother, wife, and woman with "weight issues," she has struggled to understand it on a personal level. Now, in *Body of Truth*, Brown systematically unpacks what's been offered as "truth" about weight and health. Starting with the four biggest lies, Brown shows how research has been manipulated; how the medical profession is complicit in keeping us in the dark; how big pharma and big, empty promises equal big, big dollars; how much of what we know about health and weight is wrong.



Retired school employees meet in Austin

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Retired Runnels County School Employees traveled to Austin to Texas Retired Teacher Convention April 6-8. The group met with Representative Drew Darby at the Capitol on April 8 to discuss TRS-Care Insurance issues. Attending were Rose Eggemeyer, Rita Busenleher, Karen Hoescher, Lynn Granzin, Lynda Gottschalk, Mary Etta Kvapil and Gaye Pelzel.

Girl's embarrassment is signal it's time for a shaving lesson

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are having a disagreement about one of our daughters (we have three). Our 8-year-old is very hairy. It is noticeable, and she doesn't like wearing shorts, skirts or dresses because of it. Her classmates tease her about it.

I want to teach her how to shave her legs or show her how to use hair remover. Her father is angry that I want to "do this" to his little girl.

I was a hairy child as well, and I was teased about my hairy legs and my unibrow, which my

parents wouldn't let me shave or pluck. I remember how painful it was, how upset it made me and how different I felt from my classmates because of it. I told myself as a child that when I grew up, I'd never let my daughter go through the same torment. I still feel that way.

Should we wait a few more years, or should I buy the products I need and teach her what she'll be doing for the rest of her life? -- HAIRY SITUATION IN ARIZONA

DEAR H.S.: Your hus-

band may mean well, but he may not realize what being the object of ridicule can do to a little girl's self-esteem. You're that child's mother, and you know what to do -- so do it. Sometimes girls have to stick together, and this is one of them.

DEAR ABBY: After 26 years of marriage, I recently left my husband. We live only a few blocks away from each other, so we run into each other often at the store, the gas station, everywhere.

My problem is more about running into some

of the women he cheated on me with. One of them always ends up at the same shopping center or restaurant I happen to be at. She thinks I don't know who she is.

At first I didn't want to say anything to her, but now it has really gotten to me. What can I tell her the next time she meets up with me? I want to keep myself from yelling at her. Please help me. -- CAN'T FIND THE WORDS IN HOUSTON

DEAR CAN'T: You don't know whether the woman your ex cheated with is stable or some kind of wing nut. Sometimes it's



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

safer not to be able to "find the words" rather than pick a fight. My advice is to avoid her as much as possible.

DEAR ABBY: I recently took a long international flight. The man sitting next to me coughed during the eight-hour flight without once covering his mouth.

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DEAR FLIER: Your

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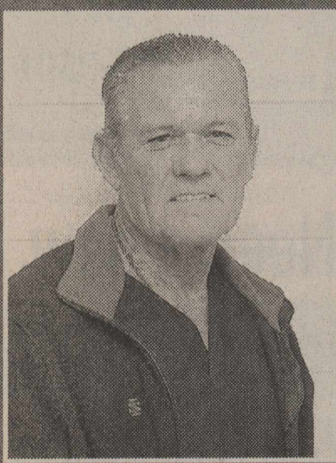
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AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A technicality House Democrats raised Tuesday succeeded in stalling — at least for a few days — two of the Texas Legislature's top conservative causes, proposals that would allow the "open carry" of handguns and prohibit local ordinances banning hydraulic fracturing.

With Republicans controlling the Legislature and widely supporting both measures, outnumbered Democrats often resort to delay tactics, betting that the longer it takes to pass bills they oppose, the less total such proposals become law.

Legislators had braced for hours-long debate on both issues. But just a few minutes into discussion on the bill authorizing licensed Texans to carry their handguns holstered or otherwise in plain sight, Democratic Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer objected, citing House rules. He argued that three witnesses who testified on the bills while they were still in committee were incorrectly recorded in the official record.

Republicans convened immediate com-

mittee meetings to advance corrected versions of the bills. Both now will be eligible to return to the floor on Friday, though the exact timing hasn't yet been set.

Martinez Fischer, of San Antonio, said afterward of open carry that his "aim was to confront that piece of legislation by any means possible."

Its sponsor, Sherman Republican Rep. Larry Phillips, called the error a "procedural glitch" that occurred because the committee was hearing two bills at once.

Martinez Fischer's efforts succeeded in derailing a House vote to overturn Texas' post-Civil War ban on the open carry of handguns — as the state strides toward becoming America's largest to legalize the practice.

A similar measure already cleared the Senate. More than 800,000 state residents have concealed handgun licenses.

Phillips, who noted the measure still has 80-plus House co-sponsors, said approval would still come as quickly as possible.

"When they don't have the votes," he said of Martinez Fischer's maneuver, "they look for every other way to kill it."

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