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Briefly Summer camps slated

Winters ISD summer camps coming up include Baseball Camp, June 25-27 from 9 a.m. to noon for grades 2-9; Boys Basketball July 12-14 from 9 a.m. to noon and Football Camp July 25-27 from 8-10 a.m. for grades 2-5 and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for grades 6-9.

All camps are \$30 per camper and include a water bottle, T-Shirt, and Blizzard towel. Registration forms can be picked up at the field house or administration building. Students who have completed the 9th grade are not eligible for the camps.

If you have any questions please call Coach Matt McCarty 512-517-8288.

Get your art on!

The Mid-West Texas Artists Guild will hold their 12th Annual Summer Art Camp from 9 a.m. to noon June 20-24. Any student completing third grade through seventh grade is eligible to attend.

The cost is \$75 with and supplies are included. Snacks are provided each day but campers must bring their favorite drink. Please wear clothes or bring an apron appropriate for art activities. Classes will be taught by art guild members.

On Friday a "Show Off" day will be held for parents and family so each camper can display their talents.

Classes are limited to 25 campers. There are still some spaces left so if your child has an interest in art, please contact Queba at 325-365-3770 or Shirley at 325-754-4216 or any Guild member.

The last drop

Runnels County received some rainfall last week, which still leaves the spring of 2016 in the top five wettest springs for Runnels County. Ballinger tallied .39 inches of precipitation while Wingate received 1.48 inches of rain according to the National Weather Service in San Angelo.

Severe thunderstorms which included hail and high winds were predicted earlier this week. According to forecasters, summer is setting in with hot, dry conditions predicted throughout the coming week.

The warming trend continues through the weekend forecasters say with highs reaching the mid to upper 90s. The heat index through out the week could reach as high as 104 the NWS predicts. High temperatures could reach triple digits for the first time this year.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 17.25 inches of rainfall, with 16.71 inches reported in Wingate and 18.66 inches received in San Angelo making 2016 the wettest spring on record there.

Man, woman charged with burglary, prostitution

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Businesses and schools were placed on lock down Wednesday, June 8, while Ballinger police searched for a man who reportedly broke in to two hotel rooms at the Executive Inn early that morning. Ultimately, a man and a woman from Lubbock were charged with burglary and prostitution

and the case remains under investigation, Ballinger Police Chief Mark McNulty reported.

According to reports, Ballinger police responded to a call of a burglary at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 8. A man had reportedly kicked the doors of two rooms at the Executive Inn at 1005 Hutchins Ave. according to reports, and fled on foot.

"The call originally came in as five men and then we

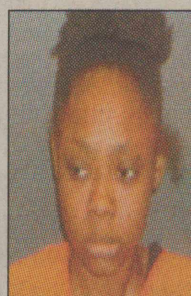
discovered there was only a man and a woman," McNulty said.

One of the occupants of one of the rooms, called police, McNulty said. He added that the man reportedly took luggage and belongings from the hotel room occupants and ultimately tossed the luggage in the alley behind the hotel.

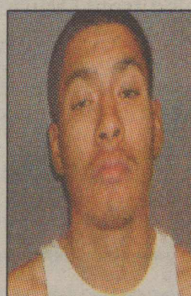
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RUNNELS COUNTY 4-H Roundup



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The Leaders 4 Life team from Runnels County place fourth in the recent 4-H Roundup held in College Station. Pictured from left to right are Bill Bredemeyer, coach; Sam Woodall of Winters 4-H, Davis Matschek, McKenzie Arrott and Cole Cave of Ballinger 4-H; Kolton Looka of Miles 4-H, Adam Multer of Rowena 4-H and Toby Virden, coach.

STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION — The Texas 4-H Roundup was held June 7-9 on the campus of Texas A&M University in College Station. Runnels County 4-H had 16 participants competing and the group returned with a number of wins in a variety of categories.

"It was a very impressive week and I am extremely proud of this

bunch," said Runnels County Extension Agency Garrett Cline.

On Tuesday, the Leaders 4 Life team competed in the State 4-H Roundup and kicked off in impressive fashion for the Runnels 4-H team earning fourth place overall.

Contests continued on Wednesday with the livestock judging kicked things off and Runnels County youth competing in the state qualifying contest. McKenzie

Arrott competed as an individual in the Wool Judging competition and was named ninth high individual.

Also on Wednesday, the Entomology ID team got to walk the stage at the evening assembly winning third high team, with team member Cole Cave being named third high individual.

Finally on Wednesday, Allison

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Sales tax up and down in Runnels County

STAFF REPORT

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hagar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$618 million in local sales tax allocations for June, 1.8 percent less than in June 2015.

These allocations are based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly. Sales tax in Runnels County, was up and down for June according to the Comptroller's office. Ballinger's sales tax revenue was down 7.33 percent at \$47,568.94 reported for June, down from \$51,332.52 from a year ago. But revenue is up 1.70 percent for the year, with Ballinger receiving \$506,803.80 for 2016 up from \$498,295.48 in 2015.

Likewise, sales tax revenue was down in Winters, with \$16,399.63 being reported, down 25.53 percent from last June when the city received \$22,024.75. Winters' sales tax revenue is also down for the year with \$114,854.15 received in 2016, down 12.97 percent from last year when \$131,974.75 was received.

Miles saw a 45.47 percent increase with \$7,195.30 reported for June, over \$4,946.17 reported in June of 2015. So far this year, Miles has received \$34,077.07, up 12.34 percent over \$30,331.46 received last year.

Hagar blames the downturn in revenues for some areas on the oil bust in West Texas. "Energy-centric cities such as Midland, Odessa and Corpus Christi continued to see decreases in sales tax allocations," Hagar said. "Meanwhile, other areas of the state helped offset those losses as Austin, El Paso and Irving saw moderate increases in allocations."



Glenn Hagar

TSCRA applauds Supreme Court Ruling

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

FORT WORTH - Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) last month applauded the Texas Supreme Court for ruling in favor of Coyote Lake Ranch, LLC in their case against The City of Lubbock. The Supreme Court ruled the accommodation doctrine that applies to mineral estates shall also apply to surface estates.

"The Supreme Court's decision is a major victory for landowners across Texas," said TSCRA presi-

dent Richard Thorpe of Winters. "This ruling clarifies surface owners have protections against those who may own an interest in not only the mineral estate, but also the surface estate."

In 1953, The City of Lubbock bought the rights to Coyote Lake Ranch's groundwater. In 2012, Coyote Lake Ranch took issue with The City of Lubbock's plan to drill an additional 20 groundwater test wells in the middle of the ranch, followed by 60 additional groundwater wells across the ranch. The owners



Richard Thorpe

systems and destroyed grazing for their cattle. The ranch argued the accommodation doctrine, used in the oil and gas industry, should also apply

in this case.

Coyote Lake Ranch filed their case with the Bailey County District Court where a temporary injunction against the City halted construction of the groundwater wells in November 2013. In response to the injunction, the City filed an appeal in the Amarillo Court of Appeals and the court ruled in favor of the City in June 2014.

Coyote Lake Ranch eventually petitioned the Texas Supreme Court to hear their case. TSCRA filed an amicus brief in

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Wingate School Reunion

The Wingate School Reunion was held in the Wingate Lion's Club on Sunday, June 5. Bill Cathey welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. As acting president, Cathey called the meeting to order and gave the treasurer's report and read the minutes of the 2014 School Reunion. Cathey was elected president for the 2018 reunion to be held on the first Sunday in June of 2018. He also reported that C. R. Dean, 94, was in a nursing home in Ballinger and would enjoy visitors. Troy Hensley gave a report on the Cemetery Fund and the cemetery, and said anyone needing information about the Cemetery should contact Cathey or Thurman Self in Wingate.

There were 19 people in attendance and attendees named the oldest graduate from the high school as Gene Wheat who is 82 years young. Zane Hensley traveled from Crawley to attend.

Cathey and his wife Cindy served cookies, vegetable trays and drinks, water, tea, or lemonade. A lot of good stories were shared and enjoyed by all. All of those in attendance had a good time, but missed those who were not there.

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION NEWS

Resources available for historic sites

AUSTIN, Texas - The Texas Historical Commission (THC) can assist property owners, local officials, and government agencies in communities impacted by the recent weather events in Texas.

In Texas, both disaster preparedness and disaster relief are coordinated by the Division of Emergency Management. With a federal disaster declaration, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will become involved. The use of federal funds to assist communities after a disaster is subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act when the clean-up and repair work impacts historic properties. In these situations, federal agencies will consult with the THC to ensure that the historic resources are protected.

The THC can advise owners of historic properties on the proper clean-up, rehabilitation techniques, and technical preservation issues in the aftermath of a disaster. THC staff can make site visits as needed to assist property owners as they plan for disaster recovery.

In addition to preserving historic properties, the THC website contains resources for the treatment of damaged museum collections and information from the Texas Department of Transportation addressing flood damage to truss bridges. For more information, contact the THC's Division of Architecture at 512-463-6094 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us/disaster.

Submit applications to THC's "Undertold Stories"

AUSTIN, Texas—Texas history is filled with stories of people and places that may not be widely known, yet are important components of the state's culture and heritage. The Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Undertold

Markers Program is your chance to nominate these as recipients for permanent historical markers that address gaps in history, promote diversity of topics, and proactively document significant underrepresented subjects or stories. June 15 is the final deadline to submit applications for this year's program.

Previous undertold markers honor significant individuals, places, and events including the Galveston Movement in Galveston and Shiloh Mission Baptist Church in Winchester.

The THC can assist local sponsors and County Historical Commissions with selected topics by paying for the foundry cost of a historical marker, or by assisting with the research necessary to submit and complete a qualified application. The THC utilizes general marker application funds to sponsor these markers.

For more information about the Undertold Markers Program, contact the THC's History Programs Division at 512-463-5853 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us/undertold.

Free admission to THC's historic sites this summer

AUSTIN, Texas—The Texas Historical Commission's (THC) state historic sites will again participate in the Blue Star Museums program, which gives active military personnel and their families free admission to museums and historic sites across Texas and the U.S. Coordinated by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the program began May 30 on Memorial Day and continues through Labor Day, September 5.

From western forts that defended the frontier to grand historic mansions, the THC's state historic sites offer a range of travel destinations where families can connect and experience the most

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Reading is Fun

The Fun Reading program is coming soon to the Winters Public Library! This program will focus on healthy bodies and healthy minds. The program will be at 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday in June. Children ages 2 years through 5th grade are invited to attend. Older kids are welcome and encouraged to volunteer with the programs. Be sure to mark your calendar for this June program sponsored by the Winters Public Library.

Head Start applications accepted

Winters ISD Head Start is accepting applications for the 2016-17 school year for children that will be at least 3 years of age on or before September 1. Head Start is a pre-k program that partners with the local school district and is designed for low income families. The structured daily program is taught by certified teachers and is aimed to give children a head start on life and education. This program has a limited number of slots remaining. For more information, contact ESC Region 15 Head Start office at 325-658-6571.

Fathers Day brisquets

The Rowena Lions Club will be selling whole brisquets at \$75 per brisquet as well as pints of hot sauce (Howard family recipe). The hot sauce is \$7, or \$5 if ordered with a brisquet. All brisquets must be pre-ordered, the deadline is June 16. The brisquets can be picked up from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Fathers Day, Sunday, June 19 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church parish hall in Rowena. To place order call Cliff, 325-442-2331 or 977-1672; Howard, 325-895-1648; Mike, 325-442-2006; Pat 325-442-3541 or any Rowena Lions Club member.

Dr. Ken Bridges



Dr. Ken Bridges

Remembering Gov. Lanham

Texas has had 48 governors since statehood was achieved in 1845. Some enjoyed remarkable success and achievements during their terms and have been remembered fondly years later. S. W. T. Lanham, who served as governor from 1903 to 1907, was a respected figure though he has been nearly forgotten.

Samuel Willis Tucker Lanham was born in rural South Carolina on July 4, 1846. He was the oldest of eight children born into a modest farm family. As a young man eager for adventure, he enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1861, barely 15 years old. His unit participated in several battles, and he served with distinction. At the age of 17, Lanham was wounded at the bloody Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse in Virginia.

After the Civil War ended, Lanham married, and left for Texas. After his arrival, he worked as a school teacher for several years, first near Clarksville and then in Bowie County before moving to Weatherford. Like many other

Donate to WPL

The Winters Public Library is reaching out to the community for donations. The library will have their annual silent auction at the May Fest. This is one of our fund raisers for the year. The May Fest will Saturday, May 7 at the Ted Meyer Park. If you will bring your donations to the library or call 325-754-4251 we will be glad to pick it up. Cash donations are always welcome and we will be glad to purchase an item for the auction. The Winters Public Library appreciates the community involvement for fund raisers and programs. The proceeds from the silent auction go toward maintaining the library.

AA meeting

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.

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.

Ballinger Farmers Market

There will be a Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday from June-September in downtown Ballinger. Fresh fruits, vegetables and eggs as well as other edible items such as canned goods, breads, jams, jellies and salsa - are welcome. Baked goods must be wrapped. Other items featured at the market will include plants, homemade lotions and soaps. Everyone from the area is invited to participate in the weekly event, which will not include arts and crafts at this time. Call Cody Rice at 316-549-2017 for information or stop by RM'S Cositas 718 Hutchings or fill out the application online at <https://codyrice12.wufoo.com/forms/ballinger-farmers-market/>.

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.

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.

Alanon meetings

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday night Enter on Avenue A and Seventh Street. side. Alanon is open to all family and friends of alcoholics and drug abusers and those affected by other forms of addiction. Child care is available. For more information call (325) 365 2323.

Recycling Center Hours

The City of Ballinger's Recycling Center, located at South 7th Street and Sealy Avenue, is open from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday. The recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Saturday, the recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to noon.

WIC open to many incomes and families

Women Infants and Children, (WIC) located at 706 Strong Ave. in Ballinger is open from 7 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. WIC is closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone 325-365-5925.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

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

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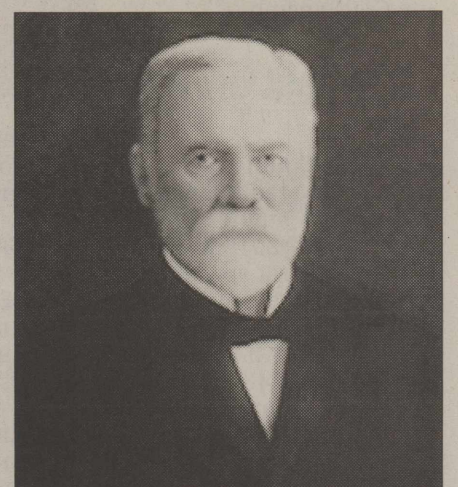
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frontier teachers, he was interested in furthering his own education and ambitions. He studied law in his spare time. In 1869, he was admitted to the state bar.

Lanham impressed locals with his skills, and he gradually developed powerful connections. In 1871, Gov. Edmund J. Davis appointed him as district attorney, a position he would hold ably for five years.

In 1882, he ran for Congress in the new Eleventh District, a massive district that included Parker County and ninety-seven other counties, covering hundreds of miles from Weatherford to El Paso to Amarillo. Once in Congress, Lanham rose quickly. By 1887, he was made chairman of the Committee on Claims, a committee which oversaw petitions made to Congress and requests for exemptions to federal laws. In 1892, he declined to run for re-election. Though he enjoyed his time in Congress and was well-respected, he had his eyes on higher office.

He prepared to run for governor in 1894 and worked hard to consolidate his connections across the state. At this time, nominees for state offices were chosen by nominating conventions. He lost the Democratic nomination to state Attorney General Charles A. Cul-



berson. In 1896, he jumped back into politics after US Rep. Charles K. Bell declined to run for re-election and won the first of three terms for the redrawn Eighth District, which included Weatherford and Fort Worth and a fraction of the counties he had served previously.

In 1902, Lanham ran again for governor, this time winning the prize he had so coveted. He would be the last Confederate veteran elected Texas governor. As governor, he enacted several laws protecting the rights of organized labor and acts

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arrived, the man reportedly fled on foot. A woman who was reportedly with the man, was apprehended at the hotel.

McNulty said Sheriff Bill Baird and other deputies from the Runnels County Sheriff's Department assisted in the search. The suspect was reportedly seen at the Allsup's at 620 Hutchins Ave. and at the Stripes Convenience Store at 1801 Hutchins Ave.

McNulty said local schools and businesses were notified of the man who remained at large at 8 a.m.

"We had several calls from schools and local businesses who were worried," McNulty said.

Ballinger ISD Superintendent Jeff Butts said all three of Ballinger's campuses were placed on lock down while police searched for the suspect.

"We made sure no kids were outside and that all doors were secured," Butts said.

Meanwhile, police had posted a description of the suspect - a black male, wearing camouflage pants and a black t-shirt with a short dread lock hairstyle.

The man was finally apprehended just before 11 a.m. Wednesday in front of the Hair Stop on Edwards Street in downtown Rowena. He was apprehended by Deputy Clemente "Tito" Mata and Sgt. Paula Geyer of the Winters Police Department. McNulty arrived soon after the arrest was made.

The man was identified as Shaheed Muhammad, 18, of Lubbock and was charged with burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony and evading arrest. Muhammad remained in custody Tuesday with a bond, originally set at \$7,000, of \$25,000. The woman, identified as Enajah McCutcheon, 20, also of Lubbock, was arrested and charged with prostitution, possession of marijuana and false report to a police officer and was released from the Runnels County Jail Wednesday, June 8

after posting \$6,000 bond. Dylan Correa, 18, of Hondo, who was reportedly an occupant of the hotel room, was arrested and charged with prostitution and was released Wednesday, June 8 after posting a \$2,000 bond.

Patricia Moeller, owner of the Hair Stop in Rowena said that Muhammad said he was given a ride by Olfen ISD Superintendent Gabe Zacamora to Rowena. A teller at the bank who had been following the notifications on social media, reportedly contact law enforcement to say that he was in Rowena.

"He looked like a kid in trouble," said Patricia Moeller owner of the Hair Stop. She said she gave him a banana and a soda when he waled in to the shop and asked to use the phone.

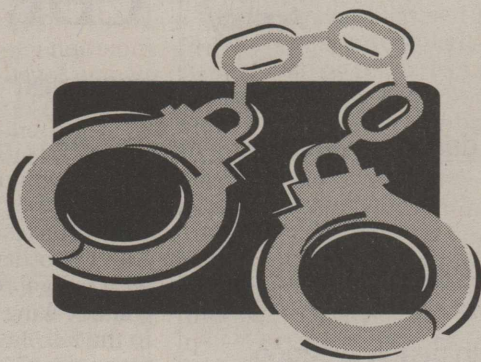
She said he then went into the bathroom and that is when Deputy Mata and Sgt. Geyer converged on the location and arrested him.

Upon questioning the two, McNulty said it was revealed that the woman was reportedly a prostitute and that the man was reportedly her pimp.

McNulty explained that an investigation of the cell phone of the individuals in the hotel room, revealed that Muhammad and McCutcheon had reportedly made arrangements for McCutcheon to have sex with the two individuals for \$500.

"We are not sure if that was for both or each," McNulty said. "We were able to see that arrangements had been made on a cell phone for a sexual transaction."

He added that the incident occurred, when one or both of the hotel occupants, "had refused to pay."



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exciting periods of Texas history. Several sites are dedicated to preserving the memory of military service in Texas, including the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg and Fort Griffin in Albany. Many of the sites recently made significant updates, including a new visitors center at Fort Lancaster in Sheffield and complete top-to-bottom renovations at Fulton Mansion in Rockport and Landmark Inn in Castroville.

This year, more than 2,000 museums in all 50 states are taking part in the initiative, including more than 500 new museums. Blue Star Museums is a collaboration between the NEA, Blue Star Families, and the Department of Defense. The free admission program is available to any bearer of a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 (dependent ID), or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card. To find participating museums and plan your trip, visit www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums. For more information on the THC's state historic sites, visit www.texas-historicsites.com.

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aimed at modernizing the election process. In 1903, he enacted the Terrell

Election Act, which provided for partisan primary elections for all state offices. In a state like Texas where one party, the Democrats, so dominated the political scene, the

primary essentially acted like the election. The law also set a primary date for the fourth Saturday in July to ensure that Texas farmers, the bulk of the voting population, would be able to participate and not distracted by planting or harvesting seasons.

His pragmatic approach as governor frustrated liberals and conservatives alike, but he remained respected by the people and won re-election easily in 1904. The position, however, was not what he expected. In spite of his successes as governor, the pressures of the office overwhelmed him, steadily wearing down his health.

Lanham chose not to seek re-election in 1906. His successor, Gov. Thomas M. Campbell, appointed him as a regent for the University of Texas, but it was not an honor that Lanham's declining health would allow him to enjoy. He died at his home in 1908 at the age of 62.

Just Around the Corner Father's Day a day for dads

Father's Day is a day for dads all over the country to be honored for their contributions to the family unit and by their children.

So it is the day that dads everywhere, can put their feet up and enjoy a great meal and perhaps a nice beverage or two and just plain relax.

But there are some historic facts that go along with this day - so I thought I'd help readers brush up on the history.

Father's Day officially began in 1910 in Spokane, Washington, where 27-year-old Sonora Dodd proposed it as a way to honor the man who raised her when her mom died in childbirth. Dodd was at a church service thinking about how grateful she was for her father when she had the idea for Father's Day, which would mirror Mother's Day but be celebrated in June -- her dad's birthday month.

The movement grew for years but didn't gain national-event status until 1924 under former President Calvin Coolidge. He said it would "establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children" and "impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations," according to the Library of Congress Wise Guide.

The holiday gained traction during World War II, and in 1966 President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day. President Richard Nixon made it a federal holiday six years later.

Today, Father's Day has a passionate following,

with about three-quarters of Americans telling the National Retail Federation they plan to celebrate on Sunday.

Here are a few more facts and stats about the holiday.

According to the U.S. Census there are more than 70.1 million dads in the U.S. - and believe it or not, about a third of those dads are married and have kiddos under 18.

But there are single dads too - about 2 million of them. And, guess what a growing demographic is the stay-at-home dad - currently there are about 214,000 of those, according to International Business.

Spending on Father's Day reached about \$12.7 billion last year with the average family spending about \$115 on presents - I don't know if that includes beer... But that pales in the amount spent on Mother's Day each year, about \$21 billion the retailers say.

But dads are incredibly hard to buy for- you can't just send them flowers. It's a tough call. My dad had everything - so I never knew what to get him. I know one thing he would have appreciated - a recliner - he sure loved his. In his later years, when he really did have everything, I took to giving him unique games - for example, one year I gave him a Rubick's Cube. He taught Algebra and Trigonometry when he was "in the kid business" in Odessa, so he appreciated anything that could be considered a brain game.

But if you are scram-



Celinda Hawkins

bling to get dad something cool, Cosmopolitan had some cool ideas, like some nice comfy slippers with sheep's wool

inside. Or how about a cool grill in the shape of a football for those times when you're tailgating at a Bearcats or Blizzards game?

On the food front, a good assortment of steaks might get the job done. Or how about chocolate dipped potato chips? I saw this one online.

For all you dads who have been out harvesting wheat, planting cotton or playing golf, you might like a fancy shaving kit with some nice moisturizers - hey - it's not unusual for dads to groom themselves.

For you techie dads, there are the virtual reality goggles. You can have great fun with these and never leave the recliner! Then there is the Apple Watch provided you have the \$600+ to pay for it. Then there is always the traditional watch, a Hawaiian shirt, a tie or some cologne.

But you know what, perhaps around here, dads in this part of the world may want to follow the lead of German dads and just spend the day drinking beer!

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Name	Age	Agency
Eddie Turner	33	Coleman
Coleman county warrant theft, Dallas County warrant manufacture/delivery.		
Strait C. Daniel	22	RCSO
Theft of property.		
Christian R. Rodriguez	25	Coleman
Evading arrest, aggravated assault.		
Stacey V. Kelly	32	BPD
T.B.C.		
Catarino Rivera III	36	RCSO
Warrant forgery.		
Richard D. Scott	34	WPD
Assault family violence.		
Dylan Correa	18	BPD
Prostitution.		
Enajah A. McCutcheon	19	BPD
Prostitution, false report.		
Shaheed S. Muhammad	18	RCSO
Burglary of habitation, evading arrest.		
Sharla A. Munoz	33	Coke
Credit card abuse.		
Bobby R. Warrant	40	Concho
Aggravated sexual assault of a child.		
Christina R. Carthorne	27	Concho
Engaging in organized criminal activity.		
Robert B. Perez	38	Concho
Burglary of habitation, unauthorized use of vehicle.		
Kasamon Croickshank	21	RCSO
Sentenced to SAFFP on possession of marijuana.		
Kelsey S. Huff	20	BPD
Interfering with investigation.		

VETERANS CORNER

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it has removed three senior officials at the Phoenix VA Health Care System. The move follows an announcement in March in which the VA proposed the removal of Lance Robinson, the facility's associate director; Brad Curry, chief of Health Administration Service; and Dr. Darren Deering, chief of staff. In addition to other causes, the three were removed for negligent performance of duties and failure to provide effective oversight for not ensuring Veterans were either properly scheduled for appointments or placed on an appropriate wait list. All three employees can appeal the removal decision, should they wish to exercise that right. As General Schedule



Sandra G. Van Zant

employees, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Curry have 30 days from the effective date of their removal to file an appeal with the Merit Systems Protection Board. As a Title 38 employee, Dr. Deering has the right to appeal his removal through VA's administrative grievance process. He will have 15 days from the date of delivery of the decision to formally grieve the decision to the secretary of VA. The employees will not be paid during the appeals process should they exercise that right. Since 2014, the Phoenix VA Health Care System has expanded its access to care working to effectively and timely treat Veterans with the care they have earned. 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

Runnels County Jail Record

Name	Age	Agency
Sheldon L. Bean	20	BPD
Aggravated assault deadly weapon.		
Coleton C. Dellaughter	22	BPD
Aggravated assault deadly weapon.		
Arthur L. Organ Jr.	19	BPD
Aggravated assault with deadly weapon.		
Jose Fernandez		RCSO
Turned self in, assault family violence.		
De Wess	32	Concho
Assault family.		
Joelda Esquivel	26	RCSO
Turned self in, forgery.		
Israel Garza	42	Concho
MTR theft by check.		
Alissa N. Pinon	26	RCSO
Theft by check.		
Riggin G. Valley	31	Coleman
Manufacture delivery controlled substance.		

DPS consolidating CDL Skills Test sites

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will be consolidating CDL skills testing locations July 1 in order to comply with federal regulations that will be taking effect in Texas in the fall. Based on existing resources, CDL skills testing will be only administered at 25 locations to meet the federal mandates for larger testing areas to accommodate backing maneuvers, equipment inspections and a standardized layout. During the 2017 legislative session, DPS will request funding to help improve the availability of CDL skills testing in Texas.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) enacted rules in 2011 requiring all states to test CDL applicants using a single national testing standard. States are required to be in compliance for commercial

driver licenses to be valid for interstate commerce.

In 2015, the 84th Texas Legislature passed enabling legislation necessary to implement the new federal requirements. Based on existing resources and the significant cost to acquire, equip and staff the new testing sites, DPS determined that the most cost-effective approach — while minimizing the impact to CDL customers — was to consolidate skills testing to the 25 locations that meet the new space requirements. In choosing the designated testing sites, DPS also factored in whether a location provided safe conditions for test administrators and applicants.

For a list and map of the new CDL skills testing locations, visit <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/documents/cdlNotice.pdf>. It is important to note that all other commercial driver license services (written tests, renewals, duplicates and address changes) will continue to be available at any driver license office in the state.

Approximately 92 percent of CDL skills tests administered during 2014 and 2015 were within a 50-mile radius of one of the 25 designated testing sites. In addition, the department is providing government entities, local fire departments and independent school districts the option of requesting CDL skills testing at their facilities — if they are located outside the 50-mile radius of one of the 25 testing sites. In order for a remote location to be considered, the testing site must be capable of accommodating CDL testing in accordance with the new federal requirements. DPS has also been communicating with affected constituencies and industry organizations in advance of this consolidation.

For more information regarding the new requirements, which applicants will be affected and general commercial driver license information, visit <http://dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/CommercialLicense.htm>.

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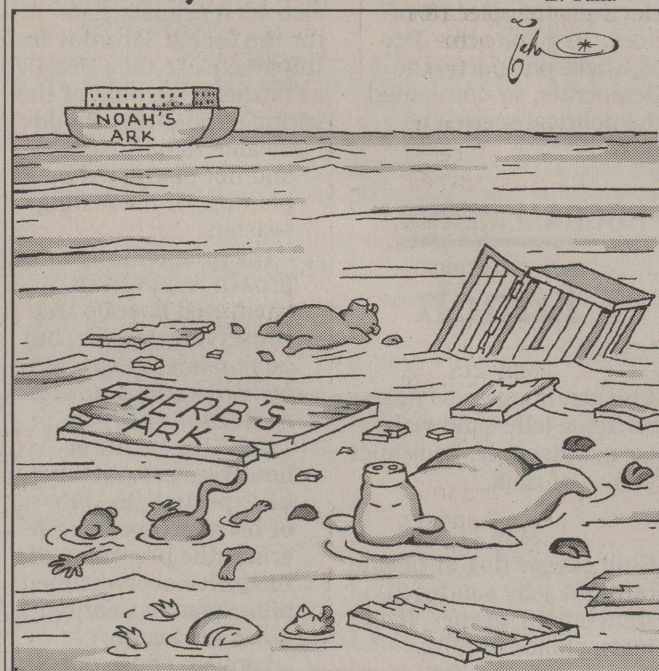
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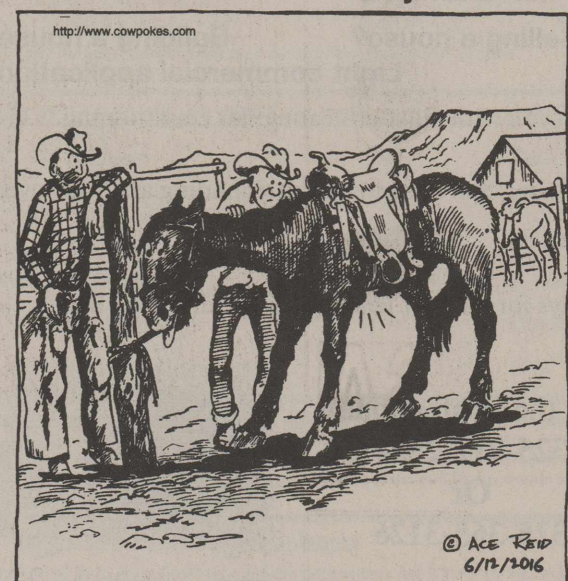
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The Market Perspective

How I'd Fix It

All the solutions we hear from politicians are strictly from the ethical standpoint of egoism. The two apparent presidential candidates are interested in what appeals to them, rather than what might actually be the best solution for all. With that in mind here are a few modest suggestions for ongoing problems.



Dennis Elam

Mexico

The most recent 2015 estimate guessed a Mexican population of 120 million each experiencing a per capita GDP of \$10,174. Canada's 36 million residents experience a per capita GDP of \$40,409. One reason Canada does well is the presence of a good deal of US owned manufacturing located in Canada. This is increasing in Mexico and that is a good, not bad thing. Such production is likely to raise Mexican wages. There is only so much one country can do to prod another but let's try this.

Decriminalize drug possession in the US, as former Secretary of State George Schultz suggested. Selling drugs remains illegal but at least we treat this as a medical not criminal problem.

Begin a Long Term Growth Initiative. Dramatic changes have taken place in former developing countries like South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, and China. Set a goal of doubling GDP in a dozen years. We need more not less manufacturing in Mexico. Offer generous tax-free status to new residents of Mexico. Develop more University partnerships between US Universities and Mexico. If the citizens of Mexico believe their future is as good or better in Mexico illegal immigration becomes a past matter.

But, seriously, there is no evidence this is going to happen without major change. The anti-corruption program needs serious funding which it does not have now. For an injection of new business I suggest offering new immigrants to Mexico five tax-free years. How about targeting Israel and Eastern European countries now experiencing their own difficulties? Make Vera Cruz, the Atlantic Port of Mexico, the target destination. If Israel with no natural resources can thrive, think what those Israeli citizens could do with the resources of Mexico.

Domestic US Economy

Grant US corporations a one time tax holiday on repatriating the \$2 trillion in corporate funds sitting overseas. Firms are forbidden to buy back stock with this money or pay corporate bonuses. The funds must be spent on capital improvements or research and development.

Throttle back on needless federal regulations which help keep growth under 2% annually.

Eliminate the corporate income tax altogether. Corporations do not pay the tax, their customers do.

Limit the increase in the Federal Budget to direct growth of the GDP.

Income Tax

Far too much time is spent on preparing and dodging Federal Income Taxes. And those on the so called bottom rung have lost all interest in the country with no dog in the hunt.

Replace existing multiple rates with a far simpler 18% flat tax with minimal deductions. People might actually prefer paying this amount if they thought the rest would be theirs to keep.

Eliminate the estate tax as it totally fails to do what its proponents claim which is break up big wealth. It certainly does make it difficult to pass down family owned assets.

Energy Independence

Approve the Keystone Pipeline along with repairing relations with Canada.

Repeat the ridiculous 54 mpg by 2025 EPA requirement which is nothing but a subsidy for electric cars. Let's put a stop to out of the air EPA demands which are simply an end run around Congress.

Relieve the energy industry of criminality for bird deaths while ignoring deaths from wind turbines.

Put the coal miners back in business, it is absurd to ignore one of our best sources of relatively clean energy.

All of these ideas have as their focus putting more disposable income in the pockets of Americans. ON January 5, 1914 Henry Ford realized this when he raised his workers to five bucks for an eight hour day rather than \$2.34 for nine hours. The next day 10,000 people showed up demanding those jobs, dramatically decreasing turnover. It worked then, it will work now.

Final Thought

The price of crude oil is likely finishing its first up move from \$27 to \$50. Support now lies at the \$40-44 level. As the US Dollar makes a higher low and advances, stock prices are liable to undergo correction as well.

Follow Dennis at <http://www.themarketperspective.com>

USDA offers disaster assistance to Texas farmers and ranchers impacted by severe weather

STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Texas State Executive Director, Judith A. Canales, reminds farmers and ranchers, families and small businesses affected by flooding, high winds, and hail in Texas, that USDA has several programs which provide assistance before, during, and after disasters. USDA staff in regional, state and county offices are ready to help.

FSA administers many safety-net programs to help producers recover from eligible losses, including the Livestock Indemnity Program, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program, Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) and the Tree Assistance Program. The Emergency Conservation Program provides funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters. Producers located in counties that received a primary or contiguous disaster designation are eligible for low-interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses. Compensation also is available to producers who purchased coverage through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, which protects non-insurable crops against natural disasters that result in lower yields, crop losses or prevented planting. USDA encourages farmers and ranchers to contact their local FSA office to learn what documents can help the local office expedite assistance, such as farm records, receipts and pictures of damages or losses.

Producers should use form FSA-576, Notice of Loss, to report prevented planting and failed acres in order to establish or retain FSA program eligibility. Prevented planting acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA). Producers must file a Notice of Loss for failed acres on all crops including grasses in a timely fashion, often within 15 days of the occurrence or when the losses become apparent. Producers of hand-harvested crops must notify FSA of damage or loss within 72 hours of when the date of damage or loss first becomes apparent.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) also can help producers with damaged agricultural lands caused by natural disasters such as floods. The NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides financial assistance to repair and prevent excessive soil erosion that can result from high rainfall events and flooding. Conservation practices supported through EQIP protect the land and aid in recovery, can build the natural resource base, and might help mitigate loss in future events. For declared natural disasters that lead to imminent threats to life and property, NRCS can assist local government sponsors with the cost of implementing recovery efforts like debris removal and streambank stabilization to address natural resource concerns and hazards through the Emergency Watershed Protection Program.

Producers with coverage through the RMA administered federal crop insurance program should contact their crop insurance agent. Those who purchased crop insurance will be paid for covered losses. Producers should report crop damage within 72 hours of damage discovery and follow up in writing within 15 days.

USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) coordinates with state, local and voluntary organizations to provide food for shelters and other mass feeding sites. FNS also can issue Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits when the President declares a major

disaster with individual assistance under the Stafford Act. States must request approval from FNS to issue D-SNAP benefits in areas affected by a disaster.

Under certain circumstances, states also can release, with FNS approval, USDA Foods to disaster relief agencies to distribute directly to households that are in need. However, a request by a State Governor and a Presidential emergency or disaster declaration are required in order to trigger disaster assistance under the Stafford Act.

When floods destroy or severely damage residential property, USDA Rural Development (RD) can assist with providing priority hardship application processing for single family housing. Under a disaster designation, RD can issue a priority letter for next available multi-family housing units. RD also provides low-interest loans to community facilities, water environmental programs, businesses and cooperatives and to rural utilities.

USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture provides support for disaster education through the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN). EDEN's goal is to improve the nation's ability to mitigate, prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from disasters. Through the land-grant universities and Cooperative Extension System across the nation, EDEN links Extension educators from various disciplines to share research-based resources to reduce the impact of disasters.

Severe weather forecasts often present the possibility of power outages that could compromise the safety of stored food. The USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) recommends that consumers take the necessary steps before, during, and after a power outage to reduce food waste and minimize the risk of foodborne illness. FSIS offers tips for keeping frozen and refrigerated food safe and a brochure that can be downloaded and printed for reference at home. For additional questions, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET or visit AskKaren.gov to chat live with a food safety specialist, available in English and Spanish.

For complete details and eligibility requirements regarding USDA's disaster assistance programs, contact a local USDA Service Center (<http://offices.sc.gov.usda.gov/locator/app>). More information about USDA disaster assistance (<http://www.usda.gov/documents/fact-sheet-usda-programs-assist-individuals-small-businesses.pdf>) as well as other disaster resources is available on the USDA Disaster Resource Center website. In a continuing effort to better serve the public, USDA has developed a new and improved central resource for disaster related materials. In partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other disaster-focused organizations, USDA created a Disaster Resource Center (<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=disaster-help>) website, utilizing a new online searchable knowledgebase. This knowledgebase is a collection of disaster-related resources that are powered by agents with subject-matter expertise. The new Disaster Resource Center website and web tool now provide an easy access point to find USDA disaster information and assistance.

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A Lesson Remembered...

Sobering lessons sometimes occur when we are caught between the unfor-giving jaws of reality. The "clamped down and locked position" is preferable, though, to jaws grinding away for the next bite of life.

In such situations, our prayers may hit the ceiling with a thud. At the thought of the next step—big time chewing—we are apt to seize the moment, ready to make a deposit into our memory bank of bitter experiences.

Though I hold three university degrees—as well as a smattering of "book-learning" in post-doctoral work—most important lessons have been learned in life's laboratories, often unexpectedly. Yep, blind-sided....

Popping quickly to mind is an invitation extended some 50 years ago to serve as a judge for "Miss Fort Stockton" at the community's annual water carnival.

I was dumbstruck with giddiness, the kind with cotton candy sweetness. "Hey, it's an honor," the inviter explained. "All you have to do is judge the queen contest. There'll be two other judges, so you won't take the heat for the decision."

Feeling buttons straining and hatband shrinking, I accepted. Surely my "judgeship" appointment would be chronicled—albeit with small headlines—in area publications like Fort Stockton and Alpine. Maybe even the regional newspaper in Odessa....

Only half listening, I paid scant attention to the names of the other two judges. One was a longtime, deeply respected area ranch woman and the other, a "professional" from a distant place.

Maybe she was "professional" because she got a free plane ticket to Midland Air Field, albeit a coach fare. Also, a "high



TEXAS
COLUMNIST
Don Newbury

During our instructions, we were told to rank each contestant, 1-10, in several categories, including personality, poise, evening gowns, and....

We two area judges took the assignment seriously. Neither of us ranked any candidates below "4's" in any category, with most of 'em getting "8's" and "9's". The out-of-town "ringer," however, took a different approach.

muckety-muck" from Fort Stockton chauffeured her in a brand new car provided by a local dealership. (The rancher and I got handshakes of thanks.)

Word had it—and I can't prove this—that she gave ALL candidates zeros in all categories, save one entry. Awarding 10s in all columns to ONE candidate meant this "Minnie Pearl look-alike" essentially named "Miss Fort Stockton." Except for the winner and members of her family, others at the water carnival might have voted to far and feather all three of us.

The visiting judge zoomed back to the airport in that same new car, considerably faster than on the inbound trip. I meandered, driving the hour back to Alpine, where I was a junior member of the Sul Ross faculty....

The lesson was well-learned. It was an experience I could have avoided. Failing to do so, I charged up to youth, arrogance and basic ignorance. Never again have I accepted invitations to judge queens of any event, including peach

and melon festivals and feather duster folderols. (Brownwood, the nearest town during my growing up years, once was the "feather duster capital of the world." De Leon still hosts the peach and melon thing.)

When invited, I always had previous commitments. So far, I'm a survivor....

There are far more serious votes cast in closed door sessions, few ever mistaken for carnivals or festivals. (Some of them have three rings, however.)

One such meeting more than 30 years ago involved the Board of Trustees of Howard Payne University. It was called to name a president in an era when such deliberations usually resulted in declarations of "unanimous votes."

I was hired on a publicly-announced 16-13 vote, took the job and served a dozen years, receiving annual contract renewals....

Detailed discussions and prayers notwithstanding, the "American way"—and often the "Baptist way"—occur before unanimity is reached. Historically, unanimous votes are the result of follow-up votes cast after clear majorities are known.

For the third-weekend-in-July event, Fort Stockton has plenty of water this year. Comanche Springs runs strong. May all go well at the water carnival.

Just in case, I'll whisper a prayer for the judges, trusting they are all local, handy for "tarring and feathering" if need be....

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USDA extends deadline for reporting farm structure

STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON- Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack last week announced a one-time, 30-day extension to the June 1 deadline for recording farm organization structures related to Actively Engaged in Farming determinations. This date is used to determine the level of interest an individual holds in a legal entity for the applicable program year. Farming operations will now have until July 1 to complete their restructuring or finalize any operational change. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued the extension in response to farmers and ranchers who requested more time to comply, and to assure that everyone has enough time to provide their information under the new rules.

"Most farming and ranching organizations have been able to comply with the actively engaged rule," said Vilsack. "This one-time extension should give producers who may still need to update their farm structure information the additional time to do so."

The 2014 Farm Bill provided the Secretary with the direction and authority to amend the Actively Engaged in Farming rules related to management. The final rule established limits on the number of individuals who can qualify as actively engaged using only management. Only one payment limit for management is allowed under the rule, with the ability to request up to two additional qualifying manager operations for large and complex operations.

The rule does not apply to farming operations comprised entirely of family members. The rule also does not change the existing regulations related to contributions of land, capital, equipment or labor, or the existing regulations related to landowners with a risk in the crop or to spouses. Producers that planted fall crops have until the 2017 crop year to comply with the new rules. The payment limit associated with Farm Service Agency farm payments is generally limited annually to \$125,000 per individual

or entity.

Since 2009, USDA has worked to strengthen and support American agriculture, an industry that supports one in 11 American jobs, provides American consumers with more than 80 percent of the food we consume, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials. USDA has also provided \$5.6 billion of disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; expanded risk management tools with products like to Whole Farm Revenue Protection; and helped farm businesses grow with \$36

billion in farm credit. The Department has engaged its resources to support a strong next generation of farmers and ranchers by improving access to land and capital; building new markets and market opportunities; extending new conservation opportunities. USDA has developed new markets for rural-made products, including more than 2,500 biobased products through USDA's BioPreferred program; and invested \$64 billion in infrastructure and community facilities to help improve the quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.

BROTHER J Boy, Man, Dad

Next Sunday the 19th will be Father's Day and it started on July 5, 1908 to honor 250 fathers killed in a mining and was later changed to the third Sunday of June. As I remember my dad and observe other dads it is amazing to watch the transition from man to father or dad. One dad I know has a big fancy motorcycle and a hot rod pickup and now a family. He is having a struggle but he is going to sell his motorcycle and pickup. You see they need a four door sedan for the family. Yes, there are sacrifices that should be made for the family. Thinking about sacrifices I am reminded of someone in the Bible that made a great sacrifice for us, (Romans 6:23). It was Jesus Christ who proved His love by giving everything He had for us, (Romans 5:8, 1 Peter 3:18). His sinless life and ultimate sacrifice provided a way that our sins could be forgiven and we could have a new life or relationship to God, (Titus 3:5, John 5:24). Many times children have no idea the sacrifices parents and fathers make for their well-being. I think they will never understand fully understand until they have children. I saw a large list of ideas for father's day gifts and that may be good. But sometimes a simple thank you daddy or I love you may mean a lot more. See you in Church next Sunday.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The WINTERS I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, June 27, 2016 in the Board Room of Winters ISD Administration Office, 603 N Heights St. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	-5.28 % decrease
Debt Service	0 0
Total expenditures	-5.28 % decrease

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$436,496,832	\$427,122,065
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$1,796,290	\$2,962,890
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$185,378,446	\$171,095,982
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$1,731,890	\$2,687,890

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0*	\$1.040000	\$4,314	\$6,090
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.208830	\$0.000000*	\$1.208830	\$4,414	\$6,404
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0*	\$1.040000	\$3,722	\$6,236

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$54,469	\$54,788
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$29,469	\$29,788
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.040000	\$1.040000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$306.48	\$309.80
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$3.32

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.040000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.040000.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$0
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

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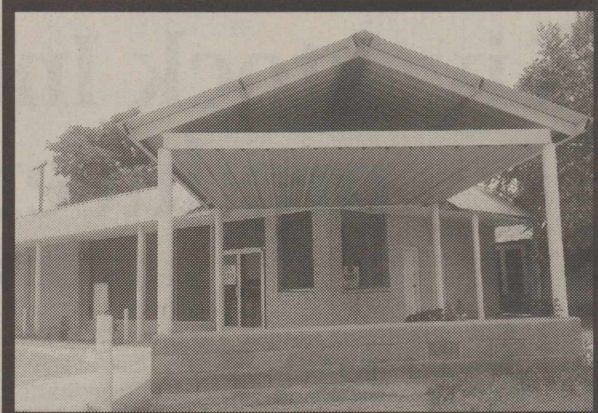
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Livestock Indemnity Program available for producers affected by Texas floods

STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION - Livestock producers who have animal death losses due to the Texas floods can apply for federal aid, according to state agriculture officials.

The Livestock Indemnity Program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather.

To be eligible, a producer must have legally owned the eligible livestock on the day the livestock died. A fact sheet on this program is available at <http://1.usa.gov/1JLJrMP>.

Ranchers are encouraged to call the Farm Service Agency office in their county to set up appointments as deadlines approach, officials said. There is a 30-day window which a producer must establish the claim of loss with the local Farm Service Agency office.

"It's very important to contact

your local Farm Service Agency office," said Judith Canales, Texas state executive director for the USDA-Farm Service Agency in College Station. "Just making that initial phone call to the local office and setting up a time to come in will initiate the process and take the necessary steps for prompt attention to a potential particular loss situation."

"It's important for producers to know that these are voluntary programs, so it's up to the producer to make the phone call and set up an appointment with their local Farm Service Agency office."

The program offers payments to producers who have experienced livestock loss beyond their normal mortality rates, which have been established by a Texas committee and are established state by state, said Dr. David Anderson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service livestock economist, College Station.

"The producer, if experiencing a loss, should contact their local FSA office immediately. A



phone call will get things going, but they must make an appointment. They then must go in and provide documentation to prove the losses."

The application will require proof of purchase. Examples are

video of what was lost, digital images, bill of sale receipt or other necessary paperwork to provide proof of purchase. Canales also reminded producers when meeting with Farm Service Agency officials to note if they

operate in multiple counties. The disaster programs are part of the Agricultural Act of 2014, the new farm bill, which has also helped Texas cattle producers rebuild and recover drought losses

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November 2014 in support of Coyote Lake Ranch, urging the Supreme Court to hear the case. The Supreme Court heard oral arguments on the case on Oct. 14, 2015, and the court ruled in favor of the ranch today. The decision states the City has the responsibility to use only the amount of surface "reasonably necessary" to its operations and only do this with "due regard" for the rights of the surface owner.

"TSCRA appreciates Coyote Lake Ranch, the Supreme Court of Texas and other leaders who have worked tirelessly on this case. TSCRA will continue to be actively engaged in private property rights issues and work to preserve and protect landowners' constitutional rights," Thorpe concluded.

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Schaefer and Davis Matschek were presented with their Texas 4-H Scholarships at the evening assembly.

On Thursday morning Avery Flanagan competed in the invitational livestock judging contest and earned honors as an individual being fifth in beef and fifth in the sheep and goats category. That afternoon Avery Schniers and Caitlin Virden presented their Educational Presentation over feral hogs in Texas and received seventh place in the Open Ag & Natural Resources division.

Also on Thursday, Allison Schaefer presented her entry in the Food Show in the grains category.

During the closing assembly, Adam Multer received a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship.



Runnels County youth participated in the 4-H Roundup in College Station June 27-9. Pictured from left to right are Runnels County Extension Agent Garrett Cline, Macey Gerhart of Winters 4-H, Shane Flanagan and Macy Lange of Ballinger 4-H.

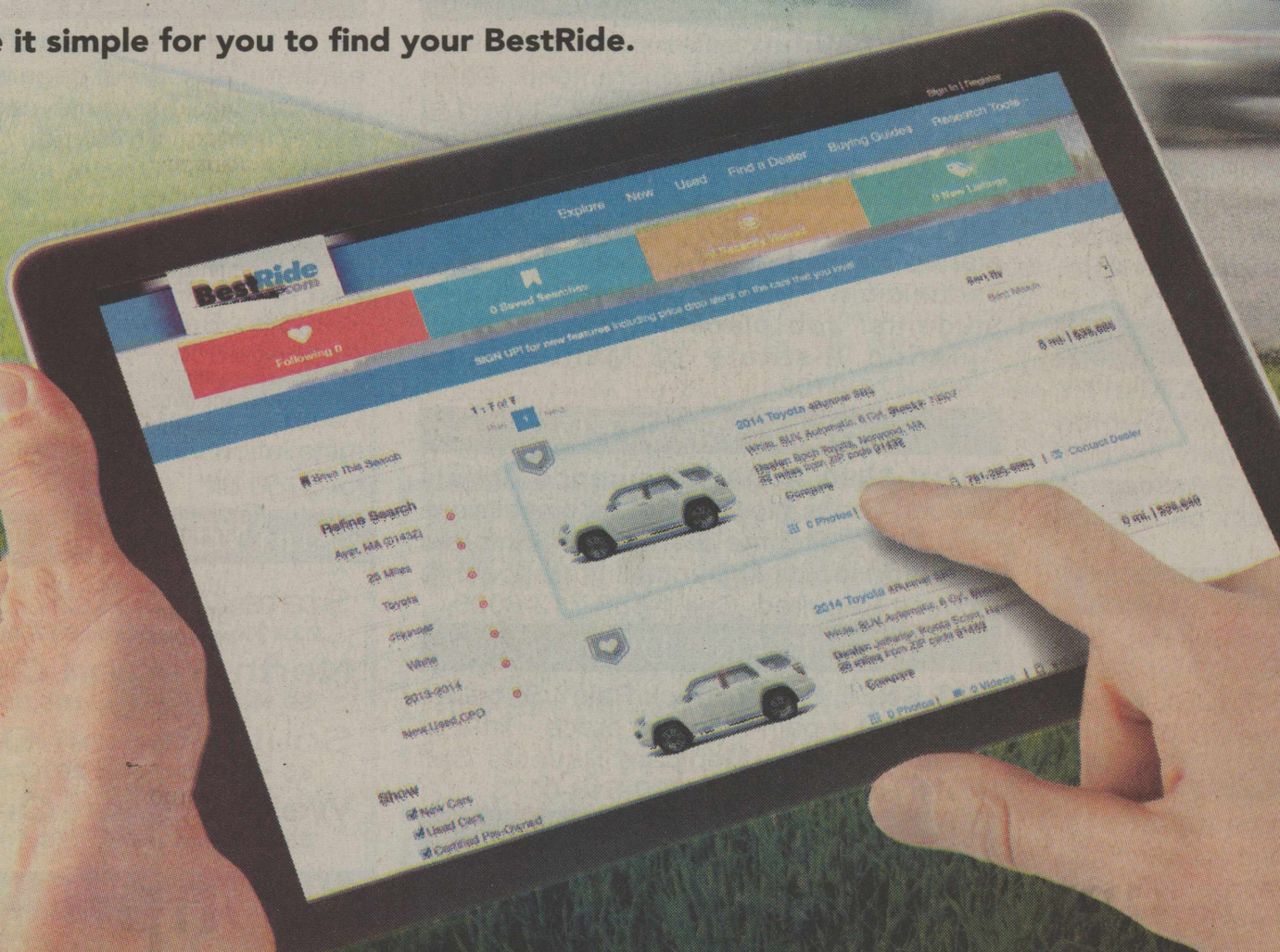
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