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Briefly

Nominations wanted

Nominations are being accepted for honorees at the annual Winters Chamber of Commerce Banquet, set for March 5 at the Winters Community Center. Man and Woman of the Year along with Agriculture Family of the Year will be honored. New awards to be announced at the banquet this year will be Teacher of the Year and First Responder of the Year. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 24. Nominations may be sent to the Winters Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 662 Winters, 79567 or drop them off at J and T Hardware, the Daisy Patch, The Attic, or Bee's Quilting in Winters.

The banquet will be catered by The Shed. Tickets are \$20 each with a limited number of sponsorship tables available for \$200, seating eight people at each table.

Glacier Royalty

The Winters High School Glacier Staff will host the 2016 Glacier Ceremony at 7 p.m. today in the WHS Auditorium. The community is cordially invited and admission is free however, donations will be accepted at the door.

The candidates from each class will be presented to the audience, followed by the naming of class favorites, senior class honors, and student entertainment. The ceremony will close with the naming of this year's Glacier King and Queen. The 2016 nominees are: Senior Class-Bianca Trevino and Angel Escamia; Junior Class-Desiree Wilson and Sam Woodall; Sophomore Class-Monique Carrillo and Chris Diaz; and Freshman Class-Michaela Sanchez and Orlando Ochoa.

The last drop

Warmer temperatures will return to Runnels County today and tomorrow, with highs reaching the mid to upper 70s and lows in the 40s, according to the National Weather Service in San Angelo.

Cooler temperatures will converge on the area Saturday and Sunday, with lows dipping into the mid to upper 30s and highs in the upper 60s. Breezy weather continues as well, forecasters say.

No rainfall was reported from Feb. 4-9 in Runnels County.

However, so far this year, traces of rain have been reported including .03 inches of rain in San Angelo and .05 inches of rain in Wingate. No rainfall has been reported this year for Ballinger.

The official rainfall for 2015 was 28.87 inches for Ballinger, 33.24 inches for Wingate and 26.78 inches reported in San Angelo.

ON THE NET:
<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/sjt/>

Sheriff candidates square off for Primaries

STAFF REPORT

Two candidates will be on the ballot on March 1 for the position of

Runnels County Sheriff, including Sgt. Carl Squyers a current employee of the Runnels County Sheriff's

Department and Toby Virden, currently the police chief in Miles and the general manager of KRUN Radio.

The two are vying for the position held by long time Sheriff Bill Baird, who is not running for re-election.

Squyers touts experience, wants change

What do you feel qualifies you for the Runnels County Sheriff's position?

I have worked for the Runnels County Sheriff's Office for the last 14 years and have a working knowledge of all aspects of the office as well as the Runnels County Jail. I also understand the budgetary process and have worked with the Runnels County Commissioners' Court on numerous occasions, implementing technological improvements to both the Sheriff's Office and County Jail.

What are the most important

issues you want to address if elected as the Runnels County Sheriff?

The illegal drug trade affects us all. It fuels most crimes whether it is property crimes, assaults, robberies, burglaries or murders. It also adversely affects the addicts

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Carl Squyers

Virden proposes sweeping changes to RCSO

What do you feel qualifies you for the Runnels County Sheriff's position?

I possess a unique combination of leadership management training in law enforcement, and practical business management experience in both the private and public sectors. I have continuously made improvements in equipment and training for the Miles Police Department while remaining within or under budget the past three years.

I have a personal commitment to community involvement and community service across Run-

nels County. The sheriff needs to have a servant's heart throughout the term, not just during the campaign.

As a fifth generation resident, I have deep roots across Runnels County. My family and I live on the acreage purchased by my great-grandparents, Rube and Naomi Virden, in 1931. The Weatherby side of my family has

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Toby Virden

TOUGH SEASON

Lady Blizzards' playoff hopes dashed after Hamlin ambush

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

The Winters Lady Blizzards hopes ended this past week, as they dropped both district games. On Tuesday, the Lady Blizzards, fresh off their exciting upset of Anson, traveled to Hamlin and were ambushed, 72-22, by the Lady Pied Pipers. Christy Kruse had six points, while Monique Carrillo and Aimee Green had four a piece. In the JV game, the JV Lady Blizzards fell, 45-9. Brooklynn Anderson had three points.

On Friday, the Lady Blizzards hosted the first place Stamford Lady Bulldogs in their last home game of the year. The Lady Blizzards battled the entire game, but the Lady Bulldogs proved to be too much, as they defeated Winters, 53-33. Seniors Bailee Busher and Jessica Roman were honored before the game on Senior Night. Busher finished the game with five points, while Roman had four. Aimee Green and Megan Jacob also had five points. In the JV game, the JV Lady Blizzards defeated Stamford's JV, 30-25. Mackenzie Ballard led the way with eight points, while Shelby Gray had seven and

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PHOTO COURTESY JOE GERHART
The Lady Blizzards hosted Stamford in their last home game of the season Friday, Feb. 5, 2016 and were defeated 53-33. Here Bailee Busher, who was honored on Senior Night before the game, shoots a 3-point shot.

Winters man arrested for assault

More charges pending

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A Winters man was arrested Tuesday morning after resisting arrest and allegedly assaulting a police officer, Winters Police Chief Randall Davis reported.

Shane Fentress, 25, of Winters, was arrested at his residence in the 600 block of S. Rogers Street Tuesday morning, Davis said. Winters police officers were attempting to serve felony warrants for burglary and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle at the residence. Fentress reportedly resisted arrest and assaulted an officer, Davis reported.

"Fentress was quickly subdued and taken in to custody," Davis said.

Several needles, baggies containing a substance believed to be methamphetamine and other drug related items were located in the immediate area where Fentress was taken into custody, Davis

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Shane Fentress

Truck stop ground breaking Friday

The Crossing Travel Market to open in the fall

STAFF REPORT

Construction will soon begin on The Crossing Travel Market at the intersection of US Hwy 83 and Texas Hwy 153 in Winters.

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held at the 7-acre site at 1:30 p.m. Friday. The Crossing, a modern convenience store/travel market, will offer a variety of amenities. The vision of Winters natives and local residents Doug and Amy Wheat, The

Crossing Travel Market will be a multi-faceted retail destination. It will have a distinct local feel, from its graphics, design, and store theme, to its West Texas hospitality and service.

"The Crossing Travel Market will be a significant addition to the Winters community by providing new services to the area," said Randall Conner, Economic Development director for the Winters Area Business and Industrial

Corporation. "Travelers and truckers will have fuel and convenience foods that are not readily available for quite a distance in 4 directions along US 83 and TX Hwy 153. Local residents will have easier access and additional quick foods that are not available elsewhere. We are especially excited about this venture in that it is locally owned and will build on our existing business community."

With construction beginning in this month, the anticipated opening date should be late fall of 2016, barring any significant delays, company officials say.

The Crossing Travel Market, a limited partnership of the Wheat family, will be supplied fuel by Wheat Energy Services, a Winters-based fuel distribution company owned and operated by the Wickets.

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Randall Conner

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Terrye Wade Organ

Terrye Wade Organ died in Ballinger Feb. 3, 2016. She was born to Gentle and Vernice Thomas in Memphis, Tenn. on Aug. 17, 1950. C.W. and Dorothy McLin came into her life in 1965. Visitation for family and friends was Monday, Feb. 8 at Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at First United Methodist Church in Ballinger with burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit meeting

The Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit will hold their monthly meeting Monday February, 8 at 6PM. The meeting will be in the Gus Pruser Agriculture Exhibit at 219 W. Dale in Winters. Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit is a group interested in preserving the agriculture heritage of the Winters area. For additional information contact John Long at 325-754-5389 or zihalemuseum@wtxs.net.

Spaghetti dinner in Rowena

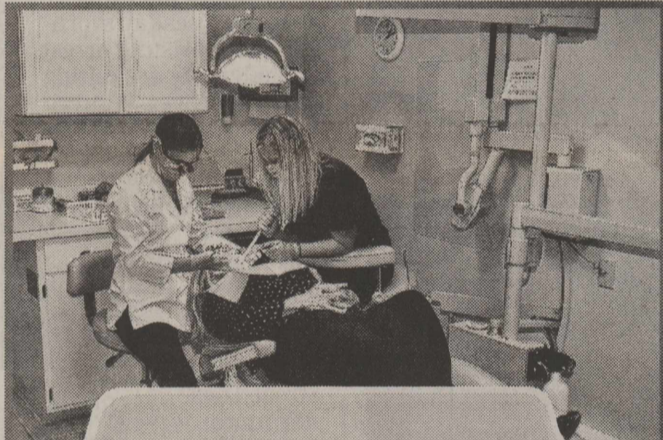
The Rowena Catholic Daughters, Court Our Lady of Grace #1734, is sponsoring its annual Spaghetti Dinner/Bake Sale on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016. The event will take place at St. Joseph's Parish Hall and will feature dine in or drive thru. Serving begins at 10:30 a.m. and runs through 1 p.m. The menu will include spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert and tea. Adult plates and plates to go are \$8 and children's plates are \$4. Homemade baked items will be available for purchase during the event. Drawings for various prizes donated by CDA members will be held and include home décor items, toys, jewelry, fresh baked items, crocheted doilies, and gift cards. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Rowena VFD Fish Fry

The Rowena Volunteer Fire Department will host the annual Fish Fry and Raffle from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Parish Hall. The cost is \$9 per plate for dine in or carry out. Raffle tickets are available at Hoelscher Liquor, West Texas State Bank or any member of the Rowena VFD. For more information call Randy at 325-895-1960.

Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group

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



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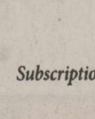
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Mary Sue Cooke Turner

Feb. 4, 1928 — Jan. 11, 2016

Mary Sue Cooke Turner passed from her earthly life on Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 in Tyler, with her children and close family by her side.

Sue was born on Feb. 4, 1928 in Winters to Sam and Eula McNeill Cooke.

Sue attended McMurray College in Abilene, as well as San Angelo College in San Angelo. She worked for many years as a bookkeeper at the Lone Star Gas Company, and then for Angelo State University until her retirement.

Sue will be remembered as one of the kindest and most genuine people anyone could possibly know. She was generous to her family, friends, and anyone she encountered with her time, attention, and talents; she served others and those in need whenever she could. Sue loved her family fiercely, and enjoyed every moment spent with them: cooking amazing meals, baking Italian cream cakes, and peach cobbler were some of her many talents she especially enjoyed with her great-granddaughter after moving to Tyler. Sue weathered many storms in her life, and no matter how difficult the situation she had to face she maintained a positive attitude, and motivated others to do the same. Anyone that encountered Sue Turner was quickly inspired by her philosophy on life with God as the center. She loved and served the Lord Jesus with all her heart, witnessed her love of Him to everyone around her, and all who knew her



believe she is rejoicing with Him right now in Heaven forever.

Sue is survived by her sister, Martha Gehrels; son, Steve Turner and daughter-in-law Susan; son, John Turner and daughter-in-law Cindi; granddaughter, Lara Turner Miller and husband Jeff; grandsons, Josh Turner and Austin Turner; as well as one great-granddaughter, Morgan Leigh Miller.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Bob and Ernest Cooke; and her husband of sixty-eight years, Floyd Turner.

Services will be held at 10:30 on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 at the Winters Funeral Home in Winters. Donations in Sue's memory may be sent to West Texas Rehab, the West Texas Boys Ranch, or Meals on Wheels.

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Brent William King

Brent William King, 48, of Midkiff, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 31, 2016 in Fluvanna, because of a dirt bike accident.

Brent was born Aug. 2, 1967 in San Angelo. After graduating from Rankin High School in 1985, he attended Texas A&M University and also Angelo State University. Brent began his career of farming after college. He immensely loved farming and being out on his land. He was extremely mechanical in nature and always took that to the extreme. Most people called him a "Jack of All Trades" because he could fix anything and usually improve on whatever he had in front of him. He always loved a challenge.

Brent's perseverance allowed him to embrace challenges, which usually led to him proving "it could be done." He loved anything fast, motorcycles and cars especially. Brent was a "kid" at heart but also extremely adventurous and spontaneous when it came to having fun. His passion in life was visiting and hanging out with friends and family and having a good time with everyone around him. Brent's zest for life, love of people and love of family will live on through us and he will dearly be missed by all who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Loyd King and Rupert Beach, and his father, Rocky King.

Brent is survived by his children, Kater King of Midkiff and Kanada King of Lubbock; his forever and faithful companion, Ruger, his dog; his mother and step-father, Sharon and Larry Schwertner of Ballinger; his father, Billy Zak of Del Rio; his grandmothers, Adeline Beach, of San Angelo and Raye King of Coleman; his brother and sisters, Kody King of Willow Park, Rebecca Steele and her husband Robert of San Angelo and Kelly Marshall and her husband Wilson of Colorado City, and Shellane King of Lubbock; his nieces and nephews, Camden Steele and his wife Bailey, Morgan Steele, Carter Steele, Payton King, Parker King, Walton Marshall and Helen Marshall; and one great niece, Hadley



Steele Brotherton. He is also survived by numerous friends and family who all held a special place in his heart.

The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016 at Harper Funeral Home in San Angelo. A celebration of his life was at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4 at the First United Methodist Church in San Angelo (37 East Beauregard Avenue) with Rev. Dale Weise officiating. Pallbearers for the service will be Quad Midkiff, Chad Hicks, Ben Acosta, Carl

Hoelscher, Bob Gaines, Steve Beach, Austin Hoelscher and Sandra Thompson. Honorary Pallbearers for the service will be Cody Kinard, Wilson Marshall, Robert Steele, Kody King, Ray Barrett and John B Steward. At Brent's request, the "King Spring Fling" will be held in his honor, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, The Shriner's or a charity of your choice.

"Scatter my ashes at the edge of my farm, and in the afternoon, when the sun starts to set towards the west, just imagine I'm right there watching over my fields. That is my wish."

Family and friends are invited to share condolences and sign the guestbook for Brent at www.harper-funeralhome.com.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Sobriety First AA Group

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, in Ballinger, at 7 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The group will meet Saturday with prior arrangements. Please use the Avenue A and Seventh Street entrance. Child care is available. For more information please contact the church at 325-365-2323.

Alanon meetings

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger at 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday night. Enter on the Avenue A and Seventh Street side. Alanon is open to all family and friends of alcoholics or drug users. Child care is available. For more information call 325-365 2323.

Just Around the Corner

Oh no...it's Valentine's Day

Here we go again - here comes Valentine's Day, once again.

Valentine's Day is a very polarizing holiday — either

one single folks completely dread or one lovers consider wondrous and poignant.

The late, great Erma Bombeck once wrote she hated

it when holidays meant for children were screwed up by adults.

"It is small wonder that Valentine's Day struggles

to remain a day for young lovers, a day when the human heart is made out of chocolate and naked cherubs defy the February chill to send out their arrows..." she wrote in February of 1989.

And it is true as she said that whenever adults think of Valentine's Day they go back to their youth. They recall when they schlepped up to school with those little candy hearts and valentines for everyone in class.

Like Erma, I recall those youthful moments, specifically exchanging valentines in Mrs. Hubbard's elementary class at Burnet Elementary in Odessa. We always tried to make them rather generic. But you know there was always one card hand-picked for that special someone and one card you hoped to get from that special someone.

In elementary school, the drill was if you liked someone of the opposite sex, you never spoke to them. You only communicated through others, via notes and of course on Valentine's Day. But on that



Celinda Hawkins

CARL SQUYRES FOR RUNNELS COUNTY SHERIFF

Early voting begins

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The one who has already built strong relationships with other local, state and federal agencies, and who will call on those agencies if the need arises?

THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND JAIL, AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT?

If the answer to these questions is YES, cast your vote for Carl Squyres for Runnels County Sheriff

I have been going door to door and attending local events in an attempt to visit with as many of you as possible before the election. In the event I missed you please consider this my Personal request for your vote and support on March 1st, 2016.

Pol. Adv. Paid for and approved by Carl Squyres Republican candidate for Runnels County Sheriff.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Winters Junior High Lady Breezes finished out the season on a high note. Pictured in front from left to right are Tiffany Martinez, Mollie Weaver, Marley Smith, Miranda Rodriguez and Gracie Reyes. Pictured on the back row from left to right are Shiyann Reyna, Karlee Busher, Whisper Griggs, Coach Jon Ward, Skylar Lee, Jezebel Gonzales and Alicia Reyna.

Junior High Lady Breezes finish on a high note

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

The Winters Junior High Lady Breezes basketball teams finished up their season this past week, playing in the District 7-2A Junior High Girls Tournament in Stamford.

The 8th Grade Lady Breezes capped off a very successful season by finishing 2nd in the tournament to district champion Haskell. On Thursday, in the opening round of the tournament, the Lady Breezes defeated Anson, 29-24. Skylar Lee had points, while Marley Smith had seven and Karlee Busher had six. On Saturday, the Lady Breezes advanced to the championship game with a 19-12 victory over Stamford. Smith had eight points, while Busher added six. In the championship game, the Lady Breezes fell to Haskell, 38-23. Lee had eight points, while Smith added seven. The 8th Grade Lady Breezes, a year after winning no games, finish the season with a record of 9 wins and 3 losses.

The 7th Grade Lady Breezes opened the tournament with a 25-6 loss to Stamford. Megan Tarr, Querstin Lara, and Cecille Hunter each provided two points. In their next game, the Lady Breezes were eliminated by Hawley, 20-6. Megan Tarr had four points to lead the way.

School menus for Feb. 12 to Feb. 18

Breakfast

Feb. 12
Cinnamon roll or cereal w/grahams
Mixed fruit
Fruit juice
Choice of milk

Feb. 15
Student holiday

Feb. 16
Breakfast Pizza or cereal w/grahams
Raisins, fruit juice
Choice of milk

Feb. 17
Sausage roll, cereal w/grahams
Orange slices, fruit juice
Choice of milk

Feb. 18
Pancakes or cereal w/grahams
Tropical fruit, fruit juice
Choice of milk

Cheeseburger, baked chips
Salad/carrot sticks, pears
Choice of milk

Feb. 15
Student holiday

Feb. 16
Chef salad, grilled chicken/bun
Burrito, broccoli w/cheese
Mashed sweet potatoes
Salad/carrot sticks
Pineapple
Choice of milk

Feb. 17
Chef salad, meatball sub
Grilled cheese sandwich
Italian green beans
Goldfish, salad, broccoli, pears
Choice of milk

Feb. 18
Chef salad, chicken tenders
Meatloaf/sliced bread
Mashed potatoes w/gravy
Salad/carrot sticks
Fruit cup, raisins
Choice of milk

Lunch

Feb. 12
Chef salad, or cheese sticks

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day, when those cards were exchanged, with envelopes filled with candy hearts that said "Be Mine" or "I Love You" we exchanged nervous glances and we knew at least for that day we had a childhood sweetie.

Over the years, I have received dozens of roses and gifts commemorating this wonderful holiday. My personal favorites were the handmade cards from my sweet daughters when they were little — Like a colored piece of construction paper with my daughter's handprint on it or a necklace made of pasta.

The late humorist Lewis Grizzard was a little more jaded in his view of the holiday. He was concerned that it had become a holiday for sellers of diamonds and folks who thought it wasn't Valentine's Day without the guy giving furs, diamonds and an all-expense paid trip to Acapulco.

He referenced getting through Thanksgiving, Christmas and even Groundhog's day (which he said was his favorite holiday).

"Finally, then, the holiday season is over. You're broke, you've gained 15 pounds, you've thrown up on your best friend's wife, but it's clear sailing until Easter..." he wrote in February of 1988.

"Then out of nowhere comes Valentine's Day. You know that because the diamond people start and advertising blitz..."

Grizzard said if guys would quit giving women

stuff that needed to be financed or hauled home in a truck, maybe that would stop the expensive gift giving and maybe guys would be off the hook.

Well now there is the Internet, and forgetful guys (and gals) can go on and get ideas for all kinds of stuff — more than just flowers and candy. Pajamas, teddy bears, spa treatments and romantic getaways they are all available at your fingertips. Just the other day I saw an ad for a giant, and I mean giant, Teddy bear. If anyone every gave me that thing, I'd be a little peeved — it needs its own bedroom!

But a few odd things made it on the unusual list a few years back.

A search for unusual Valentine's gifts came up with some pretty strange stuff, like a campaign by the Bronx Zoo to name one

of its 58,000 hissing cockroaches after your sweetie.

Gals, if your husband or sweetie even tries to give you this one, I would hiss back and offer "get a good lawyer."

And then there is the Valentine Costume which looks like a big red heart box of candy or the boyfriend body pillow, for your poor single girlfriends. Other funky gifts include Star Wars aprons, a unicorn tape dispenser or some Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle PJ's for your boyfriend.

But my peeve is guys giving stuff to their sweetie that THEY want.

Here is my list for off-limits gifts guys, so pay attention. Lawn mowers, leaf blowers, ceiling fans, washers, dryers and vacuum cleaners are off limits — period.

And come on, get creative — no one wants a heart-shaped box of chocolates; get something different — like a lobster dinner for two, to go. Simple is good, too.

"A loaf of bread, a bottle of wine and thou."

If you haven't got a "thou," look on the bright side: at least you don't have to split the bottle.

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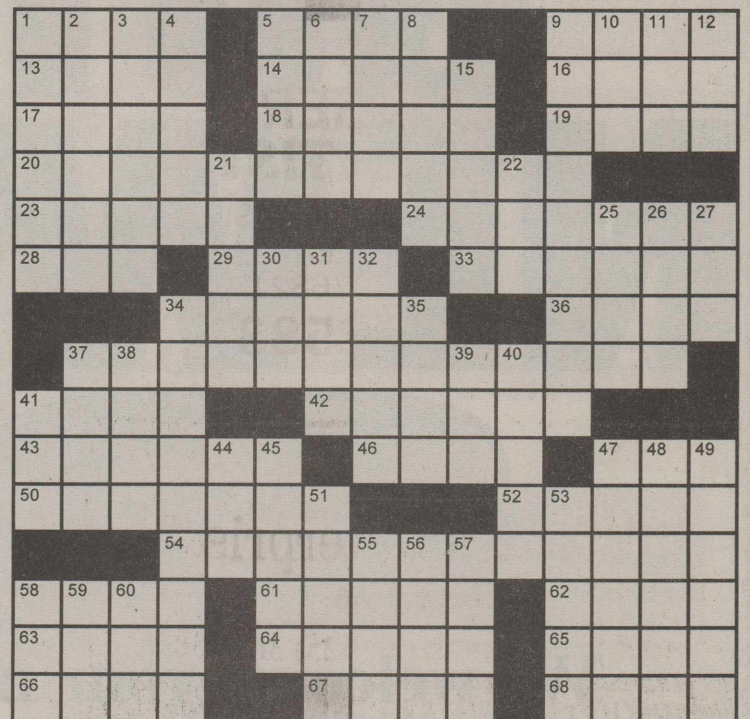
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- 5 Highland toppers
- 9 Entreated
- 13 Bit attachment
- 14 Skating jumps
- 16 Canal sites
- 17 A little lower?
- 18 "Walk Away ____" (1966 hit)
- 19 Jump on the ice
- 20 Unexpectedly
- 23 Baseball Hall of Famer Bobby
- 24 "The Lord of the Rings" villain
- 28 Extreme
- 29 Pos. and neg.
- 33 Christmas in Italia
- 34 Rude one
- 36 Linear
- 37 Unexpectedly
- 41 "If I ____ Hammer"
- 42 "Relax"
- 43 Get even for
- 46 Spin
- 47 Nincompoop
- 50 Forward progress
- 52 Cove
- 54 Unexpectedly
- 58 Old Testament twin
- 61 Block house?
- 62 Ringlet
- 63 Mannerly sort
- 64 Entanglement
- 65 Ore carrier
- 66 Wild ____
- 67 Guardianship
- 68 Kill, in a way

Down

- 1 Game keeper?
- 2 Kevin formerly of "S.N.L."
- 3 Worked the land
- 4 "Have it ____"
- 5 Twelve Oaks neighbor
- 6 Sacks
- 7 Waiter's handout
- 8 Musers' vehicles
- 9 Wok coater
- 10 Loose
- 11 Before, to poets
- 12 Cable alternative
- 15 Driver's choice
- 21 Head
- 22 Procter & Gamble brand
- 25 "Buddenbrooks" novelist
- 26 Shake ____ (hurry)
- 27 Animated Flanders
- 30 Prospector's need
- 31 "No ____!"
- 32 Ratty place
- 34 Superior talents
- 35 Marathon
- 37 Surfing need
- 38 Noodle concoction?
- 44 D.C. campus
- 45 "Weird" Al tune
- 47 Magnetism
- 48 Artist using dots
- 49 Mariner's patron
- 51 Of a Hindu discipline
- 53 "The Voice" channel
- 55 Dog biter
- 56 ____ de force
- 57 Rhode Island's motto
- 58 It may be stroked
- 59 Expanse
- 60 Symbol of industry



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Weather Whys

Q: You sometimes hear the term "Alberta Clipper." What is it?

A: An Alberta Clipper is a winter storm that forms over regions of Canada near the province of Alberta and sweeps in a southeastern direction over the northern United States, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "It is believed the name comes from the big sailing ships of the 1800s, the ones with the huge sails that could travel quite quickly for vessels of that time period and were among the fastest ships on the seas. An Alberta Clipper storm moves quickly once it forms and brings cold temperatures, strong winds, and snowfall to the northern Great Plains and Great Lakes regions," McRoberts explains.

Runnels County ROLL-UP

Public Record

Runnels County Jail Record February 11, 2016

Name	Age	Agency
Ruby J. Gaines	55	Coleman
Parole violation man/del and DWI 2nd		
Cruz G. Pena	55	DPS
Possession CS in drug free zone		
Eric Tekell	35	WPD
Assault police officer terroristic threat criminal mischief		
Patrick L. Stifel	46	RPD
DWLI		
Quintin D. McCleary	32	Concho
DWLI		
Harold Melius	??	WPD
Evading arrest detention with vehicle		
Doug Escobar	36	BPD
Possession of marijuana		
Benny Renfro	39	WPD
Possession CS, criminal trespass PI expired DL and DLWI		
Jerry Carson	61	BPD
Criminal trespass, resisting arrest		

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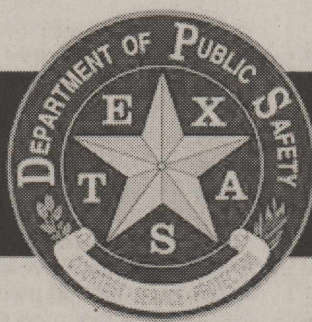


Sandra G. Van Zant

The House Armed Services Committee, Military Personnel Subcommittee recently held a hearing on the Survivor Benefit Program (SBP) and the offset of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) the survivor receives for the service-connected death of a spouse, commonly known as the SBP/DIC offset or the "military widows' tax"—the law that forces survivors to forfeit a dollar of the SBP benefit bought by their spouses for every dollar of the DIC provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). All service organizations are urging Congress to repeal the SBP/DIC offset by the acknowledgement that the modest monthly Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) enacted in 2008 for those affected by the offset, which in 2009 created a schedule of annual SSIA increases through 2017. There was an August 2009 court ruling that required payment of both SBP and DIC to eligible survivors who remarried after age 57 as a good example of why the deduction is so wrong. The court decision stated, "After all,

the service member paid for both benefits: SBP with premiums; DIC with his life." There are contradictory aspects of the law that penalize survivors who remarry before age 55 for SBP and age 57 for DIC by stopping their payments, and also penalizes widows (by continuing to subtract DIC from SBP) for not remarrying after age 57. All veteran's organizations eliminating the offset for all SBP/DIC survivors. Due to the potential budget impact, Congress could phase in increases to the SSIA amounts. As of FY 2017, the \$310 monthly SSIA will restore about 25 percent of the offset. However, the SSIA benefit will expire October 1, 2017, and the payments will stop. At a minimum, Congress needs to extend the SSIA or SBP/DIC survivors will forfeit the \$310 monthly allowance. Let your elected officials know that you support legislation in the House and Senate (H.R. 1594/S. 979) that repeals the SBP/DIC offset (i.e. the military widow's tax). For more information, contact Sandra Van Zant 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.

— Sandra G. Van Zant,
Veterans County Service Officer



Texas Department of Public Safety

DPS Seeks Leads in 1988 double murder in San Angelo

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is asking for the public's help in solving the 1988 murders of Shane Stewart and Sally McNelly, of San Angelo. As part of a DPS public awareness program, one unsolved case is featured by the Texas Ranger Unsolved Crimes Investigation Team

each month in an effort to generate new investigative leads and bring added attention to unresolved or "cold cases" across the state.

On July 4, 1988, Stewart and McNelly attended a fireworks display at Lake Nasworthy in San Angelo. The following morning, a lake ranger discovered Stewart's abandoned 1980 Chevrolet Camaro parked near O.C. Fisher Reservoir, several miles from Lake Nasworthy. Stewart and McNelly subsequently were determined to be missing.

In November of the same year, the bodies of Stewart and McNelly were discovered in close proximity to each other and near the Twin Buttes Reservoir. Autopsies revealed both victims died of gunshot wounds.

San Angelo Crime Stoppers is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the deaths of Stewart and McNelly. To be eligible for the cash reward, the tip must be submitted by calling 1-800-756-3434 or visiting the San Angelo Crime Stoppers website at <http://www.sanangelocrimestoppers.com/index.aspx>.

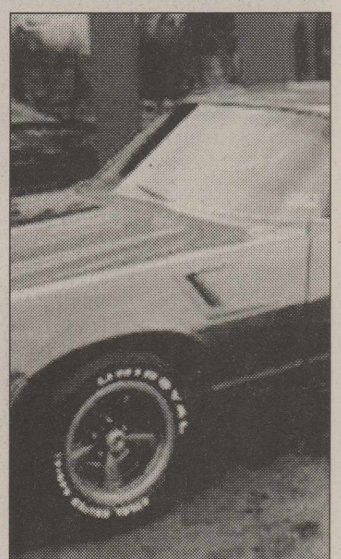
Individuals can also submit a tip through the Texas



Rangers' Cold Case website or contact the Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243.

The Texas Ranger Unsolved Crimes Investigation Team was created to assist Texas law enforcement agencies investigating unsolved murders or what appear to be serial or linked criminal transactions. Since there is no statute of limitations for the offense of murder, investigators pursue these cases to a successful resolution; or until no other lead is viable.

In addition, DPS created the Texas Rangers' Unsolved Homicides webpage aimed at renewing public interest in unsolved cases.



The site features the division's Top 12 Unsolved Cold Case Investigations, which includes two cases from each of the state's six DPS regions. For more information, visit the Texas Rangers' Cold Case website at:

<http://www.dps.texas.gov/TexasRangers/UnsolvedHomicides/index.htm>.

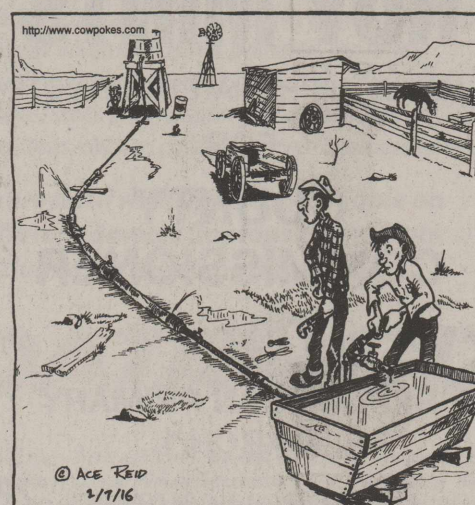
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and their families. This in turn affects the taxpayer through added costs for medical and mental services for the addict. There is also added cost to the taxpayer due to the added stress on Social Services, which attempt to help the addict's family.

The second issue I would like to address is the need to get the citizens of Runnels County involved in the fight against crime. Runnels County is comprised of 1,050 square miles. When fully staffed, we have 5 deputies to deter and investigate crime in those 1,050 square miles. Keeping in mind that these deputies need days off, just as any other person, there are never more than 4 on duty on any given day. We need YOU, the citizens of Runnels County, to help us by being our eyes and ears. If you see something, say something immediately! Help give us the opportunity to prevent crimes and make Runnels County a safer place to live.

The third issue I would like to address is the need for more cooperation and communication between the different entities in Runnels County, such as the various fire departments, the Texas Department of Transportation, local and state police agencies, emergency medical services and many others who have a wealth of experience and knowledge which could be drawn upon to assist the

Sheriff's Office when the need arises.
What do you think you can bring to the position if elected?

I bring with me my 21 years of continuous service to law enforcement. The dedication I have shown to the two agencies I have served during those 21 years. The relationships I have built with other surrounding sheriffs' offices and police agencies as well as state and federal agencies, which I will call upon if the need arises. The training I have received over those 21 years, such as homicide and sex crime investigations, FEMA-Multi Agency Response Systems, crisis intervention, highway drug interdiction, homicide and sex crime investigations, law enforcement management, border intelligence and child abuse investigations, to name a few. I also bring with me the personal experience I have gained from investigations such as assaults, thefts, burglaries, robberies, murders and undercover operations I have performed.

What type of changes, if any, do you plan to make at the Runnels County Sheriff's Office if elected?

Runnels County is fortunate to have extremely experienced and dedicated Sheriff's Office deputies, the four, including myself, have a combined total of 112 years of experience. The Runnels County Jail and dispatch personnel have a combined total of 133 years of experience. If I am elected your sheriff all of this experience and dedication will stay in place.

I would like to see more technological improvements

CARL SQUYERS

Occupation: Sergeant, Runnels County Sheriff's Office

Education: 1980 graduate Santa Anna High School, 1994 graduate, Law Enforcement Academy, Abilene; 1,382 continuing education hours through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

Clubs, organizations: Texas Narcotics Officers Association

Family: Wife Cherie, seven grown children and 10 grandchildren.

to the Sheriff's Office, jail and dispatch services. I would like to see more cooperation and communication between the various police agencies as well as other entities in Runnels and surrounding counties as well as state and federal agencies.

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strong ties to the Miles area. Weatherby Hall was formerly owned by the Family before it was donated to the City of Miles.

What are the most important issues you want to address if elected as the Runnels County Sheriff? What do you think you can bring to the position if elected?

There is a general lack of law enforcement patrol in the unincorporated areas of the county. I will increase proactive patrol in the unincorporated portions of the county. I will schedule patrol deputies to work later at night, when criminal activity commonly occurs. It is a proven fact that law enforcement presence curbs criminal

activity.

I want to bring the Runnels County Sheriff's Department into the 21st century in technology and communications. Currently, records research requires hours of digging through boxes for a piece of paper. I will greatly improve available technology while utilizing multiple sources of funds other than ad valorem taxes.

The DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program) has disappeared from Runnels County schools. As a DARE instructor and parent, I believe this is unacceptable. As sheriff, I will work with our school districts to return the DARE program to schools in Runnels County.

I will promote a better understanding of the activities of the Runnels County Sheriff's Department to the public by fair and equal use

of local broadcast, print, online media, social media, and a fresh, regularly updated website. This relationship is paramount in times of emergency, crisis, and/or tragedy.

The current administration is said to do very little work on the budget. Turning in the same budget estimates year after year is irresponsible. Studying, researching, and producing a comprehensive operating budget is one of the sheriff's greatest responsibilities. The sheriff is in charge of the budgets for a total of three county departments: the Sheriff's Office, the Runnels County Jail, and dispatch. Combined, the sheriff administers 45 percent of the General County budget. I am the candidate with the business experience to efficiently manage the personnel and resources of these diverse budgets.

As sheriff, I will work with our volunteer fire departments and EMS services to train and prepare for incidents in which they may be utilized. When we train together, each department will have a working knowledge of its intended role in incidents.

The current system of maintaining criminal warrants between the Sheriff's Department, other local law enforcement agencies, and the respective courts is inefficient. If the existence of a warrant cannot be validated, the suspect must be released and arrested at another time. This allows criminals to walk away

knowing they are wanted fugitives. Warrants will be entered into available databases efficiently. When contacted, these offenders will be arrested and brought before the courts for case disposition.

I will provide myself as a resource for community service related presentations for civic organizations, media outlets, church groups, school organizations, etc. I am regularly called to provide programs for organizations. I will volunteer to serve as the county's Emergency Management Coordinator. My training and experience in Emergency Management will provide opportunities to develop and coordinate exercises involving all public safety disciplines in the county.

What type of changes, if any, do you plan to make at the Runnels County Sheriff's Office if elected?

The Sheriff's Office has operated with the same number of sworn personnel allotments since 1988. As staffing deficiencies are repaired, my goal is to assign one sworn law enforcement officer to handle civil process, criminal warrants, and prisoner transports. As personnel allotments allow, I will have an investigator handle all criminal investigations that require extended investigation work. This will result in a higher clearance rate and more successful prosecutions.

The Runnels County Jail operates at the same staffing level it has since 1999, when the jail opened.

By adding one detention officer on each shift, more out of county prisoners can be housed. Housing 10 additional out of county prisoners in the Runnels County Jail will generate approximately \$12,000 in revenue per month, or \$144,000 per year.

The Dispatch Center staff is currently understaffed and underpaid. The demands in the Dispatch Center require two dispatchers to be on all shifts to maximize safety. Dispatchers are currently cross trained as detention staff. The pay for dispatchers is significantly lower than the pay of the detention staff. I will work to equalize the pay of

the communications staff and the detention staff.

I would like to thank the Ballinger Ledger and the Winters Enterprise for the opportunity to share my vision for the Runnels County Sheriff's Department. Due to space limitations, I have abbreviated my responses. You may view the full version at to-byvirden.com. You will find where I stand on the issues. You will not find political mudslinging. I greatly appreciate the encouragement and support that I continue to receive during the campaign. I would appreciate your vote and support in the March 1, 2016 Republican Primary.

TOBY VIRDEN

Occupation: Chief of Police-Miles Police Department; Emergency Management Coordinator-City of Miles and General Manager-KRUN Radio in Ballinger.

Education: Ballinger High School, graduated in 1988; Tarleton State University, graduated 1992 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Services; Basic Reserve Peace Officer Course, Tarleton State University, 1990; Basic Peace Officer Course, Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy, November, 1992; 4,515 hours training approved by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE); Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Instructor; Telecommunicator; Master Peace Officer, 2001; TCOLE Instructor;TCOLE Firearms Instructor; Health Peace Officer; Trainer for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents;FEMA National Incident Command System for Command Staff;FEMA Communications Leader; New Chief's Development Course and Texas Police Chief's Leadership Series.

Clubs/Organizations: Texas Municipal Police Association; Texas Police Chief's Association; announcer for the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show and Premium Sale; Master of Ceremonies--Winters Dove Fest; Runnels County 4-H Shooting Sports instructor; Runnels County 4-H Leaders 4 Life Project Leader; adult trainer for Ballinger FFA Radio Broadcast Team; Ballinger ISD District Education Improvement Committee parent representative; Developed the annual Trunk or Treat in Downtown Ballinger held each Halloween.

Family: Wife Tammie, sons Caleb, 22, Corey 19, and daughter Caitlin, 15; parents: Tony and Wanda Virden; grandparents: Herman Virden, the late Beaunita Virden, Billie Weatherby and the late Jim Weatherby and grandson Joshua and a granddaughter Presley.

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Runnels County artists honored at Stars of Texas

Annual juried art show features hundreds of works

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Each February the Brownwood Civic and Cultural Center hosts the annual Stars of Texas Juried Art Exhibit. This juried exhibit runs for two weeks and culminates with the presentation of \$7,250 in prizes.

This year, two Runnels County artists won honors at the exhibit, including Susan Minzenmayer of Winters and Jean Smith Hensley of Ballinger.

The exhibit will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. today at The Depot Civic and Cultural Center, and it will continue daily through Friday, Feb. 19.

Hours for the exhibit are

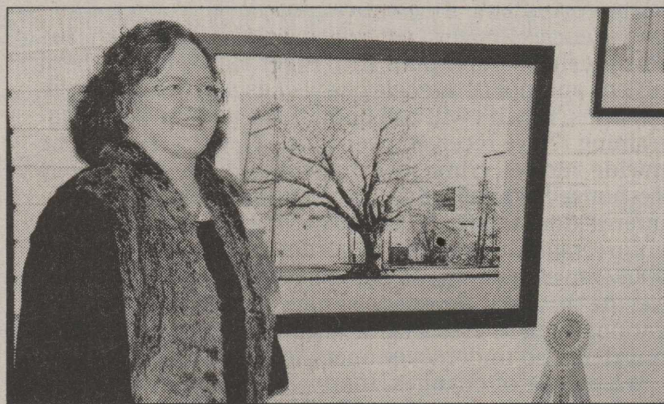
1 to 4 p.m. on the next two Sundays; 9 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday both weeks; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. Admission is free, and three artists will demonstrate their techniques on weekdays.

*Elise Techtentine of Granbury won the Dorothy Mayes Best of Show Award in the 18th annual Stars of Texas Juried Art Exhibit which included a \$1,000 cash award.

* Frank Roddie of Brady won the \$750 Texas State Optical Juror Award with "August Afternoon on Brady Creek."

Other prize winners and the juror's comments follow:

• \$500 Don C. Martin



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Susan Minzenmayer of Winters won \$500 and the Brownwood Art Association Photo Group Photography Award for "Street Scene #1" at the Stars of Texas Juried Art Exhibit.

Memorial Watercolor Award — Mary Lambeth of Midland, "Blanket Shadow." Juror's comment: "Beautiful

composition, coupled with a superb sense of execution."

• \$500 Empire Iron Works Sculpture Award — Matt Tumlinson of Early, "Inherit." Juror's comment: "A fresh idea, reflecting very current ideas. I like the juxtaposition of innocence and controversial materials."

• \$500 Kohler Award — Jeanette Alexander of Granbury, "La Musica del Hombre." Juror's comment: "An original approach to posing a figure. A fresh, new idea that is very successful."

• \$500 Charles and Kay Beth Stavley Merit Award — Ben Sum of San Angelo, "Against the Wind." Juror's comment: "A beautiful study of textures, contrasts and composition."

• \$500 Brownwood Art

Association Photo Group Photography Award — Susan Minzenmayer of Winters, "Street Scene #1." Juror's comment: "A curious study of contrasts, both in texture and composition. I like the drama of an old, gnarled tree in an urban setting."

• \$500 Mary and Ernest Cadenhead Pastel Award — Kit Timmins of Brownwood, "Modern Times 2." Juror's comment: "A very current look into a digital world. Confident handling of the medium."

• \$500 J. Hite Homes, Inc. Merit Award — Anthony Brown of Abilene, "Cathedral of Aspens." Juror's comment: "A brilliant study of color and mark making. It must have been a fun painting to paint."

• \$500 Brownwood Art Association Oil Medium Award — Patty Rae Wellborn of Abilene, "Jose on Bongo." Juror's comment: "A bold image, with a very confident technique. A mature understanding of the medium."

• \$100 Honorable Mention Award No. 1 — Bruce Hackney of Abilene, "Texas Hill Country." Juror's comment: "A mature of wonderful sense of craftsmanship creates an atmosphere of tranquility."

• \$100 Honorable Mention Award No. 2 — Marian DeBerry of Abilene, "On the Verge of Winter." Juror's comment: "The artist is exploring the medium in

a fresh and spontaneous manner. I like the reference to time."

• \$100 Honorable Mention Award No. 3 — Stella Tinkler of Brownwood, "Vessel of Many Colors." Juror's comment: "A good example of excellent craftsmanship, coupled with a good sense of color."

• \$100 Honorable Mention Award No. 4 — Jean Smith Hensley of Ballinger, "Skylines." Juror's comment: "The artist is exploring the medium and putting a fine-focus realism next to abstract and spontaneous passages."

• \$100 Honorable Mention Award No. 5 — Hugh Campbell III of San Angelo, "Ole Time Graffiti." Juror's comment: "A wonderful study of fragments brought together in an almost abstract sense, yet nice details."

One other major award will be determined by exhibit visitors. Each person attending will be invited to vote on "The People's Choice" after viewing the show.

The Salon des Refusés, composed of 86 works that were submitted but were not chosen for the Stars of Texas, will be open at the same hours at the Art Center, 215 Fisk, sponsored by the Brownwood Art Association.

Ruth Wheelis is chair of the Stars of Texas exhibit for the sixth consecutive year.

Man flees, pursued into Taylor County

BY CELINDA HAWKINS
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A Winters man was arrested and charged with fleeing to evade after leading police on a chase Wednesday, Feb. 3, that ended in Taylor County, Police Chief Randall Davis said.

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, Winters Police Officer John Mills attempted to stop Harold Wayne Milius, 33, of Winters for vehicle and trailer registration violations.

"While attempting to conduct a traffic stop, the driver of the vehicle accelerated heavily and turned onto Hwy 83 and sped north," Davis reported.

Officers immediately pursued the red and white Ford pickup driven by Milius. Winters officers were assisted by officers from Runnels County as well as the Taylor County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Public Safety. The pursuit ended in Bradshaw, a community inside Taylor County.

On February 3, 2016 Officers from the Winters Police Department became

involved in a vehicular pursuit beginning in Winters, Texas and ending in the community of Bradshaw, in Taylor County.

Upon his arrest, Milius, who police say was associated with an address in the 100 block of Jones Sreet, where two methamphetamine labs and stolen property were recovered, was charged with fleeing to evade police as well as multiple traffic violations. He remains in custody at the Runnels County Jail on bonds totaling \$50,000.

During the investigation, the K-9 drug detection dog alerted for suspected narcotics in the vehicle driven by Milius, however no illegal drugs were recovered, Davis said. The incident remains under investigation following the discovery of suspected stolen items in the vehicle and trailer, Davis said.

Davis said no officers were injured in the pursuit.



Harold Wayne Milius

bond for the additional charges had not been set at press time.

Davis said the arrest was an example of the prevalence of drugs throughout Runnels County.

"We have determined our local crime rates are directly fueled by the presence and use of illegal drugs and narcotics and it is a goal of the Winters Police Department to rid our community of this problem," Davis said.

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reported.

Fentress was taken in to custody and booked in to the Runnels County Jail. Bond for the warrants was set at \$85,000. Additional charges including assault on a peace officer and possession of dangerous drugs were filed against Fentress, but

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"We are very excited to get our project off the ground, and we are humbled by and very grateful for the support that's been shown by our community as we have prepared for this project," said General Partner Doug Wheat. "We are optimistic about the positive economic impact and growth potential that this can have for Winters, Runnels County, and the Texas Midwest."

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The Crossing will have four highway entry/exit points, two each from highways 83 and 153, which will greatly assist with customer flow and separation. The Crossing will include 10-position fueling island, and the truck/fleet island will have five fueling lanes. The passenger vehicle area will offer gasoline and highway diesel, and the fleet fueling area will offer highway diesel, off-road diesel, and diesel exhaust fluid. Amenities planned for truck and fleet customers include truck parking, showers, washer/dryer and a relaxation lounge.

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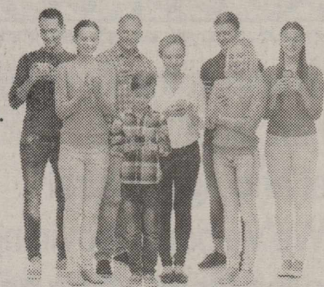


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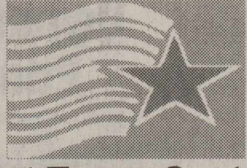
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Early voting starts Tuesday

Three contested races in Runnels County

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Officials at the Runnels County Clerk's office are preparing for early voting, which begins Tuesday, Feb. 16 and runs through Friday, Feb. 26.

Voters may cast ballots at the Runnels County Courthouse from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 16-19 and Feb. 22-26.

Runnels County voters will be casting votes in three contested races

which are on the March 1 Primary ballot including 119th District Attorney, Runnels County sheriff and Precinct 3 commissioner.

In the March 1 primary held in 2012, there were 629 votes cast in the Republican Primary, which was 9.5 percent of the 6,622 registered voters in Runnels County. In the Democratic Primary, only nine votes were cast, which was .14 percent of the registered voters, according to Runnels County Clerk Julia

Miller.

During early voting, Runnels County voters may choose to vote via a paper ballot or electronically. On March 1, voters may only vote electronically, Miller said.

"We are trying to get voters used to voting electronically," Miller said. "Soon, paper ballots will be obsolete."

Those who wish to vote by mail, may submit applications through Friday, Feb. 19.

Sample ballots are available at the County Clerk's office in Ballinger, the Tax Branch office in Winters and the City Hall in Miles. For additional information or to request an application to vote early by mail, please contact the county clerk's office at 365-2720 or at the voter registrar's office at 325-365-2339.

The contested races on the ballot will include the district attorney's race. John Best, a felony prosecutor for the Tom Green County District Attorney's Office is running for the 119th District Attorney and has been challenged by San Angelo attorney

Andrew Graves.

Sgt. Carl Squyers of the Runnels County Sheriff's Office and Miles Police Chief Toby Virden will face off in the sheriff's race.

In the third contested race, incumbent Sam Scott has filed for commissioner Precinct 3 and has been challenged by Roy Mints. All other candidates listed will run unopposed in the primary.

Other Runnels County candidates who have filed for election include incumbent Wayne Poehls for the Precinct 1 constable position. Incumbent Archie Jobe filed for the Precinct 2 constable position while incumbent Robert Moore has filed for Precinct 1 commissioner. Incumbent Robin Burgess has filed for tax assessor collector and incumbent Kenneth Slimp has filed for county attorney.

District Judge Ben Woodward, who serves the 119th District including Runnels, Concho, and Tom Green counties, has filed for election and is unopposed.

There were no local filings on the local level in the Democratic Primary.

Democratic and Republican Primary, March 1, 2016

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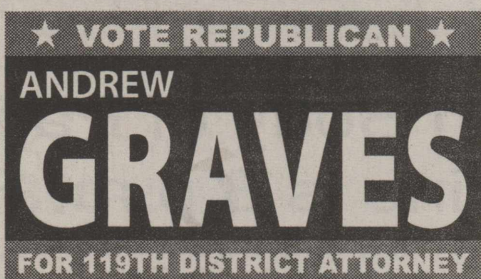
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BLIZZARDS, from Page 1

Brenna Knight had six. The Lady Blizzards have one game left in the season, as they travel to Albany on Tuesday.

Coach Valton Acree contributed to this report.

The Winters Blizzards faced Stamford Friday, Feb. 5, 2015 and were defeated 24-63. Here Tyler Richards is drives a shot down the court. Stamford took the lead in the first quarter, scoring 29 points to Winters four points. The trend continued throughout the game, finally leading to Stamford's win. See other basketball news on page 8 of the Winters Enterprise.



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