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#### Thursday, August 4, 2011

Winters, Texas

#### **Mixed results for Winters ISD**

#### **RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ**

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WINTERS - The Texas Education Agency released last week the Public School Accountability Scores with the Winters ISD showing improvement in some areas and lower scores in others. Overall Winters ISD received an Academically Acceptable rating based on performances in numerous categories on all campuses.

Winters Elementary School improved to a Recognized rating, while Winters High School and Winters Junior High where rated Acceptable.

In addition to other factors such as attendance and dropout rates, TEA rates schools based on TAKS scores in the subject areas of Reading/English Language Arts, Writing, Social Studies, Math and Science. Within each of these subjects, schools are rated on subpopulations that have 30 or more students in that particular subpopulation. Winters ISD has four subpopulations that count towards accountability ratings: All Students (entire cam-

pus), Hispanic, White, and Economically Disadvantaged. With the exception of Winters Elementary School, which improved from Acceptable to Recognized, all local ratings

dropped one step in the ratings scale, following the statewide trend and under new scoring standards by TEA. The TPM — a method of calculating projected performance — was ruled by the commissioner to not be considered in 2010-2011 like it had been used the previous two

years Across the state, 569 schools will be rated Unacceptable - up from 104 schools the previous year which repre-

sents a 547 percent increase.

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Ratings are based in a four grade system starting with Exemplary as the top grade, followed by Recognized, Acceptable and Academically Unacceptable.

# **Fire engulfs tractor**

PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ es northwest of Ballin

#### **Dove Fest is** underway

#### **RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ**

WINTERS ENTERP WINTERS- Plans are underway for the 2011 Winters Dove Fest which will be held on Saturday, September 3. This is one of the largest events in Winters. The Dove Fest features many activities in several areas of the community and attracts hun-

dreds of visitors and hunters. This year the fest will present the oppor-tunity to enjoy the Tribute to Elvis experience, featuring Winters own Harvey McFadden with 50s, 60s 70s and all of the Elvis' favorites. Rock and roll down

Memory Lane from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. A hunter appreciation barbecue lunch, live and silent auctions, a raffle for six guns and chances for door prizes will be at the Community Center and Park, at 300 FM 1770, from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Free barbecue lunch will be available for active military.

Guns to be raffled are a Browning Citori 525 O/U 12 ga. shotgun, Browning Cynergy O/U 20 ga. shotgun, Browning X-Bolt Stainless 22-250 bolt action rifle, Ruger M77 Hawkeye 257 Roberts bolt action rifle, Tikka T-3 Hunter 300 WSM bolt action rifle, and a Ruger Mini-14 semi-



caught on fire last Monday, August 1 operty located on County Road 2133, some Runnels County dispatch received a call about the emergency and the Rowena Volunteer Fire Department was sent to the scene. The firemen found the unit still on fire, with flames coming out from the tires and the engine area, and proceeded to extinguish the fire with the fire truck water hoses. The tractor was hauling a heavy trailer, but apparently the damage did not extend to this or any other of several machines surrounding the scene. Al Strube, owner of the tractor, said that possibly an electric failure caused the fire. Nobody was at unit when the fire started. The tractor had been used that same evening, until about two hours before the incident.

auto 223 caliber rifle.

Tickets are now on sale at \$5 each or six for \$25 and may be purchased at several locations including the City of Winters,

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#### **RUNNELS CO. HISTORICAL BUILDINGS** Winters State Bank

#### WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPOR

WINTERS - The Winters State Bank was organized in 1906 by John Q. McAdams with capital stock of \$15,000. The first bank was a building constructed immediately south of the present location. In 1909, the present building on the corner of Main Street and West Dale Street was built as a permanent quarters for the bank.

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank was organized in 1909, with W. E. Norton as

managing head. A few years later, the F. & M. was sold to F. Merrick and Associates and was finally taken over by the Winters State Bank in August 1913.

In 1914, the Winters Banking Company was organized with D. M. Hillyard as managing head, and out of this company grew the First National Bank with a charter issued in March of 1915. When Mr. Hillyard died in 1921, Bert E. Low became head of the First National Bank. In June 1927, I. N. Wilkerson of

FILE PHOTO The building that once hosted the Winters State Bank is located at the corner of Main Street and West Dale, in Winters.

Ovalo became the active Vice-President.

In 1924, the bank had outgrown its original quarters and the entire length of the building was appropriated to banking space.

The Winters State Bank purchased the First National Bank assets in November 1937. At that time, it was believed to be the largest financial deal in the history of the trade area. They acquired the assets by a purchase totaling \$324,675.50. The deal was made by Henry James, President, I. N. Wilkerson, Lyle Deffebach and Dr. J. W. Dixon principal stockholders, also Mrs. Albert Spill and Mrs. D. N. Hillyard. Acting for the Winters State Bank in the deal were John Q. McAdams, President, Dr. C. T. Rives, Vice President, Carl Henslee, Cashier, Ronald Duncan, Assistant Cashier, and its Directors, McAdams, Dr. Rives, Wm. Stevens, Albert Afflerbach and Carl Henslee.

The Winters State Bank continued to grow and expand according to the needs of the community. In 1942, the Bank of Bradshaw consolidated with the



PHOTO: COURTESY RUTH COOPER

The old bank is now used as an office building, hosting an insurance company.

Winters State Bank. During this time, Mr. John Q. McAdams was the State Banking Commissioner and Dr. J. W. Dixon was the President. The Bradshaw Bank was established in 1910. It was owned and operated by Ocie Hunt and Associates. The assets brought the total deposits of the Winters Bank to \$1,990,000 at the end of

#### 1942.

In 1954, the bank was completely remodeled with dark granite used as the base with Roman brick above. Wainscoating in the lobby was marble with walls above in walnut paneling. Fixtures were modern styling and included seven teller windows. The material was Texas Marble, aluminum wickets and walnut.

The expanded quarters included 4,700 square feet and 700 square feet used for a directors' room and snack bar reached only by a stairway. Beneath all of this area was the drive-in window and ladies lounge. In the basement, a storage vault for records and the

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#### FUNERALS AND DEATH NOTICES

#### **Dalton Earl Crockett**

BALLINGER - Dalton Earl Crockett, 86, of Ballinger passed away Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, Texas.

He was born July 23, 1925 to D. M. (Buster) and Bertha Crockett in Norton, Texas.

Survivors include Billie, his wife of 52 years, three daughters; Paula Easter and husband, Jack, of Duncanville, Texas, Dana Rich and husband, Jim, of San Antonio, and Patty Esposito and husband, Roddy, of Abilene, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation for family and friends was Friday, July 29 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Lange Funeral Home. Services were held Saturday, July 30 at 10:00 am at First United Methodist Church in Ballinger with Rev. Buddy Moore officiating. Burial followed at Garden of Memories Cemetery in Ballinger.

Pallbearers were Wayne Johnson, Robert Hambright, Mike Herron, and grandsons Jay Easter, J. D. Rich, and Justin Leifeste. Honorary pallbearers were Lester Schaefer, Kelly Chapman, Curtis Jennings, and Lanham "Mac" Carter.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 525, Ballinger, TX 76821 or to a favorite charity

Guests may register at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

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#### Nolan Co. fatal crash

#### WINTERS ENTERPRISE

STAFF REPO

ABILENE - One person was killed in a rollover crash occurring on Sunday, July 31, at 11:57 a.m. on U.S. Highway 84, seven miles north of Roscoe, Texas, in Nolan County.

Cynthia Walsh Holman, 52 years of age from Pearland, Texas, was pronounced dead at the scene by Judge Sharon Gardner at 12:36 p.m. The body was taken to McCoy's Funeral Home in Sweetwater, Texas

Holman was driving a 2008 Chevrolet HHR southbound on U.S. Highway 84 when the vehicle left the roadway traveling into the center median. Holman overcorrected to the right and the vehicle overturned ending up in a cotton field

The weather was clear and the roadway dry. Trooper William Cecil Wheat is investigating this crash.

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#### Farm Bureau makes donation to Fire departments

WINTERS ENERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - The Runnels County Farm Bureau presented an \$800 donation to each of the five volunteer Fire departments in the county, to help recover resources and funds used during this spring and summer wildfires.

The Fire departments receiving the donations were Ballinger Fire Department, Winters Volunteer Fire Department, Miles VFD, Rowena VFD and Wingate VFD.

"The community is grateful for these firefighters' tireless efforts to protect our homes, land, animals, and families," said **Runnels County Farm Bureau President Dale** Duggan.

The funds were made possible by a matching fund program by the Texas Farm Bureau state office. Texas Farm Bureau matched county Farm Bureau donations on a three to one basis across the state. "Our volunteer Fire

departments are ready at a moment's notice, and this is a way for us to help with their cost of operation and show how grateful we are in Runnels County," said Duggan. "We owe them a



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Winters VFD Chief Mark Bridgeman, Miles VFD Chief Mark Sklenarik, Ballinger FD Chief Clyde Kresta, Wingate VFD and County Commissioner Turman Self, and Rowena VFD Chief Mark Irby each received a donation in the amount of \$800 from Runnels County Farm Bureau. Farm Bureau representatives present are President Dale Duggan, Collin Klattenhoff and Eli Droll Farm Bureau Board Members as well as volunteer firemen from the different fire departments.

tremendous amount of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.'

Runnels County volunteer Fire departments have fought fire in Runnels, Coleman, Concho, Coke,

Nolan, Taylor and Tom Green counties. Fund raisers and donations are a large part of what keeps them able to operate and with the amount of fire this year

their resources have been depleted. Texas Farm **Bureau and Runnels** County Farm Bureau are glad to help during this time of crisis.

#### Drought worsens as temperatures break historical record

#### WINTERS ENTERPRISE

STAFF REPOR COLLEGE STATION - More than 99 percent of the state was in one level of drought or another by the last week of July, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

More than 90 percent of the state was in an extreme drought; 75 percent in an exceptional drought. Daytime high temperatures continued to challenge or beat historical records in many parts of the state.

Throughout the state, with the exception of small pockets where there has been rain, producers continued to struggle with dropping irrigation well and stock-water tank levels, desiccated pastures and hay shortages, according to reports from Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

"Different week, same song," said Rick Auckerman, AgriLife Extension agent for Deaf Smith County, west of Amarillo. "Producers are trying to run water on as many crops as possible, but the cotton is needing more water now also. The corn crop is in dire need of water, and many producers are abandoning parts or whole fields of corn production in hopes to salvage what they can.'

"What small amount of cotton that is left in the county is under irrigation, but farmers are beginning to turn the water off due to the amount of money they already have in the crop. They are worried they may not get that back in the market," said Ryan Martin, AgriLife Extension agent for Motley County, east of Lubbock. "Some of the cotton under irrigation looks very good, but once out in it, farm

County, south of Lufkin. "Time is running out for producers to make enough hay for their herds for winter feeding even if they survive the summer. Livestock water continues to be a problem for many producers as stock tanks and creeks get lower or dry up.

'Tropical Storm Don did not bring any measurable rain," reported Mile Gibbs, AgriLife Extension agent for Val Verde County, southeast of Fort Stockton. "Sheep look very good considering the drought and lack of vegetation. Lamb crops are down. Northern portions of the county need some rain just to cover the burned ground from the April and May wildfires. The ground is still bald and scorched.

According to AgriLife Extension district reporters in Central Texas conditions remained very dry. Large numbers of cows were being taken to sale barns. Hay sources were hard to find. Producers were baling corn stalks and other marginal forages. Stock-water tanks were getting low

The Rolling Plains region remained extremely dry and hot. With daytime temperatures above 110 degrees, the National Weather Service issued and excessive heat warning. All grasses and trees were in jeopardy in rural and urban areas. Additional water restrictions were expected, which will add to landscape losses.

In West Central the region remained extremely dry with triple-digit temperatures. The agricultural situation continued to worsen. Irrigated cotton was in fair condition. All other crops failed. Most producers were out of graz-



ing and water for livestock. Water wells were drying up. Livestock producers were selling large numbers of cows.

#### **Bronte VFD 'Oldies but** Goodies' car show

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STAFF REPORT BRONTE - The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department will be having the Third Annual "Oldies but Goodies" Car Show and Fundraiser. The show will be held on Saturday, August 20 in Bronte, Texas from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The show is a great opportunity to enjoy a day of fun in downtown Bronte, with the car show, food, arts and crafts.

Registration for car show starts at 9 a.m. Registration does not have an entry fee. The arts and crafts booths will be opening at 10 a.m.

Bronte Volunteer Fire Department will start serving lunch around 11 a.m. This all takes place at the Bronte Depot, just two blocks West of Highway 277 on Main St. For more information contact:www.brontetexas.org or City Hall (325) 473-3501.

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### **Crops deadline for NAP on Sept. 1**

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WINTERS - The September 1, 2011 deadline for producers who want to purchase coverage through the Non-insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is quickly approaching, said Runnels County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Byron Bauerlein, and urged producers wish-

#### **WHS schedules** open house

#### WINTERS ENTERPRISE

STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - Winters High School student schedules for the 2011-2012 school year will be available for pickup on Tuesday, August 16, at Winters High School. Schedules for Seniors will be handed out at from 8-9 a.m., Juniors can pick up theirs from 9-10 a.m., Sophomores from 10-11 a.m. and Freshmen from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Winters High School will also be having an open house on Thursday, August 18, from 7-7:30 p.m. Parents and students are invited to the high school to visit with teachers and staff. The school values the help and support of parents. Together, we can assure that your student has a successful year!

Schedule changes will be on Friday, August 19, from 8 a.m.- noon.

New students are encouraged to visit the counselor's office as soon as possible to complete new student paperwork.

School begins on August 22, and we look forward to the great things to come this year. Please feel free to call the high school office at 754-5516 with any questions.

ing to purchase coverage to do so before is too late.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to normal disasters

"Purchasing a crop insurance policy is an easy way for producers to practice risk management," said Bauerlein. "This year alone has proved that natural disasters can directly affect the profitability and recovery of agricultural operations," he said.

Crops with a NAP application closing date of Sept. 1, 2011 include: All small grains (wheat, oats, barley, rye and triticale), beets, broccoli, Brussel sprouts, cabbage, canola, cauliflower, garlic, sod grass, greens, herbs, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, onions, radishes, strawberries, turnips and value loss crops (Christmas trees, crustaceans, fin fish, and flowers).

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be non-insur-

able, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available. If the Risk Management Agency (RMA) offers coverage for a crop in the county, then NAP coverage is not available for that crop.

In the event of a natural disaster, NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, Application for Coverage. Producers must file the application and service fee by the Sept. 1 deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties. For more information on

sales closing dates and NAP, contact the Runnels County FSA office at 325-365-5757.

#### NEWS NOTES

Call Marlene Smith at 754-4961 for additional information.

**AA Meetings** AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

#### **Ballinger Al-Anon**

meetings Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

**Chamber of Commerce** Chamber of Commerce meets at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month at DLC Realty 116 S. Main St. in the backroom.

**City Council Meetings** Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month at

Winters ISD School Board meets at 6:30 p.m. every second Monday of the month at 603 North Heights.

#### Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

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

**Ballinger Masonic Lodge** meeting Masonic Lodge # 643,

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#### Winters Elementary preregistration PK-5th

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#### **YMCA football signups**

YMCA will be signing up Third through Sixth Grade students for their football season on Thursday August 4, at 7 p.m. at Lonestar Video, 200 Tinkle Street.

Cost for members will be \$60 and \$75 for non-members. Equipment rental available. Players can also be registered online at: www.ymcasanangelo.org, deadline is August 5, 2011. Late registration available through August 12 with a \$15 late registration fee. For more information contact Ronald at (325)

organization is working to contact all classmates of these five classes.

WHS activity calendar These are some important dates to remember. Aug. 13 - 10 a.m. First high school scrimmage (at Roby) Aug. 22 - First day of

school **HS Cross Country** Practice will begin on August 8 at 6:30 p.m. (meeting with Coach Holson) and running at 7 p.m. at the HS gym.

**Immunization clinics** The Texas Department of State Health Services will have two immunization clinics in Runnels County. The first one will be held in Winters, on Thursday, August 4 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience please, use rear entrance (Grant Street).

Courthouse). Please bring child's immunization records. If

child has Medicaid or CHIP, please bring card. For more information call 325-754-4945.

**Cross Emmaus Community gatherings** The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at the United Methodist Church. For more information call (325) 365 2323.

**VFW meetings** Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 meet the second Monday night of each month at 6 p.m. in the Rock Hotel. All eligible veterans of the United States military are invited to attend.

**Band Boosters** The Band Boosters meet at 6:30 p.m every Monday evening at Dot's Diner.

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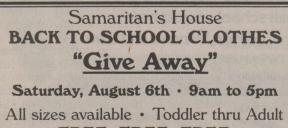
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#### WHS classes of 1976-80 reunion

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Winters High School Classes of 1976-1980 invites all of their classmates and graduates to a multi class reunion September 23-24, 2011. A hamburger supper will be held at the school cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. before the Winters vs. Bronte football game. An after game fellowship sponsored by the Ex Student Association is tentatively being planned to be held after the football game at the Winters Community Center.

On Saturday, a tour of the high school and new activity center is planned to begin at 1:30 p.m. From 3-6 p.m., visiting will be at The Shed Pavilion 608 CR 226, Wingate, TX. At 6:30 p.m. a catered BBQ dinner will be served. A dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. Class representatives are: Class of 1976, Becky Bryan Airhart 1412 S. Main Winters, TX 79567; Class of 1977, Teresa Wright Walden 717 FM 2405 Winters, TX 79567; Class of 1978, Marsha Smith 908 State Winters, TX 79567; Class of 1979, Janet Jacob Cason 6010 Hwy. 83 Winters, TX 79567; Class of 1980 Renee' Pierce Calcote 100 Park Lane Winters, TX 79567. Please RSVP to your respective class representative by September 12, 2011. The



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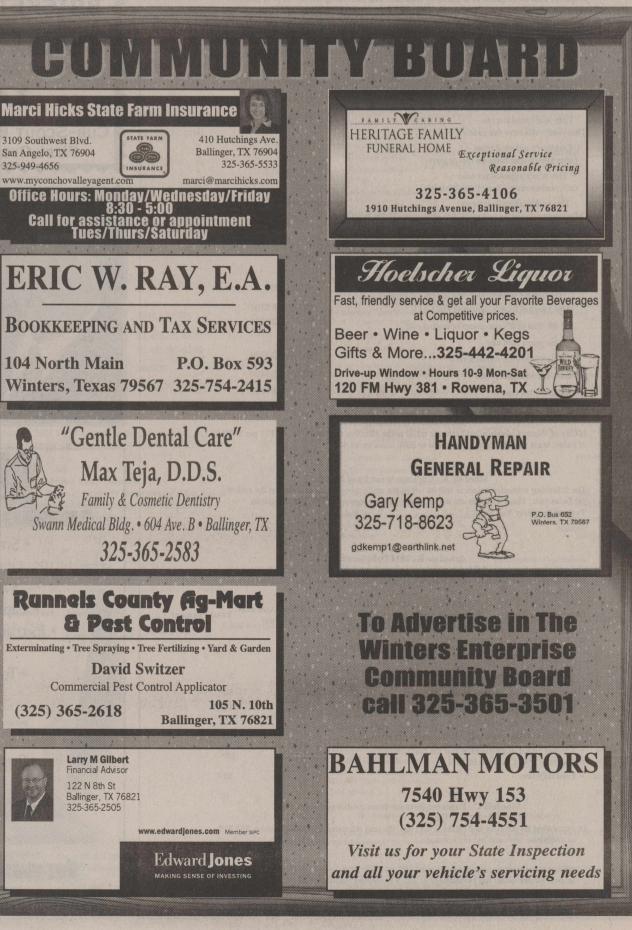
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Water Recreation Still a Good Bet to Beat the Heat

AUSTIN - As experts nervously watch mounting threats of record drought in Texas, several truths are evident: (1) when water won't fall from the sky, what comes out of the ground is critical, (2) there are important things people can do to prepare to weather a drought, but when you're in one the only quick fix is rain and (3) there are still parks, lakes and spring-fed rivers with water where folks can beat the dry heat.

June was the hottest June ever recorded in Texas. At this point, the current drought is the third worst on record based on the Palmer Drought Index, behind the droughts of 1916-1918 and 1951-1957.The Texas drought map is a sea of red, with almost the entire state in extreme to exceptional drought, except for about 10 counties in northeast Texas. What's worse, little relief is predicted, and some forecasts show a strengthening of La Niña weather conditions this fall, which could prolong the drought.

'What's on my mind is with continued lack of rainfall we could see

impacts on fish and wildlife that could be apparent for years to come," said Cindy Loeffler, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's top water resource expert.

"That's based on reports from our wildlife biologists on poor recruitment of young of the year, very poor available food such as mast for deer and bugs for birds to eat, not to mention lack of drinking water. With fish, when you see these historically low levels of stream flows, we begin to see fish kills from low dissolved oxygen and high temperature."

Across the state, many springs and rivers are trickling and Texas lake levels are way down. In the west, some reservoirs have gone practically bone-dry, including O.C Fisher near San Angelo.

"If this goes on much longer we're going to have some dry springs, without a doubt," said Chad Norris, a TPWD water resource scientist who's spent the last few years studying the status of springs across the state, including many on private ranches

"One big problem is impacts to endemic and rare species, many of which are isolated to these small springs and are found nowhere else. We might not lose an entire species, but we could lose local populations that could push them toward extinction."

Norris said people underestimate the importance of small springs. Even in drought-dried creeks, they sustain isolated pools of water, and while that's not ideal habitat, if you're an aquatic species or even a terrestrial mammal looking for water, it's critical.

"Those spring-fed pools may be what will keep our common wildlife species common. The bass, sunfish and minnows, the fish communities in our streams, they need somewhere to hold on, so they can repopulate the creek when rain finally returns."

Spring flows at San Marcos and Comal Springs, two of the largest springs in the Southwestern U.S., are declining due to drought and groundwater withdrawal from the Edwards Aquifer. There are eight threatened or endangered species that depend directly on the Edwards Aquifer system: the fountain darter, San Marcos salamander, San Marcos gambusia, Texas blind salamander, Peck's cave amphipod, Comal Springs dryopid beetle, Comal Springs riffle beetle, and Texas wild-rice. The San Marcos gambusia, last collected in the wild in 1983, may already be extinct.

These rare creatures evolved to withstand periodic droughts, but human activity, particularly increased groundwater pumping, is changing the equation.

"Jacob's Well is a great example," said Norris. "Recently its flow was down to one tenth of a cubic feet per second (CFS), but it popped back up when groundwater pumping restrictions went in, though still below one CFS, very low. The real trick is groundwater use, and the fact that there are so many more of us now."

Primary threats to aquifer-dependent species are intermittent loss of habitat from reduced spring flows, water pollution, and competition from non-native, invasive species. The good news is there are efforts underway to plan for drought and wisely manage the groundwater that sustains people and wildlife, such as the **Edwards Aquifer Recovery** 

Implementation Plan. These days, you can track how much water's flowing in most Texas rivers online, thanks to flow gauges tracked by the U.S. Geological Survey. Interestingly, when you look at the USGS Map of Daily Streamflow offering historical comparisons, about half the state shows green dots indicating normal flow. Of course, the other half are the red of dry desperation, such as the Llano River at Llano with only about 4 percent of its normal/median flow, and even the upper Sabine in wetter East Texas near 14 percent.

San Marcos and Comal springs are also the headwaters of the San Marcos and Comal Rivers and provide important base flows, especially during drought, to the Guadalupe River and its coastal estuary. The endangered whooping crane breeds in northern Canada and winters on the Texas coast, and high salinities caused by low freshwater inflows are a stressor for whooping cranes. Extreme droughts can limit their preferred foods like blue crabs and wolfberries, and can force cranes to fly to uplands to drink, using more energy and exposing birds to more predator threats and other mortality factors Whooping crane mortality and Guadalupe-San Antonio River discharge data over the last 20 years show that high mortality winters are associated

with low water discharges. On land, animals are on the move, going where the food and water are, sometimes in urban areas. Alligator sightings are increasing in the eastern part of the state as they search for dwindling habitat. Normally nocturnal

during the day, raising concerns about rabies transmission.

Without rain relief, deer recruitment will be poor this year. Deer have been eating their summer forage, and there may not be anything left later in the summer. Turkey populations may also be down due to lack of food and cover. On well-managed ranches where native grasses are healthy, wildlife may weather the drought better than in previously overgrazed areas.

Drought can actually mean better hunting and fishing in some cases. Shrinking surface water and habitat can concentrate fish and game, making them easier to find; this could be the case with coastal waterfowl, for example. But there can be a tradeoff in resource impacts from taking too many vulnerable animals in certain areas, and these situations rely on responsible stewardship from hunter/anglers.

Likewise, water recreation continues to lure Texans to rivers, lakes, spring-fed swimming holes, and state parks with water features, air-conditioned cabins and the like. State Parks with constantlevel lakes have seen an increase in visitation. Texas is blessed with marvelous spring-fed rivers, which are crowded with paddlers and tubers.

However, low lake levels and stream flows have made recreational access difficult. Many boat ramps have closed as water levels decrease. Boaters who do manage to launch sometimes find a smaller surface area, and safety becomes a concern as lakes get crowded and hazards such as trees and sand bars are exposed.

Contact recreation can pose health hazards if water quality is poor. For example, primary amebic meningoencephalitis or PAM is a rare but sometimes deadly disease that can be caused when water is forced up the nose while diving, jumping or water skiing. Symptoms may include severe headache, high fever, stiff neck, nausea and vomiting. The state health

department advises people not to swim or ski in stagnant water, and to hold their nose or use nose clips when skiing, jet skiing or jumping into fresh water.

All this said, the situation could change markedly for the better with rainfall from tropical storms, and Texas is now in peak hurricane season.

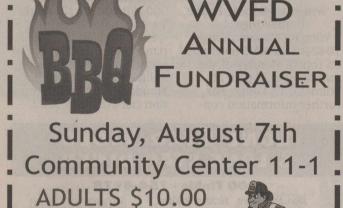
Record drought tends to focus the mind on the need for water planning. While some look at ways to enhance water supply, others emphasize conservation to better use what we already have.

"The big gamble we take in the water planning business is we assume the worst drought we'll ever see will be no worse than the 'drought of record' that occurred in the 1950s," said Loeffler. "But we know, based on tree ring data, Texas has weathered 'megadroughts' worse than the drought of the 1950s. Some weather experts are wondering if our current drought could be the 'new normal.

While the vital but longterm process of water planning rolls on, there are things every Texan can do now. Besides practical steps like rainwater harvesting and low-flow shower heads, folks can convert water-sucking lawns to native Texas Wildscapes. Native Texas plants that evolved to withstand droughts are attractive and require less water, time and money. In rural areas, TPWD wildlife biologists can advise landowners on ways to manage land to weather drought and benefit people and wildlife.

"Water conservation has got to be a bigger part of the answer for Texas,' Loeffler said. "Just because water comes out of the kitchen tap like magic doesn't mean it's a limitless resource. It's time we started treating every drop as precious.

The recently created Texas drought task force website provides a good suite of links to droughtand wildfire-related public information. It also bundles news reports from multiple sources involving agriculture, wildlife, wildfire and other topics.



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Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$438,573
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$438,573
Last year's tax base	\$63,684,150
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.688669/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$438,225
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$59,446,457
=This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.) This year's rollback tax rate:	\$0.737175/\$100
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(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any \$502,803 transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures) \$59,446,457 This year's adjusted tax h

=This year's effective operating rate	\$0.845808/\$100
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.913472/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.913472/\$100
-Sales tax adjustment rate	\$0.106478/\$100
=Rollback tax rate	\$0.806994/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease If City of Winters adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.737175 per \$100

of value, taxes would increase compared to 2010 taxes by \$3,403.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation. Type of Property Tax Fund Balance General

Schedule B - 2011 Debt Service The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
NONE				
Total required for 201	1 debt service			\$0
- Amount (if any) paid t	from Schedule A			\$0
- Amount (if any) paid t	from other resources			\$0

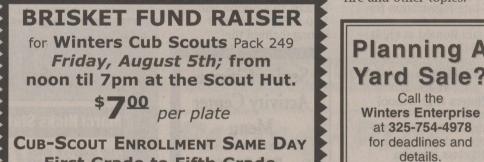
- Excess collections last year	\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2011	\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 0% of its taxes in 2011	\$0
= Total debt levy	\$0

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$63,839 in additional sales and use tax revenues

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#### Minimum-Wage earners falling further behind

#### BY CHRISTINE OWENS

Two years ago this week, 4.5 million of America's workers enjoyed a modest pay increase, as the federal minimum wage rose from \$6.55 to \$7.25 an hour. The increase was the final of a three-step boost enacted in 2007. Of those getting a bump in pay, more than three-quarters were adults, nearly two-thirds were women, and nearly half a million were single parents with children under 18.

Yet during the past two years, these working families have seen the real value of their wages fall. Minimum-wage earners working full-time make roughly \$15,000 a year. Had the minimum wage rate kept up with inflation, their paychecks would have increased by \$800 this year. Instead, our nation's lowest-paid workers have had an even hard-

er time providing basic needs for their families. This is one more reason that Main Street is having a tough time recovering from the economic calamity brought on by financial collapse.

**CEO** compensation grew 23 percent in 2010, while pay for the average American worker grew only half a percent. Minimum wage workers have fared even worse: Since the 2009 increase, the real value of the minimum wage has fallen 5 percent.

The decline in value of the minimum wage during the past four decades has been even more dramatic, as prices for goods and services have risen much faster than the wage floor. If the minimum wage had kept up with inflation since the late 1960s, it would be \$10.38 today. Yet, roughly a quarter of the nation's

work force is now earning less than that.

Instead of keeping the minimum wage current, Congress has acted just three times in the last three decades to increase it. The deterioration of the wage floor has helped fuel a level of economic inequality not seen in this nation since the early 1900s-the era of sweatshops and robber barons. With more and more income and wealth being transferred from working families to the super-rich, our economy, our democracy and the American way of life are under threat.

Some will say this is not the moment to be concerned with the minimum wage. But restoring the value of the minimum is in fact a key building block of sustainable economic recovery.

Businesses and economists agree that lack of

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demand is the primary driver of the stalled recovery and high unemployment. Without customers lining up for goods and services, employers will not expand their production or their payrolls. Raising the minimum wage would put more money in pockets of the lowest earners who have little choice but to spend their wages immediately. The **Economic Policy Institute** estimates that raising the minimum wage to \$9.50, as President Obama proposed during the 2008 presidenate more than \$60 billion in new consumer spending.

Wielding outdated economic theories, opponents claim that raising the minimum wage will cost jobs and slow rehiring. The tired canard that the minimum wage causes unemployment recently received national attention when reporters revisited 2005 testimony in which Congresswoman Michele Bachmann argued that eliminating the minimum wage would wipe out unemployment entirely. This extremist view was roundly criticized, yet

many corporate interests still promote the dogma that raising the minimum wage reduces employment.

While simplistic supply and demand theory suggests that employment will fall as wages rise, this 18th century model fails to capture the complexities of how the labor market works. Two decades of rigorous empirical research has revealed that increases in the minimum wage have not cost jobs or slowed rehiring, even during times of high unemployment.

#### Winters Activity Center memorials

The Winters Activity Center thanks the people for the following memorials:

tial campaign, would gener-

- In memory of Lucille Pritchard by Bud and Kay Busher; Betty Colburn. In memory of Dan

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all who made monetary and food donations.

We appreciate all of your support and help: Patsy Hambright Faubion,

Reunion; Melvera Gerhart; Karen McGallian; Camille People, Runnels County 4-H; Citi Bank; Jerry Lloyd; Estella Bredemeyer; Marie Allen; Emily Pendergrass; Juanita Bredemeyer, Heathcott Reunion, Joe Pritchard; Richard Hamilton; Larry Bilbrey; David Grohman, Jeff Nichols; and the Canasta and Bunko Ladies. A special "thank you" to

of the Hambright Family

all the volunteers that have been delivering meals during during this 100 degree weather. God bless you for your dedication and devotion.

The Winters Activity Center is planning to make a cookbook and sell it this fall for a fundraiser. If anyone has a special recipe you would like to share with us, please email to barbaraheathcott@yahoo.com.

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Last year's tax rate:		
Last year's operating taxes	\$2,786,949	\$285,698
Last year's debt taxes	\$166,950	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$2,953,899	\$285,698
Last year's tax base	\$555,279,661	\$555,216,977
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.531966/\$100	\$0.051457/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$2,940,400 .9952052	\$284,392
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)		
+ This year's adjusted tax	\$517,652,416	\$517,652,416
base (after subtracting value of new property)		
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$0.568025/\$100	\$0.054938/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$0.622963/\$100	

## TSCRA to host young leadership meeting

#### WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPOR

FORT WORTH - The Texas and Southwestern **Cattle Raisers Association** (TSCRA) will hold its Young Leadership Series (YLS) meeting August 12-13, at TSCRA headquarters in Fort Worth. The meeting is a chance for young ranchers, ages 19 to 40, to get an in-depth learning experience from experts about risk management through the use of futures markets and hedging.

Participants will also have the opportunity to develop a basic written marketing plan.

Speakers include Dr. Derrell Peel, marketing specialist with Oklahoma State University; Dr. Steve Koontz, extension special-

#### ist, economist/commodity trading with Colorado State University; and representatives from Amarillo Brokerage Co. The meeting will take

place at TSCRA headquarters, 1301 W. Seventh St., Fort Worth, Texas 76102. Participants should RSVP by Aug. 8. To RSVP contact Stacy Fox at sfox@tscra.org or call 800-242-7820. A complete agenda can be found at www.tscra.org.

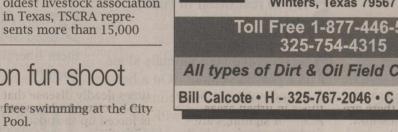
The TSCRA YLS meeting is sponsored by Merck Animal Health.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 134-year-old trade organization. As the largest and oldest livestock association in Texas, TSCRA represents more than 15.000

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2011 Property Tax Rates in NORTH RUNNELS HOSPITAL This notice concerns the 2011 property tax rates for NORTH RUNNELS HOSPITAL. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing

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#### approximately 4 million and Jean Gibbs; Buddy head of cattle on 75.9 miland Kay Busher. lion acres of range and pasture land, primarily in by Rhonda Black; Linda Bethel.

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Industrial Corporation.

Dove hunts on locations near Winters will be available for bird hunters needing a place to hunt, proceeds will benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Weekend hunts will also be available. For more information on the dove hunts contact Archie Jobe at (325) 793 3507 or 660 8334.

For information and available hunting leases go to website www.winterstexas.us. RV hookups are available downtown and at the Winters Lake.

A clay pigeon fun shoot with various competition shoots will take place form 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Rodeo Arena Road, off Highway 83, south of town. The Winters Gun and Knife Show will again feature lots of guns, knives and hunting equipment and this year will be in the old Dollar Store building,

downtown Winters. Exhibit tables for the Gun and Knife Show are available by calling Nathan Johnson at (325) 977 2021. The trade Show will be located in the newly revamped bulding downtonn Winters and tables and booth spaces for the Trade Show are available by calling Shelly at (325) 754 4424 at the City of Winters offices. Both shows will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A motorcycle fun run will provide a scenic bike run near Winters for all bikers. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and bikes will be back by 3:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. For more information on the bike run contact Elmer Buckelew at (325) 365 6124.

Everyone is invited to join the fun in the Winters on September 3. For additional information on Winters Dove Fest access the website www.winterstexas.us, call at (325) 754 4424 or (325) 754 5210, or e-mail at dovefest@winters-texas.us.

Bring the entire family and enjoy a fun filled day in Winters, Texas. This year the fest will include

same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$1,059,001
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$1,059,001
Last year's tax base	\$270,488,667
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.391514/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$1,056,219
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	TONER
<ul> <li>This year's adjusted tax base</li> <li>(after subtracting value of new property)</li> </ul>	\$242,140,516
=This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.) This year's rollback tax rate:	\$0.436200/\$100
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÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$242,140,516
=This year's effective operating rate	\$0.436201/\$100
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.471097/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.471097/\$100

#### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If NORTH RUNNELS HOSPITAL adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.436200 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2010 taxes by \$2,051.

#### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances wil	l be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of
the fiscal year. These balances are not	t encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.
Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance

GENERAL

#### Schedule B - 2011 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment	
NONE					

Total required for 2011 debt service	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
- Excess collections last year	\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2011	\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 0% of its taxes in 2011	\$0
= Total debt levy	\$0

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Schedule B: Special Road and Bridge Fund - 2011 Debt Service The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable) Principal or Contract Interest to be Payment to be Paid Paid from from Property Taxes Property Taxes Total Payment Description of Debt 0 0 0 0 \$0 Total required for 2011 debt service Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A \$0 Amount (if any) paid from other resources \$0 Excess collections last year = Total to be paid from taxes in 2011 \$0 + Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 0.00% of its taxes in 2011 \$0 Total debt levy Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax n calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$398,030 additional sales and use tax revenues

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Thursday, August 4, 2011

You gotta hand it to Tiger Woods. He's a quick study, this fallen-from-grace golfer who's following last year's divorce with another break-up. When he backed out of the caddie deal, however, he ran over no shrubbery, damaged no vehicles and required no investigation of

police — at least not yet. The 2010 litany of "he said/she said" morphs to "he said/he said." Details continue to emerge on the break-up of the one-time world golf leader and his caddie of a dozen years, Steve Williams.

Maybe this planet will remain big enough for both of them, since Woods hangs out mostly in Florida and Williams in New Zealand....

Woods is learning, however painfully, that media adoration of past years can turn ugly when off-the-course conduct becomes public. Now, negative coverage races like a runaway train, with no braking in sight for a former golfing giant who has now dropped from the world's top 20.

Headline writers are having field days with Williams' dismissal. With apologies to Chevy

Chase and Bill Murray (movie Caddyshack, 1980), how do you feel about this headline possibility: Caddie Sacked?" Hey, it's not too late. This might be an equally clever title for a movie – or, more likely — a book.... Newbury

Whichever

venue, writers can go to town with some "can't miss" dialog between two guys who were once best friends - even participants in each other's weddings. "I've decided to go in a differ-

ent direction," Woods might decree. "That's old news," Williams could answer. "That's the direction you've been going in since your divorce.".

"You are no longer helping me improve my lies," Woods might snap, mumbling about Williams'

THE IDLE AMERICAN Caddie sacked?...

failure to help his swinging. "Some of your prevarications simply can't be improved upon," the discharged bag carrier could counter, "And I ain't touching the mumbled stuff." To Woods' charge that golf is driving him crazy, Steve will have an easy answer: "That's no drive, that's a putt."

For comic relief, writers should keep in mind a few anecdotes, including the one about the cheating golfer who subtracted one stroke from his score on each hole. He faced a dilemma on the day he lucked out with a hole-in-one. By force of habit, he wrote down "0." And how about the lady who said she knew nothing about golf, clueless about "which end of the caddie to hold?" She also expressed surprise that the Woods' divorce wasn't finalized in Reno, NV, the "dairy capital of the world." Why? That's where the cream of the crop goes to be separated....

It'll seem strange watching some other caddie offering club selections.

If the situation were reversed,

Williams would likely settle for random club choice.

Any would work well to wrap around his former boss' neck ....

The caddie, of course, has many options. If he ever carries another bag, it'll be by choice, not necessity.

He could reap big bucks, of course, with a book. It wouldn't need to be a "tell all," just "tell some."

Big profits could be multiplied several times over if it carries the tease "as told to Elin Nordegren, the former Mrs. Woods."..

H. Roe Bartle, colorful Kansas City mayor from 1956-63, was an accomplished speaker, charming audiences with his lectern repartee. He spoke of figures who'd written memoirs, including Harry Truman and Douglas MacArthur. "The books warmed the hearts of millions,' he said.

He admitted that when he fin-ished "mayoring," he might himself write memoirs.

"I don't think I'll sell many books, but I'll guarantee you there'll be several dozen people leaving Kansas City."...

In these days of "cultural contention," the Woods/Williams break-up won't make the biggest splash on a planet that is drowning in discontent. Pick the continent, the conflict or the cause, and adherents will be lined up on both sides - maybe even several sides.

Shakespeare's magical writing, capturing the human condition, still applies. "Uneasy rests the head that wears the crown," he wrote in Henry IV. We might also do well to revisit a line in Hamlet, "Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice." Then, a century later, another playwright, William Congreve, penned, "Hell has no fury like a woman scorned." Today, he might equate the same rage to a caddie scorned.

Stay tuned. The plot is bound to thicken....

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Metroplex. Send inquiries/comments to: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Web site: www.speakerdoc.com.

**Here Are Some Hot Weather Safety Tips** 

 Drink more fluids (nonalcoholic), regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Warning: If your doctor generally limits the amount of fluid you drink or has you on water pills, ask him how much you should drink while the weather is hot.

Drink Often: In hot weather, Lyour body needs more water. Because your body needs more fluid than thirst will indicate, do not wait to drink until you are thirsty. By the time you feel thirsty you may already be dangerously low on water. Don't try to drink alot of coffee or tea. Water is the best.

Pets can get dehydrated quickly, Uso give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful to not over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.

Limit your outdoor activity to morning and evening hours.

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**5**Try to rest often in shady areas.

Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. "On a hot day, a parked car can become a furnace in no time-even with the windows open-which could lead to fatal heat stroke," says Dr. Louise Murray, Director of Medicine at **ASPCA Bergh Memorial Animal** Hospital. Also, leaving pets unattended in cars in extreme weather is illegal in several states.

**Q**Remember that heatstroke is a Olife threatening emergency. Get help!

9 When outdoors, use sunscreens rated SPF 15 or higher. Apply them liberally, uniformly, and frequently.

Slow down: Take it easy, LUespecially at the start of hot weather when your body is less prepared for the heat. Physcial activity produces body heat.

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**2**NEVER leave anyone in a Closed, parked vehicle.

Note: All information is for educational purposes only. For specific medical advice, diagnoses and treatment, consult a doctor. \* Weather information can be seen at weather.com



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#### **4-H recognizes corporate alliances**

#### WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPOR

**COLLEGE STATION -**Three corporate alliance partners were recently recognized by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation during the State 4-H Roundup in College Station.

La Ouinta Inn and Suites, Stripes convenience stores and Tractor Supply Company were all recognized for their significant contributions to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation's growing list of alliance supporters, said Jim Reeves, executive director of the foundation.

"The 4-H foundation honored these companies for their outstanding dedica-

#### tion to providing royalty support for young people from across the state involved in the Texas 4-H program, which is the youth component of the **Texas AgriLife Extension** Service," Reeves said.

Reeves said the first alliance was formed with La Ouinta in 2006. It involves royalties gleaned from a 15 percent discount offered to 4-H supporters at participating La Quinta hotels.

"La Quinta has received extensive support and recognition not only from Texas 4-H members, but also from their families and friends," Reeves said. "In return, La Quinta provides a 9 percent quarterly

royalty payment to the foundation. The monies are used for 4-H programming across the state.

Reeves said Stripes' 500 convenience stores and 270 Taco Company and Country Cookin' restaurants in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico joined the alliance team in 2010. Their September "Helping Today's Kids Become Tomorrow's Leaders" mobile campaign lets customers support 4-H by buying paper mobiles for \$1 each. The proceeds go to 4-H club of the county where the stores are locat-

ed. "Mobile campaigns are important to Stripes,

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heating plant. Included in this arrangement were four large vaults all protected by doors. The night depository and after-hours depository were located to the left of the entrance.

Mr. McAdams also served as the Treasurer of Texas State Bankers Association, President of State Banks Division, American Bankers Association.

The Winters State Bank building is now a commercial Business and privately because they create direct relationships with customers to raise funds for deserving local causes," Reeves said.

"Stripes focuses all their charitable efforts on programs that enhance the health and education of youth residing in the communities they serve. Their next 4-H mobile campaign is planned for September, so take a minute to stop in and support this company just as they support our local Texas 4-H programs."

Tractor Supply, with its 940 stores in 44 states, also became a foundation alliance member in 2010 through a partnership with the National 4-H Council,

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Reeves said. The partnership funds 4-H programs designed to enrich the lives of more than 6 million U.S. 4-H members.

"Tractor Supply holds annual 'Paper Clover' events in the spring and fall in which shoppers can support their 4-H programs through donations made at checkout," Reeves said. "Each \$1 donation buys a paper clover that's displayed in the store with the customer's signature."

## Chasing after birds and mapping trails

#### WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

Banding ducks off the side of a speeding airboat requires coordination and the wherewithal to lie on the front of the boat and basically hug a duck out of the water as you zoom by. If the duck makes a run for a tight spot, you'd better be ready to jump out of the boat and chase it down on foot. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department interns Katie Murphy and Paul Kelly III were up for this challenge out in the marshes of J.D. Murphree WMA near Port Arthur this summer. Kelly is a senior at Texas A&M from Plantation, Fla. A member of the Corps of Cadets, Kelly will be the commanding officer of Parson's Mounted Calvary in the fall.

Murphy is a junior at Tarleton State majoring in



"Both interns have aided staff in the mottled duck banding efforts," said Natural Resource Specialist Andrew Peters. "The banding efforts have included long nights in the marsh spot-lighting mottled ducks in an airboat and early mornings checking baited swim-in traps. The interns have also taken the lead on banding several mourning doves using baited funnel traps and are likely to reach the Jefferson county quote for banded mourning doves soon.'

West of J.D. Murphree around Bastrop stands a moderate patch of trees that seems to have wandered away from the East **Coast. The Lost Pines** Complex of Bastrop and Buescher State Parks boast tall, lovely conifers aberrantly found among the scrubby brush of Central Texas and also one motivated summer intern. Melanie Nash-Loop, a master's student in natural resource development at Texas A&M, spent her summer at these two parks creating a GPS database, an employee interpretive handbook for both parks and working on educational programs for a local school summer program.



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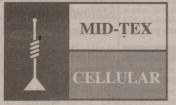
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