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The Winters ENTERPRISE

Thursday, August 11, 2016

Briefly

Meet the Blizzards

Meet the Blizzards will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday August 23 at Blizzard Stadium. Join the Winters Athletic Booster Club at Blizzard Stadium for homemade ice cream and get to know your 2016-2017 Blizzards. Anyone interested in becoming a member to the booster club can sign up during the event.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase for \$1 each or six for \$5 for three prizes including a \$250 Visa gift card, \$50 Wheat Energy gift card or a 30 ounce Yeti tumbler.

The booster club will be taking pre-pay button orders this year at \$4 each. Buttons may be ordered on Aug. 18 during the meet the teacher event at Winters Elementary from booster members Kalene Lincycumb or Stephanie Hadlock or during the Meet the Blizzards event.

Ready for some football

Purchases for the season tickets and reserved seats for the 2016 Blizzard Football season may be made at the WISD Administration Office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Season tickets will be \$30 per seat this season.

Season tickets and reserved seats are sold as one "Season Ticket" to be used for all six home games. Fans that did not have season tickets or reserved seats last year may start purchasing tickets Wednesday, August 17. These tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

All senior citizens, 60 or older will receive free general admission. Senior citizen general admission passes are also available at the WISD administration office. General admission tickets may be purchased at the gate. No advance tickets are available. Admission to varsity games will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Junior varsity and junior high admission prices will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. The Blizzards will host the first home game on Friday August 26 at 7:30 p.m. against San Saba.

The last drop

Hot and dry conditions continued in August with temperatures reaching the century mark and over in Runnels County, forecasters at the National Weather Service in San Angelo reported.

No rain was reported in Ballinger, Winters and San Angelo during the past week, but that may be about to change.

A cold front is expected to move through the area increasing the chances for rain beginning Friday evening with a 30 percent chance and moving to a 50 percent chance of rain Saturday and Sunday, the NWS reported. Plus, cooler temperatures are in the forecast with highs reaching 93 on Friday and down to 90 degrees for Saturday and Sunday.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 17.56 inches of rainfall, with 16.71 inches reported in Wingate and 22.72 inches received in San Angelo.

14th annual Dove Fest to take off in Winters Sept. 3

Hundreds expected to attend local event

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The 14th Annual Winters Dove Fest will take flight Saturday, Sept. 3 with events scheduled all over the area.

Dove Fest is held each year in Winters to coincide with the beginning of Dove Season and events kick off Saturday with dove hunts, a 5-K and bike ride, a clay pigeon shoot, arts and crafts, a gun show, gun raffle and the annual hunter appreciation barbe-

cue lunch.

Proceeds from the annual event go to civic and youth groups across the community, said Dove Fest Chairperson Sandee Schneider.

"They go to the organizations who volunteer to help with the events," Schneider said.

This year, there will be three shotguns, three rifles and one pistol up for grabs during the Raffle for 7 Guns. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, six for \$25 or 25 for \$100. The guns are being offered by J.T.

Hardware in Winters.

Elvis impersonator Harvey McFadden will be entertaining the crowds with his "Tribute to Elvis," performances from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Hunters Appreciation Barbecue will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Winters Community Center. The barbecue brisket will be prepared by the Winters Volunteer Fire Department. Brisket and all the trimmings, drink and dessert is \$10 for



FILE PHOTO

The Winters Gun Show is one of the most popular events each year at Dove Fest. The show will feature guns, knives and hunting equipment and will be located in downtown Winters. The cost to get in is \$5 per person.

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Are you ready for some FOOTBALL?

Winters Blizzards get ready for the season



PHOTO COURTESY JOE GERHART

The Winters Blizzards engaged in a pre-season intersquad scrimmage on Friday, Aug. 5, 2016 at Blizzard Stadium. Here, Mikey Diaz is running the ball and Omar Martinez is chasing him. Meet the Blizzards on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23 at Blizzard Stadium.

RCHC hosts first awards dinner

Chairperson honored for distinguished service

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The members of the Runnels County Historical Commission presented the first distinguished service award to Jane Ruth Cooper during the first annual Awards

Dinner on Saturday, July 30, at the Rock Hotel Heritage Center in Winters.

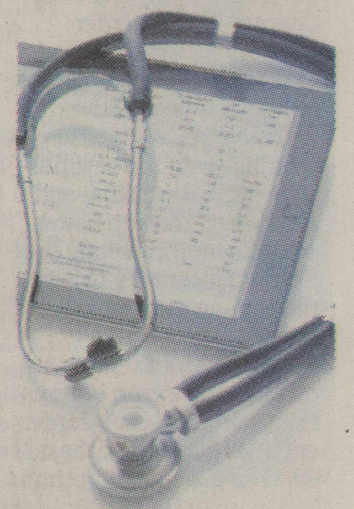
Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard presented the Distinguished Service Award for the Preservation of History in Runnels County to

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Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard presented the first Distinguished Service Award to Jane Ruth Cooper, chairperson of the Runnels County Historical Commission during the first annual awards dinner held Saturday, July 30, 2016 at the Rock Hotel in Winters.



METRO CREATIVE PHOTO

Health screenings offered in Winters Sept. 15

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Residents living in and around Winters can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. First United Methodist Church of Winters will host this community event on Thursday, Sept. 15 at the church at 141 N. Church St. in Winters.

Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for heart disease, stroke and overall vascular health.
- HDL and LDL cholesterol levels.
- Diabetes risk.
- Bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis.
- Kidney and thyroid function and more.

Screenings are affordable, convenient and accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Free parking is also available.

Packages start at \$149.00, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based in your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit the website at www.lifelinescreening.com. Preregistration is required.

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Big Country Wheat Conference in Abilene Aug. 18

BY STEVE BYRNS
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EXTENSION SERVICE

ABILENE -- Alternative crop options and latest in new technology will headline this year's Big Country Wheat Conference in Abilene.

The biennial event conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will be held Aug. 18 in the Big Country Hall located on the Taylor County Exposition Center grounds, 1982 Lytle Way. The conference is free of charge if attendees are pre-registered by Aug. 15, but \$20 fee will be charged thereafter.

On-site registration will start at 8:30 a.m. and the conference will start at 9 a.m. and end at 4:15 p.m.

"Current wheat prices have many producers looking for alternatives," said Robert Pritz, AgriLife Extension agent in Taylor county. "We have heard a lot of producers looking for different options, so our goal for this year's Big Country Wheat Conference will be to help wheat growers determine the pros and cons of alternative crop options. We're also offering them the best possible decision-making and production tools to better equip them for making the tough choices they face in the coming months and years."

Along with the emphasis on alternative crop options, Pritz said this year's conference will also stress the latest crop production techno-

logical advancements.

Other conference topics and speakers will include:

- World Wheat Outlook, Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grain marketing economist, College Station.

- Ag. Lending for Today's Wheat Producer, Jason Gibson, vice president lending, Capital Farm Credit, Abilene.

- Crop Rotation and Alternatives to Wheat, Dr. Paul DeLaune, Texas A&M Research scientist, Vernon.

- Short-term and Long-term Weather Forecasts, National Weather Service, San Angelo.

- Soil Fertility Management for Wheat Production, Dr. Jake Mowrer, AgriLife Extension soil fertility specialist, College Station.

- Wheat Variety Performance, Insect and Disease Management, and Latest in Technological Advancements in Field Crop Production, Dr. Clark Neely, AgriLife Extension small grains specialist, College Station.

- Weed Management and Weed Resistance, Dr. David Drake, AgriLife Extension agronomist, San Angelo.

- Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units - one general, one integrated pest management and one laws and regulations - will be available for private pesticide applicator license holder.

For more information and to preregister, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Taylor County at 325-672-6048.

MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION

Bring the Bible back

Those of us who hold the Bible to be the Word of God have witnessed the decline of its influence in our society. As a student in my Elementary and Jr. High Schools the Bible was read every morning as classes began. Prayer was band from school long ago. Obviously from historical records and writings it is evident that the Bible had tremendous influence in the formation of our country's constitution. The formation of a land where people acknowledged God and the authority of His inspired Word brought great blessings. Many of the blessings that have flowed so freely upon our nation are diminishing.



Max Pratt

I am thrilled to know that many recognize the great need to be a nation that places our trust in God have begun to voice this conviction in a more public way than in many decades. But, I am very concerned that basically we live

in a generation that is Bible illiterate. Even among Christians who are regular worship attenders the Bible is not known. With all our modern day advancements in education and technology, Biblical principles and truths are not well known. There are far too many reasons to discuss why this has happened over the last

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Kathy Darlene (Smith) Walker

Kathy Darlene (Smith) Walker, 62, passed from this world on July 4, 2016, in Winters, Texas. Kathy was born to Janie Adams Smith and Billie Wayne Smith on November 13, 1953 in Abilene, Texas. After attending school in Gainesville and Abilene her family returned to Winters where she was a member of the band and a high school cheerleader.



Kathy's early adulthood brought motherhood with two daughters and being a wife. After the dissolution of her marriage, she moved to Austin, where she remarried and had a son. Kathy's professional career was as eclectic as she was, ranging from a secretary in a law firm to sales in restaurant supplies to finally becoming an interior decorator/designer. She spent years as a pianist and Sunday school teacher for the various Baptist churches she attended throughout her life, including First Baptist Church of Winters.

Baptist Church of Winters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Walker, her parents and Billie Wayne and Janie, and grandparents James (Buck) and Verda (Hudson) Smith and Chester and Wilma (McMillan) Adams.

She is survived by her children; Shelly Antilley-Guevara and Lupe Guevara, Jamie Antilley and Bobby Yates, all of Winters, Hunter Walker and Rachel Lovelace of Kerrville. Her grandchildren Hannah and Estefan, Jeffery, Mollie, Mathew, Samantha, Tristan all of Winters, Heston and Garrett of Kerrville. Her great-grandchildren Jacob and Braxton.

Other survivors include her siblings Brenda, John, and Teresa along with many nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and her daughters father, Gary Antilley.

A memorial service is scheduled for August 13, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Winters with a reception to follow at the Rock Hotel Heritage Center in Winters. Services handled by Rosewood Memorial Funeral Home Ballinger, Texas. Flowers to be handled by Bloomin Flowers, Winters 325-754-4500. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Interim Healthcare of Abilene and/or any children's organization of your choice.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

NRH board election

North Runnels County Hospital District will have three board of director positions open on the November 2016 ballot. Incumbents for the three seats are Sandra J. Hilliard, James T. Self, and Dewey Whitfield. Filing began July 23 and will end at 5 p.m. Aug. 22. Please contact Teresa Walden at North Runnels Clinic 7571 State Hwy. 153 in Winters, between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon and from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. for an application for a place on the ballot.

Donate school supplies

Drop off donated school supplies for the upcoming school year at the Winters Public Library. This project is in coordination by the Winters BEST organization, which will distribute the supplies once school begins. Backpacks of all sizes are requested, in addition to crayons, colored pencils, highlighters, pencils, and school boxes. A complete list of items is available at the library.

Winters Public Library Workshop

Want to learn how to get the most from your iPhone? Attend the iPhone workshop at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16 at the Winters Public Library and Tom Miller will demonstrate the basic use of your phone and will show attendees how to take their iPhone skills to the next level. Bring your phone and questions!

Winner, winner brisket and chicken dinner

The Olfen St. Boniface Knights of Columbus will be selling BBQ briskets on Saturday, Aug. 20. The cost is \$8 per pound for the brisket and \$7 for each whole chickens, which can be picked up at the St. Boniface Parish hall at Olfen at 5 p.m. Please pre-order by calling Marty Frey at 325-365-6618 or David Rohmfeld 325-442-3331. The deadline for orders is August 17.

VFW Membership Appreciation Dinner

The Rowena VFW Post 9196 and the Auxiliary will have a membership recruitment and membership appreciation dinner at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14 at the post home in Rowena. members, potential members and their families are invited. Korean veterans will be recognized for their service during the event. For more information contact John Multer at 325-658-1655.

What happens in Vegas...

ROWENA - Vegas Nights in Runnels County will get rolling Saturday, Aug. 27 at St. Joseph's Hall in Rowena. The event is sponsored by the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show Association with the Casino Night hosted by Casino Connection of Georgetown. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a steak dinner served at 6:45 p.m. with the \$2,000 Grand Prize cash drawing to be held at 7:30 p.m. Casino Night will be held from 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. Tickets are

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\$100 per couple and \$60 per individual, which includes \$5,000 per person in Casino Night money. There will be chances to win tickets for basket and prizes. No one under 18 will be admitted. The event is BYOB with setups available.

CASA volunteers wanted

The Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County, Inc. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is seeking volunteers. Currently CASA serves 60 percent of the children in foster care. To sign up, call 325-653-4673 or email mblue@cactomgreen.org. CASA serves Tom Green, Runnels, Concho, Crockett, Coke, Irion, Reagan, Sutton, Sterling and Schleicher counties.

AA meeting

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, in Ballinger, at 7 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday. 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.

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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Winters Summer Reading Program a success

STAFF REPORT

The Winters Public Library concluded a successful weekly Summer Reading Program. An average of 48 children attended the programs during the month of June.

New this year during July was the addition of school readiness activities for preschoolers, reading along with an adult for school age children, and math tutoring for those students wanting to maintain or sharpen those skills.

Children who attended programs during July received a free swim pass as an incentive. The program culminated with a Swimming Party on August 3 for those children who had consistently attended sessions throughout the summer.

The Library appreciates the many volunteers and parents who helped make this summer so special. Henry Munoz

and Kimberley Rogers of Region 15 Education Service Center Head Start Program used music and movement for a very entertaining time with the preschool group.

Dianne Davis shared stories and activities with the preschool group during June. Robert Campbell provided math and literacy tutoring all summer. Susan Connor engaged the older group in tai chi moves. Nancy Spill and Kristi Guerin guided the group through active outdoor games.

Sandy Taylor discussed healthy snacks and helped the children prepare their own healthy snacks of tortillas and toppings. Nancy Robinson Masters talked with the children about being an author and read a select book for their pleasure. Other library board members and community friends assisted to make sure the children enjoyed their experiences.



TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE

Edna Gladney a champion of children

Most successful people in the world will point to those special influences from their childhoods for their inspiration because people cared. Texan Edna Gladney devoted her life to improving the lives of children, providing love and finding homes for children. Gladney began a movement that made life better for children across the state.



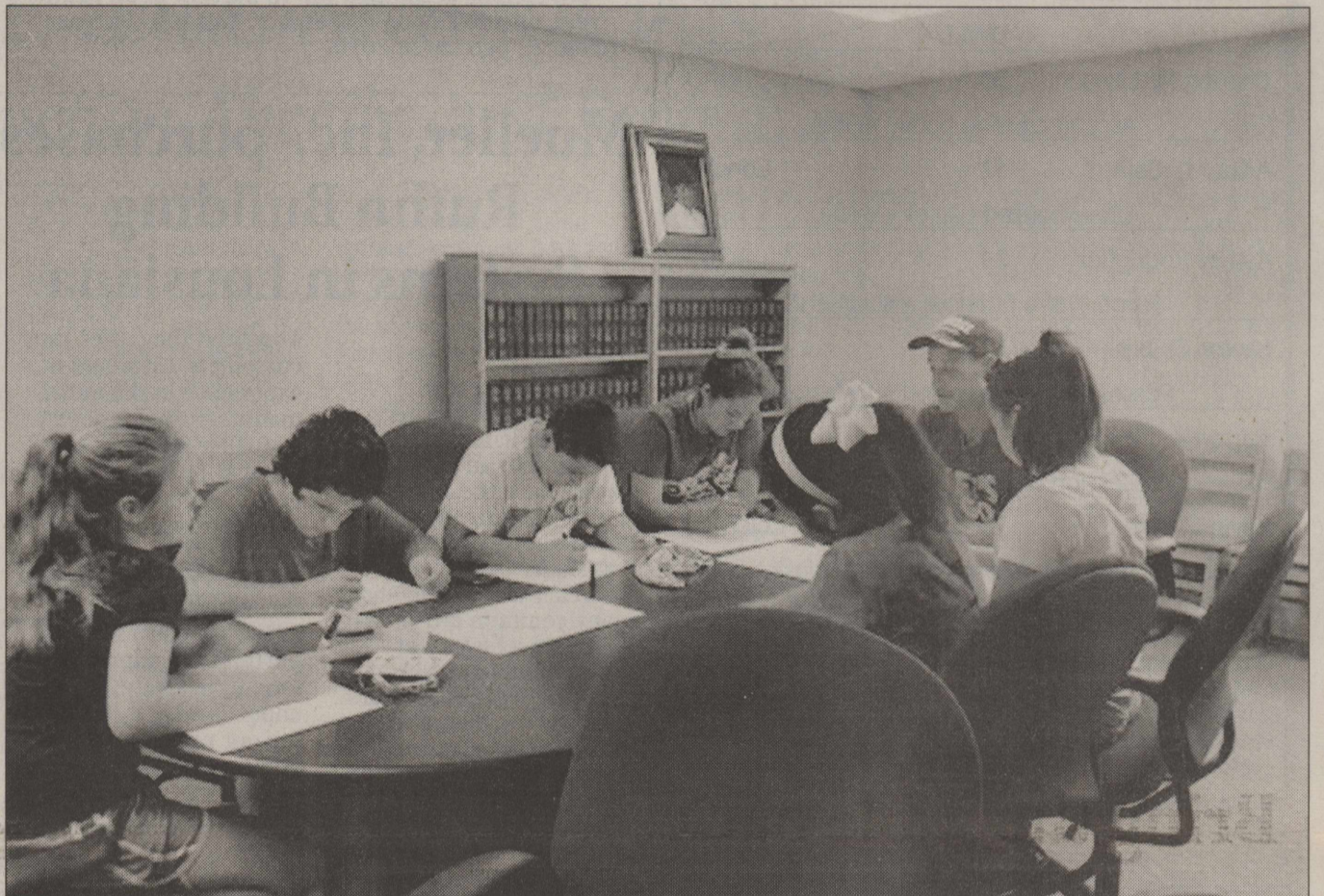
Dr. Ken Bridges

of directors for the Texas Children's Home and Aid Society by 1910. In 1913, she and her husband moved to Sherman where her husband

opened the successful Gladney Milling Company. Gladney herself joined the Sherman Civic League and became deeply involved in local causes.

A visit to the Grayson County Poor Farm changed her life. Like many other southern counties, Grayson County had established a farm where the poor, mentally ill, homeless, orphans, and elderly could live. However, the facility had been neglected for years, and Gladney found children at the facility in appalling conditions. She began sending many of the orphans at

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

ABOVE: Robert Campbell helps teens refine math skills during a tutoring session at the Winters Public Library.

TOP: Henry Munoz, Family Service Specialist with Region 15 Education Service Center Head Start motivates pre-schoolers with dance.

PRATT

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fifty years or so. It is evident that changes within our society has contributed to the Bible being shelved instead of being read. We are a society that has indulged ourselves with ourselves. We have become a people groping for that which satisfies ourselves. Past generations have been involved in working to provide for their family and to meet their needs. Today it has turned to the pursuit of getting more ad more of what we may want, not necessarily what we need. Our time is occupied with meeting our entertainment needs so much so that there isn't time to work on our spiritual life.

I would propose that we bring the Bible back into our lives with the intent to learn the most important principles of character development. I recall a fellow minister's comment some years ago. He was telling me that his mother required that he wanted to watch a television show that was thirty minutes long, he would have to read the Bible for thirty minutes to have that privilege. Our youth spend hours on the video

games and other such things on the phones and tablets. How much more Bible would our children know if they were required to spend as much time reading their Bible to have the privilege to use their phones? The only way this would be fair to our children is if parents required the same of themselves.

Bringing the Bible back into the center of our lives is the answer to the ills of our society. What it will do is set before each one the pathway of righteousness. It will convict our hearts and bring about the change of heart, attitude and behavior. Immoral activities stop when the Bible convicts. Does the Bible convict you regarding your manner of life?

We are very interested in sharing Bible teaching with anyone. "The beginning of knowledge is to reverence God." Study and meditation upon the Word of God brings the reverence of the Almighty is developed through the study and meditation of the Bible. If you need help bringing the Bible back into your Life, let us help.

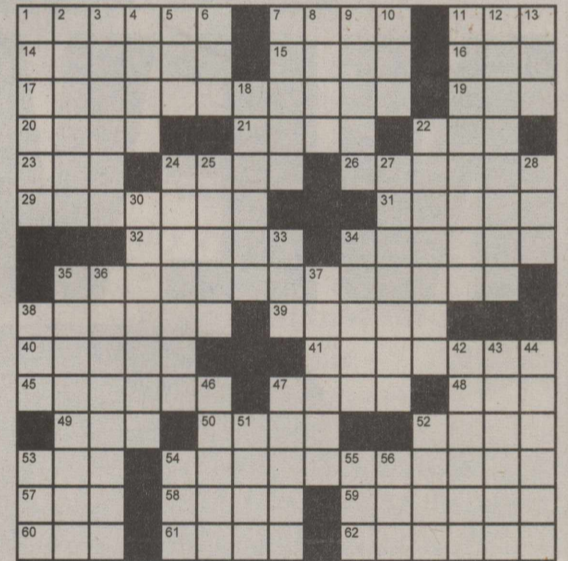
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

"Ice Cream"

Across

- 1 Break
- 7 Schnozzola
- 11 Do something
- 14 Freely negotiable by the holder
- 15 Golden rule preposition
- 16 Paid player
- 17 Ice cream flavor # 1
- 19 Drake's song
- 20 God offended by Daphnis
- 21 No more
- 22 Casino transaction
- 23 Whip
- 24 Certain tape
- 26 ___ Peanut Butter Cups
- 29 Rock concert venue
- 31 It's catching
- 32 Composer Ned
- 34 Put in jail
- 35 Ice cream flavor # 2
- 38 Two-door autos
- 39 Hard to pin down
- 40 Bull features
- 41 Saturday night setup, maybe
- 45 Let out fishing line
- 47 Vitality
- 48 Skunk
- 49 Perched
- 50 Forget about
- 52 Parisian pig
- 53 Blue shade

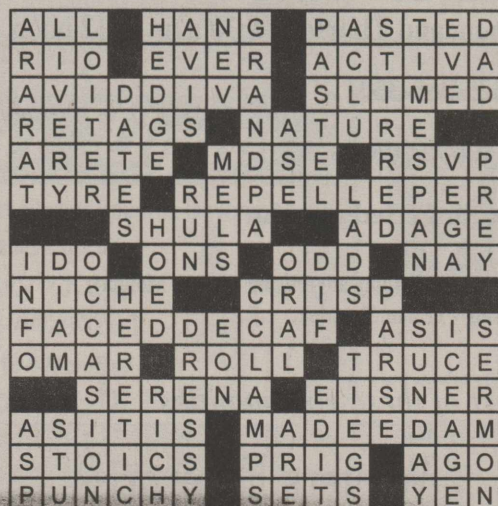


- 54 Ice cream flavor # 3
- 57 Get a move on
- 58 Ill temper
- 59 Rent payer
- 60 Stop
- 61 Takes out
- 62 Many desserts

Down

- 1 Dodgers' field, once
- 2 Pointillist painter Georges
- 3 "___ Hot Tin Roof"
- 4 Song and dance
- 5 ___ Dee River
- 6 Goof
- 7 New, to Neruda
- 8 In the past
- 9 Fab Four drummer
- 10 Many, many moons
- 11 Relaxing time on the slopes
- 12 Puts in a box
- 13 Exceed
- 18 Saddle front
- 22 Like some whales
- 24 Bishop's realm
- 25 Continental money
- 27 Speak well, facetiously
- 28 Drench
- 30 Shoal snarer
- 33 Dallas cager, briefly
- 34 ___mutton
- 35 Crockett's cap
- 36 Cheered
- 37 Gaugin's last home
- 38 Obama's secretary of energy Steven
- 42 Work up
- 43 Aim
- 44 Makes aquatints
- 46 Cap'n's saluter
- 47 Facebook post comments
- 51 Security concern
- 52 It may be struck
- 53 Any ship
- 54 Fox rival
- 55 2002 British Open champion
- 56 Drops on blades

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Runnels County ROLL-UP

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Runnels County Jail Record

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Name	Age	Agency
Travis D. Phillips	51	Coke
Bail jumping, failure to appear, DWLI w/previous conviction.		
Scharmarie H. Martin	44	Coleman
Possession of controlled substance.		
Allen L. Rock	37	Concho
Public intoxication.		
Jeffery Liles	40	Coleman
Motion to revoke, aggravated assault, injury to child.		
Briana J. Collins	33	WPD
Assault causing bodily injury.		
Michael J. Alatoree	21	BPD
DWLI.		
Charion M. Lawson	36	WPD
Assault causing bodily injury.		
Arthur L. Ceja	32	Concho
Unauthorized use of vehicle.		
Ashley Rodriguez	24	RCSO
Forgery of a financial instrument.		
Layton D. Lusk	57	Coleman
Possession of controlled substance.		
Aarron K. Clevenger	26	Coleman
Possession of controlled substance.		
Kevin E. Tate	28	Coleman
Manufacture/delivery of controlled substance, possession of controlled substance.		
Travis Glenn	28	Coleman
Manufacture/delivery of controlled substance, possession of controlled substance.		

VETERANS CORNER



Sandra G. Van Zant

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today released its findings from the nation's most comprehensive analysis of Veteran suicide rates in the United States in which VA examined more than 55 million Veterans' records from 1979 to 2014 from every state in the nation. The effort advances VA's knowledge from the previous report in 2012, which was primarily limited to information on Veterans who used VHA health services or from mortality records obtained directly from 20 states and approximately 3 million records. Compared to the data from the 2012 report, which estimated the number of Veteran deaths by suicide to be 22 per day, the current analysis indicates that in 2014, an average of 20 Veterans a day died from suicide.

The report concludes:
 ■ Approximately 65 percent of all Veterans who died from suicide in 2014 were 50 years of age or older.
 ■ Veterans accounted for 18 percent of all deaths from suicide among U.S. adults. This is a decrease from 22 percent in 2010.

■ Since 2001, U.S. adult civilian suicides increased 23 percent, while Veteran suicides increased 32 percent in the same time period. After controlling for age and gender, this makes the risk of suicide 21 percent greater for Veterans.

■ Since 2001, the rate of suicide among U.S. Veterans who use VA services increased by 8.8 percent, while the rate of suicide among Veterans who do not use VA services increased by 38.6 percent.

■ In the same time period, the rate of suicide among male Veterans who use VA services increased 11 percent, while the rate of suicide increased 35 percent among male Veterans who do not use VA services.

■ In the same time period, the rate of suicide among female Veterans who use VA services increased 4.6 percent while the rate of suicide increased 98 percent among female Veterans who do not use VA services.

Remember, the VA suicide hotline number is 1-800-273-TALK (8255). 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

Mueller, Inc. purchases Ruffin Building Systems in Louisiana

STAFF REPORT

Mueller, Inc., with corporate headquarters located in Ballinger, has entered into an agreement to purchase the assets of Ruffin Building Systems, based out of Oak Grove, Louisiana.

Mueller and Ruffin share many common attributes, including a history of family ownership, an enduring track record of excellence, a desire for ongoing innovation and an uncompromising commitment to customer service.

Together, they offer their customers 130 years of experience in the metal manufacturing industry.

Mueller finalized the acquisition of their newly acquired manufacturing and distribution center on August 10, according to Mueller President Bryan Davenport.

"We see this as an opportunity to support our long-term strategy," Davenport said. "By expanding our presence with the addition of this facility, we can offer increased convenience and service to both new and existing Mueller customers."



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Mueller Inc. headquartered in Ballinger, announced the acquisition of Ruffin Building Systems in Oak Grove, Louisiana on Aug. 10.

Mueller currently serves customers in the Southwestern United States from 32 sales and 3 manufacturing locations. With this acquisition, they will be expanding their service area into the Central and Eastern United States.

"Our strategy of directly serving the end users with metal building and metal roofing solutions at the best total value will still be our primary focus, by continuing to combine quality metal products with dedication to customer service," Davenport said.

Mueller Inc. began 85 years ago, when Walter Mueller opened the Mueller Sheet Metal Company in Ballinger. He provided high-quality water cisterns crafted from sheet metal to local farmers and ranchers. Over the years, the business expanded to include other sheet metal products related to building construction.

The Davenport family acquired Mueller Supply Company in 1984. Since that time Mueller, Inc. has become a leading manufacturer of pre-engineered metal building systems and residential metal roofing products. For additional information about Mueller, Inc., visit their website at www.muellerinc.com.

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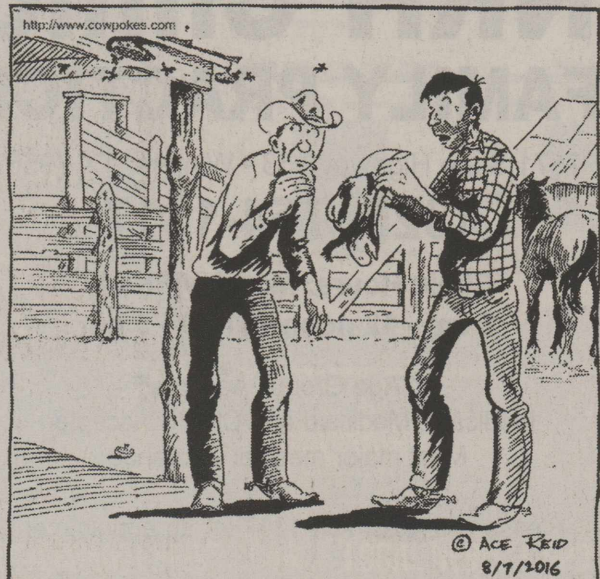
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The Market Perspective

Oil prices range bound for now

Crude Oil prices appear to be range bound for now. After jumping from the February low around \$27, prices rose to just over \$50. This occurred amid world headlines about the over supply of oil. The lesson here is that price does not necessarily follow supply and demand. Rather distinct price patterns seem to govern oil price movements.

Now oil prices have fallen back just below \$40. And the headlines proclaim that oil has entered a "bear market." Technically a bear market occurs on a 20 percent price drop in a stock or commodity. Even this Friday morning, headlines declare that "the two day oil rally has fizzled." Not so fast I would counter. This is the typical negative social mood that accompanies a potential market low. Let's look at a few other indicators.

The other components, heating oil and unleaded gasoline, are also trying to bounce. And this is occurring when technical indicators are making lows that resulted in recent rallies.

The percent of energy stocks in a bullish formation is bouncing at the 50% level. The big guy, Exxon Mobil XOM.



Dennis Elam

Has fallen from \$95 to \$86 and bounced. The problem with XOM is that its cash investment and dividend payout far exceed its net income. Something will finally have to give way in that stock.

Conoco Phillips COP has found some support at its previous \$40 level. Chevron Texaco CVX is moving sideways at the \$100 mark. So it is not surprising that the Energy ETF XLE is doing the same.

We look for a short term high this next week. That should be followed by a high in October.

In other good news, natural gas futures have turned their daily trend up. From the present level of \$2.75, we look for a challenge of the \$3.25 level.

The drop in oil prices has brought other consequences. Here in the West-

ern Hemisphere, workers from Central America send their earnings "back home" to support families left behind. The same thing is true for Asian workers employed in the mid-East. About 30 percent of Nepal's GDP comes from overseas remittances. Billions are also returned to Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and India. So now we have the upside down prospect of the country of India forced to come to the aid of its citizens working in Saudi Arabia.

Thousands of Indians in Saudi have not been paid for weeks or months. The Indian consulate in Jeddah has set up food distribution center for some 10,000 Indians in the area.

And we remind readers of our past warnings about the overall stock market. We noted that the Dow Transports peaked in the fall of 2014. Other indexes like the Industrials have made new highs since, causing most, make that near all, to dismiss the warning. But as the late Richard Russell used to write, the bear is much more clever than the bull. We have an unconfirmed Dow Theory advance, the Industrials are not supported by the

Transports. And now the Industrials, Transports, and Utilities have all turned down on a their daily charts. The Industrials need a daily close under 18,247 to increase downward potential.

And, August is typically a seasonal topping month. And October-November are typically seasonal lows in the markets. Significant stock crashes such as 1929, 1987, and 2001 all occurred in October. We are not predicting a near term crash, but stocks are no longer advancing.

Weakness is showing in the six year long weak economic recovery. Ford notes that auto sales have peaked. Energy is at a fraction of its former self. And evidence mounts that the final low in interest rates has now been seen. The markets are way late for an interest rate hike. We wonder if the FED will be ready when the markets, not the government, do indeed hike rates.

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THE IDLE AMERICAN

Construction Ahead...and Behind...

It's enough to make grown men cry. This goes for grown women, too, as well as others licensed to drive in this land of the free and the home of roads under construction. (Okay, throw in the unlicensed drivers, too.)

Weeping may be the least we can do. Health professionals confirm that gnashing of teeth and grabbing for flying insects that aren't there--as well as unintelligible babbling--are symptoms on a lengthening list.

Sales of medications to calm nerves are at an all-time high. Down deep--and often high up--we are given pause, wondering if it is really worth it to get from point "A" to point "B." Usually, we think it is, eager to add "points" all the way to "Z."

Some take to blogs to express frustration, as does Jen Hatmaker, author/speaker/wife/mom and

unapologetic Christian. She lets it all hang out in her response to a billboard on Interstate Highway 35, a stretch she reviles near Austin. Its message reads: "One day you will love I-35. Until then, drive safely."

Jen begs to disagree, saying, "...I have lived along the I-35 corridor since 1987. I will tell you when I will love this highway: Never. Never is when we will love this stretch of grief and broken dreams."

Oh, but that's just the beginning....

She has kept stats, claiming her loss of salvation 28,307 times. Her new "highway boyfriend" is the nearby toll road, where the speed limit is 80 MPH and "no one is ever on it."

Jen admonishes the getting together of its act, and, "not to be under construction for once in your natural born life. Stop making good Christians curse and



TEXAS COLUMNIST Don Newbury

swear. Just act right.... Quit drinking and get your life together. If the middle wants to get to my beautiful, perfect city, they have to come through you, and you are making people want to break up with Austin."

Then she blurts, "How dare you? So no, I don't believe you. One day we will NOT love I-35 unless it goes to counseling, repents for its sins and cleans up its life."

Jen should never think she has the "hate franchise" for I-35 construction. Folks on the same highway entering Fort Worth from the

north have similar beefs, and many drivers using the segment daily have few options. Some have none. News recently released that the project will be completed by 2018 offers little consolation.

Maybe drivers stuck in traffic should find ways to use their time creatively. How about nail clipping? (No, not toenails, unless your name is Jack, and you are both nimble and quick.)

Be on the look-out for creative billboards. Some of the best are by funeral homes, including: "Don't text and drive. We can wait." Another claims, "Let us urn your business." Still another: "Put down the guns, stop doing drugs, and don't drink and drive. We don't want your business. We can wait." Finally, this one, blunt as can be: "Text and drive..."

Another option is to print a bunch of those old Burma-Shave fence post ads. Just pull 'em out for pleasant perusal when traffic is

at a standstill. A favorite: "Within this veil-of toil and sin--your head grows bald--but NOT your chin."

Consider copying some of Jen's blogs. Her creative writing is in the vein of the late Erma Bombeck. (That's a strong endorsement.) Think, pray, ponder, organize and forgive when everything stops. Try to rank t-shirt messages, such as: "Behind every successful principal is an exhausted assistant principal."

How about a quick day-dream about being one of the 5,000 folks who live in McGregor? A road sign--in place there for decades--reads: "Highways are hazardous. Holy cow! If you lived in McGregor, you'd be home now." And a warning

in Hondo pulls no punches: "This is God's country. Don't drive through it like hell." A gentler message has made west Texas motorists smile for generations. The sign reads: "Stanton, Texas. Home to 3,000 friendly people and a few old sore-heads." Finally, this "oldie" from the 1940s: Speed Limit: 60 MPH; Studebakers, do the best you can."...

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BRIDGES

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the facility to the Texas Children's Home in Fort Worth. Along with other women in Sherman, she organized a free day care and kindergarten facility to help working women, financed by the Gladneys and local businesses.

In 1927, she was named superintendant of the children's home and redoubled the education efforts of the children and attempts to find them good homes. By the 1930s, she expanded the home's reach by adding programs to help unmarried mothers.

Gladney also began a campaign to change the state law to remove the word "illegitimate" from the birth certificates of children whose parents were unmarried or who were being given up for adoption. In 1936, Gov. Jimmy Allred signed legislation ending the practice.

Her work began to change many attitudes about children, ensuring that in loving homes there would not be a difference in treatment for "illegitimate" or "adopted" and those born under other circumstances, that they would all just be seen as children and as worthy of love and a chance for a good life as anyone else.

In 1941, a movie was made about Gladney's life and work, Blossoms in the Dust. It starred famed actress Greer Garson as Gladney. The movie was nominated for four Academy Awards in 1942, including Best Picture and Garson for Best Actress.

In 1950, the children's home bought the adjacent West Texas Maternity Hospital, and the board of directors changed the name of the entire facility to the Edna Gladney Home in honor of her work.

She continued to work with abandoned and orphaned children for the rest of her life. She died in Fort

Worth in 1961, having placed thousands of children in safe and loving homes.

Within a few years of her death, the Gladney Home had expanded to include an on-site middle school and on-site high school, coordinating with Fort Worth school officials. By the 1980s, the organization included services for expectant mothers off-site, counseling services, parenting classes, and services to help adopted children find their biological parents through a voluntary registry system and was later renamed the Gladney Center for Adoption. It has now found homes for more than 20,000 children.

Personal note: The author of this column has adopted two fine sons in addition to having four other children.

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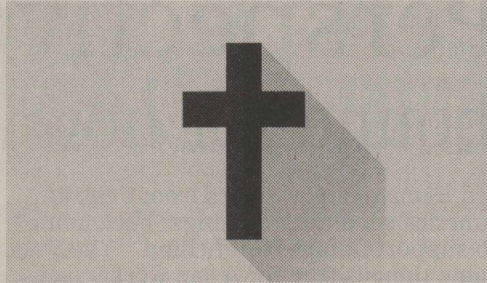
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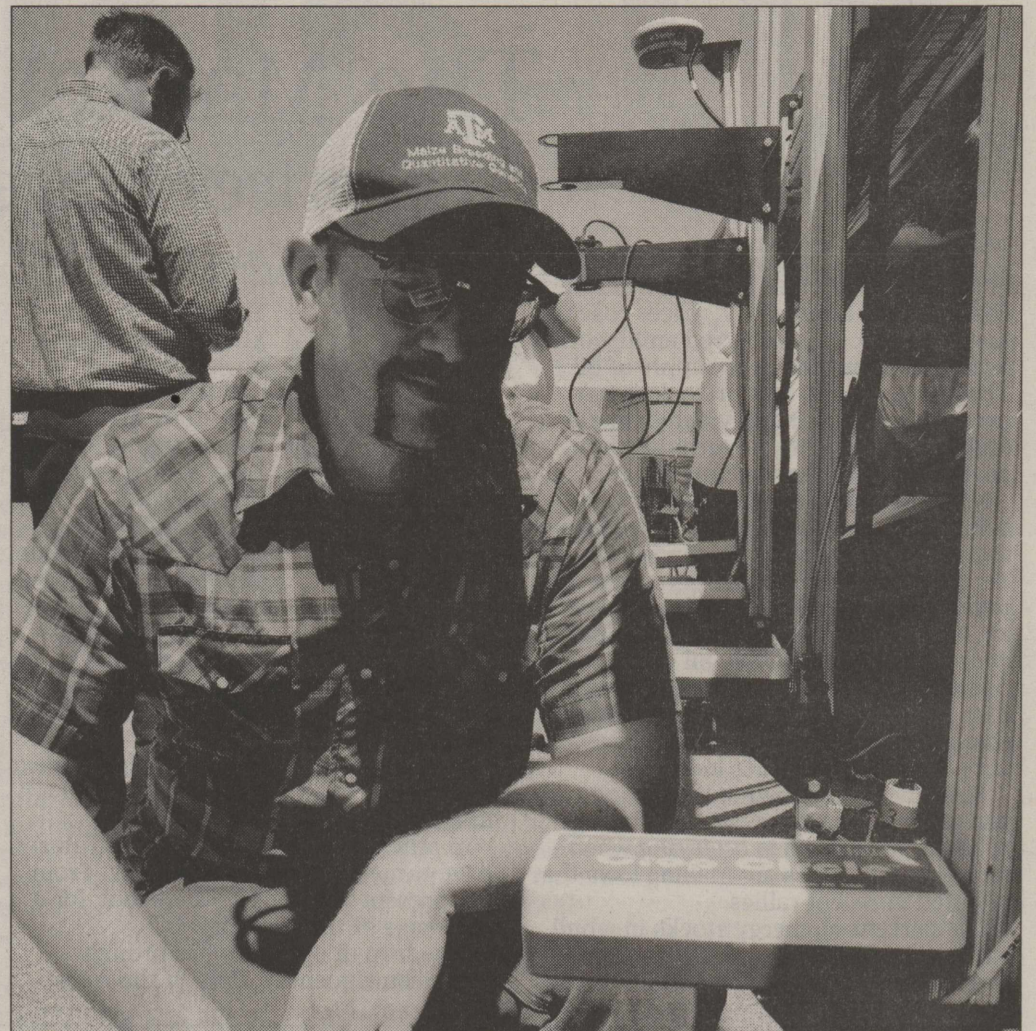
Fishing takes Faith

We started rounding up our gear and putting it in the little boat. After checking the boat over carefully we drove to a nearby river. After driving around and checking several places we finally found a small place to launch the boat. It was a beautiful day and I was especially glad that I was going to get go spend it with one of my sons. The river was very muddy looking and not very deep. It was fun going up the river because it has a lot of twists and turns. Also beautiful trees lined the river banks. We finally got to the spot way up the river and parked the boat and got out. The bait we were going to use did not look very appealing to me. There we stood, the only ones on the river bank using some weird bait and thinking or maybe hoping we would catch fish. It sure did take a lot of faith.



Trusting God and his Word, (The Bible) takes a lot faith and so does living the Christian life, (Luke 7:50, 2Corinthians 5:7, Galatians 2:20 and Ephesians 2:8, 9 (one of my favorites)). Our fishing trip was a great success, (yes, we all caught our limit and they were nice fish) just as we had hoped. God promises we will not be disappointed if we put our faith in His Word and Christ Jesus, (Romans 5:5-12). See you in church on Sunday.

Brother J



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

ABOVE: Dr. Seth Murray, Texas A&M AgriLife Research corn breeder, College Station, looks over one of the sensors used as part of a ground phenotyping vehicle used in collecting real-time crop data. **BELOW:** An unmanned ground phenotyping vehicle is being tested to collect real-time crop data.

New technology could benefit area agriculture

BY BLAIR FANNIN
TEXAS A & M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

COLLEGE STATION - Sensor technology could possibly solve many challenges of crop production, and Texas A&M AgriLife Research faculty are aggressively attempting to find new solutions.

Dr. Alex Thomasson, an AgriLife Research biological and agricultural engineer, and Dr. Seth Murray, AgriLife Research corn breeder, both in College Station, and others are working jointly on several projects.

One project, an unmanned ground phenotyping system, provides data that can be used to aid decisions in breeding and production agriculture through techniques like conceptual modeling and spatial prediction, according to the scientists.

"The current ground phenotyping vehicle we are working on allows us to drive the vehicle through a field of corn and collect real-time data," Thomasson said. "We are also developing an autonomous phenotyping vehicle that will navigate itself through the field based on GPS. The purpose of these vehicles is to be able to drive through the field even over mature corn so we can collect data all the way through its growth cycle. This allows us to measure the height of the plant, evaluate the temperature of the plant and also get light reflectance in various wavelengths to determine the health of the plant.

"We can also look at other characteristics like the drought tolerance of the plant. The data these machines collect will ultimately enable the breeder to make selections from the best varieties and to do so much quicker."

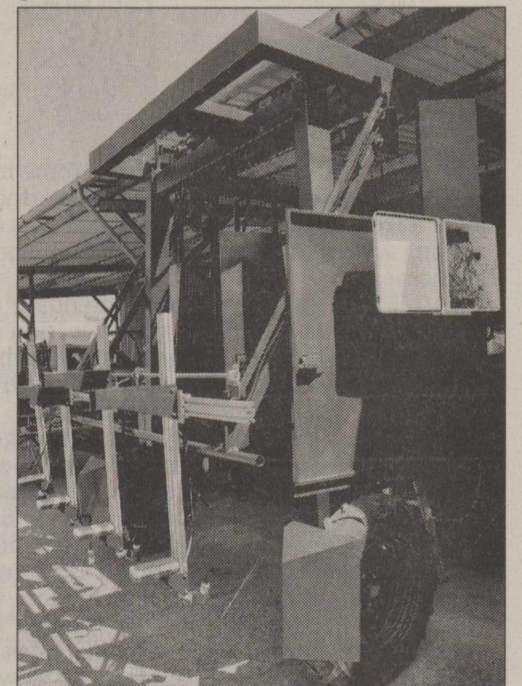
Thomasson and other AgriLife and U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists are developing the ability to use remote sensing to detect and treat cotton root rot. Cotton Incorporated has been a strong supporter of this research, some of which is occurring at the Stiles Farm at Thrall.

"The cotton root rot project involves a lot of remote-sensing work to detect the locations of infection within individual fields," he said. "It's expensive for cotton farmers, not only the yield losses from the disease but the treatment to prevent it. It's costing them about \$50 an acre to treat the fields, but this research can save them a lot of

money by enabling them to treat only the infected areas of a field. Some are trying to use satellite data to identify infected areas, but the image resolution is low. We've begun using UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles), which give us images with extremely high resolution. We have the potential to see where each infected plant is so we can know exactly where to place fungicide in subsequent seasons."

The remote-sensing research is related to a broader scope of research projects implemented by AgriLife Research. The Texas A&M Coordinated Agricultural Unmanned Aerial Systems project and Ground Vehicle Validation is a collaboration of more than 40 faculty members within the Texas A&M University System.

Led by AgriLife Research, the project also involves the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, the Center for Autonomous Vehicles and Sensor Systems, and the Center for Geospatial Applications and Technologies, as well as businesses and farmers. The research centers on 1,400 acres of AgriLife Research fields near College Station where corn, cotton, sorghum and wheat, as well as peaches and perennial grasses are grown.



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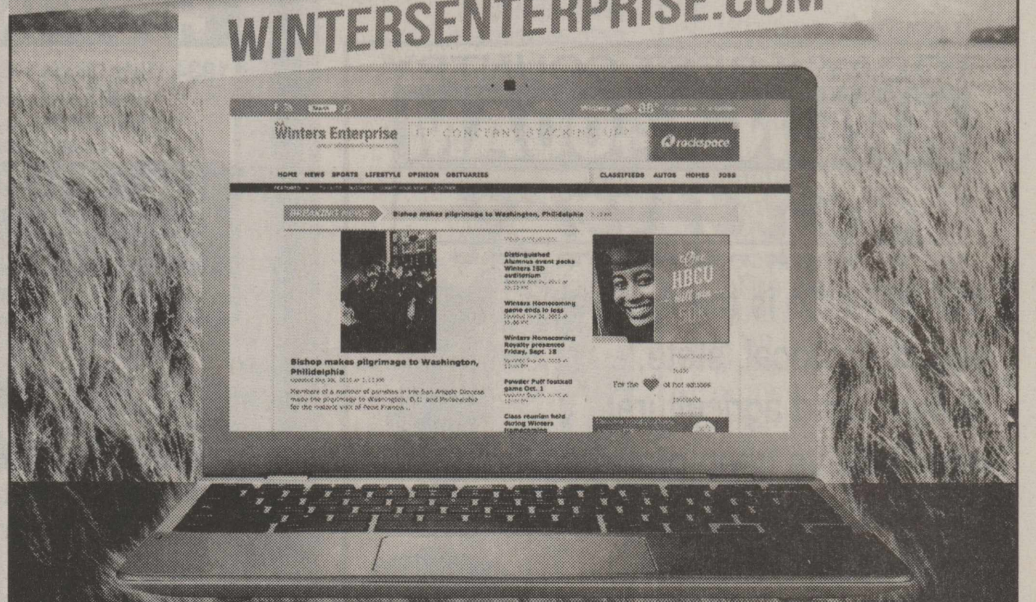
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adults and \$7 for children. The lunch will be free to active military members. Barbecue attendees will be eligible for a variety of door prizes as well.

"The prizes have been donated by folks in Ballinger and Winters," Schneider said. "We are trying to get all of Runnels County involved."

Lots of great items will be up for grabs during the Live and Silent Auctions. The Silent Auction begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Community Center. The Live Auction gets underway at 1:30 p.m.

Dove hunts will be offered by Archie Jobe for \$70 per person and that includes a ticket to the barbecue lunch. Call Jobe to schedule a hunt at 325-660-8334.

Registration for the Dove Dash 5K and Bike Ride starts at 7 a.m. at the corner of Highway 53 and 83 at The Crossing, which is under construction. The Crossing is also sponsoring the event. The cost to sign up for the 5K is \$15 and \$25 to register for the bike ride. The prices also include the barbecue lunch and the first 40 people to register will receive a t-shirt. For more information on this call Jonathan Meyer at 325-977-0810.

Hunters can head over to the Clay Pigeon Fun Shoot to be held from 8 to 11 a.m. on North US Highway 83. The cost is \$5 for 25 clays. Call Johnny Bob Pritchard at 325-977-0766 or Colby Pritchard at 325-977-0174 for more information.

The Arts and Crafts booths will be located at City Park near the community center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Booths are \$30 and there is still plenty of space available. Call Sandee Schneider to reserve a booth.

Then visitors can head on down to the Winters Gun Show to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the building at 131 N. Main St. The cost is \$5 per person to get in and kids 11 and under get in free. Exhibit tables are still available at \$30 each. Call Randall Davis at 325-977-1501 to reserve a table.

For more information on any of the events, activities or offerings at Dove Fest, email wintersdovefest@gmail.com.

BILZZARDS READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL



The Winters Blizzards got in some pre-season play during a scrimmage Friday, Aug. 5, 2016.

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Cooper. Hilliard noted the endless hours and energy Cooper has spent serving as chairperson along with preserving Runnels County history, the many miles traveled along with the numerous reports sent to the state on a quarterly basis, as well as an annual report presented to the Runnels County Commissioners Court.

Cooper has also written numerous articles for newspapers regarding Runnels County history and has authored two books and co-authored a third book about Runnels County. She is currently working on a fourth book about the cemeteries and post offices of Runnels County. Under the leadership of Cooper, the Runnels County Historical Commission has received the distinguished service award from the State Historical Society for seven years. Cooper's tireless efforts and dedication to the Runnels County Historical Commission and to the history of the area, earned her the distinction of being selected as the

recipient of the first annual Distinguished Service Award for the Preservation of History in Runnels County.

During the meeting 45 members and guests were present to enjoy a rib eye steak meal prepared by Wanda Brewer and the Z. I. Hale Museum members.

The welcome was given by Randall Conner, with Roy Rice giving the invocation.

The history of the creation of the state historic commission was chronicled during the event.

The Texas Historical Survey Committee was created by the Fifty-third Legislature which became effective on September 4, 1953. Before the meeting of the new committee, Governor Allan Shivers had appointed the 18 Survey Committee members as prescribed by law.

Governor Shivers admitted that the legislation creating the Historical Committee had given the members a heavy burden, for they were to seek out "any article that bears evidence or connotation of manners, customs, thought and way of life of any period of Texas History, save that article and, whenever possible, make it

available to public viewing."

"This Survey Committee shall serve without pay, and no state funds are appropriated," Shivers was quoted in the legislation.

The Runnels County Survey Committee group was organized in 1962 when Judge W. H. Rampy appointed seven members to the Historical Survey Committee. There have been six persons serve as chairpersons in Runnels County. Cooper, who is currently serving, has served as chairperson since 2008.

A very interesting and informative program on the Runnels County Courthouse was given by San Angelo artist Hugh Campbell. Campbell did a chalk drawing, starting with the courthouse as seen today and ended with a drawing of the original courthouse, while Cooper read a narrative of the courthouse history.

The Runnels County Courthouse, a stately structure, is 127 years old and is located at Hutchings and Broadway on Hwy 67 and US Hwy 83. It has been in service to the county since 1889 when construction was completed. The Runnels County Court-



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San Angelo artist and Runnels County native Hugh Campbell drew a picture of the Runnels County Courthouse during the first annual Runnels County Historical Commission Awards Dinner held July 30, 2016 at the Rock Hotel in Winters. He is pictured here with his wife Susan.

house holds the distinction of being situated on one of the on one of the largest lots of land for a courthouse in the State of Texas. The area includes two city blocks and

is one of Runnels County's oldest buildings.

The next meeting of the Runnels County Historical Commission will be held in September, in San Angelo,

time and date will be announced.

All meetings of the Runnels County Historical Committee are open to the public.

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