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Jr Livestock Show to be held on Jan 10-12

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- The 12th annual Runnels County Junior Livestock Show will be held on January 10 through 12 at the Ballinger Community Center for area 4-H and FFA members. Over 120 4-H and FFA students from across Runnels County will exhibit over 350 livestock projects at this year's junior livestock show in Ballinger.

Projects such as cattle, swine, sheep, goats, and rabbits will be on display by youth who have cared for them, groomed them, and trained them all year long for this event. The public is invited to attend and support the youth of Runnels County in the newly renovated Ballinger Community Center.

The County Show will begin on Friday morning at 9 a.m. with the Swine Show. Mr. Denny Belew of Tahoka will be the judge for the swine show. The rabbit show will be held immediately following the swine show and will be judged by Chris Beard of Haskell. The Ballinger Young Farmers will be providing a noon meal for Friday. After the rabbit show, the market goat show will be held with Curtis Preston serving as the judge.

The Saturday schedule will begin at 8 a.m. with the lamb show judged by Justin Jonas of San Angelo followed by the Cattle show at approximately 10 a.m. judged by Tommy Antilley. The Tractor Supply Buyers Meal will begin at 12 noon in the community center followed by the 2013 Runnels County Premium Sale at 2 p.m. Every youth is allowed to sell one animal in the premium sale and provides youth with funds for continuing their project work and for college scholarships. This is the largest single youth event in Runnels County that generates approximately \$100,000.00 annual in support of 4-H and FFA youth. The public is invited to participate in the premium sale and help support 4-H members from Ballinger, Miles, Winters, Rowena, Olfen, and Norton. For more information on the premium sale, contact Ken Fischer, Bill Bredemeyer or any member of the RCJL-SA Board of Directors.

Hundreds in Runnels County share the joy of Christmas

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Generous donations, hard work and the Christmas spirit flooding everyone in Runnels County helped to make the dream of over 460 area children come true. The 2012 Sheriff's Office Toy Drive held on Thursday, December 20, was again a huge success.

Once again, the generous donations made by area churches, businesses, clubs and individuals helped to fulfill the Christmas dreams of many area children.

The Runnels County Sheriff's Department, hosting the drive, compiles the names, takes donations and gives new toys away to families in Ballinger, Winters, Miles, Wingate, Olfen, Norton, and many other places in the county.

This traditional drive, which has been held for almost three decades, helps to insure that every child in Runnels County gets something for Christmas. The drive helps families in need by giving away toys directly to parents or guardians.



Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird and volunteers bagging the toys given away in the 2012 Toy Drive.

PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Tractor Supply to sponsor buyers luncheon

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STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- Tractor Supply of Ballinger will sponsor the noon buyers meal for the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show and Premium Sale on Saturday, January 12 at the Ballinger Community Center. This year's luncheon will include a pork loin lunch with potatoes, green beans, roll and a desert for all persons attending the Runnels County Premium Sale. Tractor Supply of Ballinger has been a continued supporter of youth programs such as 4-H and FFA in Runnels County. The lunch will begin at 12 noon at the Community Center in Ballinger and will lead into the premium sale for the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show.

This year's premium

2013 Junior Livestock Show

The Schedule for the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show is as follows:

Show Schedule

Thursday, January 10, 2013

1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Arrival of All Livestock
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Weigh-in of All Livestock

Friday, January 11, 2013

9:00 a.m. Swine Show - Breeding, Market followed by Showmanship
Rabbit Show-Fryers and Breeding
Turkey Show - Hens and Toms
Meat Goat Show followed by Showmanship

Saturday, January 12, 2013

8:00 a.m. Sheep Show - Lambs and Breeding Followed by Showmanship
Cattle Show - Heifers, Steers followed by Showmanship

After Steer Show Release of All Livestock not in Premium Sale
2:00 p.m. Premium Sale

sale will begin at 2 p.m. in the show arena of the Community Center

with the auction of the Grand Champion Steer followed by all other

youth and their prize winning entries. 4-H and FFA youth will showcase

their livestock projects during the junior show. Champion animals will be auctioned during the premium sale to reward youth for their hard work and dedication to their projects. These young men and women spend countless hours training their projects in preparation for the show. The Runnels County Premium Sale is conducted on a point system basis to allocate donations and premiums based on how well the youth perform with their project. All donations are appreciated, and are used to provide premiums to 4-H and FFA members. To donate to the Runnels County premium sale, contact President Ken Fischer or the Runnels County Extension office at (325) 365 2219.

Texas unemployment rate falls to 6.2 percent in November

Rate down over a full point since beginning of 2012

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- The Texas unemployment rate fell to 6.2 percent in November, down from 6.6 percent in October and 7.3 percent at the start of 2012. The unemployment rate in Texas remains well below the national rate of 7.7 percent. Texas employers added 22,100 total nonfarm jobs in November for a total of 278,800 jobs added over the year. "Texas employers have added

278,800 jobs over the past 12 months with growth in 10 of 11 industry sectors during that period," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "TWC is committed to working with our local workforce development boards and other partners to deliver quality workforce solutions that contribute to economic success."

Eight out of 11 major industries in Texas added jobs in November. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities led the way with 20,600 jobs added over the month—the largest monthly jump ever seen in that industry. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities has added a

total of 69,600 jobs over the last year.

"Texas is showing sustained economic strength, and our unemployment rate is now the lowest that it has been since December 2008," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "For those Texans still looking for work, TWC can help. Visit WorkInTexas.com to find a job that's right for you."

Leisure and Hospitality employment grew by 6,500 positions in November. This industry has now experienced growth for four consecutive months. Leisure and Hospitality has added 49,900 jobs since November 2011. Education and Health Services

added 4,700 jobs over the month, totaling 45,700 jobs added over the year.

"Private sector employers continue to lead the way to growth and prosperity in Texas," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Tom Pauken. "We've seen 266,400 private sector jobs added in Texas over the past year, and we're maintaining a 3.0 percent annual growth rate."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest November unemployment rate in the state at 3.0 percent. The Odessa MSA came in second at 3.6 percent, and the Amarillo MSA third at 4.1 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Bennie Lou Fine

Bennie Lou Fine, 91, of Winters, died December 24, 2012. She was born March 21, 1921 in Rochelle, Texas. She moved to Winters as a young child with her family and lived in Winters most of her life. She married Jimmie Lee Fine March 21, 1940 in Ballinger. She was a homemaker and a member of the New Beginnings Body of Christ Church.

She is survived by six children: Patricia Gallaway of Winters, Benny Fine of Johnson City, Jimmy Fine of Midland, Audrey Faye Snuffer of Junction, Jessy Fine of Bradshaw and Johnny Fine of Winters; 22 grandchildren and several great and great-great grandchildren; one sister-in-law: Mary Bearden of San Angelo.

She was preceded in death by her husband: Jimmy Lee Fine; one son: Albert Fine; six sisters: Pauline Tomme, Elwayne Russell, Artie Mae Powell, Dorothy Nell Modisett, Robbie Cotter and Goldie Marie Prosize.

Graveside services will be 2:30 p.m. Wednesday December 26, 2012 at Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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Joyce L. Lawdermilk

Joyce Lawdermilk, 79, of Winters, passed away Monday, December 24, 2012 at Shannon Medical Center.

She was born March 21, 1933 in Sweetwater, to Clifford Earl and Mabel Lee (Fry) Merrifield. She Married C.R. Richard Lawdermilk on June 11, 1984 in Sweetwater. He preceded her in death on December 29, 2011.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 26, 2012 at the Old Runnels Cemetery. Arrangements are with Lange Funeral Home.

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Beatriz C. Esquivel

Beatriz C. Esquivel, 84, of Winters, died December 25, 2012. She was born May 22, 1928 in Sabinas, Mexico and grew up there. She married Salvador Esquivel January 1, 1956 in Winters. She worked for Dry Manufacturing for 20 years. She was a member of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband: Salvador Esquivel of Winters; six children: Salvador Esquivel, Jr. and wife Frances of San Angelo, Steve Esquivel and wife Rochell of Sweetwater, David Esquivel and wife Sarah of Ballinger, Ruben Esquivel and wife Mary of Winters, Lucy Rodriguez and husband Eddie of Winters and Louis Esquivel and wife Jesusa of Hobbs, New Mexico; one sister: Rose Marie Tucker of Ennis, Texas; three brothers: Alfonso Campos of Laredo, Rojelio Campos of Winters and Arnulfo Campos of Piedres Negras, Mexico; 24 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter: Carmen Esquivel.

Rosary will be 7:00 P.M. Thursday December 27, 2012 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be 2:00 P.M. Friday December 28, 2012 at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. Burial will be in Northview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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Texans continue to assist with recovery efforts in New York

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN - Governor Rick Perry announced that a 39-person Incident Management Team (IMT) was deployed to New York to support continued recovery efforts after Hurricane Sandy.

The IMT is tasked with maintaining a field outreach program and commodity distribution system to residents in affected areas of Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island. Team members will ensure that residents have electricity, water and medical attention if needed, as well as access to city and federal assistance programs.

The IMT, composed of personnel from Texas A&M Forest Service and local first responders from across the state, also will be responsible for disseminating information about the public's needs and concerns.

This is the third IMT from Texas that has traveled to New York to assist with the Hurricane Sandy recovery effort.

"Many weeks of work have helped begin the rebuilding in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, but much remains to be done," Gov. Perry said. "I'm proud that Texans continue to offer their skills and expertise to help restore some normalcy to the lives of people affected by this horrific storm, and our state continues to stand ready to offer any assistance required."

Incident Management Teams are composed of personnel who are trained to manage or assist in the management of emergency response operations. An IMT provides a coordination and control infrastructure to manage a wide range of emergencies from human-caused to natural disasters. The size of an IMT is contingent on the severity of the incident and the needs of the affected jurisdiction. Texas currently has 17 IMTs regionally located around the state.

Follow the Texas A&M Forest Service blog to keep up with the IMT while they're on assignment.

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Chamber of Commerce news

The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will be having an Open House and chamber meeting on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at 200 Tinkle St.

Nominations for Man and Woman of the Year are being accepted by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce at 200 Tinkle St. by February 1, 2013.

On February 16, 2013 the chamber will be having the WACOC Ball.

Winters Elementary holiday schedule

Classes will resume on Monday, January 7, 2013 at the regular time.

Flu immunization clinics

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be having two flu immunization clinics in Runnels County.

Flu vaccine will be available in Winters on Thursday, January 3, 2013 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. at the Professional Building, located on 110 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience please use the rear entrance on Great Street.

The immunization clinic will be held in Ballinger Thursday, January 10, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. at 608 Strong, behind the Courthouse.

For your convenience, please call to schedule an appointment, if no answer leave a message.

Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid please bring card. For more information call at (325) 754 4945

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.

Mentors needed

Winters Elementary School is looking for volunteers to be a mentor on an elementary student. The volun-

teer 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 fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. 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.

Darby announces formation of House Energy Caucus

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN - State Representative Drew Darby (R-San Angelo) has announced the creation of a new legislative caucus of the Texas House of Representatives, the House Energy Caucus (HEC), to focus on energy production and the issues facing adjacent communities.

"Energy production is a critical part of our state's economy and vital to our national security," Darby said in a letter to House members. "The importance of this production is never lost on the communities supplying the men, women, and businesses supporting the oil patch, the mine, or renewable fields spread over most of our state."

According to the U.S. Energy Information

Administration, Texas is first in the nation in production of oil, natural gas, and wind energy. Texas coal and lignite production is also a key supplier for energy demands. As technological capability and demand has increased, the growth and expansion of these forms of energy production has affected all areas of the state.

The HEC will focus on policy issues regarding traditional energy production such as oil, gas, and coal, as well as alternative energy including wind and solar power, and emerging technologies like clean coal/coal gasification. In addition, the HEC will also identify, research, and build coalitions to help resolve social and infrastructure issues faced by areas of

the state experiencing significant impacts related to the energy industry.

Membership in the HEC is open to members and members-elect of the Texas House of Representatives who represent legislative districts with significant annual energy production of crude oil, natural gas, coal, lignite, wind, or solar electricity production.

"I look forward to working with the members of the House Energy Caucus to find solutions for our districts on water, transportation, and workforce development to meet the challenges and opportunities of energy production," Rep. Darby said. "Every part of our state is affected by energy and energy production issues. This industry is not lim-

ited in its geography, fuel type, or commitment to Texas and this caucus will work to promote those partnerships."

The HEC will hold an organizational meeting once the 83rd Legislative Session convenes.

Rep. Darby was recently elected to a fourth term in the Texas House of Representatives representing District 72, which is comprised of Coke, Concho, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Reagan, Runnels, Sterling, and Tom Green Counties. He currently serves as Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources, Business & Economic Development, and Regulatory Articles and as Vice-Chairman of the House Transportation Committee.

Senator Cornyn says farewell to Senator Hutchison

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON -U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) spoke on the Senate floor about the retirement of U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) after representing Texas in the U.S Senate together for nearly 10 years.

"This is an historic moment for many reasons. We are paying tribute to an extraordinary woman who has made history by being the first female United States Senator, and someone who spent the last two decades fighting for commonsense values here in our nation's capital."

"I can't think of any Senator serving in this chamber who works harder than Kay Bailey Hutchison. She is tireless and she

is relentless in her pursuit of what she believes is in the best interest of the constituents in our state."

"She has been a tireless advocate for Texas military families. It's no exaggeration to say that every military base in Texas has felt the impact of her work. I know how deeply Kay is proud of her work that she's done to help the troops stationed in Texas, from Fort Bliss to the Red River Army Depot."

"Kay's fought time and time again to promote tax relief for hardworking Texas families. Kay, of course, has always championed the state sales tax deduction, which may not seem like a big deal to others, but it is a big deal back home in Texas."

"And of course Kay has

also worked to reduce the marriage penalty tax. She's been a strong defender of taxpayer interests and her efforts have made the tax code less hostile to saving and to families."

"She's one of the Senate's leading supporters of NASA and human space flight, and NASA has contributed historic technological breakthroughs that have benefited all Americans. She appreciates the role that NASA has played in fostering innovation."

"Senator Hutchison has made history serving as the first woman to serve the great state of Texas in the United States Senate. Kay has always been a pioneer of sorts. As the father of two daughters, that means a lot to me."

"I'm used to being surrounded at home by strong, intelligent women. Serving with Kay, I've also been a partner with a strong, intelligent Texas woman, and Kay has been a role model for so many young women, not just in Texas but throughout the United States."

"So Kay, I join with my colleagues in saying to you, Vaya con Dios."

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary, Armed Services and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

Colorado Man dies in crash in Eastland County

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

ABILENE - Saturday, December 22, 2012, Texas Department of Public Safety troopers were called to the scene of a one vehicle overturn crash in Eastland County. One person was killed and one injured on Interstate 20 near mile marker 326. Joseph David Hathaway, 73 years of age from Arvada, Colorado

was pronounced dead at the scene by Judge Walker. The body was taken to Kimbroughs Funeral Home in Cisco, Texas.

Hathaway was driving a 2005 Ford F-350 eastbound on Interstate 20. The vehicle left the eastbound lane into the center median where it began to overturn, skidding across the westbound lanes, coming to rest on the westbound service road.

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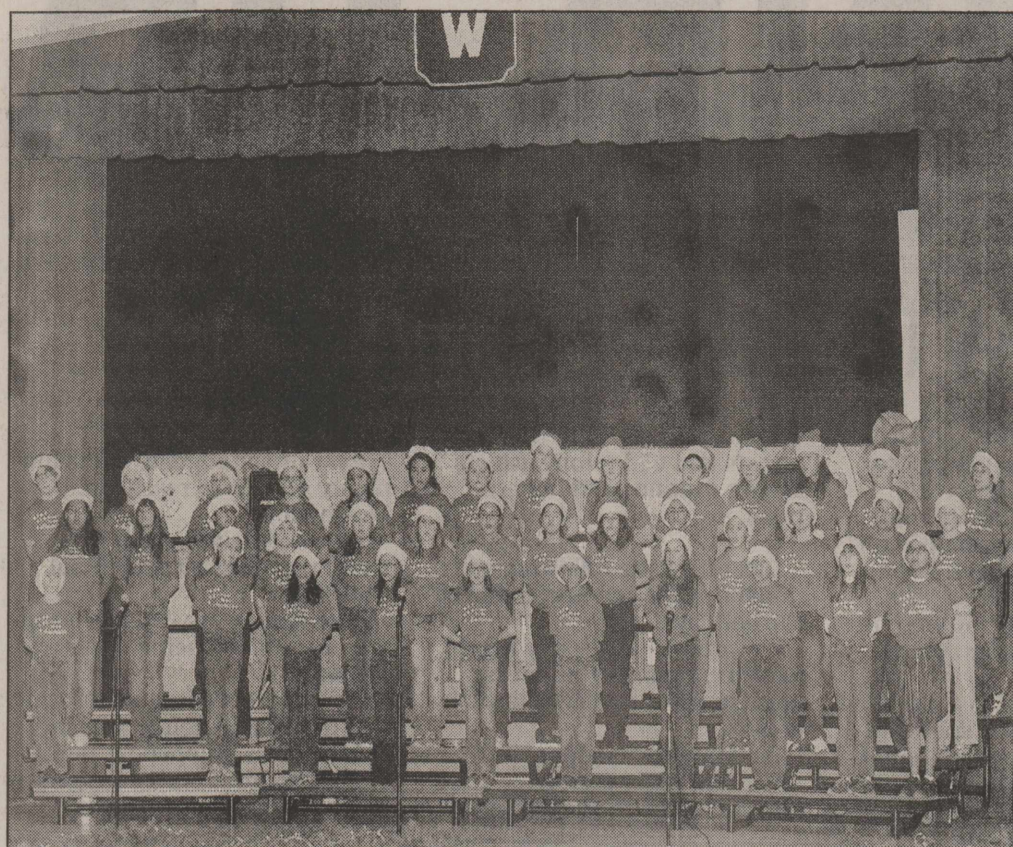
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Sharing the holiday spirit

Friday, December 21, 2012, Mrs. Fran Kidwell's Select Choir participated in the Christmas program for parents and the community at the High School Auditorium.

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WINTERS HEAD START LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. I would like a Spiderman toy and a bike. A blue one. I want you also to bring me some little soldier toy and some bouncy ball to play share with my baby sister.

Thank you Santa I love you and Merry Christmas
Elijah

Dear Santa, I would like a football helmet for Christmas. I think I deserve one because I've been a good boy this last year.

Thank you Santa, Mrs. Claus, and elves for all the hard work you'll be doing. My stocking is a big the door with my name Nolan on it. Your milk and cookies will be waiting for you by the tree.

Thank you Merry Christmas, Nolan Martinez

Dear Santa, I want a princess and a Hello Kitty toy. Buy Ajay Cars toy and robot toy. Buy baby Emma a Hello Kitty toy like me. I will give you cookies. Oh yeah buy my Litas cups like I have.

Bye Santa! Your Best Friend Giselle "Jazzy"

Dear Santa, I want a tractor, trash truck, cop car and fire truck too for Christmas. Please bring my baby sister Xavia a doll house and my big brother Aven an iPod. I will leave you cookies and milk in the table. Merry Christmas and Thank you!

Love, Zayden

Dear Santa, I want a Dora pillow, a pillow pet, a pink phone, also I would like four iP-ods, a dog, lots of tattoos, a pink shirt, yellow shirt, brown shirt, and zombies, Black ops, a Dora movie and game.

Thanks Santa, Love, Talina

P.S. I love Tata, Reid, Sister, my brother, mom and dad.

Dear Santa, I want a piggy bank, toy dog, video game, and make-up.

Love you, Hannah

Dear Santa, I have been an alright girl this year. For Christmas this year I would like play-doh, a doll, blocks, make-up, and a scooter. I will have your cookies and milk ready.

Thank you, Chloe Edwards

Dear Santa, I would like a rocket ship. For brother a big train. For sister a doll. For daddy a shirt. Mommy a shirt too.

Love you Santa, Bobby Ray

Dear Santa, I have been good. I want a doctor mommy, jewelry, lip gloss, and a jewelry box for Christmas.

Laila

Dear Santa, Dolly, kitchen, gummy bears, gummy candy, shoes, high heels, closet, Christmas tree, house, nail polish. I have been good. New clothes, t-shirt, dog.

Zoey

Dear Santa, My name is Angel, I'm 5 years old and I go to head start. Here are some things that I would like for Christmas. A football to play with my friends, a 4-wheeler to ride around with my sister, a remote control car or truck and baby doll with a stroller for my sister!

Rare tropical bird spotted in Austin

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- The fork-tailed flycatcher, native to Central and South America, was spotted by birder Shelia Hargis near McKinney Falls State Park during Travis County Audubon's annual Christmas Bird Count.

Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist Mark Klym attributes the bird sighting so far North as a product of a confused migration path.

"The fork-tailed flycatcher usually comes from Argentina to Mexico at this time of year," Klym said. "Every once and a while one of them seems to overfly that northbound migration and end up in Texas."

Females are usually around 12 inches

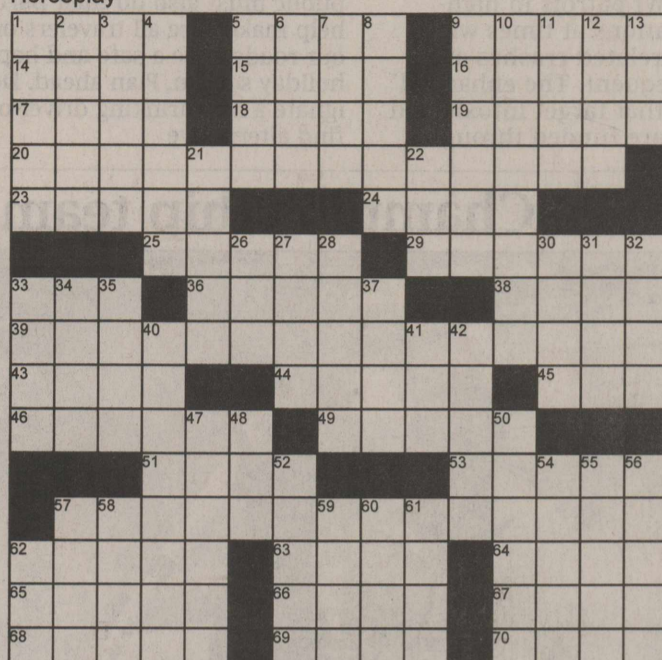
and males are larger at around 15 inches long. Though the bird is around a foot long it only weighs about an ounce making it ideal for gliding through thousands of miles of airspace.

Later it was reported there were two fork-tailed flycatchers in the area, yet upon inspection of the image it was determined to be the flycatcher sitting with one of its relatives, the scissor-tailed flycatcher.

"We have so many people coming from all over Texas and the U.S. to see this bird," said park ranger Amber Conrad. "This bird is relatively small, it's like a little cotton ball with some black string hanging off of it for its head and its tail." Interest in the bird has brought visitors out in droves to the park.

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Horseplay



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Q: Sometimes you hear of something called St. Elmo's Fire. What is it?
A: It's one of nature's more unusual displays, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. When skies are stormy and lightning is present, St. Elmo's Fire can occur. "It's an electrical discharge in the air and instead of appearing like a lightning bolt, it appears like a glow around an object, especially tall ones like church steeples or masts on ships," he explains. "It is scientifically known as a corona or point discharge, where the electrical field strength reaches 1,000 volts per centimeter. It can only occur during an electrical storm. When a thunderstorm occurs, the air between the clouds and the ground can become statically charged, resulting in a 'glow discharge.' It's different from lightning in that it is continuous and its glow around an object can last for several minutes. It's the same principle used to create fluorescent tube lighting."

Proposal to fight VA backlog using Texas model passes Congress

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON - U.S. Sen. John Cornyn's (R-TX) proposal to fight the growing backlog of disability claims within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) using a new Texas initiative as a national model passed both the House and the Senate last week as part of the final Defense Authorization bill that will now be sent to the President to be signed into law.

"The massive backlog of VA disability claims reminds us that far too many veterans are being underserved. This is a national disgrace, and veterans with pending claims deserve more than just rhetoric from VA headquarters in Washington," said Sen. Cornyn.

"The VA has not proven up to the task, so the State of Texas has stepped in to pick up some of their slack and help veterans with their claims. My proposal will require the VA to implement Texas' model on a national scale, helping to alleviate the backlog and streamline the claims process. Our veterans fulfilled their solemn duties, and it's about time the VA did the same."

According to VA data, in the last two years alone the overall number of backlogged veterans' claims nationwide has more than doubled. Recently the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) formed a partnership with the VA to assist Texas veterans whose claims are backlogged, and to help veterans making new claims to file fully-developed ones, shortening the processing time required. During the first two months of these new initiatives, the TVC has helped Texas veterans complete more than 2,500 backlogged claims and assisted veterans with the submission of more than 800 fully-developed claims. In recent testimony before a House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee, VA officials indicated the department has experienced positive outcomes through their cooperation with the TVC.

Using the new Texas initiative as a model, Sen. Cornyn's measure would require the VA to report to Congress with a plan using partnerships between the VA and outside entities - like state government agencies similar to the Texas Veterans Commission - to eliminate the current backlog of claims and ensure that new claims are fully developed before they are submitted.

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary, Armed Services and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugee and Border Security Subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

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DPS increases DWI enforcement

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ABILENE- The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase DWI patrols from December 21 - January 1, which includes both the Christmas and New Year holidays. DPS Troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. The enhanced patrols that target intoxicated drivers are funded through a

grant from the Texas Department of Transportation. "Drinking and driving are always a concern during holidays, and there is no doubt that increased enforcement by DPS and other law enforcement will help save lives," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "But the public must also do their part to help make sure all travelers on our roads have a safe and happy holiday season. Plan ahead. Designate a non-drinking driver or find alternative

Transportation if you plan to drink, and never get in a car with an intoxicated driver." During the Christmas/New Year holiday enforcement effort last year, DPS Troopers made more than 1,100 DWI arrests, and approximately 350 were the direct result of the increased patrols. DPS enforcement also resulted in more than 15,000 speeding citations, 2,000 seat belt/child safety seat citations and 18,000 other citations. In addition,

Troopers made 1,020 fugitive arrests and 623 felony arrests during routine patrol operations. DPS offers the following additional tips for safe travel during the holidays:
- Slow down - especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.
- Eliminate distractions, and don't text while driving.
- Buckle up everyone in the ve-

hicle - it's the law.
- Don't drive fatigued, and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.
- Slow down or move over for tow trucks and police, fire and EMS vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated - it's the law.

Championship team



Lorry Minor of Rowena, Texas and her dog Isis - Rhapsody's Capitoline RE, AX, MXJ, NAP, XF, CGC received their USDAA Performance Agility Dog Championship title over Thanksgiving weekend in San Marcos, Texas. They have been doing agility for four years and Isis is a 7 year old Doberman. They have over 80 qualifying scores that went towards their title. Isis is also a Jumpers/Snooker/Pairs/Standard/Gamblers Master level dog. She also has Grand Prix and Steeplechase titles in USDAA. They'll continue to compete in agility until Isis gets tired of running and jumping. She is also a certified therapy dog.

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THE IDLE AMERICAN A heartbeat for humanity...

Commentary by:
Dr. Don Newbury

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Rarely does one meet an individual with a heartbeat so strong for humanity and a "what's in it for others" attitude. His smile engages and his countenance ignores advancing years. He glows with goodwill, projecting unbounded love for others - a grand example of "The Greatest Generation."

I met him recently. You may think he's a giant Texan - one with life's papers neatly arranged into chapters, ready for sainthood. And, you'd be wrong. He stands 5-6 and never weighed more than 165. He lied twice at age 15 to join the Navy, embraced overcoming as a "way of life" and never considered himself extraordinary....



TEXAS
COLUMNIST
Don
Newbury

It's just the way this man is wound. Words of the poet Emerson fit best:

"When duty whispers down, 'thou must,' the youth replies 'I can'."

Duty first "whispered down" to Eddie in 1942. A fatherless child of the depression, he spent most of his youth on a "hand-me-down" Hill County farm near West.

His "fib of being 15" was found out, and the Navy sent him home. Undeterred, Eddie altered his Catholic confirmation records, and he was in "Navy whites" again....

Perhaps the doctor who performed his Navy physical exam deserves a medal; had his findings been recorded more accurately, Janek wouldn't have been accepted.

Somehow, his weight and height—one inch over five feet and 98 pounds — were entered as 5-2 and 105, thus meeting minimal requirements.

"The Navy didn't seem to care that I stuttered," Eddie laughed. "And I still do...."

The military provided many "firsts," including first uses of tooth brushes, telephones, light switches—and, uh, commodes.

During four years in the Pacific, including landings at Leyte and Peleliu, he saw death up close. Strong in his memory are sounds of comrades praying at night for God's protection in the coming day.

Janek rightly treasures a sealed, glass-covered box that contains Presidential Unit Citations from the U.S., the Philippines and Korea—and 18 other awards. They were presumably lost forever when Hurricane Ike ravaged the first floor of his high-rise

Survivor of two wars, a stroke, a heart overhaul and a blood disease, Eddie remains upbeat— cherishing his wife, three sons and six grandchildren and lovingly tending his roses.

He's grateful to his son, Dr. Kyle Janek, who, as a State Senator in 2001, wrote legislation providing high school diplomas for WW II participants. Eddie proudly marched across the stage in Galveston where 58 were so honored — one posthumously, three in wheelchairs and two on crutches.

He also is grateful to Texas A&M for the safe return of his medals! A few weeks after the 2008 storm, some A&M people, cleaning up Pelican Island five miles across the bay from Janek's home, found the muddied box. A&M President R. Bowen Loftin called Eddie about the find. The medals are again proudly displayed in the Janek home....

Upon meeting Eddie recently, we were inspired by his optimism and patriotism. Friends aren't surprised that his most recent project benefited a Galveston resident who needed funds for sight-restoring eye surgery. He wrote a check, then 53 letters to friends. Within days, \$42,000 was contributed, and the surgery is scheduled.

He's well on the way to restoration of flood-ravaged memorabilia. Eddie is at Mass on Saturday afternoons, and attends family and naval reunions from time to time.

Usually, though, he's at home. Doris needs him there....

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Speaking inquiries/comments to: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: (817) 447 3872. Twitter: @donnewbury. Web site: www.speakerdoc.com.

Taylor Electric Co-op announces youth video contest

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Taylor Electric Cooperative, in conjunction with Texas Co-op Power magazine, announces the launch of the 2013 Co-op Teens Power Texas video contest. For the fourth consecutive year, Taylor Electric Cooperative and Texas Co-op Power will award up to \$4,000 in cash prizes for winners of the competition.

Students in grades 6 through 12 whose parents or legal guardians are current members of an electric cooperative in Texas can participate. This year, students are asked to create a five- to 10-minute video interviewing someone who remembers the era when the lights came on, when

electricity first came to their home. The video will serve as an oral history of the time before the interviewee received electricity and how life was changed afterwards. All videos have the potential to be included in a full-length documentary to be produced by Texas Co-op Power at a later date.

The grand prizewinner will receive \$1,500 and be profiled in Texas Co-op Power magazine. If a school is involved as a sponsor of the first-place winner it will receive \$1,000. The second-place winner, determined by the most YouTube views, will receive \$500. Four runners-up will each receive \$250 for best performance in one of four judging categories: creativity, educational

value, video editing and technical quality.

The contest opens ends April 1. Winners will be announced April 23.

For full contest rules and entry forms, go to www.TexasCoopPower.com, scroll down and click on the Co-op Teens Power Texas button on the right side of the page.

See last year's winning videos at www.youtube.com/TXCOOPPOWER. For contest updates and tips, "Like" Texas Co-op Power magazine on Facebook or follow on Twitter @ TexasCoopPower.

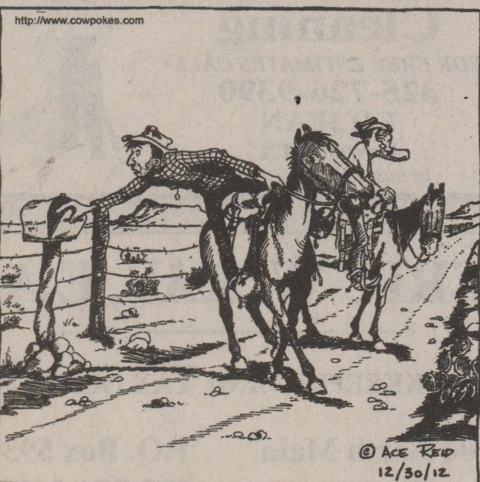
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Veteran's Corner

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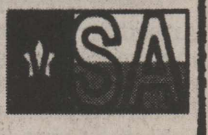
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Texas Newspaper Foundation selects class of four for Hall of Fame induction

INDUCTEES' BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Sam Fore Jr.

Sam Fore Jr. was elected 41st president of Texas Press Association in 1919 at the age of 28. He is believed to be the youngest



Sam Fore Jr., Floresville Chronicle Journal

person to hold the office. Fore owned and edited the Floresville Chronicle Journal, which he purchased in 1912, and also published the Robstown Record, which he bought from the Robstown Chamber of Commerce in 1926. His oldest daughter, Marion, and her husband, Carroll Keach, published the Record until their deaths in 1981 and 1983. Their son, Sam Fore Keach, and his wife, Vicki, continued to publish the Record, along with their son, Darrell Keach, until finally selling the paper in 2006 to American Consolidated Media Inc. and Jeremy Halbreich, a 2013 inductee in the TNF Hall of Fame. For 80 years and five generations, Sam Fore Jr. and his family published the award-winning South Texas newspaper. After Gov. James Ferguson won re-election in 1916, he vetoed appropriations for the University of Texas in retaliation against its refusal to dismiss certain faculty members Ferguson found objectionable. Many Texas newspapers railed against this and other actions, and in 1917, he was impeached by the Texas Legislature. In 1924, Ferguson's wife, Miriam, was elected

Texas Newspaper Foundation is proud to announce Sam Fore Jr., Jeremy Halbreich, Mary Henkel Judson and Willis Webb as the 2013 inductees in the Texas Newspaper Foundation Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony will take place on Jan. 18, 2013, during the Texas Press 2013 Midwinter Conference and Trade Show at The Westin Galleria Houston. In 2006, the Austin-based Texas Newspaper Foundation created its own hall of fame to induct up to four exemplary men and women of the newspaper business each year. The first four, Roy Eaton, Alfred H. Belo, James Roberts and Staley McBrayer, were inducted in January 2007.

Like Eaton, Belo, Roberts and McBrayer, the 2013 class of inductees' clearly outstanding achievements and contributions to the newspaper industry and to their communities were recognized by a selection committee that met Nov. 2.

Serving as members of the selection committee were: Phil Major, TPA president 2007-08, chairman; Jerry Tidwell, TPA president 1996-97; Alvin Holley, TPA president 2000-01; Bob Brincefield, TPA president 2010-11; and Chad Ferguson, TPA president 2011-12.

governor. She promptly vetoed appropriations for the University of Texas School of Journalism and the School of Music. Again, Texas newspaper editors were furious. The UT School of Journalism was established in 1914 by William D. Mayes, a TPA past president and former Texas lieutenant governor. When the journalism school was abolished, Mayes went back to his newspaper, the Brownwood Bulletin, and with the help of other editors and publishers, like Fore, made sure Miriam Ferguson was a one-term governor.

Fore was a leading force in the campaign to restore the UT School of Journalism and effectively supported the election of Gov. Dan Moody, a champion of funding the journalism school. This was only one of many causes Fore led. In 1918, five years after he attended his first Texas Press Association convention, he was elected vice president of TPA. He became president a year later. In the 1920s, he helped form South Texas Press Association. He was actively involved in both groups for the rest of his life. Fore died at home in Floresville on Dec. 24, 1966.

Jeremy Halbreich

Jeremy Halbreich has been a leading newspaper executive and industry



Jeremy Halbreich, AIM Media Texas LLC

visionary for more than 40 years.

Halbreich began his career with The Dallas Morning News following graduation from Harvard University. He was the first non-family member to complete the executive management training program at the Morning News and rose through the ranks to become president and general manager of the paper.

During his tenure as president of The Dallas Morning News, Halbreich was highly involved in negotiating on behalf of Texas newspaper publishers with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (now Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) and establishing the voluntary newsprint recycling guidelines and survey form.

He helped TPA and Texas Daily Newspaper Association staff hold forums across the state to inform publishers and printers that if Texas newspapers did not show a high rate of voluntary compliance with the new recycling guidelines, the Texas Legislature would make the guidelines mandatory and enforced. As a result of his leadership and initiative, Texas newspapers have consistently met state recycling goals and managed to keep newsprint recycling guidelines voluntary.

In 1998, after 24 years with the company, Halbreich left the Morning News to form his own newspaper company, America Consolidated Media LP.

ACM initially concentrated on community newspapers in small markets like Colorado, Maine and Massachusetts, but in 2000 an opportunity presented itself in Texas. ACM purchased five daily newspapers from Boone/Narra-

gansett: Alice, Brownwood, Miami (Okla.), Stephenville and Waxahachie, along with assorted weekly newspapers and shoppers. Two months later the company acquired a twice-weekly paper in Marble Falls, as well as weeklies in Burnet and Kingsland from Granite Publications.

Halbreich and ACM were instrumental in facilitating the continuation of local focus and leadership for many small daily and weekly newspaper markets. ACM stepped in to help communities, such as Hearne, Franklin, Calvert, Ballinger, Winters, Midlothian, Red Oak and Freer, along with several others. Over the next few years, ACM grew to include 105 newspapers across ten states.

After selling ACM to Macquarie Media Group in 2007 and remaining with ACM for a one-year transition, Halbreich became chairman of the board and CEO of publicly-traded, Sun-Times Media in Chicago. He led the company, including the Chicago Sun-Times, seven suburban daily newspapers and 32 suburban weekly newspapers, through bankruptcy and operational restructuring, negotiated new agreements with 16 separate unions, supported the high reporting standards that led to the Chicago Sun-Times winning the Pulitzer Prize in 2011 for local reporting, and sold the company to a blue-ribbon group of local Chicago investors in late 2011.

In 2012, Halbreich formed AIM Media Texas LLC to purchase the print and online publishing assets in Texas from Freedom Communications. While Halbreich's home remains in Dallas, the new operating company's headquarters are in McAllen. The publications and affiliated websites include daily newspapers in McAllen, Harlingen, Brownsville and Odessa.

Halbreich is one of the most respected newspaper executives in Texas. His professionalism, integrity and consideration for employees, communities and the products he publishes are above reproach. The Dallas Morning News under his tenure was a standard of excellence in major market journalism. The same standard of journalistic integrity followed his venture into smaller market community newspapers.

Halbreich is a past president of TDNA and serves on the board of directors of the Victoria Publishing Company and Texas Community Media.

Mary Henkel Judson

Texas Press Association's 113th president, Mary Henkel Judson, is a trailblazer in the Texas newspaper industry.

More than 100 years after the foundation of Texas Press Association, Judson became the first woman to lead the organization.

This January, she will become the second woman inducted in the TNF Hall of



Mary Henkel Judson, Port Aransas South Jetty

Fame, following TPA's 118th president, Sarah L. Greene.

Judson is a lifetime achiever in journalism. She grew up in the business. Her parents, "Cap" and "Kitty" Henkel, published the Refugio County Press.

Her first paying job was as a columnist for the Refugio County Press. As a fifth-grade student in 1963, she wrote "Junior Beat" about the comings and goings of elementary and middle school students. She went on to write a similar column as a student at Refugio High School.

Judson attended Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos and worked at the San Marcos Record when it became a daily.

She later transferred to the University of Texas, where she majored in journalism and worked as a summer intern at the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. There she met her future husband, Murray Judson, a staff photographer.

After another semester at UT, Judson went to work at the San Patricio County News in Sinton as assistant news editor. She left the newspaper in April 1976 when she married.

Judson and her husband moved to Refugio where they assumed editor and publisher positions from her parents, who were retiring.

In January 1981, the Judsons purchased the Port Aransas South Jetty and the following September they bought the Refugio County Press.

The couple moved to Port Aransas in May 1983. In spring 1989, the Judsons and George Phenix purchased the Goliad Advance-Guard.

Judson served as president of South Texas Press Association (1980-81) and Texas Gulf Coast Press Association (1994-95). Mary and Murray are serving as co-presidents of TGCPA for 2012-13.

Willis Webb

During his 60-plus-year career, Willis Webb, 75, has been a syndicated columnist, a managing editor, advertising director, newspaper consultant and an award-winning editor/publisher. He served as the 126th president of Texas Press Association in 2003-04.

Webb began his career in the newspaper industry at age 10 by working as a carrier throwing the Waco Tribune-Herald on a bicycle route in his hometown

of Teague from 1947-53 and was distributor/carrier of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Teague from 1953-55.

In 1956 and 1957, he studied journalism at Sam Houston State in Huntsville, served as sports publicity director for Sam Houston State Bearkat Athletics and worked as a stringer for the Huntsville Item and correspondent for The Houston Post, Associated Press, United Press and International News Service.

He returned home for one year as news editor of the Teague Chronicle, then finished his journalism degree in night school at the University of Houston, working days as a copy editor for The Cougar, the student newspaper, and authored a syndicated column, "The Texian Editor's Frontier News Flashes," gleaned from Texas newspaper files from the 1860s and 1870s. More than 150 newspapers carried the column.

In 1959 he became an ad sales rep for the Galena Park Reporter and six months later was named general manager. In 1960 he became associate editor of Texas Industry magazine, published by the Texas Manufacturers Association.

Webb worked as editor and then editor/publisher of the Fort Bend Mirror at Rosenberg for six years and spent the next three years as editor/publisher of the Cleveland Advocate. Next stop was Conroe, where he was associate publisher, then editor, then publisher of the Conroe Courier and later the Conroe Daily Courier.

He was editor/publisher of the Lockhart Post-Register from 1982-84 and the Fredericksburg Radio Post from 1984-85. During the next four years he worked for Hartman Newspapers Inc. in several capacities. Webb was editor/publisher of the Fort Bend Business & Legal Review at Stafford and then joined the Houston Digest as an ad sales rep.

In May 1991, he became editor/publisher of The Jasper Newsboy, a Hearst newspaper, and in 1997, Webb became the first weekly publisher to receive the Hearst Corporation's Eagle Award for outstanding individual accomplishment in journalism.

Basing his career on the belief that a weekly paper offers not only the opportunity to make a difference in the life of a community, but also chance to participate in all aspects of the newspaper industry, Webb has received numerous awards and honors for community service, news writing, editorials,



Willis Webb, The Jasper Newsboy

columns, headline writing, photography, advertising design and layout and page design.

In 2005, he, along with his wife Julie, who was contributing editor for The Jasper Newsboy, traveled to Long Beach California, where they received the national Youth Service America Harris Wofford Award for "outstanding service to the youth of Jasper, Texas." And in 2010, he received the Lifetime Achievement in Print Media Award for alumni of the Sam Houston State University's Communication Department.

Webb retired from The Newsboy in 2007, but he didn't retire from newspapers. Currently, he writes a weekly column, carried by 24 Texas newspapers. And, although he and Julie moved to Louisiana last summer to live closer to their son Weston, Webb remains a Texan at heart.

CAPETERIA MENU
Jan. 7-11
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WINTERS ISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal/Toast or Cheese and Egg Omelet, Toast w/ Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

TUESDAY
Breakfast Pizza or Cereal/Toast or Breakfast Pocket, Toast w/ Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

WEDNESDAY
Biscuit/Egg Pattie or Cereal/Toast or Yogurt/Toast or Sausage on Stick, Toast w/ Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

THURSDAY
Sausage Roll or Cereal/Toast or French Toast/Sausage, Toast w/ Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

FRIDAY
Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal/Toast or Cinnamon Roll/Sausage, Toast w/ Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

WINTERS ISD LUNCH
Note: Menus are subject to change without notice. Students may purchase extra Entree - \$1.00, Milk - \$.30, Sides - \$.50.

MONDAY
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Lasagna/ Bread Stick (Elem., J.H.) (H.S.) Hot Roll or Grilled Chicken Pattie/Bun, Peas & Carrots, Baked Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Peaches, Choice of Milk.

TUESDAY
Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak/ Bread Stick (Elem., J.H.) (H.S.) Hot Roll or Chicken Tenders/Bread Stick (Elem., J.H.) (H.S.) Hot Roll, Italian Green Beans, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Fruit Bar/Applesauce, Choice of Milk.

WEDNESDAY
Chef Salad or Nachos or Chicken Fajita, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Coleslaw, Pears, Choice of Milk.

THURSDAY
Chef Salad or Peanut Butter & Jelly/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.) (H.S.) Hot Roll, Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Mixed Fruit, Choice of Milk.

FRIDAY
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Chicken Bites/Bread Stick, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Lettuce/Pickles, Orange, Choice of Milk.

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