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Briefly RCHC meeting Saturday

The Runnels County Historical Commission will meet for their regularly scheduled meeting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Lowake Steak House in Lowake. The program will be presented by John F. Vaughan, railroad historian from San Angelo. The public is invited and all meetings are open to the public.

Cookies for the troops

Calling all cookie bakers! North Runnels County churches have banded together for a love mission to provide cookies for troops overseas for Easter. The freshly baked cookies must be placed in 1 gallon plastic zip bags, which hold a dozen cookies. The filled boxes, which hold two dozen cookies each, must be delivered to First Methodist Church by March 17.

Spring Break

Students, teachers and staff at the Winters Independent School District will be off for Spring Break beginning Monday, March 14 and ending Friday, March 18. Classes resume Monday, March 21.



The last drop

An upper level storm system brought much needed rain to Runnels County this week, the National Weather Service reported. More storms are in the forecast, with a 60 percent chance of rain predicted today decreasing to 50 percent chance Friday.

Cooler temperatures will accompany the rains with highs only reaching into the 60s today and Friday. A warming trend will bring highs back into the 70s Saturday and Sunday, with Monday's high expected to reach 85.

Rains Tuesday, brought .86 inches of rain to Ballinger, while .49 inches was reported in Wingate and 1.18 inches reported in San Angelo.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 1.53 inches of rainfall, with .90 reported in Wingate and 1.98 inches received in San Angelo.

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

Tom Green County decides the district attorney race

John Best defeats Andrew Graves

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As the totals from the March 1 Primary rolled in, it appeared that Andrew Graves, who was running for 119th District Attorney against John Best, emerged as the clear winner in Runnels and Concho counties.

But the totals in Tom Green County were not

available at press time March 1 and by March 2, it was announced that John Best, assistant district attorney in Tom Green County had reigned victorious in the race. Best received 8,840 votes while Graves received 7,634 votes.

Graves received 1,081 votes to 791 votes for Best in Runnels County and 294 in Concho County to Best's 234 votes. But it was the

Tom Green County votes that identified Best as the clear winner with 7,815 votes to Graves' 6,259 votes.

During his campaign, Best said he intends to aggressively prosecute felonies.

"During this campaign, I have had the opportunity to speak to many people in Runnels and Concho

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John Best

Winters Chamber honors citizens, business



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The Jack Pritchard family was named Farm Family of the Year at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet in Winters. Pictured from left to right are: Michelle Pritchard, MacKenzie Pritchard, Mandy Jeter, Tinley Jeter, Baylor Jeter, Penny Pritchard, Steve Pritchard, Johnny Bob Pritchard, Mason Pritchard, Deb Pritchard, Misty Sutton, Tru Sutton and Marie Carlisle.

See more photos on page 5.

STAFF REPORT

The Winters Chamber of Commerce held their annual Chamber Banquet Saturday, March 5. Business of the Year went to Kim

Fields of West Dale Grocery. Man of the Year honors went to Raymond Lindsey, while Woman of the Year was awarded to Gwen Andrae. The Jack Pritchard family was named Farm Family of the

year. New awards this year included the 2015 First Responder of the Year, which went to Larry Collom and Teacher of the Year which was awarded to Phil Mooney.

Nominees wanted

Winters High School Alumni Association seeking 2015 nominees

STAFF REPORT

The Winters High School Alumni Association is seeking nominees for the 2016 Distinguished Alumnus Award. The award is to recognize and honor former outstanding WHS graduates for their contributions and achievements in several categories including science, math, business, humanities- education, or community service.

Applicants must have graduated at least 10 years prior to the year in which they are nominated, should have been a leader in his or her field or made a significant contribution, bringing exceptional distinction to the individual or their community. Nominees must be of good character and have earned a high level of respect within their community.

Applications can be obtained at the Winters ISD Administrative Office during regular office hours or online at wintersisd.org under the "About Us" tab then click "Alumni." The verifiable documentation of accomplishments and completed application form must be returned by April 1 to the WHS Alumni Association c/o Bruce Davis, Superintendent, 603 N. Heights, Winters, TX 79567.

'Quanah Parker, One Man, Two Worlds' exhibit March 17-April 30

STAFF REPORT

"Quanah Parker, One Man, Two Worlds" is coming to the The Rock Hotel Heritage Center in Winters from March 17 to April 30. The traveling exhibit from the Texas Lakes Trail features over 40 rarely seen photos of Quanah Parker and his mother Cynthia Ann Parker, who was captured by the Indians and became the wife of Comanche Chief Peta Nocona.

Quanah Parker and his moth-

er are two important names in U. S. frontier history. After Cynthia Ann was taken back by Texas Rangers, Quanah became one of the most important Comanche leaders both in war and peace.

The early-day Parker story has a Runnels County connection in that an herb doctor, Nancy Rosson Parker, provided medicines to pioneers in the frontier area of Runnels County near a Texas Ranger outpost in the northeast part of the county. Nancy, wid-

owed at the time, was the wife of John Parker who was the brother of Cynthia Ann's father Silas. Nancy made the dress which Texas Rangers took with them for Cynthia Ann to wear when she was re-captured from the Indians. The Nancy Parker Cabin is marked as a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark (RTHL) in northeast Runnels County.

The Quanah Parker Exhibit

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Adeline Grissom

Adeline Grissom, 96, died March 7, 2016. She was born July 31, 1919 in Harmony in Runnels County and moved to the Eagle Branch Community and lived there until moving to Ballinger in 1994. She married Kat Grissom in August of 1940 in Crews. She was a cook for the Winters Lions Club for 15 years. She loved to dance and cook. Her greatest joys in life were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Hopewell Baptist Church in Crews.



She is survived by 5 children: Rickey Grissom and wife Patsy of Winters, William "Bill" Grissom and wife Sharon of Winters, Steve Grissom and wife Penny of Ballinger, Wanda King and husband Windell of Winters and Phyllis Byrd and husband Von of Abilene.

She was preceded in death by her husband Kat and 1 daughter Katherine Thomas Grissom.

The family will receive friends at 6:00 P.M. Thursday March 10, 2016 at Winters Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 2:00 P.M. Friday March 11, 2016 at Hopewell Baptist Church in Crews. Burial will follow in the Crews Cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Winters Enterprise March 10, 2016

TxDOT to install new lights in Ballinger

STAFF REPORT

The Texas Department of Transportation is implementing changes to traffic lights - a move that was approved five years ago by the agency. Crews from TxDOT will be changing all three lights on U.S. Highway 67 in Ballinger March 28-31.

What is changing?

■ In 2009, Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA) left-turn displays were adopted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as the national standard for permissive left-turn operation when a left turn lane has its own signal.

■ TxDOT is adopting the FYA left-turn display as a new standard and will include it in the upcoming 2011 edition of the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

■ There is no compliance date for use of these new signals. They are required when new signals are constructed and when existing signals are replaced.

Why are the changes being made?

■ The new signals are meant to eliminate motorist confusion to the meaning of the circular green light (this is occasionally mistaken as a protected left turn), and the simultaneous circular red light and green arrow (some motorists stop).

■ The FYA signals are the result of a nationwide study by the FHWA that amended the federal standards for left-turn signals. Based on the successful operation of the FYA over the past several years in

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Barbecue anyone?

The Lowake Community Center is the location for the Annual Barbecue Brisket Meal from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, March 19. Plates are \$10 for adults and are available for dining in or carry out. Those who would like a whole brisket, may order in advance by calling Linda Urbanek at 325-442-4211, Kay H. 325-442-3173 or Donnie Schwertner at 325-468-3333. Extra briskets will not be available the day of the event, so place your order early. In addition to the barbecue, there will be sweet treats available with Sweet Bingo and door prizes will be awarded.

Ministry Outreach

Jesus Christ Church in Ballinger will host a special ministry outreach service Saturday and Sunday at the Ballinger Housing Community Center at Avenue A and 14th Street. On Saturday the event begins at 3 p.m. and on Sunday, the outreach ministry, which will include give-aways and food, begins at 9:30 a.m. at the same location.

Pancake Supper

The Norton Lions Club will host the Annual Sausage and Pancake Supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday. Adults are \$8 each and children 12 and under are \$4 per plate. The event will be held at the Norton Community Center at 210 Holloway Ave. in Norton.

A Time for Freedom

A new addiction class is forming in Winters called "A Time for Freedom," and Pastor Tommy Akin, of the Pioneer Church of God in Winters will be overseeing the program which will provide addiction education to addicts, family and loved ones. The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Pioneer Church of God at 158 North Main St. in Winters. For more information call 903-474-4740.

St. Boniface BBO

The Olfen St. Boniface Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters will be selling barbecue chickens, homemade potato salad and beans Sunday at the St. Boniface Catholic Church Parish Hall. Orders may be picked up at the drive through between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Call Marty Frey at 365-6618 or David Rohmfeld at 442-3331 to place your order.

Immunization clinics in March

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold immunization/flu shot clinics for children with Medicaid, no insurance, underinsured or adults with no insurance

from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. today in Ballinger at 600 Strong Ave. and from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at the Professional Building at 110 South Main, Suite 108 in Winters (please use the rear entrance on Grant Street). Please bring the child's immunization records and if child has Medicaid, please bring the card. For questions or to schedule an appointment call 325-754-4945, leave a message if there is no answer.

Visit Friendly Neighbors

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Runnels County area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening, arts and crafts and other useful subjects to meetings at 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during the summer). Meetings will alternate between the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of south 7th Street and Sealy Ave. in Ballinger and the Winters Public Library at 120 N. Main St. in Winters. If you are interested and would like to find out more about this group, call Martha at 365-3890 or Judy at 754-5386.

Out of this world!

The Carnegie Library in Ballinger will be hosting an exhibit from NASA during the month of March. See NASA artifacts like official uniforms and suits to photos of the legendary moon walk in 1969 to models of the Space Shuttle, plus much more. The Carnegie Library will be featuring the NASA exhibit from March 8-23. Call the library 325-365-3616 to schedule a tour to see the exhibit.

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. Child care is available. For more information please contact the church at 325-365-2323.

The Market Perspective Oil price records a bottom

"It's been seven years, eight years since we had the last recession in the U.S. and normally, historically we have them every four to seven years for whatever reason—at least we always have," he said. "It doesn't have to happen in four to seven years, but look at the debt, the debt is staggering."

"If you look at the ... payroll tax figures [in the U.S.], you see they're already flat," he concluded. "Don't pay attention to the government numbers, pay attention to the real numbers." "There is a 100% probability of a US Recession Within a Year."

Legendary Investor and Singapore Resident Jim Rogers on Bloomberg

Two weeks back we noted that most economists put the recession probability at 17%. I commented it was therefore much more likely to be 83%, just the inverse. Now we have Jim Rogers verifying my suspicions. We have been a consistent contrarian in this space for the last few months. We maintained that crude oil would make a price bottom first at \$33 and then perhaps in the high \$20s. We maintained this stance in spite of massive negative sentiment towards oil which noted the over supply around the world. However, it is social mood that determines the prices of oil as a financial commodity, not traditional supply and demand.

The bottom occurred on February 11 with an intra day low of \$26.05 and a close of \$27.30 on the continuation chart. On Thursday, March 3, the daily close was \$34.69, which is

enough to turn the daily trend higher.

This reality has clearly dawned on investors. In the last three days Apache soared from \$36 to \$45. The XLE energy ETF has risen from \$50 to \$60 this year. The XES energy service ETF jumped from \$15 to \$17 in the last two days.

Over the last few weeks, the components of the energy complex are in lock step as well. Hearing Oil jumped from 85 cents to \$1.12. Unleaded gasoline has gapped from 90 cents to \$1.30. I suspect that recent buyers of fuel thirsty pick-ups and large SUVs will be surprised at the pump in three months. Gasoline prices are likely headed much higher.

One component however has not joined the party. And that would be natural gas. Natural gas futures sagged to \$1.63 on Thursday's close. This violates the prior low of \$1.93 back in mid-2012. Still natural gas stocks like BP Prudhoe Bay, Chesapeake, and Devon are all on the rise.

The stages of a bear market are denial, acceptance, and finally, capitulation. Sadly a final capitulation took place this week. Aubrey McClendon former CEO of Chesapeake CHK, was indicted for price fixing various oil and gas leases. The next day he drove his car into an embankment at high speed resulting in his death. In the next two days CHK soared from \$2.75 to \$4.27.

At the same time, are stocks peaking? Stock indexes have soared since



Dennis Elam

the January 20 lows. We expected topping action in this time frame. Today after the jobs report, stocks are mildly up. We suspect a peak within the next week. So the next question becomes, can energy stocks fade an overall stock market decline? Will energy stocks shine

while the general market falls? Are there other clues on what is about to happen, yes there are? An article in today's Wall Street Journal headlines Bets Rising on an Uptick in Inflation. The yield on Treasury Inflation Protected Securities TIPS is the highest in two months. This if further confirmation of the low in oil prices in February. In his interview noted earlier, Jim Rogers notes we have never had ALL the Central Banks of the world printing money at the same time, but we do now. This is just the start of an inflationary move they Bankers will not likely be able to control. Copper prices are already up from \$1.95 to \$2.20.

Our expectation then is the exact opposite of what you are reading in the rest of the media. Commodity prices will be advancing much faster than conventional wisdom expects. We are not in for years of depressed oil prices. We are much more likely at the very start of an extended rise in consumer prices of all kinds.

BROTHER J

The Snake and the Frog

I remember one beautiful afternoon when my wife and I went to check the water level in a dirt tank. Upon arriving we heard this muffled high pitched squeak. We found a small snake, a red racer, with a frog in his mouth. The frog was almost halfway swallowed. His head was already in the snake's mouth but his front legs were on each side of the snake's mouth and that was why the snake was having a hard time getting him

swallowed. My wife quietly reached down and grabbed the snake by the tail and then grabbed the back legs of the frog and quickly pulled him from the snake's mouth. She let the snake go and he slithered off. The frog was weak but after a few minutes he hopped back in to the water. That experience reminds me of something in the Bible. In some way or another we are trapped in sin, (Romans 3:23). And unless something is done we will

surely die in our sin, (Romans 6:23). But God wishes that no one would perish in sin so He provided a way of escape, (Acts 2:21, 2 Timothy 2:3-6). That way is realizing we are destined for destruction unless we call upon God for help. We must ask forgiveness for our sins and ask Jesus to save us, (John 3:16& 17, 2 Timothy 4:18). See you in church next Sunday.

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TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE

Deaf Smith: Texas listened closely to him

Erastus Smith was perhaps one of the most unique figures to emerge from the early years of Texas History. In spite of a nearly total hearing loss, "Deaf" Smith still served Texas with courage and distinction. While he may not have been able to hear, Texas listened closely to what he had to say.

Smith was born in Dutchess County, New York, about 80 miles north of New York City. His parents, Chilaib and Mary Smith, were farmers. In 1799, they moved to Natchez in the Mississippi Territory in pursuit of the new lands available.

According to reports, Smith lost nearly all of his hearing due to an unspecified illness he suffered as a child. In the years before vaccines and antibiotics, such tragedies were not unusual and any of a number of diseases curable with modern medicine could have been responsible. Nevertheless, his vision and keen sense of discernment remained intact, and Smith remained determined not to let this loss discourage him in any way.

He briefly visited Texas in 1817 before returning to Mississippi. In 1821, he returned to Texas and settled in San Antonio where he married a local widow. Together, they had four children. In 1825, he became one of the first settlers in the community of Gonzales, the first American settlement in Texas west of the Colorado River.

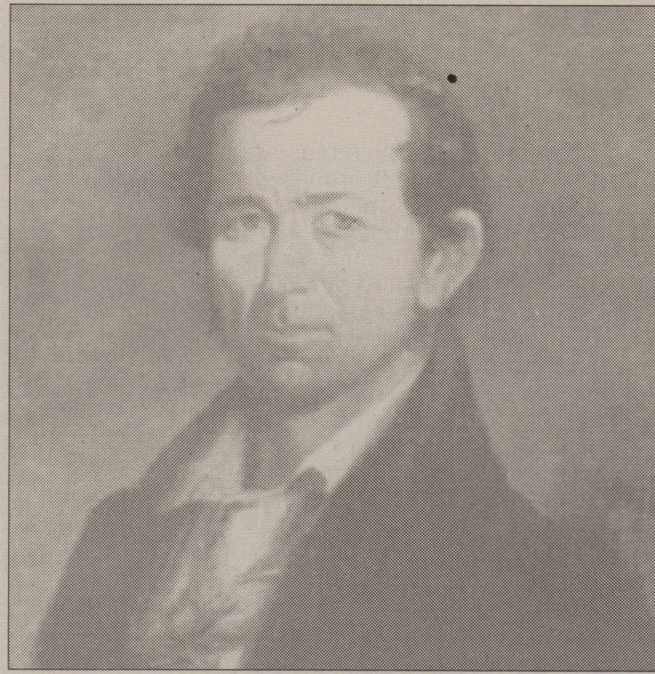
In 1835, when Mexican Gen. Martin Perfecto de Cos briefly seized control of San Antonio, they blocked Smith, who had been away for some time, from seeing his family. At the age of 48, he joined the forces of Stephen F. Austin in an attempt to break the siege and served as a scout. Smith's careful observation revealed that Cos did not have the resources to survive a long siege. Half-starved, Cos and his army surrendered in December.

Smith stayed in San Antonio to help with the defense of the city while his wife and children fled to nearby Columbia. Mexican forces returned the next February. After Col. William Barret Travis wrote his now-famous appeal to Texans and the world for aid, he sent Smith with the letter to Gen. Sam Houston, commander of all Texas forces. Houston sent Smith back to the Alamo to learn of its fate, only to return with the news of its fall and the slaughter of its defenders.

Houston promoted Smith to the rank of captain and continued to use him for reconnaissance while Tex-



Dr. Ken Bridges



as forces pulled back toward San Jacinto. Smith captured a number of Mexican spies and messengers and as the battle at San Jacinto approached and cut down a wooden bridge with an ax to cut off a possible retreat by Mexican forces. After the battle in April, Smith was entrusted with delivering the orders of the surrendering Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna to all remaining Mexican forces to leave Texas.

Smith returned to military service briefly in 1837 as a Ranger to deflect Mexican forces attempting to enter Texas at Laredo. Shortly afterward, Smith moved to Richmond, just west of modern-day Houston. His time here would not last long. In November, he contracted a sudden illness and died. He was only 50 years old.

The Telegraph and Texas Register newspaper revered his life upon the news of his death, "This singular individual was one whose name bears with it more respect than sounding titles. Major, Colonel, General, sink into insignificance before the simple name of 'Deaf Smith.'" The Republic of Texas later put his image on the Texas \$5 bill. In 1876, the state legislature named Deaf Smith County in the Panhandle in memory of the revered hero of the Texas Revolution.

The truth of grass-fed vs. grain-fed beef

Television viewers were once again taken to the Land of Oz.

But this time the yellow brick road led to a place where misinformation spewed about U.S. beef production. Behind the curtain was Dr. Mehmet Oz, a surgeon and host of the syndicated program, the Dr. Oz Show.

The episode explored grass-fed vs. grain-fed beef. It suggested that grass-fed beef is healthier because of the way the animals are raised. Conventional production practices were largely criticized throughout the show.

No surprise here. The great Oz often denounces how conventional food is raised.

He claimed ranchers use conventional practices to create abundant and cheap beef at the cost of consumers' health. He said there's little financial incentive for ranchers to raise grass-fed beef instead of conventionally-raised beef, making grass-fed more expensive.

Here's the truth. There are a variety of beef choices for all consumers to choose from. Grain-finished, grass-finished, natural and certified organic beef. From pasture to plate, the entire food chain works together to ensure high-quality beef for Americans. So,



Gary Joiner

no matter what you desire, there's a great beef choice for you.

And don't forget that "organic," "natural" and "grass-

fed" are marketing terms. They're not an accurate indicator of animal care, sustainability or safety.

I'm weary of television hosts claiming positions of credibility in subject areas in which they have none. I think the rest of the viewing public feels the same way.

Dr. Oz is the second spin-off series from the Oprah show. The first was Dr. Phil.

Dr. Oz needs to stick to those topics he knows something about. As Dr. Phil might say after pulling back the curtain on Dr. Oz and his misinformed food safety claims, "How's that working for ya?"

Not very well.



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Seventh Grade

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Joseph Escalona
Zachary Wheat

"A-B"

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Weather Whys

Q: So far this spring, it seems like everyone's allergies are a big problem. Is the weather contributing to this?

A: Very much so, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Springtime in Texas means allergy season is here, and that's true again this year. Pollen counts are high because of recent rains, and that usually means an explosion in amount of pollen in the air as a result of many flowers and plants blooming this time of year. As a result, many people - even pets - are suffering right now. Texas is one state that is known for its spring allergies.

Q: What kind of pollens are out there?

A: McRoberts says there are several, and any one of them can give allergy sufferers a very bad time. "The most noticeable pollen is oak, which gives automobiles a yellow coating when its pollen count is high," he adds. "Others include ash, elm, pine, pecan, hickory, poplar and walnut trees. Perhaps the most common allergen in this part of the country is mold, which occurs in humid areas of Texas and can be a concern year-round."

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Runnels County ROLL-UP

Runnels County Jail Record

March 10, 2016

Name	Age	Agency
Arther R. Garcia	32	Concho
Possession of a CS, DWLI		
Adrian L. Branch	28	BPD
DWLI		
Francisco J. Pena	26	BPD
DWLI		
Garrett Brown	19	Concho
Assault, family violence, burglary of a habitation		
Jose Vega	41	RCSO
DWI		
Rogelio M. Roman	20	BPD
Criminal trespass, resisting arrest		
Jason M. Pimental	20	BPD
Possession of a CS, unlawful carry of a weapon, delivery of a CS		
Colton D. Hurt	18	BPD
Possession of a CS, possession of a prohibited weapon, delivery of a CS		
Kelly J. Spill	44	WPD
Criminal Trespassing		
Roberto Tljerina	54	Coke
DWI third or more		
Jose L. Arios	27	DPS
DWLI		
Travis D. Bohannan	19	Coke
Credit/debit card abuse		
Nathaniel Banda	25	Coke
Probation violation, theft		
Joe Lozano	49	BPD
Delivery of a CS, to wit methamphetamine LS. To wit Meth.		
Jared D. Christian		BPD
New Mexico warrant, larceny		
Juan Augilar-Nana	36	
Concho Harris County warrant, assault family violence impeding breath		
Larry Gilbert	50	Miles PD
Assault causing bodily injury		
Jordan Luera	25	BPD
Felony assault, resisting arrest		
Mark Purpin	39	Concho
Assault family violence		

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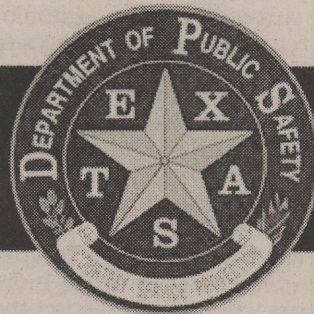


Sandra G. Van Zant

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it proposed disciplinary action against three Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) attorneys, and has filed a complaint against two Board Veterans Law Judges. Accountability actions against the bboard judges have been referred to the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB), which has direct jurisdiction over cases concerning administrative law judges. Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs Sloan D. Gibson filed a complaint against two Board Veterans Law Judges with the MSPB and VA proposed actions against three board attorneys for reasons of misconduct based on information received as part of an Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigation that revealed a pattern of inappropriate emails that were racist and sexist in tone. The OIG proactively brought the information to VA early in their investigation and VA acted immedi-

ately by assigning the Board employees to non-adjudicative duties pending the disciplinary actions that have now been taken to protect Veterans appellate rights. VA proposed disciplinary actions in mid-January against two attorneys. One attorney retired, and one resigned from Federal service while the actions were pending. VA proposed a lesser administrative penalty against one attorney. The VA is conducting a review of appeals handled by these individuals while also examining comparative statistical data from internal quality review processes and appeals of Board decisions to the federal courts. At this time, they have no indication that any veterans' appeal was unjustly influenced by their conduct. For more information, contact Sandra Van Zant 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.

— Sandra G. Van Zant,
Veterans County Service Officer



Texas Department of Public Safety

DPS seized \$53 million in drugs, cash in Panhandle in 2015

AMARILLO - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) troopers seized more than \$53 million in drugs and currency during 137 traffic stops and investigations along the I-40 corridor and other roadways in the Texas panhandle in 2015.

"Our troopers continue to work diligently, interdicting criminals who put our communities at

risk", said DPS Region 5 Commander Gary Albus. "DPS remains vigilant in combatting drug smugglers; and in the Texas panhandle alone, troopers prevented almost two tons of illegal drugs from being sold on the street".

The seizures included approximately 3,265 pounds of marijuana and its derivatives, 264 pounds of methamphetamine, 167 pounds of PCP, 50 pounds of heroin, 21 pounds of hashish, 19 pounds of opium, 13 pounds of cocaine and more than \$1.8 million in cash.

As a result of the 137 seizures by Texas state troopers, DPS Region 5 special agents also arrested seven suspects during follow-up investigations. In addition, special agents seized three vehicles, four firearms, 115 grams of heroin, two pounds of marijuana and more than \$35,000 in cash.

Additional photos of seizures are available on request.



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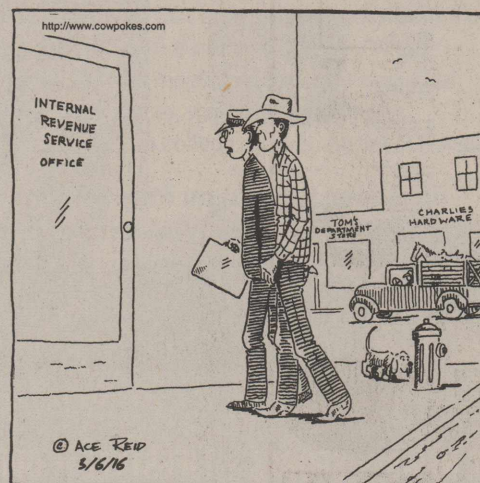
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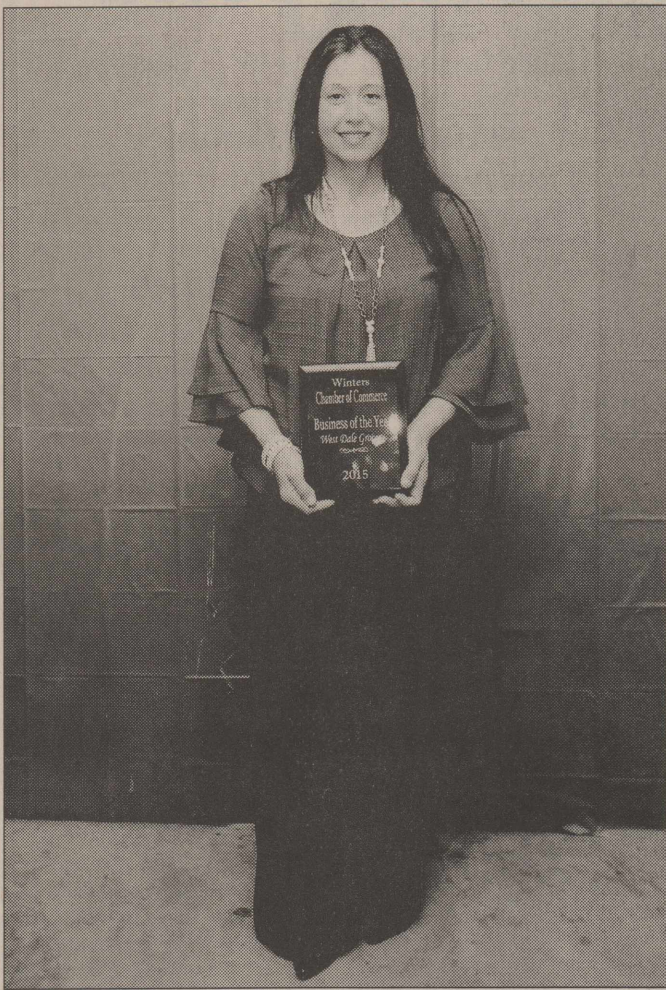
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The word count for letters to the editor is no more than 350 words, for guest columns it is 650 words. Lengths for other submissions will be determined by the content.

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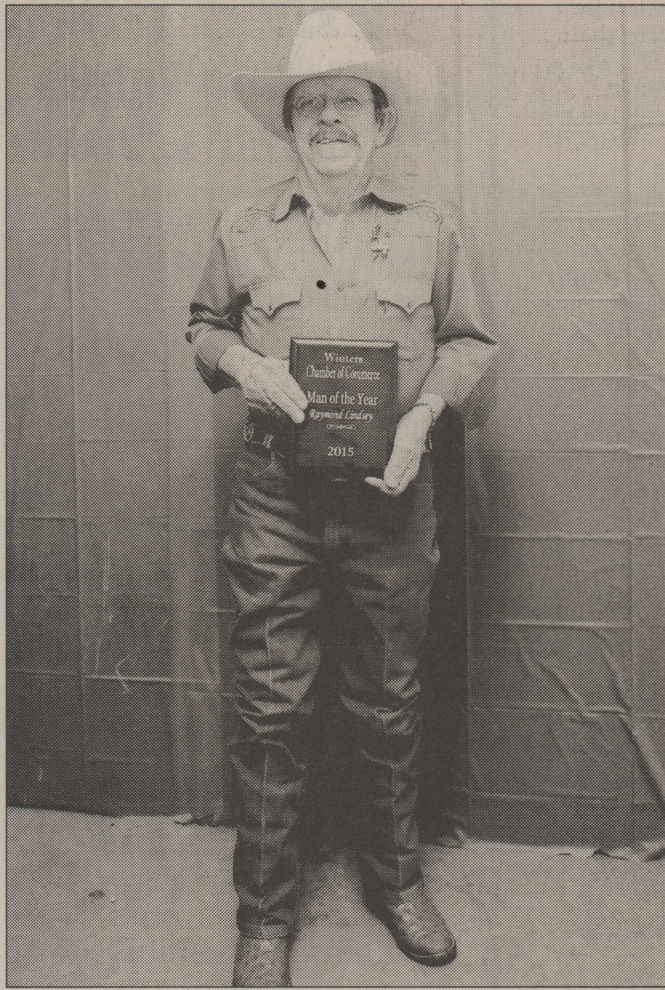
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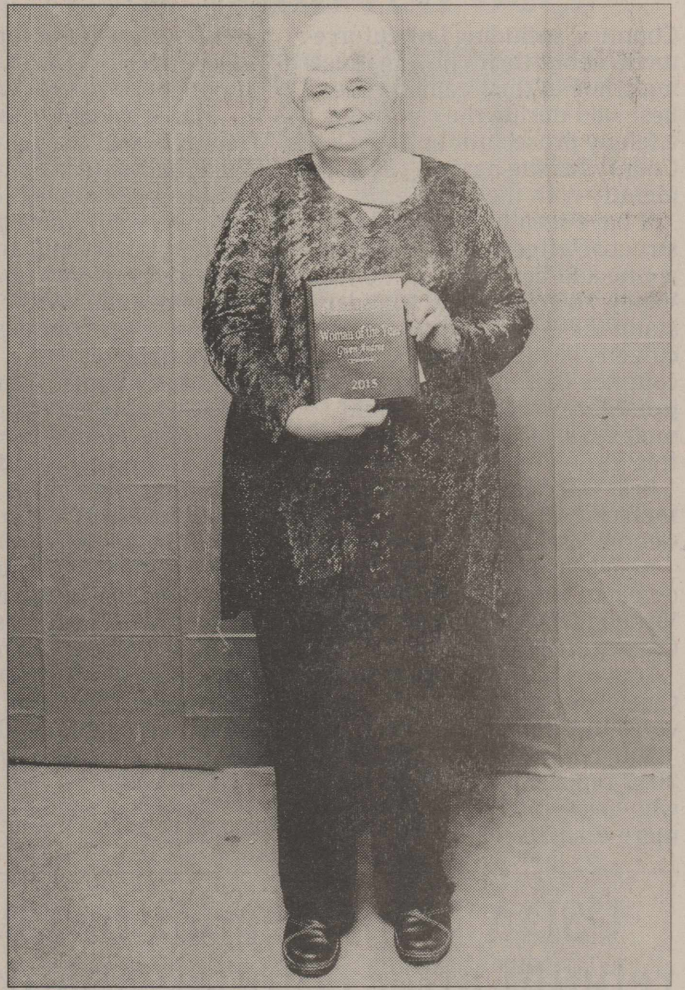
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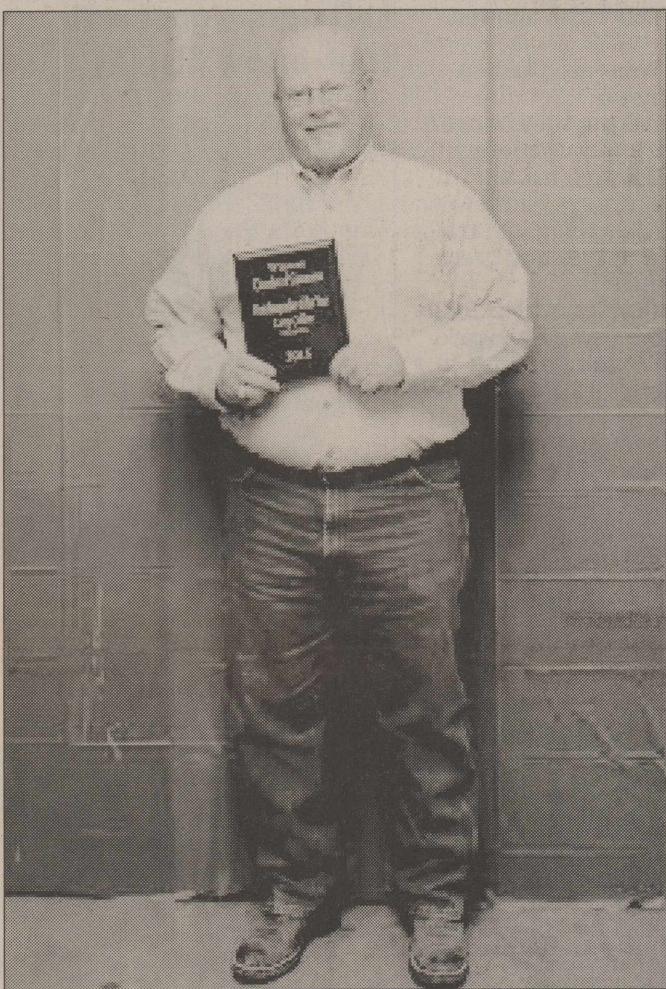
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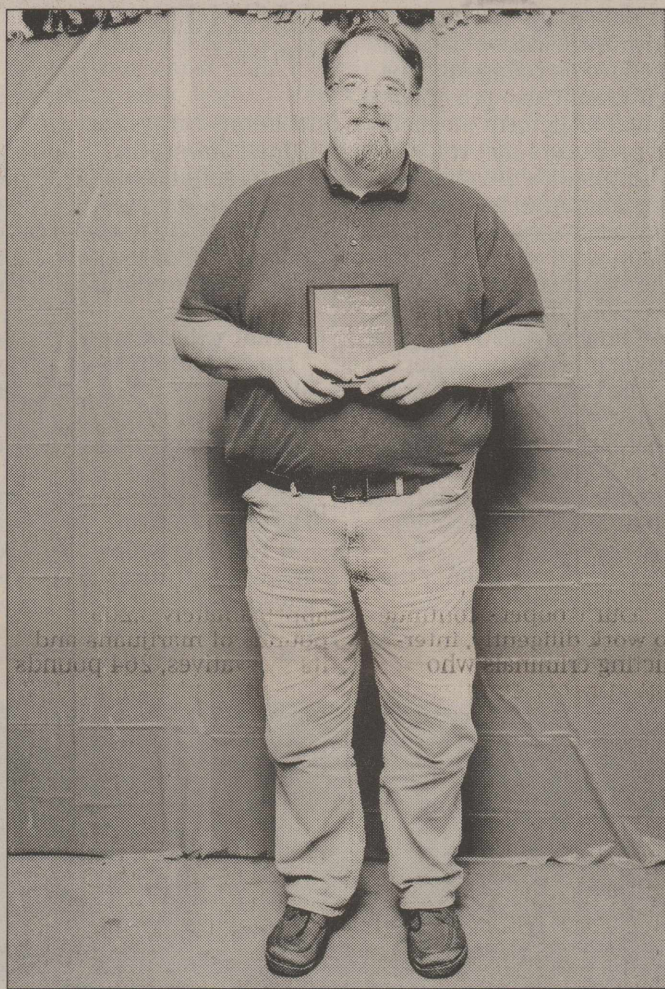
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ELECTION,
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Counties, including law enforcement, about their concerns regarding crime in their communities," Best said during the campaign. "As a felony prosecutor in Tom Green County for the past 14 years, I can identify with their concerns.

"I have seen first-hand the destructive effects of methamphetamine and heroin in the Concho Valley," he continued. "I understand the need and hope of the citizens of Runnels and Concho counties that their DA aggressively prosecute drug dealers, child molesters, violent criminals and thieves."

Best will take office Jan. 1, 2017, replacing 119th District Attorney George McCrea, who is retiring.

Also last week, Sgt. Carl Squyres defeated Miles Police Chief Toby Virden in the race for Runnels County Sheriff.

Squyres defeated Miles Police Chief Toby Virden with 1,505 votes to Virden's 857 votes.

Squyres will take office Jan. 1, 2017 replacing Sheriff Bill Baird, who has served in the position for more than 30 years.

In an upset, Roy Mints was elected Precinct 3 commissioner defeating incumbent Sam Scott. Mints defeated Scott with only 25 votes with the totals in the close race finalized at 271 votes for Scott and 296 for Mints.

Mints, a senior construction consultant, said during the campaign that he wanted to make sure he was a good steward of taxpayer money, while vowing to repair county roads and continuing a relationship with law enforcement to bring criminals to justice and to enhance the county's commercial development.

Other Runnels County candidates who were officially reelected Tuesday include incumbent Wayne Poehls for the Precinct 1 constable position, incumbent Archie Jobe filed for the Precinct 2 constable position, incumbent Robert Moore for Precinct 1 commissioner. Incumbent Robin Burgess will continue as tax assessor collector and incumbent Kenneth Slimp will continue as county attorney.

District Judge Ben Woodward, who serves the 119th District including Runnels, Concho, and Tom Green counties, was also reelected.

The votes will be canvassed today.

USDA helps peanut producers rebuild after company bankruptcy

STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON — U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini announced today that USDA has begun making final payments to peanut producers in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Mississippi, helping to restore nearly 100 percent of the value of their peanuts after the bankruptcy of a peanut sheller and licensed warehouse operator.

"These farmers played by the rules, they honored their contracts, but because of circumstances outside their control, were put in a difficult position, which is why USDA stepped in on their behalf," said Dolcini. "Today's action illustrates how the basic protections of the 100-year-old U.S. Warehouse Act can still provide important safeguards for farmers today."

More than 83,000 tons of peanuts were stored by the warehouse operator, Clint

Williams Company, and its affiliates, the Texoma Peanut Company, Clint-Co Peanut Co. and the Clint Williams Co - Western Division, which filed for bankruptcy in November 2014. Farmers had pledged more than 81,700 tons of peanuts as collateral to receive USDA marketing assistance loans. The loans provide interim financing so that producers can store peanuts and meet cash flow needs without having to sell crops during harvest, when market prices are low. Peanut producers potentially lost thousands of dollars when delivery contracts were not honored by the failed company and the peanuts remained in storage.

Under the United States Warehouse Act, USDA is responsible for protecting all depositors in the licensed storage facilities, including ineligible producers or those who chose not to receive loans. USDA

entered into an agreement with the new warehouse owners to provide for additional storage time for an orderly sale of peanuts, plus incentives to encourage sales of peanuts pledged as collateral. The agreement also provided an initial 85 percent payment to producers that sold peanuts with the remaining amount to be paid after any shortages and the bond claim were resolved. With the USDA successfully receiving the entire bond, the final payments are now being made to producers.

The United States Warehouse Act, now in its 100th year, provides agricultural producers with high-quality storage of farm products to allow marketing throughout the year.

To learn more about the warehouse services provided by FSA, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/daco.

How Runnels County Voted

**Voting Totals
March 1, 2016**

Republican Party President

Elizabeth Gray	4	.17%
Ted Cruz	1,132	47.15%
John R. Kasich	58	2.42%
Jeb Bush	26	1.09%
Lindsey Graham	0	0
Rick Santorum	0	0
Carly Fiorina	3	.13%
Marco Rubio	243	10.14%
Chris Christie	1	.04%
Donald J. Trump	722	30.13%
Mike Huckabee	7	.29%
Ben Carson	144	6.01%
Rand Paul	3	.13%
Uncommitted	53	2.21%

United States District 11 Representative

Mike Conaway	2,044	100%
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Railroad Commissioner

Weston Martinez	179	10.18%
Ron Hale	369	20.98%
LanceN. Christian	257	14.51%
Gary Gates	501	28.48%
Wayne Christian	196	11.14%
Doug Jeffrey	187	10.63%

John Greytok 70 3.98%

119th District Attorney

John Best	791	42.25%
Andrew Graves	1,081	57.75%

Runnels County Sheriff

Toby Virden	857	36.28%
Carl Squyres	1,505	63.72%

Runnels County Precinct 3 Commissioner

Roy Mints	296	52.20%
Sam Scott	271	47.80%

Democratic Party President

Star Locke	0	0
Marin J. O'Malley	2	1.44%
Willie L. Wilson	0	0
Keith Judd	1	.72%
Roque De La Fuente	1	.72%
Bernie Sanders	55	39.57%
Hillary Clinton	80	57.55%
Calvis L. Hawes	0	0

Railroad Commissioner

Grady Yarbrough	59	54.13%
Lon Burnam	11	10.09%
Cody Garrett	39	35.78%

LIGHTS,
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locations across the United States, the FHWA adopted the FYA display in the most recent update to the federal standards governing traffic signals.

What will the new configuration look like?

- Steady red arrow = Stop. No left turns allowed.
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- Steady green arrow

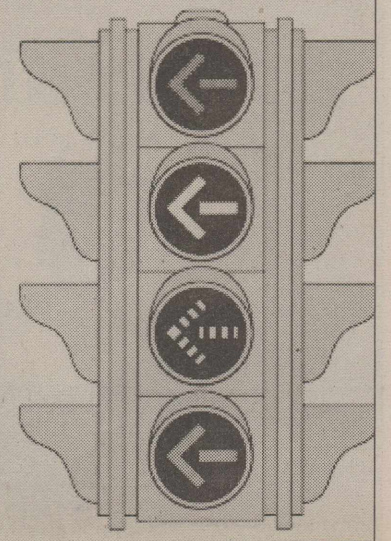
= Left turns allowed.

What are the benefits to making the change?

- Improved Safety - Research has shown that drivers had fewer crashes than with traditional circular green signals
- Increased Flexibility - The new display provides more options to handle traffic and move more vehicles through an intersection.
- Improved Consistency - As an adopted national standard, drivers will see these signals in every state.

To view the animation of the FYA solution: <http://bit.ly/FYAinfo>

Left-turn signal with four-arrow display



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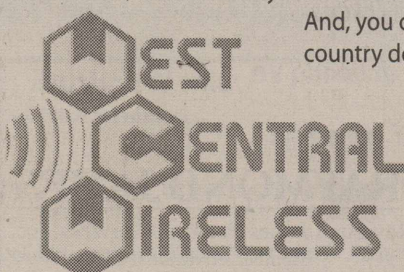


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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT AMENDMENT

PERMIT NO. WQ0004759000

APPLICATION. Millersview-Doole Water Supply Corporation, P.O. Box 130, Millersview, Texas 76862, a reverse osmosis water treatment facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Land Application Permit (TLAP) No. WQ0004759000 to authorize increasing the disposal of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed an annual average flow of 200,000 gallons per day via evaporation, and to remove the sampling requirements for Biochemical Oxygen Demand, and Oil and Grease. The facility and disposal area are located approximately 3,000 feet east of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 2134 and Farm-to-Market Road 1929 on the south side of Farm-to-Market Road 1929, in Concho County, Texas 76866. TCEQ received this application on January 27, 2016. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the United States Post Office, 8090 Farm-to-Market Road 765 East, Millersview, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application.
<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=31.499444&lng=-99.7225&zoom=13&type=>

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

CHANGE IN LAW: The Texas Legislature enacted Senate Bill 709, effective September 1, 2015, amending the requirements for comments and contested case hearings. This application is subject to those changes in law.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

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ABOVE: Slater Lindley catching a pop fly at shortstop during the game with Ballinger Monday Feb. 29. The Winters Blizzards were defeated by the Ballinger Bearcats 22-0.

LEFT: David Fernandez pitches during the game with Ballinger Feb. 29, 2016. The Blizzards were defeated by the Bearcats 22-0.



Winters Area Foundation Dinner to feature magician

STAFF REPORT

Award-winning Magician Lonnie Chevie is back to amaze and astound members of the Winters Area Foundation (WAF) Future of Winters Club Tuesday, March 29 at First Baptist Church in Winters. Chevie performed two years ago and the event and is back by popular request. He will do close-up tricks at the tables while guests and members are arriving. During the evening, Chevie is sure to wow the crowd with a full on magic routine.

The evening includes rib-eye steak dinner catered by West Texas Rehab and Archie Jobe.

The theme of the evening is "Scholarships... Supporting Our Youth." The WAF is now respon-

sible for providing several scholarships and participants will have the opportunity to contribute.

Another highlight of the evening will be awarding grants to local charitable organizations.

Those who wish to see the magic show and participate in WAF activities, are welcome to join the Future of Winters Club, which has been active in the community for the past 10 years. Membership is \$120 and will include dinner for two and a ring side seat for the magic show at the WAF event March 29.

The dinner is casual dress. Tickets are available at Wheat Energy, Winters Area Business and Industrial Corp. and J & T Hardware, or by calling Susan Conner 754-5760.

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will be on display at The Rock Hotel Heritage Center, 300 West Dale Street, Winters, Wednesday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m. from March 17 to April 30. Donations will be accepted for admission. The exhibit will be open all day on Saturday, April 2 during the Z. I. Hale Museum's Spring Festival. Additional Indian artifacts and displays will be included with the exhibit.

For more information, contact: John Long, Z. I. Hale Museum, 325-754-5389, zihalemuseum@wtss.net.

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