



Thursday, November 24, 2016

Briefly

Holiday closures

Winters Independent School district will be closed from Nov. 21-25 which includes the Thanksgiving holiday. Classes will resume on Monday, Nov. 28.

Winters City Hall will be closed Nov. 24-25 and will reopen for normal business hours Monday. Runnels County offices will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday and will reopen Monday.

ASU to host training event

SAN ANGELO - The ASU-SBDC (Angelo State University Small Business Development Center) will host the training event "Texas Friendly Customer Service", at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1. The cost is \$20 per person.

Is your business "Texas Friendly"? Business owners, managers and frontline employees can all benefit from either an introduction or a "refresher" course to the importance of quality customer service. This program emphasizes topics such as business etiquette, phone courtesy, working with difficult people, handling complaints, cultural awareness, listening skills, and communication. Margaret Hoodstra, Executive **Director of Texas Forts** Trail will present the program. Please register in advance for this event. To register please call the ASU-SBDC at (325) 942-2098 or register online at www.sbdc.angelo.edu



The last drop

The first cold snap converged on Runnels County by last week according to the National Weather Service in San Angelo. Mild weather will continue this

A warming trend followed the cold front, with temperatures reaching the upper 70s and winds gusting from 10-15 mph.

A cooling trend will continue through the Thanksgiving holiday, with lows dipping to the lower 40s and highs reaching upper

Thanksgiving Day will see slightly warmer weather with highs reaching the low 70s. There is no rain in the forecast for the remainder of the weekend.

There was no rain reported in Runnels County over the last week.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 33.80 inches of rainfall, with 36.13 inches reported in Wingate and 30.29 inches received in San Angelo.

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

Olfen ISD teacher arrested

Charged with indecency

BY CELINDA HAWKINS MANAGING EDITOR WINTERS ENTERPRISE

An educator from Olfen **Independent School District** was arrested last week and charged with indecency with a child by contact, according to the Runnels County

Gose Cavazos

Sheriff's Office.

Gose Cavazos, 51, was arrested on Tuesday, Nov. 15 and charged with indecency with a child by contact and improper relationship between and educator and student. He was released on Wednesday, Nov. 16, after posting bonds totaling

Sergeant Carl Squyres, said the incident involved a junior high student. However, no other information was available at press time.

"This case remains under investigation, Squyres said. "So we cannot release any additional information."

According to the Olfen ISD website, Cavazos teaches special education, history and Spanish.

According to the State Board of Education, Cavazos is licensed to teach social studies, special education, English as a second language and secondary Spanish.

A QUIET PLACE OF REST FOR THE BEST



Rogers Hornsby, one of the greatest players in Major League Baseball history, is buried in Hornsby Cemetery nine miles east of Austin. The two-time MVP still holds the National League record for highest batting average in a season.

Winters native one of baseball's greats

ustin's best-kept baseball secret lies off of FM 969, just east of Blue Bluff Road in eastern Travis County. Behind a metal gate, posted with signs to deter vandals, a narrow gravel path twists half a mile downhill toward the Colorado River and a time long forgotten.

Mesquite trees and cacti block the view on each side. Visitors pass a 1936 Texas Centennial marker commemorating the first house built in Travis County before the path opens to a field that is home to one of the oldest cemeteries in Texas.

Nine miles east of the capital, after the skyscrapers fade from view and congested city streets open to country highways, dedicated baseball fans and history buffs can find the final resting place of Rogers Hornsby, one of the greatest baseball players ever.

The 27th inductee of the National Baseball Hall of Fame was born in 1896 in Winters, Texas, the youngest of six kids. "The Rajah" signed with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1915 and would amass 2,930 hits, including 301 home runs, during his illustrious 23-year career. His .424 batting average during the 1924 season is a record that still stands today. At .366, Ty Cobb is the only player to better Hornsby's .358 career average.

"Not many people know his grave is there," said Hugh Hornsby, Rogers' first cousin once removed.

Hornsby Cemetery is just a small part of Hornsby Bend, named for the family patriarch, Reuben Hornsby. As a surveyor for Stephen F. Austin, he spotted land along a northern bend in the Colorado River and relocated his family. In 1832, he established the

BEST, 5

Grain producer referendum Dec. 5-9

BY CELINDA HAWKINS MANAGING EDITOR WINTERS ENTERPRISE

An important issue for grain producers is coming up for a vote Dec. 5-9 that could help insure that grain producers don't lose thousands of dollars in valuable commodities if they are seized when a grain elevator goes in to bankruptcy.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is conducting the referendum on the establishment of a grain indemnity fund program. According to the proposed program, the fund will cover 85 percent of the producer's

Dale Duggan, chairman of Extension Agriculture at the Natural Resource



TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION PHOTO Owners of farms where wheat, sorghum, corn or soybeans are produced may vote in the upcoming grain indemnity fund election Dec. 5-9.

Conservation Commission and on the board of the Runnels County Farm Bureau, calls this a very important issue and said producers need to vote to make sure they are protected from instances when a grain buyer files bankruptcy, is ordered to pay a judgement, or loses its public warehouse

"I feel this is a very important issue because it does give protection against a grain elevator that have had to close due to bankruptcy," Duggan explained.

The Texas Grain Producer Indemnity Fund is designed to protect producers and ensures they will be

GRAIN, 5

Texas economy adds 13,700 jobs in October

Unemployment down in Runnels County

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN — Texas grew by an estimated 13,700 nonfarm jobs in October. The state has added jobs in 18 of the past 19 months. Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.7 percent in October, down slightly from 4.8 percent in September, and remained below the national rate of 4.9 percent.

Unemployment was down from September to October according to the TWC. In October the unemployment rate for Runnels County was 4.2 percent, down from 4.8 percent in September. However, unemployment has risen from 3.5 percent in October of 2015 to the current rate of 4.2 percent.

"Texas employers continue to demonstrate the resiliency of the Texas economy with 207,500 jobs added over the past year,' said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. "TWC and our local workforce boards remain committed to implementing responsive, market-driven solutions and fostering partnerships with industry, education and other stakeholders to support our state's world-class employers as they continue to add jobs for Texas workers.'

The Trade, Transportation and Utilities industry recorded the largest private industry employment gain over the month with 8,200 jobs added. Financial Activities rose for a seventh consecutive month with a 4,400 job gain in October, and Manufacturing employment expanded by 2,000 jobs.

'Private-sector employment has been strong over the year with an overall job growth of 162,700, including 13,300 jobs added in October," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs.

"I encourage all of our employers to take advantage of the programs we offer

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Milton C. Peek

Milton C. Peek, 80, of Paint Rock, Texas passed away Thursday, November 17, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Vonna; his children, Curtis Peek, Darwin Peek and wife, Carol, and Darla Domingo and husband, Randy; his four grandchildren, Kelsey and Kayla Domingo and Tanner and Garrett Peek. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, November 20 at the Paint Rock Cemetery in Paint Rock, TX. Arrangements are with Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger, TX.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Neighborhood Watch meeting slated

The Winters Neighborhood Watch Meeting is slated for 6 p.m. Tuesday, November 29, at city hall at 310 S. Main Street in Winters. The public is welcome to attend and get involved in the Neighborhood Watch program.

Programs, events scheduled at WPL

Each Tuesday in November from 4-6 p.m. Robert Campbell will be tutoring math at the Winters Public Library.

CASA volunteers wanted

The Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County, Inc. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is seeking volunteers. Currently CASA serves 60 percent of the children in foster care. To sign up, call 325-653-4673 or email mblue@ cactomgreen.org. CASA serves Tom Green, Runnels, Concho, Crockett, Coke, Irion, Reagan, Sutton, Sterling and Schleicher counties.

AA meeting

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, in Ballinger, at 7 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday. 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 me Ploneer in Winterswill 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.

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 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 Wingate Masonic Lodge in Wilmeth. For further information contact Brandon Poehls at 325-786-2125.

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Just Around the Corner

What did the Pilgrims eat?



Celinda **Hawkins**

It is Thanksgiving Day — a day filled with traditions for families and friends. I will miss my family this holiday, but I intend to enjoy the day with others of my ilk, whose families are committed elsewhere and we will share traditions. Most of us cel-

ebrate Thanksgiving with the traditional turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie, mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce.

This Thanksgiving marks the fifth holiday without my mother and the ninth without my dad. Both were connoisseurs of the meal and had honed their holiday meal skills to perfection.

For years, I begged for a change in the menu — I lobbied for lobster, because as I said, the Pilgrims must've had lobster — and by the time Thanksgiving rolled around what with all the work dinners and special events ... well, I was sick of turkey.

But guess what? While turkey was probably on the first Thanksgiving menu, it wasn't all the pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians shared on that first occasion almost 400 vears ago.

They had a feast alright, but much of our traditional menu items were probably not on the table in 1621. The Wampanoag liked venison, so legend has it they brought five deer to share. Indeed, wild turkey and pheasant were both plentiful in New England and were on the table along with lobster, seal and swans. It was basically a menu of meat, fish and

Maybe that's what prompted comedian George Carlin to announce a menu change one year.

"We're having something a little different this year for Thanksgiving. Instead of a turkey, we're having a swan," Carlin quipped. "You get more stuffing.'

By the way, sweets were not a part of the first Thanksgiving meal either, because the Pilgrims had probably run out of sugar by that time. But they did have corn and plums, so they made do. They probably ate stewed pumpkins, too, and they had chestnuts as a treat.

Anyway, my lobster request was



never granted. We always had turkey on Thanksgiving — always. And it was delicious and the tradition and a family affair.

Dad got up at the crack of dawn or before and buttered up and seasoned the turkey, put it in the pan and got the baster ready to squirt juice on the bird in the coming several hours.

Oh, and he always pulled out all the giblets and merrily began the most important job of all — the gravy. He had it down to a science and he babied it all day.

Dad was the pie-maker and the day before, he would make the crust like his mother made, also a science, and would fashion a pecan and an apple pie. Plus, while he was playing around with the dough late at night or early in the morning, he was also known to whip up some homemade biscuits.

Meanwhile Mom was a Thanksgiving Day prepper extraordinaire — she prepared cornbread and cut up the veggies for the dressing the night before. We did have a little seafood in the mix, because Mom always made plain and oyster dressing. Wonder if the Pilgrims put oysters in their

Plus, she made yeast rolls from scratch and by 8 a.m. they were rising. Her favorite Jell-O salad (either orange or green) with pecans and cottage cheese was already jelling in the fridge along with the cranberry sauce. Barring any disasters such as lumps

in the gravy or burnt rolls (if that ever happened I blocked it), we ate promptly at 2 p.m. with a beautifully

> 3 Cans Fruit Cocktail 2 Cans Cranberry Sauce

set table.

Mom required us to dress too — no jeans at the Thanksgiving table — we had to get dolled up. And before we all dug in, we joined hands and went around the table to say what we were thankful for.

This year, as I gather with friends we will do the same and carry on family traditions from my family and others. This year, I am thankful for a year of healing, my daughters and my sister and her family. One of my daughters has just moved to Philadelphia, PA. and my other is in Austin, so I will be praying for them and their success. Today, I'm thankful for those memories of Thanksgivings gone by -I miss you Mom and Dad.

And as families gather today around the table, I pray for peaceful gatherings. Given the events of recent weeks, there may be some family members who do not share the same views - but remember the reason for this day and be humble and thankful. Talk of politics should be banned from the dinner table.

And this year, I'm honoring my family traditions and having turkey and dressing because unfortunately I missed all the delicious community dinners in Ballinger and Winters the last few week.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Samaritan House accepting donations

STAFF REPORT

The Samaritan House in Winters is asking for donations for the Holiday Baskets. Please bring all donations to the

Samaritan House by Nov. 28.

A donation of a turkey, chicken, or ham would be appreciated. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Samaritan house hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. If you have any questions, call Barbara Jones at 325-977-

- 1-2 Member Family Can Corn
- Can Green Beans
- Can Yams Can Fruit Cocktail
- Can Cranberry Sauce
- Box Stuffing Mix Box Cake Mix
- Frosting
- 3-4 Member Family 2 Cans Corn
- 2 Cans Green Beans
- Cans Yams
- Cans Fruit Cocktail 2 Cans Cranberry Sauce
- 2 Boxes Stuffing Mix 1 Box Cake Mix
- Frosting
- 5 Member Family 3 Cans Corn
- 3 Cans Green Beans 3 Cans Yams





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First Grade

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"A-B"

Alejandro Alanis Quentin Couch Ava Geyer Vera Geyer Blaise Holguin Braden Hoppe Harley Lence Treyven Lopez Yazmine Martinez Adenlaida Stokes Jaydon Tamez

Second Grade

Nehemiah Alvarado Araceli Costa Cora Leigh Hatter Joshua Powers Martin Reyna Stacie Wright

"A-B" Baylee Akin Talina Castillo Marley Cook Zayda De La Cruz Chloe Edwards Rylan Esquivel Ariah Fenwick Keylianna Tamez Colton Kraatz Alejandro Moreno Galihja Stambaugh Sarah Wright

Third Grade

Breakfast

Biscuit & Sausage or ce-

real, pineapple, fruit juice,

choice of milk, jelly, gravy.

Pancake on a stick or

cereal, mandarin oranges,

fruit juice, choice of milk,

Sausage kolache or pop

tart, egg pop, mixed fruit, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Pancakes or cereal,

choice of milk, syrup.

Student Holiday

bacon, raisins, fruit juice,

Lunch

Chef salad or corndog or

Montgomery Hatter Morgan Mostad Jonah Whitaker

"A-B" Ashleigh Barnes Corley Belew Nikole Bowen

Friday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Monday

syrup.

Student Holiday

Shayla Camacho Hannah Casey Dajo'n Cooper Madison Curry Wayne Davis Trenton Edwards Lianna Esquivel Genesis Garcia Cesar Martinez Sebastian Revna Rico Rodriguez Ajay Soto

Fourth Grade

Addison Anderson Shale Curry Kaelynn Hoelscher Avison Lin

"A-B"

Caden Vasquez

Felicity Aguero Adrian Beazley Weston Beuschel Christopher Brewer Baylie Bryant Waylon Carter **Emmaleigh Cane** Krystena Gonzales **Hunter Jackson** Le'Tisha Hunter Marisa Jimenez Janie Lara Guillermo Levario Traegan Majalca **Bailey Martinez Dakota Morris** Jeremy Prater Diego Rodriguez Raimey Walker Braiden Williams Luzion Woods

Fifth Grade

Winni Lin Myah Payne Rylee Sanchez

"A-B" Mikaela Aguero Payton Cortez Payton Duggan Ernes Escobar **Justin Gomez** Yuying Lin Kacie Lindley Hannah Powers Carlos Reyna Ishmael Sanchez Jesse Sanchez **Damarious Woodruff**

Sixth Grade

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS

BB sandwich, orion rings,

baked beans, salad, carrot

Chef salad or frito pie or

soft taco, cheesy potatoes,

salad, zesty cucumbers,

choice of milk.

Wednesday

pears w/cherries, cookie,

sticks, peaches, choice of

None

"A-B" Kira Collins Abanea Cortez Valentina Costa Zander Hadlock Ashlyn Richards Nicholas Trevino Tammie Zachary

Seventh Grade

Jon Busher

"A-B" McCaelyn Beuschel Tori Campos **Destiny Chausse** Charles Childress Cannon Collins Anastasia Delacruz Rider Duggan James Killough Marcos Moreno Dayvin Oats Alyssara Rodriguez Keeley Zachary

Eighth Grade

Querstin Lara Megan Tarr **Avery Wheat** Zachary Wheat

Joseph Escalona Kaitlin Fuentes Cecille Hunter Matt Jacob Malakye Kelly Evelyn King Natalie Lara Mara Mostad **Dayton Nava** Hailev Renfro Araceli Reyes Alexander Salas Denley Marc Sanchez

Ninth Grade

Domynic Alvarado Karlee Busher Hunter Duggan Sonnie Hagle Skylar Lee

Olivia Smith

"A-B" Peyton Anderson Tara Campos Isabella Costa Esmeralda Gallegos Sema'Jae Jackson Tiffany Martinez Gabriel Portillo

Chef salad or chicken

sandwich, Italian green

apples, choice of milk.

Thursday

milk.

spaghetti or grilled cheese

beans, salad, carrot sticks,

Salad or chicken fried

steak or oven fried chick-

gravy, carrot sticks, dinner

roll, applesauce, choice of

en, mashed potatoes,

Graciela Reyes Aliciea Reyna Miranda Rodriguez

Arron Rusk Hailey Santoya-Maja;ca Marley Smith Mollie Weaver

Tenth Grade

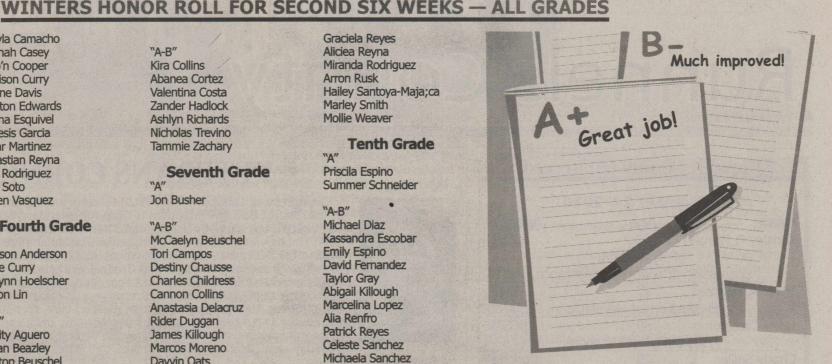
Priscila Espino Summer Schneider

"A-B" Michael Diaz Kassandra Escobar **Emily Espino** David Fernandez Taylor Gray Abigail Killough Marcelina Lopez Alia Renfro Patrick Reyes Celeste Sanchez Michaela Sanchez Alexis Silva Jovan Young

Eleventh Grade

Brenna Edwards Macey Gerhart Megan Jacob Brando L'Abbe

"A-B" Brooklynn Anderson Mason Donica



Joey Garcia Aimee Green **Baily Knight** Brenna Knight Charcyona Lovelace Alonzo Mendoza Rui Xu

Twelfth Grade

Grace Bryan Samuel Woodall "A-B" Jaeggar Collins Brooklynn Gallaway Justine Garcia Christy Kruse Bryce Lanphear K'Lee Lindley Sean Mooney Michaiela Ochoa **Drey Patton** Efren Rodriguez Aaron Jacob Smith Desiree Wilson

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

"Bird Is The Word"

Across

- 1 Vandals _ loading
- (marathoner's prep) 10 "Get lost!"
- 14 "Paradise Lost," e.g.

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- 15 Roughly
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- 18 Build up 19 Kon-Tiki Museum site
- 20 Gibberish
- 23 "2001" mainframe
- 24 Brews
- 25 Go (into)
- 29 Long lock 31 Old Mazda truck line
- 33 Error
- 37 Gun advocate grp. 38 Speaking frankly
- 42 Part of HRH
- 43 Mad Ludwig's land 44 End a hug
- 47 Glossy brown fur
- 51 Hawke of "Training Day"
- 52 Polish's partner
- 55 Sharp feller
- 56 Home of the groundhog
- Punxsutawney Phil
- 63 Actress Verdugo
- 64 Add to the pot 65 After-school cookie
- anchor
- 67 Hide 68 Existed
- 69 Big name in
- computers
- 70 Circle segments
- 5 Bedouin's mount 6 Quarters

Down

1 Elevation

2 Hullabaloo

3 Light-footed

4 Sign of healing

- 7 Rakes
- 8 Keg stopper 9 Italian eight
- 10 Cigar enthusiast
- 11 Suffers from
- 12 Engine need
- 21 Corrective eye surgery 22 Wordsworth work

- 13 Plastic ___ Band
- 26 Occupation 27 Mucho mucho

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28 Julio's "that"

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- 31 Second in a series
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- 34 They're all in the
- family 35 Go bonkers
- 36 Rapid transit in France
- 38 Fair sight
- 39 Chief
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- 41 Actress Dennings 42 Tint

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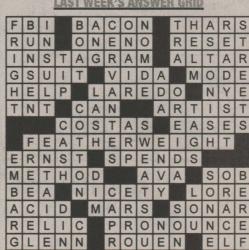
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Runnels County Jail Record

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BPD Isreal A. Fuentes Evading arrest w/vehicle

RCSO Larry Carson MTR, DWI, third or more

Charly Spiller Concho Theft by check, forgery financial institution **RCSO** Gose R. Cavazos 51

Indecency w/child by contact, improper relation between educator/student Tamatha K. Perser **RCSO**

DWLI **RCSO** Jaime S. Adams 39 DWI, DWLI.

WPD John D. Gauna 24 Assault family member. Jonathan W. Lee **RCSO** 52

Burglary of building. Raymond Robles Concho

Brown County warrant, theft of property. Diego A. Rodriguez Concho MTR, aggravated sexual battery.

23 Jaimey L. Brashear Runnels Theft, class A. Roshelle D. McLaurin 26 **BPD**

Possession marijuana,

possession of controlled substance. Jeremy Lee Molina

Possession of marijuana, display of fictitious registration. **BPD**

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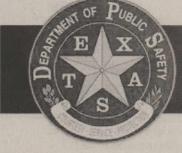
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The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) recently announced a modest 0.3 percent increase in the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for calendar year 2017 for military and federal civilian retirees, survivor benefit annuitants, disabled veterans and Social Security recipients. The new COLA rate will be effective December 1, 2016 and the adjustment will appear in the December 30, 2016 payment. By law, COLA is based upon the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), a broad measure of consumer prices generated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics from the third quarter of the previous year to the third quarter of the current year. It measures price changes for food, housing, clothing, transportation, energy, medical care, recreation, and education. Since 2008, the annual COLA has been above 2 percent only once and has been zero three times. 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 365-3612.

> - Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer



Sandra G. Van Zant



Department of Public Safety

DPS Urges Thanksgiving Drivers to Pack Safety First

AUSTIN - As Texans prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) offers tips for safe travel and calls on residents to celebrate responsibly.

"The Thanksgiving weekend invariably means increased traffic on roadways, and DPS is reminding Texans that we all have a responsibility to help make the roads safe for everyone," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Our Troopers will be on the lookout for dangerous drivers who disregard the law - at the same time, we urge drivers to use extra caution while traveling and to always drive sober."

DPS troopers will be patrolling Texas around-theclock during the holiday weekend looking for drunk drivers, speeders, seat belt violators and other drivers who are endangering themselves and others.

During the Thanksgiving weekend in 2015, DPS troopers issued 28,835 traffic citations and warnings for a variety of violations, including speeding, no insurance and seat belt/child safety seat usage. DPS patrols also resulted in 219 driving while intoxicated arrests, 127 fugitive arrests and 94 felony arrests dur-

ing the same time period.

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Thanksgiving holiday:

Don't drink and drive. Designate a driver or take a

■ Slow down - especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

■ Eliminate distractions, including the use of mobile

■ Buckle up everyone in the vehicle – it's the law. ■ Slow down or move over for police, fire, EMS and

Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated - it's the law. Also, show the same courtesy to fellow drivers stopped along the road if it is safe to do so.

■ Don't drive fatigued – get plenty of rest before trips or take breaks as needed.

■ Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

■ Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

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U.S. Army Col. Kuniyuki awarded Runnels County Veteran Service Officer Sandra Van Zant a certificate of appreciation for organizing the Veterans Day Parade on Nov 11, 2016.

The Market Perspective Where is the Artist of America?



Dennis Elam

Rush refers to Middle America as 'fly over country.' Liberals might spot it from 35,000 feet while jetting from Martha's Vineyard to Tiburon. But it was 'folks' (one of Obama's favorite expressions) in fly over country that brought down Hillary's 'Blue Wall' of expected voters. But this is, thank goodness, yes you are welcome, not another look back on the election. San Francisco's favorite politician, Nancy Pelosi, is even facing a challenge as Minority Leader from, egads, a fellow in Ohio. So with the re-discovery of every day Ameri-

with the re-discovery of every day American individuals, we ask, what happened to real American art for real Americans?

And what do I mean by real American art? By that I mean an artist who depicted real Americans doing everyday American things like voting, sitting out side the assistant principal's office, or preparing to leave the summer beach house. Yes, I ponder, where is the heir apparent to Norman Rockwell? The McNay Museum here in San Antonio featured an exhibit and explanation of 'how he did it' a couple of years back.

Rockwell's paintings were a staple for the cover of the Saturday Evening Post magazine. His lengthy career began at Boys' Life, the magazine of Scouting, in 1913. His stay at the Post was from 1916 to 1963. For most of his career he was not taken seriously as an artist. But later as he drew more serious works such as depicting a black female child being escorted to an integrated school, he gained greater acceptance among the critics.

But my point here is not his lack of acceptance by the critics but his embrace by the public. Rockwell originally began using professional models for his depiction of every day American Life. He quickly realized professional models

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through the Skills Development Fund to help create jobs and train workers with the skills needed for today's job market."

The Amarillo, Lubbock and Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.2 percent, followed by the College Station-Bryan MSA with a rate of 3.4 for October.

"Texas workers have much to offer and there are resources available to help them find the perfect occupational fit," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. "I encourage all job seekers to contact their local Workforce Solutions office for assistance with job training and placement."

Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision.

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paid for their grain in the event of a financial failure of a grain buyer. In addition, there is a provision in the measure that will provide assessments to be returned to producers as funds are available.

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"And, 85 percent is a good return," Duggan said. "It is better than losing everything and that has happened to some producers around the Dallas area. It is surely better than nothing at all."

Those eligible to vote include the owner of a farm where wheat, sorghum, corn or soybeans is produced. Only a producer who has sold grain in the 36 months preceding the close of voting is eligible to vote.

Ballots may be obtained from the Texas AgriLife Extension Office in Runnels County or request a ballot from the Texas Department of Agriculture.





were not what he was trying to draw. And so he began using 'real people' with all the physical foibles of the rest of us.

His paintings were notable for their extreme accuracy of both the people and the scenes featured in them. One might respond that an artist of this caliber has simply not come along since 1963. But Rockwell employed a method that aided considerably in his accurate depiction of life.

He had a photographer take multiple pictures of the posed scene. Then he used a type of opaque projector to display the image on canvass. He then 'drew in' the photograph to just what he envisioned as the American Scene. One might say Rockwell was the original 'paint by number' sort of artist.

Another famous artist copied this same formula. Remember Andy Warhol and his famous Campbell Soup Can? Yep, Warhol used the same technique. He too filled in photographs of what he was painting. Warhol seems to me to have been more of a marketing genius than a serious artist, but hey, it worked for him.

And while we are into contemporary art, or the lack of it, another name springs to mind. LeRoy Neiman, born LeRoy Runquist in 1921, kicked off his career about 1954 as Rockwell entered his last decade. Like Rockwell, he was also displayed in a magazine, Playboy.

Before dismissing Hefner's creation as a unworthy of serious discussion, appreciate that the magazine in the 1970s featured interviews with the political, writing, and artistic elite of the era the Playboy Jazz Poll, and fiction by the notable writers of the day. Neiman's contribution for fifteen years was termed Man at his Leisurefeaturing illustrations of exotic locations he visited. From that standpoint, one might consider Neiman the artistic equivalent of Ian Fleming who created the James Bond series, also replete with exotic locations.

But Neiman is perhaps most famous for his expressionistic paintings of athletes, musicians, and sporting events. And, what could be more American than that? Today, serigraphs of his original works still sell for \$3,000 to \$6,000.

These two artists depicted American Life as they saw it, and found a huge audience who appreciated just that. It is said that a college major in art is not likely to produce economic success.

To that assertion we can only ask, where is today's Rockwell or Neiman drawing America as he or she sees it?

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first permanent white settlement in what would later become Travis County.

The cemetery became necessary four years later when Texas Rangers John Williams and Howell Haggett died guarding the Hornsby property from Comanches. They were the first of 467 interments at Hornsby Cemetery, which includes 13 other Texas Rangers and veterans of conflict ranging from the War of 1812 to Vietnam. More than 360 of the graveyard's residents can trace their ancestry to the Hornsby family patriarch.

The biggest attraction is the star baseball player, Reuben's great-grandson.

Rogers died of a heart attack in Chicago on Jan. 5, 1963, after complications from cataract surgery. He was buried in Hornsby Cemetery five days later, on a cloudy and unusually warm winter day. Family, friends and colleagues from his nearly 50 years in baseball poured in from across the country to mourn the loss of the Hall of Famer.

"The cemetery was packed," Hugh Hornsby said of the burial service. "It was the most people I had ever seen at a Hornsby funeral."

They laid him to rest near his family: Aaron Edwards Hornsby, his father who died 20 months after Rogers was born; William Wallace and Emory Bud Hornsby, his older brothers who wouldn't live long enough to see him become the National League MVP; and Mary Dallas Rogers Hornsby, his mother and namesake who passed away three days before the start of the 1926 World Series – the only championship Rogers won.

He took baseball seriously. He avoided alcohol and tobacco. He slept upwards of 12 hours a day and drank whole milk with every meal. He even refused to read books or go to the movies for fear of straining his eyes.

Boston Red Sox legend Ted Williams, who knows a thing or two about hitting, called him "the greatest hitter for a average and power in the history of baseball."

But his headstone says little. There is no mention of his two MVP awards or the seven batting titles he won. Nor is there mention of his two Triple Crowns or his World Series victory. The unpretentious foot-high grave marker simply lists his name and dates of birth and death. The lone indication that baseball meant anything to Rogers Hornsby is the ball and crossed bats engraved above his name, and the tributes visitors have left over the decades.

"Ever since the funeral, there have been baseballs on that tombstone," said Ronny Platt, another great-greatgreat grandson of Reuben Hornsby and president of the Hornsby Cemetery Board of Governors for the past eight years.

Rogers' grave became a baseball pilgrimage site. A recent trip to the cemetery found a handful of gifts on his headstone: six worn baseballs, the oldest of which had turned gray and was coming apart at the seams; a faded laminated photo of Hornsby tagging Babe Ruth for the final out of the '26 Series; and a small replica horse, possibly representing his reported fondness for gambling on ponies.

There are no written messages, no names or dates to say who visited when. There's no guestbook to sign, no tour guide. There are simply two centuries of history to sift through before finding the most decorated headstone in the cemetery.

"Nobody knows how long things get left there," Hugh Hornsby said. "Usually if something disappears, something else replaces it pretty quickly."

Rogers' headstone is by no means the largest or flashiest at the cemetery. It lacks the historical markers that interest Karen Thompson, the president of Save Texas Cemeteries Inc. She occasionally sends researchers to Hornsby Cemetery to study the plaques and medallions adorning the grave sites of some of the most important people in Texas history. Although her focus is typically on the headstones representing the Daughters and Sons of the Republic of Texas, Thompson makes an observation each time she passes by the greatest right-handed hitter in baseball history.

"I don't know how many folks visit Rogers' grave," she said. "But enough that a fairly new baseball always seems to be there."

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"In an age of immediacy, cooks want the support they need at the touch of a button, whether it's advice, watching a how-to video, searching on their phone in-store or looking for extra help while in the kitchen," said Sue Smith, Butterball Talk-Line codirector who has manned the phones for 17 years.

"We get thousands of questions at the Talk-Line but by far the most asked question is, 'How do I thaw my turkey?' I usually let the caller know refrigerator thawing is the preferred method," Smith said.

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"For every 4 pounds of turkey, allow at least one day to thaw in the refrigerator. If preparation gets too hectic and you forget to take your turkey out of the freezer in time, you can thaw the turkey in cold water. Keep it in the wrapper, breast side down, and change the water frequently. You will need about 30 minutes per pound. I always make sure to mention whatever you do, do not thaw your turkey at room temperature." Smith said.

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Texting is just the latest advancement to the Talk-Line. In 2013, Butterball added male operators for the first time, and now also answers questions via Facebook and Twitter in addition to posting how-to videos, a Pinterest page and Instagram feed. Whether you're a first-time Thanksgiving chef or an old pro, the Butterball Cookbook Plus App has the answers for your holiday needs.

Some other common turkey questions

Q: What's the difference between fresh and frozen?

A: Choosing a fresh or frozen turkey depends largely on preference, but also on how soon you plan on cooking your turkey. Make the right decision for you by considering these general tips.

• Fresh turkeys are ready to prepare. Fresh turkeys are best if held in the refrigerator for 24 hours before final preparation.

• Frozen turkeys can be purchased weeks in advance, but need several days to thaw and require adequate space in your freezer and refrigerator.

Q: How long can I store a turkey in the

A: You can store an unopened whole turkey in the freezer for up to two years.

Q: What are giblets?

A: Giblets are the heart, liver and gizzard of the turkey. These parts should be removed from the turkey cavity before cooking but can be used to make rich, flavorful gravy.

Q: What type of thermometer is the best?

A: There are a variety of different meat thermometers and they range in price. The most important factor when choosing is accuracy. Test your thermometer before using in your turkey to ensure it gives you an accurate temperature read to reduce the risk of over- or undercooking. When checking for doneness, always use a properly calibrated meat thermometer, which should read at least 165 degrees in the breast and 180 degrees in the thigh.



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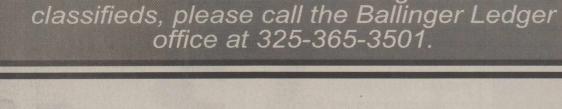
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Lady Blizzards show wins in tournament play

Varsity and JV teams victorious

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

It was a good week for Lady Blizzards basketball, as the JV girls won four games, including the JV Division of the Blackland Divide Invitational Basketball Tournament in Roscoe, while the varsity won three out of four games this week and placed second in the Varsity Division of the tournament.

On Friday, in their first game of the tournament, the JV beat Roscoe's JV, 39-17. Marley Smith had 10 points, while Gracie Reyes and Aliciea Reyna had eight. In their second game, the JV beat Roby's JV, 41-30. Marley Smith had 15 points, while Skylar Lee had eight. On Saturday, in the championship game, the JV Lady Blizzards won an overtime thriller over Ira's JV, 27-25. Gracie Reyes had nine points and Marley Smith had five. The win improved the JV's record to 5-0 on the young season.

On Friday, in their first game of the tournament, the varsity beat Roscoe, 43-35. Aimee Green had 13 points and Monique Carrillo had nine. In their second game, the varsity beat Highland, 57-43. Monique Carrillo had 21 points, while Brenna Knight and Aimee Green added 10 and nine, respectively. In the championship game on Saturday, the Lady Blizzards were defeated, 58-27, by the Ira Lady Bulldogs, currently ranked 14th in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Class A poll. After the tournament, the Lady Blizzards record is 4-2.

On Tuesday, the Lady Blizzards' Varsity and JV swept the Blackwell Lady Hornets. In the varsity game the Lady Blizzards won 37-30. Aimee Green had 10 points, Christy Kruse had seven, Monique Carrillo and Megan Jacob both had six. In the JV game, the Lady Blizzards won 28-20. Skylar Lee had 11 points and Marley Smith had 7.

The Lady Blizzards faced the TLCA Lady Eagles on Monday in San Angelo.

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TOP, FROM LEFT: During the Game against Blackwell, Winters #13 junior Aimee Green goes for a shot on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016; During the game against Blackwell, #21 junior Baily Knight helps #30 senior K'Lee Lindley steal the ball, on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016.

RIGHT: Junior Brenna Knight shoots the free throw during the varsity game with Blackwell on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016.

FAR RIGHT: Karlee Busher goes for a rebound during the game against Blackwell Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016.

BELOW: The Varsity Lady Blizzards were the Varsity Runner-Ups at the Blackland Invitational Basketball Tournament. Pictured: Kneeling (L-R): Justine Alvarado, Micaiela Ochoa, Christy Kruse, K'Lee Lindley. Standing (L-R): Abbie Killough, Brenna Knight, Baily Knight, Brooklynn Anderson, Monique Carrillo, Megan Jacob, Karlee Busher, Aimee Green, Cha-Cha Lovelace, Mariana Quintero.

BOTTOM: The JV Lady Blizzards were the JV Champions at the Blackland Invitational Basketball Tournament. Pictured: Kneeling (L-R): Miranda Rodriguez, Gracie Reyes, Aliciea Reyna. Standing (L-R): Skylar Lee, Shelby Gray, Marley Smith, Jezebel Gonzalez.













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WINTERS LADY BLIZZARS JUNIOR VARSITY VS. BLACKWELL

JOE GERHART | CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS ABOVE: Freshman Jezebei Gonzalez and Mariey Smith fight for a loose ball during the game with Blackweil on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016. BELOW, LEFT: Freshman Miranda Rodriguez takes a shot during the game with Blackweil. BELOW, RIGHT: Junior Shelby Gray is taking a shot during the game with Blackweil Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016. The JV team won





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