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## Briefly

### Early voting underway

Early voting is underway in Runnels County and runs through Friday, Feb. 26. As of Tuesday, 263 had cast early ballots.

Voters may cast ballots at the Runnels County Courthouse from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Friday.

Election day is Tuesday March 1 for the Democratic and Republican Primaries. The polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. See page 7 for the poll locations.

The contested races on the ballot will include the district attorney's race. Tom Green County Assistant DA John Best will be facing San Angelo Attorney Andrew Graves in the 119th District Attorney race. Sgt. Carl Squyres is facing Toby Virden in the race for Runnels County Sheriff and incumbent Precinct 3 commissioner Sam Scott is being challenged by Roy Mints. All other candidates listed will run unopposed in the primary.

Sample ballots are available at [http://www.co.runnels.tx.us/default.aspx?Runnels\\_County/Elections](http://www.co.runnels.tx.us/default.aspx?Runnels_County/Elections).

### Judge calls for investigation

Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard has enlisted the help of the Texas Rangers to assist in an investigation on Ameriway Construction of Kerrville, the original contractor for the HOME project, a program administered through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Hilliard has received complaints from sub-contractors from the Ballinger project and other projects who are reporting they have not been paid by Ameriway for their work. Officials with the TCHCA confirmed Tuesday they are looking into complaints as well.

The county received an extension last month, and hired Jerry Brewer of San Angelo to complete the project at the home at 705 11th St. Hilliard said progress is being made on the Ballinger project which is set to be completed in early May.

### The last drop

An upper level low combined with a cold front brought much needed rainfall to Runnels County Monday and Tuesday, officials with the National Weather Service in San Angelo reported.

The front brought seasonal temperatures back to the area with highs reaching the mid-40s Tuesday and gusty winds reported up to 30 miles per hour. Low temperatures were back down in the mid 30s Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the NWS reported that Ballinger received .67 inches of rainfall, with .41 inches reported in Wingate and .64 reported in San Angelo. San Angelo has also received .16 inches of rain since Jan. 1.

## Two running for Precinct 3 Commissioner

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The race for Precinct 3

Runnels County Commissioner has two candidates vying for the position, including incumbent Sam Scott and candidate Roy

Mints.

Both are running in the Republican Primary March 1. Other contested races in the March 1 Primary

will be the race for Runnels County Sheriff with candidates Carl Squyres and Toby Virden on the ballot and the race for

119th District Attorney which includes candidates Andrew Graves and John Best. Early voting runs through Friday.

### Mints: Improve infrastructure, bring development

What are the most important issues you want to address if elected as the Precinct 3 Runnels County Commissioner?

Basically, I want to insure each county resident receives the most for every dollar in taxes that we pay, and Precinct 3 is represented well. There are many responsibilities in the guidelines for Texas county commissioners. These are some areas I'm interested in:

- Improving Precinct 3 infrastructure maintenance and repair.
- A better understanding and

protection of our current & future senior citizen services.

■ A strong alliance with Runnels County law enforcement concerning illegal drug issues.

■ Exploring possible revenue generation, as implemented in other counties.

■ Making the commissioner's



Roy Mints

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### Scott: Project completion, frugal spending key issues

What are the most important issues you want to address if elected as the Precinct 3 Runnels County Commissioner?

As a part of the State of Texas, the structures and duties of county government are set forth in the Texas Constitution. Counties can only do those things that are authorized by Texas law and we must do those things that are required to be done by law. They are mandated and they are many. Financially they take a huge chunk of our budget each year.



Sam Scott

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## PLAY BALL!

Lady Blizzards getting busy with it



PHOTO COURTESY JOE GERHART

Brooklyn Gallaway put the ball in play during the Lady Blizzards game with the Miles Lady Bulldogs, Feb. 15, 2016.

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Softball season is underway and the Lady Blizzards are going full steam ahead facing off with teams

throughout the district.

The Lady Blizzards kicked off the softball season Feb. 12, winning their first game against Jim Ned 13-5. The Lady Blizzards took a two point lead in the first inning with the Lady Indi-

ans taking the lead, 3-2 in the second inning.

But the Lady Blizzards persevered, scoring three points in the third inning, and another two points in the fourth inning. The fifth inning brought another four points to the

Lady Blizzards, securing a solid lead with the score 11-4. In the sixth inning, Jim Ned earned one point, with Winters gaining two points, securing a win with the 13-5 final score.

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## Winters ISD employee resigns after alleged texting incident

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A non-professional employee at the Winters Independent School District, has resigned amid allegations of inappropriate texting with a student, according to district officials.

Winters ISD Superintendent Bruce Davis, said the inappropriate texting was reported by another student and that the investigation began Wednesday, Feb. 10. The following day, the employee, reportedly a teachers aide, resigned.

"The district learned of allegations of inappropriate behavior through texting by a Winters ISD non-professional employee Wednesday, February 10, 2016," Davis wrote in a prepared statement. "We took immediate action as required by state law and local policy to respond to the allegations and to protect our students as we began our investigation. We have notified appropriate authorities and removed the employee from school

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## Winters Elementary plagued by illness

Officials may close school temporarily for sanitizing

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Officials at Winters Independent School District are considering shutting down the elementary campus for a day to sanitize the building, due to massive illnesses being reported with the students, Superintendent Bruce Davis reported Tuesday.

Davis said that as of Tuesday, 43 students were absent due to illness.

"That is about 10 percent of the students at Winters Elementary," Davis reported.

Davis said the children are coming down with flu and respiratory illnesses and there is a stomach virus going around as well. He said while the illnesses have been reported at

the junior high and high school, the elementary has been the hardest hit.

"We've done everything," Davis said adding that the campus was thoroughly cleaned over the weekend. Students are still reporting the illnesses.

Dr. Mark McKinnon, of the North Runnels Clinic in Winters, said that he

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Officials at Winters ISD were considering temporarily closing the elementary school for sanitizing due to rampant gastric and respiratory illnesses reported there this week.

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**Chamber Banquet March 5**

The annual Winters Chamber of Commerce Banquet is set for Saturday, 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 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.

**Spaghetti dinner in Rowena**

The Rowena Catholic Daughters, Court Our Lady of Grace #1734, is sponsoring its annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale Sunday. The event will take place at St. Joseph's Parish Hall and 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 and dine in or drive through is available. 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.

**St. Boniface BBQ**

The Olfen St. Boniface Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters will be selling barbecue chickens, homemade potato salad and beans Sunday, March 13 at the St. Boniface Catholic Church Parish Hall. Orders may be picked up at the drive through between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Call Marty Frey at 365-6618 or David Rohmfeld at 442-3331 to place your order.

**Immunization clinics in March**

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold immunization/flu shot clinics for children with Medicaid, no insurance, underinsured or adults with no insurance from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Ballinger at 600 Strong Ave. and from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Professional Building at 110 South Main, Suite 108 in Winters (please use the rear entrance on Grant Street). Please bring the

child's immunization records and if child has Medicaid, please bring the card. For questions or to schedule an appointment call 325-754-4945, leave a message if there is no answer.

**Visit Friendly Neighbors**

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Runnels County area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening, arts and crafts and other useful subjects to meetings at 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during the summer). Meetings will alternate between the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of south 7th Street and Sealy Ave. in Ballinger and the Winters Public Library at 120 N. Main St. in Winters. If you are interested and would like to find out more about this group, call Martha at 365-3890 or Judy at 754-5386.

**Out of this world!**

The Carnegie Library in Ballinger will be hosting an exhibit from NASA during the month of March. See NASA artifacts like official uniforms and suits to photos of the legendary moon walk in 1969 to models of the Space Shuttle, plus much more. The Carnegie Library will be featuring the NASA exhibit from March 8-23. Call the library 325-365-3616 to schedule a tour to see the exhibit.

**Ballet in Ballinger**

The San Angelo Civic Ballet will be performing "Seven Princesses and a Bear," at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Carnegie Library. Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased in advance or at the door.

**Desert Storm veterans honored**

The Rowena VFW Post 9196 and its auxiliary will be hosting a program honoring veterans from Operation Desert Storm on Wednesday, March 9 following the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Commander John Multer at 325-658-1655.

**Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group**

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer's Sup-

port 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.

**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.

**Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings**

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

**Cookies for the troops**

Calling all cookie bakers! North Runnels County churches have banded together for a love mission to provide cookies for troops overseas for Easter. Dr. Bob Murchison, minister at First Methodist Church in Winters is organizing the project along with other church leaders. All of the local churches are purchasing boxes to ship the cookies in and benevolent bakers may pick the boxes up at the churches. The freshly baked cookies must be placed in 1 gallon plastic zip bags, which hold a dozen cookies. The filled boxes, which hold two dozen cookies each, must be delivered to First Methodist Church by March 17.

**RRC assesses fines to Runnels County operator**

**STAFF REPORT**

AUSTIN - The Railroad Commission of Texas assessed \$567,834 in fines involving 233 enforcement dockets against operators and businesses at the Commissioners' conference earlier this month, which included a company that operates wells in Runnels County.

The Commission has primary oversight and enforcement of the state's oil and gas industry and intrastate pipeline safety.

Operators were assessed \$175,276 after failing to appear at Commission enforcement proceedings. Details on these Master Default Orders can be found here.

"Protection of public safety and our natural resources is the Railroad Commission's highest priority," said Ramona Nye, public information officer for the RRC. "The Railroad Commission's oil and gas rules are in place to ensure operators are protecting public safety and our natural resources. Oil and gas operators listed in our

enforcement release—not surface landowners—are assessed penalties outlined in this news release."

A public conference was held in Austin Feb. 3, where the RRC detailed violations including several from Upstream Properties, which have been drilling in several locations in Runnels County. The RRC stressed that it is the operators, not the land owners who are assessed and must pay the penalties.

Runnels County violations against Upstream Properties, LLC included the E. Gottschalk lease Well No. 1 in Runnels County. Upstream was ordered to plug the well and place Well No. 3 into compliance and pay a fine of \$15,484.

Upstream was ordered to plug a well and assessed a \$9,045 penalty for the Wallace Brown Lease, Well No. 1 in Runnels County. Upstream was ordered to pay a \$13,339 penalty and plug wells or place them in compliance on the C.J. Schwertner Lease which includes Wells No. 2 and 3 at the Ballinger Field in Runnels County.



**AgriLife Extension wildlife educational monthly series in San Angelo**

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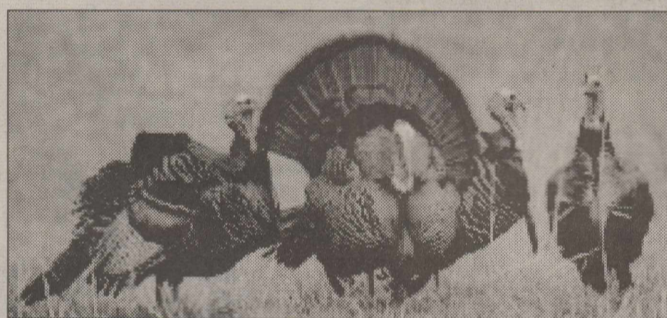
SAN ANGELO - Two Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Service staffers are collaborating on a yearlong project aimed at providing wildlife education opportu-

nities to West Texans.

Josh Blaneck, AgriLife Extension agent in Tom Green County, and Dr. John Tomecek, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo, will conduct "Wildlife Wednesdays," a series of 11 wildlife related one-hour seminars from noon to 1 p.m. each month which began Feb. 10.

The series will cover a variety of topics tailored



to the time of year each seminar is presented. And, as the the name implies, they are all scheduled for a

Texas AgriLife Extension will host a series of seminars about wildlife management starting Feb. 10. The March 16 session will focus on turkey management and hunting.

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Wednesday. All the sessions, which are free and open to the public, will be at Palmer Feed and Supply, located at 1318 N. Chadbourne St. in San Angelo.

"These sessions are meant to be very informal," Blaneck said. "We liken them to AgriLife Extension's longstanding turnrow meetings where we meet at the end of a turnrow on a farmer's field to discuss matters of concern or of interest to area farmers."

"We want participants to have a chance to learn about various current wildlife topics in a casual atmosphere."

Blaneck said Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered when appropriate.

The dates and topics will include:

- March 16 - Turkeys in Spring: Maximizing Management and Hunting.
- April 13 - Supplemental Feeding of White-tailed Deer.
- May 18 - Conducting Brush Management to Benefit Wildlife.
- June 22 - Integrating Wildlife and Livestock Grazing.
- July 13 - Dove Management.
- Aug. 17 - Preparing for Fall Turkey Management.
- Sept. 14 - Using Wildlife Sign as a Management Tool.
- Oct. 12 - Quail Management.
- Nov. 16 - Managing for Mature Deer: Aging on the Hoof.
- Dec. 14 - Feral Hog Management.

For more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County at 325-659-6523.

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# DPS traffic stop leads to human smuggling arrest

WESLACO - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) on Tuesday arrested one individual on human smuggling charges after a Texas Highway Patrol Trooper conducted a traffic stop in Brooks County.

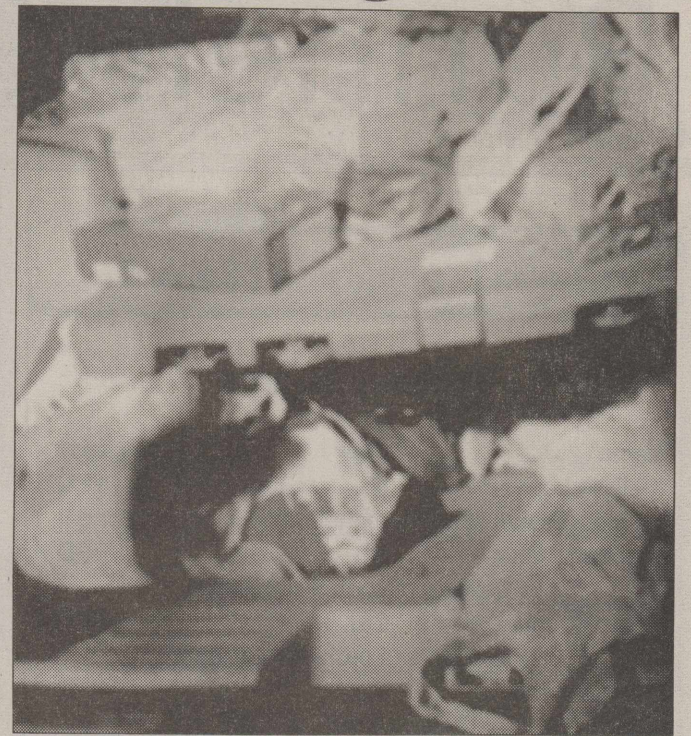
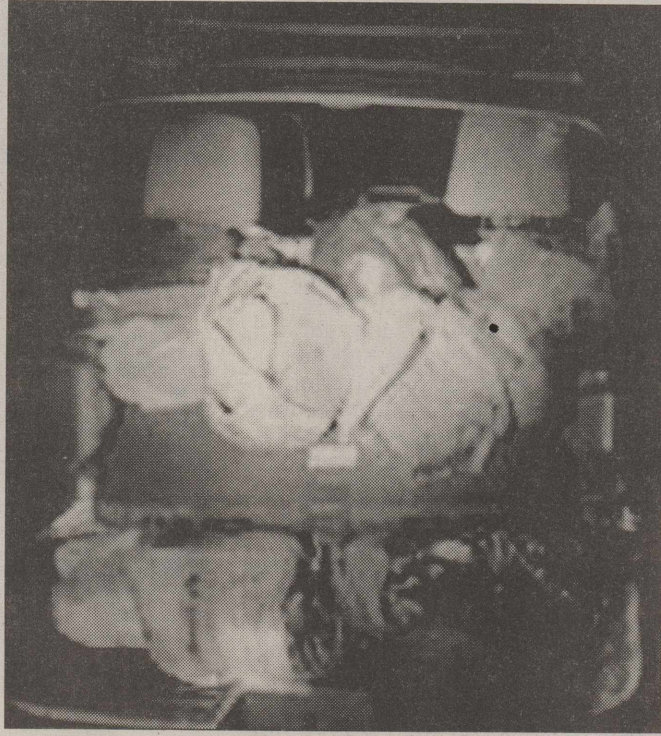
At approximately 6 p.m. Tuesday, a DPS trooper stopped a 2005 Chevrolet Equinox traveling northbound on U.S. Highway 281 north of FM 755, for a traffic violation. After receiving consent to search the vehicle, the trooper discovered two undocumented individuals hidden inside the vehicle, under bags of miscellaneous items in the cargo area of the vehicle. The driver claimed that she was being paid \$1,000 per person to transport the men from Mission to Houston.

The driver, Jennifer Cabrera Pineda, 18, of Houston, was arrested and charged with smuggling of persons, a third-degree felony. She was transported to Brooks County Jail.

The two undocumented individuals were turned over to U.S. Border Patrol - Falfurrias Station.

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# Keeping eyes healthy during winter

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Our wardrobes aren't the only things that change when the weather turns chilly. Our bodies are often affected not only by the outdoor changes, but inside changes as well. The body part that receives most of the brunt from winter weather is our eyes.

Between the harsh winter winds and the dry heat radiating inside, our eyes can suddenly feel irritated and scratchy. In fact, exposure to these atmospheres can cause moisture to evaporate inside our eyes. As a result, our tear glands cannot adequately produce the fluid needed to maintain the eyes' protective, liquid coating. The result is itchy, dry eyes that can cause pain, blurred vision, a burning sensation or even watery vision as our eyes try to compensate for the dryness.

While it is difficult to avoid dry eyes altogether during the winter months, there are several steps that you can take to ensure your eyes stay soothed while indoors this season.

### Help for the home

During the frigid winter months, a home's humidity level can easily dip below the 30-55 percent range required for our eyes to stay lubricated. Offset this dry air by using a humidifier in your home. Also, refrain from using a ceiling fan while sleeping at night, as drafts can also exacerbate symptoms.

### Fill up on fluids

Even mild dehydration can negatively affect how dry your eyes feel, as cold temperatures can dampen the body's thirst mechanism and artificial heat hastens tear evaporation. Keep eyes hydrated by sipping water throughout the day. Also, increase your intake of fluid-rich foods like soup, fruits and veggies.

### Nourish your body

Many clinical studies show omega-3 fatty acids, which are considered essential fatty acids, may protect adult eyes from dry eye syndrome. Omega-3s support healthy tear production and keep eyes moisturized. In addition to omega-3s, other ingredients like Vitamin A, D3, green tea and evening primrose oil can significantly accelerate the time it takes to feel relief.

### Watery eye help

In cold and windy conditions, many complain their eyes water more than normal. Typically the symptoms of watery eye are excessive tearing, which is made worse by being outdoors. Wearing spectacles will provide protection against the wind, even if you don't usually wear them outdoors. In some cases, excessive watering of the eyes may be a sign of a blockage of tear ducts or infection of the eye.

If you are concerned about the health of your eyes, visit your optometrist. Your eye care professional will be able to advise you on the best course of action.

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### CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Babies, children and teenagers have different eye health needs than adults. It's crucial to protect their sight from injury, bad habits like smoking or other poor choices. The American Academy of Ophthalmology advises to watch your child for signs of poor vision or crossed eyes. If you notice any eye problems, have your child examined right away so that the problem doesn't become permanent. KidsHealth.org notes, if caught early, eye conditions often can be corrected.

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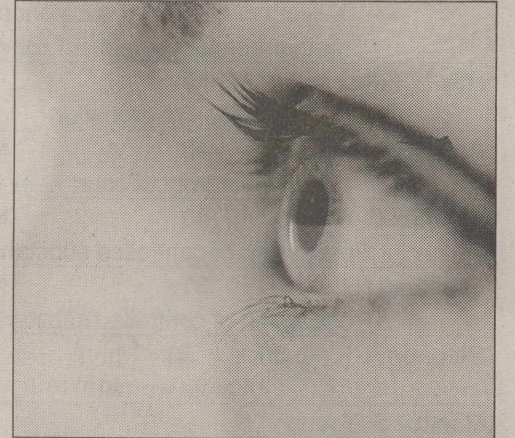
### SENIOR HEALTH

There's an existing nutrient that is incredibly important to your eye health. However, odds are you've probably never heard of it. The nutrient is called zeaxanthin (pronounced Zee-ah-zan-thun). The antioxidant, along with lutein, is found in the back of the eye and help protect your sight. Zeaxanthin and lutein act like "internal sunglasses." Zeaxanthin can be found in foods, like paprika and goji berries.

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### NEW RESEARCH

According to an article in Medical News Today, researchers at Columbia University Medical Center in New York, New York, have created "smart" contact lenses. The study shows how these lens can help identify which patients with



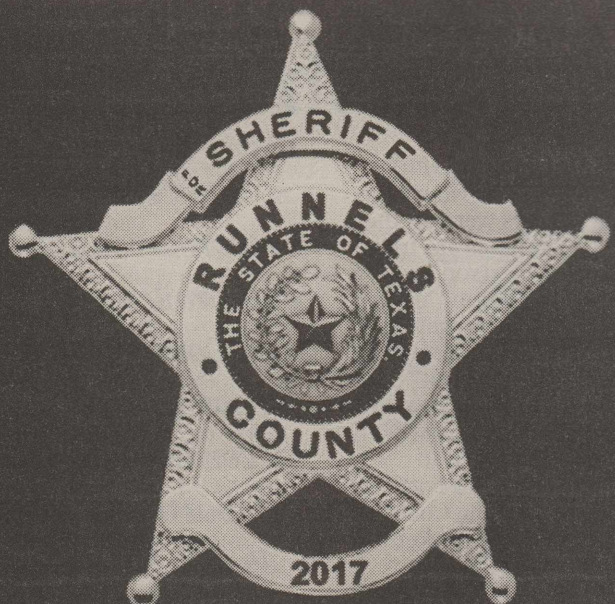
glaucoma - a leading cause of blindness - are most likely to experience disease progression. These contact lens have a built-in sensor that can monitor eye pressure 24 hours a day. Any change in pressure is collected via portable recorder worn by patients. Researchers found those with more changes experience faster glaucoma progression.

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### BOOK PICK

Evolution's Witness: How Eyes Evolved by Ivan R Schwab, MD, FACS  
One of the books published in honor of the 150th anniversary of Darwin's Origin of Species. A tour de force -- heavy reading but worth the trouble. Take a journey through 543 million years in the evolution of the eye. Each time period is color-coded and full of illustrations. Take a look in this detailed book of how eyes adapted to not only different environments, but also for species to thrive.

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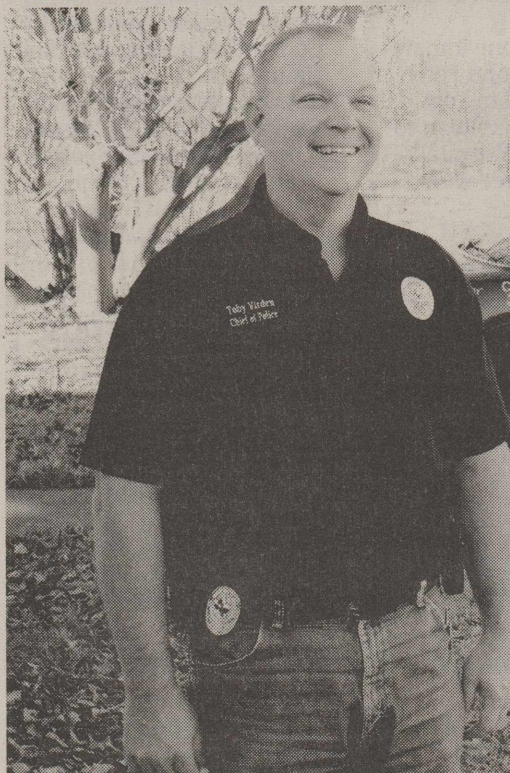



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
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# Runnels County ROLL-UP

## Runnels County Jail Record

February 25, 2016

Name	Age	Agency
Melissa Lopez	56	WPD
Possession of methamphetamine in school zone		
Francisco Ortiz	31	BPD
Delivery of control substance		
Eddie C. Johnson	23	BPD
Possession of prohibited weapon		
Ronnie J. Luera	48	WPD
Theft by check, warrant		
Julian R. Nava	33	BPD
Delivery of controlled substance, methamphetamine school zone		
Ray E. Fritze	45	RCSO
Condition of probation		
Andy Sanchez	45	Menard SO
Contempt of court		
Thomas C. Sherrod	40	Menard SO
Possession of controlled substance		
Jonathan K. Davis	31	Menard SO
Possession of controlled substance		
Stephen A. Kirkpatrick	38	Coleman
Parole warrant		
Rontrell S. Young		BPD
Possession of marijuana		
Jason D. Smith	31	DPS
Fugitive		
Sammy L. Dominguez	46	Coke
False alarm or report		
Abraham N. Vasquez	37	RCSO
Possession of control substance		
Lino Gonzales Sr.	51	WPD
Injury to elderly assault		
Lino Gonzales Jr.	25	WPD
Injury to elderly assault		
Cory A. Alldredge	29	BPD
DWLI w/previous conviction		
Jose M. Carpio	23	BPD
DWLI w/previous conviction		
Jose R. Lopez Alvarez	55	Concho
Federal charges		
Maribel Murguire Delgadillo	53	Concho
Federal charges		
Leandre R. Hayes	17	BPD
DWLI		

## VETERAN'S CORNER



Sandra G. Van Zant

TRICARE's over-the-counter (OTC) drug coverage is here to stay. Formerly a demonstration program, the OTC benefit becomes a permanent part of the TRICARE pharmacy benefit on February 1, 2016. Effective that date, TRICARE is making some changes to OTC coverage to bring it in line with other TRICARE pharmacy coverage. Starting February 1, beneficiaries must pay the usual generic copays for covered OTC drugs. OTC drug coverage will still require a prescription from a doctor. Female beneficiaries can still get Levonorgestrel, an emergency contraceptive used to prevent pregnancy without a copay or prescription at a network or military pharmacy, also known as Plan B—there are no age restrictions or costs for the contraceptive.

Monday, February 1 also brings a change to which drugs are available under the OTC benefit. The allergy medications Cetirizine and Loratadine were previously covered, but now the versions that contain pseudoephedrine will also be covered. However, brand name Prilosec OTC is no longer covered. The generic version, Omeprazole, is still covered, as is the prescription version of Prilosec. Visit the TRICARE Pharmacy page for more information on the TRICARE pharmacy benefit. If you have questions about whether or not one of your drugs is covered, you can always call the TRICARE pharmacy contractor, Express Scripts, at 1-877-363-1303. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or call 365-3612.

— Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer



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A bus transporting prisoners from Abilene to Huntsville collided with a pickup truck in Comanche County early Friday killing the driver of the pickup. All of the occupants of the bus, which overturned, suffered non life threatening injuries.

## One killed and 10 injured in Comanche prison bus crash Friday

BY CELINDA HAWKINS  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
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One woman was killed

Friday morning following a collision with a transport bus from the Texas Department Criminal Justice on Highway 36 near Gustine in Comanche County.

Kaly Rae Brymer, 24, of Thorndale was traveling south on FM 1702 in a white Ford pickup and reportedly pulled out in front of the bus. The bus crashed into the pickup and the pickup came to rest in a field on the south side of Highway 36. The bus, which was carrying 31 inmates turned over on its side.

The collision occurred at 8 a.m. Friday morning roughly eight miles south of Comanche, near Gustine, according to the Department of Public Safety.

According to TDCJ

spokesman Robert Hurst, 31 inmates and two correctional officers were on the bus. The inmates are from both the Robertson Unit and the Middleton Unit in Abilene and were traveling to Huntsville. All of the inmates and the two officers, suffered non-life threatening injuries in the crash.

Some were taken to hospitals in Dallas-Fort Worth and the Big Country. Five of them were taken by helicopter. The two correctional officers were also transported for minor injuries.

Meanwhile, one inmate was flown to John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth. One was flown to Scott & White Hospital in Temple. Three were

*The collision occurred roughly eight miles south of Comanche, near Gustine, according to the Department of Public Safety.*

transported to hospitals in Comanche, Brownwood and Hamilton.

As of late Saturday, all of the inmates and TDCJ employees had been released from hospitals.

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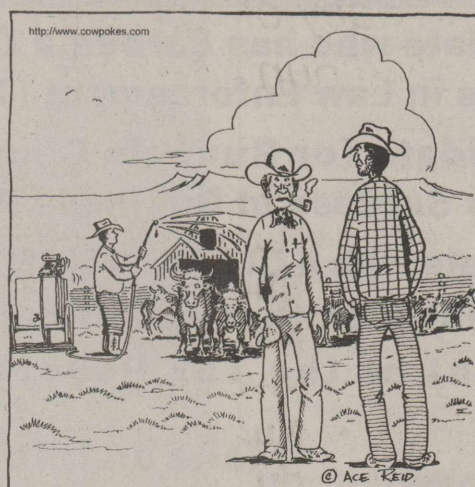
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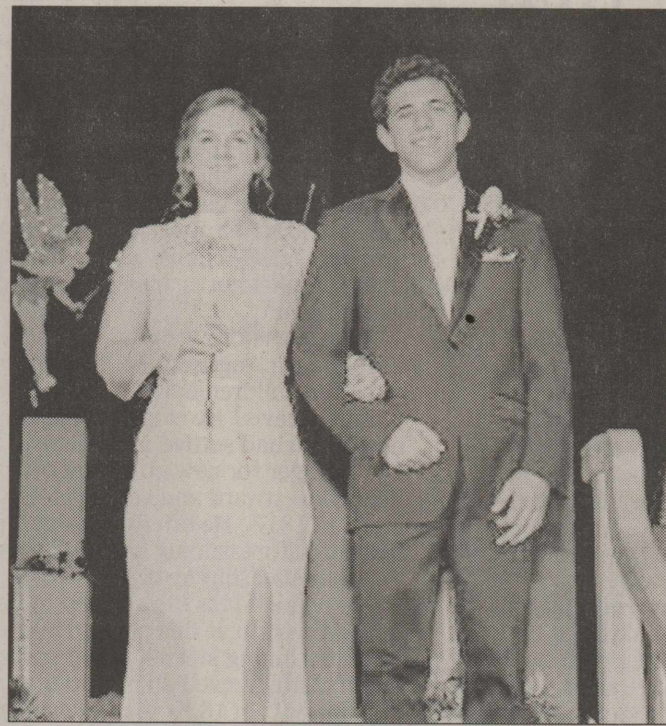
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GLACIER ROYALTY



**GLACIER SOPHOMORES**  
Monique Carrillo and Chris Diaz

Monique Carrillo and Chris Diaz were the sophomore candidates named by the Glacier staff. The photo was incorrectly identified in the Feb. 18 issue of the Winters Enterprise. The Enterprise regrets the error.



**GLACIER JUNIOR**  
Desiree Wilson

Junior candidate Desiree Wilson escorted by classmate Drey Patton who represented junior Glacier candidate Sam Woodall who fractured his leg at baseball practice just prior to the Thursday, February 11, Glacier Ceremony. The photo was incorrectly identified in the Feb. 18 edition of the Winters Enterprise. The Enterprise regrets the error.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

WINTERS ISD MENUS FEB. 26 - MARCH 4

Breakfast	
Feb. 26	Cheese burger Fish, curly fries Baked beans Salad/carrot sticks Diced pears Choice of milk
Feb. 29	Feb. 29 Chef salad Choice of pizza Corn, black-eyed peas Salad/carrot sticks Applesauce Choice of milk
March 1	March 1 Chef salad Frito pie Tacos, pinto beans Salad/carrot sticks Applesauce Choice of milk
March 2	March 2 Chef salad Lasagna/toast Ham & cheese sandwich Italian green beans Salad/carrot sticks Pineapple Choice of milk
March 3	March 3 Chef salad Steak fingers Chicken tenders Sliced bread Mashed potatoes Salad/carrot sticks Fruit cup Raisins Choice of milk
March 4	March 4 Chef salad Cheese burger, hot dog Curly fries Salad/carrot sticks Diced pears Choice of milk
Feb. 26	Feb. 26 Chef salad

# Texas Prepaid Tuition Program enrollment deadline Feb. 29

AUSTIN — Texas families seeking to lock in the cost of undergraduate tuition and required fees at Texas public colleges and universities are urged to enroll their children in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund\* prior to the close of the current enrollment period, which ends on Feb. 29.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program, allows participants to purchase tuition units based

on current prices and avoid future increases in the cost of undergraduate tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities.

"Families concerned about the rising costs of higher education can lock in today's rates at Texas public colleges and universities by prepaying tuition and school-wide required fees through the Promise Fund," Hegar said. "The plan has a range of payment options

that gives Texas parents and grandparents the flexibility they need to plan ahead and provide future opportunities for their children and grandchildren."

Under the plan, families can prepay tuition and school-wide required fees for a four-year degree, two years of community college or just a few semesters at Texas public colleges and universities by purchasing tuition units. Enrollment in the pro-

gram at 2015-16 prices will close Feb. 29. This deadline extends to July 31 for children younger than 1. The next annual enrollment period begins Sept. 1, with new contract prices based on Texas public college costs for the 2016-17 academic year.

Complete plan information, current prices, enrollment forms and more are available online at Tuition-Promise.org, or call 1-800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

# Food handlers course offered March 22

STAFF REPORT

A food handlers course accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services is being offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Runnels County Extension Agent for FCS - Sandy Taylor. Food Safety: It's In Your Hands is scheduled for March 22 from 2-5 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. at the Ballinger Community Center at 200 N. Crosson, in Ballinger.

This 2-3 hour course will now be required for all food service employees to help promote the service of safe food. The certificate is good for 2 years and is valid anywhere in the State of Texas. The course is a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure that safe food is served at your establishment. Practices discussed include good personal hygiene, cross contamination, and time and temperature abuse.

To register for the course, call the Extension office at 325-365-5042. Registration can also be done in-person the day of the course. The cost is \$20 per person and must be paid in full before the course begins. Please RSVP by March 18.

The "Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER)" was

revised and updated and effective October 11, 2015. A major change in the revision now requires all food employees to complete an accredited food handlers training program within 60 days of employment, effective September 16, 2016.

Individual with disabilities who require auxiliary aide service or accommodation in order to participate in the event are encouraged to contact our office within five working days prior to the program. Educational programs of Texas A&M

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## Weather Whys

**Q: What's the difference between mist and drizzle?**

**A:** The real difference is only a slight one, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Mist is composed of tiny droplets of water, so tiny they are suspended in the atmosphere," he explains. "Mist reduces visibility, but not as much as fog, which it closely resembles. Technically speaking, during mist, visibility is one-half mile or more. Drizzle, on the other hand, is fairly uniform precipitation and is composed of small water drops that fall to the ground. The only real difference between drizzle and actual rain is that the droplets in drizzle are much smaller."

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# The Market Perspective

## Counter trend rally likely ending for stocks

The IPO market is foundering. Of the almost 175 companies that made their US stock market debuts I 2015, more than 70% are now trading below their IPO prices. Nine of the ten largest IPOs of 2015 are trading below their initial sale prices.



Dennis Elam

Front Page Wall Street Journal Story Feb. 19, 2016

Clearly the social mood towards IPOs has changed over the last year. A positive attitude on the part of investors has them shelling out money for new ideas. The more positive the attitude, the easier it is to sell investors on whatever idea one might have. Now though, some 2,000 Dow points lower, investors are having second thoughts on what might have been dicey propositions. We have noted that stock prices rose on a sea tide of zero interest rate stock buy backs, rather than real productivity increases.

The Transports have been the leading index to the downside as it topped first in November, 2014. A week ago Friday February 12 the Transports began a week long rally. This relieved the quite oversold condition of the market. Is it over already?

The Transports need a weekly close over 7466 to turn the trend at least neutral. Transports actually bottomed January 20 and have been in an up-trend ever since.

But it looks like the Transports have, pardon the pun, run out of gas. This index is now overbought and

has reached our target of 7400. Next week will tell the tale but I suspect the counter-trend rally for most indexes is already done. Expect a choppy volatile next week as the markets consolidate before finding a new direction.

### Energy

We have maintained that energy prices have been seeking a bottom here. Last week the USO ETF for oil prices briefly dropped below \$8.00 and then rallied for four days. This week news reports surfaced that Russia, Qatar, Saudi, and Venezuela would self impose some sort of production levels. The idea is that until world supply diminishes, it will be hard for prices to advance. However Iran put the kibosh on the idea saying it had no intention of throttling back on its production. Recall that Iran is emerging from longer term sanctions which restricted its ability to sell oil. And as a Shiite enemy of Sunni Saudi Arabia, there is not love lost between the two. This is the case even though it would benefit Iran to at least stay quiet, implying they are going along in which case prices would rise. But alas, as we write today, that is not the case.

FRAK the ETF for Shale producers is at best sideways trading near above the recent low of \$10 at today's \$11.58. It has failed to rise above its 50 day Moving Average at \$12.36.

Natural gas futures dove to a new low at \$1.85 yesterday which is not a positive development.

The natural gas ETF which is UNG is as a result also at a new low today.

So, our expected energy rally has fizzled for now. This suggests a potential re-test of that \$26-27 area for West Texas Intermediate.

## TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE

# William Barret Travis and his legacy

William Barret Travis is perhaps one of the most memorable figures from the Texas Revolution and the siege of the Alamo. His name has since been honored with the naming of Travis County, a park in San Antonio, and numerous schools across the state. Like many heroic figures, his life was one fraught with difficulty.

Travis was born in Saluda County, South Carolina, on August 1, 1809. He was the first of eleven children born to farmer Mark and Jemima Travis. He came from a family of pioneers who had settled in Virginia as early as 1627. Eager for new opportunities, the family headed westward and settled in southern Alabama in 1817. He briefly became a school teacher before gaining his law license through an apprenticeship in 1828.

Everything in his life seemed to be going in his direction at this point. He was ambitious, becoming steadily more successful, and making himself an important part of the community. In 1829, his new wife gave birth to their first child. In addition to his law practice, he started a newspaper, the Claiborne Herald. He joined the local Masonic lodge and also joined the Alabama Militia. But in less than two years, he lost it all.

His weekly newspaper turned into a disaster as his continual typesetting mistakes, missed deadlines, and poor decisions pushed the once-promising publication into insolvency. He found himself unable to attract any significant clients to his law firm. Of the few clients he had, he was unable to collect any legal fees or awards. The bills piled up, no money was coming in, and he now faced the suspected infidelity of his wife.

By early 1831, he owed \$834 to various creditors, an immense sum at the time. Unable to pay, he was taken to court and found liable. By March, an order for his arrest was made for the unpaid debts. Buried in debt and on the run from the law, Travis left Alabama in disgrace.



Dr. Ken Bridges

He went to Texas to recover his fortunes. He started a modest law firm at Anahuac, near modern-day Houston. In 1832, he was arrested following a legal dispute over three slaves who had escaped from Louisiana. The incident touched off a violent encounter with the Mexican Army that left six dead.

In 1834, Travis moved his law practice to San Felipe as relations between Mexico and Texas settlers deteriorated.

By 1835, he was made a lieutenant colonel in San Antonio and ordered to recruit volunteers for the defense of the city, but he found few people willing to join him. In early 1836, troops began reinforcing the old mission at the Alamo, which at that time was just outside San Antonio. By mid-February, Col. James Neill took a leave of absence to attend to his family, leaving Travis in command of about 50 men. One hundred more soon joined, under the command of Jim Bowie.

In spite of Gen. Sam Houston's orders that the mission be abandoned, Travis and the other men decided to make their stand. He sent urgent appeals for reinforcements. On Feb. 24, he sent an open letter addressed "To the People of Texas and All the Americans in the World," asking for troops "in the name of liberty, of patriotism, and everything dear to the American character." He proclaimed, "I shall never surrender or retreat."

By the time the final siege started, there were only 183 defenders at the Alamo, compared to the thousands of soldiers attacking the mission. On March 6, the final attack started, and the men of the Alamo faced their destiny. Travis died at the Alamo on that fateful day. He lived a short 26 years, but in one fateful moment in history, he became a legend.

## ILLNESS,

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has been seeing patients with respiratory and gastric illnesses over the past

months.

"We have seen an uptick in gastric illnesses as well as respiratory illnesses both viral and bacterial," McKinnon said. "It is a little bit of a late surge in seeing patients with these

illnesses this year." McKinnon said that some of the patients are presenting flu-like symptoms and he is treating it as the flu.

"We are treating the illnesses with Tamiflu ad

is appears to be working," McKinnon said.

McKinnon said sanitizing the school may be the best bet to stop the spread of the illnesses.

According to the Winters ISD website, when

a child is ill the parent is asked to contact the school about the child's absence.

Winters ISD rules state a child must be held out of school if they are running a fever over 100 degrees. The child must stay out of school until they are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. In addition, students with diarrheal illnesses must stay home until they are diarrhea free without diarrhea-suppressing medications for at least 24 hours. A full list of conditions for which the school must exclude children can be obtained from the school nurse.

If a student becomes ill during the school day, he or she must receive permission from the teacher before reporting to the school nurse. If the nurse determines that the child should go home, the

nurse will contact the parent.

According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, the best way to prevent the spread of illnesses like the flu and other viral and bacterial infections is to follow these simple steps:

- Wash hands frequently or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or their arm or sleeve.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth.
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- Stay home if sick.



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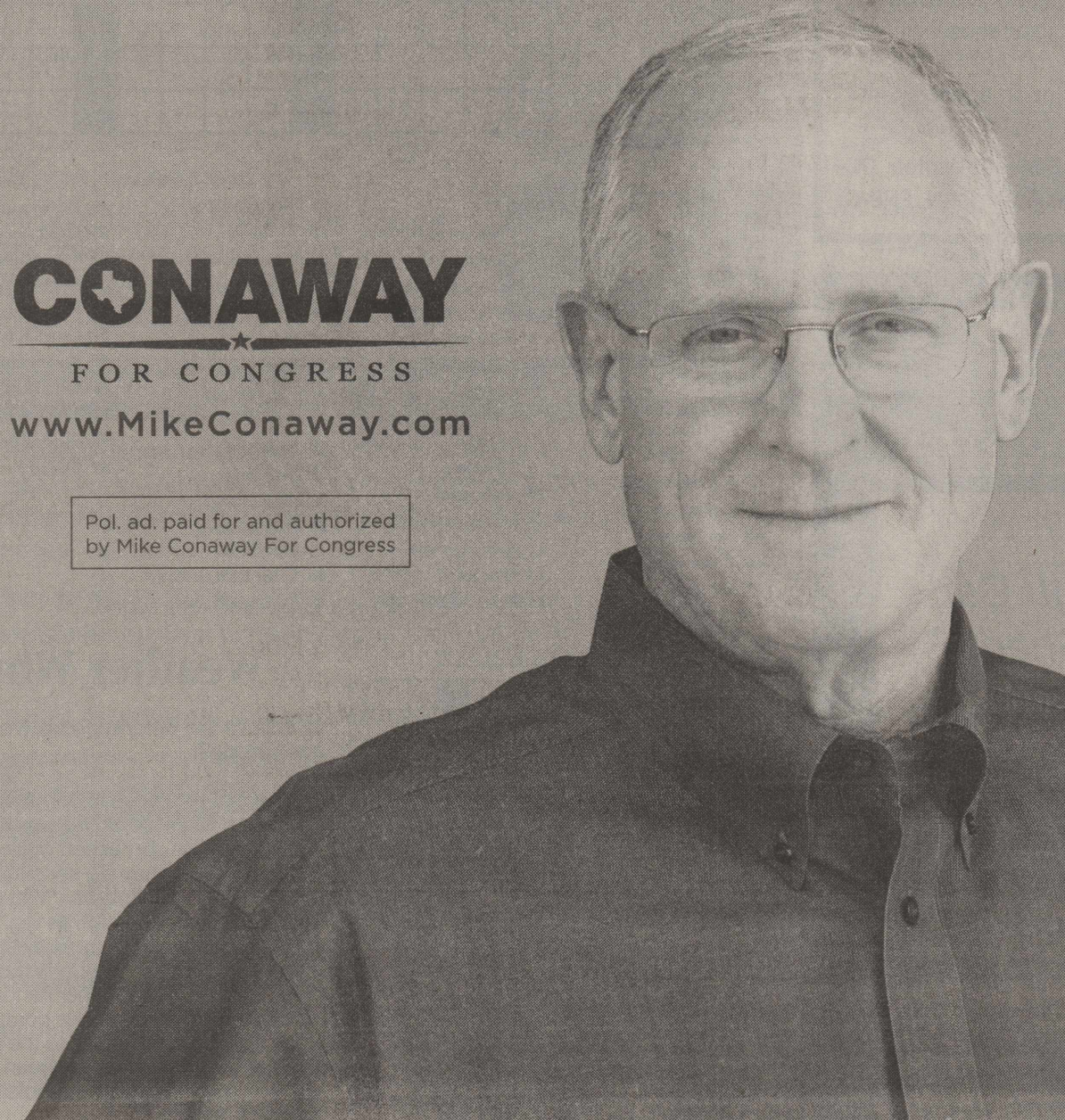
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## TEXTING,

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property. While confidentiality laws prohibit us from sharing any more information at this time, we assure our parents and our community that we are taking every action to ensure student safety and full investigate and respond to all allegations."

Winters Police Chief Randall Davis said the investigation has been turned over to the Texas Rangers.

According to DPS spokesman Frederick Biddle, the Texas Ranger was called to assist the Winters P.D.

"There was no violation of the law and the employee in question resigned and no charges were filed," Biddle said.

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**MINTS,**  
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position more visible in support of our youth and school activities.

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**What do you think you can bring to the position if elected?**

I want to bring a new energy to the representation of Precinct 3 patrons.

With years of managerial decision making experience, I will bring a strong work ethic and the necessary accountability standards. I am keenly aware this opportunity to serve requires a servant's heart of willingness to listen and deal with people issues. When the economy is booming and

the dollars flowing, budgets are easier to manage, but the reality is we are all living with tight budgets, requiring everyone and every penny to be accountable.

**What do you feel qualifies you for the Precinct 3 Runnels County Commissioner position?**

I am ready and willing to serve the people of Precinct 3 as their county commissioner. My life experiences of 40 years in construction management, engineering, and budget management bring the required talents for service. The right decision, the right thing to do, will always be how I base any vote to protect and serve the patrons I represent. Having previously served as an elected official, I know it requires a "tough hide" to make hard decisions.

However the election turns out, I am a content man with blessings far beyond my ability to count.

**ROY MINTS**

**Occupation:** Senior Construction Manager/Construction Consultant

**Education:** Stockdale High School, Texas Tech University, Permian Basin Graduate Center, corporate management and leadership sessions, OSHA/MSHA trainer, instructor.

**Clubs, organizations:** Wingate Baptist Church, Parsons Engineering & Construction "Chairman's Award," Shell Recognition Committee Awards, Exxon Alliance "Employee of the Month," served six years as trustee on a 3A school board and member of the National Rifle Association (NRA).

**Family:** Marilyn, my wife of 46 years. Three daughters, three sons-in law, and six grandchildren; Scott and Melissa Gerhart, Macey & Seth of Winters; Jeff and Amanda Mordica, Clayton & Ashtyn of Pleasanton; Ryan and Leslie Greaves, Aubrey & Sydney of Early.

**SCOTT,**  
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our courthouse and surrounding infrastructures. We are going to have to address and take care of those issues.

On the precinct level, I would like to complete what we have started with the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program (Certz Grant). Each precinct has been allotted a certain amount of dollars from the State, and the county has to only put up 10% of the total funds for the road repairs. This will expire if unused. TxDOT has also agreed to pay for the cost to replace three of our bridges in Precinct 3 and we need to get that done in a timely manner.

Money is and will continue to be an issue for Runnels County. We lost \$450,000 of taxable value from the oil and gas industry last year and it will not be good once again this year when budget time rolls around. Frugality will be key in the near future. With less than \$.17 out of each of our property tax dollars going into the coffers of county government, we have to tighten our belts and work within our means.

**What do you think you can bring to the position if elected?**

I bring a wealth of experience and knowledge from the on the job training I received from being a Road and Bridge employee of Runnels County for the five years prior to being elected the Precinct 3 Commissioner for Runnels County. This experience exposed me to all aspects of road maintenance, and construction. I also am very capable of equipment maintenance and operation, which I help out with when we are shorthanded for whatever reason.

I am now in my fourth year as County Commissioner and have a very good working relationship with all the employees and elected officials of Runnels County. We are all very committed to serving the citizens of our county.

The Commissioner's Court that I serve on, is composed of five very strong willed and dedicated servants to the public. I stand strong for my beliefs, fighting for what I feel is the best thing for my constituents, as do all the others on the Court. When the battles are over, we are

all united together to go back to work and do what is best for Runnels County and its citizens. While I have been associated with my fellow Commissioners, we have shared our time, knowledge, and resources to help each other help ALL citizens of Runnels County. This will continue if re-elected.

**What do you feel qualifies you for the Precinct 3 Runnels County Commissioner position?**

Being born and raised in Runnels County, my roots and loyalty to our citizens run very deep.

I know and appreciate the value of hard work and the value of a dollar. I will always do my best to ensure we always respect both.

I have over four decades of working closely with the public in both the public school system and in county government.

I have been in charge of the budgetary processes of taxpayer monies in both systems for well over 20 years.

I have over one hundred hours of the Continuing Education Credits that are required for County Commissioners.

**SAM SCOTT**

**Occupation:** Precinct 3 Runnels County Commissioner

**Education:** 1969 Graduate of Winters High School; 1974 Graduate of Sul Ross State University with a BS Degree in math and health and physical education.

**Clubs, organizations:** County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas; West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association; committee member of West Central Texas Regional Review Committee and Wingate Lion's Club.

**Family:** Judy, best friend and wife of 46 1/2 years; 5 children and 9 grandchildren.

I have a proven record of leadership in county government, in the education of our children, and in the athletic arena of our school systems.

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# THE IDLE AMERICAN

## Changing Options to Celebrate Life...

The funeral service was much like many of the hundreds I attended in the century just past. The old parson-officiating in the country church—made the identical statement six times. "We won't need any undertakers in heaven."

Each time, I glanced at the late Groner Pitts, funeral director at the service and best man at the wedding for Brenda and me almost 50 years ago. Groner's facial expression didn't change. After all, he'd conducted thousands of services, pretty much seeing and hearing it all.

Later, I ribbed him about the preacher's assurance that no undertakers will be needed in heaven. Pitts smiled, answering, "Heaven doesn't need any preachers, either—just song leaders." ...

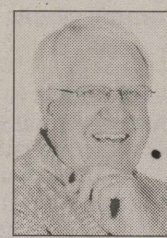
During Pitts' 50+ years in the profession, funeral services changed ever so

gradually, particularly in smaller communities. He's been gone for a dozen years, and in this short span, there have probably been more changes than during his entire career. But so has life in general. Still, Groner would be shocked by so many changes, including different settings—often absented by the body of the person whose life is being celebrated. Most noteworthy is the trend toward cremation. ...

At Martin Thompson and Son Funeral Home in Fort Worth, more than half of the families served choose cremation. Second and third generation in the profession, dad and son follow in the footsteps of the late Guy Thompson, a pioneer undertaker who owned Thompson's Harveson and Cole Funeral Home in Fort Worth. In the judgment of many, Guy was arguably the

most studied, committed, dignified and admired in the field. "Dad never took a vacation as such," Martin said, "Because serving others at their time of need was what he most wanted to do. So he stayed close to home." Guy introduced solid hardwood caskets in the south. During World War II, when metal caskets weren't being made, he opted to order handmade, solid hardwood caskets from Marsellus Casket Company of New York. Learning the company's policy precluded shipments west of the Mississippi River, Guy made it clear he wanted a train car load of 80 caskets. Marsellus changed its policy...

Martin, a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College, worked 22 years for his dad. In 1998, Martin opened his own funeral home in Grapevine, adding others in Keller



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and Mansfield. Jon, who started working with his father right out of high school, holds a funeral service degree from Amarillo College. They founded their current southwest Fort Worth funeral home in 2013. With most families they serve choosing cremation, many new choices emerge. Of interest to most is that cremation services begin at \$750, far less than for traditional services. "We can honor most requests, whether for cremation or traditional services," Martin said. "We strive to meet every need possible in a new era when funerals are

far more celebratory than before." ...

There's a good chance a fourth generation Thompson may become involved in the profession. Who knows? Jon's son, Palmer, is just two years old. Should he choose to do so, he'll be assisting mostly with cremations. In 2013—the most recent national statistical data available—cremations reached 45.4%, with burials slightly ahead at 48.7%. Cremations were projected to dominate in 2015, 48.5% to 45.6%. By 2020, cremations are expected to rule, 56.2% to 37.9%.

On this side of heaven, we'll still need undertakers, whose biggest challenges still are to comfort the bereaved. It is well to keep in mind Charlie Brown's cartoon reminder to Snoopy, while they were fishing. He said, "Someday, we're all going to die, Snoopy."

To which his canine friend responded. "True, but on all the other days, we will not." ...

I never expect to attend a service more unique than the one for Darren Nix, 36, a dozen years ago. The larger part was traditional; then, the minister "changed gears," mentioning Darren's love of moon pies. "Darren loved 'em, and he loved hearing the Big Bopper's 'Chantilly Lace'." As the some 500 friends passed the coffin, they were handed moon pies, as "Chantilly Lace" lyrics flooded the auditorium. ...

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### BROTHER J

## The Crippled Bull

Years ago I had a very good herd bull and he sired many beautiful calves but he got into a fight with a younger bull and got crippled. It was his hip and he had a hard time keeping up with the cows. So I loaded him up and took him to the livestock auction barn and I thought well at least I will get something for him. I went to get my check for the bull and they informed something was wrong and I had to go across town to the dog food plant. I went over there and they told me the bull did not pass inspection so they sent him to the dog food plant. One thing the meat inspectors do if an animal does not pass inspection they brand them with a big C on their jaw. That means they are condemned and not fit for human consumption. That bull reminds me of something in the Bible. When people refuse to honor God, do what He says, worship other things or they may even try to ignore or deny God the Bible says they are condemned, (Mark 16:16, John 3:17-21). That means they will never be allowed into heaven and they will be judged and sent to everlasting punishment, hell (Matthew 12:35-37, Revelation 20:11). But those who accept Jesus Christ and obey it is a different story, (Psalm 34:22, John 3:16&17, Revelation 22:11-15). See you in church next Sunday.

Brother J

## A sweet treat for the troops

### Winters church members aim to bake 800 dozen cookies

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The Ministerial Alliance in Winters, which has 17 member churches is overseeing the project under the direction of Pastor Bob Murchison of the First United Methodist Church in Winters. Murchison decided to continue the efforts started at Christmas by Doris Haynes of Novice Methodist Church for a cookies for troops project she undertook at Christmas. Wes Hays, Sr., of Novice, has been responsible for coordinating the efforts at Christmas and Easter.

Once the sweet treats are baked by community members, the cookies will be picked up by retired Air Force sergeants on March 18 and delivered to Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene. Dyess AFB will then be responsible for delivering the cookies before Easter.

The cookies will be baked by the members of the churches, placed in bags, which in turn will be placed in to shipping boxes.



"The (members of the) Ministerial Alliance is hoping that 800 dozen cookies will be baked and delivered to the women and men, serving our country overseas in the armed forces," Murchison said.

Those interested in participating or contributing cookies, please contact any of the local churches in Winters for more information.

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# LADY BLIZZARDS



**LEFT:** The Lady Blizzards faced off with Miles on Feb. 15, 2016. Here Magan Ballard pitches the ball.



**RIGHT:** K'Lee Lindley caught a fly ball at second base during the game with the Miles Lady Bulldogs on Feb. 15, 2016. Miles won the game 11-8.

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## BALL,

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On Feb. 15, the Lady Blizzards faced off with the Miles Lady Bulldogs, but in the end, Miles won the game 11-8. The Lady Bulldogs took a six point lead in the first inning, with the Lady Blizzards not scoring until the third inning when they took eight points. However, the Lady Bulldogs continued their lead earning four points in the third inning, bringing the score to 10-6. The Lady Bulldogs scored one point in the fourth inning, with neither team scoring in the fifth or sixth innings. A two point score in the seventh inning for the Lady Blizzards, was not enough to secure the win.

The Lady Blizzards took on the Lady Longhorns from Early at the Eastland Tournament that commenced Thursday, Feb. 18. The Lady Blizzards could not recover from a nine point lead taken by Early in the second inning. Early was victorious,

with the final score at 16-2.

The Lady Blizzards were also defeated by the Lady Indians from Comanche with a final score of 9-4.

The Lady Blizzards were finally victorious over the Lady Bears from Baird in the game Friday, Feb. 19. The Lady Blizzards secured a six point lead in the first inning adding another two points in the second inning. Baird scored three points in the fourth inning, as the Lady Blizzards continued their lead, scoring one point during the fourth, bringing the score to 9-6. But the Lady Bears scored five points in the seventh inning, and the Lady Blizzards scored three points, bringing the final score of the game to 11-12, with Winters winning the game. Shelby Gray, hit a grand slam home run during the contest.

Pitchers included Magan Ballard, Mackenzie Ballard and Stacie Ventress and the pitcher was Brooklyn Galloway. Up to bat were Ventress, Jessica Roman, K'Lee Lindley, Galloway, Shelby Gray, Aimee Green, Micaela Ochoa and Magan Ballard.

## ALL DISTRICT SELECTIONS RELEASED

### STAFF REPORT WINTERS ENTERPRISE

Now, that all the girls teams from District 7-2A have been eliminated from the playoffs, the All-District selections may be released. The Winters Lady Blizzards were represented well on the teams.

Sophomore Aimee Green was named 1st Team All-District, after averaging 12 points, five rebounds and three steals during district play. Her best district game was against Albany, when she scored 26 points and made six 3-pointers in the game.

Academic All-District selections included Green, Justine Alvarado, Bailee Busher, Megan Jacob, Christy Kruse, K'Lee Lindley, and Cha-Cha Lovelace. Honorable Mention All-District selections included Busher, Kruse and Monique Carrillo.

Coach Valton Acree said the team had vastly improved over last year.

"The Lady Blizzards were a vastly improved team this year, going from 3 wins last year to 7 wins this year, including huge district upset wins over Hawley on the road and Anson at home," Acree said. "Both of those teams went on to make the playoffs."



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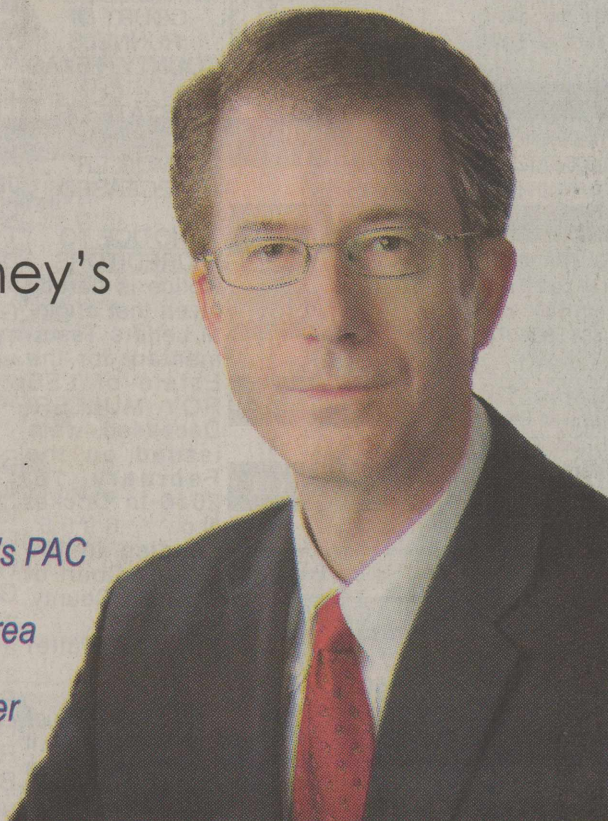
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I will not tell you I am something that I am not. I am a small town country boy who grew up in Santa Anna, Texas. I have served both the citizens of Coleman and Runnels County for the last 21 years to the best of my ability. I am not a college graduate and am not involved in numerous civic organizations. I applaud my opponent for those accomplishments, however, over the last 21 years ALL of my time has been spent serving the citizens I have sworn to protect.



I will NOT tell you, as my opponent has on his campaign web page, newspaper advertising, and campaign Facebook page, that I will do things that are honestly, with our County's current financial situation, not feasible.

I will tell you that I will work with the Runnels County Commissioners' Court to bring about increases in Sheriff Office and jail and dispatch staffing, as well as pay increases, which are needed in those departments to retain our currently trained staff and to attract future qualified, reliable employees.

I will tell you that I will work with the Runnels County Commissioners' Court to further the Sheriff's Office and jail and dispatch departments' technological needs, when those funds are available to the County.

I will tell you I will continue to work with other Runnels County law enforcement agencies, surrounding city and county agencies, as well as other local first responders and state and federal agencies, to better serve the citizens of Runnels County. I will tell you that any citizen of Runnels County will always be welcome to visit with me by phone or in person to discuss any issues one might have concerning law enforcement issues.

I will tell you that if elected your sheriff, ALL currently employed Sheriff's Office personnel will keep their jobs! These people have served the citizens of Runnels County faithfully and deserve the opportunity to continue to do so!

I also want to encourage each citizen to help US to help YOU. We can do so much more if we all work together.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Citizens of Runnels County for the support you have shown my wife Cherie and I over the years. We did not grow up here, however, this has become our home.

I also want to thank Sheriff Bill Baird for giving me the opportunity 14 years ago to become a part of his team. I would also like to thank him for the confidence he has had in the work I have done in this County over the years. I would also like to thank the Runnels County deputies I have worked with over the years. They are all an incredible group of men and women. The people of Runnels County do not understand the stresses of this job and the toll it can take on a person mentally and physically, however, the deputies I have served with have shown nothing but incredible resolve in serving the citizens they are sworn to protect and for that I thank them all! I also want to thank the Runnels County jail and dispatch staff for their outstanding service to Runnels County over the years. These men and women never get the credit they deserve, however, I hope you will take the time to shake their hands and tell them "thank you for your service" when you see them because they deserve at least that much for helping protect the Citizens of Runnels County. In closing, I again thank you all for your support for my wife Cherie and I over the years. I ask for your vote for CARL SQUYRES for Runnels County Sheriff.

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