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Winters High School sends two to state UIL

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
 STAFF REPORT

Two Winters High School students have qualified for State UIL competition. Freshman Brandon L'Abbe placed first and earned a gold medal in Computer Applications at the Regional UIL Meet at Odessa College on March 25. Senior Ethan Bredemeyer placed second, earning the silver medal, in Ready Writing. Both young men will compete in Austin at the University of Texas on Wednesday, May 27, 2015. In addition, Senior Elisabeth Wenzel placed sixth in Computer Applications and is a state alternate in the event.

WHS took eight students to the Regional UIL Meet in Odessa representing District 7-2A. Sophomore K'Lee Lindley also competed in Ready Writing, while classmate A.J. Smith competed in Headline Writing. Senior Armando Rodriguez spoke in Prose Interpretation. Sophomore Justine Garcia was an alternate in Poetry Interpretation and Senior Adreanna Lopez was an alternate in Calculator Applications. Academic coaches for these students are Melissa Gerhart, Cheryl Kruse and Deb Pritchard.

Winters competed in the District 7-2A UIL Meet in Anson on March 25. District results are as follows:

Kimble Bridgeman 6th Literary Criticism
 3rd Place Literary Criticism Team: K. Bridgeman, N. Mooney, K. Lindley, E. Wenzel
 Adreanna Lopez 4th Calculator (regional Alt)
 Daniel Gerhart 5th Calculator

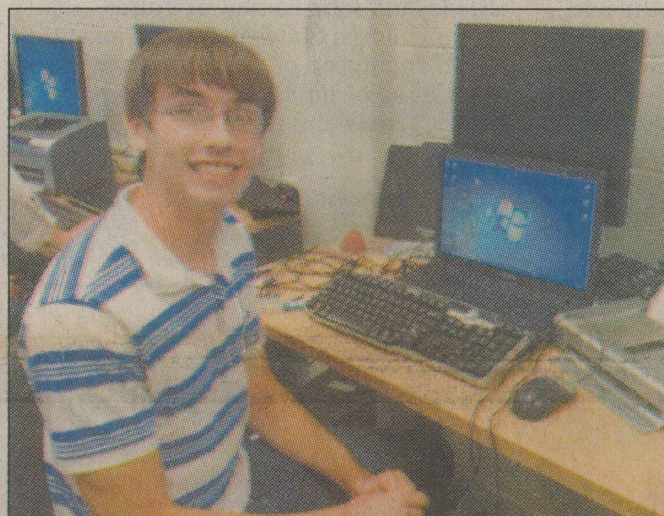


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A number of Winters students competed in the district UIL event including (front, L-R) Adreanna Lopez, K'Lee Lindley, Carrie Davis, Ty Cortez, Stephon Cortez, Armando Rodriguez, AJ Smith, Jonathan Sandoval, Lizzy Ortiz, Brooklyn Gallway, Justine Garcia; (middle) Elisabeth Wenzel, Megan Jacob, Macey Gerhart, Nina Mooney, Desiree Wilson, Hannah Smith, Bailee Busher, Kamri Soto, Cha-Cha Lovelace, Victoria Sanchez; (back) Ryan Young, Brandon L'Abbe, Lukas Kraatz, Daniel Gerhart, Ethan Bredemeyer, Brady Calcote and Mason Payne.

Nina Mooney 7th Calculator
 8th Bailee Busher
 2nd Place Calculator Team: Bailee Busher, Daniel Gerhart, Adreanna Lopez, Nina Mooney (Regional Alternate Team)
 K'lee Lindley, 2nd Ready Writing (regional qualifier)
 Ethan Bredemeyer, 4th Ready Writing (regional qualifier)
 Jordan Hamrick, 5th News writing
 AJ Smith, 2nd Headline Writing (regional qualifier)
 Armando Rodriguez, 3rd Prose Interpretation (regional qualifier)
 Justine Garcia, 4th Poetry Interpretation (regional alternate.)
 Stephon Cleghorn, 5th Poetry Interpretation
 Lucas Kraatz, 6th Infor-

mative Speaking
 Ryan Young, 5th Persuasive speaking
 Kamri Soto, 6th Persuasive speaking
 Macey Gerhart, 7th Persuasive Speaking
 Brandon L'Abbe, 1st Computer Applications
 Elisabeth Wenzel, 2nd Computer Applications
 Megan Jacob, 8th Social Studies
 Jonathan Sandoval, 5th Science
 3rd Place Accounting Team: Hannah Smith, Lizzy Ortiz, Mason Payne
 3rd Place Journalism Team: Bailee Busher, K'Lee Lindley, AJ Smith, Jordan Hamrick, Ethan Bredemeyer, Victoria Sanchez, Desiree Wilson, Carrie Davis, Brooklyn Gallaway
 3rd Place Speech Team: Armando Rodriguez, Jus-



(Left) Freshman Brand L'Abbe qualified for the state UIL meet after placing first and earning a gold medal in Computer Applications. (Right) Senior Winters student Ethan Bredemeyer placed second in Ready Writing and will compete at the state UIL meet in Austin.

Justine Garcia, Lucero Vega, Stephon Cleghorn, Kimble Bridgeman, Brooklyn Gallaway, Ryan Young, Macey

Gerhart, Lukas Kraatz, Kamri Soto
 4th Place Science Team: Brandon L'Abbe, Jonathon

Sandoval, Ethan Bredemeyer, Elisabeth Wenzel, Brady Calcote, Megan Jacob.

Runnels County 4-Hers compete in Shooting Sports Extravaganza

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The Runnels Co. 4H Shooting Sports Club took nine members to the Texas 4-H conference center on Lake Brownwood on April 18, 2015 to compete in the Shooting Sports Extravaganza. Each shooter participated in shooting activities throughout the day, including shotgun, sporter air rifle, and air rifle silhouette. We are very proud of our shooters; they represented Runnels County well. They brought home seven awards from the competition! Our mem-

bers have been practicing and their hard work has paid off. The following are the recipients of awards:

SHOTGUN - SPORTING CLAYS
 Cody Ischar, 1st Place, Seniors
SPORTER AIR RIFLE
 Katelyn Gau, 3rd Place, Juniors
 Cody Hampton, 2nd Place, Seniors
AIR RIFLE SILHOUETTE
 Charlie Poteet, 2nd Place, Juniors
 Cameron Poteet, 2nd Place, Intermediates
 Christopher Irby, 3rd Place, Intermediates
 Cody Hampton, 2nd Place, Seniors

Ballinger PD closes investigation with arrests

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The Ballinger Police Department underwent some busy days last week as they saw a longtime investigation come to a close with the successful arrest of five individuals on drug charges.

On May 14 and 15, the Ballinger PD arrested those individuals, who were described as three males and two females, for the trafficking of methamphetamine.

"We received field indictments from the Grand Jury and we served the warrants last week," said Police Chief Mark McNulty. "We had no issues with the arrest and they all went smoothly."

The individuals, whose names are not

yet known due to the Runnels County Sheriff being unavailable Monday, were trafficking dealer and street amounts of the drug.

McNulty also added that while the arrests were a BPD operation, officers from the Runnels County Sheriff's Office also assisted in the arrests.

"We've been seeing more methamphetamine here in the area in recent years so we enlisted the help of some narcotic officers in assisting us," he said. "There was a lot of time and resources put into this, including undercover employment. We know that these arrests aren't all of the people we're looking for, but it's a good start."

Ginger Test named Mid-West Texas Guild artist of the month

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Ginger Test was selected as the Mid-West Texas Artist's Guild's Artist of the month for May at the First National Bank of Ballinger Texas.

Ginger's paintings are the last of our 'Celebrating 15 Years' exhibits. Ginger and her husband Terry live in Novice, Texas.

She has been teaching watercolor painting since 1982. For the past 20 years Ginger has been teaching a "Colorado Gold" weeklong watercolor workshop in South Fork Co. She has weekly classes in Coleman and Abilene and is currently showing her work at The Raul Ruiz Gallery in San Angelo, Texas. Ginger is also a member of the Creative Arts Club in Abilene.



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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Lindsey "Lindz Ann" Bentrup

Lindsey "Lindz Ann" Bentrup, 31, returned to her heavenly home on May 7, 2015. Her devotion to her family, friends, and her firm belief in God supported her in her struggles through life and ultimately gave her peace.

Lindsey was born on November 30, 1983, in Ballinger, TX, to parents Herbert and Kathy Bentrup. She grew up in Winters, TX and attended Winters ISD.

Over the course of her life, Lindsey was blessed with a loving family and many friends. She was an educator at heart when it came to helping others with advice or just being someone's ears to talk them off and was very wise with the advice that she gave. Lindsey had a huge heart, and was kind and soft-spoken, and always had time to answer a question or solve a problem, no matter how big or small. Putting others before herself and making sure everyone was happy was her specialty. For the past 6 years Lindsey had grown so close to her family and had made a huge impact in their lives because of the incredible and spectacular woman that she had become. She had completely transformed herself into the woman that she was always meant to be. She loved life and live a happy and wonderful one and now will live longer and happy in ours. Lindsey's dying wishes would have been, to love and help one another not hate or fight against one another, for the distant



family and friends to grow closer together, and to "BE HUMBLE", because life is too short. She wouldn't want us to cry for her but instead live for her.

Lindsey will be dearly missed by her loved ones, who celebrate the fact that she is at peace with her creator.

Lindsey is survived by the love of her life and best friend, Donald Crenshaw;

her wonderful and loving parents Herbert and Kathy Bentrup; her grandparents Raymond and Barbara Ueckert; her brothers Eugene and Nathan Bentrup; her sister Kristy Bentrup; her sister-in-laws Debra and Carolina; her nephews Tristan Bentrup and Cameron Fisher; her nieces Michelle Bentrup and Audra Fisher; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Lindsey was preceded in death by her great grandmother Unice "Ma" Shellhouse; her grandmother Sudie Ann "Granny" Ueckert; her aunt Nancy Moran; and her cousins Michael, Wendy, and Wesley Vogel

Lindsey was buried at the Lutheran Cemetery located in Winters, TX at 1:00 p.m. on May 18th, 2015.

Reverend Alsen Wenzel and Reverend Bobby Broyles officiated the service. Funeral arrangements were made through Rosewood Memorial Funeral Home Ballinger, Texas.

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Greg Strickland

GRANBURY - Greg Strickland, 57, of Granbury, passed away Wed. May 13, 2015 in Fort Worth.

Memorial Service were held at 2:00 pm Sat. May 16, 2015 at Wiley Funeral Home Chapel.

Greg was born on March 18, 1958 to the late Darrell Wayne Strickland and Lois Melton Strickland. As the son of a Baptist minister Greg lived in many towns, graduating from Jim Ned High School Tuscola, Texas in 1976. He married the love of his life Kay Lynn Rives on Dec. 4, 1986 in Ballinger, Texas. Greg was an avid outdoorsman who loved to

hunt, fish, garden, do yard work, and be at the lake. Along with Greg's giving nature, he was an organ donor.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Lynn Strickland of Granbury; mother, Lois Strickland of Lubbock; children, Shana Thompson and husband Michael of Aledo, and John Lantow of Tulsa; grandchildren, Katelyn, Jordan, and Ryan Thompson of Aledo; brother, Steve Strickland of Joplin, MO; and a host of loving family and friends.

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CHURCH'S CORNER

"I Deserve It"

The older son in the parable of the prodigal son had a problem of being self-righteous. (Luke 15) He felt he deserved more from his father than he had received. He was blinded to the fact that he would inherit everything that his father had. The joy that the father and others were expressing in the return of his younger brother led to an anger that blinded him to their joy. All he could see was the favoritism being shown to an undeserving sinner. Why did he feel he deserved more? He had stayed at the farm and worked. He didn't leave and waste money on harlots! He worked. He served. He was faithful! So, he felt he deserved more.

The parable Jesus told of the man hiring workers throughout the day tells of those who labored all day long and they were paid the same as those who worked only an hour. (Matt. 20) They felt they deserved more. But the landowner was being fair to them and paid them their agreed upon wages. A lady told me that she deserved something more than she had ever received from her father. I certainly could agree with her. Knowing the abuse she had received from his alcoholism, she certainly deserved better treatment. However, from her perspective it was just like the older son. She deserved it not because he should have done better, but because she was.....

At the center of the Gospel message is the absolute truth that none of us deserve the salvation God has provided through His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Everyone has fallen short of God's glory. (Rom. 3:23) We live in a day and age when it is extremely difficult for sinners to be lost (in our own minds and hearts). I think that 'human rights' have moved in and taken over. The older son knew he deserved something more. The workers felt cheated they didn't get something more. It is the younger son who shows us the way. "He came to his senses". When he did, he begged for mercy. He said, "I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am not longer worthy...."

Max Pratt

NEWS NOTES

Winters High School Awards

Winters High School will proudly host the 2015 Awards Assembly on May 22, 2015 in the High School Auditorium at 9 am. Students receiving scholarships, UIL recognitions and academic achievements will be honored at the ceremony. The 2015 seniors will receive scholarships, two seniors who are joining the Marines will be acknowledged, the Valedictorian and salutatorian for the Class of 2015 will be announced. Perfect attendance awards will be given. "A" honor Roll and Top 10% for each class will be announced. Merit W awards will be presented. UIL competitors who advanced to regional and state competitions will be honored. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend and support our students.

Memorial Day Celebration

The American Legion Post 8 will sponsor the Memorial Day Celebration on Monday, the 25th at 10am on the Courthouse Square at the WWII Memo-

rial. Everyone is invited to attend.

Winters Public Library

Up-coming Veteran's program will be May 26th, Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Winters Public Library 120 North Main, Winters. Sandra Van Zant will be the speaker and topic "Benefits for Veterans and the up-coming changes in procedures". Parking available in rear of library.

Country Club Tournament

The Winters Country Club is having their Industrial Tournament June 12-13. It is a 3 person Best Ball. Entry fee is 175.00. For more information contact Jerry Sims or Jim Ventress.

Historical Commission to publish book

The Runnels County Historical Commission is planning to publish a book about the many schools and post offices that have served the county. Over one hundred schools and twenty-eight post offices have been identified in the county.

The information is being compiled with plans to have the book published in the fall of 2015. Much more information is needed about the older, rural schools. School histories are needed for the current schools--Ballinger, Winters, Miles, and Olfen--as well as Wingate, Rowena, and Norton. Pictures are needed, especially from the 1940s to present.

Much information is found in the Rural View published in 1920, but that only covers a short period of school history. Anyone having histories of schools, pictures, or other historical information about Runnels County schools or post offices is encouraged to send the information to Ruth Cooper at jrc@abilene.com or Randall Conner at rconner@wtxs.net or mail to PO Box 211, Winters 79567. The information must be

received by June 1, 2015 in order to be included in the book.

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.

AA Meetings

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

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.

Alanon meetings

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church on Monday and Wednesday night at 7 p.m. Enter on Ave A and Seventh St. side. Alanon is open to all -- for family, friends of alcoholics or drugs including relationship issues and all other forms of addiction. For more info call (325) 365 2323.

Sobriety First AA Group

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous Group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, Ballinger, every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. Will meet Saturday with prior arrangements. Please use the Ave. A and Seventh St. entrance. For more information please contact the church at (325) 365-2323.

Runnels Co Alzheimer Support Group

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer Support Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and care giver perspective. There is no charge and this is a public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer Association.

Happy Birthday Angel

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Mama and Lisa

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Commentary by
Dr. Don Newbury



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Patrick Voith, an accomplished pilot who flies a sleek King Air 200 plane for M&F Western Products Co. in Sulphur Springs, would have stumped the panel had he appeared on the old TV quiz show, What's My Line.

He could have claimed to be a "food taster" for Texas billionaire Ross Perot. OK, maybe that's a stretch, but he did share a cookie with the 1992 independent presidential candidate—the Texarkana native who founded mega-companies—Electronic Data Systems and later Perot Systems.

Perot, who will be 85 on June 27, ate the "other half of the cookie" on the occasion of his 81st—possibly 82nd—birthday. As The Sound of Music theme song suggests, we'd best start at the beginning—a very good place to start. Background information is critical to understanding how such an unlikely chain of events could link up so seamlessly....

Patrick's mom, Nancy Voith—now living in her hometown of Knoxville, TN—joined EDS in 1979. She rose to Director of Communications during her 28-year Dallas career, working closely with Perot in his business.

She returns to Dallas at every opportunity to visit Patrick, his wife Mandy and 15-month-old granddaughter Kennedy. Nancy was in Big D for Perot's aforementioned birthday. (She visits him on or near his birthday annually and typically takes him a birthday gift.)

Anyway, she purchased chocolate chip cookies at the La Madeleine restaurant, remembering how much Perot enjoys this rich dessert. Why not purchase three monster cookies, thought she, "fancying up" the La Madeleine cookie box with a birthday ribbon? A piece of cake, she figured....

The concept was strong, looked great on paper and could easily have worked. When she returned to her son's home, she placed the box on the kitchen table. She planned to add the ribbon later when she left for the party.

Soon, however, Patrick walked through the

kitchen. He is something of a "cookie monster," particularly when the marked box is a dead giveaway as to contents. The master of his house, he did what most American males would do. Salivating, he lifted the lid, spied the three giant cookies and was intoxicated by their grand aroma.

Unadvised that the cookies were to be Perot's birthday gift, he showed considerable restraint, breaking off just one-half of one cookie. Salivating liberally with each jaw movement, he slowly chewed each bite. Then he placed the lid back on the box and went on his way....

Later, his mom whipped through the kitchen, attached a festive bow to the box and headed for Perot's office, the birthday cookie surprise in tow.

During the visit in his private office, Perot—like Patrick earlier—spotted the unmistakable La Madeleine box. He, too, salivated, and he, too, loved the aroma. As might be expected, he simply couldn't wait, asking, "What do you have for me there?"

Tearing the ribbon away, he spotted the half-cookie. Repeatedly, he alternated stares, first at the cookie, then at Nancy. He lifted the partial cookie from the box for her to see, then took a bite might near as big as the young pilot's chomp a few hours earlier....

For Nancy, as one might guess, time stopped. Immediately, she was 100% certain where the missing half of cookie had wound up. Then, she—in 50 shades of red—tried to explain what probably happened, as Perot continued to slowly eat the cookie, enjoying her momentary embarrassment. It all made for a good laugh before the visit was over.

It's a vignette often shared. Patrick's boss, M&F President Mickey Ed-dins, thrives on the re-telling, often at 25,000 feet, somewhere over the U.S. (Mickey and wife Linda have three sons, and they consider Patrick—a 2001 Richardson HS graduate and a 2005 graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University—to be a member of the family. He's been the M&F pilot for five years.)

Nancy, who will have a grandson to visit come September when she's in Dallas, will likely wind up at other future Perot birthday observances. Count on her creative juices to flow freely when she shops for birthday gifts. There is little likelihood, though, that future presents will be edible. Perot and his "taster" will be the losers....

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CAFETERIA MENU

Subject to Change*

May 25 - 28

Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

Monday
Monday
Biscuit/Sausage/Gravy or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday
French Toast Sticks or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday
Manager's Choice, Mixed Fruit, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday
Manager's Choice, Mixed Fruit, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Winters ISD Lunch Menu

Monday
Spaghetti/Breadstick or Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Tropical Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday
Ham & Cheese Sandwich or Steak Fingers, Broccoli, Cheesy Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday
Manager's Choice, Mixed fruit, Choice of Milk.

Thursday
Manager's Choice, Mixed Fruit, Choice of Milk.

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Winters ISD sponsors Summer Food Service Program

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The Winters Independent School district will sponsor the Food Service Program this Summer.

The program is administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Division. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided to ALL Children ages 1-18 Free of Charge. Children do not have to qualify for free/reduced lunch to take part in the program.

All meals will be served and eaten in the WISD Cafeteria located at 206 Jones. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. Lunch will be served from 12 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. The Summer

Food Service Program will operate Monday through Thursday starting June 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

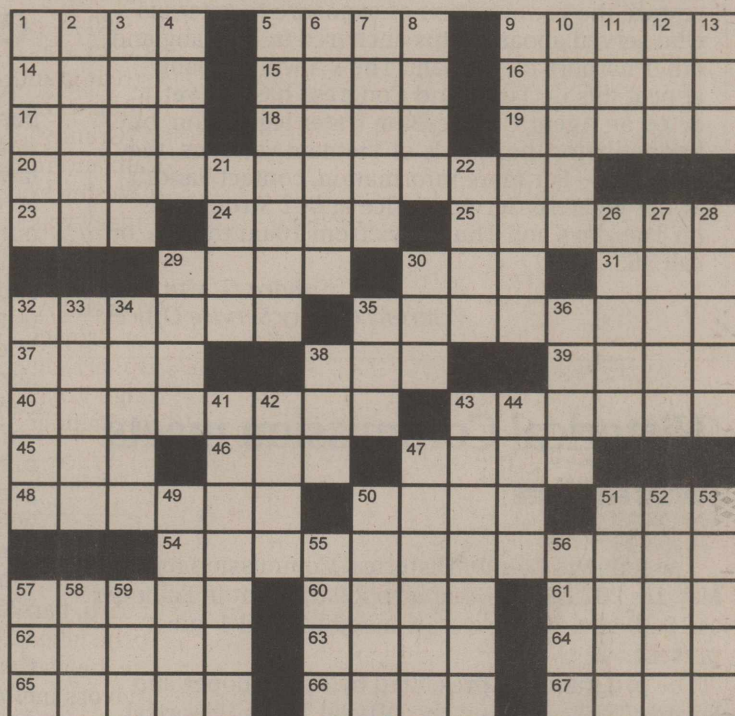
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

"Sound Beginning"



- Across**
- Diver Louganis
 - Italian wine region
 - Mazda offering
 - Make a call
 - Chastity's mom
 - Keys
 - Moon ___ Zappa
 - Actress Sofer
 - Nights in Paris
 - "Which 'Frozen' Character Are You?", e.g.
 - Soaking place
 - Cereal grass
 - Mouse mover
 - Fens
 - School volunteer gp.
 - Urge to vent, perhaps
 - Florida beach town, familiarly
 - Kin of a fisheye
 - Get as profit
 - Lake creator
 - Author/critic James
 - First-rate
 - Find loathsome
 - Cosmological span
 - Sony alternative
 - Spy from within
 - Fine print
 - Novel part
 - Tooth that turns
 - Ready for the white glove treatment
 - Youth in Job
 - Toward the sheltered side
 - "The Sun ___ Rises"
 - Coyote of toons
 - Singer McEntire
 - Slight in structure
 - Campaign stop, e.g.
 - Fly like a condor
 - Sprayer

- Down**
- Bait shop stock
 - Ascend quickly
 - "My Fair Lady" heroine
 - Sax great Stan
 - Extent of land
 - Three ___ to the wind
 - Manages
 - Jordan neighbor
 - Little shooter
 - Subaru competitor
 - "The Greatest" boxer
 - Oriental holiday
 - Sure-footed critter
 - Pump insert
 - No later than
 - Extended attack
 - Maritime birds
 - Put back to square one
 - Automotive pioneer
 - Fluffy lap dog, for short
 - Ensured, with "up"
 - Western lake and resort
 - Fabric pattern
 - Zig's counterpart
 - Running ___
 - Genetic helix, for short
 - Grill item
 - Human rights org.
 - Mythical unit of time that is seven times a human's
 - Util. bill
 - Folk singer Miriam
 - Whitish
 - So-called "caveman diet"
 - Yo-Yo string?
 - Where to find dates?
 - Diminutive dwarf
 - Shucked units
 - Whip stroke
 - Ram's squeeze
 - 58, 54, once
 - O'Neill work

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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Weather Whys

Q: Do tornadoes make sudden changes in direction?

A: They can, but sharp turns are not common, he says. "Most tornadoes keep going along the same general path and any change of direction is slight," McRoberts adds. "When a tornado does make a change in direction, it is usually due to changes in the structure of the thunderstorm from which it was spawned. Perhaps the greatest example of a tornado staying on path was the famous Tri-State tornado of March, 1925. It stayed on roughly the same path for an amazing 219 miles, moving from southeast Missouri, crossing Illinois and heading on to southwest Indiana—the usual path of moving from the south to the northeast that most tornadoes make. It moved at 73 miles per hour, killed 695 people, destroyed 15,000 homes and damaged 164 square miles and was at times one mile in width."

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Sandra G. Van Zant
Veterans County Service Officer

Historical Commission meets

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

The Runnels County Historical Commission met on May 16, 2015 at the Acapulco Restaurant in Ballinger at 10:30 a.m. There were 8 members and 1 guest present.

The program was presented by Ruth Cooper and Beverly Teplicek about the Official Texas Historical Marker Applications and Ruth gave a brief presentation about the THC State Wide Plan for Preservation for the year 2015.

Ruth Cooper and Beverly Teplicek have registered for an online class with the Texas Historical Commission, to be conducted on June 2, 2015. Any interested member may register for this workshop. Please contact Chairperson Ruth Cooper for more information.

The next meeting for the commission will be on July 25, 2015 with June Harris Koch presenting the program. The group will meet at Lowake Steak House at 10:30 a.m.

All meetings of the Runnels County Historical Commission are posted in the Courthouse and are open to the public.

County conservation partners host work group meeting

Ballinger, Texas, May 20, 2015—The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas' Runnels County and the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District cordially invite the public to attend their FY16 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting June 3, 2015, at 9 a.m.

The purpose of this annual LWG meeting is to set local conservation priorities

and bring conservation stakeholders together to discuss conservation topics and issues relevant to helping Runnels County farmers and ranchers better conserve on-farm natural resources.

The agenda of the meeting is to update attendees on recent conservation efforts and to collect public input to help guide future conservation activities. Through regular identi-

fication of conservation opportunities, effective Farm Bill investment can continue to benefit Runnels County. Farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others interested in obtaining Federal technical and financial assistance to improve private land in Runnels County are invited to participate.

For more information, please contact Kathy Saunders, District Conserva-

tionist, at (325) 365-3415 Ext-3. For more information, visit the NRCS Web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

When: June 3, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Ballinger
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TxDOT warns drivers to buckle up as law enforcement tickets drivers for seat belt violations

AUSTIN -The Texas Department of Transportation reminds drivers that law enforcement officers across the state will be out in full force May 18-31 issuing tickets to drivers and passengers who are not wearing seat belts. Widely known as TxDOT's annual "Click It or Ticket" campaign, the two-week enforcement period reminds all vehicle occupants that non-compliance with statewide seat belt and child safety seat laws can result in fines up to \$250.

"We greatly appreciate the stepped-up efforts of our law enforcement partners during 'Click It or

Ticket,' because we know seat belts save lives," said John Barton, TxDOT deputy executive director. "I can't imagine why anyone would risk getting pulled over and ticketed, let alone killed or injured. It only takes a few seconds to make sure everyone in your vehicle is buckled up. Do it for yourself and your loved ones, or else risk being fined or even losing a loved one."

Texas law requires drivers and all passengers, including those in the back seat, to wear a seat belt or risk a ticket, fines and court costs up to \$200 each. Children younger than 8 years old

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Wearing a seat belt helps keep occupants from being ejected in a crash and increases the chances of surviving by 45 percent. In pickup trucks, that number jumps to 60 percent, as those vehicles are twice as likely as cars to roll over in a crash.

Last year, 2,587 vehicle crashes occurred in Texas in which unrestrained vehicle occupants sustained fatal or serious injuries.

Of the more than 3,500 motorists killed in traffic crashes in Texas last year, 44 percent were not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

To learn more about "Click It or Ticket," visit texasclickitorticket.com.

For more information, contact TxDOT Media Relations at MediaRelations@txdot.gov or (512) 463-8700.

The information contained in this report represents reportable data collected from the Texas Peace Officer's Crash Report (CR-3). This information was received and processed by the department as of March 26, 2015.

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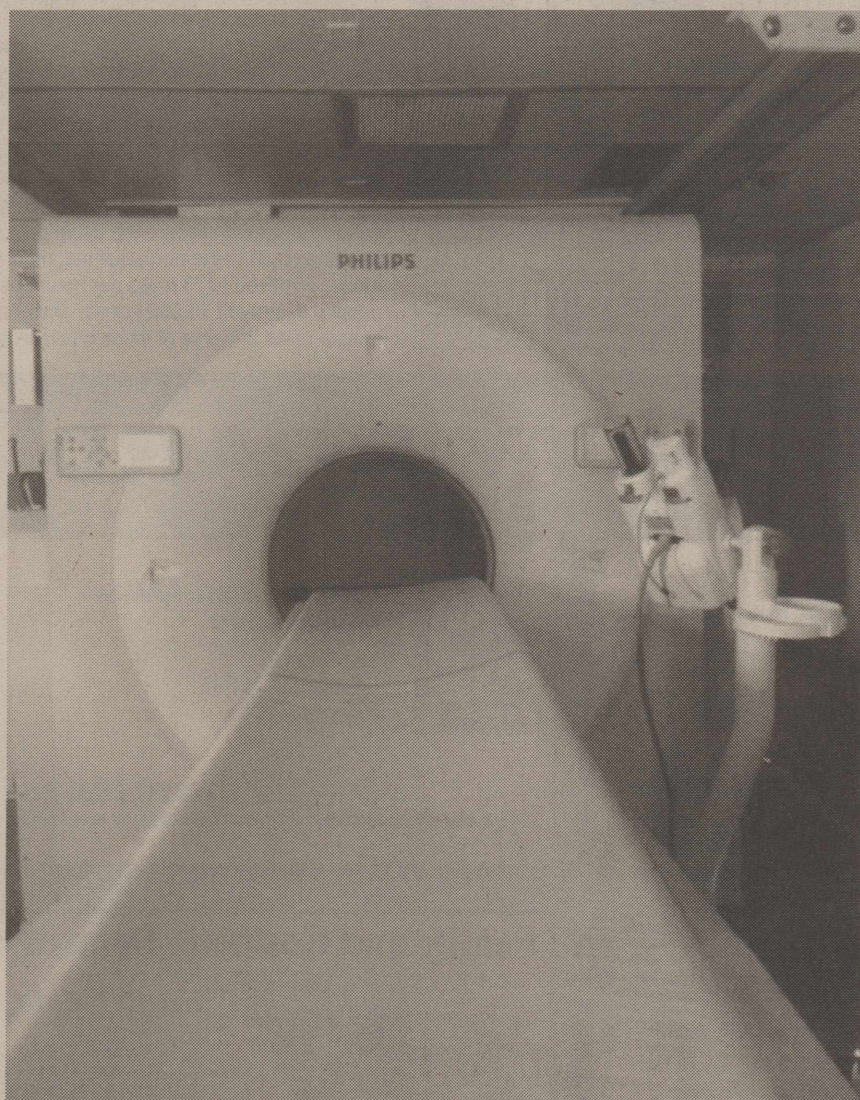
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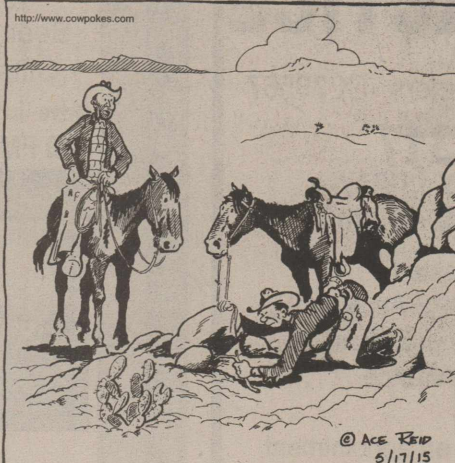
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Library to hold program May 26

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

The May program at the Winters Public Library will be presented by Sandra Van Zant, a retired U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer, with the Runnels County Veterans Service.

This program will inform you on the Benefits and Upcoming Changes in Procedures for Veterans Services. Van Zant attended the West Texas Veterans Commission conference this month and will be able to update Veterans with current information.

Van Zant was born in Kerrville and joined the Navy. She retired after 20 years of service and was stationed in countries in the Western Pacific.

After retiring, she worked for in the Veterans Service Office in San Angelo from 2002-06, and was then appointed as Runnels County Veteran Service Officer in



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED
Retired U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Sandra Van Zant will offer a program that will inform the public on the benefits and upcoming changes in procedure for veteran services on May 26 at the Winters Public Library.

2011.

She is a member of American Legion Post 8, Post Service Officer and 21st District American Legion Service Officer. She is also a member of Fleet Reserve Association and a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Sandra is married to Junior Van Zant, and they have three grown sons and three grandchildren.

The Veterans Service Office is located behind the courthouse at 608 Strong Ave. in Ballinger. Office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The program will be held conducted in the conference room at the library, 120 N. Main St. in Winters at 1 p.m. on May 26. Parking is available at the back entrance of the library. For more information, call 325-754-4251.

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Runnels County would like to recognize Billy Rollwitz, District 4 Director of SPJST Fraternal Life Insurance in Rowena Texas, for their charitable donation of U.S. flags to be used on the Courthouse Lawn.

Being a good listener is the best way to be heard

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to "Tired of Talking to Myself" (Feb. 13), whose husband's ears slam shut when she begins to speak. This is not a problem that's exclusive to men. Women do it as well. As a retired PA (physician's assistant), when talking with patients, I would refer to it as selective hearing loss.

"Tired" needs to look at her own behavior because I have never seen one partner be the only guilty one. My wife can hear the ticking of the turn signal that wasn't turned off, but she doesn't always hear my questions or statements.

There are many reasons why it happens, but the way to resolve it is to listen when your partner talks to you. If you do, you will find that he/she returns the courtesy. Perhaps if "Tired" gives a closer look to her own behavior, she'll stop referring to it as a male

problem. -- FRANK IN PORTLAND, TEXAS

DEAR FRANK: Thanks for your letter. When I asked readers for input, they heard me loud and clear and gave me an "earful":

DEAR ABBY: Focus is a strength for many men like me. I am a little hard of hearing and need to focus on what I am listening to. If you want open ears, hold my hands and make sure I am looking at your face. You will now have my attention. Tell me what you want from me. I want you to be happy and will do what I can for you. -- A LITTLE HARD OF HEARING (CHUCK)

DEAR ABBY: Some researchers say women speak about 13,000 more words a day than men do. There's a joke that explains it's because we have



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

to say everything twice! -- JENNY IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR ABBY: Men have no patience. They only want to hear a brief, straight-to-the-point version. Women tend to tell the story from beginning to end with every detail explained so nothing is misunderstood. When men hear us talk, they will say all they hear is blah, blah, blah. "Tired," if you try to be patient and use the abridged version, maybe communication will get easier with fewer repeats. -- HEIDI IN FLORIDA

DEAR ABBY: I wonder what kind of things she's saying to him. There's a saying I have found to be true: "Men marry women and hope they never change. Women marry men and hope they will change." I have been married for

35 years and recently my wife has started pointing out every little thing I do that she thinks I should do differently. I have reached the point that when she starts one of her observations, I say, "Could you add it to your list and put it somewhere?" and that's the end of the conversation. Nit-picking does not make for a great marriage. -- TIM IN ARIZONA

DEAR ABBY: There are three words men always respond to: sex, food and money -- not always in that order. Use one of those words when talking to them and you'll always get a response. -- BETH IN THE SOUTH

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Area athletes selected for FCA summer games

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
SPECIAL TO THE ENTERPRISE

Several area athletes will participate in the Big Country Fellowship of Christian Athletes games this summer. Outstanding high school seniors are selected from a nomination process to participate in football, basketball, volleyball, softball, and baseball. The games will be held across the Big Country June 11 through June 13. All athletes that participate will be a part of the south teams in their respective games.

The games get underway with the girls and boys all-star basketball games at the Brownwood Coliseum on Thursday, June 11.

Participating in the girls basketball game are Chelsea Toliver from Ballinger and Bailey Halfmann from Miles. Jessica Good of Ballinger will be a member of the cheering squad in Brownwood.

The girls volleyball game will be played on Saturday, June 13 at Wylie High School. Stacia Emfinger from Bronte will participate in the game on the south team.

The 16th annual Myrle Greathouse All-Star Football Classic game will be played at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium on Saturday, June 13. Agriflex area athletes that will be playing on the south team are Lance Burns from Bronte High School, Justin Carson from Ballinger High School, Jimmy John Ripley from Winters High School, and Colton Wilson will represent Miles High School.

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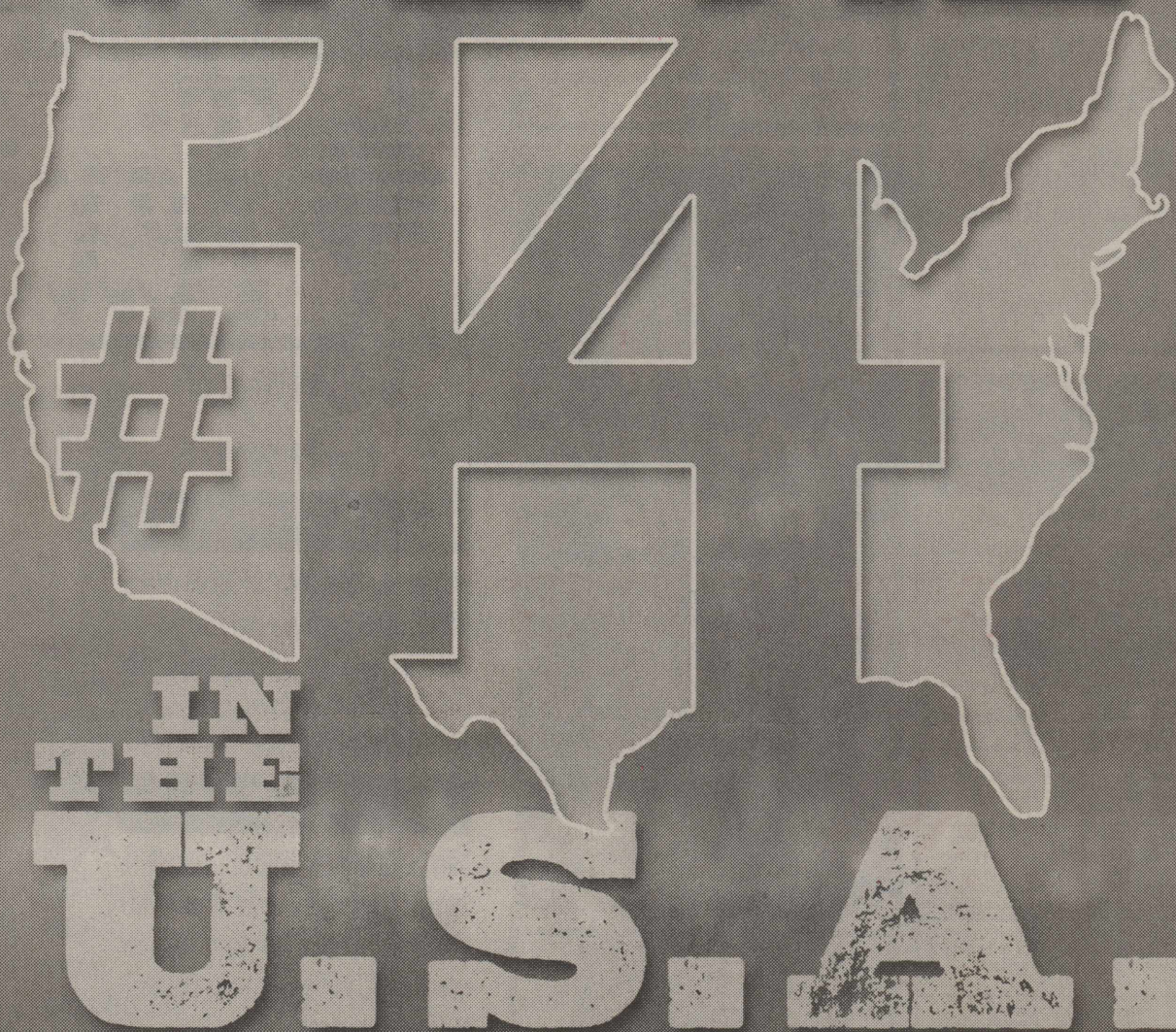
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