



Saturday, September 1, Heritage Hall Gallery in Coleman, Texas held its grand opening serving refreshments and opening a new space for local and regional artists to display their talents.

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Ballinger Rotary Club vehicle raffle

Selling tickets for the raffle of a 2x4 utility vehicle, Ballinger Rotary Club members set up a booth last Saturday, at the Dove Fest in Winters. The drawing will be held at the Ballinger Hunter's Dinner. Pictured here are Gene Clack and Saam Geistmann.

PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

String of deaths shocks Winters

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The death of three people in seven days shock the community of Winters last week. The three cases occurred under different circumstances, but all of them are initially being treated by the Winters Police Department as suicides.

The case of Priscilla Hernandez, 30-years-of-age, was the first one of the week. Priscilla had a background of a troubled life, and was found after she apparently hung herself at a house located at 508 Alexander Street.

The second victim, Conifacio Benny Hernandez, 54-years-of-age, of Winters, Texas, left a note for his family and his body was found at 208 Roberts Street on Saturday, September 1. He was also found hanging from the neck and officials initially

are treating the case as a suicide.

Finally, the last person found dead is Johnny Wilborn, 40-years-of-age, of Winters, Texas. As of press time it is unclear the date he was found, but the finding took place at 601 N Melwood Street. The Winters Police Department believes that the man hung himself.

Previously this year another man took his own life in Winters. James Craig Gray, 50-years-of-age, was found dead at his residence on Paloma St with a shot in the head. This incident occurred on July 17, 2012.

After the recent string of suicides the Winters Police Department will be conducting a routine follow up investigation. Two of the bodies were sent to the medical examiner to have an autopsy performed.

REASON to hold a community benefit raffle

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- REASON Animal Rescue is holding a benefit raffle as a thank you to community residents. Since REASON Animal Rescues' beginning, the Runnels County area community has supported the efforts of this new organization.

"We want the community residents know just how much we appreciate all of your prayers, support and contributions by 'giving back' to the community", says REASON founder, Leslie Dunlap.

The raffle is for two prizes of a \$100 and \$50 Shell gift gas cards that can be used anywhere in the US. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Winners will be drawn on September 15. Tickets can be purchased from REASON Animal Rescue members. Proceeds will go to community charitable efforts.

REASON Animal Rescue is an all volunteer organization and became an officially recognized 501(c)3 charity in January, 2012. Through the concentrated efforts of its members and the support and contribution of area residents, nearly 100 abandoned dogs have since been rescued, spayed or neutered and then adopted into their "forever homes."

"Without the community's encouragement and support, our efforts would be nearly impossible," says Leslie. "There are still more animals in need that we have no room for. We try to help as many as we possibly can. We

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Dove Fest brings the spotlight to Winters

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The tenth annual Winters Dove Fest "Celebrating our Hunting Heritage," brought new life last Saturday, September 1, 2012 to Downtown Winters, and the Winters Community Center.

Hundreds of visitors came to town to enjoy a wide array of attractions ranging from the arts and crafts exhibit and sale, gun and knife show, live performance by Elvis' impersonator Harvey McFadden and the hunters appreciation lunch.

The barbecue lunch was held from 10:30 a.m. thru 1:30 p.m. at the Winters Community Center.

The gun and knife show was held downtown, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. A

total of 41 tables were set and the show was visited by 433 adults.

The Dove Fest also featured dove hunts in locations near Winters, benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center, the traditional clay pigeon shoot. And a motorcycle fun run with a scenic route near Winters.

This year the arts and crafts show was held at the AC Nutrition building, on Main Street, and the traditional gun raffle marked the end of the 2012 Dove Fest at the Community Center.

The Dove Fest is one of the largest shows year-round in the area, and every year for the last decade has been bringing hundreds of visitors on the dove season opening day to Winters.



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PHOTO: JOE GERHART

AC Mata stops the Mason Punchers player, at the game held last Friday at the Puncher Dome, in Mason.

Rough season opening for the Winters Blizzards

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

MASON- The season opener was not easy for the Winters Blizzards, they played against the Class 1A defending state champion, lost several starters and had a young team to face an experienced rival. The result, a 62-20 loss for the Blizzards at the Puncher Dome.

Ranked No. 7 in state, the Punchers scored nine touchdowns on 12 possessions.

Running back Rio Schmidt led the way rushing for 202 yards and ran into paydirt four times.

After trailing 43-0 at the half, the Blizzards came back with a renovated spirit, made some big plays and outscored Mason 20-19 over the final half of the game.

Mason turned on the scoreboard two minutes after the match started. With 10 minutes left on the first quarter Raul Sileguero completed a 4-yard run into paydirt. Rio Schmidt made the kick good, 7-0.

With 7:49 left in the first Schmidt had a 7-yard run into promised land for the 13-0. The kick was not good.

Before the first quarter was over Schmidt went again into the end zone, this time with a 25-yard run with 3:22 on the clock. Schmidt kicked the extra point for the score to go 20-0.

In the second quarter Schmidt scored two more touchdowns, the first one a 3-yard run (8:50) and the second one a 34-yard run (1:17). Elliot Bibb added

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Mason	20	23	7	12	62

August 31		
Anson	25-20	Hamlin
Forsan	30-27	Coahoma
Haskell	32-6	Archer City
Stamford	34-0	McCamey
Mason	62-20	Winters

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Stamford	1-0	
Haskell	1-0	
Anson	1-0	
Forsan	1-0	
Winters	0-1	

September 7		
Olney	vs.	Anson
Forsan	vs.	Plains
Seymour	vs.	Haskell
Stamford	vs.	Munday
Winters	vs.	Ballinger

also kicked a field goal 3 seconds before going into halftime. Schmidt kicked the extra points in Bibb's touchdown and one of his own. The scoreboard at halftime was 43-0.

The halftime talk revitalized the Blizzards who came out to the field decided to stop the Punchers.

In the third quarter Winters allowed only one touchdown, Silguero completed a 3-yard run with Schmidt's kick to set the score 50-0 with 6:36 left of the quarter.

Winters responded right away with their first points of the season. Jayton Torres received the kickoff and returned the ball across the field into the endzone for a 100-yard run. Justin Ventress kicked the ball between

another one with an 8-yard run (5:23), and Schmidt

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Thomas Lee Lloyd

Thomas Lee Lloyd 54 of Bronte, loving husband and father was called home on Sunday September 2, 2012. He was born July 21, 1958 in Bryan, Texas. He moved with his family as a child to Runnels County in 1958 where they raised cattle and children. Family visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at Glory Road Cowboy Church 6 miles west of Ballinger off of Hwy. 158 at CR 293. Memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 6, 2012 at the First Methodist Church in Ballinger.

Winters Enterprise, September 6, 2012

Tree and drought workshop set for Sept 15 in Pecos

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

PECOS - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a tree and drought workshop from 9-11 a.m. Sept. 15 at the Odessa College extension campus, 1000 South Eddy Street in Pecos. Joshua Cobos, AgriLife Extension agent in Reeves County, said the program's main objective will be to determine if anything can be done with the landscape and trees affected by this year's heat and drought. "I've observed a number of trees this spring at the request of concerned homeowners," Cobos said. "Many trees that usually do fine in our area are now suffering from many preexisting environmental factors. "By conducting this program, we will try to shine

some light on the reason for the tree die-off, explore ways to salvage those trees that are not completely dead and look at strategies to protect our landscapes in the future." Jeff Floyd, AgriLife Extension horticulturist for Ector County and Mark Walter a certified arborist and owner of "Just Trees" in Midland, will present the program and be available to answer questions. Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units, one integrated pest management, one general, will be offered. Individual registration is \$10 payable at the door. For more information contact Cobos at 432-447-9041, joshua.cobos@ag.tamu.edu.

Husband honors wife's Aggie dream with scholarship

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION - As a volunteer firefighter in her hometown of Ingleside, Sarah Chase would fearlessly confront any potentially dangerous situation head-on, fires or otherwise. It was with that same tenacity that she faced her greatest challenge of all - Dysautonomia, a dysfunction of the autonomic nervous system. Unfortunately, it was a battle too great even for Sarah, who passed away in her sleep last February due to complications of the illness, leaving behind a 5-year-old daughter, Anja, and her husband, Brian. To commemorate his wife's love of Texas A&M University and their mutual love of Anja, Brian recently donated \$35,000 to establish the Little Princess Anja Endowed Scholarship in Chemistry through the Texas A&M Foundation. Distributions from the gift will be used to create one or more scholarships for full-time female junior or senior students pursuing

undergraduate degrees in chemistry and maintaining minimum 3.5 GPAs. In addition to the scholarship, Brian committed an additional \$35,000 to the Texas A&M Health Science Center to create the Sarah Elizabeth Truitt Chase Dysautonomia Research Fund to help raise awareness about the mysterious illness and to work toward improved diagnostic tools and treatments. Despite being diagnosed with the illness in 2010, Brian said Sarah continued to live life as normally as possible and never wavered in her pursuit of her aspirations. In 2011, she became a certified paramedic and had dreamed of one day attending Texas A&M to earn a degree in chemistry en route to her ultimate goal of becoming a doctor. "She was determined to follow in her family's footsteps by attending Texas A&M," Brian said. "Though Sarah's dream never came to fruition, I wanted to make sure that her legacy would endure at the school she loved."

NEWS NOTES

Butterfield Trail Days

Butterfield Trail Days will be held September 29, 2012 Downtown Bronte. Arts and crafts booths and music will be from 10 a.m. thru 5 p.m. Come out and showcase your band, choir, or dance team. Fun Run registration 7:30 at Depot run starts at 8 a.m. 1 mile, 5K, and 10K (fundraiser for Class of 2014) Motorcycle Poker Run registration 9 -10 a.m. at Fort Chardbourne. There will be a motorcycle show after Poker Run at Depot. Bronte VFD lunch (fundraiser). Kickapoo Cook Off registration Friday 6:30 Brisket, Chicken, Ribs.

RCHC meeting

The Runnels County Historical Commission will meet September 8, at 10:15 a.m. at Casa Cabana Restaurant in Winters, Texas. All meetings of the commission are open to the public.

Winters Rock Hotel to host Music Fest

Winters residents and folk music artists Richard and Star Smelker, are teaming up with country music artists Jerry and Cindy Smelker, visiting from Laughlin, Nevada, to offer a Music Fest to Benefit the Rock Hotel, Saturday evening, September 8, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The public is welcome. Barbecue sandwiches, drinks, and dessert will be available for small donation.

The music will be old country standards, bluegrass, gospel, folk music, ballads and show tunes. A wide variety of music styles. Plenty of "toe tappin'" fun for everyone. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for a good time!

Memorial scholarship fund

A memorial scholarship fund to honor Tommy Burton has been started. For more information contact Security State Bank, 700 South Main, Winters, Texas at (325) 754-4505.

Blizzards Loud and Proud

This Friday the Winters Athletic Booster Club will host a tailgate party in Ballinger City Park at the Pavilion prior to the Blizzards vs. Bearcats football game. Burgers will be available by 5:45 p.m. and will end at 6:45 p.m. to allow time to put everything up and get to the stadium to get our seats! Burgers and fries will be provided free by Booster Club to members and their families. Each family is asked to bring their own drinks plus a dessert to share with everyone. Wear your blue and white, bring noisemakers and signs to support your Blizzards!

Pray Until Something Happens

Every first Friday of the month the First United Methodist Church will be having PUSH "Pray Until Something Happens"

pens" everyone is invited to come and pray from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Bronte 2012 golf calendar

Bronte Longhorn Golf Club 2012 events: September 8, two-person 18 holes select shot; September 29 and 30, Coke Co. Tournament two-person 18 holes select shot each day; October 6, two-person 18 holes select shot; November 3, two-person 18 holes shots. Carts are limited so sign up early if need carts. Bronte Longhorn Golf Club (325) 437-2156.

Mentors needed

Winters Elementary School is looking for volunteers to be a mentor on an elementary student. The volunteer would meet with the student once a week during school hours for approximately 30 minutes to help with homework, read a book, or just talk. Mentoring has shown to help build self-esteem, improve grades and in some cases improves test scores. Anyone interested may contact Charles Murphy, Elementary Counselor at 754 5577 ext. 1126.

Cross Emmaus Community gatherings

The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held first Thursday of each month at 6 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 every Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the Band Hall.

Winters Women's Club

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Marlene Smith at 754-4961 for additional information.

AA Meetings

AA meetings 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.

City Council Meetings

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

Fall feral hog webinar series set

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

SAN MARCOS - The eXtension Feral Hogs Community of Practice will conduct a feral hog educational webinar series this fall for anyone needing information on this growing problem, said the webinar's coordinator. "Despite all the control efforts and the public's awareness of the issue, feral hog numbers in the state continue to rise at an alarming rate," said Jared Timmons, AgriLife Extension Plum Creek Watershed Feral Hog Education Program assistant at San Marcos. "The purpose of this series is

to provide the public with the most current feral hog-related facts available in such a way that participants can interact with the experts from anywhere as long as they have Internet access." The Feral Hogs Community of Practice is a resource area within eXtension concentrating on the control, adaptive management, biology, economics, disease risks, and the human interface of feral hogs across the U.S., Timmons said. Its goal is to provide critical information, resources and expert application of knowledge. To join the webinars, log in as a "guest" to: <https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/feralhog>. There is no charge for the series. The four sessions are from noon-1 p.m. The session dates, topics and speakers include:

- Sept. 18, The History and Biology of Feral Hogs in the United States, Dr. John J. Mayer, manager, Environmental Sciences, Savannah River National Laboratory, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions LLC.
- Oct. 23, Control Techniques and Managing Feral Hog Populations, Dr. Billy Higginbotham, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist, Overton.
- Nov. 20, Feral Hog Disease Issues, Dr. Joseph Corn, Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia.
- Dec. 18, Current and Future Feral Hog Research, Dr. Tyler Campbell, Feral Swine Project Leader, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, National Wildlife Research Center, Florida Field Station.

For more information, contact Timmons at 254-485-4886, jbtimmons@ag.tamu.edu.

REASON: Foster home volunteers needed CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

'home foster' the animals and are now full to the brim." New foster homes volunteers are always welcome. REASON provides veterinary care and food for the animal while in foster home care. REASON Animal Rescue is one of the very few rescue organizations who use a foster home system. After veterinary care and quarantine, the animals go into the foster homes where they are introduced to a home life and training environment. "We do everything we can to prepare them for a permanent adoption." REASON's next endeavor is the feral cat concern. "We are waiting for approval of a government feline spay and neuter grant. This grant will help us to address the massive financial expense of reducing or stopping the cycle of the local cat over-population," says Ms. Dunlap. Many of the local residents have devoted their efforts to this concern. However, it is a financial burden that is prohibiting the solving of this problem. "Hopefully, in the future, we will be able to help establish a sustainable balance to the feline population." Anyone willing to foster, assist at adoption events, or help with fundraisers are encouraged to call (325) 977-0726 REASON is starting to plan their second Annual Haunted House Fundraiser and are taking volunteers or materials such as: sheets, towels, yarn or lumber. Please call if you would like to help! "We know that all of our combined efforts, large and small, will be blessed and that our responsible stewardship of the animals will be rewarded," offers Ms. Dunlap. REASON Animal Rescue wishes to thank everyone for their continued support and extends an invitation to come and join in this rewarding endeavor.

Family Alliance Council conference on child abuse

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

SAN ANTONIO- The second annual Family Alliance Council Conference of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on child abuse prevention will be held from 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Oct. 5 in San Antonio. The conference will take place at the TriPoint Center, located at 3233 North St. Mary's Street. The Blue Ribbon Task Force is led by State Sen. Carlos Uresti in collaboration with the Family Alliance Council, an organization of youth-oriented agencies, academic, health, family, human services and other organizations. It is administered through the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Bexar County. "This conference will be of benefit for all those with an interest in the welfare of children, including youth advocates, social workers, human and child services agency employees, PTA officials and others," said Dr. Connie Sheppard, AgriLife Extension agent for family and consumer sciences, Bexar County. "In addition to being a conference about the awareness and prevention of child abuse, this also is a professional learning opportunity offering free social work continuing education units."

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Blizzards: The last period would turn into an epic battle

the poles for the game to go 50-7 with 6:17 on the third. **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

The last period would turn into an epic battle. Mason hit first with a 1-yard run by Luis Castillo. The extra point kick attempt was failed, 56-7 with 6:26 left in the game.

The Blizzards responded with an offensive drive ended up by Jimmy John Ripley with a 4-yard run with 2:28 left, the kick was failed for the game to go 56-13.

Miguel Castillo, for the Punchers, returned the kickoff 83 yards into the endzone with 2:11 on the clock. The Winters defense blocked the kick, 62-13.

Despite the score the Blizzards never gave up and their effort paid off during the last minute of the game. Bryce Mikeska received a 34-yard pass from Ripley to get into the endzone with 26 seconds remaining. Ventress made good the extra point for the final 62-20.

For Winters Jayton Torres led the way rushing, Torres had 67 yards in 9 carries, Jimmy John Ripley 6-48, Nick Perez 1-11.

Jimmy John Ripley completed 10 for 26 with 4 interceptions in his Varsity debut.

Receiving Bryce Mikeska had 3-50, Ty Cortez 4-42, Perez 1-14, Daryl Hagle 1-19, Kolton Alexander 1-1.

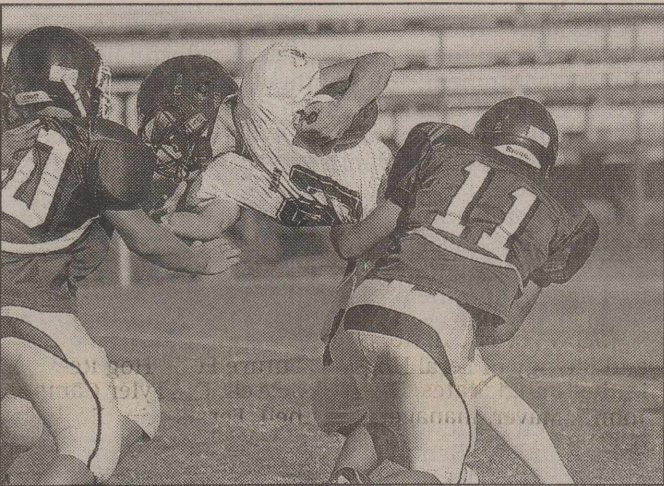
This week the Winters Blizzards will be traveling to Ballinger, to play against the Bearcats in a highly anticipated game for many in Runnels County. The last time this teams played was in 1987, when Ballinger won by a score of 27-6.



PHOTOS: JOE GERHART
Jayton Torres carries the ball for a large gain.



Ethan Bredemeyer and Dusty Hines make a tackle on Mason at the Varsity game.



Julian Soto makes a stop against Mason at the game the JV Blizzards held on Thursday, August 30 at Blizzard Stadium.



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED
Pastor Christopher Espitia and wife Judy, of Coleman, Texas.

Somebody Cares Ministry to have a meet and greet for new pastor

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Somebody Cares Ministry, of Winters, Texas is inviting the Winters community to meet their new Pastor Christopher Espitia, of Coleman, Texas. Espitia is a man of God who truly loves the Lord Jesus Christ. His ministry is pastoring and empowering those into the Body of Christ.

Pastor Espitia received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior in 2003 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Coleman, Texas. He was mentored by Pastors Emilio Diaz, Tough Guys Ministries and Dick Schultz, Emmanuel Baptist.

He has served in many

roles within the church and community over the years; Sunday school teacher, preaching, and evangelist to name a few. Pastor Espitia is currently enrolled at Trinity College of the Bible and Theological Seminary where he will earn his Bachelors of Theology.

He has encouraged, inspired and mentored persons into the Kingdom of God. He is married to Judy Espitia, and father of two adult children Johnny and Mariah. He is excited about the Lord Jesus Christ and is very much in tune with what His will is for all of us: Ephesian 4:12-13. Services are 11:00 a.m. Sundays at 1011 Trinity, Winters, Texas.

CAFETERIA MENU

September 10-14
Subject to change

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TUESDAY

Breakfast Pizza or Cereal or Breakfast Pocket, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

WEDNESDAY

Biscuit/Egg Pattie or Cereal or Yogurt or Sausage on Stick, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

THURSDAY

Sausage Roll or Cereal or French Toast/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

FRIDAY

Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Muffin/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Winters ISD Lunch Menu

WINTERS ISD LUNCH

Note: Menus are subject to change without notice. Students may purchase extra Entree - \$1.00, Milk - \$.30, Sides - \$.50.

MONDAY

Sloppy Joe or Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Strawberries, Bread Sticks, Choice of Milk.

TUESDAY

Meatloaf or Chicken Nuggets, Broccoli w/Cheese, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Fruit Bar, Mixed Fruit, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

WEDNESDAY

Bean Chalupa or Taco Salad, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Coleslaw, Peaches, Choice of Milk.

THURSDAY

Chicken Pattie/Bun or Turkey/Rice, Cooked Carrots, Tomato Pasta, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Orange, Choice of Milk.

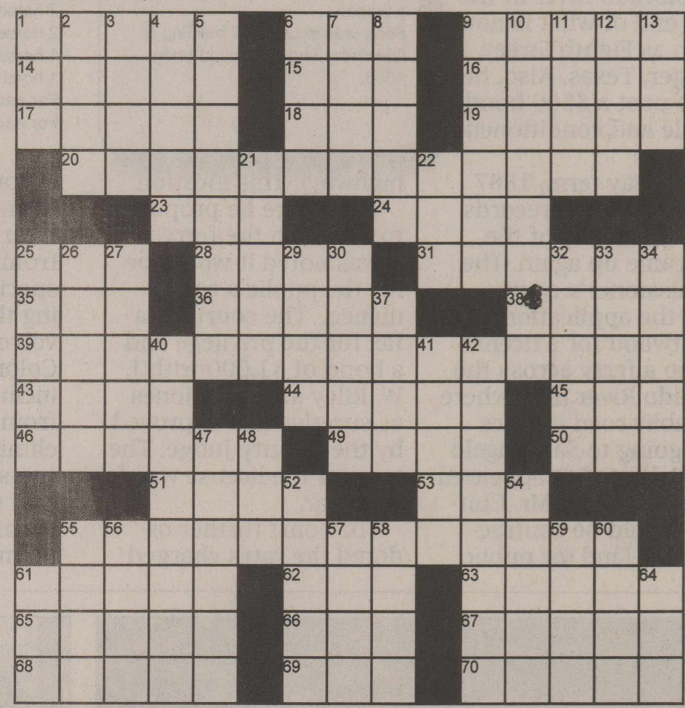
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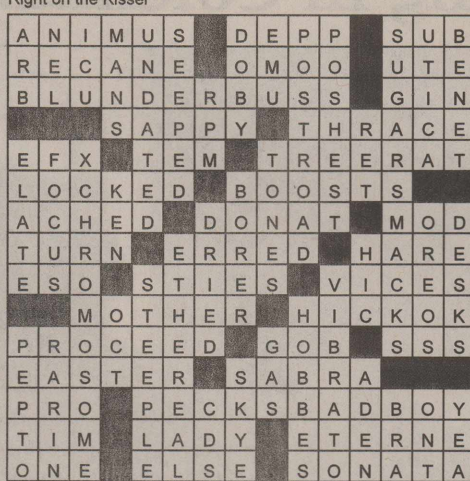
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Right on the Kisser



Weather Whys

Q: Are the "dog days" really the hottest time of the year?

A: Almost always, explains Brent McRoberts, of Texas A&M University. "Today, we usually mark the 'dog days' as occurring from July 3 to the middle of August, but other countries mark them differently," he says. "It is usually the hottest and most uncomfortable time of the year. That's why 'dog days' also refer to periods of any inactivity or a slow time of the year. For decades, the term has been used on Wall Street to refer to very slow times of economic activity in the stock market, and brokers call non-moving stocks 'dogs' in reference to the 'dog days' of summer."

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HISTORICAL MARKERS AND THEIR HISTORIES IN RUNNELS CO

The Colorado River ferry crossing

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WINTERS- The Runnels County Commissioner's Court met for the February term in 1887. The court ordered a license be granted to A. J. Bode to have for hire a ferry across the Colorado River at the south end of what is now known as Eighth Street, Ballinger, Texas. Also, he was to post a \$500 bond payable and conditioned by law.

In the May term, 1887 of the Court, the records show the matter of the ferry came up again. The commissioner's court heard the application of A. R. Chitwood for a license to keep a ferry across the Colorado River near where the public road crosses same going to San Angelo from Ballinger. It appeared to the court that Mr. Chitwood would be contractor of the land (or public

The inscription

Colorado River Ferry Crossing
Used in 1880s for travel on
Ballinger-San Angelo Road. Rates
fixed by the County Court ranged
from one cent for a head of live-
stock to one dollar for 6 horses and
a wagon.
Ferry was in use until building of
first cedar and pine wood bridge,
1888.

(1972)

highway). This location was where he proposed to establish the ferry and it was noted it would be for the public's convenience. The court set a tax for the privilege and a bond of \$1,000 with J. W. Riley and N. P. Jones as sureties and approved by the County Judge. The term of the license was for one year.

The court further ordered the rates charged

for the privilege to use the ferry be set and the decision was delivered by the County Clerk to Mr. Chitwood.

The rates fixed by the court were:

6 horses and wagon	\$1.00
4 horses and wagon	\$.75
2 horses and wagon	\$.35
2 horses and buggy	\$.25
1 horse and buggy	\$.15
1 horse and man	\$.01
For each head of horses	\$.01
For each sheep, swine	\$.01

April 19, 1888, an order from Commissioner's Court noting changes from the original plan and specifications upon crossing the river. This plan involved a bridge across the Colorado River, the plan included the main span from 180 feet to 200 feet eliminating the 50 foot of trusses approach from the east side. This would be permanent work and need no maintenance. The west

truss would be made of cedar piling instead of pine from a cedar foundation on cedar pilings not to be less than 8 inches where they go into the ground and 12 inches in diameter at the top.

During research of the records in later years, information about the first application in 1887, could not be found, nor could they find a renewal for Mr. Chitwood's license. With the bridge built, the ferry ceased to operate.

There was an old road bed on the south side of the river that took on the appearance of a gully. The court examined the bridge over the river and found it to conform in all aspects of the plan and specifications.

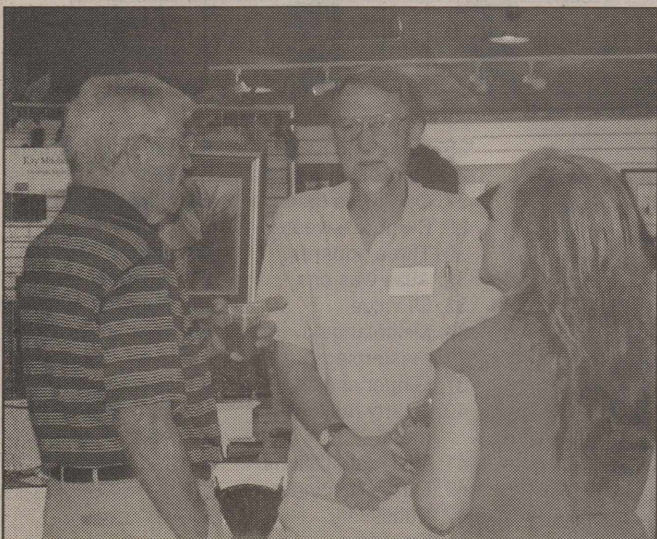
In the history of the ferry, the following story was told. A cattleman and others were moving a number of beef cattle

on the ferry while the river was on one of its periodic rises. The cattle were on the south shore and just after the ferry left that bank, the cable broke on the north side and the ferry boat began swinging towards the south bank. The steers as well as all others including the horse were forced from the ferry into the swollen stream. They all finally landed just above the area where Elm Creek emptied into the Colorado River.

July of 1972, the Runnels County Historical Survey Commission hosted the dedication of the Official Texas Historical Marker at the site of the ferry crossing on the Colorado River at the south end of Eighth Street, and the area of Carver School and park. The Executive Director of the State Committee in Austin,

Mr. Truett Lattimer spoke and related the following message as was printed in the Abilene Reporter-News editorial of November 2, 1969. He said "If we don't man the ramparts of citizenship now and in the years ahead, it will be said of our generation that it was we who forfeited the national legacy." About 40 persons attended the dedication.

Resources:
Runnels County Historical Commission Marker Histories
Ballinger Ledger, Ballinger, Texas, June 25, 1936
Abilene Reporter-News, Abilene, Texas July 18, 1972
Standard Times, San Angelo, Texas, July 18, 1972
The Winters Enterprise, Winters, Texas, July 21, 1972
Ballinger Ledger, Ballinger, Texas, July 17, 1972



Bill Shields, President Fine Arts League of Coleman Co., visiting with artist Avalon Hicks.



Music by Peter Wagner.

Heritage Hall Gallery holds grand opening in Coleman

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

COLEMAN- "Like a well-oiled machine" Would best describe the gala opening of the Heritage Hall Gallery Saturday, September 1. The Gallery staff worked in sync with welcoming and registering guests, (many from out of town), serving refreshments, dealing with the media and the "gazillion" things that go along with producing an event such as this.

Art in all media, along with live music by pianist, Sue Shields, and guitar/singer Peter Wagner made it a one of a kind show. "Bodacious Blue Bunny" was in his element!

The apparent interest in the arts in this area was confirmed by the attendance and enthusiasm shown in spite of a town full of guests for the Dove Fest at the Franklin



Heritage Hall Gallery Staff: Liz Jones, Kathy Andrews, Grace Crum and Kay Joffron.

Center. Some of them were spotted at the gallery opening — hunting enthusiasts interested in art! What a bonus for both groups!

The Gallery will be open

each Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for your viewing of the many kinds of art work. Go see what a wonderfully talented group of artists we have in this area — you'll be

glad you did.

For information on becoming a member of the Gallery contact Kathy Andrews, (325) 624-5544 or Kay Mitchell (325) 625-1140 (Kay's Garden).

Texas Bodacious Blue Bunny on exhibit now

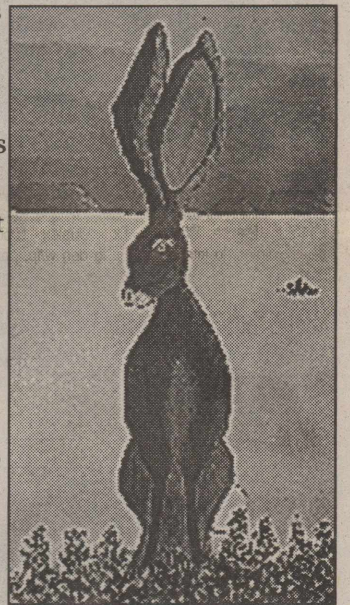
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COLEMAN- The Texas Bodacious Blue Bunny has decided to spend the rest of his 4x8 ft. colorful life in his native environment, "the spotlight" in Coleman County, Texas. Look for him now in the Gallery at Heritage Hall, the Coleman Public Library in October, in stores and places where exciting things are happening.

The first and only edition of the Texas Blue Bunny book is for sale, the contribution will fund the projects of the Fine Arts League of Coleman Co., Inc.

The Bunny was the project and creation of local artist, Sherrell Hazlewood. Bonnie and Bill Henning did not want "Bodacious" to leave the county so they purchased the painting to exhibit in Coleman during special events.

To schedule the Bunny for exhibition at your place, contact Marian Johnson, Publicity Agent at mljdj@web-access.net or call (325) 357-4775.



Red Angus sale set on Oct 5

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STAFF REPORT

MILES- Halfmann Red Angus of Miles, Texas, will host their annual "Red Investment Production Sale" on Friday, October 5, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Selling will be 35 performance-tested registered Red Angus bulls. The bulls are 18-20 month old range ready bulls.

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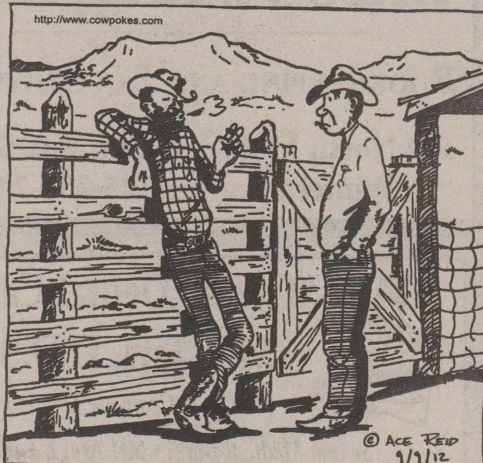
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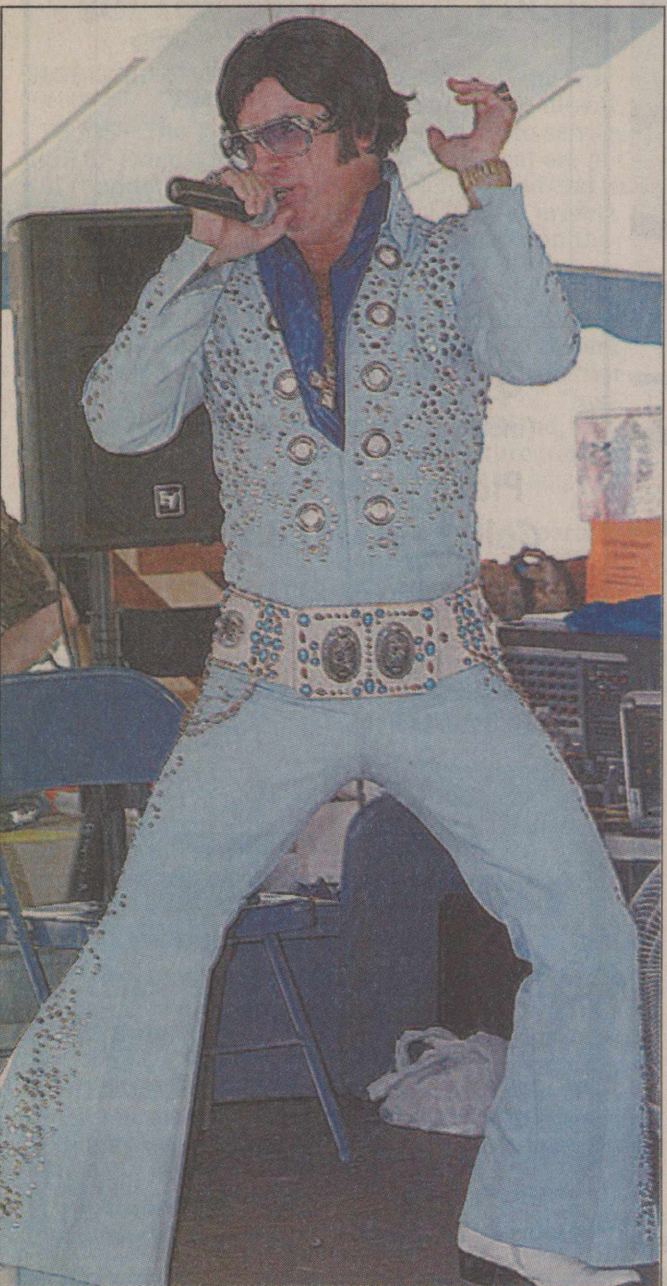
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The arts and crafts show was held this year at the AC Nutrition building, Downtown.



Winters own Harvey McFadden featuring Elvis' hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s.



PHOTOS: JOE GERHART
 ABOVE: Youth participating in the clay pigeon shoot, an event that allows kids and adults to fine tune their skills, have fun and get ready for the dove hunts.



LEFT: Hunters looking at the dove hunts offered in the area during the Dove Fest.



LEFT BELOW: The traditional barbecue lunch was served at the Winters Community Center followed by the silent and live auction, as well as the gun raffle.

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE SUBDIVISION SERVICE EXTENSION POLICY OF North Runnels WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

Pursuant to Texas Water Code, §13.2502, **North Runnels** Water Supply Corporation hereby gives notice that any person who subdivides land by dividing any lot, tract, or parcel of land, within the service area of **North Runnels** Water Supply Corporation, Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. **11128**, in **Runnels/Taylor** County, into two or more lots or sites for the purpose of sale or development, whether immediate or future, including re-subdivision of land for which a plat has been filed and recorded or requests more than two water or sewer service connections on a single contiguous tract of land must comply with {title of subdivision service extension policy stated in the tariff/policy} (the "Subdivision Policy") contained in **North Runnels** Water Supply Corporation's tariff.

North Runnels Water Supply Corporation is not required to extend retail water or sewer utility service to a service applicant in a subdivision where the developer of the subdivision has failed to comply with the Subdivision Policy.

- Applicable elements of the Subdivision Policy include:
- Evaluation by **North Runnels** Water Supply Corporation of the impact a proposed subdivision service extension will make on **North Runnels** Water Supply Corporation's water supply system and payment of the costs for this evaluation;
 - Payment of reasonable costs or fees by the developer for providing water supply;
 - Payment of fees for reserving water supply;
 - Forfeiture of reserved water supply capacity for failure to pay applicable fees;
 - Payment of costs of any improvements to **North Runnels** Water Supply Corporation's system that are necessary to provide the water;
 - Construction according to design approved by **North Runnels** Water Supply Corporation and dedication by the developer of water within the subdivision following inspection.

North Runnels Water Supply Corporation's tariff and a map showing **North Runnels** Water Supply Corporation's service area may be reviewed at **North Runnels** Water Supply Corporation's, at 1020 N. Main, Winter, TX 79567; the tariff/policy and service area map also are filed of record at the **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality** and may be reviewed by contacting the TCEQ, c/o Utility Rates and Services Section, Water Supply Division, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.

The Winters Library received donations from:

- Betty Colburn, memorial for Sarah Parker and Elizabeth Young.
- Milton and Naomi Gerhart, memorial for Lois Swatchesue and Craig Gray.
- Joyce Carbery.
- Winters Woman's Club.
- Milton and Naomi Gerhart, memorial for Mel Kennedy.
- WHS Class of 1954, memorial for Billy James.

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