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Briefly

Sales tax up

Sales tax allocations are up for cities in Runnels County, according to Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar. Cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts will receive \$767.7 million in local sales tax allocations for May, 1.1 percent more than in May 2015. These allocations are based on sales made in March by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made in January, February and March by quarterly filers.

Ballinger received \$157,081.76, a 19.36 percent increase over last year when the city received \$131,597.60.

Winters was up 1.87 percent over last year, receiving \$25,359.27 over last year's allocation of \$24,891.68.

Miles received \$6,943.39, a 24.23 percent increase over last year's allocation of \$5,588.95.

Early voting through Friday

Early voting for the May 24 Primary Runoff election will begin Monday May 16 and run through Friday, May 20. The election includes three races on the Republican side with Wayne Christian and Gary Gates running for Railroad Commissioner; Ray Wheless and Mary Lou Keel vying for the Judge Court of Criminal Appeals Place 2 and Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 5 between Brent Webster and Scott Walker. Only the race for Railroad Commissioner between Grady Yarbrough and Cody Garrett are on the Democratic ballot.

Voters may cast ballots from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Runnels County Courthouse Annex on the corner of 6th Street and Strong Ave. in Ballinger.

The last drop

More rain fell on Runnels County last week adding some additional moisture to the area. Ballinger tallied 1.32 inches of precipitation while Wingate received 2.05 inches of rain according to the National Weather Service in San Angelo.

Rain chances continue today, with a 60 percent chance of precipitation predicted decreasing to a 30 percent chance overnight. Following some early morning showers, Friday should be sunny and clear with a high of 82, forecasters say. On Saturday high of 79 and a low of 59. Friday expect sunny conditions with the high reaching 82. Saturday should be sunny and warm with a high of 85. Rain chances return Sunday with a 30 percent chance in the forecast.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 9.52 inches of rainfall, with 10.71 inches reported in Wingate and 9.93 inches received in San Angelo.



PHOTO NORTH RUNNELS WATER SUPPLY CORP. Lake Winters and Elm Creek Reservoir are officially over 100 percent full for the first time in a decade, officials say.

Winters lakes are full

Recent rains fill up Elm Creek, Lake Winters

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For the first time in about a decade, the lakes in Winters are full, thanks to recent rains.

Lake Winters, considered the old lake and the Elm Creek Reservoir, are over 100 percent full, said Jack Davis, superintendent of the Winters Water Department But, unfortunately, Davis said he could not access data to give the precise lake levels or historic data because a lightening strike during a storm the weekend of May 14, damaged the computers and they have to be replaced.

"It has been at least 10 years since the lakes were full," Davis speculated.

Davis said just three weeks ago, the lake levels were at between 80 and 85 percent.

The two lakes, supply water to the North Runnels Water Supply Corporation which provides water to Winters residents, to rural farms and to surrounding rural areas.

Lake Winters is located on Elm Creek, a tributary of the Colorado River, in the Colorado River Basin, approximately five miles east of downtown Winters, in Runnels County. Elm

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COME AND GET IT!



North Runnels hosts burger lunch outside

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North Runnels Hospital hosted a hamburger lunch on the grounds of the hospital Friday, May 13, 2016. This was the second time the hospital has hosted the lunch offering more than 300 hamburgers with all the fixings to the community.



RIGHT: North Runnels Hospital welcomed residents of Winters to their second annual hamburger lunch.





ENTERPRISE FILE PHOTO The Winters City Pool will be open for business on Saturday, May 28. The hours are 1-6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sundays. The pool is closed on Mondays.

Winters pools open May 28

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It's that time of year again and the possibilities for family fun in Winters, from swimming to outdoor activities are expanding say city officials.

The Winters City Pool officially opens Saturday, May 28 with hours slated from 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

City Secretary Shelley Antilley-Guevara, said the pool will open just in time for the Memorial Day holiday.

The cost is \$2 a day for ages 5 years and up and \$1 a day for ages 4 and under. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Last summer a pool sail was installed that helps provide shade for swimmers, thanks to donations from the businesses and individuals throughout

the community.
In addition, Antilley-Guevara said that a half-basketball court has been installed at Marva Jean
Underwood Park on Frisco

Street.
There have also been improvements made to the park on Wood Street - the pavilion is up and picnic tables have been installed.

"We have the playground equipment," Antilley-Guevara said. "We just have to get it installed."



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The Market Perspective A Messy World

Brasília (AFP) - Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff was suspended Thursday to face impeachment, ceding power to her vicepresident-turned-enemy Michel Temer in a political earthquake ending 13 years of leftist rule over Latin America's biggest nation.

A nearly 22-hour debate in the Senate closed with an overwhelming 55-22 vote against Brazil's first female president. Proimpeachment senators broke into applause.

Puerto Rico has defaulted for the second time in five months, as the island struggles with massive debt obligations and a flagging economy.

Last week, the island's governor said it would pay most, but not all, of the nearly \$1bn (£681.6m) it owed, using extraordinary financial measures.

Governor Alejandro Padilla has called for the island to be granted bankruptcy rights like those on the mainland.

Overall, the island has a total debt load of about \$70bn, which Governor Padilla has said the island cannot pay.

Donald J. Trump and Hillary Clinton barreled toward a general election showdown on Tuesday night as they dominated primaries in Pennsylvania, Maryland and other Eastern states, piling up enough delegates to close in on their parties' nominations.

Looking past their fading rivals, the two even taunted each other in dueling electionnight events. Mrs. Clinton chided the Republican's penchant for harsh language by



Dennis Elam

saying that "love trumps hate." Mr. Trump was more bluntly dismissive of Mrs. Clinton, saying her appeal boiled down to her gender.

"Frankly, if Hillary Clinton were a man, I don't think she would get 5 percent of the vote," Mr. Trump said.

The bull market is exhausting itself. The FED is raising the odds of the economic tail risk they are trying to avoid. It is an ephemeral sugar high. This moment reminds me of he

period before the 2008 financial crisis. Stanley Druckenmiller, Billionaire Trader, WSJ Thursday May 5,2016

All markets, both energy and the stock market, take their cues from internally generated mood of the market participants. A read of the above recent news items causes me to conclude that mood is decidedly negative.

Just a few years back, Brazil was the mover and shaker in the popular BRIC four country Brazil Russia India China combo. Today impeachment is front burner in Brazil amid the Petrobas scandal. Russia reels from lower energy prices leading to a collapse of the ruble. India is probably in the best shape but still suffers from regulatory strangulation. China seeks to draw attention away from an economic slow down

by projecting military strength into the South China Sea. Expect Russia to ramp up its military excursions again for the same

Puerto Rico, a US territory, is now officially bankrupt. Forty years ago in the market cycle New York, a major city, missed debt payments. Now we have an entire territory on the rocks. Yet this seems to go unnoticed.

And finally with majorities in the House and

Senate, the Republicans have an apparent candidate that none of the Republican "establishment" is behind. Welcome to 2016.

Energy

West Texas Intermediate broke to a new high on Wednesday. It climbed to \$46.75, a five percent increase in one day. We recently noted in this space that inflation was coming back. Perhaps we need to make that stagflation. Stagflation was a term coined in the 1970s. It denotes a combination of a lack of job growth, inflation, and a stagnant stock market.

Still the rise in oil price has not been enough to stave off oil patch bankruptcies. Eighteen energy firms filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in March and April, the most since prices began dropping in the summer of 2014. Some 70 firms have filed for bankruptcy in the US and Canada since prices fell below \$100. We predicted this in that no one will buy these firms as

that would mean assuming their external debts. It is far more advantageous to buy the assets in bankruptcy court without the debt burden.

Natural gas futures have roared back from the early March low of \$1.50. Now trading at \$2.17, futures need a weekly close over the last high at \$2.30 to affirm the uptrend.

Stock Market

The 10-week rally in stocks from the February 9 low appears to be ending. Watch the action in Apple shares which have officially entered bear market (down 20 percent) territory. Recent support is \$92.50 while the 200 week MA is at \$89.73. Taking both those levels out would be quite negative.

Essentially the large stock indexes have gone nowhere since the highs of last November. The bell weather Transports are also signaling weakness.

Market tops exhibit diminishing breadth with fewer new highs and a lessened leadership. Puerto Rico is not alone with its municipal outsized debt, Chicago and even San Antonio and Houston also have serious future underfunded pension obligations. As we said, the tenor of the markets has changed. We look for new lows the last week of June.

Follow Dennis at http://www.themarket-perspective.com

Battle Zika virus without new debt

'There is no reason why Congress can't give those on the ground the tools they need to proactively address this threat without sinking our country further into debt.'

— Sen. John Cornyn

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Contact

Over the past few months the Zika virus has spread in countries across the Caribbean and Latin America. Although the symptoms can be minor, the virus can cause severe birth defects in children. In places where Zika has hit particularly hard, like Brazil, experts have found alarming rates of infants born with microcephaly, or incomplete brain development, to mothers who had been infected with the virus.

As the weather continues to warm, more and more Texans are rightly concerned about the continued spread of the virus in our state. Fortunately, Texas's top research and medical facilities have

been working on ways to prevent the spread of Zika and protect Texans against its symptoms.

A few months ago,

experts at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston briefed me on their extensive work in Brazil studying the virus. Above all, they stressed the urgent need for the United States to proactively do all that we can to mitigate the spread of the virus. And in April, I visited with researchers at the Texas Medical Center to hear about their ground-breaking work to create a rapid test for the virus and strengthen mosquito control in potential hotspots. They, too, urged congressional action so that our country can be prepared to handle this potential health crisis.

After briefings like these, as well as with the secretary of Health and Human Services and the director of the Centers for Disease Control and



Jon Cornyn

Prevention, there's no question that we need to act with urgency to avert what could become

a public health crisis. And because of our warmer climate and closer proximity to areas where mosquitoes currently carry the Zika virus, states like Texas will act as the first responders to Zika in the United States this summer. Here's the bottom line: Congress can't sit back and do nothing; we have to do our part to make sure that organizations on the frontlines of Zika research and prevention efforts have the resources they need to get the job done.

Fortunately this week, the U.S. Senate will vote on several pieces of legislation to provide additional

federal funding so public health professionals can no proactively tackle this on threat head-on.

The first funding package is President Obama's spending request — a nearly \$2 billion partisan proposal that isn't paid for and provides few details about how the Administration would put that money to use. The second measure is a compromise package that would provide \$1.1 billion in funding and was negotiated between legislators from both parties in a common-sense way. The third proposal, which I've introduced, is nearly identical to this one but with one important distinction. My legislation would provide the same compromise of \$1.1 billion in federal funding. The difference is my proposal is fully paid for by using funds from the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund — resources made available for just this type.

of scenario.

Most importantly, my legislation will still provide health professionals and local officials in Texas and across the country the resources they need to help protect against the spread of the Zika virus in a targeted way, without adding to our debt.

The Zika virus is a real threat with real public health consequences. It's already impacted a generation in Brazil and other Latin American countries. And with the Summer months ahead of us, no one doubts that Zika will continue to spread in the United States. There is no reason why Congress can't give those on the ground the tools they need to proactively address this threat without sinking our country further into debt. The time to act is now.

Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Judiciary and Finance Committees.

Sales Tax Holiday for water-efficient, ENERGY STAR® Products

STAFF REPORT

(AUSTIN) — Texas families can save on the purchase of certain water-efficient and water-conserving products and energy-efficient appliances during the state's new Water-Efficient Products and annual ENERGY STAR®sales tax holidays. Both take place Saturday, May 28, through Monday, May 30.

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts estimates

Booked Parties \$40 & up

(Paid in Advance)

\$40 for individual swim lessons

(5 per week for 30 minutes each)

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shoppers will save an estimated \$8.7 million in state and local sales tax during the Memorial Day Weekend

sales tax holidays.

"Anyone who has lived through a Texas summer knows that this is the time of year when our state is hit by peak demands for both water and electricity," said Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar. "These two sales tax holidays, both set for Memorial Day weekend, give Texans the opportunity

to save some money while upgrading their homes and businesses with energy-efficient appliances and waterconserving products."

The Water-Efficient
Products Sales Tax Holiday
is new this year, having
been approved by the Texas
Legislature in 2015. Products that display a WaterSense® label or logo can
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accessories, toilets, urinals and landscape irrigation

controls. The sales tax holiday also applies to water-conserving products used or planted for conserving or retaining groundwater, recharging water tables or decreasing ambient air temperature to limit water evaporation. Items that qualify for the exemption include soaker or drip-irrigation hoses; a moisture control for a sprinkler or irrigation system; mulch; and plants, trees and grasses. These items can only be purchased tax free for personal use.

There is no limit to the number of water-efficient or water-conserving products you can purchase. For a complete list of items and more information on the Water-Efficient Products Sales Tax Holiday, go to the Comptroller's website.

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The Board of Directors of the Winters Public Library would like to thank the following sponsors for a very successful silent auction Saturday, May 7. A special thanks goes to the individuals who purchased items during the auction.

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RUNNELS COUNTY 4-H WOOL JUDGING TEAM SUCCESSFUL



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Runnels County 4-H Wool Judging Team competed at the District 7 contest in April and had a successful day. The Senior Team placed fourth overall and McKenzie Arrott was named highest scorer. Pictured from left to right are Sam Woodall, Mason Cave, Cole Cave, McKenzie Arrott and Reid Matschek.

COMMUNICATION

RCHC meeting Saturday

The Runnels County Historical Commission will meet Saturday, May 21 for the regularly scheduled meeting at 10:30 a.m. at Los Carlos Restaurant in Miles.

Dr. James Hays, M.D. will present the program with the paper, "Four Fights at Salt Mountain."

All meetings of the Commission are open to the public.

Blizzard Summer Camps slated
The Winters Blizzard Summer Camp

is slated to get underway starting with the Girls Basketball Camp May 31-June 2. The Girls Softball Camp follows June 6-8, followed by Football June 25-27, Boys Baseball June 27-29 and Boys Basketball July 12-14. All camps are \$30 and include a water bottle, T-shirt, and a Blizzard towel. Registration forms can be picked up at the field house or Administration building. If you have any questions please call Coach Matt McCarty at 512-517-8288.

Museum Annual Meeting The Z.I. Hale Museum Annual Meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 7 at the Rock Hotel Heritage Center. Suzanne Campbell, curator of the West Texas Col-

lection at Angelo State University will be the keynote speaker.

Memorial Day Ceremony The American Legion Post 8 will preside over the Memorial Day Ceremony at the WWII Memorial at the Runnels County Courthouse at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30. During the event, there will be prayer, singing and a speaker. The public is invited to attend.

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Cub Scout Pack 249 is having at food drive at Cash Savers Grocery from May 14-28. There will be a donation box inside Cash Savers to drop off canned and nonperishable food items. All the food that is donated during the two week period will go to the Samaritan's House in Winters. The scouts with to thank everyone who participates in the food drive.

Rock Hotel May Lunch

The May lunch at the Rock Hotel will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today and will feature spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, toast, dessert and drinks. Donations will be accepted for the lunches and carry outs will be available.

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 call903-474-4740.

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 theWinters 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 325-365-3890 or Judy at 325-754-5386.

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WINTERS STUDENTS COMPETE IN REGION 1 UIL IN ODESSA



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On April 23 six students From Winters High School competed at the Region 1 Academic UIL Meet held at Odessa College in Odessa. K'Lee Lindley, left, placed sixth in Ready Writing and Brandon L'Abbe, right, placed first in Computer Applications. Brandon advanced to the State Academic UIL meet which will be held in Austin on the University of Texas Campus Wednesday, May 25.

WINTERS ISD BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS

Breakfast

Blueberry muffin or cereal w/graham crackers, Peaches, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Pancake on a stick or cereal w/graham crackers, Pears, fruit juice, choice of milk.

May 24 Donuts or eggs w/hash brown or cereal w/ graham crackers. Mixed fruit, choice of milk.

May 25 Sausage roll or bagels or

cereal w/graham crackers, Blizzard berries, fruit juice, choice of milk.

May 26 French toast or Yogurt or cereal w/graham crackers, Banana, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Lunch

May 20 Chef salad or cheese burger or hot dog, Curly fries, salad/carrot sticks, pears, choice of milk.

May 23 Chef salad or Spaghetti/ toast or chicken sandwich,

Italian green beans, salad/carrot sticks, Mixed fruit, choice of milk.

May 24 Chef Salad or taco salad or chicken fajita, Corn, salad/carrot stick, apple, choice of milk.

May 25 Chef salad or mac n cheese or chicken tenders, Peas & carrots, black eyed peas, Salad/carrot sticks, fruit cup, raisins, choice of

May 26 Cheese burger, baked chips, carrot sticks, Lettuce/tomato, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

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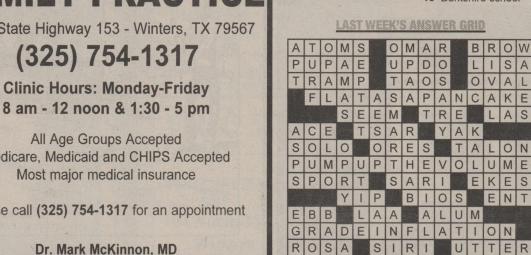
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Runnels County Jail Record

May 19, 2016

Name	Age	Agency		
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S/W forgery				
Keegan J. Holland	23	Miles		
DWLI previous conviction				
Robert J. Correa	31	RCSO		
Surety withdrawn out of county				
Larry Carson	60	RCSO		
MTR DWI third or more				
Christina N. Tamez	21	BPD		
Possession of marijuana 2 oz.				
Adrian J. Aguirre	31	RCSO		
Warrant-MTR, fraud				
Robert L. Kuhn	46	RCSO		

Warrant-purchase of alcohol for minor Kayla D. Hubach WPD

Aggravated assault deadly weapon causes bodily injury

Lorena A. Ontiveros

Warrant - possession of controlled substance Paul S. Book

Warrant - driving while intoxicated - third Austin F. Shoppe BPD

DWLI prior conviction, unlawful carry weapon Johnny R. Casas **RCSO** 41

MTR, burglary

RCSO Marky L. Izaquirre 21 MTR, POM

Norma L. Reyes

Driving while license invalid, previous conviction Ruben Robles Concho

Hinder apprehension known felon

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Van Zant

As a follow-up to my previous article regarding lavish spending by the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) on staff, Fox News Channel has reported that the WWP Board of Directors has fired the WWP Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Operations Officer (COO). An earlier CBS News report claimed spending on conferences and meetings went from \$1.7 million in 2010 to \$26 million in 2014 which, according to WWP's tax forms, is the same amount the group spends on combat stress recovery.

The news segment focused on a four-day conference in Colorado that was attended by more than 500 staff, which CBS News reported cost about \$3 million. 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 325-365-3612.

> - Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer

DPS Command College graduates latest class of leaders

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) today graduated 30 cohorts (29 from DPS and one from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department) from the DP-SCommand College. This four-month, senior-level leadership training course is designed to advance the science of law enforcement and support leadership development within the agency. Since its inception in 2015, this is the third class to graduate from the DPS Command College.

"Today these men and women have proven them-selves to be true leaders, who are dedicated to the people of Texas," said Texas Public Safety Commissioner Steven Mach. "We appreciate and are proud of each of you – the talented supervisors, managers and experts, who lead your agency. As you move forward, I urge you to lead by example and



ultimately strive to inspire

The intensive DPS Command College curriculum covers principles of leadership, ethics, communication, fitness and wellness. Graduates of the course completed over 600

hours of coursework and instruction on a variety of topics, including organizational management; effective communications and conflict resolution; and executive-level strategic planning. Command College students successfully completing the course will earn either nine college undergraduate or graduate course hours.

The specialized training our Command College graduates received during the past four months

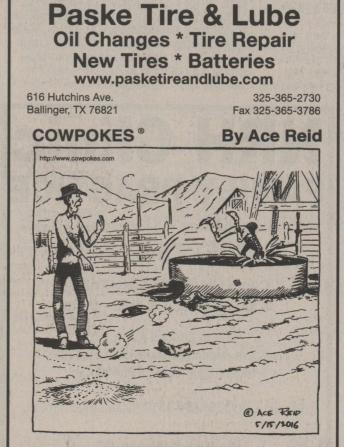
will be indispensable in their continued professional success, and DPS is pleased to have these outstanding professionals among our ranks," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Our department is dedicated to cultivating talented and inspirational leaders, and this rigorous program is an essential part of that mission."



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"Hey Slim, that's another thing about ants that reminds me of people—they git mad at anybody standin' around in their way."

SUBMISSIONS POLICY

Winters Enterprise

All submissions to the Ballinger Ledger or Winters Enterprise must be typed and emailed to the editor. Handwritten submissions will no longer be accepted.

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.

Please email all submissions to chawkins@ballingerledger.com or if you have questions, call 325-365-3501.

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Culberson an influential politician

Charles Culberson was part of an influential Texas political family. He would lead a notable career in his own right, serving two terms as governor and three terms in the U.S. Senate.

Charles Allen Culberson was born in June 1855 in eastern Alabama. Shortly after he was born, his ambitious father, David B. Culberson, moved the family to Texas and set up a law firm in Upshur County and was a state legislator by 1858 and later a United States Congressman from 1875 to

Culberson graduated from the prestigious Virginia Military Institute in 1874 and earned a law degree from the University of Virginia in 1877. He served as an attorney in Jefferson in East Texas for several years before moving to Dallas in 1887

In 1890, Culberson made his first run for political office, announcing his candidacy for attorney general. His father's influence as a congressman helped Culberson gain the political traction he needed. As a result, Culberson won the election handily.

Like his predecessor, Jim Hogg, who had since risen to become governor, Culberson attacked the corruption in the railroad industry and the price-fixing practices many railroads used to hurt farmers shipping their crops to



Dr. Ken Bridges

popularity by 1894 propelled him to the governorship as well. As

governor, Culberson enacted a number of reforms, just as Hogg had done in

the previous four years. He signed laws aimed at combatting monopolies in the state, made modest changes in the judicial system, and gave new powers to the recently formed Railroad Commission in their efforts to regulate railroad practices.

Just as Culberson's second term as governor was ending in 1899, the new state legislature voted to make him the new U.S. Senator from

He became an influential member of the Senate. He ultimately served as chairman of four different committees in his twenty-four year Senate career. Additionally, for two years starting in 1907, he headed the Senate

Democratic caucus. For six years, Culberson served as chairman of the powerful Senate Judiciary Committee, which oversaw the Senate's considerations of presidential nominations

market. His for federal judges. His committee approved four nominees to the Supreme Court for consideration by the full Senate, including Attorney General James McReynolds in 1914 and Louis Brandeis, the first Jew to serve on the Supreme Court, in the divisive 1916 election year.

That year, Culberson himself faced re-election to the Senate and had to face the voters directly instead of the election held in the state legislature, thanks to 1913 ratification of the Seventeenth Amendment he had supported. Culberson won easily, as he had in most elections so far.

Democrats lost control of the Senate in the 1920 election, Culberson still was able to chair a committee, given his seniority and respect among his fellow Senators. He chaired the Committee on Private Land Claims, a small committee devoted to settling land disputes on property bought from the federal government.

Culberson was disgusted by the tactics, corruption, and violence of the Ku Klux Klan, which was rising quickly throughout the nation in the years following World War I. He spoke out against the KKK on several occasions, but Culberson's political influence was gradually receding.

Culberson's alcoholism continued to take its toll on him. His health declined, and he neglected many duties to his constituents in Texas, which became even more important as the Senate was now elected by the general public rather than state legislators. In 1922, he faced re-election but was unable to campaign. The KKK threw everything it had into Railroad Commissioner Earle B. Mayfield, who managed to oust the four-term Senator.

After Culberson's term ended in January 1923, he stayed in Washington, DC, in general seclusion during his retirement. He died in 1925.

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Angels Among Us... I clearly remember

Christmas Day in 1967, when Paul Crume--in his popular daily column featured for three decades in the Dallas Morning News--professed his belief in angels. Oh, he acknowledged demons, too, but this day he wrote of angels.

It was a heart-warmer, and his column was applauded so widely by Christians, the DMN has seen fit to re-run it every Christmas since. For the few who "pooh-pooh" it, they might do well to end reading of this piece right now. I believe in them, too, even more fervently upon learning what happened on December 30, 2011, a mere five miles from our home.

Who knows, if I had listened carefully, maybe I would have heard the rustle of the angel's wings....

Probably no sycamore tree in history is better known than the one Zacchaeus scaled in Biblical days to get a better view of Jesus. Surely whatever other purposes it may have served fade in the bright light of its ultimate sacred destiny. The same seems true of a giant cottonwood, stretching skyward for 100 feet and attaining at least 100 years on earth before its ultimate worth came to fruition. On that fruitful December day, its center core rotted away, the tree became central to the ravaged life of nine-year-old Annabel Beam.

At the edge of death more than once during her four-year battle with a condition called pseudoobstruction, Annabel summoned strength that day to climb the big tree with her older sister Abby. Soon after reaching the limb three stories high, a cracking sound was heard. In their haste to get down. Annabel tumbled into what they'd called a "cave," but it turned out to be a tunnel to the tree's base. She fell head first, lying motion-



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nabel says she saw Jesus and sat in His lap. She added that an angel in the tree helped her attached the harness rescuers had lowered. Airlifted to Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, doctors were dumbfounded. Falls such as hers often are fatal, or at the very least, cause serious injury. Not only that, there were no disease symptoms, either....

Boston Children's Hospital doctors were likewise baffled. They, too, found no injuries or symptoms.

Soon, Annabel was back in school, gaining strength, no longer required to take a long list of medications. Now 13, she's taken no medicine since "the miracles.'

Mother Christy has journaled much of the pilgrimage, and friends urged her to write a book. She did. It has been on the New York Times' best-seller list for -weeks. The day the book was published, a storm came through, claiming the big cottonwood. It now stands only about eight feet tall, with more than 90 feet resting across several smaller trees below....

My wife and I visited Christy, who, with husband Kevin, has called greatly on both deep faith and deep reliance on their pastor, Rev. Scott Sharman, and

other Christian friends. They continue to reside on their 30-acre place near Burleson.

They are committed to living lives as normally as possible. Their daughters--Abby, Annabel and Adelynn--are now ages 15, 13 and 11, respectively, and attend Joshua schools. Kevin is a veterinarian in Alvarado. He's forever bringing home stray animals, so the "pet population" at their house changes often.

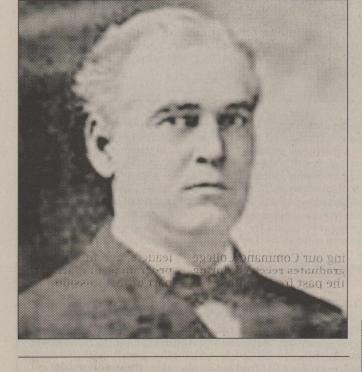
Needless to say, he likewise lives like every day is Thanksgiving, and he, too, believes in angels....

Miracles from Heaven is a "must see" movie. Based on the book, it has grossed more than 70 million dollars. My suggestion: Read the book first. It is written with no embellishment. The movie is a "based on" film, but deviations from the "way it was" are minimal. For both reading and viewing, have tissues at hand, maybe even towels.

It should be noted that Christy "held out" for the name of Jesus Christ be included in the movie. It is. She objected to a scene in which she was to rail against another woman in an unchristian manner. It was cut, the decision augmented by Jennifer Garner's refusal to do the scene!

A final hurrah: Jennifer has said the movie has made her view spiritual matters in a different way....

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

PERMIT NO. WQ0010325003

APPLICATION. City of Ballinger, P.O. Box 497, Ballinger, Texas 76821, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to amend Texas Land Application Permit (TLAP) No. WQ0010325003 to authorize an increase in the disposal of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 540,000 gallons per day via irrigation of 160 acres of land. The domestic wastewater treatment facility and disposal area are located 3,000 feet southeast of the crossing of U.S. Highway 67 and Elm Creek and 4,000 feet east of the intersection of U.S. Highway 67 and 83 near the courthouse in the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas 76821. TCEQ received this application on March 10, 2016. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Ballinger City Hall, 700 Railroad Avenue, Ballinger, 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.teeq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb6to/index.html?fat=31.736388&lng=-99.931388&zoom=13&type=r

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.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



Notice of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Application General Permit Authorization No. TXG921306

Application. Edward Eugene Norwood, 215 Private Road 3921, Miles, Texas 76861 and Emilio Chavez Cano, 1008 W Cleveland Street Dimmitt, Texas 79027 have applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for authorization to expand an existing dairy cattle facility from 2,000 head to 4,500 head, of which 2,500 head are milking cows, add new crop(s) and yield goal(s), and decrease the land application acreage from 102 acres to 82 acres, in Runnels and Tom Green Counties, Texas. The notice of intent and the nutrient management plan were received by TCEQ on April 9, 2015.

No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All manure and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The facility is located at 215 Private Road 3921, Miles, in Runnels and Tom Green Counties, Texas. The facility is located in the drainage area of the Concho River in Segment No. 1421 of the Colorado River Basin. The following 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.

http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=31.641944&lng=-100.2325&zoom=13&type=r. For exact location, refer to application.

A copy of the notice of intent, the nutrient management plan, the Executive Director's technical summary, and the concentrated animal feeding operation general permit is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ, Region 3 office, 1977 Industrial Boulevard, Abilene, Texas and Tom Green County Library System, 33 West Beauregard, San Angelo, Texas.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG920000.

Public Comment. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the Applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The Applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the facility is located. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the Applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the notice of intent for coverage under the general permit.

Information. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or electronically at http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the general permit process, individual members of the general public may contact the Public Education Program at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

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Runnels County shows well at District 7 4-H Roundup

STAFF REPORT

Runnels County had a good showing at the District 7 4-H Roundup held May 7 at Angelo State University.

Hannah Powers of Winters 4-H won third place in the Junior category in the Share-The-Fun piano performance and the Educational Presentation "How to Use Clouds to Predict the Weather."

Caitlin Virden of Ballinger 4-H and Avery Schniers of Rowena 4-H, won first place in the Senior Open Ag and Natural Resources category with their presenta-

tion titled "Pesky Porkers."

Matthew Minzenmayer of Rowena 4-H won second place in the Junior Beef category for his educational presentation "Cattle Breeds & How They Are Different."

Jessica Hinds, Saige Boatright and Katie McCleery of Miles 4-H won second place in the Junior Open FCS category for their presentation titled "Foods of the World." Sadie Boatright, Kendyl Riddle and

Jayden Hinds of Miles 4-H won first place in Junior Clothing and Textiles for their

presentation titled "Clothing & Textiles -Worldly Fashion."

Sadie Boatright, Kendyl Riddle, Jayden Hinds, Jessica Hinds, Saige Boatright and Katie McCleery of Miles 4-H won second place in Junior Dramedy in the Share-The-Fun for "Dork-A-Licious."

Paul McDaniel, Ryan Matschek, Cole Zentner, Cole Cave, Jon Binder, Ben Flanagan, Mason Cave of Ballinger 4-H placed first in the Senior Team category and all placed in the Entomology category:

■ Ben Flanagan – First place Junior

■ Mason Cave - Third place Junior Individual

■ Cole Cave - First Place Junior Individual

■ Ryan Matschek -Second place Senior Individual

■ Jon Binder - Third place Senior Indi-

■ Paul McDaniel - Fourth place Senior Individual

■ Cole Zentner - Fifth place Senior Individual



Paul McDaniel, Ryan Matschek, Cole Zentner, Cole Cave, Jon Binder, Ben Flanagan, Mason Cave of Ballinger 4-H

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Caitlin Virden, right, and Avery Schniers

LADY BLIZZARDS OUTSTANDING SOFTBALL PLAYERS



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The Winters Lady Blizzard Softball team has announced outstanding players for the season. Pictured from left to right are K'Lee Lindley, First Team All-District, Mackenzie Ballard, Second Team All District, Magan Ballard, Co-Pitcher of the Year, Shelby Gray, First Team All-District, Justine Garcia, Second Team All-District and Jessica Roman, Co-Defensive Player of the Year.

LAKE

Creek Reservoir is located immediately downstream of Lake Winters. Lake Winters and Elm Creek Reservoir (also known as Old Lake Winters and New Lake Winters) are owned and operated by the City of Winters. Construction of Lake Winters was completed in 1945 (USGS, 1971) and Elm Creek Reservoir was completed in 1983. Both lakes are used for municipal water supply for the City of Winters and for recreational purposes.

Elm Creek Reservoir and Lake Winters are both open for recreational use.

Visitors to Elm Creek Reservoir, located at 318 County Road 167, must stop at the front house to obtain a permit to use the lake, which includes fishing, swimming and boating. A permit is \$1 a day for Winters residents and \$3 a day for out of town guests. A permit is free for those 16 and under and 60 years old and up. There are RV areas which include electricity and water for \$15 a day and tents are offered for \$7 a day. Boats are allowed at Elm Creek as well. Plus this weekend, there will be an area for those who fish, to purchase bait at the lake.

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