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A COLORFUL VENTURE

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- After a career that took them across the nation and into several countries around the world, Richard and Starlyn Smelker came to Winters in 2009 searching for a place to settle and enjoy retirement. They didn't find what they wanted. It's not that didn't like the place, it's because they have done everything but retiring.

Last week the Smelkers held a grand opening and ribbon cutting at Tex Signs, their new sign shop in Winters, located 155 North Main Street. Richard, who retired from Vought Aircraft, in Fort Worth, Texas, is expanding his home operation and long-time hobby.

"We are excited about Richard's new business. He has been doing this type of work on the side for all of his life. He has a wide variety of talents in painting and sign making," Starlyn said.

Richard was a senior engineer for the automotive and aero-space industry. He trained design engineers for Boeing, McDonnell Douglas, and other major aircraft companies around the world.

Since retirement, he had been thinking strongly about opening a full-time shop, and recently the right location finally became available.

At Tex Signs Richard does everything from pinstripping to vehicle signage and business signs and more.

"I've been doing this for a long time. I had a van conversion shop in Michigan and I've been doing pinstripping since 1963," Richard said.

He earned his associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees in design,



PHOTOS: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Richard Smelker shows a sample of the paintbrushes he uses. The paintbrushes are handmade of natural fibers and can fetch up to \$80 or more.

and made his career in the aero-space industry teaching engineers and designers how to apply and develop their skills.

Besides the pinstripping, Richard also works with airbrushes, paintbrushes, window splashes and more, most of his art is developed freehand. He also offers magnetic and vinyl signs for all types of surfaces ranging from window or office signs, decorative license plates to truck fleets.

Richard, Star and Star's mother Marie Bachelder came to Winters looking for a place to retire and run their a rescue operation for Greyhound dogs. They are Texas representatives of the Greyhound Protection League, a national organization that investigates and documents abuse cases, works for protective legislation



Marie Bachelder, Richard and Starlyn Smelker cutting the symbolic ribbon.

and public information about Greyhound racing dogs.

The Smelkers are very active in the community. They are also members of the local REASON animal shelter, and they often entertain the public in Christmas programs at the Rock Hotel were they have

shown their remarkable talent as musicians and singers.

The Smelkers came to Winters to retire, and despite all the activities they are involved in they are enjoying retirement "because if you are enjoying what you do, it is not work," says Richard.



Coming Home King

Friday, September 26, 2014 Winters High School held Homecoming during the Blizzards vs. TLCA game. Charles Bahlman was crowned Coming Home King. Charles is escorted here by Chris Bahlman and Christa Bahlman.

PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Ballinger police officer reinstated after termination

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- The Ballinger City Council overturned the Ballinger Police Department decision to terminate Patrolman Mike Herd, and reinstated him in place following a grievance hearing held Monday night, October 6, 2014 in an open meeting.

Herd, who also worked for the Winters Police Department in the past, was terminated on September 16, following an internal probe sparked by a complaint presented on September 7, by a Sprint Store Manager in Abilene, Texas. According to the complaint Herd engaged in a conversation with racial remarks with two store customers.

Before presenting his motion, council member Phillip Arp, said that the council was placed in a very difficult situation.

"We have full faith in our police chief and our sergeant, there were some procedural errors that were made, however, we must balance what is fair to officer Herd to what is deemed as protection toward our citizens and the people who live in Ballinger, in light of that I make a motion that we reinstate officer Herd under a six-month probation period."

The motion, which was seconded by Jolene McBurney and approved unanimously, left a window open for the Chief of Police to make a decision at the end of the probation, to continue Herd or not.

"I am pleased that they reinstated my client, obviously I am concerned about my client's future with him being placed in a six-month probation, because that basically places his fate in the hands of the Chief of Police," said attorney Lance Wyatt, who represented Herd in the hearing.

"I hope that everything is fair, level-plain field and everyone will be objective, that's what I'm hoping, my client intends to come back and do a good job, I hope the chief can understand my client lost his job and he felt he had no options other than trying to get his job back because he didn't thing what happened was right."

Country Club Championship Tournament

The Winters Country Club had their Club Championship Tournament, September 27-28. Pictured is Anthony Ochoa, placing first in Championship Flight. Second place was for Robin Byrd. In First Flight the winner was Rick Dry, followed by second place Barron Guy.

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District games start at Roby

WINTERS- Friday, October 10, 2014 the Winters Blizzards will be starting the district play by facing the Roby Lions at Roby High School. Winters arrives to the game in good shape, having a record of 4-1 in non district games.

The Lions, on the flip of the coin, come to the game with a record of 1-4 after defeats to Perrin-Whitt, Albany, Cross Plains and DeLeon. The only game the Lions have been able to win this year was the season opener, playing vs. Irion County.

In non district games Winters has wins against Eldorado, Christoval, Ballinger, and TLCA, while their only defeat was vs. the state ranked Hamlin Pied Pipers.

However, from now on the non district records will become a mere reference, since district games are the only ones that count to qualify to the postseason.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Barbara Nell Connor

Barbara Nell Connor, 68 of Ballinger, Texas, left us suddenly on Friday October 3. She was born in Ballinger, Texas on October 26, 1945 to Leonard and Nell Connor. She graduated from Ballinger High School in 1964 and Angelo State University in 87 with her RN, and in 89 with her BSN.



She is survived by her sons, Ron Connor and wife, Shelia, of Fort Worth, and John Connor of San Angelo. Her beloved grandchildren Cade Connor, Stephanie Kresta and husband Dustin, and her precious great grandchildren Hunter and Kason Kresta. Also two brothers Michael Connor of Winters, and John W. Connor of Ballinger.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Mary Ellen Slate and daughter-in-law Janette Connor. Barbara was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who's entire world revolved around her family. For 35 years she selflessly cared for the sick and injured as a CNA then as a RN BSN.

Our family is destroyed by the loss of our matriarch and hero, who with selfless commitment held our family together through even our most recent of tragedies.

Visitation was at Lange Funeral Home Monday, October 6. Memorial service was at First United Methodist of Ballinger October 7 followed by graveside at Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements are with Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. Guests may register online at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

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Water, focus of conference to be held in Bryan

BLAIR FANNIN
SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BRYAN- Future use of water and its impact on agriculture will be the focus of the 2014 Texas Plant Protection Association conference scheduled Dec. 10-11 at the Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Drive in Bryan.

"Water availability is paramount for agricultural production and certainly is of utmost concern to everyone in Texas," said Ray Smith, association chairman. "This conference will feature several presentations from leading experts across the state."

Dr. Travis Miller, interim director for state operations with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, will be one of the featured speakers during the opening general session Dec. 10.

"The impact of drought on agriculture in Texas has certainly played a huge role in the economic well-being of agriculture, as well as the availability of water for both irrigation and municipal use," Miller said. "Attendees will get some historical perspective on how drought in Texas impacts agriculture and natural resources and hear about some of the trends that will affect crop production and overall water availability."

Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, Texas state climatologist, and Carlos Rubinstein, chairman of the Texas Water Development Board, will also be general session featured speakers. Nielsen-Gammon will discuss climate variability and Rubinstein will give a Texas water outlook.

Other presentations during the general session will focus on water conservation, comparative irrigation methods, agricultural innovations from industry in dealing with climate change, and a Texas farmer's perspective on dealing with water management.

Afternoon sessions on Dec. 10 will include a look at the Texas drought's impact on wildlife, unmanned aerial vehicles in agriculture, and decision and precision applications of nitrogen.

The second day of the conference will feature sessions on grain, cotton, horticulture/turf, and pasture and rangeland. A student poster contest will be held as well as an awards luncheon. For registration information, visit <http://bit.ly/ZwpjOD>.

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NEWS NOTES

Moro VFD annual fundraiser

Moro VFD will be conducting its annual fundraiser on Saturday, October 11, 2014. Barbecue plates will be served 6 p.m. through 9 p.m. Live auction, silent auction, live band. Come enjoy and help a good cause at 2718 County Road 184. For more information (325)767 2227

Story Time at the Winters Public Library

Story time for 2 to 3 year old children, will be held at the winters public library on Tuesday, October 14 at 2:15 pm Jane Wyatt will read Halloween Stories to the Children. Crafts and refreshments will be provided. Children must be accompanied by a parent or garden.

Nursing home taking trick or treat donations

Senior Citizens Nursing Home will be having its Annual Trick or Treat from 5 to 6 p.m. in front of the nursing home. The Activity Department is asking for donations of Halloween candy (individually wrapped) for this event. We would appreciate your help for this special night for our Residents. Thank you, Billie Bishop and Pat Hollis, Activity Directors.

Immunization clinic in Runnels Co

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be having an immunization/flu clinic for children with Medicaid, no insurance, or under insured and adults with no insurance. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call 754 4945, if no answer, leave a message.

The clinic will be held in Ballinger 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to p.m. Thursday Oct. 9, 2014, at 600 Strong (corner of Sixth and Strong).

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

Birthday reception for 'Cooter' Bryan

The children of Joe Bryan, also known by family and friends as "Cooter," will be honoring him with a celebration of his 80th birthday on Sunday, October 12, at the Rock Hotel in Winters, Texas. The celebration will be from 2-4 and your presence is the best gift with which you can honor him.

Fundraiser to benefit Karen Mills

Karen Mills, a longtime teacher in Winters ISD, is recovering from a current bout with head/neck cancer that started in her tongue. After two surgeries locally, she and her husband had to make weekly visits to MD Anderson in Houston this past summer.

She and her husband have both taught in Winters ISD for almost 20 years. Friends from school and the community are planning a fundraiser on Sunday, Oct 26, 11:30-1:00, in the Winters HS Cafeteria.

The meal will consist of spaghetti, meatballs, green beans, salad, bread-stick, and dessert. Donations will be taken at the door for the meal, and there will be a silent auction, as well.

Please come and support this worthy effort! For donations to the silent auction, please contact Fran Kidwell at (325) 513 4200.

Veteran's Day ceremony and parade

VFW Post 9196, the American Legion Post 8 and the Runnels County Veterans Service Office will have a

Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Memorial on the Courthouse Square on Tuesday, November 11 at 10 a.m. At 10:30 a.m. there will be a ceremony commemorating the 20th anniversary of our Memorial at the Courthouse. The Parade will start at 11 a.m. If you would like to be in the Parade, just call Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 365-3612. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the ceremony and parade.

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.

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.

Stocker gains more than 2.5 pounds per head per day realized

ROBERT BURNS
SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

OVERTON - As cattle prices continue to soar, breaking all previous records, some might wonder why anyone would take animals off winter pasture at 800 to 850 pounds in mid to late May, and continue them on pasture instead of moving them directly into a feedlot or to the sale barn.

The answer to the "why" retain ownership was to study beef cattle stocking opportunities and management strategies that commercial operations cannot afford to try, said Dr. Monte Rouquette, Texas A&M AgriLife Research scientist, Overton.

And the results of this first year of the two-year study were impressive, Rouquette said. At the higher supplementation rate, cattle gained an average of 2.53 pounds per head per day.

What Rouquette found really exciting, he said, was that with the higher supplementation rate and the quality of this summer's forages, he could have easily doubled the stocking rate and realized more than 2,000 pounds of gain per acre over the 110-day study.

"That's what we'd expected, and that's what, as it works out, we would have gotten," he said.

Instead of moving cattle from winter pastures directly into the feedyard, Rouquette split the cattle in several groups. All groups were put on Tifton 85 Bermuda grass pastures. Some were allowed to graze only, while three groups were supplemented with three different levels of dried distillers' grain.

In this kind of study, each supplementation rate - or no supplementation - is called a "treatment," he said. Each treatment - or group - was replicated four times on separate pastures, with five to six head per treatment, or nearly 100 head for the entire study.

"The primary objective of forage/animal research is to evaluate seasonal as well as year-long stocking opportunities," he said.

In the study, "The 2014-2015 Dried Distillers' Grains and Beef Competitiveness Research Initiative," the supplemented cattle were given three different daily rations of dried distiller's grain and allowed to graze ad libitum—all they wanted - on Tifton 85.

Tifton 85 is a hybrid Bermuda grass cross released in 1992 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Station at Tifton, Georgia. It was developed by Dr. Glenn Burton, who also released coastal Bermuda grass in 1943. Rouquette used Tifton 85 in the study because it is one of the most nutritional and productive warm-season grasses available, he said.

This year, Rouquette found it was possible to produce

gains of 1,500 to 1,600 pounds per acre with stocking rates of four to five animals per acre at the higher supplementation rate on Tifton 85 pastures at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Overton. Gains varied, as would be expected, depending upon the supplementation rate.

The supplementation rates were a quarter of 1 percent body weight per head per day; a half of 1 percent body weight per head per day; and 1 percent body weight per head per day, Rouquette said.

Even those cattle that received no supplementation did very well, he said, gaining about 1.53 pounds per head per day.

"That is within reason of what we would expect a stocker calf of that age and that size to gain," Rouquette said.

At the one-quarter of 1 percent body weight supplementation rate as well as the one-half of 1 percent body weight rate, cattle gained about 2.22 pounds per day.

"Or they increased almost 0.7 pound per day over non-supplemented, pasture only cattle - what we might expect from previous experimentation," he said. "This shows that a quarter of 1 percent per day had an 'additive effect,' meaning we are enhancing gain with only a small amount of supplement, which is quite acceptable."

An "additive effect" is an animal science research term for when cattle eat the same amount of forage; not replacing part of their grazing with the dried distillers' grain, Rouquette explained. Whether supplementation is adding to or replacing forage grazing is easy to determine because it's known most stocker beef cattle can usually only consume about 2.3 to 2.6 percent dry matter of their body weight a day, depending upon the breed and the type of pasture.

He emphasized there was no difference between the half of 1 percent of body weight supplementation rate and the quarter of 1 percent supplementation rate.

At the full 1 percent of dried distiller's grain per body weight, average daily gains jumped to about 2.53 pounds per day, he said.

By late September, the calves weighed about 1,100 pounds, and were certainly ready for the feedlot, Rouquette said. An alternative, they're ready for a forage-finished or grass-fed niche marketing program, if that is the choice," he said.

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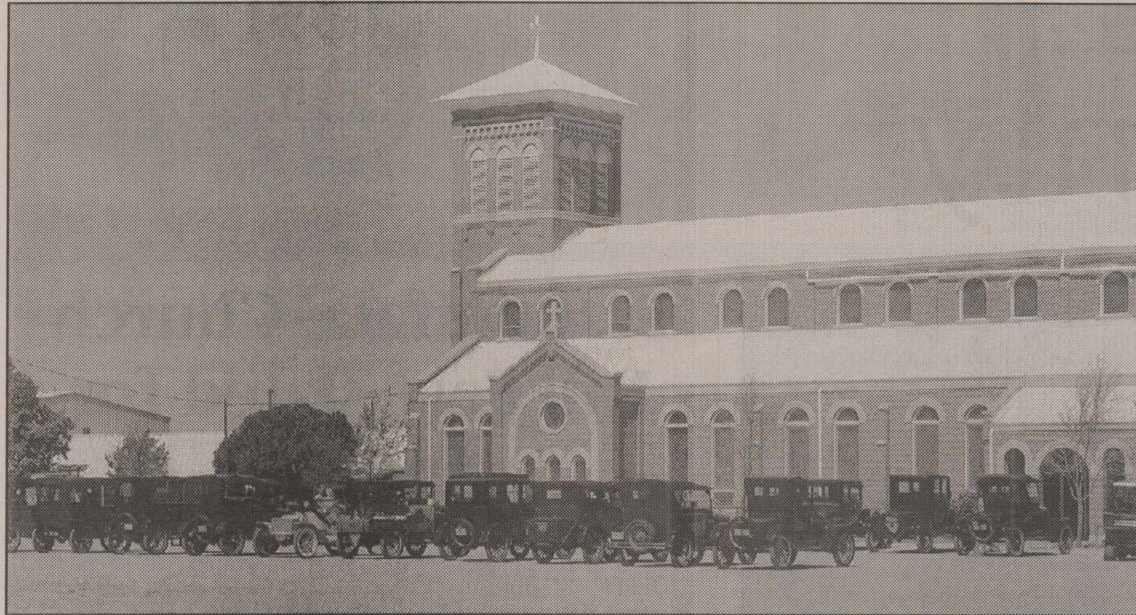
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No, it's not a Sunday Mass in the 1920s. The photo on the left was taken Friday, October 3, 2014 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Olfen, Texas.

Pictured right is David McBride, of Longview, Texas, he is driving a 1926 Model T pickup truck.

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A blast from the past

Model T Tour brings back old memories to Olfen, Texas

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

OLFEN- The 37th annual Model T Texas Tour, hosted by the Space City Model T Club landed in Runnels County last Friday, October 3, 2014, with dozens of the colorful cars driving from San Angelo through Paint Rock, to stop for lunch at the St. Boniface Parish Hall in Olfen, Texas.

Nearly 85 Model T cars and pickup trucks took the backroads from San Angelo, where local Model T enthusiasts Marshall and Diana Huling hosted this year's Annual Texas Model T Party.

The tour started on Wednesday, October 1, with Model T owners having their initial gathering in San Angelo, and spanned until Saturday, October 4 with visits to the Goodyear Proving Grounds, Robert Lee, Texas Community Center, the Barrow Foundation Museum near Eola, Texas, the West Texas Boys Ranch, and the Vineyards at Christoval.

Model T owners from all over Texas, Arizona, Alabama, New Mexico, South Dakota, Wyoming, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Florida and California participated in the annual event.

"We are enjoying the landscape, the cotton fields and everything here

is so beautiful," said David McBride, a Model T enthusiast from Longview, Texas driving a 1926 Model T pickup truck.

McBride explained that the Model T has become such a tradition among collectors because the cars were handed down from generation to generation, and for many people in Texas it was the first car they ever drove. "It's more than a car, it is a family heritage."

For Model T enthusiasts restoring an old car is barely the beginning. "Once you have one you gotta have another one, and another one," McBride said.

The Space City Model T Club was founded in 1974. They held their first Texas T Party in 1978 in Fredericksburg, looking to provide Model T owners with a chance to gather and drive their cars. The club is also the Texas chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America.

The Ford Model T was built from 1908 until 1927. The first cars were available in red, green or blue. It was the first mass-produced automobile designed by Henry Ford as a middle-class car.

The Model T was originally equipped with a four-cylinder 20 hp engine, it's top speed is about 45 miles an hour, and the fuel economy of this 106-year-old model ranges between 21 to 24 miles per gallon.

More than a 15 million Model T's were sold until 1927, when the classic car was replaced by Ford's next big revolution, the Model A.

CAFETERIA MENU

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Oct. 13 - 17

Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

Monday

Biscuit/Sausage Biscuit or Cereal, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday

French Toast Sticks or Cereal, Pear, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

Pancake on a Stick or Cereal, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday

Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Orange, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Friday

Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, Mixed Fruit, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Winters ISD Lunch Menu

Monday

Chef Salad or Pizza/Graham Cracker (HS) or Spaghetti/Breadstick, Broccoli W/Cheese, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Pear, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday

Chef Salad or Grilled Chicken/Bun or Meatloaf/Hot Roll, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

Chef Salad or Frito Pie or Grilled Chicken Sandwich/Fish Bread (Elem., JH), Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Coleslaw, Apple, Choice of Milk.

Thursday

Chef Salad or Chicken Nugget/Gravy/ Graham Cracker(Elem., JH) Breadsticks or Meatball Sub, Cheesy Potatoes, Black Eyed Peas, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Mixed Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Friday

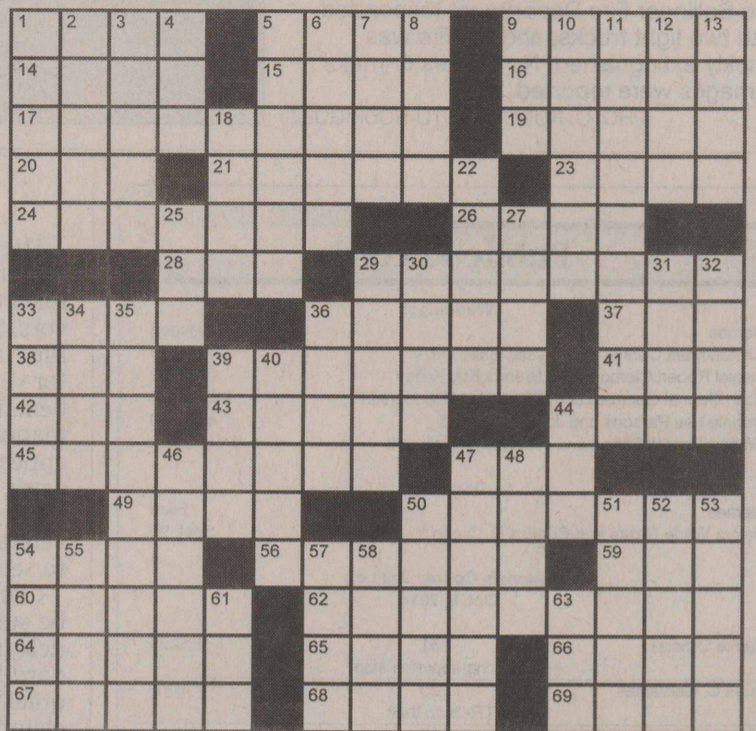
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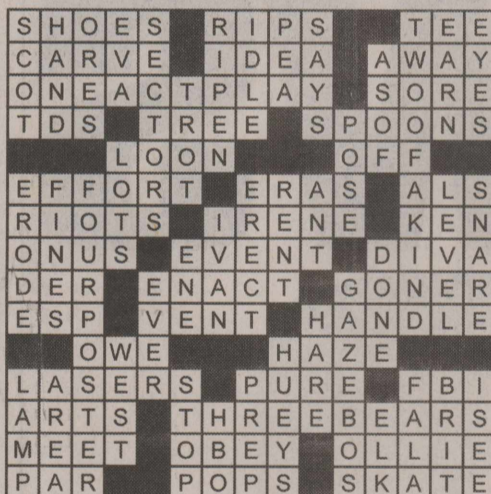
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 - 20 Before, in poems
 - 21 Uncover
 - 23 Grant, Tan and Poehler
 - 24 Even though
 - 26 Quaker ___
 - 28 Driver's licenses and such
 - 29 Had as a tenant
 - 33 Medieval weapon
 - 36 ___ line (Caribbean fun)
 - 37 Vegetable, sesame or canola
 - 38 Cool ___ cucumber
 - 39 Hot appetizer
 - 41 Bring down the aisle
 - 42 Madam's counterpart
 - 43 Places to live
 - 44 "No ifs, ___ or buts!"
 - 45 Hostages
 - 47 Chef's need
 - 49 "___ kleine Nachtmusik" (Mozart)
 - 50 Shakes like Jell-O
 - 54 Puts down the lawn
 - 56 Cause harm to
 - 59 "Bravo!"
 - 60 Alternative to "Patty"
 - 62 Presidential retreat
 - 64 Exhaust
 - 65 One of the Great Lakes
 - 66 Second Greek letter



- 67 Architectural features
- 68 Celeb chef Paula
- 69 Garden of ___
- 18 Hot and dry
- 22 First letter in "Ireland" or "Iceland"
- 25 Cake's cousin
- 27 Give someone ___ on the shoulder
- 29 Nighttime garments
- 30 Finishes up
- 31 Even, as a score
- 32 Former GM car, for short
- 33 Not fem.
- 34 Largest continent
- 35 "Seize the day," in Latin
- 36 Arrived
- 39 Face part
- 40 Wandered far and wide
- 44 Director Lee
- 46 Kleenex
- 47 Sty
- 48 Got older and better, like wine
- 50 Actor Foxx
- 51 Adored
- 52 Cream of the crop
- 53 Family car
- 54 Kind of earring
- 55 Approximately
- 57 Did perfect on, as a test
- 58 Adult female horse
- 61 Some computers, for short
- 63 President Lincoln

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Nov. 30 is the end of hurricane season. Why do some years have many hurricanes and other years seem to have very few?

A: That's a question that a lot of people are asking, says John Nielsen-Gammon, professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M University who also serves as State Climatologist. "There were more hurricanes and tropical storms in 2005 than any year in at least 70 years," he explains. "Some fingers are being pointed at global warming for the rise in severe storms. There are a lot of studies being done in this area, and global warming appears to be at least a strong contributing factor. We know that some areas of the oceans are warmer than in years past, and this can contribute to more intense storms."

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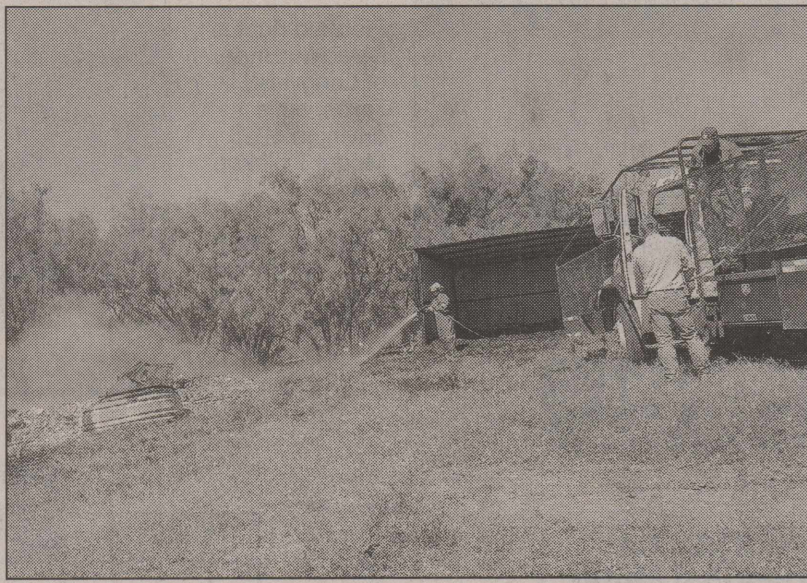
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Thursday, October 09, 2014

Controlled burn goes wild

Ballinger Fire Department's quick response this Friday morning, October 3, 2014 to an emergency call on County Road 402, about one mile northwest of U.S. Highway 67 between Ballinger and Rowena, prevented a fire from spreading out and damaging structures at the Lancaster family property. The fire started in the morning, when the owner was doing some cleanup at the property he recently bought, and lit up a controlled fire. The flames reached some old hay that was laying on the ground, and the fire was going out of control. The Ballinger Fire Department responded with two light trucks, and the fire was quickly extinguished. No injuries or major damages were reported.

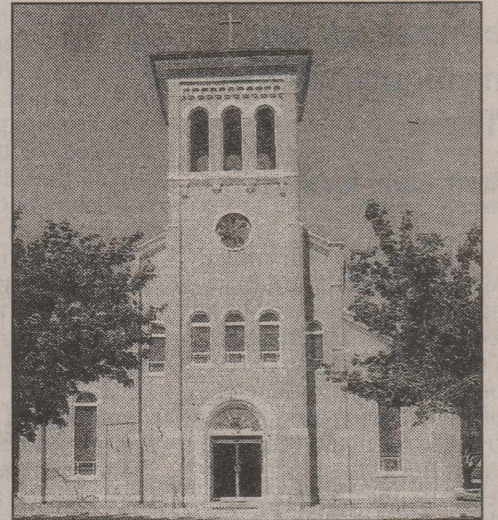
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St. Boniface Church Fall Fest slated for Sunday

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

OLFEN- St. Boniface Catholic Church of Olfen will be hosting their annual fall festival October 12, 2014. The church was originally erected in 1901. The first settlers arrived in the late 1890s and constructed a church/school combination building to meet the religious needs of the people and to educate their children. As more settlers arrived, a larger church was erected in 1910 under the pastorate of Rev. Frank Garmann. In January 1922, after Sunday afternoon services, the church burned to the ground. By November of the same year, a larger brick church was built and was dedicated by Bishop Arthur Drossaerts, Bishop of San Antonio. The St. Boniface Parish is now in the Diocese of San Angelo under the direction of Bishop Michael J. Sis. The first Fall festival was held in 1922. The building of the new St. Boniface church



was under way and the festival was thought to be held to raise funds for the completion of the church. Since there was no cafeteria hall for the meals, the Olfen Public School building was used. Next to the school building a large tent was erected and tables and chairs were set up for the noon meal. Cotton bales were auctioned off the back of a pick-up truck.

This year's noon meal will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Dine-in, take-out and drive-through plates will be available. A homemade sausage, turkey, and dressing meal will be served. Raw sausage made by the men of the parish will also be sold by the pound. A quilt made by the parish ladies and the Ballinger Quilting Club will be raffled off and the drawing will be held during the auction. A live auction will begin at 1 p.m. with games and concessions opening up at 12 noon. Baked goods and handmade items will be for sale in the country store. Sausage sandwiches will be available during the afternoon. A candy drop for the children will be held at 3 p.m. A shuttle bus will be available.

Veteran's Corner

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced that it is introducing a uniformed disability claims form to better serve veterans, families and survivors. Standardizing the process by which veterans file claims and initiate appeals will make it easier for veterans and their survivors to clearly state what benefits they are seeking from VA and provide information that is necessary to process their claims and appeals. The new form will eliminate applicant guesswork, which often leads to delays. The new regulations go into effect in late March 2015. In the past, a veteran or survivor did not have to use a certain form to seek compensation or other benefits from VA.

Claims or appeals (Notice of Disagreement) could be submitted on any piece of paper which caused delays due to missing information. By using standard forms for all disability claims, VA can more quickly and accurately identify what the veteran is claiming or appealing.

The existing process is also inconsistent with most, if not all, other government and non-government application processes, such as applying for Social Security, for a driver license, for a job or filing for an Income Tax refund. The updated process also includes standardizing the traditional informal claims process by employing a new "Intent to File a Claim" process which affords the veteran or survivor one year to compile the necessary documentation or evidence to support the claim while preserving an effective date of claim.

These are important new facts, but if you need to file a claim, I am here to help you, don't try to do it on your own. 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

Public Record

Weddings		
Names		Issued
Clinton Mark Conner and Crystal Gail Reyes		Sept. 29
Daniel Robert Clemons and Brenda Kay Kelley		Sept. 30
Juan Gabriel Guerrero and Shanna Lee Henderson		Sept. 30
Donnie Lee Parsons and Julie Gail Vrana		Sept. 30
Wacey Trammel Cason and Jessica D. Hallmark		Oct. 3
Divorces		
Names		Filed
Terry Wade Organ and Charles D. Organ		Sept. 29
Runnels County Jail Log Oct. 6, 2014		
Jamie Ornelas	31	RCSO
	Hindering apprehension	
Juan C. Cervantes	23	BPD
	MTR- auto theft	
Vincent A. Hanna	57	Coke
	D.W.I. 2nd	
John A. Holett	26	RCSO
	MTR	
Randy J. Islas	35	RCSO
	Burglary of habitation	
Andrew R. Munoz	RCSO	
	D.W.I.	
Grant V. Cuba	40	RCSO
	D.W.I.	
James Carson	53	RCSO
	Burglary of building	
Jose Mayorga-Rodriguez	32	Concho
	State of Virginia-Possession of C.S.	
Edgar Salazar	31	Concho
	Warrant criminal mischief	
Jacque E. McCrohan	62	BPD
	Theft Class D	
James Carson	53	BPD
	Parole violation	

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the County of **RUNNELS COUNTY, Texas:**
(A los votantes registrados del Condado de **RUNNELS COUNTY, Texas**)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 4, 2014**, for voting in a general election to elect Governor, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers.

(Notifíquese por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las **7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de Noviembre de 2014** para votar en la Elección General para elegir Gobernador, Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto.)

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.

(El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.)

Location of Election Day Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address (Ubicación de las casillas electorales el Día de Elección) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Precinct Number(s) (Número de precinto)
Ballinger Courthouse Annex 614 Strong Avenue	1
Elm Creek Grain, LLC 302 Hutchings Avenue	2
Winters Housing Authority 300 North Grant	3
Winters Tax Office 143 West Dale	4, 5, 6
Ballinger Community Center 300 Crosson Avenue	7
Ballinger City Hall 700 Railroad Avenue	8
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Rowena Fire Dept. 504 Mary Street	10

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:

(Para Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas abajo.)

Locations for Early Voting Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address (Ubicación de casillas electorales de votación adelantada) (Incluir el nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Days and Hours of Operation (Días y Horas Hábiles)
Ballinger Courthouse Annex 614 Strong Avenue	Early voting begins on Oct. 20 th and ends on Oct. 31 st Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm

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(Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el: 24 de octubre 2014)

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 Texas (FIRST) for 2013-2014 Superior Achievement Report based on 2012-13 data. A financial management report will be presented by the Ballinger ISD and its performance under each of the indicators for the current and prior fiscal years.
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 TO: PHELPS, SHONIE FERGUSON, Respondent, Greeting:
 MICHAEL SHAWN PHELPS AND SHONIE FERGUSON PHELPS
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705 W. Dale, Winters - 2 bdrm, 1 bath, updated floors and paint, fireplace, central heat, attached garage and alley entry garage, screened porch.
315 E. Pierce, Winters, Texas - 3 bdrm, 2 baths, high ceilings, large closets, 2 living areas, dining room and large informal dining. Bonus room upstairs for extra bedroom or playroom, utility room, hobby room, central heat and air, new cedar fence, large metal shop.
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WHS Class of 1964 holds 50th reunion

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS—Forty-five members and spouses of the WHS Class of 1964 gathered in Winters for

Homecoming on September 26 enjoying the annual Turkey Dinner at Winters High School and the Blizzard win over TLC Academy Friday night.

Class members cheered the selection of classmate Charles Bahlman as the 2014 Homecoming King, a recognition given each year to a person who has

made a significant contribution to Winters.

On Saturday, the group enjoyed brunch and visiting at the Rock Hotel. A video of highlights from 1964 as well as an am video of Alan Benson, now living in Nice, France, performing a song he composed about growing up in West Texas capped the days activities. The event continued with an evening at Casa Cabana. Amid the stories, laughter and catching up, there was agreement that Winters will always be home.

For a few, this was the first time they had attended a class reunion, and for others it was the first time since the 25th reunion in 1989. While some still live in the Winters area, most live in other parts of Texas, and a few from as far away as Connecticut.

Also visiting with class members were teachers Ms. Mary Louise Bauer and Coach Bill Bryant. Coach Bryant gave the class a game ball signed by players and coaches from the 1962 Winters Semi-Final playoff game against Jacksboro and his football letter jacket which will be given to the Z.I. Hale Museum.

Class members attending include: Norma Wade Young, Jeanette Lewis Willingham, Steve Grisom, Gary Hester, Marcelo Torres, Danny Long, Louis Simpson, Ronald Colburn, Mike Hill, Ronald Kraatz, Sherry Kay Stanford Hall, Lynn Cornelius, Dick Young, Russell Bedford Wells, Barbara Baldwin Pearce, Charles Bahlman, Sherry McWright Halfman, Sue Martin Smith, Charles Nitsch, Scotty Belew, Donald and Judy Williams Parker, William Green, Bill Witte, Linda Hale Connor, Virginia Sullivan Crowe, Adolfo Arroyo, Wayne Bailey, Ginger Collinsworth Julian, Jan Byrd Grissom, Leonia Daniels Tutt, DeAnn Bellis Mitchell, Mike Mitchell, Robin Middleton and Patsy Winton Tujcker.

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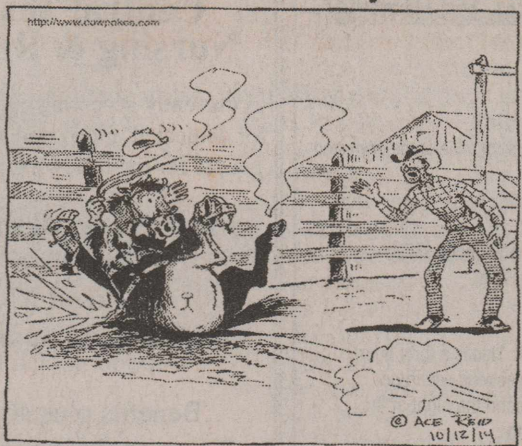
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Dr. Varghese completed an Interventional Cardiology Fellowship at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Previously, he served as a Cardiovascular Fellow at Scott & White in Temple, Texas. He has a bachelor's degree in medicine as well as a bachelor's degree in surgery from India.

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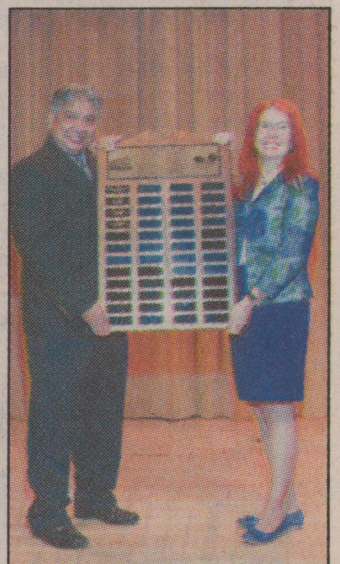
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WHS 2014 Distinguished Alumni

Winters High School Class of 1974 graduate JoRay de la Cruz and WHS Class of 1969 Dr. Melba F. Lewis were honored 2014 Distinguished Alumni on September 26, during the Homecoming celebrations. De La Cruz is a nurse anesthetist who graduated from the University of Texas School of Allied Health Sciences in Houston with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Dr. Lewis, M.D. is an otolaryngologist (ear, nose, and throat surgeon) with her own practice.

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