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Ty Cortez makes a stop over the Bronte Longhorns players, at the game held last Friday at Blizzard Stadium.

Blizzards fail to contain the Longhorns

CHARLES MURPHY
WINTERS ENTERPRISE CONTRIBUTOR

WINTERS- After two games on the road the 2012 edition of the Blizzards finally got to turn on the lights of home as they squared up against the Bronte Longhorns. The Blizzards would win the toss and defer to the second half giving the Longhorns the ball to get things started.

Setting up at their own 32 the visitors would string together six first downs on route to a one yard quarterback sneak for the six points. During the drive the Longhorns faced a fourth and four near midfield. The punter saw an opening and ran for the first down giving the visitors new life. Several penalties later along with three more first downs Bronte managed the touchdown with 5:26 left in the first quarter. The try for extra point was blocked by AC Mata and the score stood at 6-0 Bronte.

The Blizzards would set up at their own 34 and be forced to punt facing a fourth and three at their own 41. The ensuing punt would set the Longhorns up at their own 35. The drive would bring the end of the first quarter with Bronte holding onto a 6-0

lead. After a couple of first downs the Blizzard defense would knuckle down and force the visitors to punt setting up the home team at their own 5 yard line. Backed up to their own goal line the Blizzards offense managed a first down as Jimmy John Ripley ran for 13 to give some breathing room. After the initial first down the Blizzards would be forced to punt facing fourth and three setting the visitors up at the Winters 46.

From here the Blizzard defense would force a three and out only to have the punt roll dead at the Winters 1 yard line. With their backs to the wall the offense would pick up five on first and second downs only to allow Ripley to sacked in the end zone for the two point safety giving the visitors an 8-0 lead with 5:49 left in the half.

The resulting free kick would set the Longhorns up again at midfield where Lukas Kraatz would step in from of a Bronte ariel setting up the Blizzards at their own 32 with 4:59 left in the half. From here the Blizzards would manage only 9 yards and face fourth down and one at their own 41 with 3:35 left in the half. Electing to go for the first down the Blizzards would turn

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Stamford	3-0
Haskell	2-1
Winters	0-3

Sept. 14		
Anson	40-19	Jim Ned
Stanton	7-28	Forsan
Haskell	41-0	Baird
Merkel	0-36	Stamford
Bronte	15-7	Winters

Sept. 21		
Winters	at	Hamlin
Forsan	at	Jim Ned
Anson	at	Miles
Colorado	at	Stamford
Haskell	at	Electra

the ball over on downs at their own 41 with 3:13 left in the half. Four plays later the Longhorns would score on a 9 yard run. The extra point was good for a 15-0 lead which they would take into the locker room for the half time festivities.

After deferring in the first half the Blizzards elected to receive the second half kickoff and would set up at their own 36. With new life and some adjustments at half time the Blizzard offense showed what they are made of by putting to-

gether three first down in route to the touchdown by Ty Cortez on a reception from Ripley. During the drive Ripley would pick up 40 yards on the ground. Other highlights of the drive included Chris Gerhard's run for 14 on third and one. The score would come from 11 yards out as Ripley would find Cortez for the score with 7:55 left in the third quarter. Justin Ventress would prove good on the extra point out of the hold of Bryce Mikeska to narrow the lead to 15-7 Bronte giving the home team new life.

From this point on both offenses show some signs of life but were not able to put together a drive that would result in success. Some Blizzard highlights included a 13 yard completion from Ripley to Kolton Alexander on second and 10 as well as another Ripley completion to Mikeska for 12 and a first down setting the Blizzards up at the Bronte 23. This drive would stall out at the 15 as the Blizzards turned the ball over on downs near the end of the third quarter. From here punts would be exchanged and neither team would threaten leaving the Blizzards to face a 15-7 defeat at the hands of the Bronte Longhorns.

Runnels Co woman charged with animal cruelty

Thirty-five seized horses remain under custody by the Runnels Co Sheriff's Department

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- A woman from Winters was sent to jail charged with cruelty to animals and 35 horses were seized by the Runnels County Sheriff's Department. Authorities found that the horses had been malnourished and mistreated for a long time.

Sandra Bannister, 56-years-of-age, of Winters, Texas, is the owner of the horses found at a property located 3 miles south of Winters, off of U.S. Highway 83.

On Wednesday, September 12, the Runnels County Sheriff's Department was granted a warrant to seize 12 horses that had been water deprived for several days.

Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird said that during the course of the investigation deputies went to the site several times and found that the only water source for the horses was a tank with a pump that had to be manually operated. "During three days we went there and the horses had no water, the tank had a leak and we were the only ones watering the horses," said Baird.

After the seizure, on Friday, September 14, the Sheriff's Department found 23 more malnourished horses in a different location, also belonging to Bannister. Veterinarians were called to examine the horses and found them to be in varying stages of malnutrition. A young colt had to be euthanized.

During the course of the seizure Deputy Sheriff David Sellers was hit by a gate pushed by one of the horses. Sellers ended up with a fractured leg.

The horses remain under the supervision of the Runnels County Sheriff's Department, which designated a private ranch for the animals to stay.

Bannister had legal representation at the hearing held by Judge Richard Hamilton. She was taken to the Runnels County Jail and charged with cruelty to animals. She has 10 days to appeal the sentence.

Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

ABILENE- Are you looking for quick, easy and healthy meals to feed your family this year? If so, please join us for the Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School on Thursday, October 11 at the Big Country Hall located on the Taylor County Expo Grounds.

The event will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with the doors opening at 5:00 p.m. so participants may enjoy the vendors and refreshments.

The fee is due by October 1 to the Taylor County Extension Office. Registration forms are available at the Brown (325-646-7410), Haskell (940-864-2658), Jones (325-823-2432), Nolan (325-235-3184), Runnels (325-365-2219) or Taylor (325-672-6048) County Extension Offices. You may also download a form at <http://taylor.agrilife.org>.

While there are many groups who conduct cooking schools, the Dinner Tonight effort has a unique niche with demonstration recipes that are cost effective, easy to prepare and fit into a healthy meal plan. This fun, interactive cooking school promotes family mealtime, teaches healthy meal planning and food preparation techniques,

while promoting Texas agriculture.

The program will feature cooking demonstrations by Celebrity Chef Darlene Walton and County Extension Agents - Kim Miles, Sandy Taylor, Jane Rowan and Martha Alice Spraberry. Chef Darlene coordinated the Celebrity Kitchen program featured at the West Texas Fair this year. She is a certified chef and graduate of the Dallas Arts Institute and has participated in the Dallas State Fair Celebrity Chef Show for seven years.

In addition to the Dinner Tonight cookbook, participants will receive an insulated grocery bag filled with a variety of kitchen items and coupons. Door prizes will be given throughout the evening with the grand prize being a stand mixer.

Sponsors for the event are: Central Texas Farm Credit, Taylor County Expo Center, HEB, Abilene Reporter News, Abilene Christian University, Dillard's, Dairy MAX, and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

For more information on the Dinner Tonight Program, please contact your County Extension Office or Martha Alice Spraberry at the Taylor County Extension Office, 325-672-6048 or by e-mail at m-spraberry@tamu.edu

Lone Star Video Business of the Quarter

Lone Star Video and Diner was selected Business of the Quarter by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce. This business contributes to the community by supporting all the local sports and activities as well as hosting outdoor movies when weather is permitting. Owners are Pamela and Randy Barnes. In the photo from left to right are Vanessa Esquivel, Eileen Alvarado, Matthew Price, Pam Barnes, Linda Arispe, Ida Rodriguez and Sgt. Juan Parra.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Betty Jo Patterson Brown

Betty Jo Patterson Brown, 85, of Winters, died September 15, 2012. She was born September 3, 1927 in Winters and was a lifetime resident. She graduated from Winters High School. She married Weldon Brown August 21, 1945 in Winters. He preceded her in death on October 29, 1986. She worked in the school cafeteria for several years and later for Dry Manufacturing for 25 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by one daughter and one son: Rebecca Brown Nulty of Oceanside, California and David Lynn Brown of Winters; she is also survived by two sisters: Ann Pierce of Winters and Karen Hancock of Wingate.

Services were on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Lakeview cemetery. The family received friends at Winters Funeral Home on Monday, September 17, 2012.

The family requests memorials be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605 or to Alzheimer's research.

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Toyota renews sponsorship for another three years

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

ATHENS- The 27th season of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Toyota ShareLunker program will begin October 1.

Title sponsor Toyota has agreed to fund the angler recognition program for another three years. Anglers entering fish into the Toyota ShareLunker program receive a free replica of their fish, a certificate and ShareLunker clothing and are recognized at a banquet at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens. The person who catches the season's largest entry will be named Angler of the Year. If the Angler of the Year is a Texas resident, that person also receives a lifetime fishing license.

Prizes and funding for the banquet are provided by Toyota, which also provides a Tundra pickup truck for use in picking up and returning the majority of lunkers and their offspring.

Anglers calling in ShareLunker catches this season will be speaking to the new ShareLunker program manager, Juan Martinez. Martinez is a hatchery biologist based at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) in Athens, the home of the ShareLunker program. He has been in charge of caring for the big bass during their stay at TFFC for the past seven seasons.

The numbers to call to report a ShareLunker catch remain the same. The voice number, which is answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the season, is (903) 681-0550. If poor cell phone service prevents use of the voice number, anglers can leave a phone number (including area code) at (888) 784-0600. That number is also monitored 24/7 during the season.

Martinez outlined several changes to pickup procedures that will be instituted during the upcoming season.

"We have divided the state into regions based on the locations of our freshwater hatcheries," he said. "Fish will be picked up by personnel based at the hatchery located within that region. This will often reduce the amount of time it takes to retrieve a fish."

In another move designed to reduce stress on the fish, each crew picking up a fish will have a database of the passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag numbers that have been injected into ShareLunkers. Crews picking up a lunker will use an electronic scanner to determine if a fish has been tagged. If it has, the database will allow the crew to determine on the spot if the fish is a pure Florida or an intergrade. If the fish is an intergrade and therefore not eligible to be used in the selective breeding program, it will be returned to the lake immediately. The angler will still receive all the program prizes, but the fish will be spared the trip to Athens.

Fish that have not been tagged will continue to be picked up and will be held pending the results of DNA testing. Pure Floridas will be held for spawning, while intergrades will be returned to the lake as soon as possible.

A featured attraction of the upcoming Toyota ShareLunker season will be the ShareLunker Club Tournament on Lake Conroe, which offers a \$100,000 prize to the participant catching the largest ShareLunker entry from the lake between October 1 and October 21. You must be registered in the tournament to win. Details are at www.toyotatexasbassclassic.com. The number to call in an entry into the ShareLunker Club Tournament is the ShareLunker number.

Anyone legally catching a 13-pound or bigger largemouth bass from Texas waters, public or private, between October 1 and April 30 may submit the fish to the Toyota ShareLunker program. Fish will be picked up by TPWD personnel within 12 hours.

For complete information and rules of the ShareLunker program, tips on caring for big bass, a list of official Toyota ShareLunker weigh and holding stations and a recap of last year's season, see www.tpwd.state.tx.us/sharelunker/. The site also includes a searchable database of all fish entered into the program along with pictures where available.

ShareLunker entries are used in a selective breeding program at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) in Athens. Some of the offspring from these fish are stocked back into the water body from which they were caught. Other ShareLunker offspring are stocked in public waters around the state in an attempt to increase the overall size and growth rate of largemouth bass in Texas. The Toyota ShareLunker Program is made possible by a grant to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation from Gulf States Toyota.

NEWS NOTES

WHS Class of 1962 to hold reunion

During Homecoming Weekend, the Class of 1962 will hold its 50th reunion on October 13 at the school cafeteria from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A catered lunch will be served, class members need to send a reservation to Linda (Balke) Davidson at mistymtn@ritternet.com. Send your info for a biographical booklet to Jere (Merck) Barnes at jerembarnes@aol.com

First annual City Wide Yard Sale

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a City Wide Yard Sale on Saturday September 29, 2012 from 7 a.m. to noon. Deadline to be on the map is Monday, September 24 at noon. All entries for the map shall be taken to Vanessa at Wes-T-Go, there will be a small fee.

This will be the first annual City Wide Yard Sale. The map will be published in the Winters Enterprise the week of the yard sale. For more information contact the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce at (325)754 5210 leave a message.

Winters Country Club Memorial Tournament

The Winters Country Club is having their Memorial Tournament September 23 at 1 p.m. It will be Best Ball. Everyone is invited to come out and play and to remember our good friends, John McAdoo, Herman Baker, Bob Shields and Gil Gilmore. A meal will be served also. For more information contact Jerry Sims.

Butterfield Trail Days

Butterfield Trail Days will be held September 29, 2012 Downtown Bronte. Arts and crafts booths and music will be from 10 a.m. thru 5 p.m. Come out and showcase your band, choir, or dance team.

Fun Run registration 7:30 at Depot run starts at 8 a.m. 1 mile, 5K, and 10K (fundraiser for Class of 2014)

Motorcycle Poker Run registration 9 -10 a.m. at Fort Chardbourne. There will be a motorcycle show after Poker Run at Depot. Bronte VFD lunch (fundraiser). Kickapoo Cook Off registration Friday 6:30 Brisket, Chicken, Ribs.

Pray Until Something Happens

Every first Friday of the month the First United Methodist Church will be having PUSH "Pray Until Something Happens" everyone is invited to come and pray from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Bronte 2012 golf calendar

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opened some farmers' eyes in the last couple years," Kenny said. "After two years of severe drought, they've come to admit the drought is likely here to stay and that cropping patterns are going to have to be adapted accordingly."

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Bronte Longhorn Golf Club 2012 events: September 29 and 30, Coke Co. Tournament two-person 18 holes select shot each day; October 6, two-person 18 holes select shot; November 3, two-person 18 holes shots.

Carts are limited so sign up early if need carts. Bronte Longhorn Golf Club (325) 437-2156.

Mentors needed

Winters Elementary School is looking for volunteers to be a mentor on an elementary student. The volunteer would meet with the student once a week during school hours for approximately 30 minutes to help with homework, read a book, or just talk. Mentoring has shown to help build self-esteem, improve grades and in some cases improves test scores. Anyone interested may contact Charles Murphy, Elementary Counselor at 754 5577 ext. 1126.

Cross Emmaus Community gatherings

The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held first Thursday of each month at 6 at the United Methodist Church. For more information call (325) 365 2323.

VFW meetings

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 meet the second Monday night of each month at 6 p.m. in the Rock Hotel. All eligible veterans of the United States military are invited to attend.

Band Boosters

The Band Boosters meet every Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the Band Hall.

Winters Women's Club

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Marlene Smith at 754-4961 for additional information.

AA Meetings

AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Ballinger Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

City Council Meetings

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

Rains bring relief to ongoing drought

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become a bit of a fallacy. They've had enough crop damage and real risk from drought that they're just managing differently."

Kenny also noted that modern center pivot and drip irrigation systems are approaching 100 percent efficiency, which means sustainability is going to have to come from different water and crop management systems.

In Central Texas producers were expecting rain and planting small grains. Pecans made good progress with most trees having heavy nut loads.

The cotton harvest was ongoing, with some producers nearly finished. Pastures were beginning to show severe moisture stress.

Some producers were preparing fields for the winter wheat crop, with planting to begin early October. Over-seeding of Bermuda grass pastures with small grains and ryegrass was expected to begin late September. The pecan harvest was predicted to start soon, with good yields expected.

Reports from the Rolling Plains show that cool, wet weather prevailed in most of the region. Some areas received as much as 4 inches while others remained dry. In some areas, the rain greened up pastures overnight and grass quickly grew a couple of

inches. The wet weather also helped cotton, but for some it was too little, too late. Late-planted cotton needed more warm weather. Other cotton growers expected to be

contacting crop insurance companies to determine if some fields were worth harvesting. Early planted cotton seemed to have been overly stressed during the summer and played out. After the rain, some ranchers were planting wheat, hoping to get the crop up and growing quickly so it could be grazed. For many, getting wheat up soon will be the only way they can hold cattle through the winter, as hay supplies are mostly gone.

In West Central Texas days were warm with much cooler nights. Most areas reported rain, which was expected to raise soil-moisture levels. Wheat and oat planting was in full swing as fields dried out. Most irrigated cotton was in good to very good condition. The rain was expected to improve pasture and rangeland conditions. Livestock remained in good condition, with supplemental feeding increasing. Stock-tank levels continued to be a concern for producers, though there was some replenishment from the recent rains.

New publication puts facts behind figures on feral hog population

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- Hardly a day goes by that the feral hog invasion doesn't draw media mention, but the math associated with many of the reports has been mostly speculative — until now, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Jared Timmons, AgriLife Extension Plum Creek Watershed Feral Hog Education Program assistant in San Marcos, said the new publication Feral Hog Population Growth, Density and Harvest in Texas (SP-472), has solid numbers backed by research to substantiate many of the claims made by those following the feral hog invasion. The publication available for \$1 per copy joins

more than a dozen other feral hog-related publications available at <http://agrilifebookstore.org>.

"It's pretty well accepted that feral hogs cause at least \$52 million in agricultural losses each year in Texas," Timmons said. "But what's poorly understood are the pests' population dynamics; their survival, reproduction and density."

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Meals on Wheels and Activity Center receive donations

Runnels County Meals on Wheels and the Winters Activity Center received gifts, donations and contributions as memorials for:

- In memory of Harvey Little by the Class of 1957.
- In memory of Tommy Burton by Maurine Davis; and Gwen and Allen Andrae.
- In memory of Craig Gray by Maurine Davis.
- In loving memory of Earl Head by Joyce and Bill Suggs.
- In loving memory of Nina Hale by Martha Hale.
- In memory of Darlene Wilson by Betty John Byrns.
- In memory of Joe Shoemaker by Frances Bryan.

A donation of two full size card tables and six folding chairs were made in memory of L.W. and Ellen Kettler by family.

Whitten Inn Restaurant on Highway 80 in Abilene closed its doors but the Winters Activity Center and Meals on Wheels Program were blessed with all their groceries. Rae Beck, manager and daughter of Pyburn and Virginia Brown delivered to the center over 50 gallon cans of food, mixes, frozen items and meat. We are so excited and thankful for this generous donation.

Many other monetary and food donations were made by Jerry Lloyd, Darlene Sims, Linda Stephenson, Larry Bilbrey, Juanita Bredemeyer, Karen McGallian, Linda Byler, Marlene Smith, C.R. Dean, Juanita Wilson, Winters I.S.D., Cindy Cathey, J.C. and Mary Wilkerson, Charles Brewer, Bill Lafair, Leah Willman, Jan Dickson, Penny Pritchard, Jane and Hank Bourdo, and the Bunlko, Canasta and Sewing

Ladies. We are grateful for all the love and support we get from our friends. A special "thanks" also to Pete Gonzales, Eddy Bennie, Keith Martin and Bryan Webb for services given to help us out.

The staff and I would like to thank all the churches and organizations that volunteer their time and gas to deliver meals 250 days if the year to our Home Bound Seniors: Church of Christ, Eastern Stars, First Baptist Church, Mr. Carmel Catholic Church, Wingate Baptist Church and Betty Henson. These services that your provide enable these seniors to remain in their homes and enjoy life as they know it. They love your visits and interactions. May God bless you all! We truly appreciate all the community of Winters does for our Center and Meals on Wheels Program.

Range and wildlife improvement workshop to be held in Mason

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

MASON- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Mason County will conduct a Range and Wildlife Improvement Workshop from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Richard Eckert Civic Center, 1024 McKinley Street in Mason.

"This workshop is meant to educate area ranchers and the community on range and wildlife improvement and the different options they have to manage their properties and the wildlife that utilize it," said Tyler Bobinmyer, AgriLife Extension agent in Mason County.

"After the horrific drought of 2011 and today's extremely high feed prices, it's vital that ranchers and landowners understand the options they have to become better land stewards while still optimizing their available resources."

"Drs. Charles 'Butch' Taylor, superintendent of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Station at Sonora and Dale Rollins, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo, two of the most respected names in the fields of range and wildlife management, will be our workshop presenters."

The workshop's topics will include: Predator Management, Brush

Sculpting Techniques, Supplemental Feeding of Wildlife, Prescribed Fire as a Management Tool and Using Remote Sensing Cameras.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units — one integrated pest management and one general — will be available for those with a pesticide applicators license.

Individual preregistration by Oct. 5 is \$20 and \$30 thereafter. The fee includes a noon meal.

For more information and to preregister, call the AgriLife Extension office in Mason County at 325-347-6459.

Pasture plant identification tour set for Oct 1

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BROWNWOOD- What plant is that? Find out by attending the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Pasture Plant Identification Tour set for 4 p.m. Oct. 1 on the Burns Ranch. Burns Ranch is 13 miles north of Early on U.S. Highway 183 or five miles south of May on U.S. Highway 183. Scott Anderson, AgriLife Extension agent in Brown County, said Ricky Linex, wildlife biologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, in Weatherford will be the expert providing instruction on pasture plant identification.

Paschal-Peacock to exchange vows



Keith and Shelia Paschal of Winters are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Marci Jeanell Paschal to Staff Sergeant Matthew Hall Peacock of Memphis, Tennessee. Matt is the son of Susan Riley of Panama City, Florida, and Bobby Peacock, Sr., of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Marci is a 2005 graduate of Winters High School. She received her license in massage therapy in 2006, an Associate of Arts degree from Cisco Jr. College in 2008 and a Bachelor's of Behavioral Science degree from Hardin-Simmons University in 2010.

Matt is a 2000 graduate of Houston High School in Memphis, Tennessee. He attended Nashville Auto Diesel College where he studied Auto and Diesel Technology and became a certified mechanic. He joined the United States Air Force in 2007 and is classified as an Aerospace Propulsion Technician/Integrated Electronic Technician and is currently stationed in Florida.

The couple's wedding date is set for October 20, 2012 in Buffalo Gap, Texas.

Field tours set for Runnels, Tom Green counties

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINGATE- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct two educational events in Runnels and Tom Green counties in the coming weeks, said Rick Minzenmayer, AgriLife Extension entomologist serving both counties.

Both meetings start at 9 a.m. The 2012 Runnels County Turnrow Meeting is set for Sept. 20 at the Bill Belew Variety Trial, located on County Road 308 southeast of Wingate. The 2012 Tom Green

County Cotton Field Tour is slated for Oct. 4 on the John and Doug Wilde farm, located east of San Angelo just north of the intersection of Loop 306 and Farm-to-Market Road 765.

"We will discuss both cotton and wheat varieties at the Runnels County event and top it off with a complimentary lunch served at the Wingate Lions Club Building that will conclude the meeting," Minzenmayer said.

The Runnels County speakers will include Minzenmayer, Randal

Schwartz, Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, San Angelo; Dr. David Drake, AgriLife Extension agronomist at San Angelo; and representatives from crop insurance, chemical and seed companies.

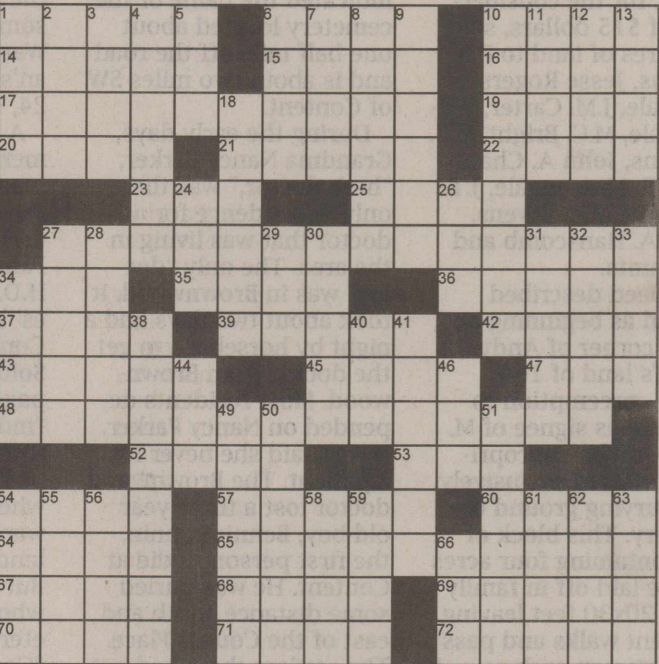
Minzenmayer said the October Tom Green County tour stops will include an irrigated cotton variety test and a look at harvest-aid demonstration work. The tour will end at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall for a complimentary meal and the day's final speakers.

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1. Stallone macho man
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14. WWII sea menace
15. Choir voice
16. Blood: Prefix
17. Crayon color, up in smoke?
19. Came to rest
20. Editor's "let it be"
21. Golf's "Slammin' Sammy"
22. Doing nothing
23. Attendance fig., often
25. Communicate silently
27. Business attire, up in smoke?
34. Everyday article
35. MTV target viewer
36. Mediterranean nation
37. Leprechaun's land
39. Chef's protectors
42. Figure skater Katarina
43. Thorny bunch
45. Ready to pluck
47. Churchillian gesture
48. Postal message, up in smoke?
52. Piece of cake?
53. Nutritional initials
54. Mock
57. Drive recklessly
60. Beatitudes heirs, with "the"
64. Height: Prefix
65. Biblical beast, up in smoke?
67. Utah's National Park
68. Emphatic type: Abbr.

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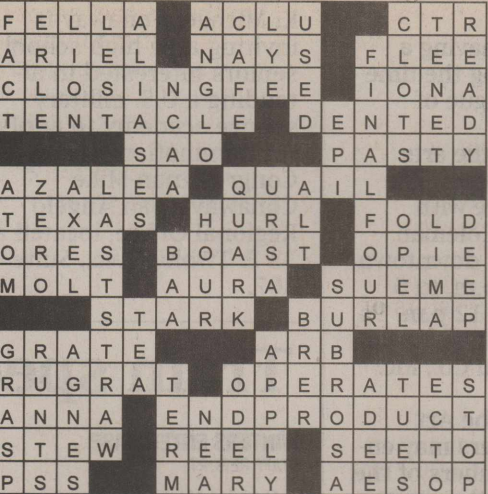
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2. Touch on
3. "Encore!"
4. Playful talk
5. Mel in Cooperstown
6. Rhett Butler's last word
7. Hamburg's river
8. "Relax, soldiers!"
9. From Scandinavia
10. Feller in the woods
11. Committed a grid infraction
12. Jannings or Gilels

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



Weather Whys

Q: What is a lunar rainbow?

A: It's a rainbow that has been formed by moonlight instead of sunlight, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "A lunar rainbow is sometimes called a moon rainbow, but they're the same thing," he explains. "Lunar rainbows are fairly rare. They are usually whitish in color and occur only during a full moon, and as is the case with a rainbow, the light source must be behind you. Lunar rainbows tend to be much fainter than normal rainbows because our eyes don't see color as well at night, plus moonlight produces less color than sunlight."

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HISTORICAL MARKERS AND THEIR HISTORIES IN RUNNELS Co

History of the Counts Cemetery

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WINTERS- The Counts Cemetery is situated on land that was originally a patent in 1880 from the State of Texas. January 25, 1884, Christian Fannin and her husband, Andy Fannin, for the consideration of \$15 dollars, sold four acres of land to P.B. Hawkins, Jesse Rogers, D.W. Hale, J.M. Carter, William Hale, M.C. Bright, C.C. Simmons, John A. Chambers, F.B. Massengale, J.T. Hardegree, J.M. Givens, Alfred A. Hanscomb and R.F. Counts.

The deed described the land as beginning at the NE corner of Andy Fannin's land of 160 acres — preemption to A. Fannin as signee of M. Allen — to be appropriated and used exclusively for a burying ground or cemetery. This block of land containing four acres shall be laid off in family lots of 20x30 feet leaving sufficient walks and pass ways between each row of lots. When any family shall make a selection of a lot, it shall belong to them. The deed was filed for record March 31, 1884 at 9 a.m. and recorded April 19, 1884 in Runnels County, before W.L. Towner, clerk for \$1.25 fee which he donated to the good people of the area of "Content" then signed his name, W.L. Towner.

R.F. Counts was Justice of the Peace and ex officio notary public at the time and also one of the purchasers of the land. This is thought to be the reason it was called Counts Cemetery. A sign on FM 382, 16 miles NE of Winters indicated the name of the cemetery located about one-half mile off the road and is about two miles SW of Content.

During the early days, Grandma Nancy Parker, "herb doctor," was the only dependence for a doctor that was living in the area. The only "doctor" was in Brownwood. It took about two days and a night by horseback to get the doctor from Brownwood. Most residents depended on Nancy Parker. It was said she never lost a patient. The Brownwood doctor lost a three year old boy, Bennie Fannin, the first person to die at Content. He was buried some distance south and east of the Counts Place. The settlers there had cut a lot of timber to build houses, barns, corrals and split logs for fences.

By 1888, most of the area had been cleared and bore little resemblance to what it was when they arrived several years earlier. Despite the timber fences to hold the cattle and horses, the Indians continued to rob the settlers of their animals.

Earlier, the cemetery was referred to as the Fannin Cemetery by M. C. Bright when he identified the graves of some Civil War Veteran's on April 24, 1901.

A statement was made by Private Andrew (Andy) Fannin in H.D. Pearce's book, Confederate Soldiers, on page 30 — "moved to Runnels County, Spring of 1878, and settled near where Content was afterwards built and gave the land for Fannin Cemetery." But no one has been found who recalls the cemetery called anything but "Counts Cemetery."

The existence of the cemetery prior to the date of the formal acquisition of the land is proved by at least one grave in the NE corner. First known burial was that of Mary Louisa, daughter of W.R. and L.A. Hale. Born March 16, 1878, died November 30, 1880. A one of a kind special marker is on the grave of M.L. Bright born April 18,

The inscription

Counts Cemetery

Earliest known interment was that of a child, Mary Louisa Hale, on Nov. 30, 1880. In Jan. 1884 Andy and Christian Fannin sold 4 acres to M.C. Bright, J.W. Carter, R.F. Counts, John A. Chambers, J.M. Givens, D.W. and William Hale, Alf A. Hanscomb, J.T. Hardegree, P. Hawkins, F.B. Massengale, Jesse Rogers and C.C. Simmons as a public cemetery for the rural community of "Content." The plot was named for R.F. Counts, who bought the surrounding property in 1889. An additional 4 acres were donated by Sidney Bright in the 1930s. An unknown number of confederate veterans of the Civil War are buried here.

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the Fannin land was sold to Counts and wife L.D. in 1889. The Counts' estate was conveyed to R.W. Coulson. Sidney Bright acquired 156 acres of land from the Coulson heirs on January 25, 1924.

Mrs. Henry Bright, who acquired the land by 1930, gave four more acres for the cemetery. This was then fenced with the original plot. The fourth grave in the Counts Cemetery was that of Zella Hastings, wife of Alfred A. Hanscomb. She died September 13, 1888, at the age of 55 years, two months and 15 days. Mr. Hanscomb was from

Massachusetts and came to Texas for his health in 1865. He advertised in the newspapers for a wife. In his diary, the date September 13, 1888 was circled in heavy black. "Dear Zella died this p.m. at 5 o'clock. September 14, buried at 4 this p.m., September 19, went to Ballinger and stayed at Brown's Hotel until Tuesday September 25, returned home, so desolate-went back to Ballinger with Frank Read on Friday 28th-returned home Sunday 30th".

On the death of A.J. Rosson, Mr. Hanscomb wrote in his diary, "one of the best citizens of the area died Sunday March 19, 1893 at half past 2 o'clock p.m. I was by his side, he was one of the Magistrates and notary publics of this county for over eight years. He united myself and Mrs. Zella Hastings of New York in the bonds of matrimony on the day of February 1888, by his death I have lost one of the best friends I had on earth. Zella, the mail order bride lived less than one year after marrying Alfred A. Hanscomb.

Mr. Hanscomb served as the postmaster at Blue Gap Post Office, being appointed January 26, 1880. He then served in Content in 1891 when Blue Gap was closed. He also served

in 1904 and 1905, when the name was changed to Tokeen. He made the statement "because the people are not content." He died in 1909, and lies just north of his wife, Zella in an unmarked grave.

In the center of the cemetery is a large fenced-in plot which contains the graves of all of the Michael Collier Bright family except two daughters who came from the State of Oregon to Texas in 1882. Their plans were to go to San Antonio, but stopped at Content to visit their cousin, Michael. They liked the area so they decided to stay. For many years, most of the land in the area was owned by the Bright family. The entire family contributed in many ways to the community development. Descendants set up a cemetery organization with funds for its maintenance. They also established a scholarship at Texas Wesleyan and another at Tarleton State University.

An application for an Official Texas Historical Marker was approved for the Counts Cemetery in January of 1973 and erected in July of 1975 with ceremony.

Resources:
Runnels County Historical Commission Marker Histories

Fiesta de la Paloma art show to be held in Coleman

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

COLEMAN- "How time flies when you're having a good time" would be appropriate concerning the time since the 1991 start up of the Fine Arts League of Coleman Co., Inc.

After years of continuous effort to bring the arts to Coleman County, we are about to do it again. The Fiesta de la Paloma Art Show will commence with registering hand delivered art work at the Coleman Public Library Annex 400 Commercial Ave., downtown Coleman, Texas, Friday, September 28, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, September 29, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. To enter the membership show, the artist must be a paid member of the Fine Arts League of Coleman Co., Inc. Limit of three entries per artist.

The past 2 years' shows have presented the Art League Members only in the exhibit. Members may enter art in any media they have created. Members of the art league have various gifts and talents in the creative world which is "candy for the eye" in the exhibit. As in the past, members can enter their original art work in watercolor, oils, pastels, graphics, drawing, acrylics, quilting, hand work, sculpture, photography — you get the idea. You don't want to miss this one.

The public is invited (free) starting Wednesday, October 3 at 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The show will continue through October 6 (Fiesta day) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Awards will be presented Saturday October 6 at 4:30 p.m. with work to be picked up afterwards.

For information on the membership show, contact Bill Shields President of Fine Arts League and Chair of the 2012 Membership show at (325) 723-2056.

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Conaway taking applications for service academies

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WINTERS- Congressman K. Michael Conaway is inviting area high school seniors interested in attending a U.S. military service academy to apply for nominations through Congressman Mike Conaway's San Angelo Regional Office, located at 33 E. Twohig Ave., Suite 307.

According to the nomination process to be considered for an appointment to a service academy, an applicant must meet the eligibility requirements and be nominated by an authorized person, including a member of the U.S. Senate or House of Representatives.

There are five service academies: The U.S. Air

Force Academy, Naval, Military, Merchant Marine, and the Coast Guard academies.

Conaway may nominate applicants who live in the 11th District of Texas. He is accepting applications for the class of 2017; the deadline is October 26, 2012.

Applicants must be at least 17 but no older than 23 by July 1, 2013. Selec-

tion is based on SAT and ACT test scores, class rank, grade point average, extracurricular activities, leadership potential and motivation.

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For more information, call JoAnne Powell at 325-659-4010.

Train speeds to increase along area railroad

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO- Improvements along 82 miles of track from San Angelo Junction (five miles southwest of Coleman, in Coleman County) through San Angelo are now complete and train speeds will be increased, according to Texas Department of Transportation operator of the line, Texas-Pacific (TXPF), starting September 24, 2012.

Trains will now be allowed to travel 25 m.p.h. instead of the previous 10 m.p.h. The increase will affect 37 crossings in Runnels County, 15

in Coleman County, and 77 in Tom Green County. TXPF will still limit trains to 15 m.p.h in San Angelo, starting at the crossing closest to the landfill on the north side of town and continuing through town past the Knickerbocker Road crossing. The 22 crossings within the San Angelo city limits will not see the speed increase.

The economic impact of the rail line on the region has been remarkable. Through July, TXPF had moved 4,269 carloads. The employee base has increased from 10 people to 37, and there are several

more positions to fill. New businesses have located along the line — EOG Resources near Barnhart; Texas Specialty Sand at Barnhart; Halliburton at McCamey; South Texas Proppants at Big Lake, and West Texas Transload at San Angelo.

TXPF and the new customer facilities on the line have created 65 new, rail-related, full time, good paying jobs in the region since August 2011. These new employment opportunities are a direct result of the rehabilitation of the line. Job creation is expected to continue through 2012 and 2013, with the

possibility of doubling the jobs created annually.

The 391-mile South Orient Rail Line (SORL) is owned by TxDOT and operated by Texas-Pacific through a lease agreement. It runs from San Angelo Junction to Presidio, Texas.

Rehabilitation of the line was made possible in 2009 when the Texas Transportation Commission approved \$14 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding for improvements to the rail and the ties. More than \$25 million dollars has been spent rehabilitating the line since 2008.

Veteran's Corner

On Tuesday, October 23, 2012, the Texas Veterans Land Board will once again offer forfeited land tracts to eligible Texas veterans in a sealed-bid sale.

For complete info on tracts and bidding instructions call 1-800-252-8387 or visit www.glo.texas.gov/vlb.

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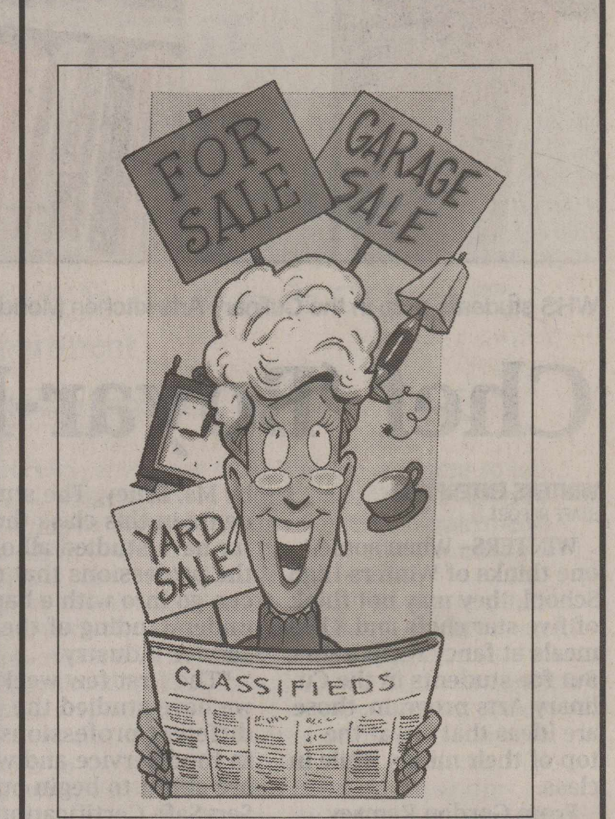
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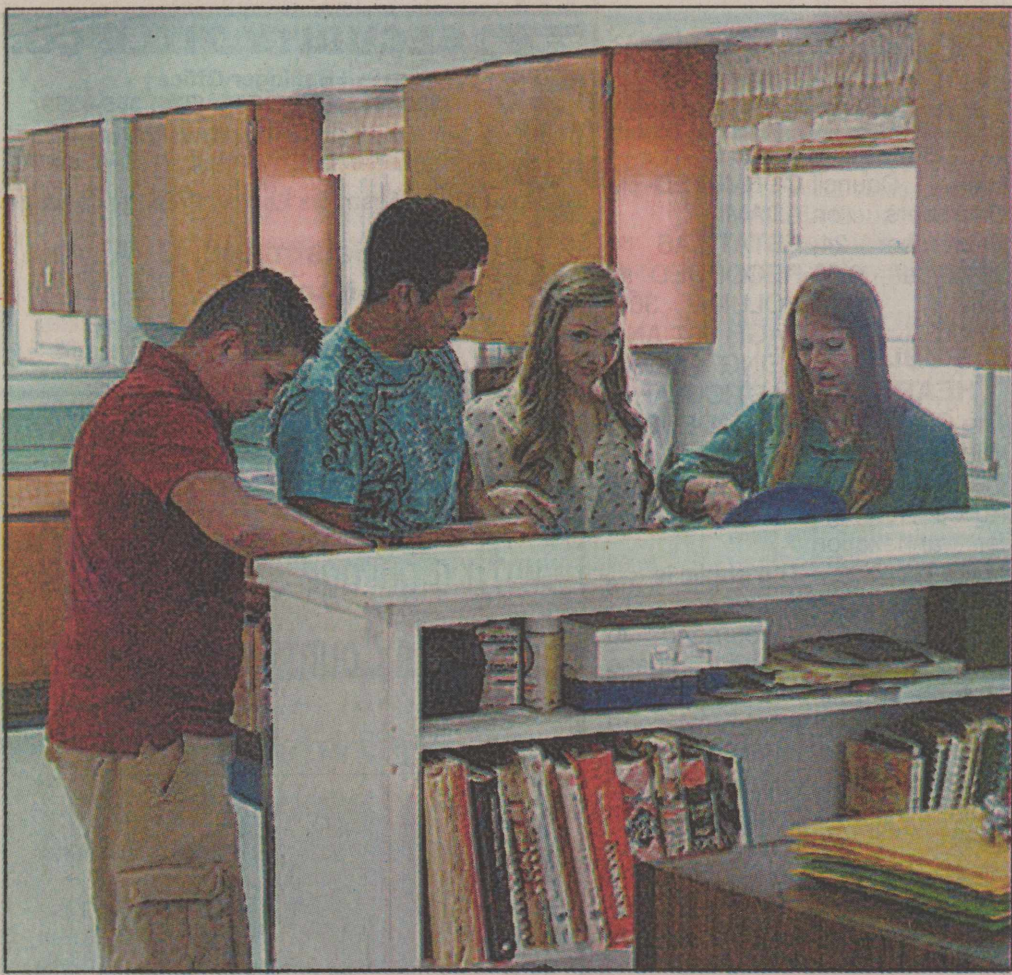
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WHS students prep in the Culinary Arts kitchen Monday afternoon.

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Chef 'Boyar-Blizzard'

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- When someone thinks of Winters High School, they may not think of five star chefs and \$100 meals at fancy restaurants. But for students in the Culinary Arts program, those are ideas that are at the top of their minds while in class.

From Gordon Ramsey to Wolfgang Puck, chefs are big names today and Winters High School is cooking up a class where the next big name five star chef or Food Network host comes from.

Winters Independent School District offers numerous Career and Technology Education Classes so that students are well equipped for life after graduation. One such CATE course is the Culinary Arts class taught

by Ms. Briley. The students in this class thus far have studied all of the professions that one can go into with a basic understanding of the food service industry.

"The first few weeks we have studied the different professions in food service and we are about to begin our ServSafe Certification Course" stated Briley. The ServSafe certification teaches students about food handling and storage as well as equipment cleaning and how proper cleanliness can fend off germs and disease. The certification will take 6-8 weeks of training and will give these students a four year certification that is recognized by the Restaurant industry.

As the class moves forward after finishing

their certification the fully equipped kitchen on the Winters High School campus will begin to be used. More and more new equipment is showing up in the kitchen including new stainless steel fridge and freezer, mixers, tables, pots and pans, even a few cook books are making their way into the kitchen. "With all the new equipment that will be installed shortly, once that construction is over, we will be able to do many things here in the kitchen that previously we were not capable of doing" added Ms. Briley.

Look for some great menu items coming out of the Culinary Arts classroom to a WISD meeting soon and know that the next great chef not named Wolfgang made those tasty treats.

THE IDLE AMERICAN

Down to the sea...again...

Commentary by
Dr. Don Newbury

When best behaved, the Mississippi River is credited with great and wonderful things, including provision of a meandering route for cruise ships from New Orleans to the Gulf of Mexico.

As we left the port there recently on Carnival's Conquest, we thought of songs, stories, plays and books inspired by the old river that "just keeps rolling along."

The list grew long....

One cruising veteran, whose "bucket list" expanded to a "barrel list" a couple of decades ago, enumerated a dozen cruise ports where trips had begun, and now he was adding New Orleans.

"The wife and I always head to an upper deck as soon as we're underway," he said as we set sail on schedule at 4 p.m. "We like to make pictures and enjoy the panorama of entering open water."

A Louisiana native nudged his wife. They chuckled, aware that the meandering route requires close to eight hours of river cruising before reaching the gulf. (Good luck on photos and panoramas at midnight.) Carnival brochures could rightly describe a "three-in-one cruise" — river/gulf/sea — from the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico to the Caribbean Sea....

On cruises — as in life — choices abound. One can seek quiet places if solitude is sought, but for folks who want to expand horizons, meet new friends and learn new things, few vacations provide such an array of opportunities.

We always choose the latter, particularly in the "new friends" category. Early on, we met the Navid Sharafatian family from California.

Their bright-eyed children, Cameron 11, and Kayla, 8, were as polite as any we've ever seen.

Cordial and courteous, they were easily engaged in conversation, their comments laced with "ma'ams" and "sirs."...

With a half-dozen cruises already logged, the youngsters chose to spend most of each day at Camp Carnival, where activities are directed by trained counselors for guests from ages 2-17.

Vasie Naidoo, youth director on the Conquest, said that participants sometimes number as many as 850 during summer months.

Many parents rarely see their children on cruises, so popular is the camp....

For Kayla, already a "chocoholic," she couldn't wish for more. Food of all kinds set well with Cameron, who already has dined on alligator tail, escargot, frog legs and sushi.

The youngsters have visited 16 foreign countries, half of them on cruises.

Cameron got a "tip" from a new Louisiana friend met on the Conquest about a New Orleans eatery that serves "deep fried crickets." He said a stop there was a "must" before their flight back to Los Angeles....

As to learning, we should strive to emulate green tomatoes. As long as we're green, we grow. It's when we think we're ripe that the rotting starts.

At mid-cruise, a nameless teen, maybe 14, was alongside us in the elevator bay.

"Do you know what the 'dings' mean?" he asked, pointing to the elevators....

"They indicate the arrival of a car," I quickly answered, confident of my answer.

"The 'dings' mean

more than that," he countered. "If it's one 'ding,' the elevator is going up; two 'dings,' it's going down."

I thought of the frequent times I'd raced from one elevator to another, first to determine which direction it was heading. By hokies, the lad was right!...

I quizzed the guy awaiting a panorama upon entering the gulf, as well as the Sharafatians. Dozens more were questioned; not ONE knew anything about the "dings" beyond

the indication of elevator arrival.

Surprised that this "ding data" seemed unknown to all, I asked several Conquest officers, who spend months at a time on vessels.

Again, zilch....

At this writing, it is believed that all Carnival vessels have elevators with this "ding" setting — one for up; two for down.

Further, it is believed this is the case throughout the cruise industry. It is probable this is a general truth for most elevators in public buildings, perhaps both in the U.S. and throughout the world. I know this little-known nugget doesn't have "one if by land, two if by sea" import, but it's still worth remembering.

I hope you learned something from our cruise on the Conquest. And if you are interested in diving into some of those deep-fried crickets in New Orleans, I've got the address, but for my taste, I'd choose Arnaud's....

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Conaway: It's not the right time to raise taxes

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- U.S. Congressman Mike Conaway emphasized his message "this is not the right time to raise taxes," and said that generating more taxes among job creators would only get in the way of financial recovery, instead of pushing the economy forward as everyone needs in this moment. Conaway was in Runnels County last Monday, September 17, 2012, to hold a series of town hall meetings in Ballinger and Winters. Conaway started his Runnels County tour in Ballinger, where he had lunch with an audience at the Ballinger City Council Chambers, at the City Hall. The meeting in Winters was hosted by Joe and Theresa Gerhart, at The Attic. Conaway said that the country is facing a fiscal wreck of "biblical proportions." Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, he added, are unsustainable, and will be bankrupt by 2024. In the health care

system, he said, "The federal government had good ideas but we can not afford them."

The system, said Conaway, needs to renegotiate with people 54 and younger, for them to pay a greater amount for their retirement than older generations.

Conaway said that raising taxes on job creators it's not the right way to encourage job creation.

"Our economy cannot get back up and running if there is uncertainty in our financial future. We cannot expect people to invest in our economy and markets if the federal government continues to tax everything in its path. A tax increase is the last burden Americans need."

Conaway said that extending the current tax rates will give small businesses the confidence and security they need to hire create jobs while a tax increase, on the other hand, would only close doors of small businesses and reduce income for households.

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