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Primary election Tuesday

Only five days remain before the six candidates who have filed to run as a Republican candidate for county judge in the March 2 primary will learn the will of the voters in Runnels County. With that many candidates vying for the same position, the likelihood of a runoff is very near a certain-

ty. One candidate would have to get 50 percent of the votes plus one to be declared the winner and be on the ballot in November to face Raymond Anderson who is running unopposed on the Democratic ballot.

A runoff election, if needed, will be held on April 13 with the two candi-

dates that received the first and second place in number of votes in Tuesday election being on the ballot. The only other contested race in a party primary is the race for Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2. Two candidates, Louise Summers, of Wingate and Joyce Weems of Winters are on the Democratic ballot.



Jana Foster



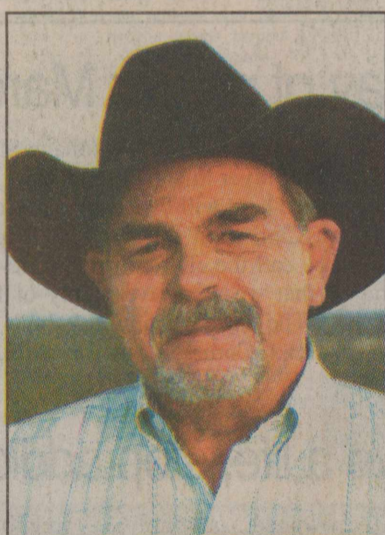
Mark Baird



Elizabeth O'Connor



Nathan Johnson



Barry Hilliard



Clay Bullock



County Snow Day Returns

Winters reportedly received between two and three inches of snow Tuesday morning. This was the second snow event this winter.



Trail ride promotes San Angelo Stock Show

The horses and riders along with 24 wagons began arriving in Winters late Monday as a part of the Santa Fe Trail ride. The group started out Saturday morning February 13 in San Angelo and planned on spending the night in Winters Monday. The entourage was treated to a dinner and dance by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce and the Red Hat Ladies. Before heading out to Lake Ballinger the Chamber and the Red Hats

served breakfast at the Rock Hotel.

The Santa Fe Trail Riders is a volunteer organization that started seven years ago to help promote the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo in the surrounding towns of West Texas. The route changes each year but this is the second year in a row that the trail drive came through Winters, Ballinger and Miles in Runnels County. In Miles they were joined by their queen, a stu-

dent at Miles High School as well as many other riders. According to Bob Lacy who sort of ramrods the ride, people come from all over just to ride in this ride. Some he said plan their vacations in order to participate in the event. They were expecting over 100 riders.

Friday the riders headed for San Angelo where they planned to camp at old Fort Concho and then participate in the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo parade.

Council removes stop signs

By Randal Barnes
 The fire department discussed their goal to buy new First Response vehicle and to replace various emergency tools. \$20,000 for the vehicle and \$20,000 for the tools. The Winters Fire Department will be having several fund raisers to raise the necessary money needed.

The city discussed the pump station and approved a 99 year contract. The removal of stop signs on Arlington and State street was approved. One person attending the meeting stated that the speed bump should be removed also.

The Chief of Police discussed the resignation of Billy Hollis from animal control. City council

approved a part-time position to be filled by reserve officer Paula Geyer. Paula will serve as animal control and code enforcer. The position will eventually become full-time. The Chief also talked about reserve fuel for emergency contingency and where the reserve fuel will be kept. About 20 citizens attended the meeting.

Election Day Information

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.
 The County Clerk's Office will be open Election Day from 7 a.m. until the polls close and all votes have been turned in and tabulated. If you have any questions regarding the Primary Election, you may call the County Clerk's Office at 365-2720. Also, the Voter Registrar's Office will be open Election Day from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. For questions regarding voter registration, you may call the Voter

Registrar's Office at 365-2339.
 Voters are reminded to please bring their voter registration card with them to the polls.
 Sample ballots are available at the County Clerk's Office in Ballinger and also at the County Tax Branch Office in Winters.
 Early Voting will continue in the County Clerk's Office through 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 26. Early Voting hours are 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Voting Locations

- VOTING PRECINCT #1-Ballinger: Runnels County Courthouse Annex Building, 608 Strong Avenue (Behind Courthouse)
- VOTING PRECINCT #2-Ballinger: 406 Hutchings (former Appraisal District Office)
- VOTING PRECINCT #3-Winters: Housing Authority Building, 300 North Grant
- VOTING PRECINCT #4, #5 and #6 Consolidated: Runnels County Tax Branch Office, 143 West Dale
- VOTING PRECINCT #7-Ballinger: Community Center, 200 Crosson Avenue
- VOTING PRECINCT #8 and #10 - Consolidated-Ballinger: City Hall, 7th & Railroad Avenue
- VOTING PRECINCT #9-Miles: City Hall, 110 Robinson Street

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 March 6th at 6:00 p.m.
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 Guest Speaker: Dallas Huston

Obituaries

Lura Lee Garrett

Funeral services for Lura Lee Garrett, 95, of Winters, were held Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at the First United Methodist Church in Winters with the Rev. Joe Chamness officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010.



She was elected Coming Home Queen in 1981.

She was born April 10, 1914 in Winters, where lived here most of her life. She graduated from Winters High School in 1931. She was married to George M. Garrett on July 2, 1931. He preceded her in death. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Eastern Star and the Diversity Club.

She is survived by two grandchildren: Neal R. Garrett, P.H.D. and wife Debbie of Moorpark, Calif. and Elizabeth Lee Garrett York and husband Rob of Weatherford; two great-grandchildren: Garret Lee York and Jane Marie York; and one niece: Martha Wise and husband Wiley of Abilene.

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Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010

Mike Rodriguez

Mike Rodriguez, 53, of Winters died Monday, Jan. 25, 2010.

He was born March 7, 1956, in Devine, to Jose C. Rodriguez and Isabella M. Rodriguez. He was married twice. He was married to Shirley Rodriguez and Beatrice Rodriguez. He raised their children like his own.

Survivors include his siblings, Josefina Rodriguez Smith, Jose M. Rodriguez of

Winters, Eloy M. Rodriguez of Winters, Gloria R. Ochoa of Winters, Juan Celberto M. Rodriguez of Weatherford, Erasmo M. Rodriguez of Winters, Jimmy M. Rodriguez of Winters, Santos M. Rodriguez of Winters, Beatriz R. McMahan of Winters, and Maria Isabel Rodriguez of San Angelo; and many nephews, nieces, great-nephews, great-nieces, and a great-great niece.

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Mary Margaret 'Mimi' Hill

Mary Margaret "Mimi" Hill, age 70, a resident of Bishop, Texas, passed away Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010, in Kingsville, Texas.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 15, 2010, at the First Baptist Church of Winters.

Mrs. Hill was born Feb. 13, 1939, in Winters to Willis Gladden Bedford and Mary Nicholson Bedford. She was a legal secretary at Texas A&M University-Kingsville until her retirement. She was a member of

the First Baptist Church of Bishop.

She is survived by one son, Leslie (Debbie) Hill of College Station, Texas; two daughters, Lisa (Terry) Wendland of Red Rock, Texas, and Lana Michalk of Bishop; four sisters, Barbara Helen Morris of Lawn, Texas, Gladys (Dalvin) Awalt of Midland, Texas, Russell Wells of Paris, Texas, and Leah Bedford of Phoenix, Arizona; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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Norma Jo Sudduth

Funeral services for Norma Jo Sudduth, 81, of Winters were held Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Troy Sullivan officiating. Burial followed at Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

She passed away Friday, Feb. 19, 2010.

She was born December 30, 1928, in Crews and lived in Winters all her life. She graduated from Winters

High School. She was a cook at the North Runnels Hospital, a farmer and a housewife. She was a member of the Pioneer Church of God. She was preceded in death by her daughter Ginger Bellis.

She is survived by two sons: Wayne Gibbs of Sidney and Leon Gibbs and wife Anita of Blanket; as well as five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

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Mary Oliver Perendergast

Mary Oliver Perendergast, 86, passed away Feb. 11, 2010, at her home in Wilmington, Delaware. There was a memorial service at Dupot Country Club and a private burial.

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Birth Announcement

Ava Lyn King

Aron and Angela King are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ava Lyn King. Ava was born Jan. 29, 2010 at 7:48 am at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, Texas. She weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. and was 18 1/4 inches long.



Maternal grandparents are Gary and Dinell Jacob of Winters. Paternal grandparents are Scott and Debbie King of Ballinger.

Maternal great-grandmothers are Elsie Hirt of St. Lawrence and Evelyn Jacob of Ballinger.

Paternal great-grandparents are Delbert Kruse of Winters and Wayne and Elaine King of Ballinger.

Flu vaccines available

The Texas Department of State Health Services has H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines available to all.

Shots available in Winters Thursday, March 4, from 1:30-5:30 pm at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108.

Shots available in Ballinger Thursday, March 11, from 10:00am-Noon and 1:30-3:00pm at 608 Strong (behind the court house).

Please bring child's immunization records. If your child has Medicaid or chips please bring card. For more information call 325-754-4945

Winters News Notes

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.

Chamber of Commerce

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

City Council Meetings

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

School Board Meetings

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

Hospital Board Meetings

The North Runnels Hospital Board meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month.

Literary Service Club

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

Public Library

Winters Public Library meets at 4:30 p.m. every third Tuesday of the month at the Library.

Lions Club gift of good sight

The Winters Lions Club gives to the Eye-glass Recycling Center. San Angelo and Midland has a processing and distributions of glasses to impoverished

people in all countries as well as local individuals. This is strictly a needs program the local Lions Club has to offer.

The Winters ISD school nurse, J'Lynn Cooper, RN,BSN, screens students of all ages for eye health issues. These eye glasses are provided by the Winters Lions Club.

If you have old eye glasses not being used, please drop these off at these distribution centers: Lawrence Grocery Bros. IGA, Bluebonnet Mercantile, Wheat Energy Services, Inc.

We welcome anyone who would like to join the Winters Lion Club to contact our President, Doug Wheat.

A program was given to the club on "Leader Dogs for the Blind". Sandy Griffin, member of the Cactus Club in Abilene and State Leader Dog Chairman told the group about the training of these dogs. She and her husband brought two lab dogs, a retired dog and a seven month old dog in training.

The mission of the Leader Dogs for the Blind is to enhance the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired. Sandy will train the

dogs for 12 months and then they go to the headquarters in Rochester Hills, Michigan, for further training.

Since 1939, Leader Dogs for the Blind has been providing dog guides to people who are blind and visually impaired to enhance their mobility, independence and quality of life. All of these services are provided free of charge to clients thanks to the funds provided by individuals, community service clubs such as Lions Club.

Lions Club News

Winters Public Library new books

New adult books at the Winters Public Library:

- Ford County by John

Grisham.

- Divine Justice by David Baldacci.
- Texas! Chase by Sandra Brown.
- The Blind Side by Michael Lewis.
- La's Orchestra Saves the World by Alexander McCall Smith.
- Deeper Than the Dead by Tami Hoag
- Trial by Fire by J.A. Jance.
- Sizzle by Julie Garwood.
- Intervention by Terri Blackstock.

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Wednesday
Liver or Steak, Parsley Potatoes, Greens, Cornbread, Apple Crisp.
Thursday
Salmon, Macaroni & Cheese, Tomato Salad, Cornbread, Lemon Cookies.
Friday
Stew, Jello Salad, Veggie Sticks, Cornbread, Dessert.
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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World day of prayer March 5

St. John's Lutheran Church, 1100 W. Parsonage St., will be hosting the World Day of Prayer this year on Friday, March 5, 2010, from noon - 1 p.m. There will be a short program in the Education Building on Cameroon followed by lunch in the church basement. Please call the church office at 754-4820 if you plan to attend so that we can have plenty of food and materials for everyone. The entire community, both men and women, is invited to attend. Come join us for study, worship and fellowship.

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Elm Creek Water Control District will meet in regular session on Tuesday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Activity Center, 600 Wood, Winters, Tx.

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March 1-5
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Bagel Pizza, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Tuesday
Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
Sausage on a Stick, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Thursday
Biscuit, Sausage, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Friday
Yogurt w/Animal Cracker, Juice, Choice of Milk.

JUNIOR AND HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST MENU
Monday
Breakfast Pizza or French Toast w/Sausage or Muffin w/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Tuesday
Cereal or Cereal Bar or Oatmeal or Breakfast Burrito, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
Sausage on a Stick or Breakfast Pocket 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
Sausage Roll or Cinnamon Roll w/Ham or Cereal Bar, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

WINTERS ISD LUNCH MENU
Note: Menus are subject to change without notice. Students may purchase extras: Entrees for \$1.00, Milk for .30, Sides for .50.
Monday
Tatar Tot Casserole or Sloppy Joe, Green Beans, Corn, Tossed Salad, Apple Wedges, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.
Tuesday
Spaghetti w/Cheese Stick or BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Broccoli w/Cheese, Carrot Sticks, Rosy Applesauce, Ice Cream Cup, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
Nachos or Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Mixed Fruit, Cornbread, Peanut Butter Cookie, Choice of Milk.
Thursday
Chicken Stick or Pork Roast w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Black Eyed Peas, Tossed Salad, Rosy Pears, Rice Crispy Treats, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.
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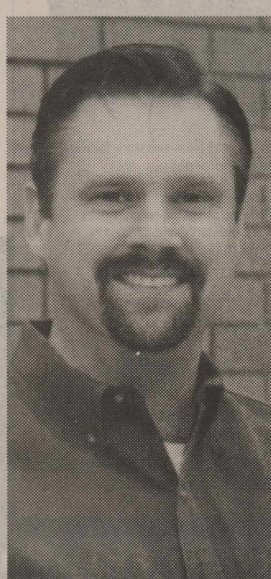
First Grade	Third Grade	Sixth Grade	Erica Lerma
Skyla Camacho	"A"	"A"	Kaitlyn Lindley
Garrett Collins	Brittany Blackshear	Bailee Busher	Adan Mata
Kristina Correa	Chris Correa	Sierra Ellis	Bryce Mikeska
Brennon Day	Emily Espino	Daniel Gerhart	Sabrina Oswalt
Joseph Escalona	Priscila Espino	Daniel Hutton	Alicia Reyes
Seth Gerhart	Audie Goodwin		Graciela Soto
Tarren Hagle	Logan Guerin	"A-B"	Randa Watson
Bryce Hermesmeyer	Holly Hutton	Michael Aleman	
Sugar Hunter	Gage McFadin	Brady Calcote	Tenth Grade
Micah Hutton	Patrick Reyes	Joshua Coffman	"A"
Matt Jacob	Alexis Silva	Cameron Cooper	Justin Bryson
Cheyenne Johnson	Jenessa Wade	Chelsea Gray	Michelle Kruse
Evelyn King		Ayla Horton	Caitlin Kurtz
Natalie Lara	"A-B"	Brendon Mikeska	Camille Krutz
Querstin Lara	Logan Cook	Bailey Pierce	Sarah Lara
Alex Llanas	Kasandra Esquivel	Jonathan Sandoval	Archibald Mills
Gloria Llanas	Keith Fields		Riley Ripley
Mara Mostad	Taylor Gray	Seventh Grade	Cristian Sandoval
Dayton Nava	Slater Lindley	"A"	Agapito Tamez
Casey Niedecken	Omar Martinez	William Bredemeyer	
Hailey Renfro	Yvette Reyna	David Hutton	"A-B"
Arazeli Reyes	Celeste Sanchez	Lukas Kraatz	Cannon Bryan
Jacob Reyes	Hailye Santoya Majalca	Rodolfo Lara	Rebecca Coffman
Marc Sanchez	Summer Schneider	Jennifer Rios	Roman Dela Cruz
Marc Schneider			Fabian Esquivel
Logan Schneider	Fourth Grade	"A-B"	Hannah Franklin
Megan Tarr	"A"	Kimble Bridgeman	Andy Garcia
Jelcie Tubbs	Brooklynn Anderson	Daniel Cortez	Nikolas Kraatz
Ariceley Vega	Joey Garcia	Ashley Guy	Christopher Perez
Avery Wheat	Macey Gerhart	Daryl Hagle	Harrison Roberts
Zachary Wheat	Aimee Green	Jordan Hamrick	Brianna Taylor
	Bronte Hermesmeyer	Taylor Hooper	
Second Grade	Megan Jacob	Adreanna Lopez	Eleventh Grade
Mason Abernathie	Branna Knight	Magally Mendoza	"A"
Alexis Briley	Kelsey Riddle	Nina Mooney	Kimberly Jackson
Karlee Busher		Gabrianna Pena	Dillion Lindley
Fabian Cabrera	"A-B"	Victoria Sanchez	Jose Llanas
Tara Campos	Jaylissa Diaz	Christian Tamez	Devin Mrtinez
Christopher Craig	Mason Donica	David Torres	Alexandra Slimp
Gabriel Dela Cruz	Hyla Forder	Katie Wade	Deven Towe
Logan Donica	Shelby Gray	Brandi Wright	
Hunter Duggan	Brily Knight		"A-B"
Felipe Erazo	Brandon L'Abbe	Eighth Grade	Angel Barron
Danyel Granco	Coya Martinez	"A"	Kelton Bredemeyer
Esmeralda Gallegos	Alonso Mendoza	Kalyn Drake	Shelby Gehrels
Sonnie Hagle	Alexis Norman	Christopher Gerhart	Abby Guy
MacGuire Hooper	Frisco Reyna	Kara Heathcott	Estevan Nava
Gracie Jiminez	Stephanie Reyna	Teren Shandor	Dustin Oswalt
Cody Johnson	Alyna Rodriguez		
Joseph Johnson	Zachary Rodriguez	"A-B"	Twelfth Grade
Richard Landin		Ty Black	"A"
Skylar Lee	Fifth Grade	Lauren Bredemeyer	Kathleen Mills
Briana Luera	"A"	Melissa Calcote	Jennifer Pritchard
Domynic Lujano	Grace Bryan	Alanna Cooper	Joby Winfrey
Adrian Marrero	Brooklyn Gallaway	Daniel Diaz	
Tiffany Martinez	Mason Johnson	Kara Kraatz	"A-B"
Isabella McMahan	K'Lee Lindley	Corey Pritchard	Nathanial Batla
McKenzie McWhorta	Samuel Woodall		Hayden Bergman
Christian Ornelaz		Ninth Grade	Sybil Bridgeman
Aliciea Reyna	"A-B"	"A"	Tana Gibbs
Miguel Rodriguez	Tia Campos	J Hoon Suh	Stephen Grenwelge
Miranda Rodriguez	Ashlyn Collins		Jacinto Hernandez
Jose Sanchez	Jaeggarr Collins	"A-B"	James Hoyle
Rico Sanchez	Nick Howe	Jordan Busher	Braden Mikeska
Brandon Sanders	Christy Kruse	Gaudencio Espino	Coltyn Pritchard
Emily Simmons	Scott Lange	Williams Gibbs	Juan Ramirez
Megan Smith	Kamri Soto	Brittany Gray	Julie Reyna
Makayla Speir	Chance Towe	McKenzie Hooper	Armando Tamez
Santiago Trevino	Chase Towe	Hannah Johnson	Allison Yates
Maggie Young			

WISD Athletic Report

High School Sports
Softball: (Coach Airhart)
Ballinger 17 Winters 1
In the first game of the season, the Lady Blizzard softball team struggled defensively, committing numerous errors and allowing base hits. Offensively, we were only able to get 3 hits. Our lone score came on a steal by Kat Lindley. Second baseman Shelby Gehrels had a couple of outstanding defensive plays by catching a fly ball in right foul territory and by making the tag on a throw down from catcher Kat Lindley to 2nd. Singles: Kat Lindley, Shelby Gehrels, Randa Watson
Stolen bases: Kat Lindley - 3, Shelby Gehrels - 2, Michelle Kruse - 1
Runs scored: Kat Lindley - 1
Baseball: (Coach Spivey)
The Winters baseball team scrimmaged Brady on Friday evening. No results were available at press time.
Varsity Boys Basketball: (Coach McGuire)
Winters 63 Baird 35
Leading scorers: Cristian Sandoval 18, Hayden Bergman 10, Braden Mikeska 10, Riley Ripley 9
The Blizzards finished the year 15-14, 6-6 in district

Local student athlete named to 2010 FCA all-star squad

Hayden Bergman of Winters High School has been chosen as part of the South Football squad to participate in the 11th annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrle Greathouse All-Star Classic to be held Saturday, June 12, 2010, in Abilene. He is the son of Lewis and Kayleen Bergman. Bergman was one of 134 area student athletes selected for the game which benefits the Big Country Area Office of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Representing approximately 50 area schools, the rosters for the North and South Squads were announced at a Press Conference on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010, at Beltway Park Baptist Church in Abilene, Texas. The young All-Stars were nominated by their head coaches for the game, which features schools from an approximate 100 mile radius of Abilene covering 36 counties. Representatives from Class A - 5A make up the squads. They will report for two-a-day workouts on Wednesday, June 9, 2010. There will be lots of activities that they will be involved in during that time and will be honored at a Victory Banquet on April 25, at the Abilene Civic Center.



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If so, would you like to participate in a study of the Reading from Scratch program? This is a program that is supposed to retrain the brain to help those with dyslexia read better.
If you would like to become a participant in this study, please call Donna Moore at 325-754-5140.
The number of participants is limited to 6. If your child is currently a student of Mrs. Moore's at Winters High School, your child is not eligible to participate in this study.

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RUNNELS COUNTY ROUND-UP

Fishin' with Dave

Where is one of those tree-hugging, global warming, animal rights activists when you need one? I was hoping they could do something about the colder-than-normal temperatures we've been dealing with on the lake for the past couple of weeks. The forecast will call for warming temperatures during the day, but by the time the mercury hits 50, you're so cold it doesn't do much good. Fortunately, the fishing on most days is good; however, as we once again confirmed last week, post-cold-front days are normally difficult.

Last Saturday we left the dock about 9:00 a.m. with a couple of lawyers from the Permian Basin and a couple of their sons-in-law from Houston. The temperature had risen just above the freezing mark, but the winds continued to be out of the north. We were able to catch about 15 fish, most being under size limits, and Mike Morgan, one of the lawyers, got two channel cats on his line. I did, however, take comfort in the fact that the group had some rib-eye left over from the night before and would be able to survive. I talked to some other guys who fished all day without a bite, so some days a few fish is a good day. But then I think any day on the lake is a good day; just sometimes you catch more than other times.

Speaking of liberals and others who sometimes have some funny ideas and

some causes that appear to be in very deep right field, I recently read an article where PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) was complaining about Punxsutawney Phil, the groundhog who predicts the weather on February 2nd each year. It seems that they have the idea that he is being stressed by having to appear every year before a crowd of folks who have cameras and flash bulbs. But they have also offered a solution — to invent a Robot Phil and let the real Phil sleep and not interrupt his hibernation.

I'd think that this might take some of the fun out of the weather prediction, but who knows? Maybe Robot Phil could be programmed to bite tree huggers. That would make a good headline for the talk shows. But the PETA people didn't quit with the alleged abuse to Phil as they also went on about the Georgia Bulldog having to be at all those loud football games. It seems that the governor of Georgia or the university president stated that the mascot gets better treatment than a lot of the kids in the state and suggested in so many words that PETA go wait for the sun to shine on February 2. I don't know for sure, but it might be best to leave Bevo alone because he has a better deal at UT than becoming shish-k-bob.

Its really amazing what you can

actually learn on the internet, and the knowledge gained from friends' email is just never ending. I recently read something interesting about fire ants and confirmed its truthfulness. A friend wrote that fire ants can be killed with a couple of cups of club soda poured on the bed. It seems that when the soda dries, the ants eat it and expand after carrying it down in the nest where others also eat the soda and blow up. I confirmed this fact with David McShan, who seems to be an expert on many things, and he stated that he used club soda for that purpose, among others. I certainly will try this remedy until it's banned in Boston since it seems better than putting poison on the ground.

It never ceases to amaze me the causes some folks pursue. I mean with all the trouble in the world like hunger and disasters, why would someone be concerned with a groundhog that's probably having the best time of all and certainly getting some good food in the deal? What's an even worse thought is there are also folks out there who will donate money for a cause such as this. Maybe it's the robot salesmen.

See you on the lake.

Dave Caudle is a guest columnist for the Ballinger Ledger and his work appears regularly on these pages.

Runnels County Jail Log

Jail log for Feb. 25, 2010

- Teolis, Michael b .22 Coke Co Poss marijuana
- Gamache, Trevor A 23 WPD Criminal Trespassing, Criminal Trespassing
- Hayward, Kyle L 20 WPD Criminal Trespassing, poss Marijuana
- Harris, Sonny R 36 RSCO Poss Marijuana, MTR
- Vaheros, Richard L 42 RSCO Parole Violation
- Rose, Kenneth 46 RSCO MTR assault F V
- Antilley, Timothy R 28 RSCO DWI
- Koop, Bruno L 23 Coke DWLI w/ prev convection
- Lomas, Valerie L 21 Concho Co Taylor Co Warrant
- Howel, Dustin L 36 RSCO Terristic Threat
- Batson, John P 20 BPD Poss marijuana
- Guerrero, Juan G 21 BPD DWLI w/Prev Convection
- Daggett, Robert D 25 BPD poss of control suspstance
- Guzman, Epifanio J 38 MPD Burg Building/Evadeing arrest
- Rodriguez, Ida L 42 MPD Burg of Building
- Pequeno, Aaron C 30 Coke DWLI/purchase of acholol to a minor
- Guerrero, Juan (John) G 21 RSCO sent on DWI

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Natural Resources Conservation Service announces initiative

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced a special initiative of \$50 million, of which Texas will be receiving more than \$4.4 million, to provide financial assistance for conservation practices available for growers transitioning to organic farming or who are already certified for organic agriculture under new provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill.

Applications for Farm Bill conservation programs are accepted on a continuous basis, this special sign-up period will be February 8 – March 12, 2010 at NRCS offices across Texas.

Organic or transitioning farmers may apply for funds through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to receive up to

\$20,000 annually or \$80,000 during any six-year period.

Last year, Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan announced the \$50 million for the organic initiative to meet the Obama Administration's promise to encourage more organic agriculture production. The program has been extended and is being offered again this year.

"Assisting organic producers is a priority of the 2008 Farm Bill as well as our Secretary Vilsack and the Obama Administration," said Merrigan. "The objective of

this initiative is to make organic food producers eligible to compete for EQIP financial assistance."

The NRCS offices will be administering the program, which has been reorganized to include a separate fund of EQIP revenue to help the organic farmers and those who are beginning to undertake organic production.

For producers transitioning to organic production, they need to provide a self-certification to develop an Organic System Plan (OSP) by an accredited consultant during the contract period and implement conservation practices consistent with EQIP statute and the OSP.

Certified organic operations need to include their OSP reviewed by a USDA National Organic Program (NOP) accredited certifier

when they apply for financial assistance under the program.

"Farmers with an OSP have typically accomplished much of the work needed to develop an NRCS conservation plan," Don Gohmert, NRCS State Conservationist for Texas, said. "Participating in Organic EQIP will result in a complete conservation system."

The 2010 Organic Initiative is a nationwide special initiative to provide financial assistance to NOP certified organic producers as well as producers in the process of transitioning to organic production. Organic producers may also apply for assistance under general EQIP.

Under the organic initiative, required minimum core conservation practices will

be determined by specific resource concerns. The practices are: Conservation Crop Rotation; Cover Crop; Nutrient Management; Pest Management; Prescribed Grazing; and Forage Harvest Management.

Applications received from organic producers or producers in transition to organic farming will be accepted under this funding initiative between February 8 and March 12. Applications will be ranked at that time.

Interested producers should visit their nearest USDA Service Center about conservation planning and to determine eligibility. Additional information on the 2010 EQIP Organic Initiative is available at www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/.

There will be a change in meeting date for Runnels County Retired School Employees. They will meet Wed., March 3 in Miles at the Miles Opera House at 2:00 PM. Those wanting to carpool need meet at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger at 1:30.

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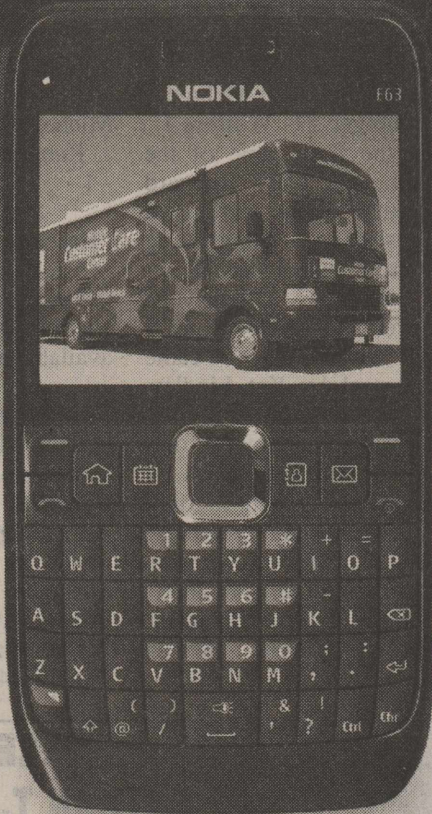
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Larry Gilbert, Edward Jones, 122 N 8th Ballinger, TX, joined the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce as a bronze member. Pictured from left, Mazine Michalwecz secretary, Larry Gilbert financial advisor, Amanda Collom executive director and Lupe Guevara, chamber board president.

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Chandelier Ranch, 704 Hutchings Ballinger TX, joined the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce as a bronze member, owner and operator Ginger Turner, daughter Jinna Gully, accompanied by residents of Runnels Co.

More snow scenes around Runnels County



Traffic patrol and helping motorists became a priority for for area law enforcement as snow covered roads made travel slow going.



Neighborhoods throughout the county took on a wintery glow as snow continued falling into the afternoon Tuesday.



Sliding in the snow, making snowmen, throwing snowballs and just hanging out was order of the day in county parks.

NRCS accepting applications for Wetlands Reserve Program

TEMPLE, TEXAS, Feb. 17, 2010 – The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications from landowners interested in wetlands restoration through the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). WRP is a voluntary program that provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners and Tribes to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands in exchange for retiring eligible land from agriculture.

“While Texas landowners have restored thousands of wetland acres through the program, changes made in the 2008 Farm Bill make WRP an even better investment,” said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. “The new program rules make it easier for landowners to enroll acres and provide a better system for assessing the value of the land enrolled.”

The 2008 Farm Bill

changes the process for determining the easement value, directing NRCS to pay the lowest of: the fair market value of the land according to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices or an area-wide market analysis; the geographic area rate cap as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture; or the landowner’s offer.

WRP offers three enrollment options: Restoration Cost-Share Agreement. This is an agreement for a minimum of 10 years in duration to reestablish degraded or lost wetland habitat. NRCS pays 75 percent of the cost of the restoration activity. This does not place an easement on the property. The landowner provides the restoration site without reimbursement.

30-Year Easement. This is a conservation easement lasting 30 years. Easement

payments are 75 percent of what would be paid for a permanent easement. NRCS also pays 75 percent of restoration costs.

Permanent Easement. This is a conservation easement in perpetuity. NRCS pays for the easement, as well as 100 percent of the costs of restoring the wetland.

Wetlands provide habitat for fish and wildlife, including threatened and endangered species; improve water quality by filtering sediments and chemicals; reduce flooding; recharge groundwater; protect biological diversity; and provide opportunities for educational, scientific, and limited recreational activities.

For more information about WRP, contact your local NRCS office to determine if your land is eligible or visit the NRCS Texas Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp.

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BARRY HILLIARD
 for
County Judge
 Republican Primary

Folks, I didn't make the decision to pursue the Runnels County Judge's seat without a lot of thought. I had to decide whether or not I could all but give up operating our family ranch established in 1880. A ranch where I was raised, where my three girls grew up and where generations have laughed, cried, toiled, and of course, prayed.

You see, we are generations of church raised families. Most of you knew my parents, MaryBelle and Harley. I bet many recall mom playing piano at various functions around our community with Dad there as her "roadie". In addition, many of you know that for almost twenty five years I bred, raised, and trained quarter horses with much success.

I also have the distinction of having served the public in law enforcement for almost fifteen years. I began under Don Atkins then went to Midland where I began work as a patrolman. I rose rapidly through the ranks of a 120 man professional department and I became Detective Sergeant at age 24. At age 26 I was nominated by U.S. Congressman George Mahon to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. Upon graduation at age 27, I became one of four Detective Sergeant's assigned to the Major Crime Unit in Midland. Our duties were to direct or investigate all felony offenses and to make sure all case elements were met prior to presentation to the Grand Jury and subsequent trial. In 1981, I resigned from what I thought to be my life's work to return home, manage our family ranch and raise my kids in our wonderful community.

Management! That's what this job is about! I have no doubts I can handle the criminal aspect. I see as equally important protecting our tax money against wasteful spending and of protecting the rights of our people against abuse of power. I will work with law enforcement as they strive to keep us safe. I respect the efforts of those in our court house and they can trust that I'll defend them when called upon. I promise to meet the many challenges with careful thought and deliberation and that no matter your lot in life when you come before me, you'll be treated fairly. No matter if you are a friend or a stranger.

I believe in my ability! I have decided I would again seek work as a public servant. If elected, our farm land will be rented so that I can devote the time and energy needed to the office. I will do my best to continue the honorable work of those I follow.

I'll be on the Republican ballot for Runnels County Judge on March 2.

Sincerely,
 Barry Hilliard

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