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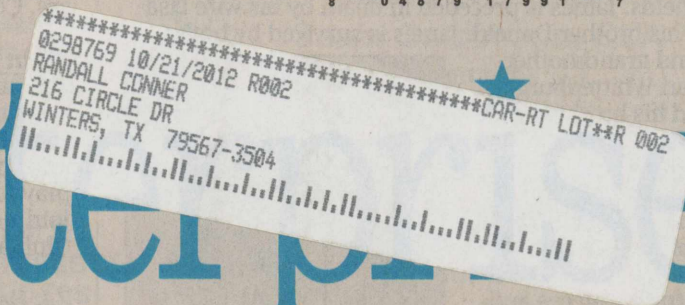
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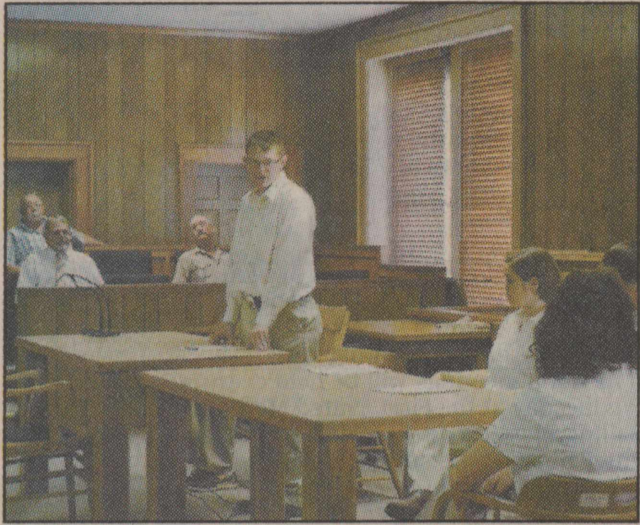


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Ethan Bredemeyer presides over the mock 4-H Club meeting. County Judge Barry Hilliard and commissioners Ronald Presley and Rick Strube observe in the back.

Parliamentary procedures

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Runnels County 4-H Leaders for Life presented a mock 4-H club meeting last Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at the Runnels County Courthouse during the Runnels County Commissioners Court.

The team, comprised of Ethan Bredemeyer, Rachel Gibbs, Jennifer Castleberry, Garrett Looka and Alyssa Flanagan placed second at the state competition held in Lubbock, Texas, and fell just short of passing to the national competition.

The Leaders for Life event tests the knowledge of youth on leadership, parliamentary procedure and service learning.

Components of the contest include Parliamentary Procedure demonstration, where teams have 20 minutes to present a mock 4-H club meeting.

CHECK OUT THE MEETING IN OUR WEBSITE AT MYRUNNELSCOUNTY.COM



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Two new stones were added to the Runnels County Veterans Memorial monument at the Courthouse lawn.

Honoring and remembering our Veterans

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Veterans in Runnels County have now a new place for their names to be honored and remembered. The Runnels County Veterans recently added two new stones to the Veterans Memorial monument located at the County Courthouse lawn.

The monument currently displays nearly 2,000 names of members of all branches of the military who served their country, and with the new stones placed in June 2012 nearly 1,000 more names can be added to this monument.

"We placed the monument there in 1994 to honor the Runnels County Veterans," said Billy Rollwitz, an American Legion and Runnels County Veterans representative.

Originally there was one big centerpiece flanked by two stones on each side. One stone was added this year on each side and they are currently blank.

Along with the stones the monument will be uplifted with new flags donated by Buddy's Plants Plus and the Runnels County Veterans.

"Anybody can honor a family member or friend, the stones are open for anybody who has been a member of the military," said Rollwitz.

Anybody interested in placing a name in the stones or for more information call Billy Rollwitz, at 442 3141.



One of the blank stones

Blizzards football releases finalized 2012 football schedule

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- With the new era of Blizzard football set to start with two-a-days on Monday August 6, Coach Bright announced the 2012 schedule has been finalized. The Blizzards look to compete against a tough schedule including 2011 playoff contenders as well as two Class 2A schools in Ballinger and Amarillo Boys Ranch.

"When we first got here to Winters we went to work on filling the tenth game in our schedule. It was very late in the process but luckily we used some connections from my time in the Amarillo area to schedule our game against Boys Ranch. They will be a tough team to face but we look forward to the challenge," stated Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Adam Bright. "Playing at a

neutral site should be an interesting experience and prepare our guys for that type of environment when the playoffs start. I am excited to see how many Blizzards fans make the drive to Lubbock to enjoy some Friday Night Lights out on the West Texas Plains."

The 2012 schedule sees the Blizzards open on the road for two straight weeks before coming home in week three. Back-to-back road games to open the season include a trip to defending state champion Mason and then the rivalry game with Ballinger gets started up again after a long absence. Bronte visits Winters week three as the Blizzards open the 2012 home schedule followed by a trip to Hamlin. Week five sees the Blizzards travel to Lubbock Coronado High School Field to face off

with Amarillo Boys Ranch in a neutral site game.

After the trip to Lubbock the Blizzards have back to back home games with Goldthwaite and begin district play with Stamford. The Blizzards finish the 2012 season with a trip to Anson, a bye week, a home contest vs. Haskell and a road trip to Forsan.

"The schedule is a tough one but I know that the guys in blue and white will show up and give 100 percent effort against whoever is on the other side of the ball. We have some youth to our team and the people that make predictions have discounted us to some degree, but I think this may very well be a surprising Blizzards team. A new district, offense, defense, and coaching staff is going to make this year a fun and exciting year. A sold out stadium full of folks wearing blue is what

Football season

Winters Blizzards 2012 Varsity schedule

Date	Rival	Time
Aug. 18	TUCA (scrimmage)	9 a.m.
Aug. 23	@ Coleman (scrimmage)	5:30
Aug. 31	@ Mason	7:30
Sept. 7	@ Ballinger	7:30
Sept. 14	Bronte	7:30
Sept. 21	@ Hamlin	7:30
Sept. 28	Boys Ranch @ Lubbock	7:30
Oct. 5	Goldthwaite	7:30
Oct. 12	Stamford (Homecoming)	7:30
Oct. 19	@ Anson	7:30
Oct. 26	Open	
Nov. 2	Haskell (Senior Night)	7:30
Nov. 9	@ Forsan	7:30

these kids have worked all summer for" added Coach Bright.

Distinguished Service Award

The Runnels County Historical Commission was awarded the 2011 Distinguished Service Award presented by the Texas Historical Commission. The award was presented last Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at the Commissioners Court. Members of the Historical Commission were recognized for their efforts to share and preserve the local history with the community. Pictured here is Precinct 3 Commissioner James Thurman Self with Runnels County Historical Commission Chairperson Ruth Cooper.

PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ



WHS baseball gets All-State honors

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Winters High School pitcher Strait Daniel was named in the Class 1A All-State baseball third team, while two more local players received honorable mention in the Texas Sports Writers Association/Collin Street Bakery awards released this week.

Those receiving honorable mention are Junior catcher Kolton Alexander and Senior first baseman Fabian Esquivel. Daniel, a Senior in Winters High School's best season in the baseball program, also received honorable mention as an outfielder.

The Blizzards baseball team won their first playoff game ever dur-

ing the 2012 season. The Blizzards kept on going deep into the playoffs to become Class 1A Regional Runner Up. The Blizzards defeated McCamey, Tahoka, Ft. Hancock and Seymour during the playoffs to claim four golden gloves.

The Texas Sports Writers Association/Collin Street Bakery All-State awards were released on Monday, July 23, 2012.

Fayetteville's Conner Bertsch was named the Player of the Year. The Senior left-hander, was 6-1 with an 0.66 earned run average, striking out 66 in 42.2 innings in leading Fayetteville to a state title. He also batted .386 with 25 runs batted in.



First baseman Fabian Esquivel received honorable mention.

Private pesticide license training and testing to be held in Ballinger

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will collaborate with the Texas Department of Agriculture to conduct a private pesticide applicator training and testing opportunity beginning at 1 p.m. on August 14 at the Runnels County Extension Office, 608 Sealy Ave, Ballinger, Texas.

Those planning to attend must purchase the private applicator study materials before attending the training and testing meeting.

There is a \$50 charge for the material and to attend the class. Those interested in attending

to this course may obtain this material by contacting the Runnels County Extension Office at (325) 365-2219.

A private applicator license allows the holder to buy and apply restricted use herbicides, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture. A test to obtain the

license will be issued immediately following the training by TDA representative.

The training is being conducted by the AgriLife Extension office in Runnels County.

For more information call Marty Gibbs, County Extension Agent Runnels County at (325)365-2219.

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James Craig Gray

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James was born on April 20, 1962, to parents J.C. and Betty Sue Gray. Born and raised in Winters, James worked in the oilfields. James is preceded in death by his wife Lisa Gray and his brother Donald. James is survived by both parents and grandmother Jimmie Earl Whittenburg. James and his brother both served in The United States Coast Guard. James enjoyed working with wood, and created many pieces of art. James was close to his family and held a special place in his heart for his nieces and nephews.

James loved his animals, especially his faithful companion "Rocket" his dog. Memorial services were on Saturday, July 21, 2012 at the Heritage Family Funeral Home chapel with Pastor Marcy Grun presiding.



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Walker Co champions programs to protect homes and families from wildfires

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WALKER COUNTY- Want to know how to successfully implement wildfire prevention, mitigation and preparedness programs? Look no further than Walker County, where community officials and homeowners are showing Texas how it's done.

In 2005, community leaders met with Justice Jones, wildland urban interface and prevention coordinator for Texas Forest Service. Concerned about homes in close proximity to the Sam Houston National Forest, the group's mission was to identify wildfire risks, create mitigation strategies and devise a plan that would empower residents to protect their homes and property. The effort evolved into the first countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan in Texas.

The plan guided community leaders as they worked with Texas Forest Service and the U.S. Forest Service to identify high-risk areas and secure grant funding to clear dead vegetation, thus reducing the potential for wildfires to spread.

One group of homeowners even pooled \$15,000 for a mulching project. Those homeowners - residents of the Elkins Lake community - created their

own wildfire risk assessment and action plan, ultimately meeting criteria for the national Firewise Communities USA program, the first in Walker County to do so.

Huntsville Assistant Fire Chief John Hobbs made it his personal mission to educate Walker County citizens about the Ready, Set, Go! program, a national effort through which fire departments teach residents how to prepare their homes and families for wildfire, understand current conditions and evacuate early when necessary.

"They've accomplished so much in a very short amount of time," said Texas Forest Service Director Tom Boggus. "The bar is set high for the rest of our state."

And Walker County residents put their preparedness strategies to the test last year, as 104 wildfires burned more than 6,700 acres in the area.

Eight Walker County homes were destroyed in 2011 but 139 were saved - thanks to the efforts of firefighters and, in some cases, homeowners who planned in advance.

Butch Davis, the county's Emergency Management Coordinator, said he's proud of what the community has been able to accomplish in a unified effort.

Thank you from our hearts to yours for your prayers which have given us strength, your expressions which have encouraged our hearts, your presence which has given us comforting arms to lean on. All the love shown will be forever remembered and deeply appreciated. Please continue to pray for us and we pray God will continue to bless you.
~ The family of Craig Gray ~

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NEWS NOTES

Bradshaw Homecoming.

It's time again for the Bradshaw Homecoming. It will be this Sunday, July 29, at the old Methodist Church in Bradshaw. Every one is invited, bring a covered dish. We will have lunch at 12:30 p.m., our business meeting afterwards and lots of visiting with young and old timers. Come one, come all!

Night golf tournament at the Winters Country Club

Saturday, July 28 starting at 5 p.m. the Winters Country Club will be having their night golf tournament. It will start at 5:00 and you will play nine holes and then have hamburgers and hot dogs. After dark you will play nine more holes. It is a lot of fun so come out and join us. For more information call the Winters Country Club at 754-4679.

Z.I. Hale members meeting

There will be a meeting for the Z. I. Hale Museum members on Thursday, July 26, at 5 p.m. Come and enjoy refreshments and help us plan for some events. For more information call Wanda at 754-5313.

YMCA Fall Football and Cheerleader signups in Winters

Boys and girls third through sixth grade. Registration and payment: Tuesday, July 31, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Scout Hut. Fees due at time of signups. Deadline is Friday August 3, 2012, season kick-off: September 15, 2012. For questions or forms please contact Ida (325) 669 4521 or Amy (325) 365 0993.

Pray Until Something Happens

Every first Friday of the month the First United Methodist Church will be having PUSH "Pray Until Something Happens" everyone is invited to come and pray from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Bronte 2012 golf calendar

Bronte Longhorn Golf Club 2012 events: August 4, three-person 27 holes select shot; September 8, two-person 18 holes select shot; September 29 and 30, Coke Co. Tournament two-person 18 holes select shot each day; October 6, two-person 18 holes select shot; November 3, two-person 18 holes shots. Carts are limited so sign up early if need carts.

Bronte Longhorn Golf Club (325) 437-2156.

Mentors needed

Winters Elementary School is looking for volunteers to be a mentor on an elementary student. The volunteer would meet with the student once a week during school hours for approximately 30 minutes to help with homework, read a book, or just talk. Mentoring has shown to help build self-esteem, improve grades and in some cases improves test scores. Anyone interested may contact Charles Murphy, Elementary Counselor at 754 5577 ext. 1126.

Cross Emmaus Community gatherings

The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held first Thursday of each month at 6 at the United Methodist Church. For more information call (325) 365 2323.

VFW meetings

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 meet the second Monday night of each month at 6 p.m. in the Rock Hotel. All eligible veterans of the United States military are invited to attend.

Band Boosters

The Band Boosters meet every Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the Band Hall.

Winters Women's Club

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Marlene Smith at 754-4961 for additional information.

AA Meetings

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

Ballinger Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

City Council Meetings

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

Drought pushes record highs for corn and grain prices

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION - The future of corn prices and the impact on fed livestock continues to be an unfolding, tumultuous situation, but some degree of clarity should be coming to the story in the next few weeks, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist.

"This is not just a supply situation, but demand as well," said Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grains marketing economist, College Station. "We are going to see some demand response to these high prices and need to carefully watch for that. What we need to see are these crop-condition reports every Monday leveling off and get an assessment of what is going to really happen."

Until then, Welch said corn prices will continue to hover at record levels, which puts pressure on feedlot operators to be profitable.

"Can they cheapen up the prices they are paying for cattle to pay \$8.50 to \$9 a bushel for corn?" Welch said. "I think we will see the answer to this as well as some of the other factors weighing in on the markets in the coming weeks. I think we may see a strong push back on the use of corn, which is a natural response in this type of market environment."

Another area to watch, according to Dr. David Anderson, AgriLife Extension livestock marketing economist, College Station, are feedlot placement numbers in Nebraska versus Texas. Due to the Midwest drought, Nebraska could soon eclipse Texas in the numbers of cattle on feed.

"The drought across the plains and corn belt is leaving cattle with no place to go, in contrast to last year's drought in the southern plains," Anderson said. "Last year, cattle could go from Texas and Oklahoma to states that had grass. Now the drought

has hit those states. Combined with skyrocketing corn prices, calf and feeder prices have declined dramatically, with southern plains 500- to 600-pound calf prices down about 22 percent in the last few weeks.

"The drought may leave calves with no place to go, but feedlots, at lower prices. We may see more drought forced feedlot placements in Northern feedlots, closer to the drought-affected areas this year."

In the June U.S. Department of Agriculture cattle on feed report, Nebraska had 385,000 placements and Texas had 420,000 head.

Welch said if corn yields level off at 130 bushels per acre, he doesn't expect carryover stocks to be any less than they are currently projected for the crop year just ending.

"We are not in crisis mode yet," he said. "That's the role of high prices, to provide incentives for producers to produce more and users to use less."

Welch predicts there will be a "huge acreage response next year" in planted corn acres due to the current relation to supply and demand.

"I think we will see a few more wheat acres and more corn and soybeans, especially across the South. Where cotton prices are right now, that 60-cent cotton competing against soybeans in the teens, it doesn't take a lot of pencil pushing to see where that's going."

Unlike 2008, he said, crude oil prices are not surging to record highs and big investment funds haven't added strongly to bullish bets, creating intense volatility in the grain markets.

"We've got \$90 a barrel oil and the other commodities, such as the metals, are in a downward trend," Welch said. "We are not seeing big funds throwing money at the grain market like we did in 2008."

Grasshoppers likely to thrive in the summer heat

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- If you've got grasshopper problems now, you're probably going to continue to have them until this fall, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service entomologist.

Grasshoppers are long-lived; they're with us most of the summer, and growers are still battling them, said Dr. Allen Knutson, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Dallas.

Some producers have already had to re-treat two or three times to protect crops, Knutson said.

And because grasshoppers thrive in hot weather, the problems they pose to crops will likely get worse before they get better, he said.

"As we get into the hot, dry summer, more and more of their wild host plants -- weeds and wild

grasses -- dry up, and that forces them into our crops, especially irrigated fields," he said.

High grasshopper populations are tied to drought for a number of reasons, according to Knutson. The first grasshopper hatch was earlier than normal because spring warmed up sooner than normal. And because many areas had a dry winter, a fungus, Entomophthora grylli, that usually causes high grasshopper mortality was not as prevalent in many areas.

He noted that if producers in a particular area didn't have an early grasshopper population boom, they're unlikely to see one later in the summer. Though grasshoppers live two months or after they reach the adult stage, they are homebodies, rarely

travelling more than a few miles from where they were hatched.

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

In West Central the weather report included triple-digit temperatures which will continue to deplete soil moisture. Pastures and crops in areas that had scattered

showers were doing better. Some cutting and baling of hay was under way. Rain will be needed for a second cutting of hay. Cotton farmers were spraying. Early planted cotton was progressing well, with later planted fields under moisture stress. Many producers were plowing fields in preparation for planting wheat. Grain sorghum growers planned to start harvesting soon. Pecan crops were doing well as growers irrigated orchards.

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Incoming Ballinger Rotary Club President Ron Wood receives the gavel from outgoing President Gene Clack.

Ballinger Rotary Club installs new officers

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STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- The Ballinger Rotary Club recently conducted its annual induction ceremony to install new officers and directors, and to recognize outstanding contributions to the club during the past year. Rotary International is a worldwide service organization made up of 1.2 million business professionals dedicated to supporting local and international service projects around the world. The signature service project since 1986 has been the eradication of Polio from the face of the earth — a challenge that has been met in all but three countries: Pakistan, Afghani-

stan and Nigeria. Locally, the Ballinger Rotary Club sponsors a number of worthwhile projects that serve the needs of others in our community and throughout the county. Outgoing club president Gene Clack presided over the installation dinner attended by representatives from Rotary District 5840, as well as the Ballinger High School Rotary Interact club. The Ballinger Rotary Club's new officers for the 2012-2013 year are as follows: President — Ron Wood, President Elect — David Cowart, and Executive Secretary — Jill Davis. New and returning directors include Matt Belden, Byron Bauerlein, Rhonda Black, Larry Lange, Saam

Geistmann and Karl Vancil. Outgoing President Clack recognized several Rotarians for their individual contributions during his year as president. Rotarian Rhoda Black was recognized as "Rotarian of the Year" for her tireless efforts in overseeing the numerous fund raising efforts of the club. Rotarian Bob Brown was awarded with the "Service Above Self" award for his efforts in overseeing work in the facilitation of adoption of children in the area. The Ballinger Rotary Club meets on Tuesdays and anyone wanting more information about the club and its activities can contact Ron Wood at 468-3337.

TPA elects Russel Skiles as 2012-13 president

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

SAN ANTONIO- Russel Skiles, publisher of the Lamesa Press-Reporter, was elected the 135th president of Texas Press Association on June 23 at the 2012 TPA Newspaper Executives' Retreat in San Antonio. He succeeds Chad Ferguson, editor and publisher of The Banner Press Newspaper in Columbus, who became chairman of the board. "I'm very humbled to be chosen to help lead an association with such a tremendous history of serving and representing newspapers of all sizes across Texas," Skiles said. Skiles is the second publisher of the Lamesa Press-Reporter to serve as president of the association. Walter Buckel, publisher-emeritus of the Press-Reporter, was president from 1985 to 1986.

It was Buckel who hired Skiles, fresh out of college, as a reporter/photographer for the paper in 1980. Skiles was named news editor the following year and gradually assumed additional responsibilities before becoming editor and publisher of the newspaper in 1991. In January 2003 he became president of the board of directors for both the Lamesa Press-Reporter and South Plains Printing Company. He was president of the West Texas Press Association from 1997 to 1998. He served four years as the TPA Contest Committee chairman and has been involved with the TPA/TDNA Legislative Advisory Committee. He also served on the contest and convention committees of the National Newspaper Association and as a judge for NNA's

Better Newspaper Contest. Skiles holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from Angelo State University, where he served as editor of the student newspaper, The Ram Page. He got his start in newspapers reporting for the Del Rio News-Herald during a summer internship in 1977. He was born in Rankin and grew up in his father's hometown of Langtry, a tiny community of less than 30 people on the Rio Grande, where his parents, Jack and Wilmuth Skiles, still reside. He graduated from nearby Comstock High School in a class of only eight students.

'Ranching in the Extremes' conference and field day

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

ALPINE- The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is partnering with several other entities to present the Trans-Pecos Wildlife Conference and Field Day on Aug. 2-3 in Alpine. The Aug. 2 classroom sessions begin at 8 a.m. in the Espino Conference Center located on the main campus of Sul Ross State

University. The Aug. 3 field tour will meet at 7:45 a.m. at the school's Range Animal Science Center, one mile east of the main campus on the south side of U.S. Highway 90. There will be an 8 a.m. departure by private vehicles to the Parker and Parker Cattle Company ranch, 15 miles from Alpine. "This program's theme is 'Ranching in the Ex-

tremes,' because that's what we're now doing," said Jesse Lea Schneider, AgriLife Extension agent in Presidio County. "The past two years have been some of the worst of times for Far West Texas ranchers. Wildfires coupled with record heat and drought have taken a tremendous toll on the cattle industry, wildlife population and our local economy."

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In the backyard of the house located at 218 Paloma St., in Winters, was located the body of James Craig Gray, with a handgun shot in the head.

Man found dead at Paloma St. in Winters

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- A man was found dead last Tuesday morning, July 17, 2012, at his residence on Paloma Street, in Winters. James Gray, 50 years of age was found by a family member in the morning, with a gunshot wound to his head. Judge Richard Hamilton pronounced Gray dead at 11:45 a.m. The body was found in the backyard of the house located at 218 Paloma St. Winters, Texas. The Winters Police Department received a call at 11:20 a.m. and arrived to the scene minutes later. According to the evidence found, which includes a single shot to the head, several notes left, and witnesses, the case is being treated as self-inflicted wounds. No autopsy was ordered. The body was sent to Heritage Family Funeral Home, in Ballinger, Texas. According to family members Gray had been having health problems and had never gotten over the death of his wife on March of 2011.

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Weather Whys

Q: Which heat waves have been the worst killers in the United States?

A: Heat waves can cause a lot of fatalities, says weather expert Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "In the last two months, more than 8,000 heat records have broken across the U.S. and so far this year, at least 76 deaths have occurred from the heat," he notes. "The great Dust Bowl period of the 1930s covered more than 50 million acres, but the death count is really not known. In 1955, an eight-day heat wave killed 946 people in Los Angeles and in 1972, a 14-day heat wave killed 891 in New York City. By far, the worst heat wave occurred in 1980. During that summer, an estimated 10,000 people were killed nationwide and heat damages totaled \$50 billion."

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HISTORICAL MARKERS AND THEIR HISTORIES IN RUNNELS CO

History of the Blue Gap Post Office

CONTRIBUTED BY RUTH COOPER
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WINTERS- The second oldest post office in Runnels County was called Blue Gap. It was originally located a little over 16 miles east of Winters, Texas near the Coleman County line. It was a log cabin, chinked with gray post oak log walls. This building served as the post office and was the only business that was ever located in the town that only existed for 3 years.

The post office was established February 14, 1878 to accommodate ranchmen and about 30 Texas Rangers who were located a few miles north. Their mission was to protect settlers from marauding Indians.

The name described the area in which it was located. Blue Gap was a scenic pass through the mountains about one and one-half miles away. It also served as the stagecoach stop for the Round Rock to Buffalo Gap Stage Line. The stage came by every two weeks to bring mail and supplies. During the three years there were five postmasters.

It could be said the town died in contentment because it was replaced by a village just two

miles north called Content in 1881. After the railroad came to Abilene, the stage line ceased to operate and the post office then opened in Content. The settlers were moving into the area, gathering together and settling where Dan W. Hale had built a store.

The postmasters at Blue Gap had kept a guest book and the information described it as the first post office in Runnels County.

There was a post office at Walthall, established in 1877, a short time before Blue Gap. The Runnels and Coleman County line had fluctuated so much most people thought the two post offices were in separate counties.

It was in 1880, that H.D. Pearce of Runnels City presented a petition to the Coleman County Commissioners Court with signatures of 158 eligible persons to vote from the area independent of Coleman County, where all records were kept at that time. The court ordered that Runnels County be organized.

The Runnels County Historical Survey Committee rescued the log cabin and they began a restoration project at the site in 1966. When they finished, an Official

Texas Historical Medallion was dedicated May 12, 1963. After that, sightseers and tourists registered in the restored cabin from as far away as the states of New York and Washington. They just wanted to see a real log cabin. The story of Blue Gap was printed in the National Postmasters Gazette in September 1962. Excerpts from the article indicated the last postmaster was Mr. A.A. Hanscomb. He was a lover of books, and he had come to this area from Boston, Massachusetts to find a better climate because of his health.

Shortly after this, a group of citizens ordered an Official Texas Historical Commission

The inscription

The Recorded Texas Historic Landmark Official Marker with Medallion inscription read:

Blue Gap Post Office
First Post Office in Runnels County. Named for Gap in Table Mountain. Established Feb. 14, 1878: Used until transferred in 1882 to the town of Content 2 miles north. Last Postmaster was A.A. Hanscomb. The one-room structure has hand-hewn cedar rafters, hand-made shingle roof and walls of roughly-hewn logs. Also served as a stop on the Round Rock to Buffalo Gap stage route. Cabin was recently restored.
Recorded Texas Historic Landmark - 1967

The inscription on the Official Texas Historical Commission Medallion Plate read:

Postmasters and their date of appointment at Blue Gap are:
James K. Paulk February 14, 1878
B.F. Sullivan September 16, 1878
J.J. Craig April 15, 1879
James K. Paul June 2, 1879
Alfred A. Hanscomb January 16, 1880
Discontinued in March 1881

Medallion Plate to be attached to the restored log cabin by the front entrance. It would list the five postmasters.

By 2000, the old log cabin was in very poor condition. It had been vandalized and the signs giving directions had all been removed. Correspondence between the landowner, who wanted it removed, the Z.I. Hale Museum and the Texas Historical Commission included an agreement-in-principal to disassemble, relocate and reconstruct the Old Blue Gap Post Office log cabin.

It was at time, a group of area residents took equipment to the site and disassembled the structure that was beginning to collapse.

The 134 year old logs were moved to a place of safe keeping in a somewhat controlled environment and now await restoration.

Resources:
Runnels County Historical Commission Marker Histories, Standard-Times, San Angelo, Texas, May 12, 1967 Daily News, Paris, Texas, June 14, 1967 News, Port Arthur, Texas, June 15, 1967 Postmasters Gazette, National Association of Postmasters, Sept. 1962

Juan M. Garcia named FSA Administrator

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON- Juan M. Garcia was appointed as Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator, effective July 15, 2012, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced last week.

Garcia previously served as deputy administrator for Farm Programs where he managed all

FSA programs under the Production Emergencies and Compliance Division, Conservation and Environmental Programs Division, and Price Support Division.

Garcia served as state Executive Director for Texas and as the Agricultural Program Manager (APM) for the Farm Service Agency in Texas. Prior to

his selection as the APM, Garcia worked as a District Director and served earlier in his career as County Executive Director. During his 35-year career with USDA, Garcia has received numerous honors and is a three-time recipient of the prestigious FSA Administrator's Award for Service to Agriculture.

A native of Lyford,

Texas, Garcia was raised on his family's 500-acre farm. Garcia received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from Texas A&I in Kingsville (now Texas A&M University-Kingsville) and was recognized as the College of Agriculture's 2010 Hall of Honors Alumnus. Garcia and his wife, Belinda, have three grown children.

Taylor Co crash fatal victim identified

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

ABILENE- The identity of a person killed last week in a crash occurring on Texas State Highway 36, in Taylor County, was revealed on Tuesday, July 24, by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The accident happened at 4:58 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2012, six miles south of Abilene, Texas on State Highway 36 in Taylor County.

Jacob Joel Morgan, 30 years of age, from Fort Hood, was pronounced dead at the scene by Judge Smith. The body was taken to Abilene Professional Services and then onto Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office for identification.

Jacob Joel Morgan was driving a 2007 Chrysler northbound on State Highway 36 in Taylor County. The vehicle left the roadway to the east, struck a tree and came to rest in a creek bed. The vehicle caught fire. The road was dry and the weather was clear. This crash is being investigated by Trooper Robert Shugart.

Two killed in crash in Nolan Co

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

SWEETWATER- A family outing turned tragic on Friday, July 20, 2012 when a vehicle rolled over on Interstate 20 just west of Sweetwater, Texas, killing two people and leaving three more injured.

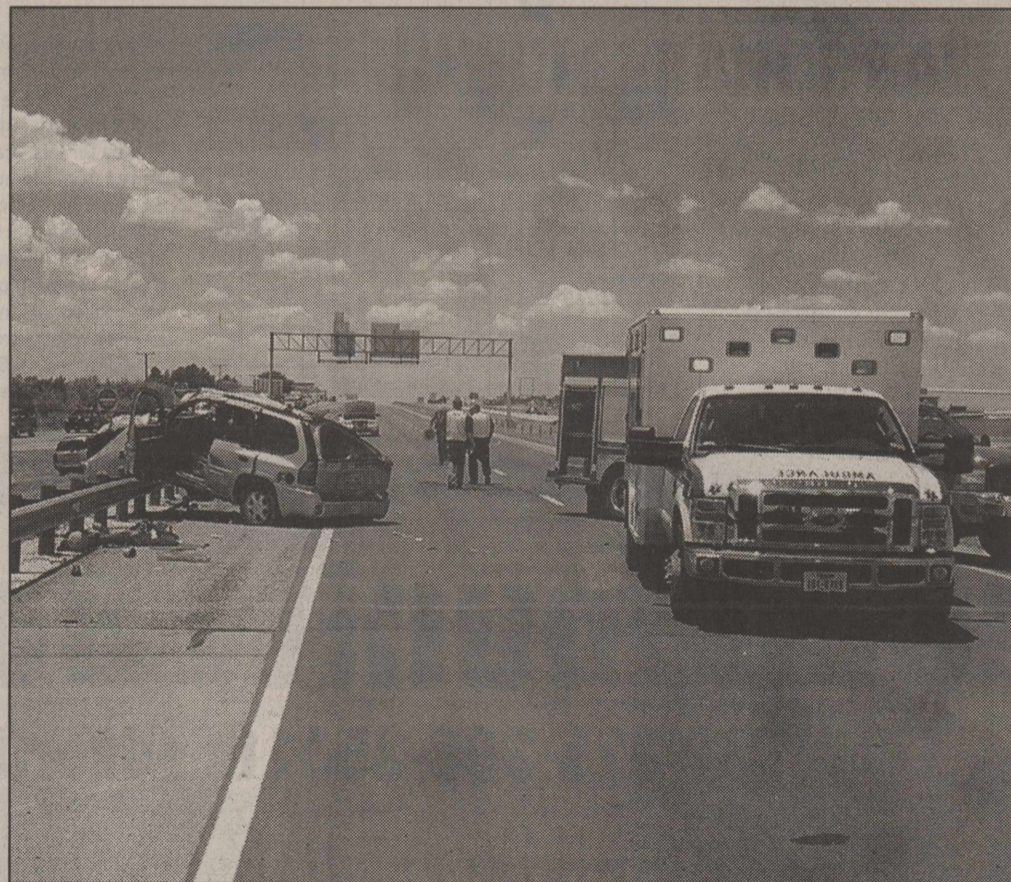
The accident happened when Kimberly Troutz Guynn was driving a 2005 GMC Suburban eastbound on IH-20, mile marker 204, west of Sweetwater.

Guynn was following another family vehicle when she began exiting the interstate and then abruptly swerved to re-enter the interstate. There were four generations of family in this vehicle.

According to a release by the Texas Department of Public Safety the driver overcorrected to the left and the vehicle overturned.

Ronnie Harmon Troutz, 65 years of age from Odessa, Texas, was pronounced dead at the scene at 1:40 p.m. by Judge Fambrough. The body was taken to McCoy's Funeral Home, in Sweetwater, Texas. Troutz was wearing a seatbelt in the front passenger seat.

Kaysie Amber Guynn, 28 years of age, from Odessa, Texas was pronounced dead at Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater at 1:44 p.m. by Dr. Morider.



A rollover occurring on Interstate Highway 20, just west of Sweetwater, claimed the life of two people and left three more injured on Friday, July 20, 2012.

The body was also taken to McCoy's Funeral Home. Guynn was ejected from the vehicle and was not wearing a seatbelt in the back seat.

Injured were the driver, Kimberly Troutz Guynn, 57, from Odessa, she was treated and released from

Rolling Plains Hospital, she was wearing a seatbelt. Ethan Guynn, 6 years of age, from Odessa, was taken to Hendrick Medical Center, in Abilene, Texas. He was wearing a child safety seat in the back seat. Meta Troutz, 86,

from Odessa, was taken to Hendrick Medical Center. She was wearing a seatbelt in the back seat.

The weather was clear and the roadway dry. Trooper Nathan Bradford Armstrong is working this crash.

PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Garry Branham named to district 4-H post

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO - Garry Branham, Texas AgriLife Extension Service 4-H and youth development agent in Tom Green County, is changing jobs, but he won't be moving far.

Effective Aug. 6, Branham will start his new duties as the AgriLife Extension 4-H and youth development specialist for the West Central District, headquartered in San Angelo, said Dr. Chris Boleman, associate director for 4-H and youth development at College Station.

"I'm very pleased to be making this announcement," Boleman said. "Garry has a real passion for 4-H work. He literally has a lifetime of 4-H experience. He and his family were very active in 4-H in Tom Green County during his formative years, and ironically, that's the same program he has led since 2005."

"Under his direction, he's been able to grow the various clubs and school enrichment activities into one of the strongest county 4-H units in the state. I have every confidence that he will do similar good work in his new position as he plans and oversees 4-H efforts and serves as a resource person for AgriLife Extension agents across the district's 23 counties."

Branham will be moving from the AgriLife Extension office in the Tom Green County Edd B. Keyes Annex in downtown San Angelo to the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center located north of town on U.S. Highway 87.

Branham earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in animal science from Angelo State University.

He began his AgriLife Extension career in 2002 and served as the 4-H and youth development agent in Hill and Johnson counties before returning to his hometown.

Branham has had numerous leadership assignments and special recognitions throughout his career, most notably serving as state president of his professional group, the Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents in 2008. He also is a recipient of the 2010 Texas 4-H Meritorious Service Award and the 2007 Distinguished Achievement Award presented by the Texas Extension Specialists Association.

Branham has served on numerous local, district and state-level committees at all of his AgriLife Extension posts.

He fills the position formerly held by Dr. Charla Badger, who is transferring within the agency to become the AgriLife Extension agent for family and consumer sciences in Guadalupe County effective Aug. 1.



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WTU announces grant program

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STAFF REPORT

ABILENE- WTU Retail Energy announced that it is opening its Reduce Your Use Grant program for applications. Under the grant program, those nonprofits whose applications are approved could each be awarded up to \$2,500 to fund energy-efficient upgrades. Applications will be available online until August 31, 2012, at www.WTURetailEnergy.com/reduce. Grant funds must be used towards the purchase of energy-efficient products or services to help nonprofits reduce their energy use.

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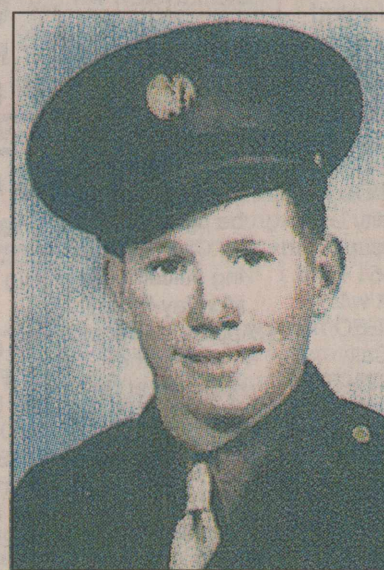
WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS— The Bradshaw ex-students will have their annual meeting on Sunday July the 29, 2012. A pot-luck meal will be enjoyed at 12:30 p.m., so local church goers will have the time to attend. This is in co-operation with the Bradshaw Cemetery Association. All former students and/or their children and grandchildren are urged to attend.

The Bradshaw School Homecoming Association placed a marker at the old Methodist Church building, which was donated to the association in 1984. Every year the exes place photos and remember fellow student Wayne "Red" Fisher, who gave his life for his country in World

War II. According to the inscription in the plaque the old Methodist Church building was donated to the Bradshaw School Homecoming Association in 1984.

Reunions have been held in that place since 1953. The C.M. Bradshaw family donated the land for the town of Bradshaw which in 1923 included two gins, a bank, general store, three grocery stores, racket store, meat market, drug store, post office, doctor, ice house, café, hotel, telephone company, barber shop, lumber yard, hardware store, two garages, blacksmith shop, three filling stations, Baptist Church, Church of Christ, and Methodist Church. The school consolidated



Wayne "Red" Fisher

with Jim Ned and Winters in 1947, the now demolished red brick building, white stone gym, and the

white Home Economics building was the school plant that stood three blocks north of this location. Only this slate rock fence and our memories remain. The original school was in Audra not far from the Bradshaw cemetery. That school was known as South Bluff Creek and later as Red Lake School in 1894. Audra moved eastward to Bradshaw to be near the Abilene Southern Railroad.

School colors of royal blue and white were selected in 1911 and the mascot was the "Coyotes."

In loving memory of Wayne Fisher. The only student who lost his life in World War II.



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The plaque at the old Methodist Church, in Bradshaw is decorated each year with pictures in memory of Wayne "Red" Fisher, who died in WWII.

THE IDLE AMERICAN Street smarts...

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In bygone years, street names shed considerable light on the economic status of residents abiding there, particularly if the streets had lights.

One shabby neighborhood — called "Billy Goat Hill" for decades — became "Angora Knoll" overnight when vast oil reserves were discovered. Within hours, some West Texas landowners who previously shopped mostly at thrift shops showed up at Neiman-Marcus.

Dallas sportswriter Barry Horn wrote a recent piece about a boxing Olympic hopeful who lives on the corner of Raspberry and Vanilla Streets in DeSoto. He suggested that "Tough Luck Lane and Street of Broken Dreams is the more likely intersection."

Tree names are com-

monly spotted on street signs in many communities. If there's considerable population growth, the list of available tree names can grow short, what with garden variety tree names such as Pine, Willow, Spruce and Mulberry already taken.

Maybe that's what framed the story about the policeman who called the station to report that he'd found a body on a dimly-lit street. "The location is 425 Bois d'arc," the patrolman stated.

"How do you spell Bois d'arc?" the captain asked. Dumb-founded, the caller didn't have a clue. "Lemme drag him over to Oak and call you back..."

Some towns and cities have honored U.S. presidents with street

names. Names of birds, flowers and animals also have gotten their due. The whole issue becomes convoluted, since so many names are synonymous with "streets." Some municipalities have boulevards, avenues, drives, lanes, thruways, circles, courts, and cul-de-sacs, to name a few. (Our landlord during early marriage vowed she'd live only on boulevards. During her final years, she resided in a care center several blocks away from her home — still on a boulevard.)



TEXAS
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Tyler, with one street named "Easy," chose a name already in use for its main drag. If Broadway is good enough for the Great White Way, it's A-OK for the Rose Capital, too. Lake Jackson, an hour's

drive from Houston, has great vitality, growing in tandem with Dow and other chemical companies. They "will" to find "ways" for their street names. Fact is, there are at least 10 streets with "Way" in the names....

Included are Parking Way, Park Way, Center Way, Circle Way, Winding Way, His Way (and Sinatra never lived on it), West Way, Any Way, That Way and This Way. It should be noted that This Way and That Way intersect.

Locals figure that as Lake Jackson grows, there could be a No Way, Safe Way, In Way and Out Way. They may consider Every Way and Right Way, too. And Narrow Is the Way might be favored by the clergy.

One Lake Jackson favorite with footprints all over town is Charles Castleberry, a realtor there for some 50 years....

A proud graduate of Baylor University, he returned to his alma mater four years ago for a banquet commemorating the 50th anniversary of the class of 1958. (They also hand out pledge cards at such events, I am told.)

He welcomed the invitation, eager to tell his old college buddies that he was healthy enough to attend the banquet, or any other event for that matter. Never to be confused with a man of few words, he proceeded to "lay it on 'em" about his 2005 heart transplant that restored his health.

In a cluster with a half-dozen other "75-ish" graduates, he opined that he should get the prize for being the youngest one there, since he "has the heart of a 47-year-old." A cohort responded, "Too bad your heart didn't tell you face..."

He voiced the opening prayer at the Realtors'

luncheon recently, seeking blessings for the speaker and much else. I thanked him, admitting that I need the prayer and he needs the practice.

At the same luncheon, President Kim Caldwell led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Hands over hearts, we turned toward the outer wall of plate glass that framed a striking view of the civic center entrance.

The beautiful entry features a giant U.S. flag. It was rippling in the breeze, filling our view to the outdoors. I've "pledged" a few thousand times, but never in this manner. Looking back, it was a good "way" to start the program in a thriving community where prayers and pledges still kick off most meetings....

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RUNNELS CO JAIL RECORD

Name	Age	Agency
Charges		
Fermin Rodriguez	22	RCSO
Assault		
Alfredo Aguille	31	Concho DPS
Assault on public / DWI 3rd or more		
Johnny Cooper	42	BPS/RCSO
Oklahoma warrant		
Raul Medina	19	RCSO
Poss. of marijuana		
Johnny Cooper	42	BPD
Oklahoma warrant x5		
Aubry Clevenger	29	Nolan Co.
MTR- DWI		
Rergern Holland	22	RCSO
Burglary of habitation/ Tom Green Co. warrant		
Regine Martinez	34	McCulloch
MTR Poss. CS Resist arrest w/deadly		
Stephanie Caldwell	26	McCulloch
Poss. CS. in correction		
Joe Gomez	35	McCulloch
DWI 1st		
Jose Sanchez	45	McCulloch
DWI 3rd or more		
Howard Faith	34	McCulloch
MTR Burg. of building		
Sandra Bannister	55	RCSO
Warrant cruelty of animals		
Elsa Garcia	23	RCSO
MTR Tom Green Class B Theft		
Pete Ochoa	35	RCSO
Agg. sexual assault of a child		
Jaime Tomye	41	BPD
Assault Family Violence		
Paul Knight	46	RCSO
P.I.		
Esteban Rangel	21	Concho Co.
Poss. of marijuana		
Bortley Godlman	36	Coke
Theft of property		
Robert Gomez	29	Concho
Assault B.I.		
Alejandro Gallegos-Sanchez	32	RCCSO
NA Seat belt/ Illegal entry		
Jonathon Phillippi	27	Brownwood
Failure to appear		
Skylar Oswald	22	WPD
D.D.C. (Abuse or threaten)		
Kyle Reeves	24	RCSO
Criminal mischief		
Nicholas Chiappone	25	RCSO
Criminal mischief		
Patrick Hartley	45	RCSO
Amend cond. of community supervision		
William Jones	20	Coke
DWI		
Jacob Villapando	30	RCSO
Criminal trespassing		
Bradley Warkick	--	BPD
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