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Summer camps appeal to health care bound students

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

ABILENE- The West Texas Area Health Education Center - Big Country Region (AHEC) is offering three summer camp opportunities to high school students in the region who are interested in a future career in the health care industry. The Health Careers Summer Camp will take place in Abilene, June 10 through June 13. Students will stay at the McMurry University dormitories and will tour local hospitals and health clinics including specialized programs at the locations.

They will also tour pre-health programs at universities and colleges, including a day trip to the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Ft. Worth. In addition, the center will be hosting two nursing day camp opportunities on June 9 or June 19 for those students who are interested in the field of nursing.

Students who would like a full range of health care experiences are encouraged to apply for both the June 9 Nursing Day Camp and the four day Health Matters Summer camp, June 10-June 13. Prospective campers must turn in an application and teacher recommendations by April 30. Applications may be obtained online on our Facebook pages (www.facebook.com/bigcountryahec) or (www.facebook.com/healthmatterssummercamp) as well as by contacting Big Country AHEC. The Health Matters Summer Camps are made possible with the support of our friends at the Hodges Family Foundation.

Each of these opportunities is made possible through partnerships with communities, community health professionals, health professions training schools and AHEC.

AHEC's mission is to address the health care provider shortage and improve health care access in the North and West Central Texas through education and development of the health care workforce. Goals include introducing school aged youth to health careers, providing rural clinical training for students in the health professions, supporting existing healthcare professionals via continuing education and promoting healthy living.

For summer camp information, contact Veronica Aguirri, AHEC Health Careers Promotion Coordinator, at vaguirri@bcahec.org or at (325) 672 0495.

Blizzard Band, making history



PHOTO: JOE GERHART

The cast and crew of 20 high school students do a wonderful job of conveying the plot of this classic timeless fantasy.

Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp enchant WHS auditorium

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Sunday, March 16, 2014 Winters High School One-Act Play presented Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp at the Winters High School Auditorium. The play, adapted by Jack Neary, is based on The Arabian Nights tale and published by Dramatists Publishing.

Under the direction of Deb Pritchard and assistant director Beth Wortham the cast and crew are as follows: King - Sean Mooney, Scherzade - Ashley Guy, Porter/Genie - Armando Rodriguez, Musician/Aladdin Kimble Bridgeman, Jester/Magician - Daniel Gerhart, Cook/Mother - Grace Bryan, Chancellor/Grand Vizier - Alex Hernandez, King's Accountant/Grand Vizier's Son - A.J. Smith, Dancer/Princess - Christa Bahlman, General/Sul-

tan - Dylan Bryant, Townspeople/Merchants - Jaimee Pritchard, Micah Drake, Crew Angel Stratton, K'Lee Lindley, Elisabeth Wenzel, Adreanna Lopez, Corey Pritchard.

The story takes place in the palace of the King in an unnamed Eastern land. The King is terribly bored in his kingdom and asks Scheherazade to spin a tale that will mesmerize him. She tells the story of a young lad, Aladdin, who goes to the town square at his mother's request to seek his fortune.

Along the way Aladdin encounters an evil Magician, a conniving Grand Vizier and his son, a Princess and her father the Sultan, and a magical Genie.

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WHS band earns the coveted Sweepstakes trophy after receiving Division I ratings in Region UIL Concert and Sight Reading contest

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WINTERS- Thursday, March 6, 2014 the Winters High School Band competed in the Region UIL Concert and Sight Reading contest held in Coleman. The band received First Division ratings in both the concert and sight reading portions. Those ratings combined with their First Division rating at Marching Contest earlier in the school year, earned the band the coveted "Sweepstakes" trophy. This is only the third Sweepstakes for the Blizzard band since 1976. Previous Sweepstakes were earned in 2009 and 2011.

The band performed three pieces from a list of allowed songs provided by the University Interscholastic League. A concert march titled "Captain Dare March" by William Owens, "Conviction" by Larry Clark, and "Majestica" by Gary Gazlay.

"Great band sound," "Good job with dynamic contrast and ensemble sound," included some of the comments on the judges' critique sheets. "I really enjoyed this well taught band, congratulations" one judge commented. Another judge wrote: "Beautiful uniforms and nice big, sharp looking band."

"This group of young men and women have worked very hard this year in marching as well as concert and sight reading practice. I am very proud of their performance at the Coleman contest. Their hard work and dedication has paid off", said Band Director Phil Mooney.

The band received an escort into town from Winters VFD, Police and EMS. The entire student body and faculty/staff assembled outside of the high school to welcome the band back from contest. The students had made several signs congratulating the band.

The band and the directors would like to thank the Community of Winters, Winters ISD School Board, Administration, staff, and student body for their incredible support throughout the year.



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

The Winters High School Blizzard Band prepares for the concert portion of the contest in Coleman.



2014 Runnels Co. Ag Day

The 2014 Runnels County Ag Day will be held Tuesday, March 25, at the Ballinger Community Center. Look inside for the special section.

Winters ISD nutrition staff awarded 'Excellent' rating

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Winters ISD's child nutrition professionals were awarded a certificate of excellence for achieving an excellent rating in the 2013-14 Coordinated Review Effort. Commissioner, Todd Staples, Texas Department of Agriculture awarded a certificate after an administrative review covering critical areas both district wide and at Winters ISD.

"Lisa O'Dell and your nutrition department staff are clearly committed to safeguarding the health and well-being of your students. They exemplify the highest standards of caring and service by teaching children the relationship between proper eating and good health,"

states Staples.

Providing healthy meals to Texas' most valuable asset, our children, is a coordinated effort which Commissioner Staples is proud to partner with such success. Child nutrition personnel succeed in their work only through the support and collaboration of parents, school board members, superintendents, administrators, teachers and hosts of support staff.

"Just as you have spent years teaching children the 3R's, we now must instill in them the importance of the 3E's of Healthy Living - Education, Exercise and Eating Right." With continued leadership, healthy students will equal healthy families and a healthy Texas," Staples further commented.



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Winters ISD nutrition staff pictured from the left: Loretta Horton, Denise Hilliard, Lisa O'Dell - Food Service Director, June Watson, Virginia Garcia, and Tammy Young.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Gloria Dell Gordon

Gloria Dell Gordon, 87, of Winters, died March 12, 2014. She was born February 25, 1927 in Colorado City, Texas to Sam Houston and Foy Dell McKinney Gordon. She grew up in Coleman County and ranched in Runnels County. She was an avid golfer, bridge player and cook.



She is survived by one daughter, Heidi Huntsman of Winters, and one sister, Dixie Gordon Lee of Coleman.

A memorial service will be held on Friday March 21, 2014 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel at 11 a.m. Memorials may be made to REASON Animal Rescue.

Winters Enterprise, March 20, 2014

Veteran's Corner

Some veterans with traumatic brain injury (TBI) who are diagnosed with any of five other ailments will have an easier path to receive additional disability pay under new regulations developed by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The new regulation impacts some veterans living with TBI who also have Parkinson's disease, certain types of dementia, depression, unprovoked seizures or certain diseases of the hypothalamus and pituitary glands. The new regulations, printed in the Federal Register, say that if certain veterans with service-connected TBI also have one of the five illnesses, then the second illness will also be considered as service connected for the calculation of VA disability compensation.

Eligibility for expanded benefits will depend upon the severity of the TBI and the time between the injury causing the TBI and the onset of the second illness. However, veterans can still file a claim to establish direct service-connection for these ailments even if they do not meet the time and severity standards in the new regulation. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 365 3612.

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Obituaries in

The Winters Enterprise are also online, check out our webpage at MyRunnelsCounty.com

NEWS NOTES

Runnels Co Republican Convention

Charles Hensley, Runnels County Republican Chairman, announced on Friday, March 7, that the County Convention for the Runnels County Republican Party will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 804 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger, Texas. Hensley said that the primary purpose of the convention will be to select delegates to the State Convention coming up in June. Interested persons are invited to attend.

Gifted and Talented nominations being accepted

Nominations are being accepted for the Winters Elementary Gifted/Talented program, for First-Fourth grades. If you believe your child might benefit from a gifted/talented program, we welcome your nomination. Nomination and parent permission for testing forms may be obtained at the Elementary Principal's office during normal working hours. All forms must be completed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by April 7, 2014.

Nominaciones para el programa de estudiantes dotados y con talentos especiales

La Escuela Elemental de Winters está recibiendo nominaciones para el programa de estudiantes dotados y con talentos especiales en los grados de primero a cuarto.

Los padres que desean nominar a un niño/niña pueden recoger una forma en la oficina de la escuela. Las formas deben entregarse antes del 7 de abril del 2014.

Nominations open for Man and Woman of the Year

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is taking nominations for Man and Woman of the Year. If you would like to nominate someone, please send a brief letter with the name of the person you would like to nominate and the reasons you feel they deserve to be Man or Woman of the Year.

Please send nomination to: Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 662, Winters, Texas 79567

You can also drop off your nomination letter to Pam or Randal Barnes.

Fundraiser for Chad McDuffee

An account has been established at the First National Bank of Ballinger to accept donations or sponsorships for Chad McDuffee. McDuffee is a Ballinger native and veteran of the Iraq War. Chad lost most of the use of his right foot after sustaining an injury while on deployment in Iraq in 2006. Chad earned a bronze medal in the 2013 Valor Games

Midwest in powerlifting and is currently trying to earn a spot on the U.S. Paralympic Team in time for the 2016 World Games in Brazil. Donations to the account will be used to help defray his travel expenses and purchase special equipment for training.

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 p.m., first Thursday of the month at the Lone Star Video, 200 Tinkle Street.

TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Winters and Ballinger area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening and arts and crafts to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during summer) at 2 p.m. at the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of South Seventh and Sealy Ave in Ballinger.

If you are interested and like to find out more about us, call Nancy at 325 5042 or Linda 754 5385.

Winters Women's Club

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Sylvia Wilson 754 4992 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.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, March 22
Runnels County Republican Party Convention at 5 p.m. at 804 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger, Texas.

Tuesday, April 1
Future of Winters Club annual dinner and meeting. Winters ISD Special Events Center. Magician Lonnie Chevie will present the entertainment at 6 p.m. Tickets at Wheat Energy, J&T Hardware, Raymond's Clip Joint and the WABIC office.

Thursday, April 3
Rowena VFW Ladies Auxiliary rummage sale at 5 p.m. Rowena VFW Hall. Friday April 4, from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 3
Toast of Ballinger variety show at the Old Texas Theater at 6 p.m. Meal will be provided. Hosted by the Runnels County Child Welfare Board. For ticket information call Malisia Goetz or Debbie DeBerry at (325) 365 3511 or Cecelia at (325) 754 4941.

Saturday, April 12
Memories of Times Past Spring Fest hosted by the Z.I. Hale Museum starting at 9 a.m. Antique tractor show, quilt show, antique and classic auto show, motorcycle show and fun run, photo contest, live music, games, food, blacksmith demonstration, soap making.

Saturday, April 26
Ballinger Noon Lions Club 39th Annual Colorado River Bikefest. Race starts at 8:30 a.m. at the corner of Hutchings Ave. and Hwy 83, in Ballinger, Texas. 5K walk/run/ride, 30, 60 and 100K tours. Entry forms available at www.ballingernoonlions.org FMI call at (325) 234 7842

Community News and the Community Calendar are open for all members of the Runnels County community wanting to advertise an event. To have an event listed please include the day, hour, location and participation of the event to our office at 806 Hutchings Ave. Ballinger, TX 76821, fax it at (325) 365 5389 or email it to news@wintersenterprise.com. Certain restrictions apply. This space is free of charge.

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FSA encourages everyone to celebrate National Ag Day

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION— USDA Texas Farm Service Agency Executive Director Judith A. Canales, encourages everyone to take a moment to appreciate the hard working farmers and ranchers in Texas on March 25, National Ag Day. This year's theme is "Agriculture: 365 Sunrises and 7 Billion Mouths to Feed."

USDA is proud to stand behind the producers who rise before dawn 365 days a year in order to put food on the table for 7 billion people.

"We recognize the importance of agriculture and hope that the recent passage of a new Farm Bill is a sign that 2014 will be a 'banner year for the industry," said Canales. There is no better way to show our support for farmers and ranchers than to begin implementing a new Farm Bill — legislation that will provide farmers, ranchers and consumers alike supportive results." While the American economy is rebounding and gaining strength, the agricultural economy has remained strong and at its best. Looking ahead, the U.S. has seen a trend towards aging farmers; however, according to the recent Census of Agriculture, the nation is beginning to reverse that trend. There is an increase in the number of farmers under the age of 35. And although the ag-

riculture industry promises a bright future, many farmers and ranchers are still recovering from natural disasters that occurred this year, including the continuing drought. Fortunately, these producers were still able to grow the commodities that Americans rely on in order to remain a food-secure nation. Our farmers and ranchers have also continued their legacy of protecting natural resources and environmentally sensitive land through the use of conservation programs.

FSA encourages everyone to join in celebrating America's farmers and ranchers — a selfless group of individuals who make up less than two percent of the world's population. They feed our country and make our nation secure. And, they supply quality foods to the rest of the world's seven billion people.

Ag Day is a project of the Agriculture Council of America. For further Ag Day information and events visit www.agday.org.



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Lady Blizzard softball gets mixed results

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STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Lady Blizzards got mixed results during their last games, by blowing out Eden in a one side game, but falling in their next match to Santa Anna. Monday, March 10, the Lady Blizzards blew out Eden 17-1 on at Blizzard Softball Field, after pouring on nine runs in the second inning.

Tamron Tamez put herself in scoring position with two extra-base hits for the Lady Blizzards. She tripled in the first and second innings and singled in the third. Winters jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first. Tamron started the rally for Winters with a triple. The Lady Blizzards added six more runs in the bottom of the third. An er-

ror scored Sabrina Esquivel to start the scoring in the inning. That was followed up with a steal of home by Stacie Ventress. Tuesday, March 11, the Lady Blizzards lost 10-7 in seven innings to Santa Anna. Sabrina Esquivel did all she could to give Winters a boost, but it wasn't enough to get past Santa Anna. Sabrina had a busy day at the plate, collecting two extra-base hits. She homered in the third, tripled in the fifth inning, and singled in the seventh.

Winters took the lead in the first when Tamron Tamez hit a double, stole third and scored on a single by Kalli Wilson. Winters posted two runs in each of the third, fifth and seventh. In the third, Winters scored on a two-run home run by Sabrina, scoring Jessica Roman. The Lady Blizzards scored two runs in the top of the seventh to cut its deficit to three. A two-run single by Stacie Ventress gave Winters hope, but Santa Anna closed the game out.

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Place	Name	Place	Name
2nd	Stephon Cleghorn	1st	Dylan Bryant
800M		2nd	Drey Patton
Place	Name	100 M	
5th	Tony Sanchez	Place	Name
100M		2nd	Mondo Rodriguez
Place	Name	800 relay	
2nd	Stephon Cleghorn	Place	Names
200M		4th	Mikey Martinez, Brandon Reyna, Michael Aleman, Jonathan Sandoval
Place	Name	400M	
2nd	Stephon Cleghorn	Place	Name
1600M		3rd	Tony Sanchez
Place	Name	JUNIOR VARSITY	
3rd	Andrew Sanchez	Place	Name
400 relay		1st	Dylan Bryant
Place	Names	3rd	Drey Patton
3rd	Mondo Rodriguez, Samuel Reyes, Mikey Martinez, Brandon Reyna	1600 Relay	
		1st	Mondo Rodriguez, Dylan Bryant, Jonathan Sandoval, Hunter Darnell

CAFETERIA MENU

Subject to Change

March 24-28	
Winters ISD Breakfast Menu	
Monday	
Breakfast Taco or Cereal/Toast w/ Jelly, Fruit Jelly, Choice of Milk.	
Tuesday	
French Toast/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.	
Wednesday	
Breakfast Burrito/Salsa or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.	
Thursday	
Sausage Roll or Cereal/Toast w/ Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.	
Friday	
Muffin or Cereal/Toast w/ Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.	

Winters ISD Lunch Menu

Monday	
Chef Salad or Lasagna/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.), Bread Stick (H.S.) or Chicken Pattie/Bun, Peas & Carrots, Baked Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Apple, Choice of Milk.	
Tuesday	
Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak/Bread Hot Roll or Chicken Tenders/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.), (H.S.) Bread Stick, Italian Green Beans, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.	
Wednesday	
Chef Salad or Nachos or Chicken Fajita, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Coleslaw, Strawberry, Choice of Milk.	
Thursday	
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Chicken Nugget/Gravy, Bread Stick or Meatloaf/Hot Roll (2oz), Broccoli w/ Cheese, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Pear, Choice of Milk.	
Friday	
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Chicken Bites/Bread Stick, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Lettuce/Pickles, Orange, Choice of Milk.	

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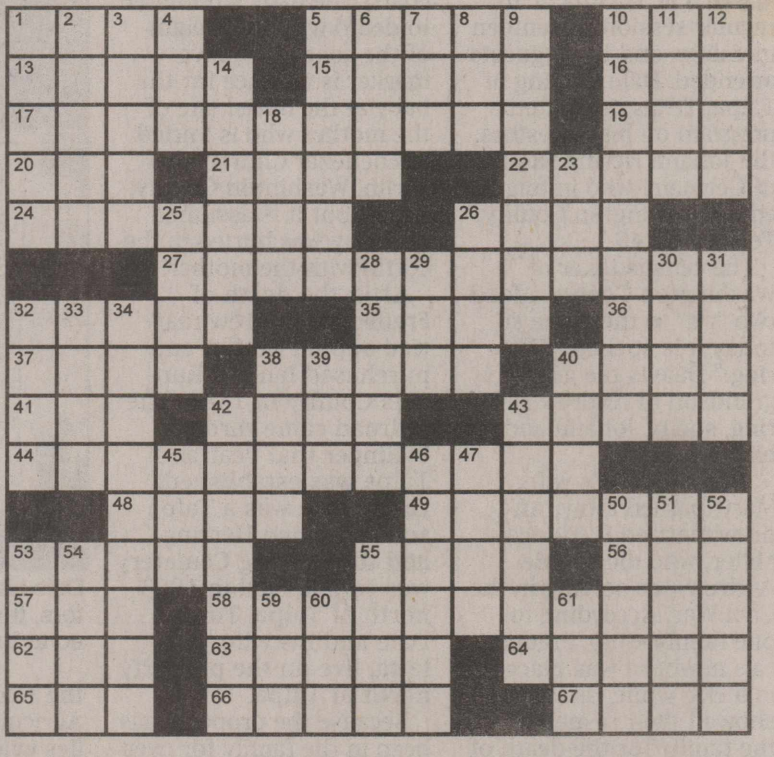
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- Across**
- Build a road
 - Greek letter that's also an airline
 - Spinning toy
 - Like people who say "Top of the mornin' to ya!"
 - Falco and Brickell
 - "Curb Your Enthusiasm" channel
 - Body of water between Saudi Arabia and Iran, known for its oil
 - Color in the American flag
 - Language you speak: abbr.
 - Make sure there will be no kittens
 - Hellos at sea
 - TV reporter John
 - Nancy ____, fictional detective
 - Body of water that Jamaica and Aruba are on, known for its beautiful weather
 - March 17th honoree, for short
 - Large coffee holders
 - Paddle
 - Pinball problem
 - Out in the open for all to see
 - Has to
 - __ whim (without forethought)
 - __ impasse (stuck)
 - Names as a reference
 - Body of water where Hawaii is, known for its great size
 - Work units
 - Pest killer
 - Look bad together, as two colors
 - Apple's middle
 - "... man __ mouse?"
 - Barbecue bit
 - Body of water that flows through Brazil, known for its length
- Down**
- Sherlock Holmes smoked them
 - "__ we all?"
 - Astrological sign
 - Letter before "tee"
 - Alaska park that's also an SUV
 - Hip
 - Actress Lucy
 - Device you call people on: abbr.
 - "And that's __ it goes"
 - Ejects
 - Do what you're told
 - Where peas grow
 - Show hostility toward, as a cat might
 - Copycat
 - Egg layer
 - "Begone!"
 - New car worry
 - Good: Sp.
 - "It's cold!"
 - Relax, as rules
 - __ and crafts
 - Astrological sign
 - Red road sign
 - Turner or Fey
 - Put some money on it
 - Singer Redding
 - Sucking piece of cleaning equipment, for short
 - __ chocolate chip (ice cream flavor)
 - Shawls made of yarn
 - Provides food for an event
 - Tax org.
 - Sings like Frank Sinatra
 - Make, like money
 - Range __ (automaker)
 - Stadium
 - Sections
 - Black bird
 - Supermarket hassle
 - Former Russian ruler
 - "The Simpsons" tavern owner
 - Ginger __
 - Cubes in the freezer



LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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Weather Whys

Q: El Niño may form this summer. What is the difference between El Niño and La Niña?

A: The main difference involves water temperature, explains John Nielsen-Gammon, a weather expert at Texas A&M University. El Niño and La Niña – Spanish for "the child" – both occur in the central Pacific Ocean. "During an El Niño event, which can last almost a year, the waters in that region are warmer than usual," he says. "The opposite occurs during a La Niña." When a La Niña occurs, there are often warmer and drier conditions in many areas, including Texas, Nielsen-Gammon says. "In general terms, a La Niña means drier weather patterns for Texas. Research indicates that the sorts of hurricanes that affect Texas are more common during La Niña periods than during a neutral or El Niño year."

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RCHC Commission hosts program on Herrings' history

CONTRIBUTED BY BETTY THOMAS-SON
RCHC REPORTER

WINTERS- The Runnels County Historical Commission met at Casa Cabana March 8 at 10:30 a.m. in regular session. Seventeen members and three guests attended. Dale Herring of Talpa, Texas presented a program on his ancestors, the Johann Hering Family of Germany who immigrated to Washington County, Texas in 1846.

The census taker of Washington County added two "r's" to the name so today it is spelled, "Herring." Dale is the great-grandson of Andrew Herring, son of Johann and his wife, Mary.

After Andrew's wife, Mary, passed away, Andrew married Frederica Miller, who died while Andrew was serving in the Civil War. According to one family story, Frederica's newborn was placed in a crib while visitors showed their respect to the family for the death of Mary. Someone had placed a coat over the baby for warmth. As mourners

gathered at the home, others not seeing the baby underneath the coat, piled their coats on top of the baby thinking that was the place to lay their coats. The baby smothered to death with the weight of the coats. No grave marker is in place for the baby at the burial site of the mother who is buried at Ebenezer Church near Berlin, Washinton County, Texas, but it is assumed the baby was buried in the coffin with the mother.

After the death of Frederica, Andrew married Sophia Kettler and purchased land in Runnels County in 1886. The railroad came through Ballinger that year and Talpa was established. Later there was a Talpa school named Herring and the Herring Cemetery was established in 1893 north of Talpa. Today, Dale and his wife, Arletta, live on the property north of Talpa.

Because the property has been in the family for over 100 years, the Herrings received the Family Land Heritage Award given by



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the Texas Department of Agriculture to honor families who have owned and operated their land agriculturally for over 100 years. The next meeting of the

Runnels County Historical Commission will be in May—time and place to be announced. All meetings of RCHC are open to the public.

TMCN luncheon in Bronte to discuss tourism, economic development

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

ABILENE- Bronte community leaders will host a regional network luncheon sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network on Tuesday, March 25 at the Bronte Community Center, 116 NE Railroad Street. Community leaders from neighboring communities are invited to attend, enjoy the local cuisine and discuss mutual concerns. The luncheon is held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., reservations are requested.

Reservations need to be received at least two days in advance and can be made by calling or emailing the TMCN Office at (325) 795 8626 or <http://tmcn.org/event-registration/>. Reservations for the luncheon can also be made by calling Bronte City Hall at (325) 473 3501.

The focus of the luncheon will be "Tourism IS Economic Development." Discussion will be led by Tony Guidroz, San Saba Economic Development Director. He will discuss success stories in San Saba that have become authentic and contagious and help attendees identify their own unique tourism aspects. Other locations for luncheons this year are Knox City - April 2, Baird - April 16, and Comanche - April 24.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization for community and economic development, regional promotion, education, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." TMCN sponsors networking events during the year and projects to market the region for business and tourism development.

Member cities are: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Hico, Knox City, Menard, Merkel, Miles, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Rising Star, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, San Saba, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

USDA enhances Farm Storage Facility Loan program

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON- The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the expansion of the Farm Storage and Facility Loan program, which provides low-interest financing to producers. The enhanced program includes 22 new categories of eligible equipment for fruit and vegetable producers, and makes it

easier for farmers and ranchers around the country to finance the equipment they need to grow and expand.

This is part of a broader effort to help small and mid-sized farmers and ranchers, as announced by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Producers with small and mid-sized operations, and specialty-crop fruit and vegetable

growers, now have access to needed capital for a variety of supplies including sorting bins, wash stations and other food safety-related equipment. A new more flexible alternative is also provided for determining storage needs for fruit and vegetable producers, and waivers are available on a case-by-case basis for disaster assistance or insurance coverage if available products

are not relevant or feasible for a particular producer.

Additionally, Farm Storage and Facility Loans security requirements have been eased for loans between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Previously, all loans in excess of \$50,000 required a promissory note and additional security, such as a lien on real estate. Now loans up to \$100,000 can be secured by only a promissory note.

"The Farm Storage and Facility Loan program has helped American farmers and ranchers to finance on-farm storage for almost 13 years," said Farm Service Agency Administrator (FSA), Juan M. Garcia.

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100 Announcements

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THE CITY OF BALLINGER will accept applications for the position of a swimming pool manager until 5:00p.m. March 25, 2014. The person selected for this position will be responsible for all operations of running the swimming pool. The manager will be responsible for hiring lifeguards, getting lifeguard's certifications, scheduling parties and day to day operations. Applications are available at the City Hall, 700 Railroad Avenue, Ballinger. Any questions regarding this job should be directed to Steve Nixon at (325)365-5437. The City of Ballinger is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Tycoon tomato is Texas superstar

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- Tycoon tomato has many characteristics that rival or even best the Celebrity tomato, the long-standing favorite of many commercial and home growers, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service horticulturist.

Tycoon tomato has superior resistance to diseases and nematodes, and it can produce very large fruit of superior quality. All these characteristics and more won it the Texas Superstar title, said David Rodriguez, AgriLife Extension agent for horticulture in Bexar County.

ACM sells three newspaper divisions; retains holdings in Texas, Southwest

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

IRVING- American Consolidated Media (ACM) announced Wednesday, March 13, that it has sold three newspaper divisions to Adams Publishing Group LLC (APG). The newspaper divisions sold include the Superior Publishing Group, Ohio Publishing Group and Chesapeake Publishing Group.

Following the sale, American Consolidated Media now consists of two regions, ACM-Southwest and ACM-Valley, with print and digital holdings in Texas, Okla-

homa and Kansas. ACM-Southwest consists of 15 paid newspapers and five controlled-distribution publications. Paid publications in Texas include the Waxahachie Daily Light, Midlothian Mirror, Stephenville Empire-Tribune, Glen Rose Reporter, Brownwood Bulletin, Ballinger Ledger, Winters Enterprise, Alice Echo-News Journal, Nueces County Record-Star, Duval Press and Freer Press, as well as controlled-distribution publications in the Ellis County Trading Post, Cross Timbers Trading Post, Heartland Trading

Post, and Alice Review. Paid publications in Oklahoma include the Miami News-Record, Grove Sun and Delaware County Journal along with the controlled-distribution publication the Northeast Oklahoma Trading Post. In Kansas, ACM's paid publication is the Cherokee County News-Advocate. ACM-Valley consists of controlled-distribution publications through the Rio Grande Valley region of Texas. Titles include the Valley Bargain Book-Brownsville, Valley Bargain Book-Harlingen, Valley Town Crier (McAllen), Edinburg Review, Laredo's

Bargain Book and Ad Sack. "Timing was the key to our divestiture," said Scott Wright, Chief Executive Officer of ACM. "We knew there were interested, qualified buyers and Adams Publishing Group was a pleasure to do business with. I feel comfortable knowing the publications were sold to a group dedicated to excellence." American Consolidated Media publishes more than 25 local publications, which consists of daily and weekly newspaper, shoppers/specialty publications, associated websites and mobile applications.

I would like to say a humble thank you to all those who supported and voted for me in the Republican Primary. I appreciate the opportunity to continue working for you and Runnels county. I look forward to working with the best co-workers I could have. We have accomplished a lot and will be doing more for our county.

Sincerely,
Ronald Presley

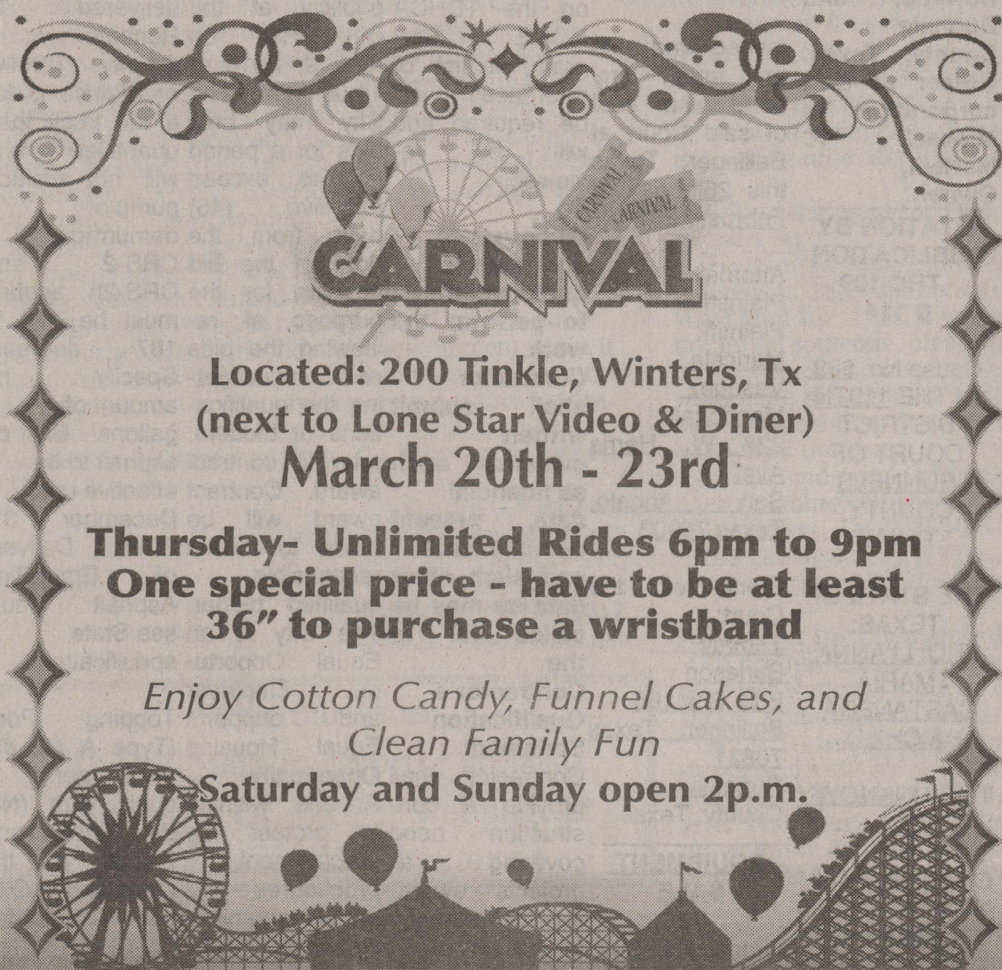
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Christopher Lujano	31	WPD	MTR-Possession of Marijuana		Tom Green Co. Warrant		RCSO
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Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association Executive Director Randall Conner (right) presents 2012 keynote speaker Charlie Stenholm with a cotton sample.



The First National Bank of Ballinger received the AgriBusiness of the Year 2012 award. Pictured are Vice President Beverly Everett and President Gregg Schwertner. Dale Dugan presents the award.

An update for farmers and ranchers

Economist Dr. Joe Outlaw this year's keynote speaker

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
BALLINGER LEDGER/WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER— Every other year the Runnels County community gathers to recognize area ranchers, farmers and producers, and this 2014 the Ag Day will bring a comprehensive program to fulfill the task and more at the Ballinger Community Center, on Tuesday, March 25 starting at 9 a.m.

This year's program will be offering a wide array of conferences and seminars, as well as products and services for everyone. The event is sponsored by the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association, Runnels County Leadership Advisory Board, Runnels County Ag and Natural Resources Committee, and the Runnels County Family and Consumer Sciences Committee.

The schedule starts with registration and booth visitation, and includes very interesting conferences and seminars for both producers and ladies.

This year, the 27th edition of the event will focus on technology and updates helping area farmers and ranchers with their daily chores. Kicking off the program will be Jay Yates, Extension Information Technology presenting the conference entitled Apps for Livestock and Crop Producers.

Yates will be followed by DuPont's Allan McGinty, with New Technologies in Weed and Brush Management.

Hector Guerrero, from the National Weather Service office in San Angelo, will be presenting a program on long range weather forecasting, while Ballinger's own Rick Minzenmayer and economist Bill Thompson

will be presenting their research using Top Guard for cotton root rot control.

Keynote speaker for the event, Dr. Joe Outlaw, will be bringing farmers and ranchers an update on the recently passed Farm Bill. Outlaw is a Professor and Extension Economist, Co-Director of Agricultural and Food Policy Center at the Department of Agricultural Economics Texas A&M University.

A health fair, open for everyone to attend, will also be held 9 to 11 a.m. with blood pressure screenings, cholesterol, blood sugars, adult immunizations, and information and services on Air Med One and Health Care and Rehab Services.

The ladies program will be hosting very interesting conferences as well.

Allison Watkins, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, will be presenting a program on water harvesting in the home and landscape; Betty Sims, with Taylor County Master Gardeners, will be talking about keyhole gardening — a new concept in gardening to produce flowers, vegetables and herbs in small spaces while maximizing growing seasons, reducing water usage and recycling waste products.

Barbara McGinty, with the Better Business

Bureau and Program Director for Texas Senior Medicare Patrol, will be presenting a program on Medicare Fraud and Financial Exploitation, while Kim Wandle, Texas State Securities Board Investor Education Coordinator, will raise awareness among attendees about wise and safe investing.

The complimentary noon meal, sponsored by the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association will be held at 11:45 a.m., followed by the presentation of the Farm Family of the Year and Ag Business of the Year 2014.

The Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association Annual Meeting is scheduled to start at 3:15 p.m. and included the following conferences: Texas Boll Weevil Eradication -

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Patton, CEO, TBWEF, Your Investment in Cotton Inc. - Bob Stanley, Cotton Inc., National Cotton Council Report - Brett Cypert, National Cotton Council, Committee for the Advancement of Cotton Report - Doyle Schneirs, CAC Director.

The 2014 Ag Day will feature nearly 50 exhibitors and sponsors. For more information on the Texas AgriLife Extension Service's 2014 AgDay contact Runnels County agents Marty Gibbs CEA-AG, Rick Minzenmayer EA-IPM, or Sandy Taylor CEA-FCS at (325) 365 2219 or (325) 365 5212.

RUNNELS COUNTY AG DAY PROGRAM

MEN'S PROGRAM	National Cotton Council Report - Video
New Area Front	Brett Cypert, National Cotton Council
9:00 a.m. Registration and Booth Visitation	Committee for the Advancement of Cotton Report Doyle Schneirs, CAC Director
10:00 a.m. Apps for Livestock and Crop Producers Jay Yates - Extension Information Technology	Adjourn
11:00 a.m. New Technologies in Weed and Brush Management Allan McGinty - Dow Agri-Sciences	LADIES' PROGRAM New Area Back Room
11:45 a.m. Complimentary Noon Meal Sponsored by: SRPCGA	9:00 a.m. Registration and Booth Visitation
12:15 a.m. Awards Program Farm Family of the Year AgriBusiness of the Year Pat Lee Scholarship Presentations Keynote Speaker: Farm Bill Update Dr. Joe Outlaw, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension	9:00 a.m. Health Fair Screenings for: Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, Blood Sugars Adult Immunizations Air Med One Health Care and Rehab Services
1:30 p.m. Long Range Weather Forecasting Hector Guerrero - Meteorologist National Weather Service, San Angelo	10:00 a.m. Water Harvesting in the Home and Landscape Allison Watkins, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
2:15 p.m. Cotton Root Rot Management using Top Guard Rick Minzenmayer, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Bill Thompson, Economist, Texas AgriLife Extension	10:55 a.m. Keyhole Gardening Betty Sims, Taylor County Master Gardeners
3:00 p.m. Break and Booth Visitation	11:45 a.m. Complimentary Noon Meal Sponsored by: SRPCGA
3:15 p.m. SOUTHERN ROLLING PLAINS COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING	12:15 a.m. Awards Program Farm Family of the Year AgriBusiness of the Year Pat Lee Scholarship Presentations Keynote Speaker: Farm Bill Update Dr. Joe Outlaw, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Introductions and President's Report Robert Englert, SRPCGA President	1:30 p.m. Medicare Fraud and Financial Exploitation Barbara McGinty, Better Business Bureau
Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Lindy Patton, CEO, TBWEF	2:15 p.m. Wise and Safe Investing Kim Wandle, Texas State Securities Board
Your Investment in Cotton Inc. Bob Stanley, Cotton Inc.	3:00 p.m. Door Prizes and Wrap Up
	3:15 p.m. Break and Booth Visitation

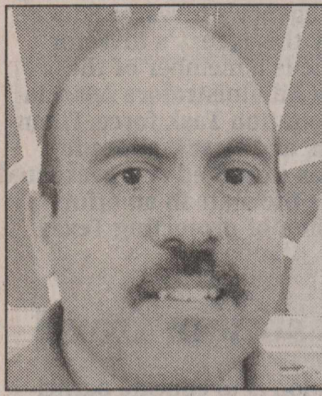


2014 Weather Forecast

HECTOR GUERRERO

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE METEOROLOGIST

Hector Guerrero, National Weather Service Meteorologist in San Angelo, will be presenting a program on the 2014 Weather Forecast. Topics include: The Most Dangerous Spring Storms, Weather Patterns and Two Week Outlook, El Nino Watch, One Month and Three Month Temperature and Precipitation Outlook for



Spring and Summer 2014, and Online Climate Tools. Guerrero is the Warning and Coordination Meteorologist at National Weather Service office in San Angelo, Texas.

Guerrero has been with the National Weather Service for over 12 years where he coordinates hazardous weather and non-weather events for West Central Texas with core partners in emergency management, the media, law enforcement, fire departments, amateur radio operators and storm spotters. Also served as spokesperson for this office.

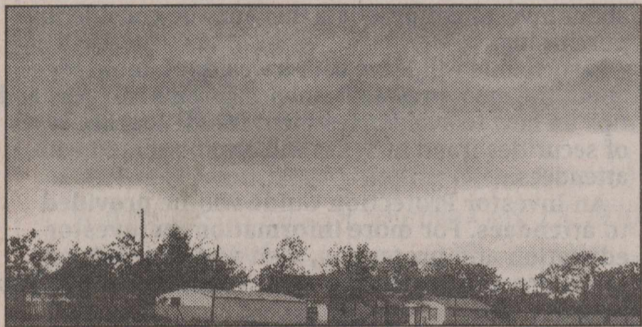


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Cotton root rot is a disease affecting cotton plants from I-20 south in Texas, Arizona and New Mexico costing millions in damages.

RICK MINZENMAYER

EXTENSION AGENT-IPM

Cotton root rot management using Top Guard

Richard Minzenmayer serves as an Extension Agent-IPM for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Ballinger, Texas. He received his Bachelor Degree from Texas Tech University and his Master's from Angelo State University. He has been employed with the Extension Service for 29 years. Minzenmayer specializes in cotton production and management and conducts research and educational activities in support of cotton growers in the southern Rolling Plains of Texas. He will discuss management of cotton root rot using Top Guard and how to apply the product at planting.

The information he will be presenting is the result

of five years of extensive research will be continuing his research in 2012.

He has worked for AgriLife Extension for almost three decades researching cotton.

Minzenmayer works extensively in cotton, his work is unique because most researchers in Texas operate a single program, where they scout individual fields.

In Runnels and Tom Green counties Minzenmayer has dozens of projects working specifically in cotton with world-wide companies such as Bayer CropScience, Deltapine, Monsanto and more evaluating herbicides



and harvest aides. Minzenmayer has been researching cotton root rot, a fungal disease causing serious damage to the cotton industry

in the West Texas region and other areas.

Minzenmayer's research proves that TopGuard prevents infection by providing a barrier protection for the plant. The product has to be applied very close to the seed because the fungal pathogen destroys the plant close to crown, right at the base where the plant and the soil come together.

All the cotton acres planted from I-20 to South Texas, Arizona, parts of California are all affected with cotton root rot, last year it was estimated that cotton root rot in Texas alone caused an impact of \$85 million.

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Farm Bill update JOE OUTLAW KEYNOTE SPEAKER

This year's Ag Day keynote speaker is Dr. Joe Outlaw, a Professor and Extension Economist, Co-Director of Agricultural and Food Policy Center at the Department of Agricultural Economics Texas A&M University

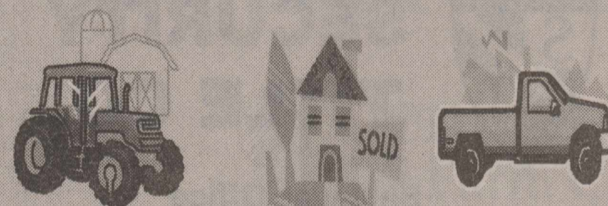
In this role, Dr. Outlaw frequently interacts with members of Congress and key agricultural committee staff to provide feedback

on the likely consequences of agricultural policy changes. The growing interdependence between agricultural and renewable energy policy has led him to conduct research on several renewable energy topics including plant feasibility studies using alternative technologies and feedstocks as well as supply demand relationships between renewable fuels

and their co-products. In 2004 chaired a national energy project that led to a book entitled "Agriculture as a Producer and Consumer of Energy" that he edited along with Keith Collins and Jim Duffield from USDA.

Dr. Outlaw led the team of Texas A&M economists who received awards in excellence for their 2002 farm bill education efforts from the American Agricultural Economics Association, the Southern Agricultural Economics Association, the National Public Policy Education Committee, USDA-FSA, and the Vice Chancellor in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M.

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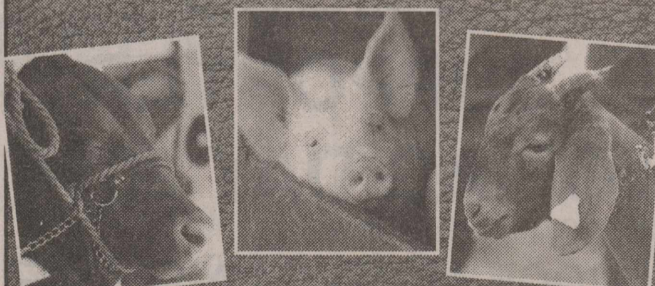


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BARBARA PARROTT MCGINITY

Medicare fraud

Barbara Parrott McGinity, LMSW has worked for the Better Business Bureau Education Foundation of Greater Houston for 12 years. In this capacity she speaks to older adults on issues related to financial exploitation, scams and fraudulent business practices.

Since 2002, Barbara as served as the Program Director for Texas Senior Medicare Patrol. The Senior Medicare Patrol is a federal grant program that utilizes volunteers to educate beneficiaries about Medicare fraud and abuse. As the director, she is responsible for statewide implementation of the SMP grant.

In this capacity, Barbara speaks on issues related to Medicare fraud to both older adults and service providers, and works to expand the SMP outreach to all corners of the state. A native Houstonian, Barbara has over 35 years experience in non-profit management, and a Masters in Social Work from the University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work.

BETTY SIMS

BIG COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER AND VEGETABLE SPECIALIST

Keyhole gardening

Betty Sims, Big Country Master Gardener and Vegetable Specialist will be presenting a program on Keyhole Gardening: A new concept in gardening to produce flowers, vegetables and herbs in small spaces while maximizing growing seasons, reducing water usage and recycling waste products. Attendees will learn how kitchen scraps, old newspapers, even dryer lint can support 70-100 plants in just a six foot circle at home.



Betty is a native Texan who has called the Abilene area home most of her life. She graduated from Cooper High School, earned her college degree from the University of North Texas and now makes her home in Tye. When not gardening, volunteering or taking care of her family, Betty spends her days as

the Executive Director of Big Country AIDS Resources, a community based organization serving the residents of 19 counties in West Central Texas.

Betty joined the Big Country Master Gardeners in 2009 and is still involved in many of the service activities of the group. In addition to her work through the Speaker's Bureau, she currently serves on the board as 2014 Treasurer, volunteers on the semi-annual

Plant Sale committees, and offers technological insight for the club directory and club outreach efforts.

Certifications: Texas Master Gardener, 2009 - Present; TMG Vegetable Specialist, 2011. Her motto: "Coffee. Garden. Coffee. Does a good morning need anything else?" - Betsy Cañas Garmon.



Keyhole Gardening is a new concept in gardening to produce flowers, vegetables and herbs in small spaces while maximizing resources.

KIMBERLY WANDLE

TEXAS STATE SECURITY BOARD

Wise and safe investing

Kim has been employed at the Texas State Securities Board for 29 years. During her tenure at the TSSB, she has reviewed numerous broker/dealer and investment adviser applications for the Registration Division, and assisted the attorneys and investigators in the Enforcement Division, often conducting undercover investigative work.

In 2006, Kim joined the agency's Investor Education Team and is currently the agency's Investor Education Coordinator. She is a member of the North American Securities Administrators Association, the Texas Elder Exploitation Task force, Financial Fitness Greater Austin, and First Wednesday Senior Networking. Kim has exhibited and presented at numerous events across the state in an effort to further the TSSB's mission of protecting Texas investors

Avoiding investment fraud

The goal of this presentation is to educate participants on how to avoid and protect themselves from investment fraud. Attendees will learn how to check out individuals who offer investments, and investment advice. In addition, they will learn how to find out about investment products they may be considering purchasing.

Participants will leave with a wealth of knowledge about the most prevalent financial scams in Texas and tips on how to avoid investment fraud. Real life cases of securities fraud in Texas will also be shared with attendees.

An Investor Protection Guide will be provided to attendees. For more information on investor education and protection, visit www.TexasInvestorEd.org and remember to "Investigate Before You Invest".

Multi-faceted Ag Day to offer something for everyone

STEVE BYRNS
SPECIAL TO THE BALLINGER LEDGER

BALLINGER - The 2014 Agri-Plex Ag Day conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is set for 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. March 25 at the Ballinger Community Center and Show Barn, 200 N. Crosson Ave. in Ballinger.

Marty Gibbs, AgriLife Extension agent in Runnels County, said the biennial program traditionally centers on agricultural and consumer issues facing rural West Texans.

Gibbs said this year's event will include: traditional agricultural and family and consumer sciences programs, a health fair, the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association annual meeting, naming of the Farm Family of the Year and Agri-business of the Year, and awarding of youth scholarships.

He credited the continuing support of area agribusinesses and trade show exhibitors for the event's long-running success.

"We'll also have some 30 exhibitors and a noon meal catered by the AgriLife Extension agent professional associations," he said.

"This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Joe Outlaw, AgriLife Extension economist at College Station. Outlaw will speak on the newly minted Farm Bill."

Gibbs said the day will lead off with the health fair at 9 a.m., which will include various health screenings, adult immunizations and health care and rehab service-related options.

Participants may choose from the two concurrent sessions at 10 a.m.: the consumer sciences program or the agricultural program.

The producer program will focus on new technologies available for weed and brush control as well as new apps for livestock and crop producers. Other topics will include long-range



The 2014 Ag Day will include traditional agricultural and family and consumer sciences programs, a health fair and more

weather forecasting and managing cotton root rot using Top Guard.

The consumer sciences session will feature water harvesting in the home landscape, medicare fraud and financial exploitation, and wise and safe investing.

The two sessions will break at 11:45 a.m. for the complimentary noon meal, Outlaw's presentation and the awards presentation featuring the naming of the farm family of the year, the agribusiness of the year and the recipi-

ents of the Pat Lee Memorial scholarships. The two concurrent sessions will reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

The Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association annual meeting will start at 3 p.m. and is the day's final event.

The entire program is free and open to the public. Two Texas Department of Agriculture private pesticide applicator's continuing education units, one general and one integrated pest management, will be offered.

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Water harvesting in the home, landscape

Allison Watkins graduated from Tarleton State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Horticulture, and earned a Master of Science degree in Horticulture from Texas Tech University. She began working as the County Extension Agent - Horticulture in San Angelo in early 2009. During her time working in Extension she has enjoyed focusing on EarthKind landscaping principles, with a special emphasis on water conservation.

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Health fair to be held in conjunction with the Ag Day

STAFF REPORT
 BALLINGER- Runnels County residents will have the opportunity to attend the 2014 Health Fair, to be held 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. in conjunction with the AgriPlex Ag Day, on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at the Ballinger Community Center.

The health fair is open to the public, and health education efforts will be furnished by several area health care providers. Participants include Ballinger Memorial Hospital, North Runnels Hospital, Texas Department of State Health Services, Air Med One, Ballinger Home Health and Shannon Oncology.

Health screenings, immunizations and information on MVA, ATV and farm safety will be available, along with cancer awareness.

Also being offered that morning will be grip and balance evaluation. If you would like a lipids profile, a minimum of eight hours fasting is recommended.



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Health care professionals will be at hand to perform blood pressure, diabetes and more tests for everyone.

An ambulance will be available for viewing. Preventing disease before it begins is critical for everyone. Preventable illness makes up approximately 70 percent of the burden of disease and associated costs. Each year, chronic illnesses such as heart disease, cancer, and diabetes are responsible for millions of premature deaths and cause Americans to miss days of work, resulting in

lost productivity. Nearly one out of four deaths in Texas are due to heart disease. In 2006, 38,782 Texans died from heart disease (National Vital Statistics Report, 2009). According to the Texas Diabetes Council an estimated 1.7 million persons aged 18 years and older in Texas have been diagnosed with diabetes. While another estimated 425,157 persons aged 18 and older

in Texas are believed to have undiagnosed diabetes. Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in Texas. Runnels County has been identified to have a high mortality rate due to diabetes. With nearly 1 million Americans dying every year from diseases that could be prevented, even small preventive changes and initiatives can make a big difference in leading healthier lives.

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