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Tucker named North Runnels Hospital CEO

By FLOYD INGRAM

Winters Enterprise Editor

The North Runnels Hospital board has hired Sidney Tucker at the new Chief Executive Officer of the Winters medical facility.

Hospital trustees voted Monday night to offer the job to Tucker, who was named interim hospital administrator in December. Tucker was

signed to a one-year contract. Details of salary, compensation and duties outlined in that contract were not discussed in open session.

As interim administrator, Tucker was paid the same amount as former hospital administrator Rickard was.

Trustees met in executive session Monday night prior to naming

Tucker to the hospital's top spot.

"We wanted somebody with experience, somebody who would do the best with the funds we have and utilize our tax money the best way possible," said Charlie Brown, President of the NRH Board of Trustee. "We wanted someone who would work with staff and see the best ways to make cuts. We also

wanted someone who can help us unify this hospital and make it last a while."

Tucker has roots in Winters. He was once a nursing home administrator and even served on the North Runnels Hospital board years ago.

Tucker was hospital administrator in Big Lake for seven years. Tucker was not the only person

considered for the job, with trustees offering up other names for the post after Rick Rickard resigned in late November.

Since that time the hospital has seen one of its two physicians die of an illness and Chief Financial Officer Harold Hudgens retire. The

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16 toss hat in the ring for county posts

By FLOYD INGRAM

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The hats are in the ring. Sixteen people have filed the paperwork seeking election to eight county offices up for grabs this spring in Runnels County.

Candidates were required to formally file Monday afternoon with their respective party chairs for a spot on primary election ballots in March.

Seven of those people filed for the post of Runnels County Judge. Three have filed for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2.

Offices of Commissioner Precinct 2, Commissioner Precinct 4, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Treasurer and Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 are uncontested with only one person formally filing at this time.

Write-in-candidates can still file for a spot on the ballot.

Candidates who have formally filed to run as a

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Winters green thumb

Billie Helm said her big red geraniums bloom better in the cold of winter than the heat of a Texas summer. Helms admits she has to cover them up every night the temperature drops below freezing and carefully water them each day. "As with most things in this world," said Helm, "a little TLC goes a long way."

Runnels livestock show set for this weekend

By FLOYD INGRAM

Winters Enterprise Editor

A lot of hard work will show this weekend.

The Runnels County Livestock Show gets underway today with opening ceremonies at the Runnels County Ag Barn at 300 North Crosson in Ballinger.

"We are expecting about 125 kids from across Runnels County to participate," said Marty Gibbs, Runnels County Extension Agent. "These are kids from Miles, Rowena, Winters, Ballinger and all over Runnels County."

Gibbs said more than 400 of the best rabbits, turkeys, goats, sheep, pigs and cows in Runnels County will enter the ring this weekend.

"This is the big one for us," he added. "I urge people to come out, talk to the kids about their projects and support our young people."

The Runnels County Livestock Show starts Thursday with youngsters bringing animals in to be registered, weighed and penned.

Friday formally starts with the Swine Show at 2 p.m. and is followed by the Rabbit Show and Turkey Show, which ends about 3 p.m. The Goat Show starts about 3 p.m. and wraps up about 5:30 p.m.

Saturday is the big day with the Lamb Show starting at 8 a.m. and followed by the Steer Show. The sale starts at 2 p.m.

Projects are judged on their size and quality. Students are judged on their showmanship and expertise.

"I want to thank these kids for the work they have put into their animals," said Gibbs. "I also want to thank our sponsors for putting up the dollars for our sale. Those dollars go a long, long way in the lives of our kids."

The money earned at auction often helps showmen go on to the next level, purchase next year's stock or fund their college education.

"You will see between \$85,000 and \$95,000 in premiums cross the auction block this weekend," said Gibbs. "It's been a lot of work, but it's going to be a lot of fun."

The Runnels County Livestock Show is free to the public and a concession stand is available.

Cold weather prompts home fire warning

By FLOYD INGRAM

Winters Enterprise Editor

Cold weather not only brings plummeting temperatures, it brings an increased risk of a house fire.

With temperatures expected to fall into the teens tonight and freezing temperatures expected through Sunday, area residents are being urged to take a moment and check their heating source for safety and their home for potential fire hazards.

"Winter brings many risks for winter fires," said Madelyn

With temperatures expected to fall into the teens tonight and freezing temperatures expected through Sunday, area residents are being urged to take a moment and check their heating source for safety and their home for potential fire hazards.

Flannagan, Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, vice president of agent development, education and research. "Taking some

time to make sure your home is protected against a fire hazard can prevent thousands of dollars in damage, unnecessary headaches and poten-

tially save lives."

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, in 2008 alone, more than 3,000 people died in 2008 from fires and more than 16,000 were injured.

To help families and businesses have a good time and protect themselves against winter fire risks, Flannagan offers the following tips:

- Install a new smoke alarm in your home. Test the batteries every month and change them at least once a year.

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Regional census bureau kicks off 2010 count

By FLOYD INGRAM

Winters Enterprise Editor

You will hear people talk it down, but Texas has reason to talk it up.

The U.S. Census Bureau is pointing to data that indicates Texas could see more federal dollars roll this way if recent population increases in the state prove true in this year's count.

The local census office in

San Angelo is responsible for carrying out the 2010 Decennial Census operations in a 27 county area of West Central Texas and is hosting a grand opening and open house today, kicking off new year efforts to count everybody.

"Sixteen hundred temporary employees are being hired by the San Angelo Local Census Office to ensure we have a complete



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and accurate count of every person living in our local communities," said Robert Aguilar, U.S. Census Bureau Partnership Specialist for Texas.

Census information also affects the numbers of seats the state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. And people from many walks of life use census data to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent diseases, research markets, locate pools of skilled workers and more.

Census data is also used to help communities like Ballinger and Winters

improve their infrastructure. Ballinger recently qualified for a federal sewage improvement grant based on census data. Winters also qualified for a massive federal water project to bring new pipes, pumps and meters to Winters based on community profile numbers.

The information the census collects helps to determine

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Let it snow!

Students at Winters Elementary School made Christmas ornaments that look like snowflakes and that have their photograph in the middle. The holiday break saw snow in the area but warmer weather earlier this week as kids headed back to classes at WISD.

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**WISD mentors
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Winters Elementary will be starting its mentor program and needs volunteers who are interested in coming to school once a week for about an hour and helping a student with whatever is needed.

The district needs mentors for several students.

"The commitment could be as little as 30 minutes a week or as much as you wish," said Charles Murphy, WISD Counselor. "We will try to tailor it to your free time as much as possible."

If you are interested please go by the administration office and fill out the necessary paperwork, which does include a background check.

For more detailed information please call Murphy at 325-754-5577 ext 126.

**IGA teams up
with WISD**

Buying groceries in Winters can benefit students in Winters.

Lawrence Brothers IGA at 900 N Main St., in Winters reminds teachers, parents and local residents that purchases at a local IGA can actually pay for things like laminators, keyboards and playground equipment.

When you make a purchase at IGA, simply drop the receipt in the box provided.

At the end of the year, the receipts will be totaled and go toward the purchase of wonderful items for your elementary students.

Winters ISD sixth graders recently redecorated the receipt box, so look for the

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box and drop your receipts in there to help WISD reach their goal.

**Homework help
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The Winters Public Library now offers Live Homework Help, an online tutoring service from Tutor.com that connects students to expert tutors (at no charge) in math, science, social studies, and English via the Internet.

Spanish-speaking tutors are available to help students in math and science.

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Live Homework Help is easy to use. Children and teens simply go to www.bclstx.org, click on the Live Homework Help link and then enter their

grade level and the subject they need help in (remember to enter the access code).

In just a few minutes, students are connected to a tutor in an Online Classroom for one-to-one help in math (elementary, algebra, trigonometry and calculus), science (elementary, earth science, biology, chemistry, physics), social studies (American history, world history, political science), and English (spelling, grammar, essay writing, book reports).

**Winters ISD
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The Winters Independent School District is announcing it is making plans to continue the Provision II Meal Program for all of its students in grades Pre-K thru 12th grade.

The National School Lunch and Breakfast Program for the 2009-2010 school year will provide for all students in grades Pre-K thru 12th grade to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost.

For additional information please contact:
Lisa O'Dell at (325) 754-5574 extension 122, or e-mail her at: lisa.odell@wintersisd.org

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A new year, a new outlook

The New Year has come and gone, so how are you doing on those New Year resolutions?

They say most New Year resolutions are broken in the first five days, so if you've made it this far the percentages indicate you are well on your way to accomplishing your goal.

Losing weight and spending more time with family rank as the top two New Year resolutions year after year and I've found myself making those promises, too.

But I've decided to take a little different approach in 2010.

A different diet

Tomorrow I will turn 50. At the risk of making my older friends giggle, I want everyone to know this old body just doesn't do the things it used to do.

I don't run for any reason anymore. Bending over to pick something up has been replaced by looking around to see if one of my boys is nearby and asking them to come and get it. Naps are now fun things to do.

But I'm not ready for a cane just yet.

It's taken me five decades to craft this body and I'm still sort of proud of it.

I read in a magazine recently that California Governor Arnold Swartznegger stands 6-foot-2 and tips the scales at 240-pounds.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am 6-2 and the way I have it figured is if I gain another ten pounds I'll look just like him.

Forget trying to lose weight. Hand me the cakes and pies.

Timeline

It doesn't take a genius to realize there are only 24-hours in a day.

Eight are for sleeping, more than eight are for working and what is left is for me and mine.

I don't think people realize how many hours it takes to put together a weekly newspaper. Your job probably takes more than 40 hours, too.

My problem is I like what I do and if I'm not careful it blurs the lines between work and fun.

No, writing obituaries and crime reports isn't enjoyable, but being one of the first to visit the new business or helping support an important issue in this community gives a satisfaction not found at the regular 9-to-5.

Winters is booming and that means there is plenty to do around here.

My solution for 2010 is to start carrying my family with me to some of these events. No, I don't think I'll carry them to city council or school board meetings - normal folks can only stand so much. But I do see all five of us at spring festivals, sporting events and general news about town.

The key to true success is learning how to mix business with pleasure.

New Ways

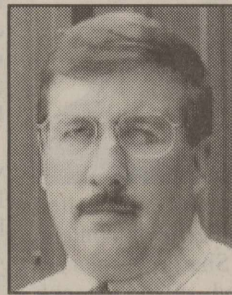
I've also made a quick list of new ways to do old things:

- Join a new organization and quit an old one. Too often I find myself signing up for everything that comes my way. I'm going to stop something old and start something new in 2010.
- Develop realistic goals that can be accomplished fairly quickly. This

is not the year I learn to play to piano, a dream I've had for years. This IS the spring I plan on going fishing at least once a week.

• Take someone I don't know to lunch. We carry our buddies to lunch, but how often do we carry the average Joe out to break bread and cultivate a new friendship?

• Go to more weddings and funerals. Weddings are fun and funerals tend to help me focus on those real important things in life. At both you get to see people and say things that people remember forever.



FLOYD INGRAM
ENTERPRISE EDITOR

Fresh Start

We like the word new in my business (newspaper, newsroom, news reporter) and I was once told the most effective word in advertising is "new."

Americans thrive on newness. Most of our ancestors came to the New World seeking a new start in a new land. Many of us came to Winters and have been classified as newcomers. New cars, new streets, new houses and new schools are a regular source of news in Winters.

I shy away from making New Year's predictions, but let me assure you we will see a lot of new things happen around here in 2010.

We've got an economic development board meeting regularly to attract jobs to Winters, our schools are constructing new facilities and there are number of new businesses planned around here.

There will be good days and bad days in 2010 and the Winters Enterprise looks forward to being there every Thursday to reflect on what is going on.

Happy New Year!

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Floyd Ingram is a longtime newspaperman who still looks forward to what the new day brings.

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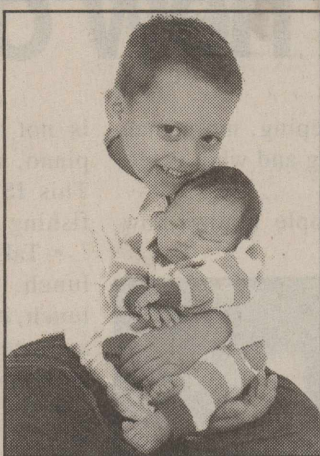
Jacob Edward Busenlehner

Lane Busenlehner is proud to announce the birth of his baby brother Jacob Edward Busenlehner.

Jacob was born Tuesday Oct. 20, 2009 and was 7-pounds, 3/4-ounces and 19 1/2-inches long.

Justin and Fallen Busenlehner are the proud parents of both Lane and Jacob Busenlehner.

Great Grandparents include, Margie Jacob of Crews, and Noretta Fenton of Santa Anna.



Grandparents are Allen and D'Ann Perrie of Winters, Jerry and Sharon Engler of Brownwood, also Joeseeph Rita Busenlehner of Miles.

Search is underway for the next Miss Teen Runnels County

Special to the Ballinger Ledger

If you have never been married and are between the ages of 13 and 18, applications are now being accepted for the title of 2010 Miss Teen Runnels County.

Miss Teen Runnels County will represent her area at the Miss Teen Texas Pageant to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio, Texas, March 26-28. The young woman ultimately selected as "Miss Teen Runnels County" will become an ambassador from the Runnels County area and receive an official title and sash.

Miss Teen Runnels County 2009 was Magdalena T. Hogan, a student at Ballinger High School.

The young lady crowned Miss Teen Texas will receive a scholarship and prize package valued at over \$15,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the 2010 Miss Teen



Magdalena Hogan, Miss Teen Runnels



Dymond Hayes, Miss Teen Texas 2009

International Pageant in Chicago in July.

The American Heart Association is the official charity of the Miss Teen Texas International Pageant.

In 2008, the International Pageant System joined the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement to wipe out heart disease - the No. 1 killer of women.

Miss Teen Texas will champion heart disease, in addition to promoting her own platform, during her reign.

The current reigning "2009" Miss Teen Texas is Dymond Hayes of Tomball.

Dymond has dedicated her reign to raising awareness of breast cancer through the Susan G. Komen Association, for which she is a national junior spokesperson.

Dymond lost both of her grandmothers to breast cancer and her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2003. These events prompted her to seek ways that she could make a difference in the fight

against breast cancer.

"It started with a team of 10 of my closest friends raising money in The Walk for a Cure" said Dymond.

As Miss Teen Texas, Dymond now speaks to local groups about her experience, offer support, and encourages women to seek early detection.

For more information on breast cancer and the Susan G. Komen Foundation visit: www.komen.org. October is national breast cancer awareness month.

Teen contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Fitness Wear, Fun Fashion Wear, and Evening Gown. There is no talent or swimsuit competition and no experience necessary.

Teenage ladies living or attending school in Runnels County and interested in applying should call 210-403-0589 for more information and specifics on obtaining a registration form.

Runnels County News

Alzheimer's Support Group

The monthly meeting of the Alzheimer's support group will be held on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Runnels County Rehab. and Nursing Center, 1800 N. Broadway in Ballinger.

The guest speaker will be Gene Clack a local attorney who will speak on legal issues and planning. The presentation will be followed by a group discussion and question and answer session. Refreshments will be provided.

This is an Alzheimer's Association sanctioned support group.

For more information contact Runnels County Rehab at 325-365-3528.

Hale Museum Resource Center

The Z.I. Hale Museum is in the process of establishing a Resource Center for local history buffs and genealogy seekers.

The museum is open to everyone in Runnels County. A separate room has been set aside containing a microfilm reader and films of early editions of The Winters Enterprise.

Information relative to the beginning of Runnels County, the naming and establishment of Winters and surround towns, cemetery records, obituaries, school and military records and varied other resources will be available.

The late Charlie Poe, a Runnels County author and historian, has left much of her research and pictures to the museum and these are also included.

If you have a family genealogy records you would like to contribute, they will be preserved.

The Museum is open each Saturday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m., and the museum is located at 242 West Dale in downtown Winters.

Special openings can be arranged by contacting the Museum at 325-754-2036 or Chairman Wanda Brewer at 325-754-5313.

Meals on Wheels seeks volunteers

Meals on Wheels volunteers are needed for the Ballinger and Rowena area.

Meals on Wheels has several routes in Ballinger and an opening for the Rowena route on Friday. Most deliveries take less than an hour.

If you would like to volunteer please call 365-5027 between 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Home delivered meals are a much needed source of nutrition for our homebound and elderly.

Churches, Sunday School classes, clubs, civic groups and schools are urged to apply.

The Winters Enterprise will gladly run a community announcement for your church, civic club or non-profit organization. Please send a written notice of your event to the Enterprise office at 104 North Main Street or call the Enterprise at (325) 754-4958 at least two weeks prior to your event.

What the new cervical cancer screening guidelines mean for women's health

By SUSAN WYSOCKI And SUSAN SCANLAN

It's not surprising that women are confused about the recently changed recommendations for cancer screening and prevention. New guidelines from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) - the leading medical group that provides health care for women - say women should wait longer to begin cervical-cancer screening and that they should be screened less frequently. On the heels of similar changes to breast-cancer screening guidelines, it's understandable that many women might see this as a step backward.

On the contrary, the new cervical-cancer screening recommendations reflect advances in our understanding of this disease and in tools now available to prevent it. More importantly, they present an opportunity to educate women about the significant opportunity we

have to further prevent - if not eliminate - cervical cancer.

New ACOG screening guidelines recommend women should begin getting Pap tests at age 21 (as opposed to within three years of becoming sexually active) and that, from ages 21 to 29, most women should have Pap tests every two years instead of annually. Additionally, screening for women 30 and older with a history of normal Pap test results now moves to every three years.

To understand the rationale for these changes, it's important to first know how the disease develops. Cervical cancer is caused by "high-risk" types of the human papillomavirus (HPV), a common sexually transmitted infection. Most women will have HPV at some point in their lives, but their immune systems will typically clear the virus without symptoms or treatment. HPV infections that persist over time - typically

many years - can cause cell changes that can potentially lead to cervical cancer. Because cervical cancer is slow-growing, it generally allows ample time for screening to detect problems

that can be treated before the cancer can develop. The majority who die of cervical cancer in the U.S. have either never been screened or have not been screened in many years.

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Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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Friday
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Meals are served 11:30 a.m. daily. Anyone who does not take the meals regularly is asked to reserve a lunch by contacting the Activity Center at 754-4205 by 10 a.m.

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53. Get bushed
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CEO

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hospital board is also looking at having to replace two board members who are considering moving out of

the area. "We are still looking for another physician and we are still looking for a CFO," said Brown.

Tucker is expected to play a key roll in helping to fill those posts.

North Runnels Hospital is

facing tough times as are most rural hospitals in the country. Current health care issues at the federal level, finding qualified personnel, rising health care costs and all the while keeping taxes low is especially difficult for smaller hospitals.

Runnels County voters turned down a referendum to create a countywide hospital Nov. 3 by a 2-1 margin. The vote in Winters was closer to 4-1. Rickard had indicated a countywide hospital district would solve many healthcare problems for Winters and Runnels County.

The board voted unanimously in December to hire Hudgens for \$50 per hour to on an as needed basis while it searched for a new CFO. Hudgens is intimately

familiar with the hospital computer and bookkeeping system. The board said they also planned to try and get Hudgens to train the new person for his post once the slot was filled.

The board initially discussed making the administrator and CFO position one job, but board member Marvin Jones said that was too much work for one person and the positions needed to be separate.

North Runnels Hospital is still served by Dr. Sara Endicott and physician's assistant Judy Zuspahn.

The hospital has had to rearrange clinic hours and is closed on Friday to deal with the loss of a doctor. The hospital emergency room is still open 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

The board met with consultants who specialize in recruiting doctors, nurses and administrators for smaller hospitals last month. The board indicated then they have been in the process of searching for a doctor for some time.

In other business: The board discussed selling 160 acres of property near Crews known as the Wilkerson Estate, that was bequeathed to the hospital district years ago.

"The property has been appraised for \$204,000 or about \$1,200 an acre," said Brown. "But what you want to sell it for and what you can get might be different prices."

The hospital district was leasing the property for grazing for about \$15 an

acre and that lease has expired.

"We need to decide do we want to lease it again, do we want to sell it or what," said Brown. "If we sell it there are stipulations that say that money can only be used to buy equipment."

Board members said they wanted to know if they property had mineral rights, if it would be crossed by high voltage transmission line planned for the area and was it a target for a wind farm.

The board voted to table the issue.

The North Runnels Hospital Board of Trustees will meet again in regular session on Monday, Jan. 18 at the hospital south of Winters. All meetings are open to the public.

Runnels County Jail Log

Jail log for Jan. 7, 2010

- Carson, Jerry J., 55, BPD, public Intoxication w/ three pri-ors
- Roman, Manuel R., 18, WPD, Disorderly Conduct
- Maqueda-Luna, David, 21, Coke Co., Illegal Entry
- Guerrero, John G., 21, BPD, DWLI
- Medina, Christopher A., 22, WPD, Accident Involving Vehicle
- Gonzales, Crystal R. 19, Coke Co., Possession Marijuana
- Garcia, Lori L., 26, Coke Co., Possession marijuana
- Carlin, Ruby M., 45, Concho Co., Possession of Controlled Substance, Prohibitive Weapon, Theft of Property
- Rogers, Tradonna L., 41, Concho Co., Assault Family Violence
- McWilliams, Douglas B., 45, BPD, Motion To Revoke (DWI)
- Rivera, Alex, 50, BPD, DWI 2nd
- Juarez, Fernando P., 21, Concho DPS, DWLI
- Ledesma, Isaac, 34, RCSO, Failure to Appear and Theft by Check
- Brown, Robert E., 22, DPS, DWI (2nd)
- Dominguez, Liza A., 29, MPD, DWI (2nd)
- Lara, Amanda M., 29, WPD, Public Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct
- Galan, Melissa, 38, Concho Co., Theft of Property
- Thurmond, Elizabeth A., 27, BPD, Interference w/ Emergency Call
- Cervantes Jr., Gilberto, 39, DPS, TBC Warrant
- Hernandez, Steven T., 47, Miles, DWLI w/ Previous
- Magallen, Rebecca K., 39, Concho Co., Assault w/ Bodily Injury, Family Violence
- Castillo Jr., Robert, 32, DPS, DWI 2nd
- Landeros, Fernando R., 27, Coke Co., DWI 2nd / Resisting Arrest

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Democrat or Republican as of Monday are:

County Judge

• Nathan T. Johnson, of Winters has filed as a Republican.

• Clay Bullock, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.

• Janna Knight Foster, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.

• Elizabeth O'Conner, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.

• Mark Baird, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.

• Barry Hilliard, of the Norton area has filed as a Republican.

• Raymond Anderson, of Ballinger has filed as a Democrat.

Commissioner Precinct 2

• Ronald Presley, of Winters has filed as a Republican.

Commissioner Precinct 4

• Richard W. Strube, of Rowena has filed as a Republican.

District Clerk

• Tammy Burleson, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.

County Clerk

• Elesa Ocker, of Winters has filed as a Republican.

County Treasurer

• Ann M. Strube, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.

Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1

• Glenda Wood, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.

Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2

• Richard Hamilton, of Winters has filed as a Republican.

• Joyce Weems, of Winters has filed as a Democrat.

• Louise Sumners, of Wingate has filed as a Democrat.

County party primary elections will be held March 2, and the General Election is the first Tuesday in November. Candidates had from Dec. 3 to Jan. 4 to formally file papers with the county and state.

"Anytime someone seeks public office they need to be admired," said Jane Jeschke, Runnels County Democratic Party Chair. "I am glad to see people supporting our party and getting involved in the process."

Jeschke pointed out there are many different kinds of Democrats and the party has a rich history and tradition of serving at the national, state and local level.

"You have conservative democrats, middle-of-the-road democrats and liberal democrats," said Jeschke.

"We are still the 'Big Tent' party that invites all to participate in the political process."

Runnels County Republican Party Chairman Bill Cervenka said he too appreciated people who stepped into the public eye and made the hard decision to run for public office.

"It has taken a lot of courage for people to either change their party affiliation this time or to profess Republican values and ethics," said Cervenka. "I think the average person takes for granted the fact this process requires people to take a stand on some very important and controversial issues."

Cervenka said America was founded on conservative principals embraced by the Grand Ole Party and the courage to endorse those ideals politically is just now making it to the local level.

"There are differences — big differences — in Republicans and Democrats," said Cervenka. "While those differences are not always evident at the local level, they are still very important."

State law requires a candidate to appoint a campaign treasurer before accepting or expending campaign contributions.

For more information about local election filing procedures or to request an candidates packet, contact the

Runnels County Clerk's Office at 365-2720.

While Runnels County Clerk Elesa Ocker is charged by the county with the mechanics of the election and can answer most voting questions, she is not the final authority on election policy and procedure.

Questions regarding reporting procedures, contributions or expenditures of any candidate or political action committee can be directed to the Texas Ethics Commission at 1-800-325-8506. Questions regarding election law can be directed to the Secretary of State at 1-800-252-8683.

To be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, a county office, a person must:

- Be a United States citizen.
- Be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment.
- Have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally or partially mentally incapacitated.
- Have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released.
- Be a legal resident of Texas and the District or Precinct they will represent.

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- Check on older adults and help them inspect their homes. Older people are at higher risk of injury from fires and are also more likely to die in fires than those in other ages groups of fire-related injuries.
- Have the heating system

serviced. Furnaces, heaters and chimneys should be serviced at least once a year to prevent fire and smoke damage.

• Never leave fireplaces, woodstoves or space heaters unattended. Always use extreme caution with auxiliary heat sources.

• Keep paper, clothing, drapes and furniture away from heat sources. A spark from a fireplace or extended exposure to heat sources can prompt a fire.

• Avoid using lit candles. If you do use them, make

sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down, out of the reach of children.

• Never leave a home or room with candles burning.

• Never burn trash, painted or pressure-treated wood inside the home.

• Never use gasoline or other alternative fuels in a kerosene heater.

• Cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Never leave food cooking unattended and keep a fire extinguisher in your kitchen at all

times.

• Is your Christmas tree still up? A dry tree in the house is a kindling for a fire. A tree should never be placed close to a heat source, including a fireplace or a heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Keep fresh trees watered. When a Christmas tree becomes dry, promptly discard it.

• Have your chimney, chimney vent and flue cleaned and inspected annually.

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Census

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how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services like, hospital, job training centers, schools, senior centers and road and bridge projects.

Texas gained more people than any other state between July 1, 2008, and July 1, 2009 (478,000), followed by California (381,000), North Carolina (134,000), Georgia (131,000) and Florida (114,000), according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau estimates

"This is the final set of

Census Bureau state population estimates that will be published before the official 2010 Census population counts to be released next December," said Census Bureau Director Robert Groves. "We are focused now on ensuring we get a complete and accurate count in 2010. The census counts will not only determine how many U.S. House seats each state will have but will also be used as the benchmark for future population estimates."

Wyoming showed the largest percentage growth: its population climbed 2.12 percent to 544,270 between July 1, 2008, and July 1, 2009. Utah was next largest, growing 2.10 percent to 2.8 mil-

lion. Texas ranked third, as its population climbed 1.97 percent to 24.8 million, with Colorado next (1.81 percent to 5 million).

Several states have negative net domestic migration, which means more people are moving out than moving in. Florida and Nevada, which earlier in the decade had net inflows, are now experiencing new outflows.

The nation's population as of July 1, 2009, was 307 million, an increase of 0.86 percent since July 1, 2008.

Today's ceremony in San Angelo will be held at 10 a.m. at 12 East Towhig Street. For more information about the local census call 325-340-9420.

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