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## From WHS to eternity

Former Blizzards coach will be inducted to the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- W.T. Stapler, former Winters Blizzards head football coach, will be inducted into the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame in Waco, at a ceremony to be held on May 3, 2014. The induction will be held at the Ferrell Center, on the Baylor University campus.

Stapler coached in Winters from 1956 to 1960, serving as head football coach in 1958, 1959 and 1960. Stapler went on to win 225 games, and a state championship in 1985 with the Sweetwater Mustangs, when his staff included the now Baylor University head coach Art Briles. He retired from coaching in 1996.

Stapler is listed 39 in Dave Campbell's Texas High School Football Records book, with a 30-year stint compiling 225-92-8.

According to Joe Lee Smith of Texas High School Football History, Stapler had a record of 4-6 with the 1958 Blizzards, 5-5 in 1959, and 4-6 in 1960.

He also coached for Conroe from 1969-1979, Sweetwater 1980-1985, Saginaw-Boswell in 1986, Andrews 1987-1993, in New Mexico in 1994, and the Brownwood Lions in 1995-1996.

The Class of 2014 inductees were announced by the Texas High School Hall of Fame earlier this year. Other inductees to be recognized at the ceremony include Joe Tusa - Houston Reagan

High School, Jerry LeVias - Beaumont Hebert High School, Donald Moore - Splendora High School, Jay Hess - Eastland High School, Shane Lechler - East Bernard High School, Kendal Briles - Stephenville/Wolfforth Frenship High Schools, and receiving the Dave Campbell Contributor to the Game award is Dr. Charles Breithaupt - UIL Executive Director.

Members of the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame are selected by a statewide committee made up of sportswriters, high school football coaches and members of the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame Board of Trustees.

The banquet will include presentations to the 2013 state championship coaches. The Gordon Wood Award will be presented to West High School. Brian Brazil is the 2014 Tom Landry Award winner selected by the Texas High School Coaches Association.

W.T. Stapler, who was also a standout player at Hamlin, and at McMurry University, has also been chosen to the McMurry Hall of Fame, the Big Country Hall of Fame, and Texas High School Hall of Honor. He was loved by all his players. He now lives in Abilene, enjoying sitting in the stands watching a football game, but not nearly as excited as being the head coach on the sideline.

Besides his state championship with Sweetwater, Stapler's biggest success stories include turning Conroe's football program around, taking over the Andrews and Brownwood football programs to build them into winners, and streaking 18 winning seasons to eventually reach 24 throughout his career.



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Back to front: Kaylee Lindley alternate, Micah Drake alternate, Athena Mata, Kalli Wilson, Jaymee Pritchard, Cedie Taylor, Stephonse Cleghorn, and Lukas Kraatz.

## Track and field Regionals this weekend in Levelland

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Three Winters High School girls and two boys in individual events, as well as the girls 4x400m relay team, will be traveling to Levelland, Texas this Friday, April 25, to compete in the Track and Field Regionals, to be held at the South Plains College sports complex.

Athena Mata in 200m dash, Kalli Wilson in 400m dash, and Jaymee Pritchard in 100m hurdles and 300m hurdles, will be looking forward to post their best times, in order to advance to the Saturday finals. Mata, Wilson and Pritchard will be joined by Cedie Taylor in the 4x400m relay competition. Alternates for the girls will be Kaylee Lindley and Micah

Drake.

For the boys Lukas Kraatz is competing in the 110m hurdles, while Stephon Cleghorn is running the 100m dash. The 4x400m relay is scheduled to start at 2:30 p.m kicking off the track prelims.

Running finals for boys and girls are scheduled for Saturday, April 26, at the South Plains College track.



## Yard of the Month

Mike Conner, at 300 block of South Melwood Street, received the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month nomination for the month of April, 2014. Presenting the award are Tena Gray, chamber President Pam Barnes and Linda Arispe.

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## Ft. Chadbourne, RCHC, receive heritage service award

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

ODESSA- The Fort Chadbourne Foundation and the Runnels County Historical Commission were both recipients of the prestigious R.C. Crane Heritage Service Award at the 91st Annual Meeting of the Texas Historical Association held in Odessa, Texas, April 4-5, 2014. The meeting was held at the MCM Grande Hotel.

The award is given to the best West Texas organization, commission and association (nonprofit) that works in the service of preserving the history and legacy of West Texas history.

Tuesday morning, the Runnels County Commissioners Court, in Ballinger, recognized the Historical Commission and Fort Chadbourne Foundation at its regular meeting, and presented awards to each one of them in front of the Courthouse.

"We are very proud of our history, and both of these organizations have done a wonderful job preserving and sharing our history with the community," said Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard.

The association sought nomination letters describing the work of an organization or group that has distinguished themselves



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Back row: Louise Sumners, county commissioners Sam Scott, Bobby Moore, Ricky Strube, Ronald Presley; Robin Burgess. Front row Linda Duggan and Ruth Cooper on behalf of the Historical Commission, County Judge Barry Hilliard, Ft. Chadbourne Foundation representative Lana Richards, and County Clerk Julia Miller.

through the achievement of goals or completion of projects that transcend the norm, infused their mission with cooperative partnerships, funded projects via local or regional sources, and linked their efforts to public education wherein the community and especially schools, teachers and students have participated in or attended events and activities.

The award winning

organizations exemplify the spirit of grass-roots citizen histories that accomplish great things with scant resources.

West Texas is loosely defined as west of a line drawn from Wichita Falls to Fort Worth to San Antonio to Laredo.

The recipients each received the prestigious award along with a check of \$500. Fort Chadbourne was selected for its co-

operation and work with other organizations and its projects of history preservation.

The Historical Commission was selected for its cooperation with other organizations and extreme volunteerism, as well as the preservation projects. Approximately 60 people each gave a presentation of history from all parts of the entire West Texas area.



PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Daniel Gerhart threw 16 strikeouts during the Winters vs. TLC game when the Blizzards clinched a playoff spot.

## Blizzards, Lady Blizzards, earn a playoff berth

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Winters High School baseball and softball programs wrapped up a great season, and they both will be playing in the 2014 playoffs. This Thursday, April 24, the Lady Blizzards will be stepping up to the diamond at Midland, Texas, where they will be playing against Marfa.

The Lady Blizzards softball team finished third in the District 2-1A standing, and will be facing the District 1-1A second place Marfa Lady Shorthorns in a one-game showdown starting at 5:30 p.m.

The Varsity boys will be traveling to Crane, on Friday, May 2, to play

a best-of-three series against the Ft. Hancock Mustangs. The first game will take place on Friday, starting at 7 p.m. while the second game is scheduled for Saturday, May 3 at noon. A third game, if needed, will be starting 30 minutes after the second game has finished.

"This has been a wonderful year for the Winters High School athletic program," said Winters High School Athletic Director Stan Caffey. "We have seen improvement in all sports, in basketball with boys and girls, in track and field we are sending many students to Regionals, and we are also seeing improvement with football," he added.

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## Sign-up underway for USDA disaster assistance programs

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WASHINGTON- Eligible farmers and ranchers can sign up for U.S. Department of Agriculture disaster assistance programs restored by passage of the 2014 Farm Bill, announced last week Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

"We implemented these programs in record time and kept our commitment to begin sign-up today," said Agriculture Secretary Vilsack last week. "To ensure enrollment goes as smoothly as possible, dedicated staff in over 2,000 Farm Service Agency offices across the country are doing everything necessary to help producers that have suffered through two and a half difficult years with no assistance because these programs were awaiting Congressional action."

Depending on the size and type of farm or ranch operation, eligible producers can enroll in one of four programs administered by the Farm Service Agency. The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) will provide payments to eligible producers for livestock deaths and grazing losses that have occurred since the expiration of the livestock disaster assistance programs in 2011, and including calendar years 2012, 2013, and 2014. The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish that have suffered losses because of disease, severe weather, blizzards and wildfires.

Enrollment also began last week for the Tree Assistance Program (TAP), which provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters.

Producers signing up for these programs are encouraged to contact their local FSA office for information on the types of records needed and to schedule an appointment. Taking these steps in advance will help producers ensure their application moves through the process as quickly as possible.

Supporting documents may include livestock birth records, purchase and transportation receipts, photos and ownership records showing the number and type of livestock lost, documents listing the gallons of water transported to livestock during drought, and more. Crop records may include purchase receipts for eligible trees, bushes, or vines, seed and fertilizer purchases, planting and production records, and documentation of labor and equipment used to plant or remove eligible trees, bushes, or vines.

Producers have three to nine months to apply depending on the program and year of the loss. Details are available from any local FSA office.

For more information, producers may review the 2014 Farm Bill Fact Sheet, and the LIP, LFP, ELAP and TAP fact sheets online, or visit any local FSA office or USDA Service Center.

## DPS reminds Texans to use online driver license services, mega centers this summer

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STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- The Texas Department of Public Safety is encouraging residents to beat the summer rush at driver license offices across the state by renewing their license or identification card early or online. The summer months are typically one of the busiest times of year at driver license offices, and many eligible Texans can skip the trip to the office completely via online renewal of their license, identification card or change of address at Texas.gov.

"With students and families out of school or off work, Texas driver license offices tend to be especially busy during the summer months," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Many Texans are eligible to take advantage of our customer-convenient options for online and phone renewal of licenses and identification cards, and are encouraged to visit high-capacity driver license mega centers in metropolitan areas if needed."

If a trip to a driver license office is necessary, customers in the major metro areas should visit mega centers in their area. Located in the Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio metropolitan areas, driver license mega centers offer high-capacity facilities and technology designed to improve efficiency and customer service. Mega centers feature an innovative queuing system that offers customers the convenient option to reserve a spot in line before going to the office. Customers can virtually enter the line via cell phone, online or using a land line.

To be eligible to renew online, the card holder must be a U.S. citizen and the expiration date on the card must be within one year. When the card is renewed, the expiration date on the new card will be six years after the current card's expiration date, whether customers renew early or not.

Additionally, in order to renew online, the card cannot have been expired for more than two years. Requirements for renewing online are available at Texas.gov, the official website of the State of Texas. Customers can also renew by phone at 1-866-357-3639. The eligibility requirements for phone renewal are the same as for online renewal. The fee is the same for online, in-person and telephone renewals.

Licenses must be renewed in person every 12 years, so an updated photo can be taken and eyesight can be tested.

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## NEWS NOTES

### Crews Cemetery Association annual meeting

The Crews Cemetery Association will hold their annual meeting and workday Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the Crews Cemetery at 9 a.m. For more information call Dale and Linda Duggan at (325) 365 3145.

### Colorado River Bikefest

Saturday, April 26, the Ballinger Noon Lions Club will host the 39th Annual Colorado River Bikefest. Race starts at 8:30 a.m. at the corner of Hutchings Ave. and Hwy 83, in Ballinger, Texas. 5K walk/run/ride, 30, 60 and 100K tours. Entry forms available at www.ballinger-noonlions.org FMI call at (325) 234 7842

### Passport fair to be held at Ballinger Post Office

Saturday, April 26, 2014, the U.S. Postal Service will be holding a passport fair 8 a.m. through 1 p.m. at the Ballinger Post Office, 116 S Eighth Street, Ballinger, Texas.

### Winters Elem Pre-K and Kindergarten round-up

Enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year for Pre-Kindergarten and those Kindergarteners who have not enrolled in school before, will be April 29, 2014 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Winters Elementary School Library.

### Library to host Pinterest seminar

Join Rhea Parramore on April 29, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at your Winters Public Library, 120 N. Main Street, to learn all about Pinterest, a fun Internet-based way to find ideas for all your projects and interests. Bring your iPad, laptop, or just come and enjoy the presentation and exploration. Free, no registration required.

### Immunization clinics

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be having two immunization clinics in Runnels County. In Winters the clinic will be 10 a.m. til noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 1 at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience, please use rear entrance (Grant Street).

The second immunization clinic will be held in Ballinger 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 15 at 600 Strong (corner of 6th and Strong). Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid, please bring card. For more information, call (325) 754 4945. You may call to schedule an appointment, if no answer leave a message.

### VFW to observe National Day of Prayer

The annual National Day of Prayer will be observed on Thursday, May 14, 2014, with a Rowena and area wide community prayer service. The theme for this year's service is "Investing in Hope... Transforming our Nation through Prayer!" The prayer service will be held and hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Rowena Post 9196 and its Ladies Auxiliary at 7 p.m. and will be led by Miles Ministerial Group. For more information call John Multer, Commander VFW 9196 at 658 1688.

### CALF literacy fest

The third annual Children's Art and Literacy Festival will be held June 12, 13 and 14, 2014, in downtown Abilene. William Joyce, author, illustrator and Academy Award winning filmmaker will have his artwork on display at the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature. Festival registration includes three days of fun, dramatic readings, interaction with animals and many other fun things to do. Early registration prices before May 1. CALF is a program of the Abilene Culture Affairs Council. For more information, call (325) 677 1161 or www.abilenecalf.com

### Small Town ACTS Women's Retreat

Small Town ACTS Women's Retreat will conduct a retreat for women on June 19 thru June 22, 2014 at the Christ Retreat Center in San Angelo. Give yourself this gift of time with God and all denominations of ladies. It will be a weekend you will never forget. Cost of the retreat includes meals and lodging for the three days. Please do not keep the cost of the retreat keep you from going. Financial help is available for those who need

help. A deposit is required to reserve your place with the balance due at the Thursday evening check-in.

For more information contact Gaye Pelzel (325) 468 3191, Carol Kozelsky (325) 754 4133, Rita Busenlehner (325) 468 2000. Applications can be picked up at the St. Mary's Catholic Church or download at http://stmarys-taroftheseaballinger.org/.

### Fundraiser for Chad McDuffee

An account has been established at the First National Bank of Ballinger to accept donations or sponsorships for Chad McDuffee. McDuffee is a Ballinger native and veteran of the Iraq War. Chad lost most of the use of his right foot after sustaining an injury while on deployment in Iraq in 2006. Chad earned a bronze medal in the 2013 Valor Games Midwest in powerlifting and is currently trying to earn a spot on the U.S. Paralympic Team in time for the 2016 World Games in Brazil. Donations to the account will be used to help defray his travel expenses and purchase special equipment for training.

### Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 p.m., first Thursday of the month at the Lone Star Video, 200 Tinkle Street.

### TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Winters and Ballinger area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening and arts and crafts to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during summer) at 2 p.m. at the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of South Seventh and Sealy Ave in Ballinger.

If you are interested and like to find out more about us, call Nancy at 325 5042 or Linda 754 5385.

### Winters Women's Club

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Sylvia Wilson 754 4992 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.

### WIC open to many incomes and families

Women Infants and Children, located at 706 Strong Ave in Ballinger is open Monday thru Wednesday 7 a.m. till noon and 1 p.m. till 6 p.m.

Closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone (325) 365 5925. WIC is open to many incomes and all kinds of families.

### Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting

Masonic Lodge No. 643, 500 N Broadway, Ballinger, Texas. Stated meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month except for holidays if it falls on that Monday. For more information call (325) 365 3202.

### Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meetings on fourth Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmeth, Texas Lodge. For further information, contact Hank Bourdo, at 754 2048.

### Paint Rock Masonic Lodge meetings

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge No. 613 meets the first Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. Supper will be provided after the meeting. The location is the Masonic Lodge building located at 360 South Roberts on Highway 83 South.

## Paying tribute to WWII veterans

Thursday, April 10, 2014 the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9196 Rowena presented a \$200 donation to Runnels County Veterans Services Officer Sandra Van Zant. The funds will help to defray expenses of the two Runnels County World War II veterans Leroy Pelzel and Omer Halfmann, that signed up for the upcoming Honor Flight to Washington D.C.

Pictured here is Maynard Schwertner presenting a check to Sandra Van Zant on behalf of VFW Post 9196.

The Honor Flight, sponsored by the Honor Flight Network, takes WWII veterans to Washington D.C. to see the WWII Memorial. If selected for the September 2014 trip, these two veterans will have their travel expenses paid for the Honor Flight Network, but they each will be needing a guardian.

Through donations and the sale of stars cutoff of unserviceable U.S. flags, the Runnels County Veterans Services Office is trying to raise \$3,200 needed to fund the guardians' expenses.

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## AgriBusiness 101 program for new, small-acreage landowners

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AUSTIN- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will present the first program in an educational series designed to strengthen the technical knowledge of the ranchette operator from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. April 30 at the Travis County East Service Center, 6011 Blue Bluff Road, Austin.

Program registration begins at 8:30 a.m. for this multi-county program developed for new, absentee and small-acreage landowners in Central Texas.

"A number of Central Texas residents own and operate agricultural landholdings," said Rachel Bauer, AgriLife Extension agent for agriculture and natural resources for Bastrop County. "Through classroom instruction on topics pertaining to ranch selection, establishment and management, these landowners can learn how to evaluate their land, better manage soil and water resources, and improve forage and livestock production efficiency." Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. for the multi-county program developed for new, absentee and small-acreage landowners throughout Central Texas.

Julie Ansley, AgriLife Extension agent for agriculture and natural resources in Travis County, said the April 30 program will address land leasing, developing a farm business plan, landowner assistance programs, and finding a market and developing a marketing plan.

"There also will be an agricultural finance panel discussion within the program," Ansley said.

She said instruction will be provided by AgriLife Extension and U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service personnel.

Preregistration is \$25 if received by April 28, and lunch is included with the program. The cost is \$35 for registration after April 28 and on site.

More information and a registration form may be obtained by contacting the AgriLife Extension office in Travis County at 512-854-9610 or in Bastrop County at 512-581-7186, or by emailing Sue Carrasco at [SCarrasco@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:SCarrasco@ag.tamu.edu).

Send checks payable to "Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service" to either the AgriLife Extension office in Travis County, 1600-B Smith Road, Austin, TX 78721 or the AgriLife Extension office in Bastrop County, 901 Pecan St., Bastrop, TX 78602. Checks only; do not send cash.

Ansley said additional educational programs for new, absentee and small-acreage landowners will be held later in the year. Full series programming will offer a total of 18 hours of classroom instruction.

## Concho sheep and goat production clinic slated for May 20 in Eden

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

EDEN- The Concho Sheep and Goat Production Clinic, conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, has been set for May 20 at the Multi-Purpose Center in Eden. Registration begins at 8 a.m. followed by the program at 9 a.m. Adjournment is set for 3:15 p.m.

Individual registration is \$10 and includes lunch. Those planning to attend should preregister by May 15 by contacting the AgriLife Extension office in Concho County at 325-732-4304, [concho-tx@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:concho-tx@ag.tamu.edu). One Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education unit will be available to those with a valid private applicators license.

"This program should be of interest to anyone interested in the sheep and goat business in our area," said Brady Rose Evans, AgriLife Extension agent in Concho County. "All the speakers are top experts in their respective fields and this clinic will be a rare opportunity to have them all in one place to answer questions pertinent to their expertise."

The program topics will include:  
- Converting Wood to Livestock Feed.  
- Trapping Around Your Herd/Guard Dogs in Your Operation.  
- Hair Sheep/ Nutrition/ Internal Parasites and Disease Precautions/ Restocking.  
- Wool and Mohair Update.  
- Marketing Update, Marketing in the Ethnic Holidays.  
For more information, call Evans at 325-732-4304.

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## Texas unemployment rate dips to 5.5 percent

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STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Texas fell to 5.5 percent in March, down two-tenths of a percentage

point from February's rate of 5.7 percent. The unemployment rate in Texas remains well below the national rate of 6.7 percent. Employers in Texas added 9,100 jobs in March for a

total of 310,000 jobs added over the year. The annual growth rate for total nonagricultural employment has remained at or above 2.6 percent since January 2012. "The Texas economy

continues to move in the right direction with Texas employers adding 310,000 jobs over the year," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar.

## CAFETERIA MENU

Subject to Change

April 28 - May 2

### Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

**Monday**  
Biscuit/Sausage/Gravy or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Tuesday**  
French Toast/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Wednesday**  
Sausage on Stick/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Thursday**  
Breakfast Pizza or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Friday**  
Cinnamon Roll or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

### Winters ISD Lunch Menu

**Monday**  
Chef Salad or Steak Fingers/Gravy/Bread Stick or Chicken Pot Pie/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.), Bread Stick (H.S.), Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Apple, Choice of Milk.

**Tuesday**  
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or BBQ Rib/Bun or Chicken Bites/Gravy/Bread Stick, Broccoli w/Cheese, Black Eyed Peas, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

**Wednesday**  
Chef Salad or Taco Salad or Bean Chalupa, corn, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Strawberry, Choice of Milk.

**Thursday**  
Chef Salad or Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy/Bread Stick (H.S.) or Chicken Pattie/Fish Bread (Elem., J.H.) Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Pear, Choice of Milk.

**Friday**  
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Chicken Fries/Gravy/Bread Stick; Curly Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Lettuce Pickles, Orange, Choice of Milk.

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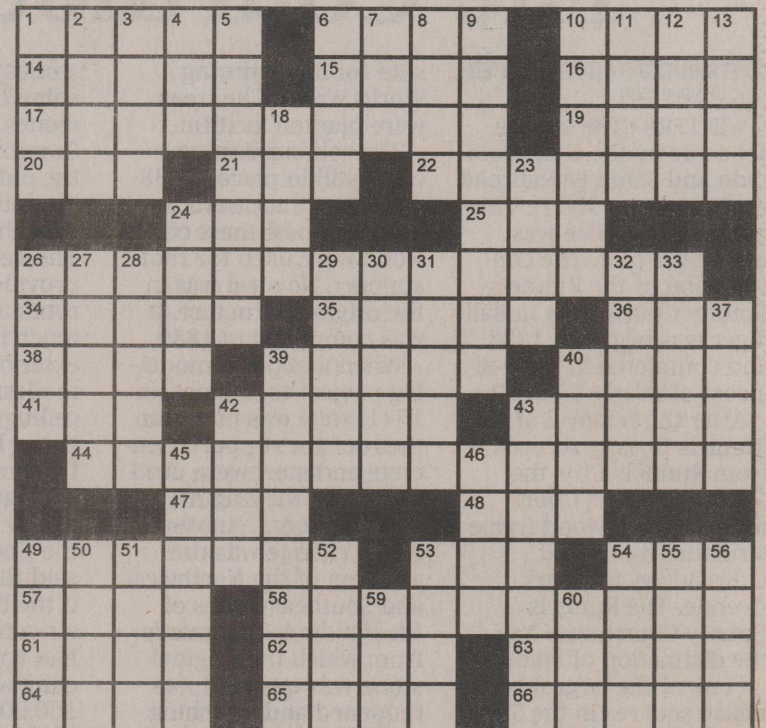
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

"Breakfast Table"

Across

- 1 State whose capital is Boise
- 6 Social slight
- 10 Latest crazes
- 14 Scary creature
- 15 South American nation whose capital is Lima
- 16 One of the Great Lakes
- 17 They're dyed in the springtime
- 19 Bird that's a symbol of peace
- 20 \_\_\_-cones
- 21 Down in the dumps
- 22 Pushed (aside)
- 24 Pig's place
- 25 Put on TV
- 26 Totally crushed
- 34 Person who goes on yelp.com, e.g.
- 35 Tempts
- 36 Actress \_\_\_ Marie Saint
- 38 From the top
- 39 Military clothes, for short
- 40 Use scissors
- 41 Greek letter
- 42 Leaps
- 43 Flair
- 44 "Let's raise our glasses..."
- 47 Computer key
- 48 Attorney's field
- 49 Winning game after game
- 53 Quick punch
- 54 \_\_\_-no camera
- 57 Inflict upon
- 58 Actor with a "six degrees" game named for him
- 61 \_\_\_ Office (president's workplace)
- 62 Dutch cheese



- 63 Use one end of a pencil
- 64 Politician \_\_\_ Paul
- 65 Not daughters
- 66 Car body flaws
- 11 Three in \_\_\_
- 12 Go headfirst into the water
- 13 Future flower
- 18 Sunbeams
- 23 Some pens or lighters
- 24 Gumbo or goulash
- 26 College org.
- 27 Porch, like the one on "The Golden Girls"
- 28 Devoured
- 29 San Antonio's most famous building
- 30 Gas station features
- 31 Came up
- 32 African nation whose capital is Nairobi
- 33 Bad things
- 37 In \_\_\_ (sulking)
- 39 Treats with icing
- 40 Store (away)
- 42 "No way, \_\_\_!"
- 43 Pierced
- 45 Said again, like a story
- 46 Actor Thicke
- 49 Scent
- 50 Astronomical wonder
- 51 \_\_\_ impasse (not moving)
- 52 Try again with
- 53 Slim \_\_\_
- 54 Look over quickly
- 55 Show set on an island
- 56 Small bills
- 59 President Martin \_\_\_ Buren
- 60 "We \_\_\_ Family"

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## Weather Whys

Q: You sometimes hear of a "firenado." What is it?

A: Firenadoes are whirlwinds of flame, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "They are also called fire devils or fire whirls, and they are whirlwinds of flame that sometimes occur when intense heat and gusty wind conditions combine to form a tornado-like structure of fire. The formation is a result of the strong upward motion of very hot air, which leaves an area of lower pressure at the base of the fire. Strong winds swirl around this low pressure area and produce a core that can be 3-5 feet wide, can be 100 feet high or more, and can reach up to 2,000 degrees."

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### The Courthouse, history and tragedy

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WINTERS- The square set aside by the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad was 300 ft. by 300 ft. The park of equal size was beside the plot. The construction of the Runnels County Courthouse in Ballinger was begun in 1888 and completed in 1889 at a cost of nearly \$30,000.

After the removal of the Runnels County records from Runnels City, the Commissioner's Court met in a large wood frame structure that stood at Broadway and Park Avenue. The Runnels County Courthouse has the distinction of standing on one of the largest court house squares in the State of Texas — two city blocks.

The cornerstone of the Courthouse was laid in 1888 by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Texas and the Ballinger Masonic Lodge No. 643. The Second Empire Courthouse was designed by architect Eugene T. Heiner. The contract was accepted and awarded to Lovell and Miller, the sum being \$29,015. The Courthouse was built of native stone quarried just south of Ballinger across the Colorado River toward Paint Rock. The location is the corner of Hutchings Avenue and Broadway. Originally, the building was a tall courthouse with an elegant French style cupola as part of a central sloping roof with small turrets on all four corners. A walk from the front or what was then the front to Seventh Street was lined with nice flowering shrubs and trees. Not long after it was finished, it was enclosed with an iron fence. Most of it was

sold for scrap during World War II. The trees were planted in 1902.

The self-supporting walls still in place are 38-40 inches thick in most places. Crossbeams of wood were used for roof support. No steel was in the original structure. It was completed in 1889.

When a major remodeling project took place, in 1941, steel was placed in the roof for support. Concrete and steel were used to replace the original wooden floors. Another major change was the addition of the Northwest and Southeast sides of the building. The quarry from which the original stone was quarried was reopened and matching stone was used for those two additions. At the time of the extensive remodel, it is believed the cupola was already removed due to serious problems with leaking.

The original sloping roof was removed entirely during the changes in 1941. A flat roof was built and remains in place. The floor changes, the extensions and the change from wooden window frames to aluminum took place. The architect for the 1941 changes was Roy Lane of Dallas and the contractor was Oscar Rose of Abilene. January 6, 1941, the move from all of the offices out of the Court House and the assembling to set up in the old Curry Building just across on the Seventh Street side took place.

The building was completely torn out on the inside from the bottom to the top. Stone cutters were imported from various parts of Texas to cut and carve the stones. The new

stones looked bright and shiny compared to the old stones. Seeing this, the Commissioner's Court had the old Court House sand blasted to correspond with the new additions. The new changes would provide much needed room and give the building much better shape. The exterior would be more modern, windows shorter, ceilings lowered and the entire building would be fire proof. In lowering the ceilings, the extra space would be left between the floors. The architects said this was necessary if the building was ever air-conditioned. The court had specified the remodeling was not to exceed \$60,000. (The original cost of the building was less than \$30,000.)

The jail also had a cupola on it that corresponded to the one on the Courthouse and it was also removed and a flat roof put in place. When the jail cupola was removed in the 1941 renovation, part of the cupola was found to have had a place for hanging convicted prisoners who had received the death sentence. There has not been a record found where that was ever used.

The grounds were sodded with grass in 1952. Records of 1953 indicate the Courthouse was repainted, redecorated and a new lighting system was installed throughout. The cost was about \$6,000. Also in 1953, new ornamental trees were planted in memory of War Veterans and County Judges. Some of the trees are visible today. The Seventh Street entrance walk heading to the structure was landscaped with flowering shrubs and

trees lined the walk to the building. An elevator was installed in 1956.

In the research done in 1967 for the marker, the following information was noted: The main entrance is now on Hutchings Avenue, formerly one side. Highways 67, 83 and 158 meet at Hutchins (as written) and Broadway. Broadway dead ends at the front side walk of the Court House. It was also noted that Highway 83, (1001 miles), is the longest in the State of Texas, Highway 67 (780 miles) is third.

Second was Highway 80 (820 miles). (Texas Guidebook, 1962, p. 9)

In 1967, the Courthouse was approved for a Historical Marker Medallion with an interpretive plate, it reads:

RUNNELS COUNTY COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTED HERE, 1888-89, AFTER HOTLY-CONTESTED BATTLE WITH RUNNELS CITY FOR COUNTY SEAT. (COUNTY HAD BEEN ORGANIZED 1880.) STRUCTURE STANDS ON ONE OF LARGEST COURTHOUSE SQUARES IN TEXAS — 2 CITY BLOCKS. PLOT SET ASIDE PRIOR TO TOWN LOT SALE BY SANTA FE RAILROAD, JUNE 29, 1886. IN 1941, EXTENSIVE REMODELING MODERNIZED BUILDING. TWO WINGS WERE ADDED AND OLD QUARRY (SOUTH) OF TOWN ON COLORADO RIVER) WAS OPENED TO PROVIDE MATCHING STONE. RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK — 1967

A historical marker is located on the courthouse

lawn honoring William Pitt Ballinger, the man for whom Ballinger was named. He was a railroad attorney and town site official, distinguished Texas Statesman- Veteran of Mexican War. In the Civil War, he helped establish defenses of Galveston, served as Confederate Receiver of Enemy Alien's property and was a negotiator for peace.

Another marker, metal and granite, 1936 Centennial Marker is also placed on the court house lawn at the front entrance on Hutchings and Broadway for Runnels County.

The inscription reads:

RUNNELS COUNTY FORMED FROM BEXAR AND TRAVIS COUNTY CREATED FEBRUARY 1, 1858 ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 16, 1880 NAMED IN HONOR OF HIRAM G. RUNNELS 1796-1856 LAWYER AND GOVERNOR OF MISSISSIPPI MEMBER OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE COUNTY SEAT, RUNNELS CITY, 1880 BALLINGER, SINCE 1888

A historical statue of a life size cowboy and his horse is located on the courthouse square. The western heritage influence of the county is reflected in the area and buildings. The late Gus Noyes and his wife, Lula Noyes, pioneer ranchers, erected this monument to the memory of the West Texas Cowboy, using their son and his favorite horse as the model. Their son, Charles, died on February 11, 1917 when he fell from his mount while handling cattle on

his father's ranch at the age of 21.

The sculptor was Pompeo Coppini of Chicago who spent two years in the State of Kentucky studying horses. It took him two years to complete this statue which is made of solid bronze and cost \$22,000. At the dedication, an appropriate and impressive ceremony was held and Mr. Pompeo Coppini was present and delivered an interesting address. To perpetuate the memory of his son, Mr. Noyes gave the bronze statue that stands on the Runnels County Courthouse Square. The Melvin Cemetery where Charles is buried was considered, but Mr. Noyes wanted it placed where in years to come, there would be someone to care for the statue and he accepted Ballinger's request to place it on the courthouse lawn. In Runnels County Commissioner's Court, May 17, 1918, it was ordered that Mr. Noyes be granted the privilege of placing the statue on the Runnels Courthouse lawn.

The Texas Historical Marker inscription reads: CHARLES H. NOYES 1896-1917 CHARLES H. NOYES, 21 DIED WHEN HIS HORSE FELL WHILE ROUNDING UP CATTLE ON THE 'NOYES' RANCH. HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, GUS AND LULA NOYES, ERECTED MONUMENT IN 1919 AS A TRIBUTE TO THEIR SON AND ALL COWBOYS. POMPEO COPPINI OF CHICAGO STUDIED HORSES TWO YEARS BEFORE SCULPTING STATUE. RECORDED-1966

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## It's about time...

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Some aspect of time steals quietly into our psyche in all conscious moments, and our use or abuse of it is central to much poetry, lyrics, scripts, conversations — you name it.

Time, we've long claimed, is — or is not — on our side. It marches on, but sometimes seems to stand still. Though it deserves unending respect, its import is easily kicked to the side, like a soft drink can on life's highway.

Timing, some claim, is everything....

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A poet — and much more — challenged us to make best use of time. (It was but a smattering of wisdom embodied in Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays, mentor to Dr. Martin Luther King. He was president of Morehouse College

for 27 years and recipient of some five dozen doctoral degrees.)

It is a short poem of just 54 words.

But, they say much: "I have only just a minute, only 60 seconds in it. Forced upon me, can't refuse it. Didn't seek it, didn't choose it. But it's up to me to use it. I must suffer if I lose it. Give account if I abuse it. Just a tiny little minute, but eternity is in it."....

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When one's hourglass of sand becomes bottom heavy, it is human nature to squeeze time.

David Letterman's surprise bombshell on April 3 that he would leave his late-night show sometime in 2015 was a shocker.

There's little middle ground for Letterman —

viewers either love him or change channels at the mention of his name. Not to be argued, though, are the facts. He will have appeared nightly for 35 years — about 6,000 shows.

That he's vague about the date of his final show shouldn't surprise. He'll "milk it" for weeks on end, just as he did with his quintuple bypass heart surgery 15 years ago....

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Athletes sometimes announce retirements before their final seasons, thus making farewell appearances at dozens of venues. Yankee relief pitcher Mariano Rivera did so last year, requesting the chance to address stadium employees — at all levels — at each stop. To learn of this great humanitarian



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— and how he spends his time and resources — is to be inspired.

I do not criticize other choices for closure — even if they span months or years — or if participants "milk it" to the hilt. (CBS Sports' Jim Nantz, 54, has circled April 8, 2015, as his retirement date, perhaps on the occasion of his 50th Masters coverage.)

Let's try to remember a long-ago definition of a soap opera: A production where it takes a woman three years to deliver a baby prematurely....

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Some people I've known think tardiness should be fairly high up on the "sin list." Others joke about it, saying they're committed to being punctual, no matter how long it takes.

It would be interesting to research timepieces, and how ongoing technology makes possible rather unimaginable accuracy.

We've known for decades to point our clocks toward Boulder, CO, where the National Institute of Standards and Technology has announced a spanking new atomic clock that won't gain or lose a second in roughly 300 million years. Called the NIST F-2, it is said to be three times more accurate than the old NIST F-1.

Wonder who came up with the need to fiddle with the original version, whose accuracy would have remained unchallenged for at least 100 million years? And, how do they know they won't miss a tick every century or so?....

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No matter how time is analyzed — or "milking" refined, or time pieces improved — we should make the best use of it, no matter which end of the hourglass fits us.

It is ours always to strive to do better, with

one notable exception. We should forgive the cows at Carnation, the brand that introduced evaporated milk in 1899. For decades, the company's advertising always included reference to their "contented cows."

Pet Milk proponents, on the other hand, claimed their cows were NOT contented, "but always striving to do better."....

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It's probably best that none of us knows the distance to the finish line.

When we are at our fogginess, maybe a camel, stumbling along, will ask if we know what day it is.

If we guess wrong, maybe the dromedary will give us another chance....

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## Courthouse: The native stone building

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Today, the native stone courthouse, now 125 years old, serves the county with the various county offices inside and the business of the county. While a lot of counties have changed to new more modern facilities, Runnels County Courthouse has been maintained through the years and the residents can be proud of the stewardship shown through the years to care for and preserve our historical building and its history.

### Resources:

- Runnels County Historical Commission Marker Histories
- Daily Reporter-News, Texas Press Association, November 13, 1967
- Runnels County Commissioner's Court Records, October 1, 1888.
- Runnels County Records.



## The Easter Bunny comes to Winters

An Easter egg hunt, sponsored by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce was held last Saturday, April 12, at the Winters City Park. Winners of the prize eggs are Elijah Taylor, son of Cedie Taylor and Mikey Martinez; Bailey Martinez, daughter of Johnny and Deanna Martinez; and McKenzie Ventress, daughter of Jason and Missy Ventress. Also in the photo are the Winters Sno-Royalty.

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## Public Record

Weddings		
Names	Issued	
Christopher Pau Champion and Jennifer Gae Frost	Apr. 7	
Ramiro Ryan Ortiz and Victoria Marie Diaz	Apr. 17	
Divorces		
Christie Kay Sleeper vs. Christopher Michael Sleeper		
Runnels County Jail Apr. 21, 2014		
Name	Age Charges	Agency
Tobe R. Patridge	58 DWI 3rd	Coke
Coleton C. Dellaughter	20 Five counts of forgery of financial instrument	Turned himself in
Reynaldo Gomez	21 MTR- Retaliation, evading arrest	BPD
Michael A. Smith	23 DWI Class C	BPD
Marshall W. Scates	— MTR-Manufacture, delivery of C.S./ Burglary of a building	Coke
Patrica K. Hoper	32 MTR- Forgery	Concho
Ryan J. Graves	32 Aggravated assault w/deadly weapon	Coke
Walter D. Jones	— Parole violation	Coleman
Raul Rodriguez	40 DWI	BPD
Angelia Clerk	23 MTR	Concho
Jordan N. Tamez	20 Striking unattended vehicle/ D.W.I 6th	BPD
Delfido N. Cavazos	74 Evading arrest, possession of marijuana	BPD
Benny R. Rodaers	55 Possession of drug paraphernalia	Concho
Justin E. Childers	22 Possession of marijuana	DPS
Ronnie J. Luera	45 Assault Class C (2)	WPD
Victor Hernandez	50 PI	Concho
Clifton N. Johnson	31 Tarrant Co. warrant, evading arrest, possession of C.S.	Coke
Christopher A. Medina	26 MTR- Aggravated assault	BPD

## Veteran's Corner

The Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act was signed into law. The law (P.L. 112-154) authorized hospital care and medical services through VA for family members of veterans exposed at the Marine Corps base between 1957 and 1987. VA has announced that it will be able to reimburse eligible family members for out-of-pocket health care expenses for the 15 related conditions listed at <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp> or call (877) 222-8382 to be added to the Camp Lejeune database, gather documents needed to show that you lived on base during the period between 1957 and 1987, and your relationship to the veteran. Finally, keep receipts for any health care expenses you paid for a covered condition on or after March 26, 2013. As many as 1 million Marines, dependents and civilian workers are believed to have been exposed to trichloroethylene (TCE), tetrachloroethylene (PCE), benzene and other toxic chemicals that leached into ground water from a poorly maintained fuel depot, dumping and an off-base dry cleaner. Last year, President Barack Obama signed a law providing medical care and screening for those exposed between 1957 and 1987. In April 1999, workers in Building 1101 — which housed the Information Management Division, the base communications center and Marine Corps Community Service warehouse began complaining of a strong petroleum odor. In early December, several workers reported headaches, nausea, and eye and respiratory irritation. They visited the base's Occupational Health Clinic. When technicians sampled the air, they reported "breakthrough" meaning the charcoal inside the collection tubes was "completely saturated with gasoline vapor." Several buildings were evacuated and later demolished. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 365-3612.

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