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City, school and hospital seats up for election

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- City council, hospital board and school board seats are up for election in the upcoming General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, and the filing window for a place on the ballot opened last Monday, July 21.

Applications for a place on the ballot for Winters City Council are being accepted at the City Hall

located at 310 S. Main St. starting July 21, 2014. Applications will be accepted until August 18, 2014. Seats up for election are Place No. 2 currently held by Chris Bahlman, Place No. 4 currently held by Armando Tamez, and the unexpired term of Place No. 5 currently held by appointed member Brenda Briley.

Anyone interested in serving on the City Council can file Monday through Friday. For more informa-

tion please contact the Winters City Hall at (325) 754 4424.

Winters ISD will be holding an election for three members of its board of trustees. Applications to file for a place on the ballot are available at the Administration Office July 21 through August 18, 2014 Monday through Thursday (7/21-8/7) 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Monday - Friday (8/11 - 8/18) 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Winters ISD board seats up for election are Place No. 2 currently held by board secretary Carla Hooper, Place No. 5 currently held by Gary Kemp, and Place No. 6 currently held by board president Kevin Busher.

Anyone interested in filing for a seat in the Winters ISD Board of Trustees may call the office at (325) 754 5574 or stop by the Administration office at 603 North Heights Street Winters,

Texas 79567

In the North Runnels Hospital District four board places are up for election. The seats are currently held by Dewey Whitfield, Sandra Jeanne Hilliard, James Thurman Self, and John Scotty Belew.

Signup deadline is August 18, 2014 at 5 p.m. To pick up an application for ballot, please see Teresa Walden at 7571 State Hwy. 153, Winters, Texas 79567.

Rain helps mitigate long-time drought

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Last week rains helped relieve a growing need for water in West Texas, with a total of 3.33 inches of precipitation, according to preliminary reports by the San Angelo office of the National Weather Service.

The co-op operated rain gage in Wingate recorded readings of 1.60 inches of rain on Tuesday, July 15, 1.15 on Wednesday, and .58 on Thursday, July 17 for a total of 3.33 inches.

In southern Runnels County rains were a little less with .94, .29 and .97 inches of rain for a total of 2.2 received in the Ballinger gage over the three-day span.

Area lakes and reservoirs benefited considerably from the rains. The Colorado River Municipal Water District reported O.H. Ivie reservoir at 18.92 percent full, that is 4.74 percent more than last week's report at 14.18 percent.

Tuesday morning the area rivers and creeks were still running. The Elm Creek at the Ballinger station had 3.96 feet, a little below the flood stage at 7 feet. The creek was recording a discharge of 8.3 cubic feet per second.

The forecast indicates high temperatures will remain in the triple digits for the next week, with little to no chances of rain.

INCHES
3.33
OF RAIN

Winters youth learning and honing basketball skills

Winters ISD hosted a basketball camp for boys and girls in grades Second through Ninth and had a great turnout. It was the second year for the camp and the coaches were pleased to see some of the same campers as last year. Girls Coach, Meredith Caffey and Head Boys Basketball Coach, Val Acre were joined by new girls assistant, Kristen Cowling in teaching the young people skills to help them improve their game. The coaches also put the kids in competitive situations and the young athletes came away smiling. Thanks to our coaches for investing in our future.

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Young readers swarming at the Winters Public Library

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Public Library was teeming with young readers on July 15, 2014 for the fifth program in this summer's offerings. Preschoolers laughed and counted with the director of library services Jane Wyatt as she presented several books. Meanwhile, local author Cheryl Vorhauer kept the interest of school age children by reading portions of her book about an inquisitive dog.

After these stories, John Long in period dress entertained the children while they went inside the reconstructed Blue Gap Post Office and heard what life was like in the late 1800s. The highlight of the activities was eating

delicious brownies made by Cindy Curry and hand churned ice cream provided by Elaine Miller, Gwen Andrea, Dawn Bryan, and Mike Neal.

Young readers are continuing to check out and read record numbers of books this summer. During the month of June, 384 children's and young adult books circulated, more than double the number from 2013. Forty-one children are reading toward a goal of 12 books by the end of August.

The last program for all ages of children will be on August 15, 2014, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. A Texas Tech themed program will be provided, followed by



Enjoying home churned ice cream at the Winters Public Library.

an end of summer party complete with cotton candy and other fun. Children who have reached their goal of 12 books will receive t-shirts, and all children will receive a certificate of participation.



PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED

Children listen intently to John Long's story of the Blue Gap Post Office.

Ballinger High School mourns loss of cherished athlete, student



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Allie Ueckert and Brianna Fuentes, Taylor Bowman's fellow cheerleaders, light up candles of those attending Taylor's memorial at the BHS track field.

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
BALLINGER LEDGER

BALLINGER- Last week cars and windows of homes and businesses in Ballinger were bearing the No. 23, flags were also flown downtown honoring an outstanding athlete, student and human being. The town was mourning the loss of Taylor Dyess Bowman, who died Wednesday night, July 16, 2014 in a one-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 67, 6 miles north of Ballinger.

Bowman, 17-years-of-age, was an incoming junior. She was driving northbound on Hwy. 67 when she swerved to the right to dodge a dog and ran off of the east side of

the roadway. The vehicle, a 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe, swerved back to the left crossing both lanes, ran off the west side of the road and continued north. The vehicle rolled over ejecting the driver. The vehicle came to rest facing east on its passenger side.

The wreck happened at 6:30 p.m. She was pronounced dead at 7:30 p.m. by Judge Richard Hamilton. According to information release by the Texas Department of Public Safety the seat belt was not being worn at the time of the wreck.

Taylor Bowman was a remarkable athlete, student and person. Her classmates, teachers and

coaches remember her always with a big smile, and always fighting until the end of the game.

In May of 2014 she was presented with the Extra Mile Award at the BHS Sports Awards Banquet. As a sophomore she played Varsity basketball, softball, track and cross country. She was also a cheerleader.

In basketball, Taylor was part of the team that earned a playoff berth in 2014 and played in San Angelo against the state-ranked Lady Broncos. She was named to the 2014 All-District team.

She also made history with the Lady Cat softball team. Taylor, a short stop,

was part of the squad that earned its first playoff berth in school history. Their journey continued and they made it to the third round of the playoffs.

Taylor was part of the Ballinger Girls Cross Country team that placed fourth overall at the 2A State meet held in Round Rock, Texas. Taylor ran along Holly Huston, Brylee Matschek, Lauren Harral, Molly Jones, Taryn Kalina, and Hannah Pinckney.

In track, Taylor took first place in the 800-meter run in the District meet held in April 2014 in Ballinger.

Her academic achievements were also remarkable. PLEASE CONTINUE PAGE 2

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NEWS NOTES

Winters Head Start registration is this Thursday

Winters Head Start registration will be held this Thursday, July 24, 2014, 9 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. at the Winters Elementary Library, located at 702 N. Heights Ave. Winters, Texas.

Parents of children being registered for the Head Start program need to bring a birth certificate, shot records, Social Security card, proof of income, and insurance or Medicaid information.

The program is for children between the ages of 3 to 5 years of age. Children with disabilities are welcome. For more information please call at (325) 675 8685.

Blizzard speed camp

The Blizzard Speed Camp will be held July 28-31. This camp will be for boys entering grades second through eighth and will be held from 6 to 8 in the afternoon. The camp will focus on developing speed while working on football skills like throwing, kicking, catching, punting, and snapping. Campers can register the day of the camp.

Runnels County Gala

Saturday, August 2, the annual Runnels County Gala will be held at St. Joseph's Hall in Rowena, Texas, 6 p.m. until midnight.

The steak dinner and dance will feature Zach Edwards Band. Assistants will have a chance to win in the drawing of a \$2,000 grand prize. For more information and tickets contact any 4-H or FFA member, or Jason Battle at (325) 234 2708.

Immunization clinics in Runnels Co

Texas Department of State Health Services will have two immunization clinics for children with Medicaid, no insurance or underinsured, and adults with no insurance. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call 754 4945, if no answer leave a message.

The clinic in Winters will be from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., Thursday, August 7 at the Professional Building, 11 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience, please use rear entrance Grant Street.

The clinic in Ballinger will be held on Thursday, August 14, 10 a.m. to 12 and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at 600 Strong, (corner of Fifth St. and Strong Ave.)

Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid, please bring card.

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.

WIC open to many incomes and families

Women Infants and Children, located at 706 Strong Ave in Ballinger is open Monday thru Wednesday 7 a.m. till noon and 1 p.m. till 6 p.m.

Closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone (325) 365 5925. WIC is open to many incomes and all kinds of families.

Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting

Masonic Lodge No. 643, 500 N Broadway, Ballinger, Texas. Stated meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month except for holidays if it falls on that Monday. For more information call (325) 365 3202.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

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

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge meetings

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge No. 613 meets the first Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. Supper will be provided after the meeting. The location is the Masonic Lodge building located at 360 South Roberts on Highway 83 South.

County conservation partners to host local workgroup meeting

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Runnels County and the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District invite the public to their 2014 Local Working Group meeting to be held on August 6, 2014, at 9 a.m.

The purpose of this annual LWG meeting is to set local conservation priorities and bring conservation stakeholders together to discuss conservation topics and issues relevant to helping Runnels County farmers and ranchers better conserve on-farm natural resources.

The agenda of the meeting is to update

attendees on recent conservation efforts and to collect public input to help guide future conservation activities. Through regular identification of conservation opportunities, effective Farm Bill investment can continue to benefit Runnels County. Farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others interested in obtaining Federal technical and financial assistance to improve private land in Runnels County are invited to participate.

For more information, please contact Kathy Saunders, District Conservationist, at (325) 365 3415 Ext-3. For more information, visit the NRCS Web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

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Please bring the following documents to

the registration: proof of income, birth certificate, shot records, Social Security card, Medicaid or insurance information.

Serving children between the ages of 3-5 years of age. Children with disabilities are welcome.

For more information call at (325) 675 8685.

Veteran's Corner

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced last week that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) has completed its one millionth disability claim in fiscal year 2014, and is on track to complete more than 1.3 million claims this year — ensuring that nearly 200,000 more veterans will receive decisions on their disability claims than fiscal year 2013, and marking the fifth year in a row VBA has completed over one million disability claims. VBA has reduced the claims backlog by more than 55 percent

from its peak of 611,000 in March 2013, and veterans with pending claims have been waiting, on average, 128 fewer days for a decision on their claim. At the same time, the accuracy of rating decisions continues to improve. VA's national "claim-level" accuracy rate is currently 91 percent — an eight-percentage-point improvement since 2011.

Disability rating claim decisions in many cases open access to other VA benefits, such as dependency and burial claims benefits, and are managed in the non-rating work

categories. In fiscal year 2013, VBA completed 2.5 million non-rating products — the highest production of claims in the non-rating category in 15 years. 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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Taylor: Outstanding athlete and student

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able. In April of 2014 Taylor Bowman was inducted to the Ballinger Chapter of the National Honor Society. She earned several awards in UIL academic competitions.

This wreck shakes the Ballinger High School community in the aftermath of another fatal accident. Sunday morning, July 13, 2014 Brooke Abney of San Angelo formerly of Rowena and a 1997 BHS graduate, was killed in a two-vehicle wreck occurring on Hwy 67, near Miles. The driver of the other vehicle, Evan Wilson, of San Angelo, is also a 2012 BHS graduate.

Funeral services for Taylor Dyess Bowman were held at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger. A candle light service was held Sunday night at the Ballinger track field.



DPS promotes the highest-ranking female in Texas Ranger history

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- The Texas Department of Public Safety announced this week the promotion of Texas Ranger Wende Wakeman to the rank of lieutenant, making her the highest-ranking female in Texas Ranger history. The promotion is effective August 1.

"Texas Ranger Wende Wakeman's promotion is the direct result of her exemplary service and unwavering commitment to protecting Texans and upholding the department's core values of integrity, excellence, accountability and teamwork," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "I am confident she will continue to serve the department well in this new leadership position."

"I am thankful for the trust and confidence placed in me by DPS, and I am honored to serve in the Texas Rangers, which have such a rich history within the state and the entire



Wakeman will be stationed in Laredo.

In addition to her service with DPS, Wakeman is a graduate of the National Forensics Academy, a certified forensic hypnotist and a graduate of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Women's Leadership Institute.

The Texas Rangers specialize in investigating major incident crime investigations, unsolved crime/serial crime investigations, corruption investigations, crimes against children, officer-involved shooting investigations and border security. The Rangers also oversee specialized law enforcement teams within the department, including SWAT, Special Response Teams, Ranger Reconnaissance Team, Crisis Negotiations Unit and the Explosive Disposal Unit.

law enforcement profession," said Wakeman. "I look forward to the new opportunities and challenges ahead."

Wakeman joined DPS in 1998, serving first as a Texas Highway Patrol trooper in Sulphur Springs and New Caney. She later promoted to narcotics sergeant in 2003, and in 2008, she joined the Texas Rangers in Conroe. Beginning August 1, Lt.

Schwertner named to Senate Committee on Health, Human Services

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- Lt. Governor David Dewhurst announced last week that he had selected State Senator Charles Schwertner, MD (R-Georgetown) to serve as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services. Schwertner was also appointed to serve as a member of the Senate Finance Committee, the powerful 15-member legislative body responsible for writing the Senate's version of the Texas state budget.

The health committee is responsible for setting public health policy for the state, regulating physicians and other healthcare professionals among other duties.

Public Record					
Weddings					
Names		Issued			
Leroy Ernest Schaefer and Alta Ruth Fields		Jul. 15			
Divorces					
Names		Filed			
Lauren Beth Cowne and Robert Eugene Cowne, III		Jul. 14			
Runnels County Jail Record July 21, 2014					
Gabriel A. Escamilla	32	Concho	Jimmy Harrison	44	Concho
Forgery, Poss. of C.S.			DWI 3rd or more		
Micaela Vasquez	33	BPD	Ruben Robles	45	Concho
Theft			Engaging in organized crime, burglary		
Brandon S. Fisher	31	BPD	Gilbert C. Soto	39	Concho
Forgery of financial instrument x2			Burglary of a building		
Robert A. Ayala	29	RCSO	Quinton C. Cohins	--	Winters
Failure to appear					
Kevin L. Aaron	29	RCSO	Hank R. Bradshaw	52	Winters
MTR					
Matthew R. Guerra	13	RCSO	Sabrina R. Oswald	19	Winters
Assault causing bodily injury			Disorderly conduct		
Lloyd Martinez	47	BPD	Jeremias Ulloa-Marquez	38	BPD
Assault causing bodily injury, F.V.			Illegal entry		
Jordan Tamez	21	BPD	Jorge L. Guerra	24	BPD
Sexual assault of a child			Illegal entry		
Christi Sanchez	38	Concho	Misty M. Clifton	--	BPD
Possession of marijuana			Theft by check warrant		

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Roy Orbison tribute in Brownwood to benefit West Texas Rehab Center

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

BROWNWOOD- The sounds of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame artist Roy Orbison will come alive on Saturday, August 2 at the Brownwood Coliseum in Brownwood, Texas. The 2014 Remembering When event will feature tribute entertainer Al Nelson performing as the legendary Orbison. Presented by Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA with additional support from Entertainment Sponsor, KTAB NEWS and local sponsor Citizens National Bank of Brownwood as a benefit for West Texas Rehabilitation Center, the evening program offers a unique, memorable event.

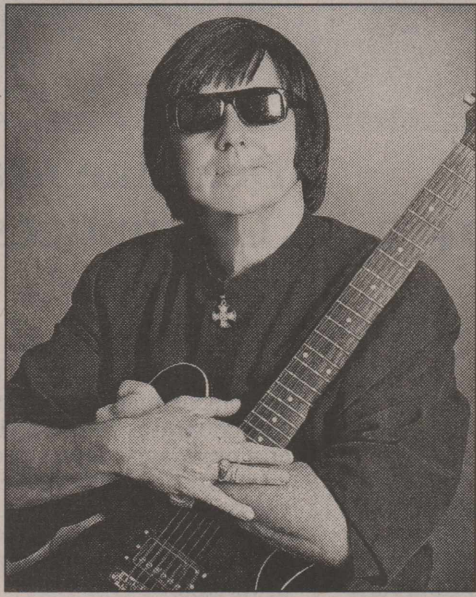


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Roy Orbison impersonator Al Nelson.

Roy Orbison had one of the most distinctive, versatile and powerful voices in pop music. Some of his hits include: "Only the Lonely"; "Crying"; "Candy Man"; "Dream Baby"; "In Dreams"; "Pretty Paper"; "Blue Bayou"; "Mean Woman Blues"; "It's Over"; "Oh, Pretty Woman" and "You Got It". Take a step back in time and enjoy Orbison's music with Al Nelson who has been entertaining audiences since 1970. Dinner & Show Table Seating or General Admission with upper Coliseum seats is available for the evening event. Tables of 8 for the Dinner and Show are available for \$500 - individual tickets may also be purchased for \$75 each.

General Admission tickets for the show only are available for \$25. For information, reserve tables or purchase tickets call 325-660-8338, 325-660-8334, or email mcloud@wtrec.com. General Admission tickets may also be purchased in Brownwood at Wendlee Broadcasting, KOXE Radio or the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce and in Abilene at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

In support of the West Texas Rehab Center, Bilbrey Tours of Abilene is offering a travel package that includes tour bus transportation to the Roy Orbison Tribute event in Brownwood with reserved

Dinner & Show seating. For information contact Bilbrey's office 325-692-1308. Seating availability is limited with departure from Abilene. Additional local support of the West Texas Rehab Center for this special event includes: the Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club of Early; the Early High School Key Club; Wendlee Broadcasting-

KXXL Newstalk FM & AM, KOBZ -The Breeze FM, KSTA Coleman AM; and KOXE FM-KBWD AM. Instrumental in the success of the event are program committee members Ed & Debbie Cosgrove; Calvin Fryar; John Guest; Anna Hernandez; Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club of Early Members; Ted & Martha Shelton; Rex Tackett; Dana Thompson and Evy Winn. The West Texas Rehabilitation Center is a non-profit organization formed in 1953 which is dedicated to providing outpatient rehabilitative care to more than 500 children and adults each day, regardless of a patient's financial circumstance.

Blackwell man killed in plane crash in Nolan Co

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

ABILENE- One person was killed in a plane crash occurring Sunday, July 7, 2014, 6.9

miles west of Blackwell, in Nolan County, Texas. Weldon Pat Oden, 71-years-of-age of Blackwell, was identified by the Texas Department of

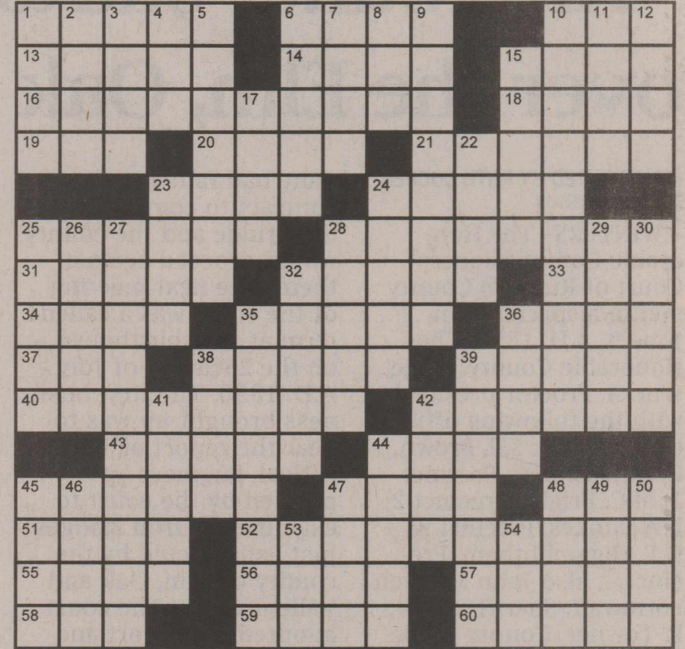
Public Safety as the sole occupant of the plane. Oden was flying a Kitfox IV, tail number N622P. He was the sole occupant in the aircraft.

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- 16 Fancy car
- 18 Actor Sharif
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- 23 Cleaner scent
- 24 Actress Keaton
- 25 Sweet and kind
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- 32 Niagara ___
- 33 Highway: abbr.
- 34 Brothers and sisters, for short
- 35 Word with tread, wind or steel
- 36 Play to the camera
- 37 Christmas ___
- 38 There are four in most rooms
- 39 Bite down on
- 40 Trash pickup, electric, water, etc.
- 42 Wind ___
- 43 Clock sounds
- 44 Billy who sang "Piano Man"
- 45 Good pitch
- 47 Guy
- 48 From ___ Z
- 51 Worked with a certain tool
- 52 Kind of tournament



- 55 Valuable rocks
 - 56 "What ___ is new?"
 - 57 Actor Hirsch
 - 58 Marry
 - 59 "___ we forget"
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 - 4 Zero
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 - 6 Blazed, like the sun
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 - 8 Semicircle
 - 9 Some restaurant dishes
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 - 11 Jai ___ (fast-moving sport)
 - 12 Tattered
 - 15 What an arrow does
 - 17 Hit the doorbell
 - 22 Bowlers and derbies
 - 23 Ten in a bowling alley
 - 24 "Guys and ___"
 - 25 Beer amounts
 - 26 Existing
 - 27 He played Mr. Brady on "The Brady Bunch"
 - 28 Fancy dances
 - 29 "Who's there?" response
 - 30 Easter candy
 - 32 Nail ___
 - 35 "Holy" fish
 - 36 TV's Dr. ___
 - 38 Candle part
 - 39 Rooted for your team
 - 41 Makes a check useless
 - 42 Freezing
 - 44 One of the Jacksons
 - 45 "The ___ must go on"
 - 46 Ripped
 - 47 "No ___, no fuss"
 - 48 Not much
 - 49 Scrabble piece
 - 50 Small bills
 - 53 "Bravo!"
 - 54 Grandma, in Germany

REASON Animal Rescue to hold a garage sale

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Saturday August 2 REASON Animal Rescue of Winters, Texas will be holding a benefit garage sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 128 S. Main Street, downtown Winters. All proceeds will benefit REASON Animal Rescue. Treasures you are looking for are waiting for you to come and rescue them.

Please call: 325-977-0726 to donate. REASON's continued efforts to rescue stray dogs and cats is having a profound effect on the Winters community, Runnels County and surrounding area. With the help of volunteers, feral cats are being captured for the spay and neutering programs and stray dogs are rehabilitated for adoption after receiving medical attention and inoculations for rabies, distemper, parvo and heartworm.

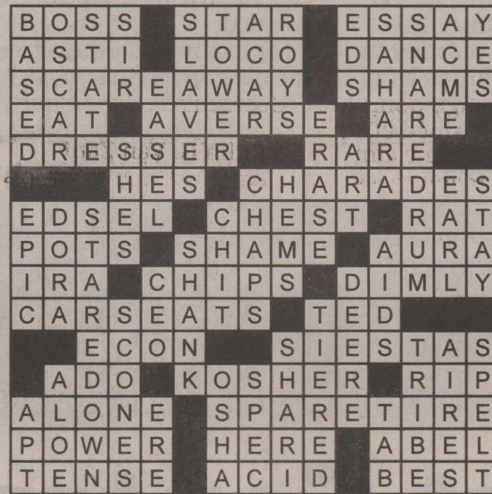
Volunteers are welcome and greatly needed to help us with the care of more and more animals. Foster homes are needed as we prepare animals for adoption by introducing them to a home life.

REASON provides food and pays for all medical expenses of fostered animals. Rescue participates in many adopt-a-thons each month and our adoptable animals are also available on Facebook and Petfinder. Just search REASON Animal Rescue.

As REASON is able to rescue more animals and to prepare them for loving adoptive homes, our need for loving volunteers also grows. If you have a calling on your heart to assist an animal with love and attention to help prepare it for a "forever" adoption, please consider becoming a REASON Animal Rescue volunteer. Our progress has only been possible because of your help. Your help in any way is precious and greatly appreciated.

It is so rewarding and gratifying to our hearts when we see the perfect match of between an animal and its "forever" people at the adopt-a-thons. You are welcome to join us so you can experience these feelings with us. We can be contacted at: (325) 977 0726 or email us at: reasonanimalrescue@gmail.com

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Q: What's the coolest location in the U.S. during the summer?

A: The place with the lowest daily temperature in the continental United States is Mount Washington, N.H., which has an average July temperature of only 54 degrees, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "But the problem is that no one lives on Mount Washington," he explains. "If you're talking about places where people live, San Francisco has to be rated near the top with an average July temperature of 66 degrees. San Francisco has one of the most stable climates in the country - the average high temperature in January is only 56 degrees, only 10 degrees difference from its July high."

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The county starts building bridges over the Elm, Oak and Valley creeks

CONTRIBUTED BY RUTH COOPER
RCHC CHAIRPERSON

WINTERS- The Honorable Commissioners Court of Runnels County met in a special term, June 9, A.D. 1890. The Honorable County Judge, Wm. A. Proctor presided with the following officers present: S.P. Brown, Commissioner, Precinct 1; M.C. Bright, Precinct 2; E.W. Stokes, Precinct 3; D.F. Higginbotham, Precinct 4, also John McEwen Formwalt, Sheriff and W. L. Towner, County Clerk. The court met to consider the road from Ballinger to Fort Chadbourne, discuss equalization and assessment and renditions on various properties. They would meet June 30, to show just cause why they should not be increased. The list contained 20 names of individuals and businesses. The court adjourned.

The court met again in special term June 30, 1890 with all officers present. The first order of business was to hear trustees of School District No. 1, that was Ballinger, Texas. They wanted to sell the buildings of the district used as school houses to the highest bidder for cash. A building was nearing completion and would be amply sufficient for all school purposes.

The court continued to look over various situations presented. A representative of the Milwaukee Iron Bridge Company stated that the Milwaukee Iron Bridge Company stated the com-

pany had failed in the contract to completion of the bridge and the county would proceed against them. The next meeting of the court was a called term at the courthouse on the 28th day of July A.D. 1890. The first business brought up was to hear the report of John O'Neal, Engineer appointed by the court to examine the Iron Bridges just constructed by the county on Elm, Oak and Valley creeks. The court adopted the report and entered it in the minutes of the court. The report was as follows: First-the high truss bridge with a 125 foot span with suitable approach across Elm Creek at the town of Ballinger. Second-a low truss bridge of 60 feet span with suitable approach across Valley Creek on the road leading to Hayrick: Third-a high truss bridge of 78 feet span across Oak Creek at the Castlebury crossing at the Ballinger and Hayrick wagon road. The sub-structure on the bridge on Elm Creek after a thorough inspection found rock piers under the bridge proper and good with cedar piles.

In other business and under the provisions of Title 17, the City of Ballinger passed and adopted the Revised Civil Statutes by a unanimous vote of the City at a regular meeting. The decision was recorded in the courts' minutes as of June 16, 1890.

The July 1890 regular term of the court ad-

ressed several orders, including more about roads and their changes. With the new bridges, some roads could be re-routed: the Runnels City and Valley Creek Road, Pearce School Road, H.D. Pearce Road, and Ballinger-Hayrick Road.

The regular term of Commissioners' Court began the 11th day of August A.D., 1890 in the Town of Ballinger in the Courthouse. The county judge, four commissioners, sheriff and county clerk were all present. The county was 10 years old. It was organized with a population of about 980 residents. It had increased in the 10 years to 3,193 residents. Migration into the county was continuing and more and more communities were being developed.

A lot of attention was directed to the area of the county with the new Oak Creek Iron Bridge. It opened possibilities that had not existed for roads in the area of Maverick, Maverick Post Office and Hayrick.

The court still owed a \$2,200 on the fence around the courthouse yard. They ordered it paid from the courthouse fund. They also took action to prevent persons from playing in the water around the court house cistern. The meeting adjourned.

September 22, 1890 was the next Special Term of the Commissioners' Court.

All officers of the court were present. "There has

come to the knowledge of the Commissioners' Court of Runnels County the three bridges, Oak, Valley and Elm Creek, by the Milwaukee Bridge and Iron Works Company under contract with the court are not put up and erected in compliance with the terms of the contract and they are defective and insecure in many particulars and it appearing to the court that a public necessity exists for an immediate investigation of said matters for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not said bridges or either of them are defective and insecure and if either of them shall be condemned by this court and for the purpose of taking such action in the premises and making such order or orders as court may deem proper and right with reference to instituting legal proceedings against the bridge company on the contract for damages in the event any of the three should be condemned, it is therefore ordered and decreed by the court that a special session will meet at the courthouse in Ballinger, Monday the 29th day of September 1890." The officers of the court were paid for the one day service at the rate of \$3 each, then court adjourned.

Resources:
Runnels County Historical Commission Histories
Runnels County Commissioner's Court Minutes, June 9, 1890-September 22, 1890.

Deadline nears for County Committees nominations

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STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON- Friday, August 1, 2014, is the deadline for local FSA county committee nominations, U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency Administrator Juan Garcia reminded farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers.

County committees are an important link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Farmers and ranchers elected to local committees share their opinions and ideas on federal farm programs.

"There's still time for eligible farmers and ranchers to get involved in this year's county committee elections," said Garcia. "Nominate yourself or a candidate of your choice to serve on the local county committee. I especially encourage the nomination of beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as women and minorities. This is your opportunity to have a say in how federal programs are delivered in your county."

While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm ownership or operating loans, they work closely with county executive directors and make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues.

Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers.

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area where the person is nominated.

To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign the nomination form, FSA-669A. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. Forms for the 2014 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2014. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 3 and are due back to the local USDA Service Centers on Dec. 1. The newly elected county committee members will take office on Jan. 1, 2015.

Conaway supports Perry's activation of the Texas National Guard

WASHINGTON, D.C.- Congressman K. Michael Conaway (R-Texas) supported Texas Gov. Rick Perry's announcement that he will activate the Texas National Guard to help stop the flow of illegal migrants.

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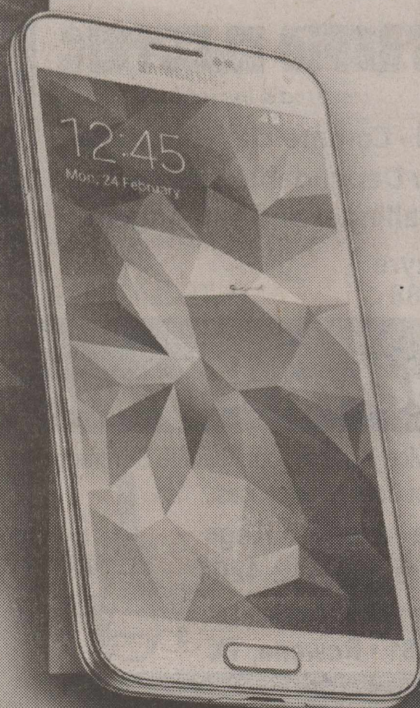
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the Capps Formation in it Davis, Well Numbers 1. The proposed injection well is located 2.2 miles South-east of Winters, Texas in the Capps (Capps, Middle) Field, in Runnels, County, Texas. The fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3855 to 3867 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
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BALLINGER— She rode horses, she made a career in acting and came back to her grassroots to become the Runnels County Clerk in 2014, but there is a little-known side of Julia Leigh Miller, one that has created beautiful drawings that decorate houses and resorts, and drawings that are being sent all over in the form of cards.

Miller started in pencil drawing while she was pursuing a career in acting, in Los Angeles in 2000. Lucy, her Boxer puppy, was her inspiration and over the years she got better and better.

"I always liked drawing but I wasn't very good at it," she said. But one day that changed, when she started training the cre-

ative side of her brain. "The left side of the brain is more analytical and it tries to tell you what something really is," Miller explained.

Through specific exercises she was able to separate the thinking from the creative expression, and draw what she was seeing instead of what she thought she was seeing.

"If you were to draw a table, you just draw the negative space around it, and another way is turning a picture upside down to confuse the left side of your brain so you can really just see what is actually there and you can draw it," Miller remarked.

She doesn't believe in the old cliché of "I can't draw." "Anybody can draw, that's what is so cool about this technique."



PHOTOS: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
Runnels County Clerk Julia Miller works in one of her pencil drawings, a dog fetching rocks from a river.

Through exercises and practice she was able to convince herself that she could do it. "It's always been there, it's just that I didn't know how to get to it," Miller said.

Her work has reached far places such as Australia, where a condominium resort was decorated with

her art, and two of her pieces earned first place honors at the Texas State Fair.

The Australia series encouraged Miller to draw professionally, when a couple commissioned the drawings to decorate the resort. Giclées — printed copies — were also repro-



The artist with two of her creations, a giraffe and a rural landscape.

duced and ended up in homes in Australia and across the country in the United States. In addition to that series she has also done other commissioned drawings.

Due to her attention to detail, her collection is not as large as she'd like. As she got better at drawing, she thought she would get faster but instead of that she started working more detail into the drawings.

A drawing can take anywhere between 50 up to 100 hours of work depending on the detail.

"At certain point you just have to stop, because

you want to keep on fixing and fixing there is always something, but when you finally spray the drawing with a sealant there is nothing more that can be done to the piece," she says.

Her collection includes landscapes, portraits, horses, dogs, cowboys, all expressed with simplicity, and all with an incredible realism that jumps out of the paper.

Her life growing up the daughter of a veterinarian, riding horses and herding cattle reflects upon her art, as it does her deep love for animals.

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The youngest Davis there was Rhonan at age 1 year. The oldest Davis was Maurine at age 98.

A good time and good food was enjoyed by all.

Pictured here are standing left to right: Curtis and Martha Michalewicz; Dan and Stacey Pate; Jill and Bryan Davis; Blaine, Hunter, Keigan and Rhonan Davis; Jim and Sally Sue Davis; Lynda and Mike Davis. Seating left to right: Nolo Gene Davis; Reba Wheeler; Gena Davis; Maurine Davis (in walker). (Don Davis and James Wheeler were taking the photos).



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