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Thursday, October 6, 2016

## Briefly Friday night lights

The Winters Blizzards will take on the Albany Lions at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Blizzard Stadium for the first conference game of the season.

## iPhone and iPad tutorial

The Winters Public Library will host a iPhone/iPad workshop led by Tom Miller of Abilene at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18 at the library. Miller will provide basic information and take participants to the next level. The program is free and open to the public.

## Meals on Wheels Pancake Supper

The Friends of the Gus Pruser Agriculture Exhibit, the Winters Lions Club and the Winters Activity Center for Senior Citizens will host a pancake supper in support of the Meals on Wheels lunch program from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19 at the Activity Center at 601 Wood St. in Winters. The menu includes pancakes, sausage and drinks. For additional information contact John Long at 325-754-5389 or zihalemuseum@wtxs.net.

## Republican Rally Saturday

Several elections are coming up Nov. 8 in Ballinger. Runnels County Republican Party will host a GOP Rally from 2-4 p.m. on the corner of Broadway and Hutchings Avenue. There will be live music, fun and games as well as t-shirts, hats and bumper stickers available. Those who need to register to vote may do so at the event. Early voting will be from Oct. 24-Nov. 4. According to the Secretary of State, the deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 8 election is Oct. 11.

## The last drop

No precipitation was reported this week by the National Weather Service in San Angelo. A cold front is expected to converge on the area Thursday, bringing a 40 percent chance of rain and much cooler temperatures. On Thursday the high will reach 90 degrees, but Friday, the high is only expected to reach 74. Cloudy and cool conditions will prevail at game time Friday, the high is only expected to be 74 and another cold front is expected to come through. By 8 p.m. the temperatures should be in the 60s, so football fans need to take a jacket. Rain is not in the forecast for the coming week, but fall weather will prevail, bringing high temperatures down to the upper 70s and mid 80s and lows in to the 50s. So far this year, Ballinger has received 23.85 inches of rainfall, with 26.99 inches reported in Wingate and 28.88 inches received in San Angelo.

## Flu shots now available at North Runnels Hospital Clinic

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Flu season is here and local health care professionals are urging Runnels County residents to get a flu shot. This year, the flu season has started a little early with several cases already reported at healthcare facilities in Winters.

"We have had cases confirmed in this county," said Tami Halfmann, nurse practitioner at North Runnels Clinic in Winters.

On Thursday, September 29, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) along with

other public health and medical groups kicked off the 2016-2017 flu vaccine campaign.

The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease.

In addition to getting a



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North Runnels Clinic Nurse Practitioner Tami Halfman administered the flu vaccine to her colleague LVN Paul Gomez at the North Runnels Clinic in Winters on Friday, Sept. 30, 2016.

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## Lady Blizzards Big Sister/Little Sister Program a success



Sixteen of the Lady Blizzard High School girls and 43 girls from grades 1-6 participated in the Lady Blizzards Big Sister/Little Sister Program three weeks in September. Coach Val Acree said the program was a success.

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

The Winters Lady Blizzards basketball program just completed a three-week Big Sister/Little Sister program with much success, as a total of 43 girls signed up to be mentored and taught some basketball skills by the Lady Blizzards varsity and junior varsity teams. Girls in grades 1 - 6 (the Little Sisters) were eligible to sign up and be assigned a Big Sister, one of the

varsity and junior varsity girls chosen for the program.

"I got the idea from Forsan," said Lady Blizzards head basketball Coach Val Acree. "I was expecting maybe 10-15 girls and was shocked by the number of girls that signed up. It's a very exciting thing to have so many girls sign up this first year. I've gotten a ton of positive feedback from parents and we will definitely do this again next year."

The three-week program met the

last three Wednesdays of September and lasted from 4:15pm to 5:15 p.m. During the hour, the Big Sisters talked to their Little Sister counterparts and taught them some basic basketball skills such as dribbling, passing and shooting. The program was free of charge and the Little Sisters were asked only to buy a t-shirt with their name and their Big Sister's name and number on the back. The Little Sisters will be introduced with

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## Runnels County FSA acreage reporting dates for 2017

STAFF REPORT

Runnels County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Daniel Lange announced that producers who file accurate and



Daniel Lange

timely reports for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage can prevent the potential loss of FSA program benefits. Please pay close

attention to the acreage reporting dates below for 2017.

"In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the Runnels County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline," said Lange.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Runnels County:

- October 17, 2016: Small grain for grazing with NAP coverage
- November 15, 2016: grass certification
- January 16, 2017: Fall seeded small grains

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of "cover only," "green manure," "left standing," or "seed" then the acreage must be reported by July 15th.

According to Lange, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the

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## Winters man receives Carnegie Hero Award

STAFF REPORT

A Winters man was among 25 persons cross the U.S. and Canada who received the prestigious Carnegie Medal by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission which awards the medals for outstanding civilian heroism. The winners of the awards were announced Thursday.

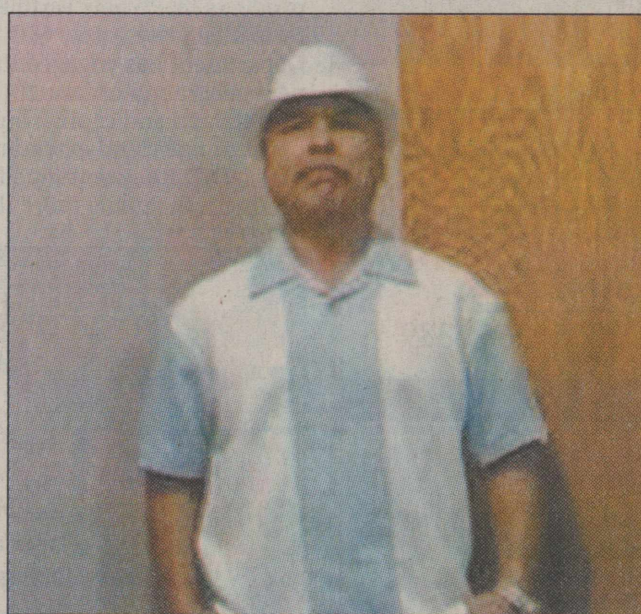
Isbel Jimenez of Winters, was presented with the award for saving the life of a Breckenridge woman in 2015. The medal is given to those who risk their lives to

an extraordinary deed while saving or attempting to save the lives of others.

Jimenez saved Jeannette Marshall from a burning mobile home in Breckenridge on September 16, 2015.

Marshall, 59, was in her mobile home at night after a fire broke out in its living room. At his home nearby, Jimenez, 47, a pipefitter of Winters saw flames issuing from the structure and immediately responded to the scene, where he learned

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Isbel Jimenez saved a woman from her burning mobile home in Breckenridge Sept. 16, 2015.

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# The Market Perspective

## Is a \$185M fine just the cost of doing business?

CEO Stumpf is clearly and unequivocally guilty of a range of crimes, including conspiracy to commit fraud, conspiracy to commit identity theft, and racketeering.

— Rep Michael Capuano, Dem, Massachusetts



Dennis Elam

Gee, for once the Republicans and Democrats have come together to agree on something. The target of their ire is the deceptive practices of Wells Fargo WFC. But to me the most interesting aspect is how CEO Stumpf could wander into the Congressional Hearing so utterly unaware of the trouble facing his bank, and himself. Let's examine how that happened.

### What happened

WFC created unwanted accounts and credit cards for customers and then charged fees for those items. Pressure was placed on lower level employees to expand bank services to customers, increasing fee income. This is known as cross selling. Since the facts on WFC emerged, it is clear other big banks engage in similar practices. Recall that just four banks, WFC, Citigroup, Chase, and J P Morgan claim about half of all demand deposits in the United States.

WFC has fired some 5,300 employees over the last five years for such practices. But during the hearings, when questions who was let go, it was apparent that only those earning less than \$65,000 got pink slips. The committee warned, that is not nearly high enough.

Meanwhile Carrie Tolstedt headed up the cross selling unit. She announced her retirement this summer, which would happen by the end of the year. She was

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from others that Marshall was still inside.

As flames were blocking the mobile home's front door, Jimenez propped a board against the structure and used it as a step to access a small window, the base of which was about five feet off the ground. Jimenez entered the mobile home through the window, finding himself in a bathroom, where heat was intense and the smoke severely restricted visibility. He searched for Marshall, finding her unresponsive on the floor in that room. Maneuvering her to the window, he lifted her and handed her out to two police officers who had responded. They lowered her to the ground, after which Jimenez escaped to safety through the window.

Both Marshall and Jimenez received hospital treatment for smoke inhalation, and they recovered.

The heroes announced by the commission bring to 72 the number of awards made in 2016 and to 9,893, the total number since the Pittsburgh-based fund's inception in 1904. Commission Chair Mark Laskow said that each of the awardees or their survivors will also receive a financial grant. Throughout the 112 years since the fund was established by industrialist, philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, \$38.5 million has been given in one-time grants, scholarship aid, death benefits and continuing assistance.

# Just Around the Corner

## It's fall and it's time for sausage



Celinda Hawkins

It's that time of year again - fall festival time for churches in Runnels and surrounding counties. This is where the long standing tradition of German sausage making is alive and well.

Each year friends, relatives and neighbors gather from all corners of Runnels, Concho and Tom Green counties to make thousands of pounds of sausage. This is a tradition handed down by generations of residents, whose roots date back more than 130 years, when the lure of fertile and available land brought a

flood of German and Czechoslovakian immigrants to this area.

This Friday, more than 50 men will be busy at the St. Boniface Catholic Church in Olfen, working shoulder to shoulder to make the sausage. Last year they prepared around 8,000 pounds of the delicious sausage. Earlier this week, my friend Lee Jost, otherwise known as "the keeper of the recipe," in Olfen, stopped by to remind me that the guys would be gathering Friday for their annual sausage making extravaganza. Once again, six generations will be working like pros to get the sausage ready, both for the St. Boniface Fall Festival, this Sunday and for sale. They usually sell about 6,000 pounds and boil and flash fry about 2,000 pounds during the event.

This will be the first leg of the sausage making for most of the guys, because they lend a hand at other churches like St. Joseph's in Rowena. Pat Vancil, who has been keeping me informed, said that they plan on making 9,000 pounds of sausage this year at the St. Joseph's Fall Festival slated for Sunday Nov. 13.

Last year, Sausage Maker Emeritus Arnold Matthiesen, gave me a little history on the custom.

"It was a German custom and they brought the custom over here," Matthiesen explained.

He said the tradition in Olfen that started in 1922, when a group of German farmers got together and started "making sausage like they learned from their parents," Matthiesen said.

In those days, each farmer would donate a hog or cattle to the church and the men would commence to the task.

The hogs and cattle were butchered then and there and they deboned them and ground the meat with a hand-cranked grinder, Matthiesen explained.

They've come a long way in 93 years and today, they have automatic grinders and a sausage stuffing machine to streamline the operation.

Jost said they plan to start at about noon Friday and by 6 p.m. they'll have about four tons of sausage hanging in the state of the art walk-in at the church.

Sausage isn't the only thing at the fall festivals either. Last year, more than 3,000 folks drove through Olfen to eat the delicious turkey and dressing dinner with slaw and



LEDGER FILE PHOTO

Lee Jost, resident sausage maker and "Keeper of the Recipe" leads the crew of men at the St. Boniface Catholic Church who will be preparing more than 8,000 pounds of sausage Friday for sale and for the Fall Festival at the church on Sunday.

all the trimmings.

Just as many folks travel to Rowena to enjoy the turkey and dressing too. Plus, there are games family events and quilt raffles for the churches.

So folks, there's some good eats in the country this weekend and in coming weeks. And this is a good way to celebrate the rich heritage of the region.

So enjoy your meal or as they say in German "Guten Appetit!"

And as always, if you have a story to tell, have news or just want to shoot the breeze, I'll be just around the corner.

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## Loan rates for upland cotton announced

STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Commodity Credit Corporation announced Sept. 30 that the marketing assistance loan rate for 2017-crop base quality upland cotton is 49.49 cents per pound.

Marketing assistance loans provide interim financing to producers so that commodities can be stored upon harvest when market prices are typically low and sold later when price conditions are more favorable.

Base quality upland cotton has the following characteristics: color grade 41, leaf grade 4, staple length 1-1/16 inches, micronaire 3.5-3.6 and 4.3-4.9, strength 26.0-28.9 grams per tex, and length uniformity of 80.0-81.9 percent.

The 2014 Farm Bill established the base quality marketing assistance loan rate for upland cotton at the simple average of the adjusted prevailing world price for the two immediately preceding marketing years as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. The marketing assistance loan rate cannot be less than 45 cents per pound or greater than 52 cents per pound.

USDA works 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. Since 2009, USDA has provided \$5.6 billion in disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; expanded risk management tools with products like 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; and 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](http://www.usda.gov/results).

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A number of Runnels County residents attended the farewell luncheon for Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent Sandy Taylor on Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016. Pictured on the back row from left to right are Tony Multer, John Lange, Garrett Cline and Joel Webb. Pictured in the middle row are Bill Bredemeyer, Mylea Flanagan, Norma Multer and Paul Minzenmayer. Pictured in the front row are Taylor, Martha Crawford, Linda Duggan, Dale Duggan and Greg Schwertner and children Elizabeth Minzenmayer and Matthew Minzenmayer.

**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS OCT. 7-13**

**Breakfast**

Friday, Oct. 7  
Cinnamon roll or cereal, yogurt, applesauce, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Monday, Oct. 10  
Student Holiday

Tuesday, Oct. 11  
Breakfast taco or cereal, hash brown, orange slices, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 12  
Breakfast pizza or cereal, egg pop, mixed fruit, fruit juice, choice of milk.

milk.

Thursday, Oct. 13  
Waffles or cereal, oatmeal, banana, fruit juice, choice of milk, syrup.

**Lunch**

Friday, Oct. 7  
Cheeseburger or hot dog, baked chips, lettuce/tomato, carrots, grapes, choice of milk.

Monday, Oct. 10  
Student Holiday

Tuesday, Oct. 11

Chef Salad or nachos or quesadilla, rice, zesty cucumbers, lettuce/tomato, pineapple, choice of milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 12  
Chef salad or lasagna or mini corn dogs, Texas toast, Italian green beans, salad, carrot sticks, peaches, choice of milk.

Thursday, Oct. 13  
Chef salad or salisbury steak or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, salad, carrot sticks, watermelon, dinner roll, choice of milk.

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set to walk out the door with \$124.6 M in stock and options for the five-year period targeted by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. That group fined WFC \$185 M for the violations. Since then WFC has been fined another \$24 M for abusive practices in repossessing automobiles from veterans with WFC car loans.

CEO Stumpf testified last week on Tuesday and again this week on Thursday. Now committee members are not just suggesting that he resign but that he is running a criminal enterprise and should be fined or jailed. No doubt Mr. Stumpf is wondering just how things got to bad so fast.

**Analysis**

Two weeks ago in this space we explained "Why Things Happen the Way they Do." Our focus was on the predictive science of socionomics. This metric holds that unconscious mod is internally generated. It is unremembered and constantly fluctuating. This unconscious social mood brings social action.

Stumpf was given credit for bringing WFC through the financial crisis in much better shape than say Citigroup. Like all CEOs, he no doubt surrounds himself with sycophants whose only mission in life is to tell him what a great job he does. He appoints board members. That Board showered Stumpf with some \$200 M in cash, WFC stock, and options.

The bank continued to record income of \$23.1 billion in 2014. The Board said Stumpf's leadership 'continues to be critical to the company's long-term strategy. Clearly Stumpf was 100% in "What Could go Wrong Mode."

Meanwhile social mood was turning quite negative on big banks. Bernie Sand-

ers made breaking up big banks one of his signature issues. And the more he talked, well, he won 22 primaries. If Hillary had not had super delegates, it is likely Bernie would have won the nomination. Now Bernie never came up with a plan as to how he would break up the banks, but the idea had enough stickiness to attract voters and donation.

Stumpf completely missed this emerging negative social mood towards banks. And the more Bernie talked the more his true believers herded into that camp.

Since the financial crisis, no one has lost a job at either a bank or a CPA firm over such stunts. And so the firm pays a fine, the executives appear at a hearing, Congress rants, and without admitting any wrong doing the fine is paid and life continues just as before. But not this time.

**The reaction at WFC**

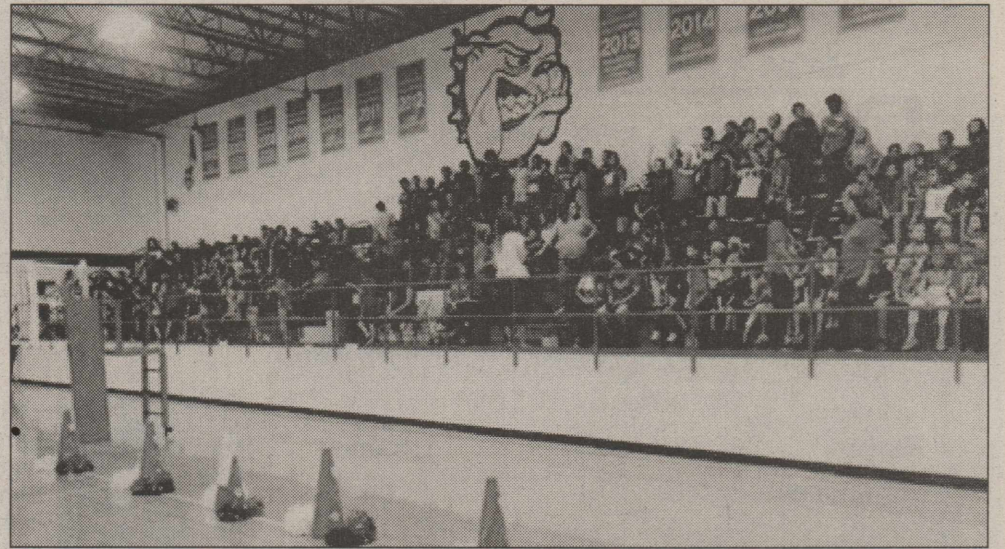
WFC hired law firm Shearman and Sterling to advise on compensation. J.P. Morgan hired that firm during its investigation of the London Whale trading losses.

WFC clawed back RSU reserve stock units in the amount of \$41 M from Stumpf and \$19 M from Tolstedt. But RSU have not yet been earned. Neither person actually owned them yet. So the penalty was to forfeit something that was not yet received or taxed. So no one even had to write a check for a fine.

**Conclusion**

Negative mood amidst herding by the Congressional committee continues to grow. The failure to conduct adequate environmental scanning to determine what might happen has perhaps doomed Stumpf's tenure as CEO. The bank may be TBTF (Too big to fail), but he Board and CEO are not in the eyes of Congress.

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Miles Elementary was named a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Secretary of Education on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016.

**Miles Elementary named Blue Ribbon School**

**STAFF REPORT**

MILES - The U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King announced Wednesday, Sept. 28 that Miles Elementary has been named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School. Miles Elementary was among 279 public and 50 private schools who received the honor.

Schools are nominated for the award by the Texas Education Agency and are then required to complete an application regarding comprehensive practices. Miles Elementary was named a Blue Ribbon School due to test scores.

Principal Sharla Arp will represent the school when she accepts the award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Earlier this year, Miles Elementary was among the 26 public schools nominated by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for national 2016 Blue Ribbon Schools recognition.

"I feel honored that our small rural school earned the Blue Ribbon distinction," Arp said. "Since Miles Elementary is such a small school, we have the luxury of knowing each

student and each student's needs. Strategies and interventions are designed to meet our students where they are and help them experience success."

Miles Independent School District will host a ceremony in November to honor and recognize the students and staff.

Founded in 1982, Blue Ribbon Schools is a U.S.

Department of Education program that recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students perform at very high levels

"I congratulate the teachers, administrators and staff members at each of these nationally recognized campuses in Texas," said

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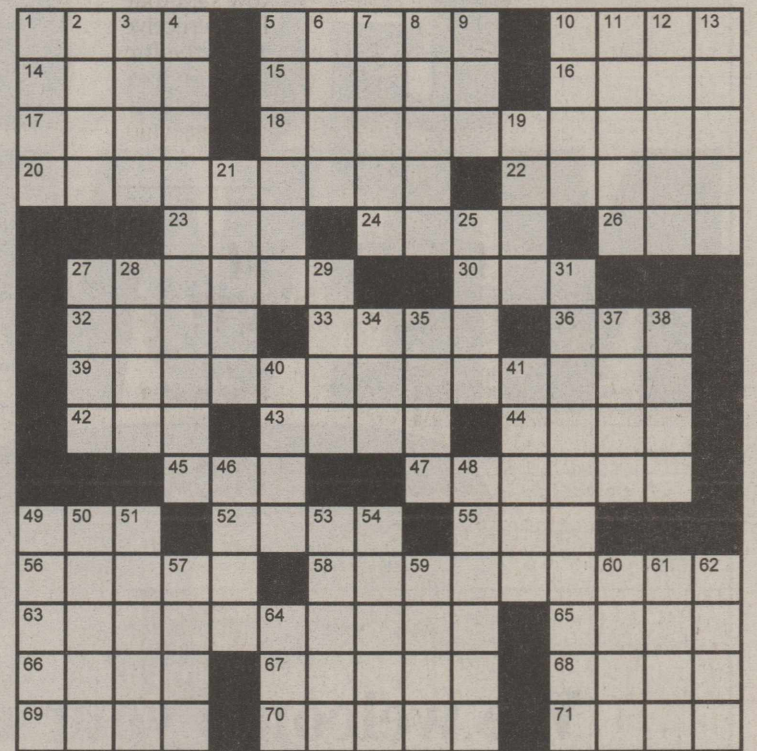
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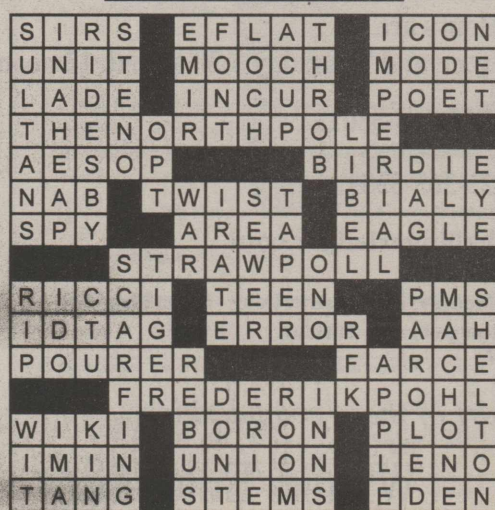
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## Runnels County Jail Record

October 6, 2016

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Possession of marijuana.		
Jesus S. Sanchez	64	WPD
Assault bodily injury, family violence.		
Krystina M. Mitchell	26	BPD
Possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.		
Franciso R. Ortiz	57	RCSO
No drivers license, expired registration, expired inspection, no liability insurance.		
Cory T. Pringle	28	BPD
Theft of property.		
Trent J. White	29	RCSO
Prohibited weapon, knuckles.		
Oscar Duran	33	DPS
Possession of controlled substance.		
Colby Davis	33	Coke
Warrant theft.		

## VETERANS CORNER

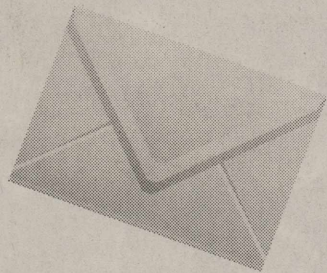


Sandra G. Van Zant

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has published proposed regulations to establish presumptions for the service connection of eight diseases affecting military members exposed to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The presumptive illnesses apply to active duty, reserve and National Guard members who served for no less than 30 days at Camp Lejeune between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987, and are diagnosed with the following conditions: adult leukemia, aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes, bladder cancer, kidney cancer, liver cancer, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and Parkinson's Disease. Environmental health experts on VA's Technical Workgroup conducted comprehensive reviews of scientific evidence, which included analysis and research done by the Department of Health and Human Service's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Environmental Protection Agency, the International Agency for Research on Cancer, the National Toxicology Program, and the National Academies of Science. Military members with records of service showing no less than 30 days of service, either concurrent or cumulative, at Camp Lejeune during the contamination period can already be granted Veteran status for medical benefits, following passage of the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring

for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012. In the early 1980s, volatile organic compounds, trichloroethylene (TCE), a metal degreaser, and perchloroethylene, a dry cleaning agent (PCE), as well as benzene, and vinyl chloride were discovered in two on-base water supply systems at Camp Lejeune. These systems served the housing, administrative, and recreational facilities, as well as the base hospital. The contaminated wells supplying the water systems were shut down in February 1985. The VA acknowledges that current science establishes a link between exposure to certain chemicals found in the water supply at Camp Lejeune and later development of one of the proposed presumptive conditions. However, VA experts agree that there is no scientific underpinning to support a specific minimum exposure level for any of the conditions. Therefore, the VA welcomes comments on the 30-day minimum exposure requirement and will consider other practical alternatives when drafting the final rule. The VA also notes that the proposed 30-day requirement serves to establish eligibility for service connection on a presumptive basis; nothing in this proposed regulation prohibits consideration of service connection on a non-presumptive basis. The 30-day public comment period on the proposed rule is open until Oct. 10, 2016. For more information, contact Sandra Van Zant at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or call 325-365-3612.

— Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer

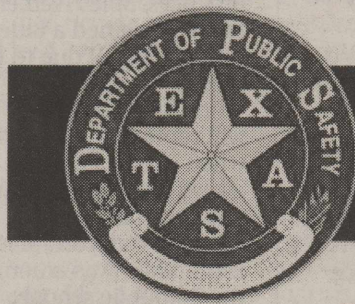


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## Texas Department of Public Safety

### DPS seeks leads in 1991 murder of Harris County deputy

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is seeking the public's help in solving the 1991 murder of Harris County

Sheriff's Deputy Roxyann Allee, who was shot and killed 25 years ago on Sept. 30. As part of the Office of the Governor and Texas Crime Stopper's Fallen Hero

Reward — Texas Remembers program, a reward up to \$20,000 is being offered for information that results in this case being solved. Crime Stoppers of Houston,

in partnership with the 100 Club, also is offering a reward up to \$10,000 through its Fallen Hero Project. All tips are guaranteed to be anonymous.



Roxyann Allee

"Deputy Allee was a committed public servant who dedicated her career to the service and protection of others, and it would be a monumental injustice for her murder to go unsolved," said Governor Greg Abbott. "We hope that renewing the public's interest about this case will uncover critical information, and bring closure to the investigation and her family."

At approximately 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 30, 1991, Allee was abducted as she walked to her van after shopping at Greenspoint Mall (located at North Freeway and Texas 8 Beltway). Witnesses observed two black men force Allee into her van at gunpoint.

Later that evening, Allee's van was found burned near the mall. Her body was discovered a short time later at another location. Allee had been shot and killed. At the time of her death, Allee worked at the Harris County Jail.

To be eligible for the cash rewards, anyone with information about the murder of Deputy Roxyann Allee can provide anonymous tips in three different ways:

- Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).

- Text the letters "DPS" — followed by your tip — to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone.

- Submit a tip online: <https://www.tipsubmit.com/WebTipsCSL.aspx?L=E&AgencyID=650>.

Created in January 2016, the Fallen Hero Reward program is designed to help generate new investigative leads in unsolved cases involving a Texas law enforcement officer or first responder who was murdered or suffered an incapacitating injury while in the line of duty or while acting in an official capacity. The program is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division and administered by DPS.

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TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE

# Eisenhower a Texan who rose to greatness

Dwight D. Eisenhower was a man who rose to great heights, but he was always a man of modesty. Like so many figures who excelled in America, his rise was to prominence was far from certain, but a background of faith, hard work, and education pushed the odds in his favor. Though his time in Texas was short, his impact on the world was profound.



Dr. Ken Bridges



with his older brothers, and his mother had once called him her "most troublesome boy." Interestingly enough, his mother had taught him to cook, which he took to enthusiastically. A younger brother died at the age of four, but the family pushed on, relying on their faith to endure hard times. In fact, the Eisenhowers held Bible classes in their home for many years.

He was born on October 14, 1890, in Denison. His given name was David Dwight Eisenhower, after his father. However, the name was later switched to Dwight David Eisenhower, reportedly to avoid confusion over having two Davids in the family. Reports conflict whether it was his idea or his mother's insistence.

He was the third of seven boys. His father, David Eisenhower, had attended Lane University to study engineering and had later opened a general store in the tiny farming community of Hope, Kansas. However, the business failed within three years because of the financial crises crippling farmers at the time, forcing the Eisenhowers to move. In 1889, his father found work in Denison as an engine wiper for the Cotton Belt Railroad for \$10 per week.

The growing family scraped by, but faith and education were a must in the Eisenhower household. The future president's grandfather had been a preacher, and his father insisted on daily prayers and Bible readings. His mother, Ida, was a devout and determined woman whose family had escaped the violence of Civil War Virginia and became a pacifist as a result. She had even attended college, where she met her future husband.

Though he became beloved by the nation as "Ike," Eisenhower was one of several "Ikes" growing up. His oldest brother, Edgar, was called "Big Ike," while the future president was simply "Little Ike." Though his mother discouraged the use of nicknames, the "Ike" moniker stuck with him the rest of his life.

After the hard years in Denison, the Eisenhowers moved to Abilene, Kansas, in 1892. Eisenhower's father picked up work as a mechanic at a creamery, and their fortunes steadily improved.

As a child, Eisenhower was adventurous and athletic, exploring the outdoors and playing sports. He was very competitive

Eisenhower was a star football player at Abilene High School. He had to repeat his freshman year because of a debilitating injury, but he persevered and graduated in 1909. In 1911, he won an appointment to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. Eisenhower considered it a practical way to get a free education. His mother, however, was disappointed at his choice for a military life, but she did not stand in his way. He graduated in 1915 in a class in which 59 graduates would eventually become generals.

Eisenhower would have a long career of service to the nation. He rose to become Allied Supreme Commander in World War II, helping to secure the Allied victory against the Nazis. After World War II, he became the first Supreme Commander of NATO. In 1952, he became the first native-born Texan elected president, widely supported by state residents. Today, his birthplace is a state historic landmark in Denison, marking the beginning of what became an extraordinary life.

*Dr. Bridges is a Texas native, writer, and history professor. He can be reached at drkenbridges.com.*

## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TO HOLD DRAWING FOR QUILT, TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW



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St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters will hold a drawing for an original quilt made by Belinda Schwartz decorated with country scenes. The drawing for the quilt will be held Sunday, Oct. 23. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and may be purchased from any of the women of St. John's Lutheran Church or at The Attic or Bee's Quilting in Winters. Pictured here from left are Naomi Gerhart, Juanita Bredemeyer, who made the quilt, Mary Beth Ahrens and Sarah Ahrens, 2.

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## Commodity lending rates announced

STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) today announced interest rates for October 2016. The CCC borrowing rate-based charge for October is 0.625 percent, up from 0.500 percent in September.

The interest rate for crop year commodity loans less than one year disbursed during October is 1.625 percent, up from 1.500 percent in September.

Interest rates for Farm

Storage Facility Loans approved for October are as follows, .875 percent with three-year loan terms, unchanged from .875 percent in September; 1.125 percent with five-year loan terms, unchanged from 1.250 percent in September; 1.500 percent with seven-year loan terms, up from 1.375 percent in September; 1.625 percent with 10-year loan terms, up from 1.500 percent in September and; 1.750 percent with 12-year loan terms, up from 1.625 percent in September. The interest rate for 15-year Sugar Storage Facility Loans for October is 1.750 percent, unchanged from 1.750 percent in September.

Further program information is available from USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Financial Management Division at 202-772-6041.

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All schools were selected as exemplary high performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests. Each school has an economically disadvantaged population of 25 percent or greater.

The schools completed a rigorous application process through the U.S. Department of Education. Schools that receive the award are recognized at the Blue Ribbon School conference in Washington, D.C.

For more information about the national Blue Ribbon Schools program, visit the U.S. Department of Education's website at <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/nclbbs/index.html>.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

**Barbecue and Auction in Moro**

MORO - The Moro Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Barbecue and Auction starting at 6 p.m. Saturday at the fire station located at 2718 CR 184 in Ovilla. Adult plates are \$10, children from 4-7 are \$7 and children 3 and under eat for free. Harvey McFadden will be performing an Elvis tribute during the event. All proceeds benefit the Moro VFD.

**Olfen St. Boniface Church Fall Festival**

The Olfen school and St. Boniface Church Fall Festival, celebrating 115 years, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9 at the St. Boniface Catholic Church Parish Hall. Adult plates and all plates to go are \$10, children under 10, \$5. Dine in and walk up plates to go, enter Olfen from the north on FM 1874. Drive through plates should enter Olfen from the West on County Road 234. Handicap parking and shuttles will be available. During the event there will be games and concessions starting at noon, a live auction at 1 p.m. a candy drop at 3 p.m. and homemade items will be for sale at the Fancy Stand Country Store. There will also be a quilt raffle. Sausage sandwiches will be sold in the afternoon. Handmade raw sausage will be for sale for \$5 per pound. Pre orders are recommended. Mail payments to St. Boniface Sausage Sales, 1829 FM 584, San Angelo, TX 76904. For more information call the Parish office at 325-442-2893.

**Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit to meet**

The Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit will hold their monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Monday October 10. The meeting will be at the Gus Pruser Agriculture Exhibit 219 W. Dale, Winters. Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit is a group interested in preserving the agricultural heritage of Runnels County. The group works on tractors and other displays in the museum. For additional information contact John Long at 325-754-5389 or zihalemuseum@wtxs.net.

**Lord's Acre Festival**

The First United Methodist Church Lord's Acre Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16 at the church at 1501 N. Broadway Ave. in Ballinger. A barbecue brisket and sausage dinner will be served. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. All drive-through or carry-out plates are \$10. There will be a Christmas store, country store, Friend-in-Stitches, and a silent auction - all opening at 10 a.m. There will also be a Children's Fair with a petting zoo and horse rides starting at 11 a.m. The live auction begins at 12:30 p.m. A nursery will be available. For more information, call 325-365-2323.

**Rosary Crusade**

ROWENA - A Rosary Crusade will be held on Saturday, October 15, at the Rowena Square beginning at noon. Everyone is invited to join in prayer for our country and its leaders.

**St. Joseph's Fall Festival**

ROWENA - Mark your calendar. St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rowena is hosting its 94th Annual Fall Festival on Sunday, November 13. Everyone is welcome to share the day with us and enjoy wonderful food, games for all ages, and time to visit family, friends, neighbors and make new friends.

**October Immunization clinics**

Texas Department of State Health Services will have immunization clinics for children with Medicaid, no insurance or under insured, and adults with no insurance. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call 754-4945. If there is no answer, leave a message. The clinic in

Winters will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. today at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience, please use the rear entrance (Grant Street). The clinic in Ballinger will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, October 13, at 600 Strong Ave. Please bring the child's immunization record. If child has Medicaid, please bring the card.

**Angel Run Oct. 29**

MILES - All you fitness buffs, come to Miles, on Sat., Oct 29 for a 5K/1 mile Angel Run sponsored by the St. Theresa Altar Society. The event opens with a prayer and begins at 9 a.m. at St. Thomas Catholic Church at 404 7th St. Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to participate. Registration is \$20 if you register by Oct. 15 and \$25 on the day of the race. Online registration can be done at: www.GetMeRegistered.com/AngelRun. Each participant will receive an Angel Run t-shirt and an angel pendant. Participants have the opportunity to run/walk "in memory or in honor" of someone special to them for a \$5 fee per name. Angel wings signage will be placed along the course with the names of who the participants are running/walking for. Proceeds from the Angel Run will benefit the new y constructed parish hall. For more information contact Linda Schwertner at 325-656-0298

**St. Ambrose Fall Festival**

WALL - The St. Ambrose Fall Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church at 8602 Loop 570 in San Angelo. The cost is \$10 per plate for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Plates to go are \$10. There will be children's games from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a live auction at 1:15 p.m.

**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 purchase 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 at 7:30 p.m. against San Saba.

**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

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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.

**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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### CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

**TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:**  
Consistent with the state environmental review process adopted in the permanent rules of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for projects funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program, specifically 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 371, Subchapter E, and with the terms and conditions of the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S. Code § 4321, et seq., the Executive Administrator of the TWDB has determined that the proposed action identified below may be exempted from further environmental review requirements:

City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas  
Alternative Water Supply Project  
DWSRF, TWDB Project Number 62623  
Total TWDB Commitment: \$603,500 (L1000255, LF1000256)  
Total Amount of Loan Forgiveness: \$178,500

The City of Winters (City) provides potable water for its 4,806 residents. Currently, the City's sole water source is surface water withdrawn from the Elm Creek Reservoir, also known as Lake Winters. Water levels in this reservoir have declined to critical stages in recent years, reaching Stages 2 (moderate) and 3 (severe) levels. Because the lake levels have been chronically low, the City is uncertain whether it can continue to fulfill demand and/or to meet future needs without procuring additional raw-water supplies.

To address this concern, the City sought and received DWSRF funding from the TWDB. On June 18, 2014, the City obtained a commitment of \$603,500, comprising a \$425,000 loan (L1000255) and a loan with forgiveness in the amount of \$178,500 (LF1000256). These funds were to be used for planning, design, and acquisition.

After considering alternatives, the City had originally planned to develop an additional water source by rehabilitating one or more existing irrigation wells at a site east or southeast of the community and constructing the infrastructure needed to produce and utilize the groundwater. This plan proved infeasible when the City was not able to obtain a permit to utilize the groundwater in a timely manner, causing the City to seek a different solution.

The City now proposes to meet its needs by improving raw-water transmission, contact treatment, and storage, and reducing losses from its existing supply of surface water. The required project elements include:

1. Replacing an existing 0.4 million gallon clearwell with a ground storage tank of equal size at the City's water treatment plant and demolishing the old clearwell.
2. Replacing a 16-inch raw-water valve.
3. Improving the disinfectant injection equipment and vault.
4. Replacing existing air-relief valves on the raw-water transmission line.

The TWDB staff reviewed the potential environmental impact of the proposed water system improvements and determined that they would have minimal adverse effect, thus qualifying for Categorical Exclusion (CE) from full environmental review. Historically, the entire project area was cleared of natural vegetation and remained under cultivation until the community expanded to its current extent. Subsequent construction of the existing water treatment facility and transmission line resulted in further disturbance, but the proposed improvements would not increase treatment capacity or change the type and level of treatment. The effects of construction would be localized and temporary, comparable to that of previous maintenance activities.

None of the proposed construction would affect protected natural or cultural resources, significantly impair the human environment, or disproportionately impact any racial or economic group within the community. Although the existing transmission pipeline crosses several streams, none of the proposed construction sites are in proximity. Therefore, the project would not affect: 1) streams, wetlands, or other Waters of the United States under the jurisdiction of the United States Army Corps of Engineers; or 2) floodplains under the administrative authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which has not mapped flood-hazard areas in the City. Similarly, the proposed installations are not expected to impact endangered, threatened, or rare species or their habitats as recognized by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Examination of the Texas Historical Commission's Archeological Sites Atlas indicates there are no known archeological or historical sites within the proposed project area or nearby, and construction at sites of previous disturbance is not likely to affect any significant or potentially significant cultural resources that are yet unknown. Based on these assessments, the TWDB staff has concluded that the proposed project should not entail significant adverse impact.

On the basis of this review, the Executive Administrator of the TWDB has issued this Categorical Exclusion. Documentation supporting this determination is on file at the TWDB.

This determination shall be revoked if it is found that:

1. the proposed improvements no longer meet the requirements for a Categorical Exclusion as a result of changes in the project;
2. the project involves or results in extraordinary circumstances as described in 31 TAC Chapter 371, Subchapter E; or
3. the project violates or may violate federal, state, local, or tribal laws.

The project also must comply with the following conditions:

- Standard emergency condition for the discovery of cultural resources; and
- Standard emergency condition for the discovery of threatened or endangered species.

Comments regarding this determination may be submitted to the Director of Regional Water Planning and Development, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231.

Clay Schultz, Director  
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# BLIZZARDS

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their Big Sisters before at least one home game this coming season.

The 12 Lady Blizzard varsity players and four of the junior varsity girls had a lot of fun mentoring their Little Sisters. Senior Christy Kruse said, "I think it's really helpful. It teaches them fundamental basketball skills and it's fun to get to know the little girls," said senior Christy Kruse.

Senior K'Lee Lindley said it was fun to work with the little kids.

"They want to be us one day, so it's fun to help them get their start," Lindley said.

Senior Micaela Ochoa agreed. "I really liked it," Ochoa said. "I got to get closer to the younger girls and introduce them to what basketball is going to be like. Hopefully, they got the feel of it and will come to love basketball like I do."

Senior Justine Alvarado added a different perspective.

"It's awesome, because the little kids are really cute and they look up to us," Alvarado said. "So, doing things with them makes me want to do better myself on the court, because I don't want to let my Little Sisters down."

## SEE YOU AT THE POLE



On Wednesday, September 28, 2016 several students and community members gathered at the flagpole in front of Winters High School for "See You At The Pole (SYATP). The event began in 1990, and is a day set aside each year on the last Wednesday in September for students nationwide to pray for their fellow students, school, state, and the nation. This year Winters students Brooklyn Anderson, Taylor Gray, and Bryce Lanphear, with assistance from Mr. Monte Angel, led a time of worship and prayer at the SYATP in Winters. Doughnuts and juice were provided by First Baptist Church of Winters. There was an estimated 60 students and adults who attended SYATP.

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# FLU

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seasonal flu vaccine, you can take everyday preventive actions like staying away from sick people and washing your hands to reduce the spread of germs.

Halfmann encouraged at-risk patients to go ahead and get the vaccine and it is available at the North Runnels Clinic. She reminded that this year the vaccine has changed so those that are afraid of the onset of symptoms from the shot need not worry.

"You cannot get the flu from the vaccine," Halfmann said.

Influenza is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes

even death. Every flu season is different, and influenza infection can affect people differently. Even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. Over a period of 31 seasons between 1976 and 2007, estimates of flu-associated deaths ([http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/us\\_flu-related\\_deaths.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/us_flu-related_deaths.htm)) in the United States range from a low of about 3,000 to a high of about 49,000 people. During recent flu seasons, between 80% and 90% of flu related deaths have occurred in people 65 years and older. "Flu season" in the United States can begin as early as October and last as late as May. During this time, flu viruses are circulating at higher levels in the U.S. population. An annual seasonal flu vac-

cine (either the flu shot or the nasal spray flu vaccine) is the best way to reduce the chances that you will get seasonal flu and spread it to others. When more people get vaccinated against the flu, less flu can spread through that community.

The timing of flu is very unpredictable and can vary in different parts of the country and from season to season. Seasonal flu viruses can be detected year-round, however, seasonal flu activity can begin as early as October and continue to occur as late as May. Flu activity most commonly peaks in the United States between December and March according to the CDC.

Getting an annual flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu. Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations. The more people who get vaccinated, the more people will be protected from flu, including older people, very young children, pregnant women and people with certain health conditions who are more vulnerable to serious flu complications.

Flu shots last about three months and if a patient received one now, they could get another vaccine in

January.

This year, the vaccine will only be administered through shots and not nasal sprays, which the CDC has deemed ineffective.

If you are sick with flu, stay home from work or school to prevent spreading flu to others. In addition, there are prescription medications called antiviral drugs that can be used to treat influenza illness.

If patients do contract the flu Halfmann said it is best to seek medical treatment in the first 24 hours that fever presents, so that the Tamiflu can be administered.

"You need to see a medical professional within 24 hours of the onset of symptoms, particularly fever greater than 101 degrees," Halfmann said. "Tamiflu can be administered within the first 24 hours only."

The United States experiences epidemics of seasonal flu each year. This time of year is called "flu season." In the United States, flu viruses are most common during the fall and winter months. Influenza activity often begins to increase in October and November. Most of the time flu activity peaks between December and March and can last as late as May. CDC monitors certain key flu indicators (for example, outpatient visits of influenza-like illness (ILI), the results of laboratory testing and flu

## What's new this flu season?

A few things are new this season:

- Only injectable flu shots are recommended for use this season.
- Flu vaccines have been updated to better match circulating viruses.
- There will be some new vaccines on the market this season.
- The recommendations for vaccination of people with egg allergies have changed.

What flu vaccines are recommended this season?

This season, only injectable flu vaccines (flu shots) should be used. Some flu shots protect against three flu viruses and some protect against four flu viruses.

Options this season include:

- Standard dose flu shots. Most are given into the muscle (usually with a needle, but one can be given to some people with a jet injector). One is given into the skin.
- A high-dose shot for older people.
- A shot made with adjuvant for older people.
- A shot made with virus grown in cell culture.
- A shot made using a vaccine production technology (recombinant vaccine) that does not require the use of flu virus.

Source: Centers for Disease Control

hospitalization and deaths). When these indicators rise and remain elevated for a number of consecutive weeks, flu season is said to have begun. Usually ILI increases first, followed by an increase in flu-associated hospitalizations, which is then followed by increases in flu-associated deaths.

For the most current influenza surveillance information, please see FluView at Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report. ON THE NET: [www.texasflu.org](http://www.texasflu.org)

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