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Thursday, April 28, 2016

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Briefly Order fish from NCRS

The deadline to order fish from the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District is May 9, with delivery of the fish on May 12 at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 2000 Hutchings Ave. in Ballinger.

The varieties include Channel cat, Large mouth Bass, Bluegill Sunfish, Red Ear Perch, crappie and minnows. Bags, air and water necessary to transport the fish will be provided.

Please stop by the NRCS for more information about the program or call 325-365-3415,

Meeting at **Rocksprings**

The 2016 Spring meeting of the Edwards Plateau Historical Association will convene in the Historic Ballentyne Hotel, 200 West Austin Street in Rocksprings at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 7. The hotel is across the street from the courthouse.

Four research papers of history of that area will be presented. The noon meal is \$15 per person and reservations must be made no later than Friday with Margaret Gaver, P. O. Box 243, Junction, Tx 76849-0243; telephone 325/446-2477or email fwyatt30@ cebridge.net. A brief business session will be held during the noon

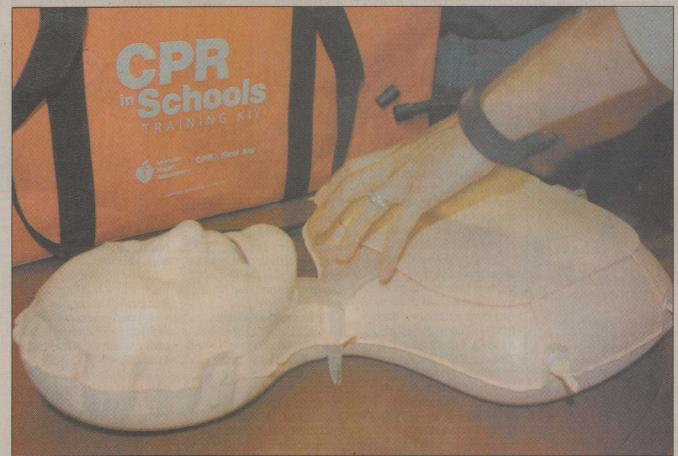
There will be some volumes of the Association's "Historian" for sale at the meeting, as well as books written by members and others in attendance.

The last drop

More rain fell on Runnels County last week adding some additional moisture to the area. Ballinger tallied .87 inches of precipitation while Wingate received 1.41 inches of rain according to the National Weather Service in San Angelo reported.

The rain chances return today with a 50 percent chance of rain in the forecast for tonight with the high at 89 degrees and an overnight low of 65. There will be a 50 percent chance of rain Friday morning, with a high of 85 during the day and a low of about 55 overnight. Saturday the forecast calls for sunny skies with the high around 84 and the low in the upper 50s. Sunny skies are in the forecast Sunday as well. A 40 percent chance of rain is in the forecast for Monday.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 7.64 inches of rainfall, with 6.91 reported in Wingate and 7.90 inches received in San Angelo.



Have a healthy

Winters Alum donates CPR kits to WISD

BY CELINDA HAWKINS MANAGING EDITOR WINTERS ENTERPRISE

he students, teachers and members of the community will be part of the next generation of life savers following the generous donation of 10 CPR kits to the Winters Independent School District Friday by Winters Alum Angela Perkins on behalf of the American Heart Association.

The kits, valued at \$1,200, will be used to train students at Winters

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CELINDA HAWKINS | ENTERPRISE PHOTOS

MAIN: The 10 CPR Kits donated by Angela Perkins and the American Heart Association to the Winters ISD includes manikins, lesson plans, facilitator guides, pre- and post-tests, certificates and more. ABOVE: Angela Perkins, a 1994 graduate of Winters High School along with American Heart Association representatives, donated 10 CPR kits, valued at \$1,200, to Winters ISD Friday, April 22, 2016. Pictured from left to right (front row) are Winters School Nurse J'Lynn Cooper, Principal Sammie Tullous, Molly Wright of AHA, Angela Perkins and school counselor Mandie England. Pictured from left to right in the back row are Superintendent Bruce Davis, Zac Whitley and Ashley Lindsay of AHA.

41ST ANNUAL ETHNIC FEST PARADE IN BALLINGER



The Ethnic Fest parade in Ballinger Saturday, April 23, 2016, featured a tractor from the Gus Pruser Museum in Winters.

CELINDA HAWKINS | **ENTERPRISE PHOTO**

Spring planting program tonight

BY STEVE BYRNS TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE S-BYRNS@TAMU.EDU

ROBERT LEE - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the Spring Forward-Get Ready to Grow gardening program on April 28 in Robert Lee. The program, which lasts from 6-8 p.m., will be in the Robert Lee Community Center, 150 County Park Rd. said Morgan Runyan, AgriLife Extension agent in Coke County. Individual registration is \$5 due upon arrival.

The featured speaker will be Allison Watkins, AgriLife Extension horticulturist in Tom Green County.

"This program will help answer our gardeners' questions on bed preparation, planting dates, vegetable varieties that are best adapted for our are and general care of your vegetable garden," Runyan said. "This will also be a great opport unity to get those hard questions answered on a variety of topics early in the growing season."

For more information contact Runyan at 325-453-2461.

Big Country Beef Cattle Series starts May 4 in Anson

First session: Improving Herd Genetics and Reproduction

BY STEVE BYRNS

ANSON - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will kick off their new Big Country Beef Cattle Improvement Series May 4 with Session 1, Improving Herd Genetics and Reproduction.

The session will be at Horn Livestock, 3750 Farmto-Market Road 3326 E. in Anson.

The day will open with registration at 8:30 a.m. followed by the program at 9 a.m. and closing following the noon meal at the Lawrence Hall Activity Center, 801 23rd St., said Steve Estes, AgriLife Extension agent in Jones County.

'This series is a three-county endeavor involving the AgriLife Extension offices in Jones, Shackelford and Taylor counties," Estes said. "These programs are all geared for the serious cattleman seeking

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Virgie James Wade

Virgie James Wade, 73, of Winters, died April 23, 2016. She was born November 12, 1942 in Moro, Texas to Virgil and Lola Shaffer James and lived in south Taylor County and Runnels County most of her life. The family will receive friends at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday April 26, 2016 at Winters Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 10:30 A.M. Wednesday April 27, 2016 at the Bluff Creek Cowboy Church. Burial will follow at Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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4 in Anson with Session 1, Improving Herd Genetics and

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Reproduction.

up-to-date information on a variety of topics. This first session will concentrate on genetics, breeding and health issues.

"As a special highlight, we have Sid Miller, Texas Department of Agriculture commissioner, scheduled as our keynote speaker during our noon lunch. Miller has been asked to address legislative issues relevant to this particular audience including the veterinary

feed directive issue."
The day's instructors
will be Dr. Jason Cleere,
AgriLife Extension beef
cattle specialist at College
Station, and Dr. Warren
Dozier, veterinarian from
Sylvester. Their topics
and demonstrations will
include:

■ Importance of Bull/ Cow Selection and Genetics.

Fertility Management in Cattle...live chute-side

demonstrations that will encompass bull breeding soundness and fertility testing, semen collection, utilizing sexed semen technology, disease management affecting breeding-trichomoniasis, aging cattle and the im-

portance of palpation.

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■ Vaccination Programs. Individual preregistration is \$10 due upon arrival and includes lunch.

For more information or to RSVP by April 29, call any of the participating AgriLife Extension offices in Jones, 325-823-2432; Shackelford, 325-762-2232, or Taylor 325-672-6048.

Estes said Session 2 of the three-part series will deal with range and pasture management on May 25 in Shackelford County. Session 3, slated for June in Taylor County, will address cattle marketing and economics.

Just Around the Corner Remembering a Ballinger pioneer



Celinda Hawkins

week, as many of you know, I wrote about our new/old office building located at 709 Hutchins and built

126 years ago and I promised to share any information that I received on one of it's legendary occupants, Asa Cordill.

Thanks to the good folks at Angelo State University we have a little more information on Mr. Cordill. It turns out, he did not build the building, but moved into it in 1895, operating the James Brewer Jewelry Store there for 50 years, according to his obituary.

Called a "pioneer Ballinger business man," Cordill was indeed a man about town and he had roots in this community too. Born in West Plains, Missouri in 1869, Cordill moved to Texas in 1873. He moved to Ballinger from Royce City in 1890 at the tender age of 21. From then on, he amassed a series of "firsts" in the community.

In 1895 he purchased the city's first jewelry store from Oscar Pearson, who may have built our building by the way. A civic leader, Cordill was active in many affairs and was a member of Ballinger's first band.
And, according to the archives, he was the owner of

section."

He married a woman
named Hattie Grant in Winters in 1901. The two would
go on to have the first
record player and the first
radio in the community, according to the information I
received.

the first automobile "in this

That's quite a lot of firsts! Cordill died in 1950 at the age of 81, having lived a long, fruitful life in Ballinger and Runnels County.

I'm still researching his

life, and welcome any more information that some of our residents may have about him.

Meanwhile, we are enjoying the new building, and it improves every day. We welcomed several visitors during our open house Saturday while the 41st Annual Ethnic Fest was underway.

I always love meeting our readers and was surprised by old friends, who stopped by to say hello. Gene Clack's mother Noxine and sister Cynthia, (who I knew from Odessa) stopped by to say hello as did many other members of the community.

Several folks stepped up to help us get ready for the event like Steve at Ballinger Printing who printed our sign and a couple of prints for the walls. County Auditor Cindy Winchester brought over some plants and other décor and my friend Larry Lange kindly loaned us some easels to display our artwork, which is on loan from Fred

Schwake.
It takes a village folks.
Thanks to you all.

And as always, if you have a story to tell, an event to tell us about or if you just want to visit, you can find me, just around the corner.



Mayfest is coming May 7

The Winters Chamber of Commerce will holding the annual Mayfest event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 7 in Downtown Winters. There will be games, arts and crafts and good food. Harvey McFadden will perform from 10 a.m. to noon and DJ and Karaoke will be from noon to 3 p.m. Those who wish to sign up for the bake off call Maegan Schwartz at 325-365-6426 or Donna Bredemeyer at 325-365-6006. The event hosted by Winters Area Chamber of Commerce. The Winters Volunteer Fire Department will be cooking hamburgers at the fire station and the Winters Public Library will be hosting a silent auction at the library.

Mommie and Me program at WPL

The Mommie and Me program will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 2 at the Winters Public Library. The program is for children 18 months to pre-kindergarten. There will be story time, a tea party and a coloring session. Don Ware, a make-up artist of Runnels County, will be demonstrating makeup application so the mommies can update their look. The program is free and open to the public and offered by the Winters Public Library.

Come and get it!

The Rowena Knights of Columbus will host a Chicken Strip Dinner on Sunday May 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The cost is \$10 a plate for adults and \$5 a plate for children. Raffle prizes include a \$100 Academy gift card, a \$100 gift card to The Wharf, \$50 gift card to Sklenariks Smoked meats and a \$50 Visa Gift card. See any KC member for tickets. For more information call 325-895-0739.

Donate to WPL

The Winters Public Library is reaching out to the community for donations. The library will have their annual silent auction at the May Fest. This is one of our fund raisers for the year. The May Fest will Saturday, May 7 at the Ted Meyer Park. If you will bring your donations to the library or call 325-754-4251 we will be glad to pick it up. Cash donations are always welcome and we will be glad to purchase an item for the auction. The Winters Public Library appreciates the community involvement for fund raisers and programs. The proceeds from the silent auction go toward maintaining the library.

AA meeting
Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet

at the First United Methodist Church, in Ballinger, at 7 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The group will meet Saturday with prior arrangements. Please use the Avenue A and Seventh Street entrance. Child care is available. For more information please contact the church at 325-365-2323.

One Man, Two Roads

The Quanah Parker Exhibit will be on display at The Rock Hotel Heritage Center, 300 West Dale Street, Winters, Wednesday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m. through April 30. Donations will be accepted for admission. Additional Indian artifacts and displays will be included with the exhibit. For more information, contact: John Long, Z. I. Hale Museum, 325-754-5389, zihalemuseum@wtxs.net.

A Time for Freedom

A new addiction class is forming in Winters called "A Time for Freedom," and Pastor Tommy Akin, of the Pioneer Church of God in Winters will be overseeing the program which will provide addiction education to addicts, family and loved ones. The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Pioneer Church of God at 158 North Main St. in Winters. For more information call 903-474-4740.

Visit Friendly Neighbors

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Runnels County area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening, arts and crafts and other useful subjects to meetings at 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during the summer). Meetings will alternate between the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of south 7th Street and Sealy Ave. in Ballinger and the Winters Public Library at 120 N. Main St. in Winters. If you are interested and would like to find out more about this group, call Martha at 365-3890 or Judy at 754-5386.

Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month from. All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and caregiver perspective. There is no charge for this public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer's Association.

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ALL-STATE BASKETBALL AWARDS



Lady Blizzard senior Bailee Busher recently received two academic all-state basketball awards. She was named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA) Academic All-State team and the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) Academic All-State teams. The criteria for the TGCA team was: a graduating senior, with good standing on the varsity basketball team, with a GPA of 94.0 or higher. The criteria for the TABC team was: a graduating senior, with good standing on the varsity basketball team, with a GPA of 92.0 or higher. "I'm very proud of Bailee," said coach Val Acree. "I said all along she was my smartest player on the basketball court, but she's obviously very smart in the classroom."

NRH EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER, JANUARY-MARCH 2016



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James Lockridge was named North Runnels Hospital Employee of the Quarter for January-March 2016. James began his employment with the hospital in 2015 and serves as maintenance director. Fellow employees say James is always willing to help everyone with a smile. North Runnels Hospital is fortunate to have James as part of their team. Pictured with James is Judy Espitia, NRH administrator.

State District II to elect TSSWCB board member

STAFF REPORT

TEMPLE - Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) in State District II will elect a member to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. The election will be held at 6 p.m. in Wall, TX at the Saint Ambrose Catholic Church Parish Hall Conference Room.

State District II consists of 51 counties, including Runnels County, within which there are 45 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the Hill Country and Big Bend-Trans Pecos region of Texas.

The current TSSWCB member for State District II is Marty H. Graham of Rocksprings. Graham, who has been a member of the TSSWCB since May of 2008, and is a rancher in Edwards County.

"Since its beginning, the TSSWCB has been governed by five board members. Each respective board member is elected in a convention type election by delegates from soil and water conservation district directors within the state district that the member resides. However, with the enactment of S.B. 1828 by the 78th Legislature, two Governor appointees also serve on the TSSWCB to create a seven-member board," said Rex Isom, TSS-

"Elections occur annually to comply with the soil conservation laws of Texas. The elections are held in state district conventions and TSSWCB members serve two-year staggered terms. Since this is an even numbered year, TSSWCB member elections are being held in State Districts II and IV," added

WCB Executive Director.

Elected State Board members must be 18 years of age or older, hold title to farmland or ranchland, and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. The Governor appointees must be actively engaged in the business of farming, animal husbandry, or other business related to agriculture and wholly or partly owns or leases land used in connection with that business. However, they may not be a member of the board of directors of a conservation district.

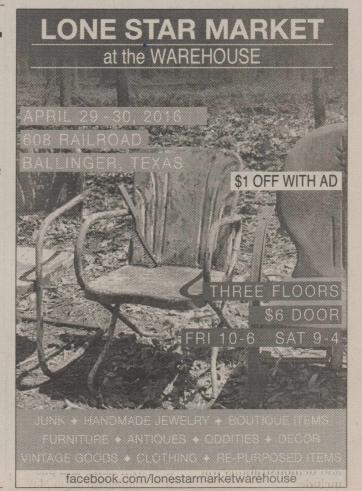
The TSSWCB administers Texas' soil and water conservation law and delivers coordinated natural resource conservation programs through the State's 216 soil and water conservation districts. Additionally, the TSSWCB is the lead agency for planning, implementing, and

managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution.

The agency administers a water supply enhancement program through the targeted control of waterdepleting brush. In addition the TSSWCB works to ensure that the State's network of 2,000 flood control dams are protecting lives and property by providing operation, maintenance, and structural repair grants to local government sponsors. The agency also facilitates the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.

The TSSWCB, which was organized in May 1939, has its state headquarters in Temple, Texas.

For more information, please visit: https://www. tsswcb.texas.gov/en/aboutus/board.



WINTERS ISD BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS

Breakfast

April 29 Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Grahams Mixed Fruit Fruit Juice Choice of Milk

May 2 Biscuit &Sausage w/ Gravy Pop Tart Cereal w/Grahams Pineapple Fruit Juice Choice of Milk

May 3 Breakfast Pizza Cereal w/ Grahams Grapes Fruit Juice Choice of Milk

May 4 Sausage Roll Cereal w/Grahams Orange Slices Fruit Juice Choice of Milk

May 5 Pancakes w/ Bacon Cereal w/ Grahams Watermelon Fruit Juice Choice of Milk

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Chef Salad Corn Dog **Cheesy Potatoes** Broccoli w/ Cheese Salad/Carrot Sticks Peaches Choice of Milk

Chef Salad Frito Pie Tacos Pinto Beans Salad/Carrot Sticks Apples Choice of Milk

May 3

May 4 Chef Salad 10081 Ham & Cheese Sandwich Italian Green Beans Salad/Carrot Sticks Tropical Fruit Choice of Milk

May 5 Chef Salad Steak Fingers Chicken Tenders Sliced Bread **Mashed Potatoes** Salad/Carrot Sticks Fruit Cup Raisins Choice of Milk





CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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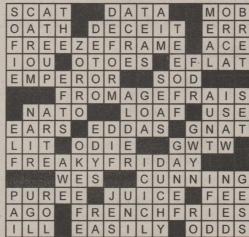
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Runnels County Jail Record

April 28, 2016

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Atom Miller	31	Coke
Criminal mischief		
Angela Parker	40	RCSO
Collins Co. warrant, larceny		
Jamie Ornales	33	RCSO
Motion to revoke		
Kaleb Covarrubias	28	Concho
Disorderly conduct		
Ann Maupin	26	Concho
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Ike Fielder	26	Concho
Possession of a controlled substance,		

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Assault family violence w/previous

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Sandra G. Van Zant

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently announced that it has identified claim processing errors for more than 14,000 veterans and survivors. The VA's Beneficiary Fiduciary Field System has helped it to recognize claim processing mistakes on veterans' and survivors' claims that were initially filed over the course of many years. The errors concern cases in which VA had proposed that due to disability or age the beneficiary was unable to manage his or her VA benefits without assistance, but the action was not completed by transferring it within VA for appointment of a fiduciary.

VA's Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) has set up a team to immediately review the cases, notify beneficiaries, complete the claim processing steps, and appoint a fiduciary as quickly as possible. For more information, members can call the VA fiduciary line 1-888-407-0144. For more information contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 325-365-3612.

— Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer

In memoriam

and special thank you

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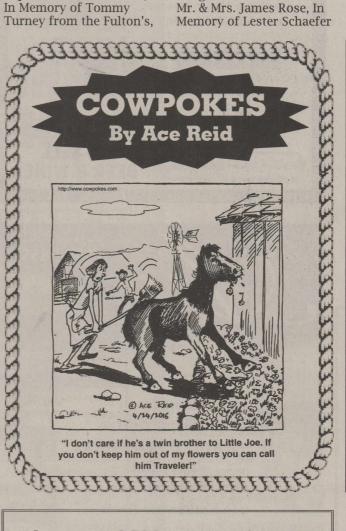
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organized, purposeful and committed man who recognizes the best time to "retire." to turn in his car keys and to admit it when living alone -everything." Returning to the church to reindependently finally is no longer

possible. One such person was the colorful J. M. (Densey) Denson. An insurance

a half century, he sold his business in 1969, ready to assume what amounted to volunteer fulltime service at Mineral Wells' First Baptist Church, where he was a member for 61 years, a deacon for 55 and a Sunday school teacher for a half-century. He did even more, including serving as interim choir director. What he enjoyed most, though, was visitation.

agent for almost

When someone executes admirable planning that worked well for 103 years and is remembered fondly in conversations 33 years after his death, a look back at the life is warranted....

One day as dusk neared, he was shocked upon returning to his car after a hospital visit. In fact, he was ready to call the police. The

97-year-old seemed certain that someone had stolen his "steering wheel, dash board, clutch, brake-

port on visitation, he breathlessly told his pastor, Rev. Bobby Moore, about the incident. "Luckily, I discovered I had gotten in the back seat," he admitted.

He loved the old 1972 Plymouth. He said it "rattled and wheezed, but the noises weren't a bother." In fact, he knew the car was running only because he could feel the vibration....

At age 101, he made simultaneous decisions others might soon have needed to make for him. He gave up his car keys and took up residence in a care center. This meant he could no longer drive to make in-person visits, nor could he deliver gifts of homemade fig and pear preserves, cakes, pies or candies. He could, however, sing Happy Birthday by phone to celebrants. So that's what he did.

After all, he'd taken careful notes during his 62-year marriage, so he knew when he was no longer able to maintain a household and turn out preserves, desserts

and such. He died the day following his 103rd birthday...

It says much when "Densey stories" continue to be shared in Mineral Wells, where he and Ruth lived for 46 years.

He was a great example of an others-centered, committed Christian and "people person."

Eschewing titles of "retired" or "inactive," he welcomed the title "emeritus deacon." He was front-and-center of many of the church's historical moments. He was deacon chairman the year ground was broken for the education building, and as the oldest living deacon, broke ground for the current sanctuary....

They had a big "whoop-ti-doo" for his 100th birthday, and for once, he listened while others sang Happy Birthday. Quick of

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CPR FROM,

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ISD in compliance with the law that requires that all seniors receive CPR

Perkins, a 1994 graduate of Winters High School, and who now lives in Dallas, presented the kits to district officials Friday, April 22 at the WISD administration office.

Perkins, who is very health conscious, knows all too well the value of CPR training because two years ago she suffered a cardiac arrest two years ago at the age of 37 while at work. And, thanks to the Dallas Fire and Rescue, the administration of CPR and four shocks from an Automated External Defibrillator, she

was revived. Following the cardiac arrest, Perkins spent 10 days at Medical City Hospital recovering. She now has a defibrillator which monitors her heart constantly.

Perkins has become heavily its Hars

involved with the American Heart Association as a spokeswoman and she shares the story of her survival, when and wherever she can. In February, she shared her story at the AHA Go Red for Women Luncheon at the Omni Hotel in Dallas.

"Every little second made a difference," Perkins said. "I hope that this makes a difference."

She has been on a crusade since her cardiac arrest to get everyone trained in CPR. That day, two years ago, Perkins was the only person in her downtown Dallas firm, who knew CPR. Since, the who office has been trained.

School nurse J'Lynn Cooper said the kits currently in use at WISD are old. She said the district will begin utilizing the kits this summer for teachers and in the fall for students.

"It's extremely important and a teaching tool for our students," said J'Lynn Cooper, the school nurse for WISD. "You never know when a situation might arise."

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"Nearly 325,000 people experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital each year, and most of those victims die, often because bystanders don't know how to start CPR or are afraid they'll do something wrong," said Ashley Lindsay, a corporate Market Director for the AHA's Go Red for Women campaign in Irving. "The American Heart Association believes kids are the answer to saving more

Superintendent Bruce Davis was very grateful for the donation of the

"It may not help today, but it will down the line," Davis said.



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Key performance indicators help identify more profitable areas for ranchers

BY BLAIR FANNIN

FORT WORTH - Viewed as a report card for a cattle operation, key performance indicators, also known as KPIs, can assist beef producers in measuring factors crucial to an

Stan Bevers, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist, Vernon, discussed KPIs at the 2016 Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Convention in Fort Worth.

"KPIs provide a rancher with an analysis of the operation and detail whether the operation is fulfilling the goals of ownership," Bevers said.

These indicators are especially important in the current weakening cattle market, he

For example, Bevers said the development

cost of a replacement heifer is a KPI. Hay production cost per ton is also a KPI.

"One of the big reasons for doing this, I was working with a big ranch in Montana," Bevers told attendees. "The members of the board were pretty big financial gurus. I shot all of this information about the ranching operation to them and they said it was like getting a drink out of a fire hose. They wanted 10 things in about five minutes. That's where KPIs came into play.

Bevers said when ranchers consider a bull purchase, they focus on expected progeny differences, also known as EPDs.

"The perfect bull in my mind would be one with an EPD number that is really high for weaning weights, but we can't focus on one number or one performance metric without sacrificing another," Bevers said. "It's the same thing with KPIs."

Other KPIs that Bevers suggests ranchers look at include:

- Revenue per breeding female.
- Nutrition base expense as a percent of
- Labor and management expense as a percent of total revenue.
- Operating expense as a percentage of total revenue.
- Net income ratio.
- Cost per hundredweight of weaned calf.
- Total investment per breeding female.Debt per breeding female.
- Equity-to-asset ratio or market basis.
- Asset turnover ratio on cost basis. ■ Rate of return on assets on market basis. Bevers said reproduction is the most influencing factor on ranch productivity.

"After all, we have to have cows to produce revenue," he said. "Once we identify an open cow, everything that follows is an expense with no revenue to go against it until she is bred again or sold. The nutrition of that female is paramount to getting her bred. Yet, feed is one of top three expenses on a ranch that also include labor and depreciation.

Those costs tend to move around a bit. We hear all the time feed is the most expensive cost. But that's not necessarily true. It's labor and depreciation. A lot of times we don't even count or factor in our labor. Now, we are paying twice as much as what we used to for bulls. Depreciation has really jumped up in terms of costs."

With cattle prices already coming down from 2015 levels, Bevers said producers need to continue to watch prices and



Key performance indicators, also known as KPIs, can assist beef producers in measuring factors crucial to an operation.

expenses.
"Expenses won't come down as fast as commodity prices," he said. "Cow-calf expenses won't come down as fast as cow-calf prices. 2016 will have lower calf prices but not to the extent it will affect these higher expenses. During 2017, expenses still will not be coming down, where calf prices will be in their second year of decline. That's what concerns me.

Bevers said if ranchers still need things done in an operation, such as putting in new corrals, new fences, paying down debt or buying a new vehicle, getting it done as quickly as possible is the best time.

'If there is something in the form of a capital asset, get it done quickly," Bevers said. "Going into 2017, cash flow could be an issue as calf prices are anticipated to continue to come down.'



Rowena Catholic Daughters to sponsor Baby Bottle Project

SPECIAL TO THE BALLINGER LEDGER

The Rowena Catholic Daughters, Court Our Lady of Grace #1734 will sponsor the Baby Bottle Project at St. Joseph's Parish, beginning on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8 and ending on Father's Day, Sunday June 19.

Proceeds from the event chaired by Jeane Irby, will benefit the Pregnancy Help Center of the Concho Valley in San Angelo. Some CDA members will also join in LifeWalk 2016 being held at Freedom Fellowship Church in San Angelo on Saturday, April

Members were informed and encouraged to attend the National Day of Prayer Service being sponsored

by the Rowena Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9196 on May 5th at 7 p.m.

Each Mother's Day, mothers of the parish, as well as those visiting, are presented a flower. The court has been providing the flowers for a number of years. This year Megan Durham is in charge of purchasing these special tokens of appreciation and

The court will be celebrating its 60th anniversary on Tuesday, May 17 with a salad supper. The special guests will be the graduating seniors of St. Joseph CCD Program. The election of officers will also be on the agenda. Plans are being made for the district installation of officers which will be hosted by the court on June 21. District III is comprise of courts in Rowena, Wall, San Angelo and Olfen. District officer training will be held in Olfen on August 20, 2016.

Graduating seniors of the parish will be honored at Graduation Mass on Sunday, May 22. A rosary is given to each senior by the court. The presentation of the Graduate's Award will take place as well as the announcing of the winners of the Texas State Memorial Scholarship Award.

A Small Town ACTS Women's Retreat is scheduled for June 16 - June 19 at Christ the King Retreat Center in San Angelo. The Retreat begins Thursday, June 16 in the evening at St. Joseph's in Rowena and ends Sunday, June 19 with a closing mass at St. Joseph's. 'A meal and reception for retreatants and their families, and the STACTS community will following the parish hall after mass. Transportation will be provided to and from Christ the King Retreat Center.

The Rowena Catholic Daughters met on April 19. The special guest was District Deputy Tempe Gerngross of Wall.

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mind and storyteller extraordinaire, he claimed that by age 100, he'd "learned what he needed, been where he pleased and done what he wanted."

He made an understandable admission, then, though: "Trouble is, I can't remember any of it.'

Denson keenly remembered his first plane ride, however, taken at age 89....

Denson remembered helping to lead music in numerous revivals, including late greats Dr. George W. Truett, longtime pastor of Dallas First Baptist Church; J. B. Gambrell, editor of the Baptist Standard and R. C. Buckner, founder of Buckner

Baptist Benevolences. Quoting scriptures readily, he often cited the words of Jesus: "He that would be great among you, let him be servant of all." His favorite motto was inspired by a

familiar quotation from the pen of Stephen Grellet, a French Quaker: "I shall pass through this world but once. If therefore, there is any kindness I can show or any good thing I can do, let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again." Someone passed this along. Age asks, "Now what?" Life answers: "The next thing." J. M. Denson, a lifelong Rotarian, had many "next things," and he took care of most of them. With his gifts and smiles, he also had a storehouse of funny stories. He said he had no enemies, claiming he "outlived all of

On J. M. Denson's dying day, that's really all he really needed to do....

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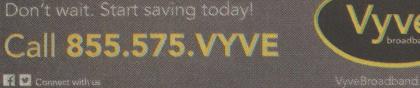


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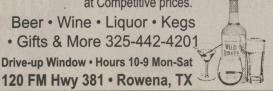
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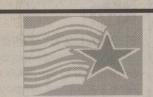
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Lady Blizzards muster 12 hits, fall 15-5 to Hermleigh

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

Lady Blizzard Jessica Roman went 3-4 at the plate, but the Lady Blizzards fell 15-5 to Hermleigh at Winters Softball Field on Monday.
Two of the Lady Blizzards'

Two of the Lady Blizzards' runs were scored thanks to timely hitting by Roman. She doubled in the first inning and singled in the third and fourth innings.

Hermleigh easily handled the Lady Blizzards' pitching as six hitters combined for 18 hits, nine RBIs and 11 runs scored.

Hermleigh jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first. A double by Martinez, scoring Robertson started the inning off.

Lady Blizzards got one-run rallies in the first inning and the fourth. In the first, Lady Blizzards scored on an RBI double by Roman, bringing home Justine Garcia.

Lady Blizzards survived Hermleigh 's surge and put up three runs of its own in the third. Lady Blizzards scored on a three-run triple by Brooklyn Gallaway.

Hermleigh went up for good in the fifth inning, scoring four runs on an RBI double by Dilby and two singles.

Hermleigh added six more runs in the top of the sixth. The inning looked promising, as Long singled, plating Sneed to kick things off. That was followed up by Martin's double, scoring Dilby.

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Lady Blizzards defeated 9-6 by Rotan

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

K'Lee Lindley did all she could to give the Lady Blizzards a boost, but it wasn't enough to get past Rotam, as the Lady Blizzards lost 9-6 in seven innings at Rotan Softball Field on Saturday, April 23.

Lindley reached base three times. She scored two runs and had one RBI. She doubled in the first inning and singled in the sixth inning.

Harris, Pruitt, Shelley and Garza helped lead Rotan. They combined for 10 hits and four RBIs.

The top of the first saw Lady Blizzards take an early lead, 2-0. A double by Lindley, scoring Justine Garcia started the inning off. The scoreboard lit up again for Lady Blizzards when Lindley scored on a steal of home.

Rotan went up for good in the first, scoring five runs on a two-run home run by Shelley, a groundout by Dunn,

and an RBI triple by Garza.
Rotan piled on two more runs in the bottom of the second. Shelley tripled, bringing home Harris to start the inning. That was followed up with a steal of home by Shelley.

Rotan matched its one-run fourth inning with one more in the sixth. In the fourth, Rotan scored on a steal of home, scoring Pruitt.

Four runs in the top of the sixth helped Lady Blizzards close its deficit to 8-6. A walk by Aimee Green and a two-run double by Shelby Gray sparked Lady Blizzards' rally. But, Harris got Brooklyn Gallaway to fly out to end the inning.

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LEFT: Winters Blizzard junior Drey Patton advanced to the Region Track Meet in the 300m Hurdles. Drey placed third and will run this week at the Region I Track Meet in Odessa, Texas.

Senior Tony Sanchez (800m Run) and junior Justine Alvarado (100m Hurdles) both placed 5th and just missed advancing.

BELOW, LEFT: Drey Patton advanced to regionals by placing 3rd in the 300H at Area Track meet. Regionals is in Odessa on April 29-30.

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ABOVE: Brandon Mikeska caught a ball for the out at

first base during the game between Winters and Miles

on April 21, 2016.

ABOVE. RIGHT: David



