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Winters, Texas 75¢

Briefly

Hospital board nominees

The North Runnels Hospital will have three board of director positions open for the November 2015 election. The three positions are currently held by Joe F. Guajardo, Lloyd Farris, who filled the unexpired term of the late Marvin Jones, and Shelia Paschal, who filled the unexpired term of John (Freddie) Grohman.

Those wishing to file for a seat on the board may do so beginning Saturday through August 24, 2015 from 8:00am-5:00pm. Applications for a place on the November ballot may be picked up at North Runnels Hospital, 7821 State Highway 153 in Winters or at the North Runnels Clinic, 7571 State Highway 153 in Winters. Ballot applications are to be returned to Teresa Walden, Filing Officer 7571 State Highway, 153 Winters, TX by 5 p.m. August 24.

Day at the museum

The next event for the Winters Library Summer Reading Program will hot the program at the Gus Pruser Agricultural Museum on West Dale in Winters at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 11. During the event awards will be presented from the library to participants in the summer program. All ages and families are welcome to this event that is free to the public.

Filing deadline looming

Filing for two seats on the Winters ISD Board of Trustees begins July 25 with the deadline set on Aug. 24. Candidates may file from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Winters ISD Administration office at 603 North Heights St.

ON THE NET:
www.wintersisd.org/

The last drop

The National Weather Service in San Angelo said residents in Runnels County can expect a hot and dry weather pattern for coming weeks with temperatures inching up and over the century mark. No rainfall was reported from July 14-21.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 22.92 inches of rain while 24.68 inches has been reported in Wingate. The NWS reports 18.96 inches of rain has fallen in San Angelo, which is 7.81 inches over the normal annual amount of 10.85 inches.

ON THE NET:
<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/sjt/>

Winters man facing felony charges

DUSTIN MONKE
 THE DICKINSON PRESS

HETTINGER, North Dakota -- A Texas man is awaiting extradition to Adams County in southwest North Dakota on alleged Social Security fraud charges.

Rance Fredrick Hopkinson, 28, of Winters, Texas, is facing three felony charges after he allegedly forged his deceased

grandmother's signature on a \$3,600 check written to himself, withdrew Social Security funds from her account and used her debit card for purchases in North Dakota, Michigan and Texas.

Hopkinson was not entitled to any of his grandmother's Social Security benefits, according to the Office of the Inspector

General's Social Security Administration in Sioux Falls, S.D.

An Adams County arrest warrant was issued for Hopkinson on March 12 on two counts of theft of property and one count of forgery, both of which are Class C felonies.

Hopkinson's grandmother died in Hettinger on June 18, 2013. From July

2013 to November 2014, the Social Security Administration erroneously continued to direct deposit more than \$8,410.70 in Survivors Insurance Benefits and Supplemental Security Income into the grandmother's checking account at Dakota Western Bank in Hettinger, N.D.

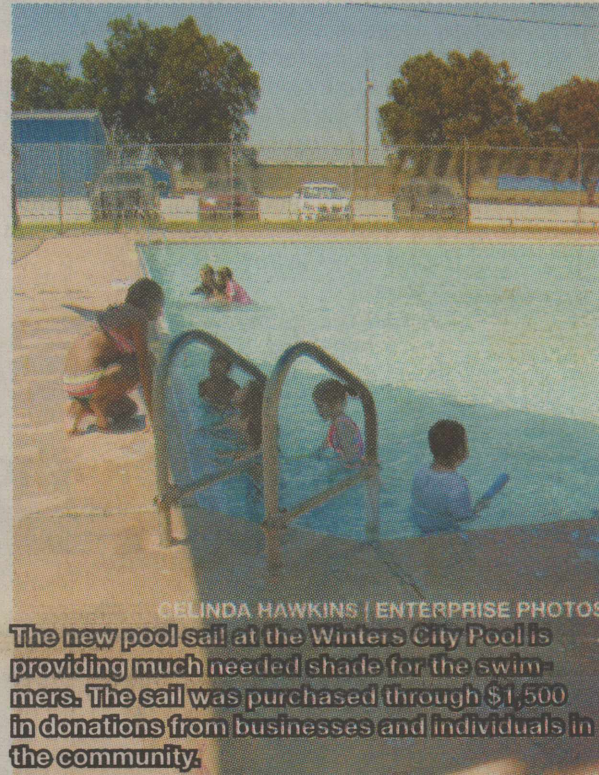
The bank contacted the Social Security Adminis-

tration on Dec. 4, 2014, to report her death, the continued benefits and that Hopkinson was listed as the account holder. The bank returned \$4,123.01 to North Dakota's Social Security office, leaving \$4,287.69 in overpayment balance.

Adams County State's Attorney Aaron Roseland is prosecuting the case.

Beating the heat

Winters city pool gets a pool sail



CELINDA HAWKINS | ENTERPRISE PHOTOS

The new pool sail at the Winters City Pool is providing much needed shade for the swimmers. The sail was purchased through \$1,500 in donations from businesses and individuals in the community.

BY CELINDA HAWKINS
 MANAGING EDITOR
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE
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In recent weeks, visitors to the Winters City Pool have been coming in out of the sun thanks to a new pool "sail," that was purchased through a project headed up by a local nurse who garnered support from local businesses, the Winters Chamber of Commerce and numerous individuals.

The pool sail project started in mid-May and was headed up by Bonnie Ballard, a registered nurse at North Runnels Hospital. Ballard said after driving by the pool day after day and seeing children unprotected from the sun, she wanted to do something.

"I drive by it every day there's no shade prevent the kids from

getting so sunburned," she said.

"Some of the kids are out there unprotected for three hours so I knew we needed something out there for the kids."

She was worried about the effects of excessive exposure to the sun's UV rays, which could lead to cancer when a child grows up.

So she got to work and began spreading the word and donations started trickling in. Then she put the word out in the Winters Enterprise, and donations started pouring in. And what began as a project to raise enough to buy a sail costing \$300-\$400 grew to over \$1,500 in donations and she was able to purchase a bigger sail than she originally intended.

The triangular sail is 30 feet by 30 feet by 42.5 feet in size and provides some shade and aesthetics to

the pool area. The sail was installed Monday, July 13 when the pool was closed and took about six hours to put up. Ballard and Zane Cassaday volunteered to work on the installation project.

Pool Manager Sherry Kurtz is very excited about the sail.

"It has been great!" Kurtz said last Friday. "I'd love to have more."

Ballard wants more too and said she intends to do another sail project next year. Meanwhile, with only a few weeks of swimming left, she plans to use some of the money left from the sail project to purchase items for the pool.

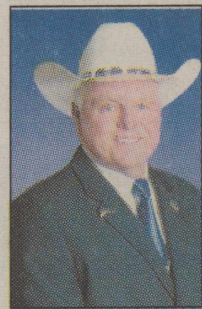
"We had a little money left over and I plan to give sunblock, bottled water, floaties and goggles," Ballard said.

The City of Winters welcomed the

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Miller delivers State of Agriculture address

Commissioner Miller has tackled issues relating to school nutrition policy, enforcement, federal overreach, and a backlog of certifications and inspections



Commissioner Sid Miller

AUSTIN - Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller recently celebrated his first six months at the helm of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and the successes achieved thus far in his tenure. In his live-streamed address, Commissioner Miller discussed topics including reducing mandates and reforming the school nutrition policy in Texas, new initiatives in consumer protection, the creation of the Office of

Water and his fight against federal overreach. Commissioner Miller also laid out his vision for the future of the agency and Texas agriculture.

"It's been an honor to serve the people of Texas and our farmers and ranchers as Agriculture Commissioner," said Commissioner Miller.

"The work we've done so far is only the beginning. It was my goal from day one to hit the ground running, and I can honestly say that my

team and I have done just that."

From the beginning, Commissioner Miller has maintained a clear goal of serving members of the agriculture community and all Texans. He has worked to give back local control to schools, prioritize water issues, re-invigorate programs to combat childhood obesity and stop the federal government from overregulating the state.

"Drought, hurricanes and

tornadoes are not the biggest threats facing Texans, rather it is the overzealous federal government that seeks to unduly, and often times unlawfully, overregulate our citizens," Commissioner Miller said. "I have joined Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton in his lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency. We are working to stop this out-of-control federal agency from its illegal

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Joyce McWilliams Hart

Joyce McWilliams Hart went to her Lord and Savior July 17, 2015. She was born in Atwell, Texas July 27, 1925 to Mygnit and Cora McWilliams. Joyce was married to William S. Hart who preceded her in death as did her two sisters, Edith Walton, Fairy Scott, and two brothers, Warren McWilliams and Ross McWilliams. She was the loving mother of three children, seven grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Daughter Brenda and husband Hal Cameron, their children Paige and Hart, son Lex Hart, his sons Cameron and Preston, son William Hart and his wife Laurie, their daughter Leah, sons Wes, Scott and his wife Cayti, and their children Sophie and Olivia.



Anyone fortunate enough to call Joyce a friend had a true and loyal person in their corner. All who knew her knew to go to her back door where they were greeted with genuine warmth, a smile, a hug, and a cup of coffee. Her family benefitted often from this calm and gentle demeanor. She continued her service to her family her entire life. Her joy and laughter will remain forever in the hearts of all who loved her.

She was a beautiful person in every way... always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. She played softball in her youth and had great fun following the Texas Rangers Baseball. Having grown up on a farm she loved the outdoors and found solace in nature. During WWII she worked in a parachute factory in support of our troops. Joyce was a very accomplished and creative gardener, seamstress and cook. She loved poetry and was an avid reader. She enjoyed reading and singing lullabies to her children when they were young. She had a beautiful singing voice and often sang while working around the house. In her late teens and early twenties she sang many times with the late Bob Wills. Joyce brought much gentleness to the world along with a strength of character anchored by her steadfast determination to follow God's word. She was a lifelong member of Central Baptist Church which she supported along with several local nursing homes and the Salvation Army.

There will be a private family service. The family requests anyone who wishes to make a donation in her memory to the Salvation Army.

Winters Enterprise, July 23, 2015

Houston Livestock Show



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Leaders 4 Life Team 2nd Place: Cole Cave, Ballinger 4-H; Kolton Looka - Miles 4-H; Davis Matschek - Rowena 4-H; McKenzie Arrott - Ballinger 4-H; Sam Woodall - Winters 4-H; Adam Multer - Rowena 4-H.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Winters summer reading program

The Winters Public Library Summer Reading Program runs through Aug. 11 starting at 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday. The theme for the program this year is "Every Hero Has a Story." The program which will include stories and crafts for toddlers through kindergarten. There will be a special treat and surprise. For more information call 325-754-4251.

Dealing with grief program

Abilene Counselor Rusty, McLen will be presenting a program titled "Dealing With Grief," at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Louis West Conference Room at the Winters Public Library. The program is free and open to the public. For more information call 325-754-4251.

Historical Commission to publish book

The Runnels County Historical Commission is planning to publish a book about the many schools and post offices that have served the county. Over one hundred schools and twenty-eight post offices have been identified in the county.

The information is being compiled with plans to have the book published in the fall of 2015. Much more information is needed about the older, rural schools. School histories are needed for the current schools--Ballinger, Winters, Miles, and Olfen--as well as Wingate, Rowena, and Norton. Pictures are needed, especially from the 1940s to present.

Much information is found in the Rural View published in 1920, but that only covers a short period of school history. Anyone having histories of schools, pictures, or other historical information about Runnels County schools or post offices is encouraged to send the information to Ruth Cooper at jrc@abilene.com or Randall Conner at rconner@wtxs.net or mail to PO Box 211, Winters 79567.

City Council Meetings

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

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held at 204 W. Truett behind the Church of Christ on Main Street in Winters at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month from. All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and caregiver perspective.

There is no charge for this public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer's Association.

Sobriety First AA Group

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, in Ballinger, at 7 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The group will meet Saturday with prior arrangements. Please use the Avenue A and Seventh Street entrance. For more information please contact the church at 325-365-2323.

Alanon meetings

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger at 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday night. Enter on the Avenue A and Seventh Street side. Alanon is open to all family and friends of alcoholics or drug users. For more information call 325-365 2323.

July 21 Market News Report from TDA

Current Prices:
 ■ Feeder cattle steady to \$5 lower, with instances of \$8 lower; futures higher.
 ■ Fed cattle cash trade lower; formula trades lower; futures higher; beef prices higher.
 ■ Cotton mixed.
 ■ Grains and soybeans lower.
 ■ Crude oil lower; natural gas lower.
 ■ Stock markets slightly higher.

Texas feeder cattle auctions quoted prices steady to \$5 lower, with instances of \$8 lower. Feeder cattle futures settled \$1.13 higher to close at \$216.33 per hundred-weight (cwt). The Texas fed cattle cash market reported a price of \$146.00 per cwt. Wholesale boxed beef values were higher, with Choice Grade settling at \$233.83 per cwt and Select Grade at \$230.22

per cwt. Estimated cattle harvest for the week totaled 110,000 head, up 4,000 from last week's total and down 4,000 from last year. Year-to-date harvest is down 3.5%. Fed cattle futures were \$0.10 higher, closing at \$146.75 per cwt.

Cotton prices were mixed, with cash prices remaining at 61.13 cents per pound and futures down 0.02 cents, settling at 65.85 cents per pound. For the reporting period of July 13 - July 19, the USDA NASS Texas field office indicated that that 68 percent of cotton acreage was in the squaring stage. This is up 17 percentage points from the previous week, but down 10 percentage points from last year.

Corn and grain sorghum prices were lower, with corn cash and futures prices both losing \$0.15, settling at \$4.30 per bushel and \$4.05 per bushel, respectively.

Grain sorghum cash prices lost \$0.27 to close at \$7.41 per cwt. Soybean futures prices were \$0.07 lower, closing at \$10.08 per bushel. Seventy-five percent of the Texas corn crop is in the silking stage, with 63% of corn acreage in Good to Excellent condition.

Wheat cash prices lost \$0.22 to settle at \$4.70 per bushel and futures prices lost \$0.21 to settle at \$5.26 per bushel. Ninety-seven percent of the Texas wheat crop has been harvested, with 47% of wheat acreage in Good to Excellent condition.

Stock markets closed slightly higher yesterday, with the NASDAQ Composite Index closing at another record high for the third day in a row. Crude oil prices dropped \$0.74 to close at \$50.15 per barrel, responding to continuing concerns about the global crude glut.

Daughter has issues with mother

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my early 50s, disabled and live with my elderly mother. Between the ages of 8 and 11 I was sexually abused by my adoptive father. My mother finally caught him in the act, but the next day they acted like nothing had happened. He never did it again, and it was never spoken about, ever.

I have read about women who caught their husbands abusing their children and kicked them out, pressed charges, etc. It makes me think I didn't

matter enough for her to do that. I confronted her about it a few years ago. Her response was that it would have been in all the papers (my parents were prominent local musicians in our town), and there was no way she could have raised two kids on her own.

I still have a deep ache in my soul that tells me that I don't matter as much as other human beings. I resist going to therapy because I live with her and I know she will quiz me about what we

talked about in the sessions. I just want to keep the peace and not risk her going into a tirade about how she "did what she had to do." I don't know what to do. Please help. -- STILL HURTING IN NEVADA

DEAR STILL HURTING: You should absolutely talk about this to a therapist. If your mother demands to know what you're discussing, tell her. If she unleashes a tirade, invite her to accompany you to a session so she can explain to your therapist

that she didn't kick her child-molesting husband out because she was afraid she couldn't support herself and two children alone. (Was your sibling also assaulted?) You and your mom are both adults. You should be able to have a frank discussion without her intimidating you with her anger. If anyone has a right to be angry, it is you. And she should clearly understand how her inaction affected you for all these years, and possibly your sibling, as well.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

Memories of Times Past
- Jimmy Smith -

A belated thank you for the kindness and care during Jimmy's illness and death. For the thoughts, words of encouragement, visits, hugs, cards, phone calls, food and flowers. To our friends who took good care of our animals and worked on repairing our house, words are inadequate for our deep appreciation. Jimmy was a caring veterinarian and enjoyed helping everyone, no matter the time of day or night. He will live in our hearts forever!!!! In loving memory of our precious Jimmy!!!!

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The family of Donnie J. Oats
would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy and generous giving extended to us during our time of sorrow. Special thanks to Linda Dry and Mike Meyer of the Winters Funeral Home and Brother Heath Powers and the first Baptist Church. We were also blessed by the care and help of the staff at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home, North Runnels Clinic/Hospital, Interim Hospice Care and Dr. Mark McKinnon. Your thoughtfulness will always be gratefully remembered and deeply appreciated.

Love,
Linda Oats and family

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Hurricanes take second



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The Winters Hurricanes won second place in the District Championship. Pictured in the front row left to right are Mac Gomez, Moises Gomez, Dayvin Oats, Jon Kullen Busher, Rider Duggan, Wyatt Staggs and Zach Wheat. Pictured in the back row from left to right are Bob Staggs, Dan Killough, J.P. Killough, Nakia Villarreal, Seth Gerhart, Charles Childress, Roy Aviles, Will Duggan and Doug Wheat.

4-H shooting sport contest

Paul McDaniel represented Runnels County and Texas at the 2015 National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships in Grand Island, Nebraska June 21-26. The competition is a week long match that includes rifle, pistol, shotgun, hunter decision, and archery events and hosts 4-H shooting sports participants from all across the United States.

McDaniel competed in the Target Air Pistol, Air Pistol Silhouette, and Rapid Fire Air Pistol competitions as a member of the Texas Air Pistol Team.

The team finished 5th Place Rapid Fire Air Pistol, 5th Place Target Air Pistol,

1st Place Air Pistol Silhouette, and 3rd Place Overall Team. The team members were Morgan Myers of Burleson County, Claire DePenning of Waller County, Brandon Kubenka of Lavaca County and Paul McDaniel of Runnels County. The team was coached by Mary Myers of Burleson County.

Paul is a 4-H State Shooting Sports Ambassador for the West Texas Region, and an assistant coach in the Runnels County Shooting Sports Club. He will be in the 10th grade at Ballinger High School this fall.



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Paul McDaniel, of Runnels County competed in he 2015 National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships in Grand Island, Neb. Pictured from left to right are Morgan Myers, Brandon Kubenka, Mary Myers (coach), Paul McDaniel and Claire DePenning.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Masterson gives thanks

Dear Editor,

I am honored and humbled by the coverage provided of my recent visits to Winters Public Library to lead writing workshops. What a treasure the library is! My travels as an author and speaker take me to cities across the country who would love to have such a facility in their communities. I sincerely appreciate the staff and volunteers and I use ya'll as an example for other libraries to follow. Thanks to all the talented writers who participated. I especially applaud your newspaper for providing the coverage the library deserves in its efforts to promote the power of free people to freely read and write. Keep it up!

Sincerely,

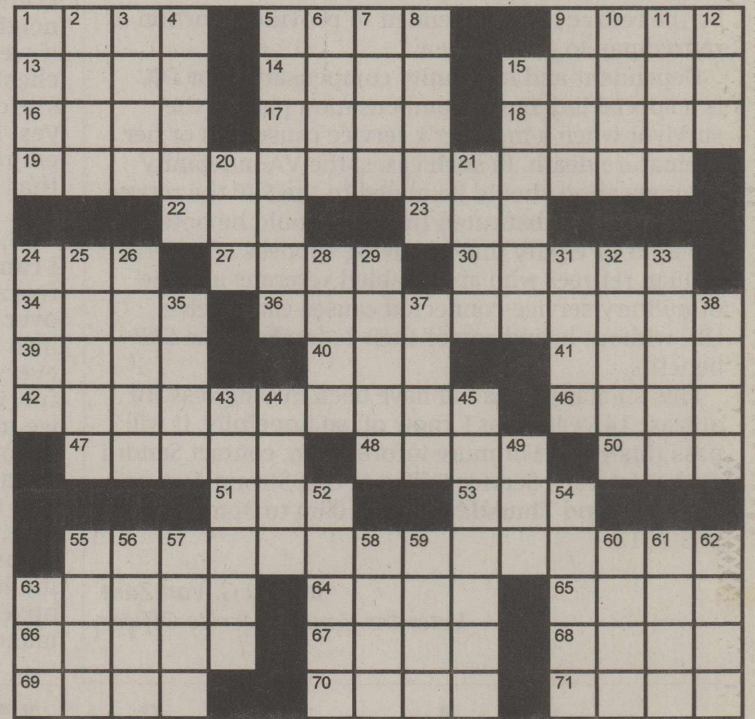
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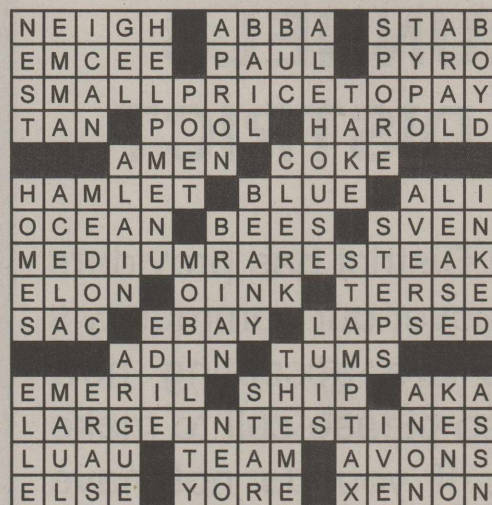
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 - 17 Common clown name
 - 18 Pull lightly
 - 19 2015 Harper Lee novel
 - 22 "Welcome" site
 - 23 Seaman's reference
 - 24 Cut
 - 27 Art
 - 30 Santa (California track)
 - 34 Space chimp of 1961
 - 36 Daredevils
 - 39 Animator Disney
 - 40 Double-crosser
 - 41 Musk of Tesla Motors
 - 42 Boating safety feature
 - 46 Mater
 - 47 Run off
 - 48 Schooner fillers
 - 50 Sign of aging
 - 51 Golfer Ernie
 - 53 "Illmatic" rapper
 - 55 "My bad!"
 - 63 Pago Pago's place
 - 64 Engine sound
 - 65 Too hasty
 - 66 Undisguised
 - 67 Start the pot
 - 68 "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
 - 69 Turn down
 - 70 Pianist Dame Myra
 - 71 Green fruit



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- 2 Big tippler
- 3 Yard sale tag
- 4 Clan emblem
- 5 Participant in an arguing contest
- 6 Swear to
- 7 Country name
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- 9 Pudding fruit
- 10 Aquatic plant
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- 12 Boric acid target
- 15 The Parthenon's goddess
- 20 Tiny amount
- 21 Talk casually
- 24 Cry like a baby
- 25 Studio sign
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- 28 Approx.
- 29 Honshu port
- 31 Scandinavian furniture chain
- 32 Informs positively
- 33 Bakery come-on
- 35 Stage
- 37 Music compilation seller
- 38 Minor hang-up
- 43 Ridicule
- 44 Friend in war
- 45 Times of service
- 49 Perched
- 52 Skater Hughes
- 54 Subway handhold
- 55 Put away
- 56 Gathering clouds, say
- 57 Golfer McIlroy
- 58 Cram, with "up"
- 59 Feed bag contents
- 60 Relative of a rabbit
- 61 Largest of seven
- 62 " she blows!"
- 63 Groundskeeper's supply

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Q: Is there any difference between sleet and freezing rain?

A: The only real difference is that they are formed a bit differently, explains Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Freezing rain is rain that is super cooled and will usually freeze when it comes into contact with other surfaces, such as cars. "Freezing rain can form when warm, moist air moves over cold air near the surface," McRoberts says. "Sleet is often confused with freezing rain. Sleet is made of frozen rain and forms in advance of a warm front and is often sandwiched between an area of snow and freezing rain. When rain is being produced in warm air and then falls into a layer of colder air below, the raindrops can freeze. Sleet forms ice pellets that make the familiar crackle sound as they hit the ground, trees or cars."

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VETERAN'S CORNER

Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL) has introduced legislation (S. 979) that repeals the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) for surviving spouses to offset dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC). This is the Senate companion bill to legislation introduced in the House (HR 1594) sponsored by Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC).

The SBP and DIC payments are paid for different reasons. The Survivor Benefit Plan is purchased by the retiree and is intended to provide a portion of retired pay to the survivor.

Dependent and indemnity compensation or DIC is a special indemnity compensation paid to the survivor when a member's service causes his or her premature death. In such cases, the VA indemnity compensation should be added to the SBP the retiree paid for, not substituted for it. It should be noted as a matter of equity that surviving spouses of federal civilian retirees who are disabled veterans and die of military-service-connected causes can receive DIC without losing any of their federal civilian SBP benefits.

Bills similar to this bill have been in Congress for at least 14 years that I know of, so hopefully, it will pass this year. 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.

Sandra G. Van Zant
Veterans County Service Officer



Sandra G. Van Zant

Hello To All:

It has been a quiet week out here. So quiet that you can't hear the freezer motor running. Wait...the motor isn't running at all. Didn't I tell you this same story about a year ago? Yup. It has happened again. The freezer just quit. I caught it before everything was completely defrosted. This was on Friday morning. I called neighbor Ann and asked if we could use her little chest freezer in her store room. She said yes, it was on and nearly empty. What a life saver that lady has been for us.

So, I grab everything I can out of the dead freezer in boxes and run over to Ann's and dump into her freezer. Almost everything fit. I lost a few items but think that we managed to save a lot of okra and yellow squash and some brisket and taco soup, stuff like that. A ton of chocolate chips bags and marshmallows. Some extra boxes of cereal didn't make it.

TALPA TALK

By Talpa Bob

My main man from Agri-Plex, David, was out here checking out my cooling unit and saw me wrestling with that dead freezer to get it down five steps and onto my pickup. He helped me and it took about a minute. Then he told me that when I got a new one to install to give him a call and that he would come out after work and help me get it up the steps. He came back out on Friday evening after he had been working all day in the heat and on his own time and helped me with the new freezer. I sure appreciate neighbors like that.

I drove into San Angelo to Lowe's and they had a new freezer, the right size and price... loaded it and tried to tie it down with one of those straps that have a handle to jack back and forth and tighten it....it didn't work. I had the salesman, store manager and assistant store manager out in 99 degree heat for an hour trying to get it to work. In the end I used a piece of a lariat rope, a piece of stretchy rope and the

strap from the appliance dolly around the corner of the tool box. I made it back to Talpa okay but didn't get much over 45 miles per hour. It is cooling nicely but I need to get in to buy a heavy duty extension cord. Right now I am using a 50-foot heavy duty outside cord, which works, but I need it to use in other places. Now the next step is to get our groceries back over here.

In the column last week, I mentioned a man that had been attacked by Africanized bees and had been med vac to Lubbock hospital, where he passed on. Just too much venom. I have found out that his name is Roger Kinzie. He lived in Ft. Davis and was a well known and liked coach and referee of volleyball and football. Roger had gone out on Highway 90, near Marathon and was working on a job using a bulldozer when he was attacked by the bees. He was able to make it out to the highway where an off-duty EMT tech stopped to help and was able to

administer an EpiPen. He was taken to the Ft. Davis hospital and then air lifted to Lubbock hospital. The family and friends wish to spread the story and raise the awareness of the threat of attack while out in the country. The details were passed on to me by a friend, Ellen Weinacht of Balmorhea.

She said that we should carry a supply of Apis and Ledum in the truck. I will look into these homeopathic remedies and report my findings. They may be good for one or two bee stings, but don't think anything will be enough for 4,000 stings. Just be aware, you might recognize a swarm and be able to get in the truck.

And that is the way it is out in our quiet little corner of Coleman County.

Talpa Bob

Pedestrian fatality

A Bangs woman was killed Saturday night after being struck by a vehicle, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Suzanne Michele Franklin, 40, of Bangs, was reportedly struck by a 2013 Chevrolet passenger vehicle driven by Christeena Louise Stephens, 27, of Abilene on U.S. Highway 67, 1/8 of a mile west

of Bangs according to DPS spokesman Frederick Biddle.

Biddle said Stephens was westbound on Highway 67 at 9:38 p.m. and reported seeing an unknown object on the shoulder of the road. Stephens told authorities she looked away briefly and then saw a pedestrian standing in the middle of

the roadway and was unable to avoid striking her.

Franklin was pronounced dead at the scene by Brown County Justice of the Peace Jim Cavanaugh.

Stephens, who was wearing a seatbelt, was transported to Brownwood Regional Medical Center where she was treated for non-life threat-

DPS traffic stop leads to meth seizure

AMARILLO - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) working in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Ad-

ministration (DEA) and the Deaf Smith County Sheriff's Office on Thursday, July 9, seized seven pounds of methamphet-

amine, worth more than \$600,000, in Deaf Smith County.

At approximately 5:13 p.m., DPS stopped a 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe for a traffic violation on U.S. 385 south of Hereford. During the traffic stop, DPS discovered one pound of methamphetamine hidden in the dashboard. The traffic stop led to the execution of a search warrant at 101 N. Ave. K in Hereford. During a search of that residence, the law enforcement agencies involved in the investigations seized an additional six pounds of methamphetamine.

BROTHER J

Running Cross Country

Years ago I went to watch a across-country track meet to see some of the kids I knew. As I watched the kids line up to race, many were about to jump the gun and when the gun went off to start the race many shot out from the starting line. I also noticed something different, not everyone started the race the same way. Some didn't jump off the line and sprint away with all their might but they left more relaxed and at a slower speed. Later on we moved over to the finish line area and as we watched the runners come in it was amazing to see who the leaders were. Many had quite the race for various reasons.

It was not the ones who sprinted off the line that won but the ones who started slowly and continued steadily that finished well. Seeing that race reminded me something about the Christian life. It is not where we start the race but where we finish that is so important. Acts 20:24 Paul said he wanted to finish his race (life, service and ministry) for the Lord. In 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 we are told to run well. In Hebrews 12:1-3 we are to go the distance. If we haven't ever accepted Christ as Lord and Savior we aren't even in the race, (John 3:16, 5:24). Why not get started today? See you in church next Sunday.

Brother J

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Thank You,
Judy Espitia, Hospital Administrator

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Runnels County Jail Record July 23, 2015

| Name | Age | Agency |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Eranosco Perez | 28 | Winters P.D. |
| | Criminal mischief | |
| Paul Armendariz | 22 | Winters P.D. |
| | Criminal mischief | |
| Jerardo Perez | 25 | Winters P.D. |
| | Criminal mischief | |
| Jeremy G. Perez | 18 | Ballinger P.D. |
| | Possession marijuana | |
| Bobby R. Orneraz | 60 | Ballinger P. D. |
| | Possession of a firearm by a felon | |
| Auther J. Porter | 28 | RCSO |
| | Warrant, misconduct | |
| Shane L. Luuson | 32 | RCSO |
| | Warrant, Possession | |
| Oscar R. Ortiz | 43 | RCSO |
| | Possession of controlled substance | |
| Eddie C. Johnson | 22 | Winters P.D. |
| | Possession of drug paraphernalia | |
| Justin M. Killingsworth | 36 | DPS |
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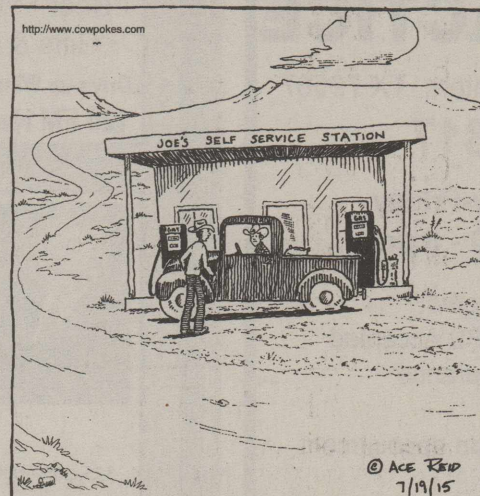
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DPS offers \$3,000 reward for sex offender

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has added Michael Dwayne Cox, 46, to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders list, and a cash reward up to \$3,000 is now being offered for information leading to his capture. Cox, who is a violent sex offender, is wanted for failure to register as a sex offender. All tips are guaranteed to be anonymous.

Cox has ties to Houston, and the Polk County (Onalaska and Livingston) and San Jacinto County (Point Blank) areas. In 1994, Cox was convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a child after an

incident in Dallas County involving a 9-year-old girl. He subsequently was sentenced to 10 years in prison. For more information or updates in the event of his arrest, see his wanted bulletin at: <http://dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/SexOffenderDetails.aspx?id=293>.

Cox is 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs approximately 170 pounds and is known to wear glasses. Cox may be using the alias Michael Lightfoot. He has a tattoo on his right arm and a scar on his left arm. Cox has previously worked in maintenance jobs.



Michael Dwayne Cox

MILLER,

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legal attempt to greatly expand the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act. I will continue to look for ways to protect Texans any time, any place and any way I can."

During his address, Commissioner Miller also commended TDA employees for their incredible work in increasing efficiencies in agency operations, as well as their commitment to cracking down on consumer protection violators.

At the start of Commissioner Miller's tenure, TDA was facing a 2 1/2 year backlog in providing organic certifications. The bottleneck of organic certification applications has been erased over the last six months. Today, TDA is processing organic certifications on time with no delay.

Additionally, 26 new TDA inspectors will be hitting the field to protect Texas consumers later this year. More than 100 cases of com-

pliance violations will be prosecuted by the end of 2015. This efficiency is all thanks to hard work and strong leadership.

"I couldn't have asked for a better team to work with than the folks at TDA," Commissioner Miller said. "The level of expertise and commitment to the needs of Texans from the TDA staff is unparalleled. We continue to look for areas to improve, while continuing to be responsive to our stakeholders and consumers. As an elected official, I'm always looking for ways to be more efficient with taxpayer dollars. Together, we must work hard to be innovative and relevant in the lives of all Texans, while also ensuring that agriculture remains a driving force in our state's economy. I am incredibly proud of what we've accomplished in a mere six months, and I have high expectations for the future."

June 2015 Brice Reunion attendance

The Brice Reunion was held June 20-21, 2015 at the Winters Community Center. There were 129 family members and guests in attendance.

Those attending included: Juanita Bradley of Leader; Oleta Webb of Winters; Faye and Marvin Henager, Gary and Kendall Brice, Marcus and Katy Ogas and boys, Bobby and Gloria Smith, Vickie Watts, and Amy Cominsky all of Belton; Olen and Janie Baker of Troy; Kenneth, Cynthia and Sarah Henager of Moody; Christopher and Shellie Watts of Georgetown; Sam Pierce and Steve Pierce of Deming, NM; Earline Brice of Cabot, AR; Stephen Bradley of Pflugerville; Leon Brice and Taylor, Debbie and Ashley Parker of Comanche; Travis, Alicia and Aubree

Sims, Patsy Robertson, Jason and Tina Buckner and children of Abilene; Terry Sanders of Tuscola; Jim Bob and Laura Webb of Kopperl; Darlene Kelly of Ballinger; Dwayne and Vonda Grun, Lee Ann Fabry, Nathan and Gena Wright, Jordan and Bobby Benthe and Koby of Lubbock; Darrell and Tina Coffey of Senora; Brenda, Cory and Brandy Braden of Carlsbad, TX; Odell McGinnis, Scarlett Morgan, Cassidy and Anastasia, Greg and Sherry Johnson, Brandon and Brandy McGinnis and family of Mineral Wells; Kyle and Sylvia Bradley of Carrizo Springs; Allan Coffey, Judy Snowden, Beth Brice, Eddie and Ann Bedrick, Steve and Georgia Collier of Odessa; Randall and Wendy Lyons from Clifton; Leslie Brice,

Joyce Weidner, Rusty Weidner, Ricky Weidner, Austin and Sidnee, Rocky and Donna Weidner, Poncho and Rita Brice, Jimmy and BJ Martin of San Angelo; Francis Faglie, Gaylon and Tina Mitchell of Merkel; Melissa Dominguez, Sam, Darty, Noah Shellie and Samuel of Bronte; Kirsten Grun of Stratford; Cecile, Breanna and Webb, Justin, Abby and Henry Webb of Coppell. Visitors included: Mary Lou Dement from Sweetwater; Brandon Tripp from Guymon Okla.; Shawn McDonald from Carlsbad, TX; Courtney Saucedo and children Nickie Lowery, Avery Whitehead, Gary Gattis, Cliff and Christy Peavy, Joey Bejil of San Angelo; Mona Kirk and Max Fields of Roswell, NM.



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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Bonnie Ballard, left, and RN from North Runnels Hospital headed up the drive to purchase pool sail for the Winters City Pool. She is pictured here with Pool Manager Sherry Kurtz, center, and Will Ahrens, vice president of the Winters Chamber of Commerce, right.

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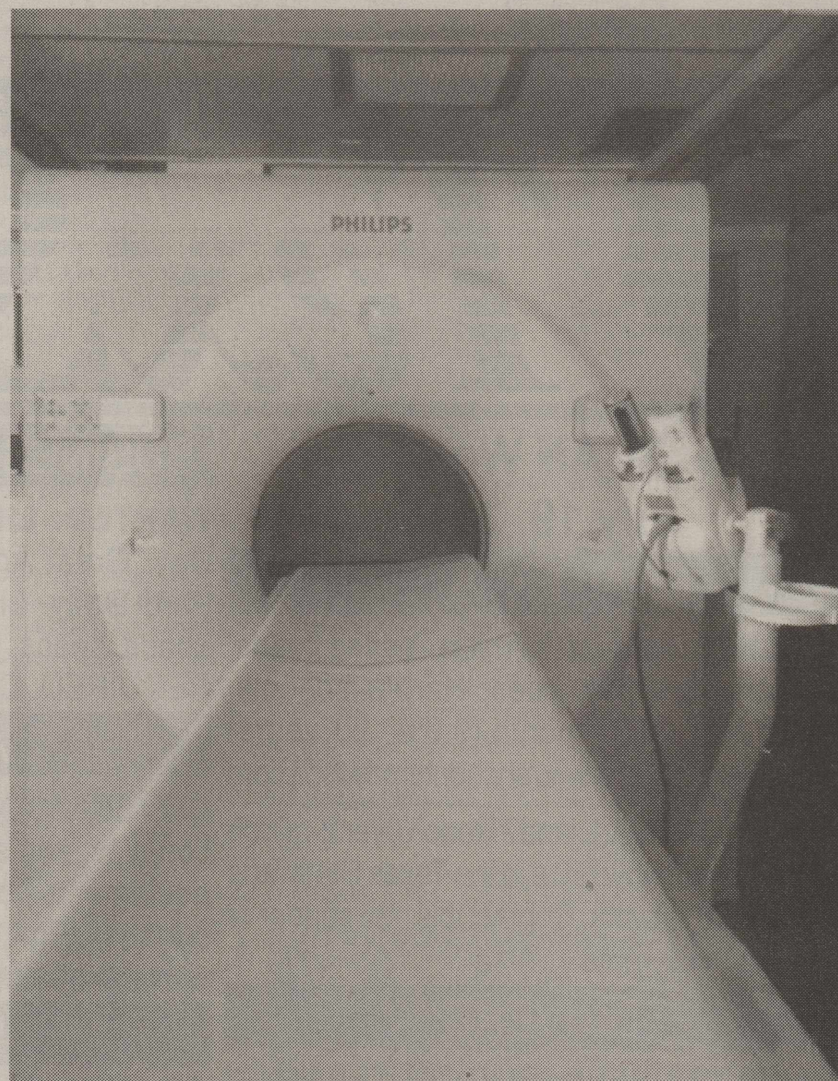
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