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Brown resigns from North Runnels Hospital Board

By FLOYD INGRAM
Winters Enterprise Editor

Charlie Brown's resignation from the North Runnels Hospital board of directors was expected but no one wanted to accept it.

Brown, a nine-year veteran hospital trustee, tendered his resignation at Monday night's hospital board meeting. Brown is moving out of the North Runnels Hospital taxing district and is no longer eli-

gible to serve on the hospital board.

"This has been an interesting way to serve this community and it has had its ups and downs," said Brown. "I will continue to work in the area and still associate with a lot of my friends, but this is a move my wife and I have been planning for some time."

Brown is a native of Winters and has built a house near Abilene. Browns resignation was effective

Monday night.

"I hope God continues to bless this hospital," said Brown. "I hope it has all the success possible. This hospital is important to this community."

Brown's resignation was the last order of business at Monday's meeting.

In other business:
• The board was approached by Don Davis who said he had an

elderly relative who was turned away from the hospital in the fall of last year.

"We were told we had to take her to Abilene," said Davis. "They took her."

Davis said he knows the nurse who turned his relative away and is not looking to cause trouble, just see that it doesn't happen again.

"It seems to me it is easier for you to raise taxes than it is to help a

little old lady who comes to your emergency room for help," said Davis. "It would have saved us time if we had carried her straight to Abilene. I assure you that won't happen to us again."

Brown and North Runnels Hospital Administrator Sidney Tucker said they wanted details of the incident and would look into the

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Pecan Entrepreneurs

The pecans are down and they are selling for up to \$5 a pound shelled and cleaned. MacGuire Hooper, 8, on left, and Taylor Hooper, 13, were busy Sunday picking up pecans in their front yard on North Heights Street. They said they planned to give their pecans to their mother who promised to use them in something good to eat.

Early voting underway for March Primary

By FLOYD INGRAM
Winters Enterprise Editor

The democratic process of making big decisions for Runnels County has begun.

The County Clerk's Office is now accepting applications for early voting by mail for the March 2 Democratic and Republican Primary Election.

A voter has the option of voting in either the Democratic Primary or the Republican Primary. Voters are reminded to please bring their voter registration cards with them to the polls.

A qualified voter is eligible to vote by mail if the voter:

- Expects to be absent from the county of residency on election day and during the regular hours for early voting by personal appearance;

- Is disabled;
- Will be 65 years of age or older on election day

- is confined in jail under the following reasons: serving a misdemeanor sentence for a term that ends on or after election day; pending trial after being denied bail; without bail pending an appeal of a felony conviction; or pending trial or appeal on a bailable offense for which release on bail before election day is unlikely.

The last day to receive an application to vote by mail is Feb. 23.

Any qualified voter will be eligible for early voting by personal appearance at the County Clerk's office beginning Feb. 16 and ending Feb. 26, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

For further information or to request an application to vote early by mail, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 365-2720.

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

Candidates were required to formally file Jan. 4 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.

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VFW Post 9193 'Patriot Pen' essay winners named

By FLOYD INGRAM
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Winters Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 9193 has announced the winners of the local "Patriot Pen Contest"

Brandi N. Wright took first place and a \$50 U.S Savings Bond for her essay.

Second Place was taken by Lauren T. Bredemeyer and her essay has been selected for district competition.

Melissa K. Calcote took third place and a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond.

The theme of this year's essay was "When is the right time to honor our military heroes?"

The top two essays will be published in the Winters Enterprise.

The awards were presented at Winters High School auditorium with the students and teachers of the Winters Junior High School present. Winters VFW Commander Pete Gray, Quartermaster RC Kurtz and Auxiliary member Mary Kurtz presented the prizes.

The "Patriot Pen Contest" is a national VFW sponsored youth essay competition giving students an opportunity to write 300-400 word essays expressing their views on

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VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Winners

Patriot's Pen Essay winner are, front row from left, Victoria Sanchez, Maggie Mendoza, Missy Calcote, Lauren Bredemeyer and Brandi Wright. Middle row from left, are Ethan Bredemeyer, Corey Pritchard, Lukas Kraatz, Chris Gerhart, Dave Hutton. Also shown are Winters VFW Patriot's Pen sponsors and contest administrators, back row, R. C. Kurtz, Mary Kurtz and Pete Gray.

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Winters News

WACC banquet set

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce (WACC) will host their annual Chamber Banquet March 6 at Winters High School Cafeteria.

The event will feature an athletic speaker and tables are available for families or businesses.

WACC is currently taking nominations for man and woman of the year to be announced at the banquet.

For more information or to reserve a table call 325-754-5210.

Flu shots offered

The Texas Department of State Health Services will host an immunization clinic in Runnels County

A limited amount of H1N1 available for Ballinger and the community is asked to come to the old DHS Office behind the courthouse at 608 Strong Avenue on Thursday, Jan. 25. Shots will be given from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid or CHIP please bring card.

For more information call (325) 754-4945

Account set up for DeBerry

An account for Mildred DeBerry has been set up at The Security State Bank to help Mildred after her home was destroyed by a fire Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010.

Donations can be made to Mildred DeBerry and can be sent to, The Security State Bank, P O Box 156, Winters, TX 79567

Any and all donations will be very much appreciated.

Testing for Census jobs announced

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting tests to select worker to conduct the census this spring.

The local census organization has been taking job applications and will conduct tests on the following days and times at Winters City Hall.

- Tuesday, Jan. 26, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m.
- Monday, Feb. 1, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 9, 6 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 12, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m.

Tests will be given for workers in the Bronte area at the Robert Lee Library at 706 Austin, Street at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21.

Potential employees are urged to show up on time and bring a form of I.D.

For more information call the U.S. Census Bureau job line at 1-866-861-2010 or Tammy Curry at 365-2371.

Basketball free throw competition

Ballinger Knight Columbus will sponsor a basketball free throw competition.

Free throw is open to all boys and girls ages 10-14, and age eligibility is determined as of Jan. 1. Proof of age for first time contestants required.

The competition will be held Sunday, Jan. 31 at the Joe Forester Gym at Ballinger High School. The event will begin at 1:30 p.m. with registration and the competition beginning at 2.

Same day registration will be accepted, entry forms will be available at place of competition.

Winning contestants of the local competition will advance to district competition, which will be held after the local competition.

For more information call 365-2476.

WISD bad weather notices

Should bad weather occur in the Winters ISD area, our first option will be to have a late start or even possible school transportation on "black top only".

The weather will have to be extreme before WISD will issue a school cancellation.

In the event of bad weather, please tune in to the following television and radio stations for announcements concerning possible schools delays or cancellations:

- Radio:
- KRUN 1400 AM
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- Television:
- KRBC channel 9 (Abilene)
 - KTAB channel 32 (Abilene)
 - KTXS channel 12 (Abilene)
 - KLST channel 8 (San Angelo)

VA rep to assist vets with benefits

A field representative for the VA Regional Office (VARO) will be located at the Big Spring V.A. Medical Center, to serve area veterans, service members, and their families.

Norm Jones will be at the West Texas Health Care System (WTVHCS) in Big Spring on Mondays and Tuesdays each week, to provide veterans' benefits information and assistance.

Jones will assist veterans with VA disability compensation and VA disability pension claims, vocational rehabilitation and employment claims and information about the full range of VA benefits. Other VA benefits include: education benefits, home loan guaranty, life insurance, burial benefits, survivor's benefits, and CHAMPVA. In addition, Jones will be able to respond to inquiries about pending claims for VA benefits.

Beginning Aug. 3, veterans, service members and their dependents may visit Jones in Room 414 of the West Texas VA Medical Center from 10 a.m. on Mondays and until 2 p.m. on Tuesdays of each week.

Veterans and their dependents may contact the Community Relations Office at the VA Medical Center to inquire about VBA's presence. The Community Relations Office telephone number is (432) 263-7361, ext. 7135, or 1-800-472-1365, ext. 7135. If you have additional questions, please contact Iva Jo Hanslik at the Community Relations Office.

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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.

USDA has funds for housing loans

FROM STAFF REPORTS

USDA Rural Development has announced their allocation for direct single family loans for Fiscal Year 2010.

Due to an increased level of funding as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, USDA Rural Development in Texas has more than \$130 million in direct funding available to help families achieve the dream of home ownership.

"USDA Rural Development is proud to assist rural Texans in meeting their housing needs, which is critical to the long term sustainability of our communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director.

USDA Rural Development's direct program provides low-interest,

no-down-payment loans to help eligible families living in rural communities and rural areas to purchase their own homes.

The Direct Rural Housing Program is geared toward low to very low-income families.

No down payment is required for the program and closing costs may be included in the loan

Under this program an applicant may be eligible for payment assistance, which would subsidize the interest portion of the house payment down to as low as 1 percent, lowering the overall monthly payment amount.

In many cases, the total monthly house payment, including taxes and insurance, may actually be less than a family is paying for rent.

Homes must be located in a community of 10,000 persons or less and locations not closely associated with urban areas.

Under certain circumstances loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,000 and 25,000 in population.

Never assume an area is not eligible.

If you would like to find out more about one of our housing programs, please contact our Brownwood office at (325) 643-1585, extension 4 or visit our website at www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx.

County Judge

Jana Knight Foster announces candidacy

Jana Knight Foster, today formally announced her candidacy for County Judge of Runnels County on the Republican Ticket. She has been the administrative assistant to the County Judge Marilyn Egan and the Emergency Management Coordinator for Runnels County since June 2006.

"I have already had the judicial training required for County Judge assistants and Emergency Management and Disaster Training for Runnels County," Foster said. "In addition, I have six years of legal experience and I have lived in this area all my life. Therefore, I feel that I have the legal experience and knowledge and respect of the people necessary to make a good county judge."

"However," she stated, "I believe a county judge, like all elected officials, should be both accountable and



Jana Knight Foster

available to the citizens they serve. Consequently, I am available to speak to civic clubs and functions and am available by telephone to anyone at 365-3647."

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Winters Library Book List

New books at the Winters Public Library:

- A Measure of Mercy by Lauraine Snelling.
- The Perfect Christmas by Debbie Macomber.
- Other Men's Horses by Elmer Kelton.
- Rainwater by Sandra Brown.
- Kindred in Death by J.D. Robb.
- Evidence by Jonathan Kellerman.
- Fields of Grace by Kim Vogel Sawyer.
- The Missing by Beverly Lewis.
- The Sound of Sleigh Bells by Cindy Woodsmall.
- Between the Plums by Janet Evanovich.
- True Blue by David Baldacci.
- 13 1/2 by Nevada Barr.
- The Professional by Robert B. Parker.
- 9 Dragons by Michael Connelly.
- I, Alex Cross by James Patterson.
- Southern Lights by Danielle Steel.
- The Scarpetta Factor by Patricia Cornwell.
- Half Broke Horses by Jeanetta Walls.
- A Change in Altitude by Anita Shreve.
- Looking for Lucy Gilligan & Other Stories by Murray Edwards.

The Winters Public Library is located at 20 North Main, Winters, Texas 79567 and can be reached by telephoning 325-754-4251. winterspl@netscape.net

Runnels County Jail Log

Log for Jan. 21, 2010

- Fluhmann, Justin L., 27, Coke Co., DWI 1st
- Watrous, Michael A., 35, Coke Co., DWI 3rd
- Evading Arrest with Vehicle
- Raymond, William C., Coke Co., Motion To Revoke - Felony Fraud /Use Identifying Information
- Ojeda, Michael, 33, RCSO, Theft
- Munoz, Anthony J., 28, RCSO, Theft
- Malloy, Zachory, 19, RCSO, Injury to a Child
- Lockridge, Lawrence, 52, RCSO, Motion To Revoke Violation of Protective Order
- Ponce, Felix Jr., 28, RCSO, Possession of Controlled Substance
- Davis, Colby R., 26, Coke, Failure To Appear
- Torres, Natalie, 26, RCSO, Motion To Revoke times 3
- Lopez, Joe S., 25, RCSO, DWLI with Previous
- Odom, Edward J., 41, RCSO, Terroristic Threat
- Ramos, Henry, 47, RCSO, DWLI with Previous
- Horton, Albert J., 38, RCSO, Theft
- Horton, Mirl E., 39, RCSO, Theft
- Almaguer, Nathan M., 19, RCSO, Motion To Revoke/ DWI
- Espinosa, Richard, 35, Concho, Motion To Revoke/DWI
- Landeros, Fernando, 27, Coke, Motion to Revoke-Assault Causing Bodily Injury
- Oxford, Bobby E., 57, RCSO, Sexual Assault of a Child
- Moya, Jim, 38, Concho, Aggravated Assault

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- Jillian Brasch.
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- Runnels County Historical Committee.
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It's the season to talk politics

Christmas and New Years are a happy memory, but it's still too early to plant or talk baseball.

That means it's the season to talk politics.

I once had a wise old statesman tell me the first thing that sprouts on local lawns in the spring is a political campaign sign.

It looks like we have a bumper crop around here this season.

County candidates have filed and we pretty much know what the field looks like for the primary. The Runnels County Judges' race is shaping up to be a good one.

We've also got city posts up for grabs this spring, as well as school board and hospital district positions. And while you can go ahead and toss you hat in the ring for these last three boards, the final filing deadline will be the opening bell for these campaigns.

It surprised us one night when at the supper table Daddy said he wasn't voting for Mr. South.

Supper table discussion was encouraged at our house and my brothers and I talked about what a good friend Mr. South was and how we could probably ask him for anything once we got elected.

My father was in the Air Force and he posed this question.

"Let's say you need to get somewhere and we go out to the air base to catch a plane," my father explained. "There is our neighbor Mr. South on one side and a qualified pilot on the other. Who are you going to get to fly your plane?"

Even hungry boys paused as those words of wisdom sunk in.

"Mr. South is a good man, but I want someone who can fly the plane," daddy

said as the meal continued.

Important positions

I've always admired people who are willing to run for public office.

We've got seven candidates vying for the job or Runnels County Judge and only one will win. That's tricky odds no matter how deep your pockets are or how big your political clout is around town.

And county judge is not the only premier post up for election this spring.

The men and women who serve on our school boards, city boards and hospital boards also will make very important decisions that will shape our city, county and future for years to come.

So let's look at all the candidates. Let's test them and see if they are truly capable and qualified for the job they are seeking.

Our country and state are in a bad enough shape, let's not mess it up on the local level.

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Floyd Ingram has covered candidates, campaigns and elections for 25 years. It's what he and other newspaper professionals do best.



FLOYD INGRAM
ENTERPRISE EDITOR

Can they fly the plane?

When I was growing up we had a neighbor who ran for office.

Mr. South was a good guy, he went to church with us and his business and family were well known in our community.

Winters Enterprise Columnist

Watch closely for 're-lit' 401(k) match

As the economy recovers, you may find some new opportunities to expand your investment horizons - and one such possibility may be your company's 401(k) matching contribution.

During the depths of the recession, many companies that had offered a 401(k) match reduced or stopped their contribution. But now, more than a third of large employers that suspended their matching contributions plan to restore them over the next few months, according to a recent survey by Watson Wyatt, a consulting firm.

While this development will be welcome news to you if your employer was one of the match-cutters, you can't necessarily count on getting same match you did before the recession. Some of the companies surveyed by Watson Wyatt say the size of the new match will vary, based on profits.

Previously, the most common formula used by companies was a match of 50 cents on the dollar, up to the first six percent of pay, according to the Profit

Sharing/401(k) Council of America.

But no matter what size match you are offered, take it. If you don't contribute enough to your 401(k) plan to earn the match, you are leaving money on the table - money that could be used to help pay for the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

If you do need to adjust your contribution level to earn the match, you might also take the opportunity to make changes to your 401(k) portfolio, as needed. Here are a few ideas to consider:

- Avoid overloading on company stock. In a sense, you are already risking a financial asset - your income - when you work for a company, because any company can go through downturns that could affect your livelihood. Consequently, you don't want to take on additional risk by overloading

your 401(k) portfolio with your company stock. Furthermore, too much of any one investment in your 401(k) can be risky, which is why you should diversify your holdings among the choices available in your plan. While diversification, by itself, cannot prevent losses or guarantee profits, it can help reduce the effects of volatility and give you more opportunities for success.

- Rebalance. Your 401(k) holdings should be appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Yet, over time, and without any action on your part, your portfolio could become "unbalanced." For example, you might have wanted 20 percent of the value of your 401(k) to go into a particular growth-oriented account. But if this investment increased substantially in price, it may now take up 30 percent of your portfolio, subjecting yourself to more risk than you had intended. At least once a year, review your 401(k) carefully, possibly with the help of a profes-

sional financial advisor, to make sure your investment mix is still appropriate for your needs.

- Boost your contributions with each salary increase. Every time your salary goes up, try to increase your 401(k) contributions. Because you typically fund your 401(k) with pre-tax dollars, the more you contribute, the lower your taxable income. Plus, your earnings can grow tax deferred, so your money potentially can grow faster than it would if placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year.

By following these suggestions, and by taking advantage of the return of your 401(k) match, you can help maximize the value of your 401(k). And someday, you might be glad you did just that.

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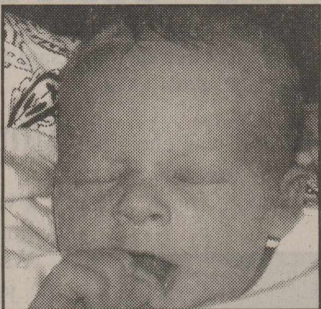
Lifestyles

Birth Announcement

Will Allen Christian

Seth and Sarah Christian of San Angelo are proud to announce the birth of their son, Will Allen Christian. Will was born Dec. 22, 2009 at 7:47 p.m. at San Angelo Community Medical Center. He weighed 7-pounds, 13-ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Rondle and Kaila Blessing of Ballinger. Paternal grandparents are the late Kay Christian of Moscow, Kan., and Mike and wife Jana Christian of Hooker, Okla. Maternal great-grandparents



Will Allen Christian

are Martin and Iwanda Blessing of Ballinger and Louise McDaniel and the late Kit McDaniel Jr. of Plainview. Paternal grandparents are Willis Christian of Liberal, Kan., Wanda Bean and the late Jack Smith and the late Betty Rose, all of Moscow, Kan.

Community Events

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, at 117 West Dale Street.

As always, all meetings are confidential and everyone remains anonymous.

For more information call 754-5839 or 325-315-6564.

Ministerial Alliance

Winters Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month at 9 a.m. at Samaritans House on the corner of E. Dale and Grant.

Agenda items must be given to Jordan Hubbard at 754-4183 in advance.

Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month, at 100 West Dale Street.

City Council Meetings

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

The council has a regularly scheduled meeting slated for Jan. 25.

All city council meetings are open to the public, but speakers must register with the city secretary prior to the meeting.

Persons seeking to be placed on the agenda must contact the city in advance.

School Board Meetings

Winters ISD School Board meets at 6:30 p.m. every second Monday of the month at 603 Heights Street.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Feb. 8.

All school board meetings are open to the public, but speakers must register with the WISD secretary prior to the meeting.

Literary Service Club Meetings

Literary Service Club meets at 6 p.m. third Monday of the month.

Their next regular meeting is Feb. 15.

Engagement Announcement



Lacy Delaine Hans and William Paige Bishop

Hans, Bishop tell wedding plans

Special to the Enterprise

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hans of Castroville are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Lacy DeLaine to William Paige Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lanham Bishop of Winters.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hans of Castroville, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Tinar, of Bridgeport, and the great-granddaughter of Roberta Pate-Matzinger and the late L.M. Pate, of Bridgeport.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mrs. Billie Ruth Bishop and the late L.R. Bishop of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Maddux of Midland.

Lacy is a 2000 graduate of Medina Valley High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas State University - San Marcos. She earned a bachelor degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Paige is a 1997 graduate of Winters High School and a 2001 graduate of Schreiner University - Kerrville. He earned a bachelor degree in Business Administration.

Lacy currently works at Lambda Construction as an office manager. Paige is a sales executive for OR Solutions, a medical supply company.

The couple plans a March 20, 2010 wedding at St. Louis Catholic Church in Castroville. Following the wedding, the two plan to reside in San Antonio.

50th Anniversary



O.J. and Jacka Nell Murray (circa 1960)



O.J. and Jacka Nell Murray

Murrays celebrate Golden Anniversary

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O.J. Murray and Jacka Nell (Jackie) Canady were joined in marriage on Jan. 2, 1960, in Ballinger.

The couple was honored on Jan. 2, 2010, by their daughters Tawnya (and Alan) Davis and Tammy (and Doug) Yarbrough.

O.J. and Jackie were presented with a "then and now" photo featuring a photo of their wedding day and a current day photo. They also received numerous cards and congratulations from friends and family.

Joining the celebration were grandchildren Trent

Davis, Chase Martin and Channing Martin. Other grandchildren unable to attend are Dustin and Menda Speckels and Coleton Yarbrough, as well as great-granddaughter Brylee Speckels.

O.J. and Jackie have lived the entire 50 years in Winters and have been active members of the First United Methodist Church. Both are active on various boards within the church. Both are also retired from the United States Postal Service where O.J. worked for 38 years and Jackie for 30 years.

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Thursday
Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Pineapple Cake.

Friday
Tater Tot Casserole, Carrots, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Biscuits, Dessert.

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- Political asylum seeker
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- April 1 victim
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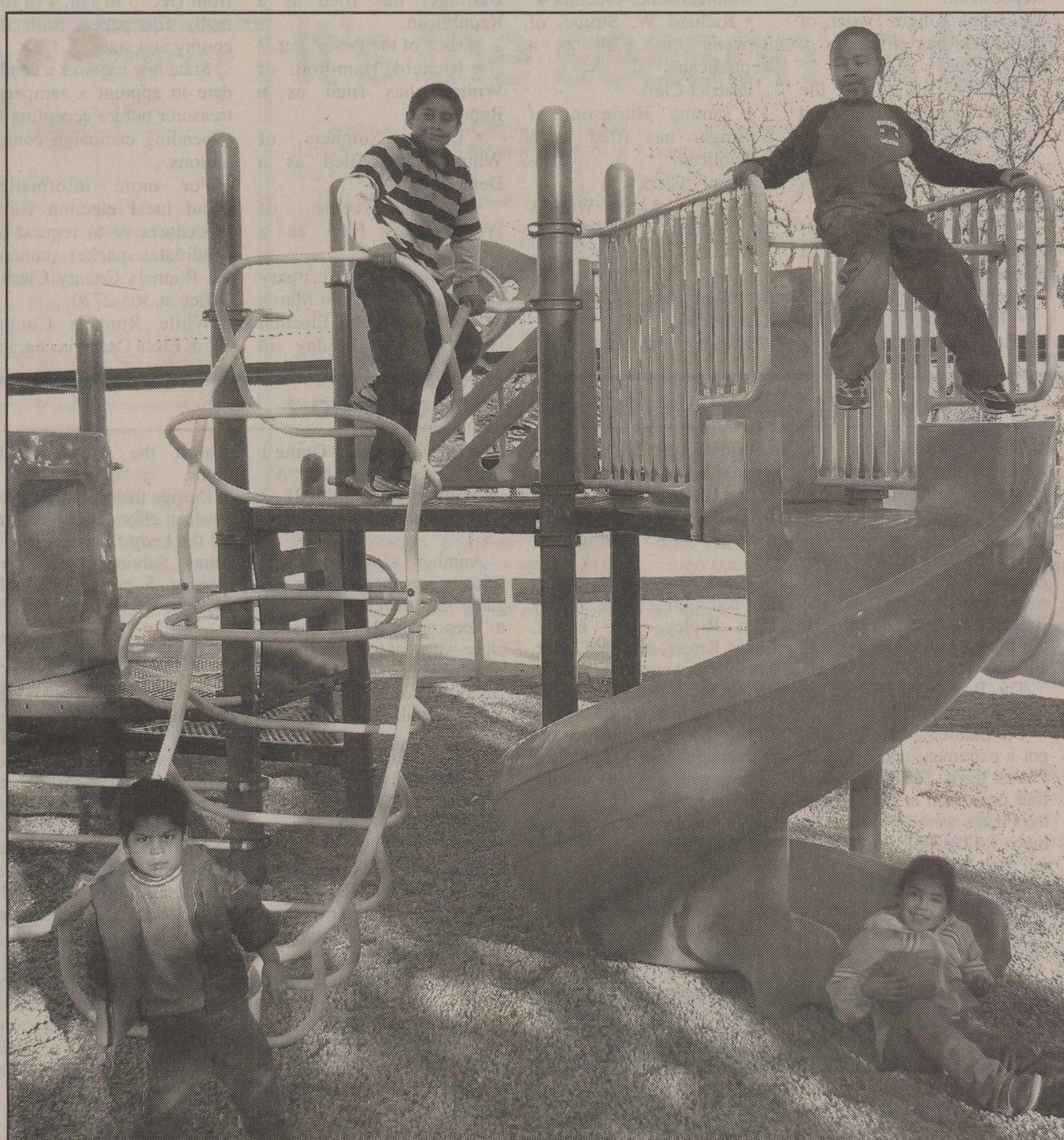
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Sunday Fun In The Sun

School was out Sunday and Monday, but this group of four youngsters were busy making good use of the playground equipment at Winters Elementary School Sunday afternoon as their mother read a book on a bench nearby. Shown are, bottom from left, Aiden Pena and Saleen Jalomo. Shown on top are, from left, Caleb Ornelaz and Alex Salas.

CAFETERIA MENU Jan. 25-29 Subject to change

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST
Monday
Breakfast Pocket, Juice, Choice of Milk
Tuesday
Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Choice of Milk
Wednesday
Bagel Pizza, Juice, Choice of Milk
Thursday
Biscuit Sausage, Juice, Choice of Milk
Friday
Muffin w/ham, Juice, Choice of Milk

JUNIOR AND HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST
Monday
Scrambled Eggs or Breakfast Pocket or Muffin w/Ham, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk
Tuesday
Cereal or Cereal Bar or Oatmeal, or Breakfast Taco, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Choice of Milk
Wednesday
Pancake w/ham or Breakfast Pizza or Yogurt w/ham, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk
Thursday
Biscuit w/gravy sausage or Cereal or Cereal Bar, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk
Friday
Breakfast Burrito or Cinnamon roll, w/ham or Cereal Bar, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk

WINTERS ISD LUNCH MENU
Monday
Chef Salad or Sub Sand or Chicken Chicken Sticks w/gravy or PB/Jelly Sandwiches, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Apple Wedge, Sugar Cookie, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk
Tuesday
Chef Salad or Sub Sand or Spaghetti w/Cheese Stick or Chicken Nuggets, Baked Potato, Cooked Carrots, Tossed Salad, Rosy Pears, Pudding, Hot Rolls Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
Chef Salad or Fajita Wrap or Frito Pie or Chicken Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Pinto beans, Coleslaw, Fruit Salad, Cornbread, Bread Pudding, Choice of Milk
Thursday
Chef Salad or Sub Sand Tueky/Gravy/Rice or Steak Fingers w/gravy Broccoli w/Cheese, Mashed potatoes w/gravy, Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Cho. Chip Cookie, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk
Friday
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WISD News

Winters UIL competition team, individual results

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Students at Winters ISD recently competed in UIL (University Interscholastic League) competition.

TEAM RESULTS

The following teams are shown by event, grade and place won at competition.

- Art 7th**
2nd Place
- Art 8th**
1st Place
- Calculator 7th**
2nd Place Winters
- Calculator 8th**
2nd Place Winters
- Dictionary Skills 7th**
2nd Place
- Dictionary Skills 8th**
1st Place
- Listening 7th**
2nd Place
- Listening 8th**
3rd Place
- Maps, Graphs & Charts 7th**
1st Place
- Mathematics 7th**
1st Place
- Number Sense 7th**
3rd Place
- Number Sense 8th**
2nd Place
- Science 8th**
2nd Place
- Social Studies 7th**
1st Place
- Social Studies 8th**
2nd Place
- Spelling 7th**
1st Place
- Spelling 8th**
1st Place

Individual results

The following individuals are shown by name, place won at competition and event.

- Gabby Pena 4th Art
- Kara Kraatz 2nd Art
- Kalyn Drake 5th Art
- Kara Heathcott 5th Art
- Adriana Lopez 6th Calculator Applications
- Corey Pritchard 6th Calculator Applications
- Christian Tamez 2nd

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dictionary Skills Kimble Bridgeman 3rd Dictionary Skills Brandi Wright 4th Dictionary Skills Vanessa Sanchez 6th Dictionary Skills Ethan Bredemeyer 1st Editorial Writing Jennifer Rios 4th Editorial Writing Missy Calcote 1st Editorial Writing Chris Gerhart 3rd Editorial Writing Corey Pritchard 5th Editorial Writing Stephon Cleghorn 5th Impromptu Speaking Cheyenne Ellis 3rd Impromptu Speaking Kara Heathcott 5th Impromptu Speaking David Torres 4th Listening Jake Brock 5th Listening Sierra Woffenden 5th Listening Ethan Bredemeyer 2nd Maps, Graphs, & Charts Christian Tamez 5th Maps, Graphs & Charts Teren Shandor 5th Maps, Graphs, & Charts Ethan Bredemeyer 2nd Mathematics Jennifer Rios 4th Mathematics Dave Hutton 6th Mathematics Christopher Gerhart 3rd Mathematics Kara Kraatz 5th Modern Oratory Kalyn Drake 6th Modern Oratory Adreanna Lopez 4th Number Sense Ashley Guy 3rd Oral Reading Adreanna Lopez 2nd Ready Writing Missy Calcote 5th Ready Writing Kara Heathcott 6th Ready Writing Dave Hutton 4th Science Ty Black 5th Science Ethan Bredemeyer 3rd Social Studies Jake Brock 4th Social | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Studies Lukas Kraatz 6th Social Studies Ty Black 5th Social Studies MaggyMendoza 1st Spelling Missy Calcote 1st Spelling Lauren Bredemeyer 2nd |
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UIL

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The voluntary-membership, non-profit organization exists to provide educational extracurricular academic, athletic, and music contests. The initials UIL have come to represent quality educational competition administered by school people on an equitable basis.

The purpose of the UIL is to organize and properly supervise contests that assist in preparing students for citizenship. It aims to provide healthy, character building, educational activities carried out under rules providing for good sportsmanship and fair play for all participants.

Sensible organized competition under proper controls has demonstrated its value and has furnished inspiration to talented students for many years. The UIL does not provide a contest for every student but does fill the need for those with the physical and intellectual capacity to excel in activities beyond the classroom. The UIL has the active support of most of the school executives, teachers, and citizens in Texas.

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Candidates who have formally filed to run as a Democrat or Republican as of Monday are:

County Judge

- Raymond Anderson, of Ballinger has filed as a Democrat.
- Mark Baird, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.
- Clay Bullock, of

Ballinger has filed as a Republican.

- Janna Knight Foster, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.
- Barry Hilliard, of the Norton area has filed as a Republican.
- Nathan T. Johnson, of Winters has filed as a Republican.
- Elizabeth O'Conner, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.
- 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
- Elesia 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.
- Louise Summers, of Wingate has filed as a Democrat.
- Joyce Weems, of Winters 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.

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 a candidates packet, contact the Runnels County Clerk's Office at 365-2720.

While Runnels County Clerk Elesia 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 Ethic Commission at 1-800-325-8506. Questions regarding election law can be directed to the Secretary of State at 1-800-252-8683.

Winters ISD Athletic Report

STEPHEN HERMESMEYER
WISD Athletic Director

Junior High Basketball Results

7th Grade Girls:
(Coach Villarreal)
Winters - 0, 2, 8, 12.
Albany - 7, 13, 17, 25.

JH Boys: (Coach Bates and Spivey)

7th Grade:
Winters - 6, 12, 22, 28.
Eula - 3, 5, 8, 8.
Leading Scorers: Torres - 8, Ripley - 8

8th Grade:
Winters - 5, 16, 26, 32
Eula - 5, 6, 11, 19
Leading Scorers: Gerhart - 12, 2-3points, Cruz - 8, Diaz - 8

This past weekend the Junior High Boys Basketball team went to Roscoe to compete in the last tournament of the year.

The Breezes drew a tough Hamlin Pied Pipers in the first round on Thursday, and the Breezes breezed right through the Pipers with a score of 38-14 win.

The Breezes were lead by Fermin Cruz with 12 points.

On Saturday, the Breezes got a extremely talented Eula Pirates team. The guys had a four point lead at the half but the Pirates were just a little to much for the Breezes, as they fell short 25-20.

The loss sent the Breezes to the 3rd place game. Breezes were lead Ty Cortez with 9 points.

Winters got hosting team Roscoe in the third place game in front of a big crowd. The Breezes got off to a hot start by making a 13-3 first quarter run.

There were many players that had a great game, Jimmy John Ripley, Jake Brock, Lukas Kraatz, and Ty Cortez. These four were brought up to the 8th grade team to help out and did a great job!

The Breezes finished the tournament with a 3rd place victory with a 37-30 victory. The Breezes just have a few games remaining, so come out and support the Winters Breezes

8th Grade Girls:
(Coach Airhart):
Winters 6 Albany 50

Roscoe Tournament Game 1
7/8 "A" vs. Hamlin 8th "A"
Winters 13 Hamlin 31
High point - Destiny Chavis - 5

Another slow start for Winters sets the pace for this game. Our man defense failed to keep up in the 1st quarter. Once we went to the zone, we were able slow them down. Although we put up lots of shots, we failed to "finish" and score.

Game 2
7/8 "A" vs. Eula 7/8
High point - Lauren Bredemeyer and Nina Mooney - four each.

This game was somewhat better in that we were able to keep it close. We had too many forced passes and turnovers which was the real difference in this game. Scoring in each quarter was more evenly matched except, again, in the first where they outscored us 6 points. We've got to learn to get started early and play all 4 quarters.

High School Basketball
JV Girls:
(Coach Venekamp)
Albany 26, Winters 16
Overall Record 6-5 District Record 2-2
Tuesday night the JV girls played a hard fought game

against the Albany Lady Lions.

Despite their loss they gave a valiant effort. Bibi Mendoza led the Lady Blizzards with 7 points. Sabrina Oswald contributed 5 and Kat Lindly added 4.

JV Boys: (Coach Livingston)

The JV boys started the week out against Albany. They played a tough game but unfortunately fell short. After falling behind early, the Blizzards came back and made it a game in the end, before late free throws allowed Albany to extend the lead a little more. The final score was 34-23 Albany with CJ Johnson as the leading scorer with 8 points.

On Friday, the JV played Cross Plains. In a very physical game, the Blizzards came out victorious with a 27-25 victory. Dustin Oswald was the leading scorer with 7 points.

Varsity Girls:
(Coach Motheral)
On Jan. 12, the Lady Blizzards lost a hard fought battle to Albany, 42-54. The girls had a big third quarter that got the team back within three. Abby Guy had 15 points, and LeeAnn Taylor

was close behind with 12.

The Lady Blizzards got a great district win on Jan. 15 versus Cross Plains, 52-35. A great team effort along with some big defensive stops were really big for the girls. Bianca Carrillo had 16 points, and LeeAnn Taylor, Jordan Busher, and Abby Guy each contributed 8. This moved the girls to 2-4 in district and 8-13 overall.

Varsity Boys:
(Coach McGuire)
Winters 24
Albany 48
Leading Scorers: Cristian Sandoval 7, Riley Ripley 6

Winters 49
Cross Plains 44
Leading Scorers: Cristian Sandoval 20, Devin Martinez 7, Hayden Bergman 6, AJ Tamez 6
Record 12-10, 2-2 in district

Six Blizzards selected to THSCA All-Academic State Team
1st Team - AJ Tamez and Coltn Pritchard
2nd Team - Jacinto Hernandez
Honorable Mention - Hayden Bergman, Braden Mikeska and Juan Ramirez.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2009

| Data Control Codes | 10 General Fund | WISD PFC Blended Component Unit | Other Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
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| REVENUES: | | | | |
| 5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources | \$ 2,250,643 | \$ 143,826 | \$ - | \$ 2,394,469 |
| 5800 State Program Revenues | 4,315,372 | - | 262,855 | 4,578,227 |
| 5900 Federal Program Revenues | 326,183 | - | 573,078 | 899,261 |
| 5020 Total Revenues | 6,892,198 | 143,826 | 835,933 | 7,871,957 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| 0011 Instruction | 2,778,408 | - | 725,027 | 3,503,435 |
| 0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services | 64,943 | - | 1,429 | 66,372 |
| 0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development | 13,568 | - | 15,931 | 29,499 |
| 0023 School Leadership | 283,068 | - | 42,070 | 325,138 |
| 0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services | 165,515 | - | 50,676 | 216,191 |
| 0033 Health Services | 56,109 | - | - | 56,109 |
| 0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation | 136,856 | - | - | 136,856 |
| 0035 Food Services | 345,969 | - | - | 345,969 |
| 0036 Extracurricular Activities | 340,791 | - | - | 340,791 |
| 0041 General Administration | 290,370 | - | - | 290,370 |
| 0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations | 792,370 | - | 800 | 793,170 |
| 0052 Security and Monitoring Services | 7,604 | - | - | 7,604 |
| 0053 Data Processing Services | 149,812 | - | - | 149,812 |
| 0061 Community Services | 3,742 | - | - | 3,742 |
| Debt Service: | | | | |
| 0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt | 45,000 | 130,000 | - | 175,000 |
| 0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt | 675 | 11,326 | - | 12,001 |
| 0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees | 418 | 2,500 | - | 2,918 |
| Capital Outlay: | | | | |
| 0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction | 1,120,303 | - | - | 1,120,303 |
| Intergovernmental: | | | | |
| 0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA | 51,912 | - | - | 51,912 |
| 0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges | 49,067 | - | - | 49,067 |
| 6030 Total Expenditures | 6,696,500 | 143,826 | 835,933 | 7,676,259 |
| 1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | 195,698 | - | - | 195,698 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): | | | | |
| 7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property | 3,828 | - | - | 3,828 |
| 7949 Other Resources | 7,687 | - | - | 7,687 |
| 7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | 11,515 | - | - | 11,515 |
| 1200 Net Change in Fund Balances | 207,213 | - | - | 207,213 |
| 0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning) | 6,801,468 | - | - | 6,801,468 |
| 1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance | 996,039 | - | - | 996,039 |
| 3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending) | \$ 8,004,720 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 8,004,720 |

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County Judge

Ray Anderson announces candidacy

Ray has lived in and called Runnels County his home for 37 years. Ray has 20 years of grocery experience and moved to Runnels County while employed by Safeway Foods in 1972 as a produce manager. He has two daughters, Patricia Dailey and Joy McDaniel and three grandsons, Mitch Dailey, Paul McDaniel and Charles McDaniel. Ray and his wife Mary, who works at The First National Bank of Ballinger, have been married for 39 years.

Ray has 10 years judicial experience as judge for the Ballinger Municipal Court from 1995 to 2005. Ray has many administrative experience years as a business owner, judge and working in local government.

In 1976 he opened his first business, Modern 7-11, a Convenience Store in Ballinger, which he sold after several successful years which produced a huge cash flow and budget. Modern 7-11 was the local leading convenience store from 1977 to 1981.

He graduated from Howard College, San Angelo, with an associate degree in Computer Science majoring in computer networking. As a computer data base programmer and while judge he wrote a professional Court Management software that is still being used in the Ballinger Municipal Court. The software manages the cases, depositions, as well as the accounting for fines collected. The software also maintains scheduled hearing and trials dates. He also authored a successful professional automotive repair shop management software package he marketed and sold in several states starting in 1989. Ray is a veteran who served honorably in the US Army.

He moved from the municipal court to the Ballinger City Hall in 2005 where he was part of the administrative department maintaining computers, the computer networks, code enforcement, updating the code book and adding new

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Ray Anderson

code text that had been passed by the city councils since the last time the code book had been codified. Ray has completed many hours of Emergency Management Training and has been a Certified Floodplain Manager. He also has experience with grants. He retired from the City of Ballinger in January 2009. Since his retirement he has enjoyed restoring a 1957 Chevrolet and keeps the city's computers maintained and does utility mapping in AutoCAD on a part-time basis.

Ray is running as a Democrat. Ray said he is tired of the same meaningless sound bytes from political candidates year after year. His values and politics are conservative and he is an independent minded person who has always voted for the person he felt was most qualified.

Ray said, The County Judge office is a very important position for Runnels County and it is an office that serves all the citizens of Runnels County. It is a full time job of 40 hours a week and sometimes more. He is prepared to give the position his full attention and work the hours that are necessary to honorably and effectively fulfill the position and do the very best job possible for all the citizens of Runnels County.

Board

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matter for Davis.

Others at Monday's meeting alleged this is not the first time the hospital has turned a patient away to another hospital.

The board received its annual audit from J.W. Anderson & Associates with no findings reported by the firm.

Larry Anderson said the hospital had an operating loss of \$750,000 from June 2008 to June 2009. He also pointed out the hospital levied \$800,000 in hospital

district taxes during that time.

"Reporting requirements and auditing practices do not allow us to include those taxes as revenue," said Anderson. "Your overall change in assets was a positive, but tax revenue is not part of operating revenue."

Anderson told trustees 20 percent of the hospital's revenue was generated by the lab, 18 percent by home health, 12 percent by the clinic and 13 percent by the emergency room.

The audit also indicated 49 percent of the operating expense was for hospital salaries and 6.5 percent was

for employee benefits.

Anderson said NRH had a cash reserve of 90 days, which was down from 110 days from the previous year.

The audit also revealed North Runnels Hospital averaged 1.1 patients per day during the reporting period.

The board voted to advertise for bids to sell 160 acres from the Wilkerson Estate. The property is located near Crews Cemetery and has been appraised for \$204,000.

"That property is not adjacent to our hospital facility and we are not in

the real estate business," said Trustee Marvin Jones in making the motion to seek bids. "I would ask we reserve the right to reject bids if we don't get an acceptable amount."

The notice will be published in local newspapers.

The board heard a report from Tucker saying he has contacted several physicians seeking to fill the vacancy at North Runnels.

The board entered executive session to discuss personnel matters without voting in public to enter executive session. No action was taken by the board after the executive session.

North Runnels Hospital taxing district seeks candidates for hospital board

FROM STAFF REPORTS

With two North Runnels Hospital board members indicating they are moving and three other posts up for re-election, the Winters hospital is seeking five candidates this spring.

Board President Charlie Brown and Trustee Shelly Guevara have both indicated they will move out of the district at some time," said North Runnels Hospital Board administrative assistant Teresa Walden. "This is

also the year we would have four positions up for election."

Other trustees up for re-election are Dewey Whitfield, Danny Reel and Jeanne Hilliard.

Trustees Melanie Wade and Marvin Jones were elected to the board last year.

Qualifications to run for the North Runnels Hospital District Board of Trustees are to be a registered voter and to live within the hospital

district.

The North Runnels Hospital taxing district include the town of Winters and the surrounding area.

Trustees have one regularly scheduled meeting on the third Monday night of each month.

Trustees can and do meet in special called meeting to handle hospital business.

Trustees serve two-year terms with no compensation.

Trustees hire and dismiss

hospital administrators, set hospital policy and procedures, conduct strategic business and planning and set the tax rate for the North Runnels Hospital Taxing District.

Walden said potential candidates can pick up the required forms at the hospital or call her at 754-4553 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Walden said she will be glad to mail a form to a prospective candidates.

VFW

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democracy with the prospect of winning U.S. Saving Bonds.

The essay must be a contestant's original work and a product of their own thinking. Under the leadership of Winters Junior High teachers Sharon Rice and Deb Pritchard, 91 students submitted an essay.

The best 20 essays were selected and then the top ten.

Fourth through tenth place winners received \$10 each.

- They were:
- 4th William Bredemeyer.
 - 5th Corey Jack Pritchard.
 - 6th Lukas M. Kraatz.
 - 7th Christopher A. Gerhart.
 - 8th Victoria L. Sanchez.
 - 9th Magally Mendoza.

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10th David Hutton. All ten also received a Patriot Pen Certificate and an American windsock. The top seven essays were entered in the District 8 VFW Patriot Pen Contest.

Winners 11th to 20th were recognized and given a Patriot Pen Certificate and thanks for their efforts:

- They were: Ashley K. Guy, Adreanna M. Lopez, Nina Lynn Mooney, Katie Wade, Casey L. Wright, Alanna L. Cooper, Kalyn R. Drake, Austen C. Green, Kara L. Heathcott and Kara Lee Ann Kraatz.

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that gives students in grades 6,7 and 8 the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy. Annually, more than 115,000 students participate in the contest.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the NASSP National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 2009-2010. The Patriot's Pen program is designed to foster patriotism by allowing students the opportunity to express their opinions based on an annual theme.

Contestants write a 300-400 word essay based on an annual patriotic theme.

The first-place winner receives a \$10,000 savings bond and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C.

Historically, the theme — annually chosen by the VFW commander-in-chief — is purposely kept broad in scope to allow the participant flexibility in interpretation to encourage originality. Since the VFW is a patriotic organization, the annual theme is always related to patriotism.

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Disabled vets get property tax relief

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Military veterans who are totally disabled or cannot work because of service-related injuries will pay no property taxes on their homes under a new tax exemption approved by the Legislature in 2009.

"Texas has done the right thing by providing property tax relief for our military men and women who have

served their country and paid a heavy price," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said.

House Bill 3613 provides an exemption of the total appraised value of the homesteads of Texas veterans who have received a 100 percent disability rating or are considered unemployable by the U.S. Department of Veterans

Affairs.

The new law is effective for the 2009 tax year and swift action is necessary to update local property tax rolls and ensure eligible veterans receive the new tax break.

Eligible disabled veterans must apply for the tax exemption through their county appraisal district.

Runnels County Tax Assessor/Collector is Robin Burgess. Her office is located at 201 South Broadway and her mailing address is P.O. Box 517, Ballinger, TX 76821.

For details or more information about this exemption contact Burgess at 325-365-2339 during regular business hours.

An application form for veterans and appraisal districts to use can be found on the Comptroller's Web site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/vetexempt.pdf>.

Veterans may also need to contact their mortgage lenders to adjust their escrow payments.

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