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Coleman County accident claims life of Ballinger resident

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The investigation regarding a fatal traffic incident in Coleman County is still ongoing, however, several details regarding the individuals identity and the synopsis of the accident have been released.

According to the Department of Public Safety, Ballinger resident Margie Smith Strother, 79, was pronounced dead at the scene.

She was wearing her seatbelt.

Strother was traveling on FM 702 and was 2.2 miles east of Novice when she approached the intersection with US 84. According to the report, the driver then failed to stop at the stop intersection and traveled across US 84 where the vehicle crashed through a fence and into numbers trees. The vehicle then spun around and came to a rest facing northwest in the pasture.



The upcoming Stribling Art Extravaganza in San Angelo will feature multiple artists who live or have ties to the Runnels County area. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Stribling Art Extravaganza to showcase area artists

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 STAFF REPORT

One of San Angelo's biggest art shows will take place towards the end of March and will proudly feature art work from multiple artists here in the Runnels County area.

In February of 2000, the idea for a local art show came to mind when a local artist offered West Texas Rehab a couple of their personal works to be hung in the Rehab Center in San Angelo to help decorate the walls. To add, the artist would allow the sale of the piece if someone was interested and would gladly share a portion of the profit directly with the Rehab Center. This kind gesture helped bring to light the Stribling Art Extravaganza!

Celebrating its 16th year, Stribling Art Extravaganza will showcase 170 Concho Valley Artists and Artisans March 27-29, 2015 at historic Fort Concho's

Quartermaster, Commissary and Barracks 6 buildings. The public show and sale is free and open to the public. Since its beginning, Stribling Art Extravaganza has raised over \$800,000 for WTRC and continues to serve as a great outlet to feature local talent. Multiple residents from Runnels County including Susan Mansell, Patricia Zappe Billimmeier, Jean Smith Hensely, Maryellen Strinni, Ginger Test, Shirley Minzenmayer and Susan Minzenmayer will be featured in this year's show.

Featuring pieces of original art from a variety of mediums including oil, watercolor, pottery, mixed media, pastels, sculpture, drawing, fiber, glass, wood, clay and photographs, this show will have something for everyone. Guests can come and enjoy the art Friday March 27 from 10-7, Saturday March 28 from 9-6 and Sunday March 29 from 11-2. Every piece

will be for sale and supporting this show not only benefits the Rehab Center, but supports the local artists. "It's a partnership" says Justin DeLoach, Donor Relations Coordinator for WTRC. "The artists graciously agree to a portion of the sale of their art to come back to the Rehab. Those dollars directly go back to our patients we see each day here at the Rehab Center."

In addition to the 300 piece showcased, there are special events which take place throughout the weekend. Up and coming artists are featured from local High Schools in the show's Young Artist Display. While this art is not for sale, it is a great reflection of future artists learning all the different strokes of art. On Saturday, Ellen Myer and KB Brown will provide "Music with the Art" at 2:00 PM in the Quartermaster building. Also, during

noon-5 p.m. Saturday, "Paint the Fort Grounds" will feature 2015 Stribling Artists as the artists will be working on different pieces in person. This is a great way to meet some of our local talent along with having the chance to visit with them about their art. All these events are free and open to the public.

The Stribling Art Extravaganza is graciously sponsored by Beverly and Ben Stribling. The show's name proudly displays the Stribling's love for art and local artists. "This event is a great example of neighbor helping neighbor. It is our pleasure to offer such an event to local artists as we partner together to make a difference in the lives of family, friends and our community," comments President/CEO of WTRC Woody Gilliland. For more information, call 325-223-6313 or visit striblingart.org.

First Baptist Church to celebrate 125 years

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Eighteen dedicated people met in the one room school house in the town of Winters soon after it was erected with volunteer labor. There they went on to organize the Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, March 22, 1890, the first church in the community of Winters, Texas.

Citizens had met in the school house, the only public meeting place, two months earlier to name the new town "Winters".

If the building were still standing, it would be in the middle of the block on Main Street, across the street and a little to the north of the present First Baptist Church Sanctuary.

In August of 1903, the church met in regular conference and voted to change its name to the Winters Baptist Church of Christ. April 21, 1906 was set as the date to set hitching posts on the church grounds. The second Sunday in May was observed for the dedication of the new church. Electricity was installed in February

of 1910. In 1913, a lot was bought at the crossing of Main and Truett Streets and the old church was sold. A new building was completed by 1915. The name was changed to First Baptist Church.

An outstanding revival was held in April of 1926, with Dr. George W. Truett, the evangelist, B. B. McKinney directed the music and the revival was held under a tent furnished by Harley Sadler, comedian and circus producer. During the period of time of WWII, the local congregation decided to ring the bell each morning at 10:00 a.m. for prayers for our nation and service men and women.

Through the years, First Baptist Church has added structures and in 1958, the present sanctuary was built. Educational space was added and missions were sponsored to reach Hispanics and African Americans in the community. The church has celebrated the various anniversaries through the years.

There have been 24 pastors that have served in the church. Numerous Ministers of Youth and Music have also served at First Baptist Church.

Bro. Heath Powers serves as Pastor with his wife Leigh and children, Hannah, Joshua and Lydia. Bro Heath and family begin their ministry at Winters First Baptist Church in 2009.

Danny Martinez serves as Associate Pastor, with his wife Dora. Randy Jackson serves as Minister of the Youth with wife Cindi. Those serving with the music ministry are Susan Conner, pianist; Doug Wheat, keyboard; Robbie York, drums; Monte Angel, guitar and Dawn Killough as vocalist. Sunday, March 22, 2015 the church will celebrate its 125th anniversary. Sunday services will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School. Worship will follow at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Ronnie Prevost of Abilene, Texas, a former Interim Pastor will bring the message. Ken Williams of Belton, Texas, a former Minister of Music will lead the music as well as bring the special music to the service. There will be lunch served at noon, followed by a time of recognition for those who have previously served in the ministry of the church and a time of fellowship with those attending.

Winters One Act Play to offer free show to public

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The Winters High School One Act Play troupe will give a public performance for the community on Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the WHS Auditorium. Admission is free.



The group will compete in District competition on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at Stamford in the SHS Auditorium and will be the seventh school to perform at approximately 4 p.m. Other schools competing that day will be Anson, Hawley, Stamford, Roscoe, Albany, Hamlin and Haskell. The public may attend the district contest. Admission will be charged at the door.

The WHS group will perform this year's contest piece, *Dearly Departed*. The play was written by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones and is published by Dramatists Play Services.

The beleaguered Turpin family, a dysfunctional group of Southern eccentrics, proves that living and dying below the Mason-Dixon Line in the Baptist backwoods of the Bible Belt, are seldom tidy and always hilarious. Despite their earnest efforts to pull themselves together for their father's funeral, the Turpin's other problems keep overshadowing the solemn occasion.

Firstborn Ray-Bud drinks himself silly as the funeral bills mount; Junior, the younger son, is juggling financial ruin, a pack of no-neck monster kids, and a wife who suspects him of infidelity in the family car; their spinster sister, Delightful, copes with death as she does life, by devouring junk food; and all the neighbors add more than their two cents worth. If that's not enough, Aunt Margurite and her good-for-nothing son Royce join these misfits to offer their condolences at this time of bereavement only to find a not-so-grieving

Runnels County NRCS accepting conservation applications

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WINTERS — USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Kathy Saunders has announced that applications for funding opportunities with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) are currently being

accepted at the NRCS offices located at 2000 Hutchings Ave.

NRCS in Texas has received its EQIP funding for Fiscal Year 2015 and will begin ranking and obligating contracts after April 17, 2015. All agriculture producers interested in submitting a contract application for 2015 should do so before this ranking deadline.

EQIP — one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill — is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal regulations.

"EQIP is a valuable tool to help Runnels County's agricultural producers implement conservation

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Runnels County ROLL-UP

Texas Senate gives 1st-round OK to open carry of handguns

JIM VERTUNO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Senate gave preliminary approval Monday to a measure that would make the Lone Star State the largest in the country to allow licensed open carry of handguns.

Gun rights advocates call the measure an important self-defense and Second Amendment issue that would put Texas in line with most of the rest of the country. But opponents say openly carrying guns intimidates the general public.

The 20-11 party-line vote was muscled through by Republicans. It was the first major gun rights vote of the session, and several more pushes on the issue are likely. A final vote on open carry to send the bill to the House is expected Tuesday, when the Senate is also expected to vote on allowing concealed handgun license holders to carry their weapons into college buildings and classrooms.

While most states allow some form of open carry, Texas, Florida, New York, California, Illinois and South Carolina still ban it. Among those, Texas easily has the most gun-friendly reputation. From manufacturers to dealers, Texas has the most federal firearms license holders in the country. It has few restrictions on gun ownership, and the state has actively lobbied gun makers to move to the state.

Texas also allows the public display of long guns, such as rifles and shotguns, and open carry advocates have staged high-profile rallies at the Alamo and state Capitol. Concealed handguns are allowed inside the Capitol, where license holders can bypass metal detectors.

But the state has also had a 140-year ban on open

carry, a prohibition dating to the post-Civil War era that disarmed former Confederate soldiers and freed slaves alike.

The bill passed by the Senate still requires Texans to get a license to carry a handgun. Texas has nearly 850,000 concealed handgun license holders under a process that requires classroom and gun range training, although lawmakers have lowered those standards in recent years.

License holders would have to carry their weapon either in a shoulder or belt holster with a choice to conceal the weapon or not. Business owners would still have the right to ban weapons from their premises, and open carry would not be allowed on college campuses.

"These people have been vetted and trained," Estes said. "I think it's time we let them decide which way they want to carry."

Sen. John Whitmire, a Democrat, said he voted for a concealed carry bill in 1995, but called open carry an unnecessary step that will introduce the public presence of guns into urban areas such as Houston and Dallas, two of the largest cities in the country. Whitmire noted that law enforcement groups have largely opposed open carry.

Open carry opponents, such as Moms Demand Action for Gun Safety in America, say carrying guns on the street is more about intimidation than self-defense and gun rights.

The bill passed Monday is not the so-called "constitutional carry" measure, which would allow open carry without a license. That separate measure drew heated debate and raised concerns when the session began in January when advocates confronted a House lawmaker in his Capitol office.

Second teen gets life term for San Angelo double slaying

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — A second San Angelo teenager has been sentenced to life in prison for the 2013 fatal shooting of two people during an argument at a party.

Johnny Garcia pleaded guilty Monday to capital murder. The 19-year-old Garcia was sentenced to life in prison without parole in the attack at a San Angelo apartment.

Daniel Uvalle (yoo-VY'-ay) was convicted last month of capital murder in the deaths of 22-year-olds Tabitha Freeman and Alvaro Carrillo Jr.

Uvalle was 17 at the time of the shootings. He's now 18, was tried as an adult and eligible for parole in 40 years.

Texas law does not allow life in prison without parole for a defendant who was 17 at the time of a slaying.

Garcia was 18 at the time of the killings.

MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY DAY

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

SAN ANGELO, TX. — U.S. Representative K. Michael Conaway (R-Texas) invites area high school students interested in attending a military service academy to an Academy Day event, from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2015. The Academy Day will be held at Angelo State University, MCS Building, Room 100, 2200 Dena Drive, San Angelo, TX.

Academy Liaison Officers, ROTC Representatives and others will be on hand to meet with prospective students and their families. The Academy Day program will feature information about the nomination process involved

in securing academy appointments.

Students who reside in the 11th Congressional District are encouraged to submit their applications in the spring of their junior year of high school to Congressman Conaway at his San Angelo Regional Office. Deadline for completed applications to be received for the Class of 2020 (entering the Academy Summer of 2016) will be October 9, 2015. Congressional staff members will be at the Academy Day event to assist prospective applicants. For more information about service academy nominations, please visit Congressman Conaway's website.

VETERAN'S CORNER

More than 64,000 eligible Veterans and Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) beneficiaries have taken advantage of the discounted dental insurance plans offered through the VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP). The program is a partnership between VA, Delta Dental and MetLife. VADIP, which launched Nov. 15, 2013, is a three-year pilot program designed for Veterans with no dental coverage and those eligible for VA dental care who would like to purchase additional coverage. Participation does not affect individuals' entitlement to VA dental services and treatment. There are no eligibility limitations based on service-connected disability rating or enrollment priority assignment. People interested in participating can complete an application online through either Delta Dental or MetLife. Coverage is available throughout the United States and its territories. The program provides another example of VA creating partnerships with the private sector for high-quality care.

Participation does not affect individuals' entitlement to VA dental services and treatment. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm, or call 365-3612.

'The Sound of Music' film celebrates a golden anniversary

NEW YORK (AP) — The hills are alive with the sound of a big, lucrative anniversary.

The 1965 Oscar-winning film adaptation of the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" is celebrating its 50th birthday this year and its star Julie Andrews can't quite believe it.

"This is a lovely moment to mark. I've been saying all along it's like a very bad joke because surely it was only 30 years ago — not 50," she said. "I feel I lost 20 somewhere along the way. A little thing called life got in the way."

The movie that popularized whiskers on kittens and warm woolen mittens isn't holding back on its golden anniversary: There

are events, DVDs, books, soundtracks and screenings.

Other American movie musicals may be revered — "Cabaret" and "West Side Story," for example — but few are as beloved as "The Sound of Music." Andrews, 79, thinks she knows why.

"This one stuck because it was very well made with beautiful music and a lot of glorious assets like scenery and mountains and children and an adventure story and a love story and all of that," she said.

To honor the milestone, 20th Century Fox is releasing a five-disc Blue-ray/DVD collection, the soundtrack is being re-released, and the film will be screened at the

TCM Classic Film Festival in Hollywood later this month and over 500 movie theaters in April.

Four new books about the film are being published, and there's a Diane Sawyer-led "20/20" special airing on ABC at 10 p.m. EDT Wednesday featuring an interview with Andrews in Austria, where the story was set. Princess Cruises will also celebrate the anniversary with special screenings and sing-alongs.

The musical and movie are a fictionalized account of the life of Maria von Trapp and tell the story of a 1930s governess who teaches her charges to sing and falls in love with her employer, naval captain Georg von Trapp, and the family's flight before World War II.

Angela Cartwright, who played Brigitta von Trapp, said cast members have gone through ups and downs and births and deaths during the past 50 years but "when we all get together, we pick up where we left off."

"It was an honor to be a part of such a great movie," she said. "When we were filming it, we had no idea that it was going to last and be so successful. It was such a charmed part of my life."

Not everyone is reveling in the film anniversary with the same fervency, especially her 85-year-old co-star Christopher Plummer, who played Captain von Trapp and has in the past derisively called the film "The Sound of Mucus."

"I've never really knocked the movie; I just knocked the experience of playing a part which I didn't think was very exciting, that's all," he said. "I thought I was the cat's meow and this was very much inferior stuff."



Andrews doesn't begrudge Plummer his view and the two have remained buddies. In fact, Plummer's less-than-earnest performance may have helped the movie.

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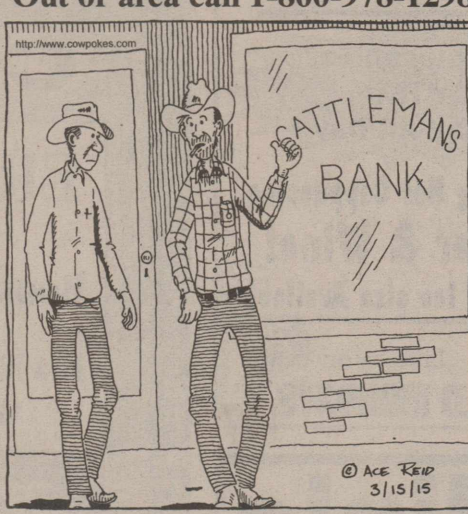
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Proposals addressed to Barry Hilliard, County Judge of Rannels County, Texas, will be received at the Commissioner's Court Room at 613 Hutchings Ave., Room 103, Ballinger, Texas until 10:00 A.M. on March 24, 2015.

The City of Ballinger reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of Ballinger for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening.

Legal Notices

City of Ballinger By: Sam Mallory, Mayor Date: March 19, 2015

All contract documents, including Technical Specifications are on file at Enprotec / Hutchings & Tood, Inc., 402 Cedar Street, Abilene, Texas 79601.

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed applications must be received in the County Judge's Office, 613 Hutchings Ave, Room 103, Ballinger, Texas.

Exact specifications for this application bid may be obtained from Ann Strube, Rannels County Treasurer, 613 Hutchings Ave, Room 304, Rannels County Courthouse, Ballinger, Texas, 325-365-2428

Notice is hereby given that as provided by Chapter 116 and Section 117 of the Texas Local Government Code as amended, the Commissioners' Court of Rannels County, Texas will receive

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The bids will be sealed applications until 10:00 a.m. on March 24, 2015 during the regular session of 2015 to the Rannels County Commissioners in contract with any the Rannels County banking corporation or association in this county for the deposit of the County's public funds.

By ORDER of Commissioner's Court on February 10, 2015. Cindy Winchester Rannels County Auditor

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The San Angelo Area Foundation announces San Angelo Gives

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO — The San Angelo Area Foundation announces San Angelo Gives, a day of local giving. Set to launch at midnight on May 5, 2015, this event will strengthen the foundation of our community through a 24-hour online fundraising effort that will provide critical funding for and celebrate the work of our community partners across the Concho Valley. On May 5, 2015, San Angelo Gives is aiming to raise more than a half-million dollars with help from supporters across the Concho Valley by uniting our community around causes that matter. This event gives every person, every company, and every nonprofit the opportunity to join in the collective fight to improve the long-term outlook of our area.

The San Angelo Area Foundation is partnering with local nonprofits, connecting donors to high-impact organizations that enrich our local culture and solve the most critical community challenges. "We truly believe that every donation, no matter how large or small, makes a

difference in our area," said Matt Lewis, President & CEO of the San Angelo Area Foundation. "San Angelo Gives is a way to support nonprofit organizations who work tirelessly and selflessly to keep communities across the Concho Valley vital and strong."

Donations made through the San Angelo Gives website (www.sanangelogives.org) will be amplified by more than \$100 thousand dollars already raised by the San Angelo Area Foundation, increasing each gift made on May 5th. Nonprofits will be eligible to win cash prizes throughout the day making San Angelo Gives a fun and exciting way to raise money in our community. The San Angelo Area Foundation is encouraging everyone in the community to be a philanthropist by giving to their favorite charities on May 5th and be part of the largest day of giving in the San Angelo area.

Nonprofit organizations who wish to participate in San Angelo Gives must complete an online profile at www.sanangelogives.org by April 1, 2015.



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The Runnels County NRCS is now accepting conservation program applications until April 16, 2015.

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practices that provide environmental benefits to help sustain agricultural operations," says Saunders.

EQIP is a continuous sign-up program that allows landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices. The deadline for the first 2015 funding allocation is April 17, 2015. Contracts are offered periodically depending on budgetary allocations. Applications made after the deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide higher cost efficiency.

EQIP offers technical and financial help to install or implement structural, vegetative, and management practices that can benefit the soil, water, air,

plants, livestock, and wildlife. Each county in the state is funded yearly to assist producers financially with these land management practices.

Last year, NRCS in Texas funded over 3,400 EQIP contracts with \$82 million to accomplish conservation practices such as irrigation efficiency, minimum tillage, brush management and more on 1.8 million acres across the entire state.

In addition to helping our environment, Farm Bill conservation program funds support rural communities. In Texas, it is estimated that each dollar of NRCS and private matching expenditures on NRCS conservation programs generates an additional \$2.54 in sales of goods and services locally.

For more information, including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office in Ballinger at (325) 365-3415 ext3. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Masonic Lodge golden year service award

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Ballinger Masonic Lodge #643 A.F. & A.M. was honored to present the 50 Year Service Award to Brother O.J. Murray for his continuous service in Masonry. Pictured (L-R) is Mrs. Jackie Murray, Brother O.J. Murray and District Deputy Steve Schlittler of District 105. RW Schlittler presented the award to Brother Murray on March 2, 2015 at an open ceremony at Ballinger Lodge.



BLIZZARDS BASEBALL



Second basemen Jordan Hamrick fields a ball in Friday's 14-7 loss against Grape Creek.



PHOTOS: JOE GERHART
Batter Daryl Hagle dodges a close inside pitch during play over the weekend versus Hawley.



Catcher Kyler Richards make a tag at home plate to save a run in last Friday's game versus Grape Creek.



Senior Luke Kraatz makes contact with a pitch against Hawley last week.



Infielder Daniel Gerhart makes the tag on a Grape Creek baserunner who got caught with too big of a lead.

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