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Briefly
Conaway Town Hall

U.S. Representative K. Michael Conaway (R-Texas) will hold a town hall meeting from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 at the Rock Hotel at 300 West Dale St. in Winters. During the event, Conaway will honor the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District which has been selected to receive the Outstanding 2016 State Conservation award from the Temple-based Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The town hall meeting is open to the public.
 ON THE NET:
<http://conaway.house.gov/>

Hamburger Supper July 1

The Z.I.Hale Museum and Rock Hotel will host the annual Pre-Independence Day Hamburger Supper at 6 p.m. at the Rock Hotel. Due to the heat, the event will be held inside at the Rock Hotel. The community is invited.

Summer camps slated

Winters ISD summer camps coming up include Baseball Camp, June 25-27 from 9 a.m. to noon for grades 2-9; Boys Basketball July 12-14 from 9 a.m. to noon and Football Camp July 25-27 from 8-10 a.m. for grades 2-5 and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for grades 6-9.

All camps are \$30 per camper and include a water bottle, T-Shirt, and Blizzard towel. Registration forms can be picked up at the field house or administration building. Students who have completed the 9th grade are not eligible for the camps.

If you have any questions please call Coach Matt McCarty 512-517-8288.

The last drop

Dry and hot weather is in the forecast following the arrival of summer Monday, according to the National Weather Service in San Angelo.

According to forecasters, summer is setting in with hot, dry conditions predicted throughout the coming week.

The warming trend continues through the weekend forecasters say with highs reaching the mid to upper 90s. Lows are expected to be in the mid 70s, the NWS reports. The heat index through out the week could reach as high as 104 the NWS predicts. But no triple digit temperatures are in the forecast, the National Weather Service says.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 17.25 inches of rainfall, with 16.71 inches reported in Wingate and 18.75 inches received in San Angelo making 2016 the wettest spring on record there.

ON THE NET:
<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/sjt/>

Brookshire's to open Spring Market in Winters

New grocery store will occupy former Wal-Mart Express

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On June 15, the Brookshire Grocery Co. announced the pending acquisition of 25 former Wal-Mart Express stores including the store in Winters. The company

announced that the stores will open this summer as the company's new Spring Market brand. The acquisition is scheduled to close in July.

The company, headquartered in Tyler, has now confirmed the plans to open a store in Winters located at 1010 North

Main St. formerly occupied by Wal-Mart Express, which closed at the end of January.

"We welcome Brookshire's to the Winters business community," said Randall Conner, executive director of the Winters

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ENTERPRISE FILE PHOTO
 The location formerly known as Wal-Mart Express, will soon be the home home of Spring Market, owned by Brookshire Grocery Company. The company announced the purchase of 25 of the stores on Wednesday, June 15, 2016.

CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY AT THE CROSSING

Rains delayed some work, crews



CELINDA HAWKINS | ENTERPRISE PHOTO
 Construction is underway at the site of The Crossing, a travel stop located at the corner of Highway 83 and 153 in Winters.

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The heavy equipment is out at the corner of Highways 83 and 153 where construction has begun for The Crossing Travel Market.

Last week it appeared the concrete slab for the base of the store had been completed and that the

gas tanks had been stalled at the site of the future travel stop.

Owner Doug Wheat has said that The Crossing will be a "destination stop" for travelers, commuters, truckers, and local and regional fleets. The Crossing will offer several quick-service food options including Krispy Krunchy Chicken, Hunt Bros. Pizza, and its Hometown Grill, which will feature a variety of menu offerings. The store will have indoor seating for 40 patrons

as well as expanded seating in an outdoor, covered area.

The Crossing will have four highway entry/exit points, two each from highways 83 and 153, which will greatly assist with customer flow and separation.

The Crossing will include 10-position fueling island, and the truck/fleet island will have five fueling lanes. The passenger vehicle area

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First liquor store opens in Winters

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Jay Gonzales was looking to do something new, last fall when he decided to bring a liquor store to Winters.

The downturn in the oilfield, prompted him to seek a new opportunity.

Gonzales, 47, had been working at Anderson Perforating, Inc. (API) of Albany.

"I got tired of the ups and downs of the oilfield," he said.

So, in October, he started the process, by getting his paperwork in to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. He purchased the metal building for the store in February, and began working on the inside immediately, with a little help from friends and family. He and his partner, Michael Wilson of Anson, have been working to get the store off the ground.

Gonzales' store, called Double J's Beverages, is located at 920 North Main

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CELINDA HAWKINS | ENTERPRISE PHOTO
 Double J's Beverages, located at 920 North Main St. in Winters is the first liquor store for the community, since it went wet three years ago. Owner Jay Gonzales opened the store May 4, 2016.

Aging Program to end Oct. 1

County officials say funding is too costly

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The Runnels County Aging Program, is on its last leg and county officials say it will be terminated via the budget process.

Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard said the county has no choice but

to discontinue the program, because the expense is more than the county can afford, due to expensive repairs looming at the Runnels

County Courthouse, the Runnels County Jail and the Senior Citizens Center.

The program will end officially Oct. 1 and four permanent and three part time employees will lose their jobs.

In the 2015-16 budget year, the county paid \$204,130.95 in payroll and benefits for three full time and four part time employees. All other expenses, including food, utilities and other operating costs totaled \$92,635.

"Our main expense is personnel," Hilliard said.

The only alternative to keep the program going is for a non-profit organization to take it over. Hilliard has been exploring the possibility of turning the program over to a non-profit organization and seeking grant and annual funding from organizations like the United Way.

"We could seek United Way funds to keep the program going," Hilliard suggested.

In fact, Hilliard was looking at the model of Meals on Wheels in Odessa, which is funded through the United Way and solicits volunteers to deliver the meals and has fund raisers

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Robert Lee Holder

Robert Lee Holder, 91, died of natural causes Tuesday June 21, 2016 at a San Angelo nursing home.

Robert was born November 27, 1924 to Walter Lee and Mary (Ernst) Holder. Robert grew up on a farm near Rowena, Texas. He attended school at Miles and St. Joseph Catholic School in Rowena. He served in the United States Army during World War II and was stationed in Japan during the occupation after the war. He married Adeline Hoelscher on April 15, 1947 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ballinger. He and Adeline worked together on their farms, raising their family and providing an opportunity for their children to get college educations. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ballinger, Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Winters, and a returning member of St. Mary's in Ballinger during the last several years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: sisters, Esther Holder and Alberta Halfmann, brothers, Martin, Floyd and Fred David Holder; and infant son Harold Joseph Holder.

Survivors include his wife, Adeline of Winters, daughter Anna Rice of Ballinger, son Richard Holder and wife Janice of San Angelo, grandson Kenneth Holder and wife Heather of San Antonio, great grandson, Perrin and great granddaughter Vesper.

Rosary will be held at 7:00 P.M. Friday June 24, 2016 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ballinger. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M. Saturday June 25, 2016 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ballinger. Burial will follow at Lakeview cemetery in Winters directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Nephews and family friends will serve as pallbearers.

The family thanks the dedicated staffs at North Runnels Home Health Agency, Winters Assisted Living, Winters Nursing Home, North Runnels Hospital, Dr. McKinnon and PA Judy Zuspahn for all their long-term kindness, care and support. Additionally, the family thanks Sr. Steven Cole, Shannon Medical Center 6th Floor Trauma and Palliative Care unit, Meadowcreek Nursing Home and Hospice of San Angelo for all their care during Robert's last days.

Flowers are welcome as well as contributions to Hospice of San Angelo or your favorite charity.

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Meet You at the Square

STAFF REPORT

ROWENA — The Rowena Lions Club Annual "Meet You at the Square" BBQ Cookoff Saturday, July 2 in downtown Rowena. The flag raising will begin at 9:45 a.m. followed by the cooks meeting at 10 a.m. and the Children's Parade at 11 a.m.

The cost to enter the cookoff is \$75 per team and the categories include brisket, ribs, chicken, beans, and margaritas. Trophies will be presented for first through third places in all food categories and for first and second place in the margarita category.

Cash prizes will also be awarded including \$350 for the Overall Grand Prize, \$200 for the second place Overall Grand Prize and \$100 for the third place Overall Grand Prize. There will be a \$100 cash prize for first place winners in each food category.

Barbecue sandwiches and other refreshments will be sold throughout the day by the Rowena 4-H Club.

For more information or for the rules and entry forms contact Cliff at 325-442-2331 or 325-977-1672. After 6 p.m. contact Pat at 325-442-3541, Howard t 325-895-1648 or Mike at 325-442-2006.

We would like to thank the 55 people who came from far and near to help us celebrate our 90th birthdays, and a special thanks to our family who planned and arranged every detail of the party.

Seven nieces and nephews came from long distances, as far away as Winfield and Jonesboro, Louisiana. They are some of our nearest surviving relatives.

We appreciate having it at our Winters Methodist Church; and, the Pastor Bob Murchison, there with wife Bitsy, opening our celebration with a prayer. Also, thanks for all the cards, notes and telephone calls.

Jessie and Al Collom

Just Around the Corner
The clock is ticking

A few weeks ago, after much lamenting and years of consideration and penny pinching, Runnels County Commissioners made the difficult decision to end a program that hundreds of residents have relied on for years - the senior meal and home delivered meals programs.

Judge Barry Hilliard has mulled over this for many years, and attempted to work with commissioners to save the programs for which the county was footing the bill. A few weeks back, when commissioners voted to end the programs, even though the vote, not listed on the agenda, was not valid, it sent a strong message, that the county could no longer pay for this program.

Right after that meeting, Judge Hilliard scrambled to find ways to save all or parts of the programs. He sent out an email urging the recipients to pray about the situation - saying he had been doing that and at this point, his "knees were pretty bloody."

"I've tried to think of everything we can do and we are just going to have to reach out to the community for support," Hilliard told me.

He contacted the West Central Texas Council of Governments director Tom Smith, who offered a waiver on funding requirements - but that just wasn't enough to cover what has become one of the most costly programs the county funds annually.

Last summer, I had the privilege to ride with Tweedy Warren, who delivers meals for the Ballinger program. I saw the smiling face of Santos



Celinda Hawkins

Pena, who got up and was perfectly groomed when she arrived each day, wearing his cowboy hat to pick up the meal at the fence of his property. It was the highlight of his day and it showed, as he reached for the lunch and said "thank you," so genuinely.

I watched as Lynn De La Cruz prepared the almost 150 meals that day at the Senior Citizens Center in Ballinger. I watched as she packed the meals for delivery, showing her dedication to the program that made sure, seniors had a hot lunch and that homebound clients did too. Her days are long and begin at 6 a.m. but she's there to make sure, folks in Ballinger, Winters, Miles and Rowena get a meal, five days a week.

A few weeks ago, I headed over to the Senior Center in Winters, where a group of lively folks gather daily for fellowship and food.

"It's not just the food, it's the community," Judge Richard Hamilton told me.

And a group of wonderfully dedicated volunteers help at the center and help deliver the meals daily.

The folks in Winters are actively seeking a solution - because without the meals program there, they stand to lose the use of the community center where they meet. Hamilton had several ideas for fund raising, including a gun raffle.

"We could raise a lot of money that way," he said.

During a Lions Club dinner a few weeks back, the folks at my table were discussing what could be done to save the programs. Fellow Lion Dolores Guebara was very concerned saying she would love to help somehow. She said she even lost sleep trying to think of a solution.

"We can't just let these people go without," she said. "They depend on these meals."

As I said before, Judge Hilliard has spent countless hours lamenting over this situation - he's looked at other cities, like Coleman, who supports their program with fund raiser luncheons a few times a week. He's considered a model like the programs in Odessa, which are operated through a non-profit, and funded through the United Way and special grants.

All of these are options for our communities. The volunteers are here - the organizations are here - we just need to put them together.

There are untapped solutions that are available to Runnels County through the United Way of the Concho Valley. Right now, no non-profit organization has been identified that could take on the programs. And even if that happened, it would take time to get the funding flowing.

The clock is ticking folks - October 1 will be here before you know it.

It just takes dedicated volunteers and community support - and it can be done.

48th Brice Family Reunion held June 18-19

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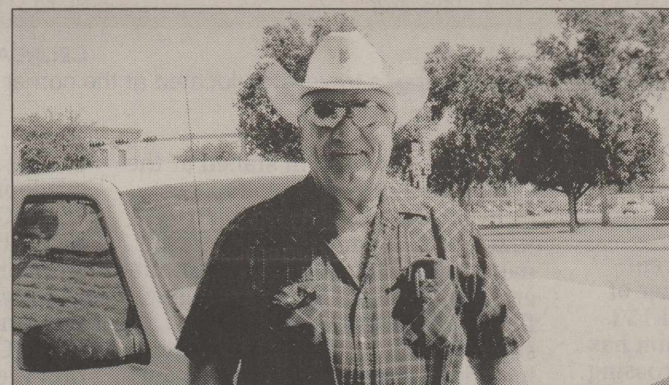
The 48th Brice Reunion was held at the Winters Community Center on June 18-19, 2016 with 126 family and visitors attending.

Those in attendance included, Juanita Bradley and Ben and Rita Blakeney of Leander; Stephen Blakeney of Pflugerville; Marvin and Faye Henager, Vickie Watts, Gary Brice and Kendall, Marshall Smith, Meagan and Michael Vincent, and Gloria and Bobby Smith of Belton; Janie Baker of Troy; Mona Kirk of Roswell, N.M.; Kenneth and Cynthia Henager and Sarah of Moody; Earline Moore of Cabot, Ark.; from Sweetwater, Texas, AJ Monroe and Karalyn of Sweetwater; Leon Brice, Taylor Brice, Debbie Parker, and Ashley Parker of Comanche; from Merkel, Texas, Frances Faglie, Tina and Gaylord Mitchell, Curtis and Katie Mitchell and Weston, and Traci Pena and Joseph of Merkel; Terry Sanders

of Tuscola; Travis and Alicia Sims and Aubree, and Patsy Roberson of Abilene; Oleta Webb of Winters; from Kopperl, Jim Bob and Laura Webb of Kopperl; Justin Webb and Henry and Abby, Breanna Webb, and Bryce Webb of Coppel; Nathan and Gena Wright and Elizabeth of Austin; Brandon and Kirsten Tripp of Stratford; Vonda and Dwayne Grun, LeeAnn Farley, and Ryan Weidner of Lubbock; Dana Wilson of Baton Rouge, LA; Dillon Weidner and Colton of San Antonio; Stoney and Martha Weidner of Grape Creek; Darlene Kelly of Ballinger; Eddie Weidner of Atlas, Okla.; Wendy and Randall Lyons of Clifton; Melissa Dominguez and Sammy and Samuel of Bronte; from Louisiana, Blake & Tiffany Box and baby of Louisiana; from Odessa, Texas, Ann and Eddie Bedrick, Steve and Georgia Collier, and Judy Snowden of Odessa; Carolyn Basurto of Crane;

Billy Westbrook of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Garry Brice of Kimberting City, Missouri; Sherri McGinnis, Greg Johnson, Brandon and Brandy McGinnis and family, Sara and Jonathan Mendez and family, Bodie and Kelly McGinnis, Scarlett and Cassidy Morgan, Taylor and Kelly Morgan, and Odell McGinnis of Mineral Wells; from San Angelo, Texas, Brenda Braden, Rusty Weidner, Jordan Weidner and son, Joyce Weidner, Leslie Brice and Michael, Ricky Weidner and kids, Rocky Weidner, Jeff and Tyler Wade, Latisha Weidner, Jimmy and BJ Martin, John and Kelsi Martin and Jonathan Ryder, and KC Baker of San Angelo and visitors Bobby McKelvy and Lena and Savannah, Mona McRhat of Baton Rouge, LA, Calley Bentle of Lubbock, Allyson Tingle of Belton, Gary Gettis, Tracy Barker, Christi and Cliff Pearey and Jace Watson all of San Angelo.

Ballinger man claims \$1 million lottery prize



CELINDA HAWKINS | ENTERPRISE PHOTO
Benedict Hoelscher, a lifelong Runnels County resident and farmer and rancher, claimed a \$1 million prize from a Texas Lottery scratch ticket, Friday, June 10. He is pictured here in front of his 1997 pickup which he plans to replace with some of his winnings.

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When Benedict Hoelscher arrived at his home at around 10 p.m. Friday June, 10, he asked his wife Cheryl if he looked different. Little did she know, he had just won a \$1 million from a Texas Lottery scratch off ticket.

"My son was visiting from Lubbock, and when I got home I walked in and asked my wife and son if I looked any different, if I looked like a millionaire. I gave my wife the ticket and she couldn't believe it," said Hoelscher when asked what happened when he found out he won.

Hoelscher, 71, of Ballinger claimed a \$1 million prize in the Texas Lottery scratch ticket game \$1,000,000 Instant Cashout. For selling the winning \$20 scratch off ticket, Hoelscher Liquor, which he owns, located at 120 FM 381 in Rowena, is eligible for a \$10,000 retailer bonus.

"That is what I understand," Hoelscher said. Hoelscher said he has won \$1,000 and \$500 two other times on the lottery, but this is absolutely his biggest prize yet. And, each time he has won, it has been the 12th scratch off ticket on the role - which he considers his lucky number of sorts. On his lucky day, he said his wife of 48 years, was surprised when he handed her his winning ticket.

Hoelscher claimed the sixth and final prize worth \$1 million available in the game which offers more than \$91.5 million in

prizes. The Overall odds of winning any prize in the game are one in 3.05, including break-even prizes.

Hoelscher who has been farming and ranching for 53 years, lives about six miles northwest of Ballinger on a ranch, said he plans to help his son and grandson. He also plans to replace his 1997 Chevrolet truck and he is entertaining bids on his liquor store, located at the Lowake turnoff on Highway 67.

"I was planning on building a shed anyway. I've also been planning on selling the store. Maybe I'll do a little bit of traveling," said Hoelscher. "I may also buy a new pickup."

He said he was considering bids for the sale of his store before he won the lottery.

The Hoelschers are the parents of two sons, Dwayne, 46, and Eric, who tragically died last year following a long illness.

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$25 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$49 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$19 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance. Since the first veterans' themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$60 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

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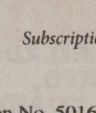
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DPS urges Texans stay vigilant, report suspicious activity

State iWATCH program accepts tips via website, mobile app

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is calling on Texans to remain vigilant regarding potential crime and terrorist activity in their communities, and to report suspicious behaviors to the department's iWATCH website at www.iwatchtx.org. The iWATCH program was created as a partnership between communities and law enforcement, and utilizes citizen-sourced tips related to criminal activity.

"As details about the atrocious attack in Orlando continue to unfold, our thoughts and prayers remain with the victims, their families and all of

Florida," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Amid today's ever-present threat of terrorism and crime, we are reminded that members of the public can be law enforcement's greatest resource. When law enforcement and communities work together to combat crime, we are inherently more successful. DPS urges individuals to always report illegal or suspicious behavior they see to iWATCH or their local authorities - by speaking up, you could save a life."

In addition to the shootings in Orlando, and other attacks around the world, senseless attacks have also

occurred closer to home in recent years, including tragic shootings at Fort Hood, and a 2015 shooting incident in Garland, Texas. Concerned citizens can visit the iWATCH website to fill out a report, which includes contact information and specifics about a particular incident. A report usually takes fewer than five minutes to complete, and once submitted, each report is reviewed by law enforcement analysts. The website also lists a phone number for possible anonymous reports.

Here are some examples of behaviors and activities to report:

- Strangers asking

questions about building security features and procedures.

- Briefcase, suitcase, backpack or package is left behind.

- Cars or trucks are left in no-parking zones at important buildings.

- Chemical smells or fumes that are unusual for the location.

- People requesting sensitive information, such as blueprints, security plans or VIP travel schedules, without a need to know.

- Purchasing supplies that could be used to make bombs or weapons, or purchasing uniforms

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Crop reports due July 15

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The Runnels County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Offices want to remind producers that acreage reports are required for farms that are participating in the Farm Program, Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP), Conservation Reserve Program, and to remain eligible for CCC Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's). The current spring seeded crop deadline is July 15, 2016. Applicable crops include

grain sorghum, corn, forage haygrazer, cotton, pecans, CRP, etc. Producers requesting benefits under the aforementioned programs must visit the county office, report acreage and provide actual planting dates. Failure to complete that requirement will result in either late file fees, loss of benefits, or repayments.

Please call the FSA Office at 325-365-5757 to schedule an appointment so FSA representatives can schedule ample time and prepare for your visit.

COMMUNITY NEWS

T Miles 1st Saturday Trade Days

The Miles America 1st Saturday Trade Days will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Miles. Downtown shops will be open and vendors will have booths on the street. Vendor booths are available for \$20 each. For more information contact Debbie Elguezabal at 325-227-0013 or Bonnie Sloan at 325-656-1355.

Reading is Fun!

On your mark, get set, read from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 28 at the Winters Public Library! Children ages 2 years through 5th grade are invited to attend. Older kids are welcome and encouraged to volunteer with the programs. Be sure to mark your calendar this special program sponsored by the Winters Public Library.

Head Start applications accepted

Winters ISD Head Start is accepting applications for the 2016-17 school year for children that will be at least 3 years of age on or before September 1. Head Start is a pre-k program that partners with the local school district and is designed for low income families. The structured daily program is taught by certified teachers and is aimed to give children a head start on life and education. This program has a limited number of slots remaining. For more information, contact ESC Region 15 Head Start office at 325-658-6571.

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.

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.

Ballinger Farmers Market

There will be a Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday from June-September in downtown Ballinger. Fresh fruits, vegetables and eggs as well as other edible items such as canned goods, breads, jams, jellies and salsa - are welcome. Baked goods must be wrapped. Other items featured at the market will include plants, homemade lotions and soaps. Everyone from the area is invited to participate in the weekly event, which will not include arts and crafts at this time. Call Cody Rice at 316-549-2017 for information or stop by RM's Cositas 718 Hutchings or fill out the appli-

cation online at <https://codyrice12.wufoo.com/forms/ballinger-farmers-market/>.

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.

Alanon meetings

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday night Enter on Avenue A and Seventh Street. side. Alanon is open to all family and friends of alcoholics and drug abusers and those affected by other forms of addiction. Child care is available. For more information call (325) 365 2323.

Recycling Center Hours

The City of Ballinger's

Recycling Center, located at South 7th Street and Sealy Avenue, is open from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday. The recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Saturday, the recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to noon.

WIC open to many incomes and families

Women Infants and Children, (WIC) located at 706 Strong Ave. in Ballinger is open from 7 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. WIC is closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone 325-365-5925.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

The Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month, at the Wilmeth Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo at 754 2048.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

"Swimming Holes"

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Across

- Fully absorbed
- Beehive, e.g.
- Boxer Roberto
- Exploitative type
- ___ tide
- Old Rodeo maker
- Popular cuisine
- Peace
- French toast
- People with metal detectors
- Actor Tom
- WWII admiral
- "___ Tunes"
- Humble
- Russian mountains
- Ring sport
- Cartesian conclusion
- Think tank, e.g.
- Yearbook sect.
- "Othello" fellow
- Nonsensical
- Shills for, e.g.
- Bordeaux wine
- Pitch to the noggin
- "___ to go, people to see"
- Vacation area of England
- #2 Bill Withers hit of 1972
- Clapton of rock
- Capri, for one
- Excavation find
- Long (for)
- Intimate
- Jet
- Norton Sound port
- Nuts (over)

Down

- Furrow
- Blond shade
- Shooter ammo
- Court of justice
- Apprehensive
- Christmas wish
- 100-meter, e.g.
- Fuel grp.
- Cheerless
- In a convenient way
- Wears the crown
- Sky-blue
- Cracked
- "Old MacDonald" letters
- "Outta sight!"
- Hue
- Old newspaper sections
- Pool exercise
- Breathing organs
- Novel of the South Seas
- Trick-taking game
- Challenge opener
- Dancer De Mille
- Convene
- Food Network's Guy
- Flowering shrub
- Putting into effect
- Feeble
- Embellish
- Saw
- Squib
- Stand for something
- Kipling's wolf pack leader
- Rainbow maker
- Wrapped (up)
- Nirvana, e.g.
- Expanse
- Fall behind
- Period

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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Breakfast

June 27
Biscuit w/jelly or cereal, sausage, fruit juice, choice of milk.

June 28
Pancakes or pop tart, yogurt, fruit juice, choice of milk.

June 29
Sausage roll or cereal, yogurt, fruit juice, choice of milk.

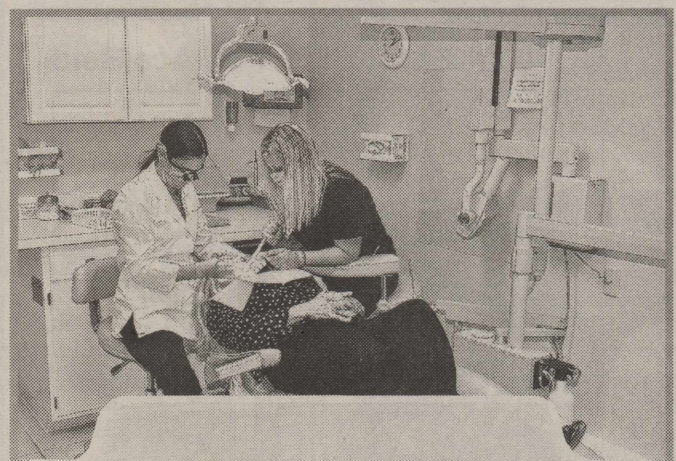
June 30
Pancake on a stick or pop tart, yogurt, fruit juice, choice of milk.

grapes, fruit juice, choice of milk.

June 29
Pizza or peanut butter & jelly sandwich, carrot sticks, melon, fruit juice,

choice of milk.

June 30
Cheese Burger or peanut butter & jelly sandwich, french fries, applesauce, fruit juice, choice of milk.



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June 27
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June 28
Quesadilla or peanut butter & jelly sandwich, corn,

Runnels County ROLL-UP

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Thursday, June 23, 2016

Runnels County Jail Record

June 23, 2016

Name	Age	Agency
Christopher J. Burfield	33	Coleman
Manufacture and delivery of controlled substance.		
Kevin M. Turner	38	Coleman
MTR child/elderly/disabled reckless injury.		
Christopher R. Enderby	37	Miles PD
Out of county warrant.		
Kelien D. Carrillo	17	RCSO
Evading arrest/detention.		
Efrain C. Maldonado	44	DPS
DWI - F3.		
Reynaldo Torres Jr.	30	RCSO
Warrant fraud.		
Micah D. Jones	31	RCSO
MTR theft of property.		
Jerry L. Alvarado	58	BPD
Unlawful possession of firearm.		
Rae D. Johnson	66	BPD
Public intoxication.		
Johnny L. Olivera	32	WPD
Out of county warrant.		
Drew A. Williams	29	BPD
Concho County MTR, Menard County MTR.		
Juan G. Guerrero	28	RCSO
Warrant theft.		
James K. Pope		Coleman
Aggravated assault w/deadly weapon.		
Justin M. Killingsworth	38	Concho
Kizzy D. Collier-Palmer	39	Concho
Striking fixture/highway landscape.		
Robert R. Strawderman	56	WPD
Criminal trespass.		
Samuel J. Herridge	31	RCSO
Public intoxication.		
Jesse C. Tamez	25	RCSO
DWI		
Angela L. Carroll	37	Concho
Class C resisting arrest.		
Delia R. Medrano	46	BPD
MTR burglary.		
Stephen A. Kirkpatrick	38	Coleman
Blue warrant.		
Alfredo F. Gonzales	36	BPD
DWI.		
Norma L. Reyes	36	BPD
Arson		

VETERANS CORNER

Some post 9/11 veterans with Traumatic Brain Injuries who were denied disability compensation by the VA between 2007 and 2015 have another chance to receive their benefits. The Veterans Affairs announced last week that more than 24,000 veterans could qualify to receive another medical exam for brain injury without having to refile a claim. Their compensation will be awarded back to the date of the initial claim if they are found to have experienced a TBI. VA in 2007 began requiring veterans get medical assessments for TBI from one of four specialists — either a psychologist, psychiatrist, neurologist or neurosurgeon. It denied claims of some veterans whose initial TBI exam was done by another medical provider. Following a review



Sandra G. Van Zant

of the VA TBI medical exams from 2007 to 2015, Secretary McDonald decided to grant what is called "equitable relief" to veterans. VA officials said the department had issued a "number of guidance documents that may have created confusion regarding the policy" requiring the exams be done by certain doctors, resulting in a large number of former service members either being denied compensation or receiving a lower disability rating. Veterans who qualify for a new exam will be contacted by the VA. The department said more than half the veterans already are receiving some level of compensation benefits. If you had a TBI and the VA has not contacted you, call me. For more information contact Sandra Van Zant 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

DPS graduates 123 new Texas State Troopers

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN — Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw today was joined by Texas Public Safety Commission Chair Cynthia Leon and members of the Public Safety Commission (PSC) as the department commissioned 123 men and women as the state's newest Highway Patrol Troopers. PSC Commissioner Randy Watson was the keynote speaker during the recruit graduation ceremony, which was held today in Austin.

"Becoming a DPS Trooper requires an immense commitment, and it is a job that will demand your utmost devotion — thank you for selflessly taking on that challenge and answering the call to duty,"

said PSC Commissioner Watson. "From this day forward, you are building on a foundation that will shape and guide you throughout your entire career, and I encourage you to always endeavor to achieve great things."

The new troopers will report to duty stations across Texas in the coming weeks and spend the first six months in on-the-job training.

"As you start on your journey as a Texas Highway Patrol Trooper, I want to welcome each of you to the DPS family," said PSC Chair Leon. "Your accomplishments are truly an inspiration, and I encourage you to take a moment to appreciate the person you've become and the path that brought you here today. I have confi-

dence that you will make us all proud."

The troopers began the 23-week training academy in January. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counterterrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures, accident reconstruction, first aid and Spanish. They also received training in use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness.

"During the past six months, these 123 men and women have risen to every challenge; and today, they join the front line protecting this state against the full gamut of public safety threats," said Director McCraw. "Thank you for your courageous

commitment to serving the people of Texas, and DPS is pleased to have you carry on the legacy of this premier law enforcement organization built on integrity, excellence, accountability and teamwork."

The DPS is currently accepting applications for recruit classes scheduled for 2017. The next application deadline is July 13 for the class beginning Jan. 8, 2017. To apply or for more information about joining the Texas Department of Public Safety, visit www.joindps.com.

In addition, DPS schedules recruiting events throughout the year. To find an event in your region, visit <http://dps.texas.gov/trainingacademy/recruiting/recruitingEvents.htm#>.

GOT NEWS

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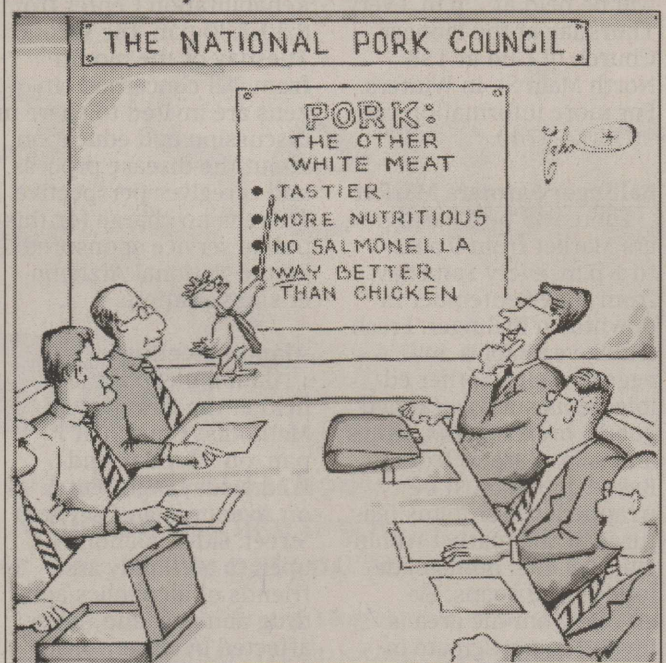
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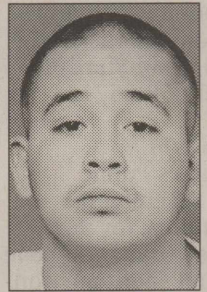
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"The other white meat". Chester, that is absolutely brilliant! We are going to turn that into a national ad campaign.

Reward offered for Most Wanted Fugitive from San Angelo

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has added Justin Lane Slatton Jr., 20, to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitives list, and a cash reward up to \$7,500 is now being offered for information leading to his capture. Bell



Justin Slatton

County Crime Stoppers and San Angelo Crime Stoppers are also offering rewards for information leading to his arrest. Slatton, who has ties to the Latin Kings gang, is wanted for murder and burglary of building. Slatton's last known address was in San Angelo.

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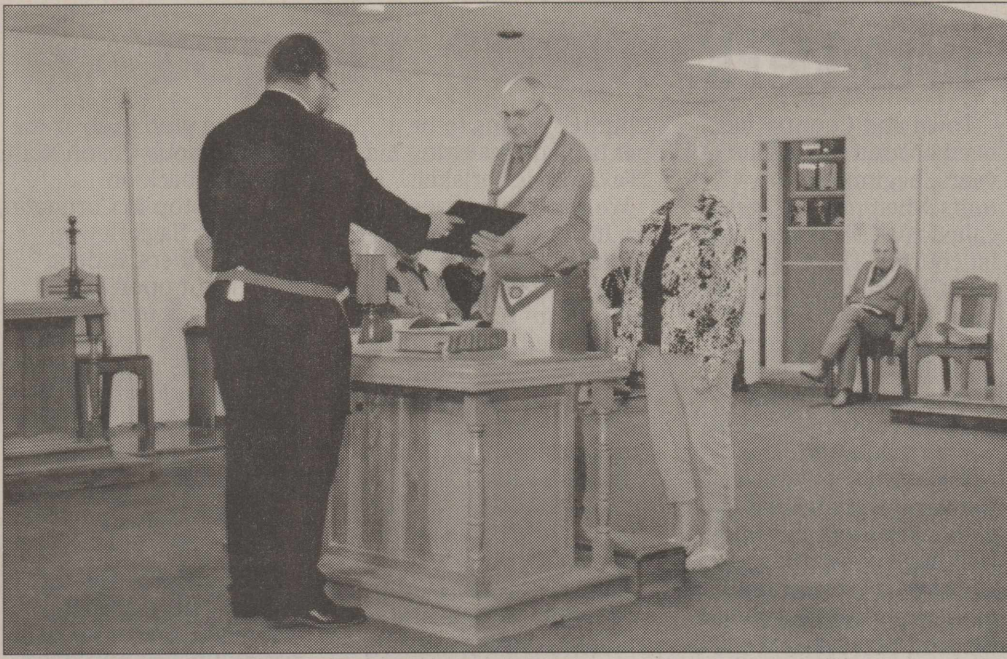
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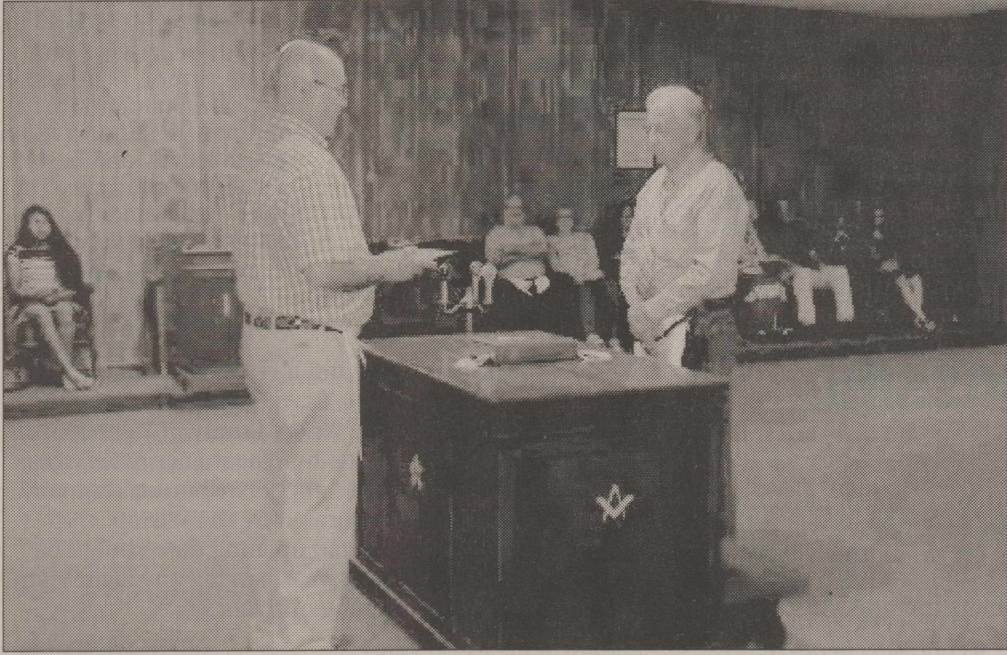
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Please email all submissions to chawkins@ballingerledger.com or if you have questions, call 325-365-3501.

MASONIC HONORS AWARDED



On June 2, 2016, Paint Rock Masonic Lodge # 613, A.F.& A.M., was presented Bro. William F.(Rusty) Culp with his well deserved 60 Year Service Award, for his honorable service to his Brother Masons and Masonry in Texas. Pictured from left to right are RW Brandon Poehts, District Deputy Grand Master of District 105 presenting award to Bro. William F. (Rusty) Culp, accompanied by his wife, Shirley Culp.



Ballinger Masonic Lodge #643 presented the Masonic Golden Towel Award on May 20, 2016 to WM R.J. Laird. Bro. Laird has been Master of Ballinger Lodge, 2014 - 2016. Pictured left is Bro. Larry Lusby presenting the award across the alter to Bro. R.J. Laird, right.



Ballinger Masonic Lodge #643 was honored to present the Community Builder Award on May 20, 2016 to Runnels County Veterans Service Officer Sandra G. Van Zant. Van Zant was honored for the amazing job she does for returning veterans, Honor Flight veterans, past and present, to assist them in their needs. Pictured from left to right is Junior Van Zant, Sandra Van Zant, and Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard.

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Chris Boss, is the headliner for the 130th Birthday Celebration Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at City Park in Ballinger.

It's Ballinger's Birthday Bash

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It's Ballinger's birthday celebration Saturday, and lots of fun activities and events are planned to mark the 130th birthday for "the greatest little town in Texas."

Ballinger City Park will be ground zero for the celebration which kicks off at 8:30 a.m. with the 5K Fun Run. The Barbecue Cook off gets underway at 9 a.m. in the park and the gates open to the public at 10 a.m. with the

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without having the proper credentials. Taking photographs or videos of security features, such as cameras or checkpoints. DPS urges residents who see something unusual to simply speak up. Preparations for terrorist attacks may often be seen, but rarely reported. When in doubt, report the suspicious activity through iWATCH. For more information on the iWATCH program or to submit a report, visit www.iwatchtx.org. To make an anonymous report, individuals can contact DPS at 1-866-786-5972. (iWATCH is not designed to report emergencies. If a situation requires an emergency response, call 911.) Reports to iWATCH can also be made through the DPS Mobile App. The app is currently available for iPhone users on the Apple App Store: (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/texas-dps/id902092368?mt=8>) and for Android users on Google Play: (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.microassist.texasdps&hl=en>). The iWATCH website is part of the DPS Intelligence and Counterterrorism Division (ICT), which serves as the central clearinghouse for the collection, management, analysis and dissemination of law enforcement and homeland security intelligence in Texas. This DPS intelligence strategy is essential to proactive, preventive and effective law enforcement operations to combat crime and terrorism.

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and he has ties to the area. Slatton is a suspect in connection with a shooting on April 13, 2016, in Temple that left two Bell County men dead. His criminal history includes theft of a firearm, escape while arrested/confined and burglary of a building. For more information or updates in the event of his arrest, see his wanted bulletin at www.dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/fugitiveDetails.aspx?id=329. Slatton is 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs approximately 165 pounds. He has several tattoos, including a five-point star on his left hand, the number five (dice style) on his left wrist, the shape of Texas on his right hand and multiple neck tattoos. (Note: The above image on

the left is from 2014 and before Slatton had neck tattoos; the other image is more recent.)

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of the Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitives or sex offenders.

To be eligible for the cash rewards, tipsters must provide information to authorities using one of the five following methods:

- Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).
- Text the letters "DPS" - followed by your tip - to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone.
- Submit a web tip through the DPS website by selecting the fugitive you have information about, and then clicking

on the link under their picture.

■ Submit a Facebook tip at <http://www.facebook.com/texas10mostwanted> by clicking the "SUBMIT A TIP" link (under the "About" section).

■ Submit a tip through the DPS Mobile App. The app is currently available for iPhone users on the Apple App Store: (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/texas-dps/id902092368?mt=8>) and for Android users on Google Play: (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.microassist.texasdps&hl=en>).

All tips are anonymous - regardless of how they are submitted, and tipsters will be provided a tip number instead of using a name.

DPS investigators work with local law enforcement agencies to select fugitives for the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive and Sex Offender lists. You can find the current lists - with photos - on the DPS website at <http://www.dps.texas.gov/texas-10mostwanted/>.

Do not attempt to apprehend these fugitives; they are considered armed and dangerous.

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A Tip-Off to Truckers...



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Some-where between pig Latin and social media's abbreviations substituted for words--perhaps a quarter-century ago--American drivers communicated on CB (citizens'

I miss the chatter, including such expressions as "breaker one/nine" and "got your ears on?" I also enjoyed random chats with "good buddies" on the "super slab." A preacher caught up in "CB talk" ended a prayer one Sunday with "catch you on the flip/flop" rather than "amen." And a trucker asked, "Hey, Van Gogh, got your EAR on?..."

Since most truckers still have CBs, I'm counting on them to spread the news about food that's "larrapin' good" at a restaurant in the innards of a swanky resort hotel in San Diego. Though the hotel is unique, the eatery--in ap-

pearance, anyway--isn't. Tucked away at the Town and Country Resort on Interstate 5, "Charlie's" depends on clientele who arrive there "on purpose."

It has true "Texan appeal," meat cooked on a custom stainless steel smoker on a trailer. The servings are so generous the plates need sideboards. Once drivers of 18-wheelers visit, they depart with enough left-overs for their next meals. And they spread the news on their CBs....

Texans know the secret to finding good grub is to stop where trucks are stacked up. Truckers know.

Town and Country has been around more than 60 years, beginning with 47 units when many travelers called road lodgings "tourist courts." There are almost 1,000 units now, and they're on the front-end of an \$80-million makeover.

While we were there, hundreds of ballroom dancers converged from across the nation. The resort--recently hosted men's and women's body building competition. Another, a "Steampunk" gathering, featured guests dressed in period costumes. (Truckers may gawk, of course, but are reminded their stops are for victuals.)...

Chef Paul McCabe, who doesn't have enough walls or shelves to display his awards, directs food and beverage operations.

Charlie's seems to be a pet project, featuring his "Texas-style" brisket.

We were encouraged to try his "poutine appetizer," a dish of Canadian origin. With ingredients including fries, burnt brisket ends, gravy, fried cheese curds and celery, one order would feed a scout troop, perhaps even a fleet of truck drivers.

Enough said.....

San Diego is a favorite destination, for us and millions of others. It's the largest city in the world with a single airport runway--it stays hot. The arrival gate is one of the happiest anywhere, but boarding on return flights is sad. It's a city tough to leave.

We loved the "hop on, hop off" trolley tour. Timed correctly, visitors can hop off at Old Town,

if only to grab grub at the world-famous Coyote Café, then hop back on.

At our stop in Coronado, American flags flew in great numbers. Riders grew silent upon learning the flags honored the memory of a Navy seal, slain by ISIS and trained at the Coronado seal training school. Such poignant moments are too rarely experienced.....

Little wonder that the late Dr. Theodor Geisel resided in nearby La Jolla during the last half of his life. Most of his writing was inspired by experiences there. A wise and unique author, he founded the Geisel Foundation. It continues to support many causes, locally and beyond.

He didn't mind the "Dr. Seuss" pen name that was always mispronounced. It

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band) radios. Truckers used CBs best, and probably still do, warning of wrecks up ahead, bad weather and "smokies"--the "do right" guys who write tickets when excessive speed is detected.

If you go:

What: Celebrate 130 Years
Where: Ballinger City Park
When: 10 a.m.
Cost: \$10 at the gate, \$5 BYOB cooler fee

Schedule of events:

- 8:30 a.m. 5K Fun Run
- 9 a.m. Barbecue Cookoff begins
- 10 a.m. Gates open
- Noon Free Kids Bike Race
- 1-6 p.m. Pool open free
- 1-8 p.m. Knocker ball
- 1-8 p.m. Miniature golf, water slides, bounce house
- 6 p.m. Washer pitching contest
- 7 p.m. Free watermelon
- 7:30 p.m. Chris Boss Concert
- Dark Laser light show

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gate fee at \$10 per person. This year, plenty of fun is planned for families to celebrate Ballinger's 130th. There will be all types of activities throughout the day and then, Texas musician Chris Boss takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. Boss, who hails from Fredericksburg, will be covering all types of timeless hits, from classic country to rock and roll.

Tammie Virden, executive director of the Ballinger Chamber said there will be plenty of free offerings for attendees throughout the day including free swimming, water slides, bounce houses and miniature golf. Plus at 7 p.m. folks can enjoy free watermelon.

"We are going to have a lot of events that folks can participate in once they pay the gate fee," Virden said. "They can come on in, pay the gate fee and enjoy lots of activities."

At noon Saturday there will be a Bike Race which is also free.

A \$5 fee will be charged to folks for each cooler they bring in. Plus, there will be a \$5 fee to play Knocker Ball.

The Ballinger Masonic Lodge will be selling burgers, hotdogs and barbecue sandwiches throughout the day.

Boss will hit the stage at 7:30 p.m. and play a set and then will come back at dusk and will play during the laser light show.

"This is going to be a great time for everyone," Virden said. "So come on out and celebrate."

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will offer gasoline and highway diesel, and the fleet fueling area will offer highway diesel, off-road diesel, and diesel exhaust fluid. Amenities planned for truck and fleet customers include truck parking, showers,

washer/dryer and a relaxation lounge.

The Crossing Travel Market, a limited partnership of the Wheat family of Winters, will be supplied fuel by Wheat Energy Services, a Winters-based fuel distribution company owned and operated by the Wickets.

The anticipated opening date should be late fall of this year barring any significant delays, company officials say.

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St. and had a soft opening on May 4. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and is the first official liquor store to be located in Winters since the town went wet three years ago.

Before the store opened, Winters residents had to travel to Ballinger, Hatchel, Buffalo Gap and Coleman to purchase liquor. Beer and wine has been available in the local grocery stores.

"The Winters business community welcomes Double J's Beverages," said Randall Conner, executive director of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation. "Our economy is strengthened with the addition of each new business and we have

had several new ones this year."

Gonzales said he has received positive feedback from Winters residents, since he opened the store.

"People say 'I never thought I'd ever see a liquor store in Winters,'" he said. "People are really liking the fact that we are here."

He is no stranger to the retail business, having worked for Coca Cola and Ab-Tex Beverage Co. in Abilene.

The store is named after Gonzales and his wife, Josie, who owns Hairway Salon next door to his store.

Gonzales said he is increasing his inventory as fast as he can. So far, he has about 180 selections in the store, along with beer, wine and some mixers.

He takes all major credit cards.

Gonzales said he is planning a grand opening in the coming months, but for now, he is looking forward to a busy holiday on July 4.

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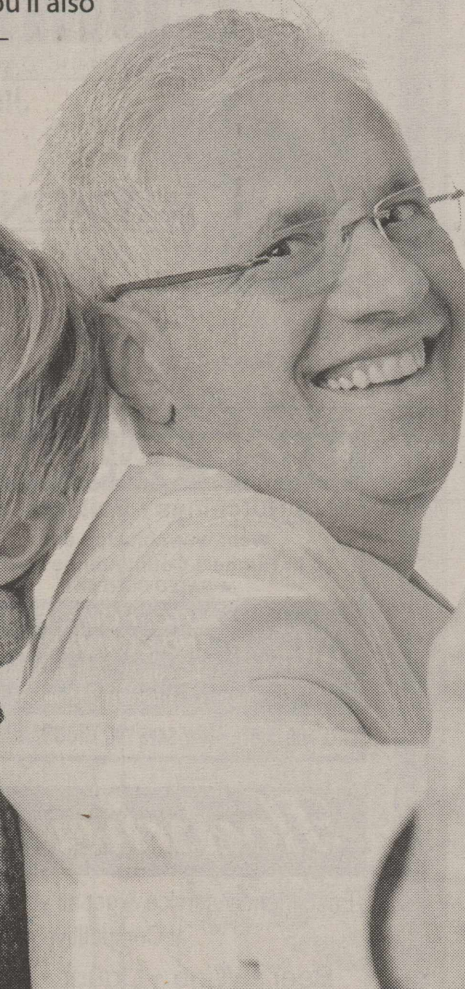
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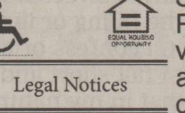
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Proposals must be received by the city no later than 3:00 pm on July 8, 2016, to be considered. The city reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms or consultants that submit pro-

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Sealed Proposals addressed to Barry Hilliard, County Judge of Runnels County, Texas, will be received at the Commissioners' Court Room at 613 Hutchins Ave., Room 103, Ballinger, Texas until 10:00Am on July 12, 2016. Bids received after that date and time will not be considered. No faxed bids will be accepted.

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Information for general conditions applicable to bids may be obtained at www.co.runnels.tx.us or by contacting Barry Hilliard, Runnels County Judge at 325-365-2633 for bid packet.

By ORDER of Commissioners' Court on June 14, 2016.

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Lady Blizzards Basketball Camp

The Lady Blizzards Basketball Camp was held June 14-16 by Lady Blizzard coaches Val Acree, Chelsey Jordan and Lyndsie Dunson. There were two groups including a morning group for incoming 2nd - 5th graders and an afternoon group for incoming 6th through 9th graders.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

ABOVE: The morning group of the Lady Blizzards Basketball Camp included from left to right, back row: Hannah Casey, Kaelynn Hoelscher, Hannah Powers, Rylee Sanchez and Baylie Bryant. Pictured in the front row from left to right are Jazzy Soto, Payton Duggan, Kacie Lindley, Nikole Bowen and Addie Anderson.

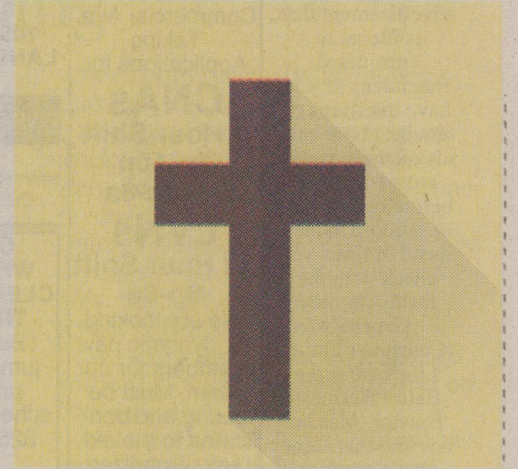
BELOW: The afternoon group from the Lady Blizzards Basketball Camp included from left to right, back row: Lorena Sarzasa, Marley Smith, Karlee Busher, Avery Wheat and Megan Tarr. Pictured in the front row from left to right are Esmeralda Gallegos and Hai-lye Santoya-Majalca.



BROTHER J

Making Kool-Aid just right

Every summer I volunteer to help in Vacation Bible School. It is a program that teaches the children about God, the Bible, and Jesus Christ. One of the jobs I volunteer for is the Kool-Aid taster or sampler. Sometimes they don't get the Kool-Aid sweet quite enough and they have to add more sugar. As I was reading my Bible this morning and thinking about my life I became aware that my life or heart is not sweet enough. I fall short of where God wants me to be, (Romans 3:23) as I prayed I called upon God for mercy and I also asked him to sweeten my heart. He does that by the filling or indwelling of the Holy Spirit. I confess or acknowledge the areas that I fall short and ask for help. I know that in my natural self-dwells no good thing and my heart can be very deceitful, (Jeremiah 17:9). I call upon God for help so that I can respond differently to everyday life. I can have more love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, (Galatians 5:22). If we have put our faith in



Christ Jesus and are born from His spirit, let us abide in His spirit. Then we will be like the Kool-Aid that is properly sweetened, "Just Right". Oh yes, take the kids or grand kids to Vacation Bible school. See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

NEWBURY

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is, indeed, his middle name. Correct pronunciation of "Seuss"—of Bavarian origin—actually rhymes with the word "choice." They said he preferred the mispronunciation; it rhymes with "goose." Worse would have been use of his nickname: "The Kaiser." Need more be said?

Folks with at least casual interest in the life of this brilliant writer should "Google" away. Better yet, visit his museum in La

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PROGRAM

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throughout the year.

Carol Harrison, senior vice president of the United Way of the Concho Valley, which serves 14 counties including Runnels County, said it is possible.

However, the process is long, she said and starts in August when the capital campaign Non profit organizations make funding requests by December and the funding is approved in the new year. Funds start flowing in April she said.

"We would love to have the opportunity to help our outlying counties," Harrison said. "We would love to take a look at this."

Hilliard said he hopes members of the community or an organization will emerge and try to salvage the program.

"I will tell anyone who takes over the program, not to take a penny from the state," he said.

For the past three weeks, since commissioners voted to terminate the program during a special meeting, Hilliard has been working behind the scenes in every attempt to salvage the program that serves about 150 congregate and delivered lunches five days a week to clients in Ballinger, Winters, Miles and Rowena.

Runnels County Commissioners voted unanimously Wednesday, June 1 to shut down the program by Oct. 1, however, the item was not listed on the agenda to be

voted on, therefore the action was null and void.

Hilliard said this time commissioners do not have to vote on the ending the program.

"We just won't fund it during the budget process," Hilliard said.

Last year, Hilliard asked commissioners to give him one more year, he said. And in an effort to keep the program going, each of the four commissioners put in \$20,000 from their funds to help with the costs.

With increased regulations and decreases in funding, the program has been on life support for some time. Earlier this month, Hilliard applied for waivers through the West Central Texas Council of Governments, which partially funds the programs. But even that solution, which would have allowed the county to serve compliant meals three days a week, was too costly.

The county gets funding from the Department of Aging and Disability Services, as well as from the West Central Texas Council of Governments. In addition, the cities of Ballinger, Winters and Miles provide some funding.

Due to financial constraints, the centers were consolidated almost three years ago in October.

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