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## Joining a very exclusive club



Mike Funderburg made a hole-in-one at the Winters Country Club on March 2, 2013. This hole-in-one was on hole No. 3.

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## Barbed Wire Wars featured at Historical Commission meeting

BY BETTY THOMASON  
RCHC REPORTER

WINTERS- On Saturday March 9, 17 members of the Runnels County Historical Commission met in regular session at Casa Cabana. Guests attending were Marlin Davis, Ronnie Davis, Alan Evans, Genevieve Spill, Susan Conner, Nancy Trojcek Day, and Emma Trojcek.

Harold Jobes of Leander, in Travis County, presented a program about the Barbed Wire Wars that took place in Runnels and surrounding counties in the 1880s. Barbed wire fences kept cattle fenced in, kept other ranchers and farmers from encroaching on the rancher's land rights, and kept cattle from the northern counties from migrating to the better pastures in the south. Then, the drought of 1883 caused the imprisoned cattle to die from starvation and thirst and no way out of their pens to water sources and better grazing lands. Fencing had become so prevalent, it had cut off right of way for others to reach their property, churches, or roads. As a result, fence cutting raged out of control until the

Texas Legislature passed a law in 1884 that ruled fence cutting a felony.

Mr. Jobes has done extensive research on the subject of the barbed wire wars — most recently in Runnels and Nolan counties. He is writing a book on the subject and plans to return to Runnels County to give another program once his book is published.

One other event coming up, according to Randall Conner, will be the dedication of the Chick-Inn site marker scheduled for the Saturday morning after the Friday night Winters High School Homecoming in the fall.

In addition, Ruth Cooper announced that the Edwards Plateau Historical Association will meet Saturday, May 4, at Camp Wood, Texas. More information on the EPHA meeting will be published later for those wishing to attend at Camp Wood.

The next meeting of the RCHC will be May 11, 2013. Time and place to be announced. All meetings of the Runnels County Historical Commission are open to the public.



Harold Jobes of Leander, Texas, is currently writing a book about the Barbed Wire Wars that took place in Runnels County in the 1880s.

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## Two suspects plead in coin scam in Runnels County

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- William O'Connor and Thomas Eckert, two of several suspects involved in a gold coin scam that targeted a senior citizen in Runnels County, were sentenced in a hearing held last Thursday, March 7, at the 119th District Court in Ballinger.

O'Connor, 38, pleaded guilty and received a 7-year deferred adjudication and \$10,000 restitution sentence, theft charges were dismissed. Eckert, 56, pleaded to a 2-year pretrial diversion and \$5,000 restitution.

These men are two of the four suspects facing charges for the case involving a woman in Runnels County. The woman spent over \$100,000 in rare gold coins, lost the coins and was left with credit card debt after trusting the coin dealers.

Justin Allen O'Neal, 38-years-of-age, Ryan Lambeth, 32, William O'Connor and Thomas Eckert were all arrested in September of 2011 on charges of theft of more than \$100,000, a second degree felony enhanced to a first degree felony due to the victim's age. They were potentially facing sentences from 5 to 99 years in prison.

O'Connor and Eckert were the first two receiving sentences. O'Neal is currently in the Hardin County Jail in Beaumont, Texas, facing a 5-year sentence for intoxicated assault in a separate case, his case in Runnels County is still pending. Ryan Lambeth is scheduled for a hearing to be held in Ballinger on Thursday, March 21, 2013.

The victim said she was lured to spend the money after dealing with O'Connor, a Beaumont, Texas based coin dealer whom allegedly sold her personal information to O'Neal.

According to the Runnels County Sheriff's Office investigation the victim's information was sold to the group by O'Connor, a coin salesman that had worked with a major coin dealer

in Beaumont. O'Connor had direct telephone contact with the victim and had sold her numerous gold coins while employed in Beaumont. The group talked the elderly victim into believing they were helping with her coin collection, when in fact they stole all the coins. After the theft was discovered by the victim, she found out that all the information the group gave her was fictitious.

The woman said that O'Neal came to her house pretending to be O'Connor. She trusted O'Connor after dealing with him for over six years. However they have never met in person.

She said that the man offered to repay her credit card debt in exchange for the coins. A few days later the man came back with a copy of a check that was described as "bogus" by the woman. It was at this point that the woman realized she no longer had the coins.

A few days later, when the credit card statements arrived, she also realized that the credit card debt had not been repaid.

Runnels County Sheriff's Department tracked this coin

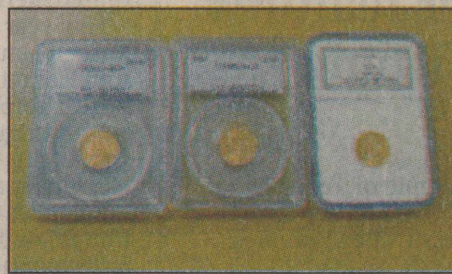
dealers from Beaumont, Texas to Minnesota, Illinois, Nevada, California and more.

Despite the efforts of the Sheriff's Department, Texas Rangers and the FBI, only three coins were recovered. The victim's loss totaled well over \$100,000.

The coins were sold to a company in Bloomington, Minnesota, which had already resold most of them. These gold coins changed hands quickly from dealer to investor or to another dealer, making them almost impossible to find.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bryan Clayton. Clayton would not comment on the case since it is still open.

The woman and her husband, who is in need of around-the-clock special care, auctioned all their assets, moved out of town to stay with a son, and put the family property up for sale.



Three \$2.5 "Indian heads" were recovered. The estimated market value of these coins is about \$2,100 altogether.

## Local, area law enforcement, attend training to prevent impaired youth driving

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STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- Focusing in reducing the impaired driving among local and area youth, regional law enforcement officers assisted to a training course held on Tuesday, March 12, at the Fire Department Annex Building in Ballinger, Texas.

FRIDAY — Focus on Reducing Impaired Driving Among Youth — is a program that provides law enforcement officers with all the tools necessary to reduce underage drinking in Texas.

The FRIDAY program has been developed under the guidance of law enforcement officers, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, school district officers, the Texas Department of Transportation and staff from the Texas Municipal Police Association.

Among those attending the course were Winters Police Department officers, Ballinger Police Department officers, Runnels County Sheriff's Deputies, Miles Police Department officers, and Texas Department of Public Safety

Troopers.

The 8-hour course trains law enforcement officers on the impaired driving problem among the youth, regulations and penalties for establishments, gives comprehensive underage drinking information, helps them to identify counterfeit identification, and provides tips about investigative techniques and preventive measures.

Officers who attend and successfully complete the course are eligible for 8 hours of TCLEOSE credit.

## Feral hog management workshop slated for April 5

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

BROWNWOOD- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will conduct a feral hog management workshop and tour April 5 at the Muse Wildlife Management area in northern Brown County.

Scott Anderson, AgriLife Extension agent in Brown County, said the workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m. with registration. The program will follow beginning at 10 a.m. and will end with a tour of the Muse Wildlife Management Area at noon.

Topics during the day will include: feral hog facts and status, current trapping and removal, swine health risks, and current research.

"We will also be touring the Muse Wildlife Area to view a 'rainwater guzzler' used for



wildlife water and examine cage traps and other methods the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department uses to help control feral hogs on the property," Anderson said.

Anderson said the workshop is one of several the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is cooperating with other agen-

cies with to help manage the fast-growing feral hog population in Central Texas.

There is no charge for the workshop and the public is urged to attend, Anderson said.

For more information or to obtain directions to the Muse Wildlife Management Area, contact Devin Erxleben, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wildlife biologist in charge of the Muse Wildlife Management Area at (325) 203 6926, [derxleben@aol.com](mailto:derxleben@aol.com) or Anderson at 325-646-0386, [sanderson@tamu.edu](mailto:sanderson@tamu.edu)

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## Texas Hill Country Dorper Association to award two scholarships

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STAFF REPORT

FREDERICKSBURG- The Texas Hill Country Dorper Sheep Association again will award two college scholarships this fall in memory of one of the state's pioneers in the Dorper sheep industry.

The scholarships, valued at \$1,000 each, are open to any Texas resident. One will be awarded to a high school senior graduating this spring and the other to a college student who will be at least a junior in any Texas college or university this fall.

Scholarship requirements include involvement in agriculture, and especially the Dorper sheep industry in Texas. Applicants with agriculture-related majors in college will be given special consideration.

The scholarships were launched in 2012 in memory of Brad Bernhard, who died of cancer at the age of 48 in 2011. Bernhard, who lived in Fredericksburg, was one of the original founders of the THCDA and one of the earliest owners of Dorper sheep in Texas.

Dorpers and White Dorpers are hair sheep developed in South Africa in the 1930s as a breed that would thrive in a low-rainfall environment and produce a high-quality carcass. The THCDA was organized in 2007 to promote Dorper and White Dorper sheep in Texas.

Deadline for applications to be received is April 15, 2013. Applicants may complete a scholarship application form online or find out more about the two scholarships by going to the THCDA website at thcdorper-association.com.

For more information, interested students may contact THCDA scholarship committee chairman Gareth von Netzer at (830) 997 3210 or gvnpbb@gmail.com or scholarship committee liaison Connie Bernhard at 830-864-4695 or at bernhardranch@ctesc.net.

## April at Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center features food, fun, fishing

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STAFF REPORT

ATHENS- There's no better example of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department motto "Life's Better Outside" than April events at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center.

Outdoor Fools Day April 6 will be followed by the Athens Big Green Egg Fest on April 13. Up to five rainbow trout per angler can be harvested free at TFFC during both events. No license is required to fish at TFFC. Those wishing to harvest fish should bring a cooler or stringer since none are available at TFFC.

Improving your outdoor skills is the focus of Outdoor Fools Day. The event showcases outdoor recreation opportunities in East Texas while teaching some of the skills needed to enjoy them, such as camping, fishing, outdoor cooking, birding and more.

The Big Green Egg Fest is all about learning how to cook on the ceramic smokers and sampling dishes prepared by several dozen volunteer chefs. At the end of the day, guests can take home one of the once-used Eggs at a substantial discount.

Openings are still available for cooks, so if you've been thinking about becoming an Egghead, now's your chance. You can sign up to cook, taste or buy an Egg at www.athenseggfest.wordpress.com. The site also includes recipes from last year's event to tempt your taste buds.

Both Outdoor Fools Day and the Big Green Egg Fest will run from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. While all Outdoor Fools Day activities are free with paid admission, an additional fee is charged for tasting at the Big Green Egg Fest. Those who preregister online can taste for \$5; the fee on-site is \$10. All proceeds benefit the Friends of TFFC.

The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center is located at 5550 F.M. 2495 in Athens, about 75 miles southeast of Dallas. Admission is \$5.50 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors, and \$3.50 for children age 4 through age 12. For more information visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/tffc or call (903) 676-2277. A TFFC app is also available for both Apple and Android devices from their respective app stores.

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### Maundy Thursday Service at FUMC

First United Methodist Church, 141 N. Church Street, will have Maundy Thursday Services on Thursday, March 23 at 6 p.m. "Maundy Thursday" is the Thursday before Easter, when Jesus had the Last Supper with His disciples before His betrayal, trial and crucifixion. Every one is welcome to come worship with us. For more information, contact the Rev. David Montoya at 754 5213.

### Tenebrae Service at FUMC

First United Methodist Church, 141 N. Church Street, will have Good Friday services at 7 p.m. Friday, March 29. These services will be a Tenebrae Service which is service of increasing darkness with the seven last words of Christ. Everyone is welcome to come worship with us. For more information contact Rev. David Montoya at 754 5213.

### Hospice of the Big Country volunteers

Hospice of the Big Country is hosting a spring volunteer training for individuals interested in joining their volunteer program. The training program is a broad overview of end-of-life issues designed to educate volunteers about hospice and all the disciplines involved in caring for terminally ill patients.

Volunteer training will be held in the Hospice of the Big Country Conference Room (located at WTRC), in Abilene, Texas.

Session dates will be every Monday and Thursday evening beginning March 25 through April 11. For more information or to reserve your seat contact Shrona Shannon at (325) 793 5489.

### RCRSE meeting

March 26, 2012, the Runnels County Retired School Educators will be holding a meeting at the Miles High School in the room to the right of the Library. Lynn Granzin will share the experiences of her trip to Finland and Russia. Meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. and if you are interested in carpooling call (325) 365 2854.

### Coleman County Easter Musical

The Coleman County Choir will present an Easter Musical Saturday March 30 and again on Sunday March 31 at 6 p.m. each evening in the sanctuary of Coleman First United Methodist Church.

This year the group will present "O What A Savior" by Russell Mauldin and Sue C. Smith under the direction of Ann Hargett and accompanied by Jesse Lotspeich on the flute. Narrator will be Richard Hetzel with Robert Lowe as the sound technician. Soloists include Larry Thompson, Leslie Cross, Lorrie Payne, K'Lynn Storm, Carolyn Merriman, and Garvin Cox.

Coleman County Choir is sponsored by Coleman First United Methodist Church and Pastor Brad Slaten. Sixty four members from several churches in the area are singing with the group for this musical.

Coleman First United Methodist Church is located at 500 W. Live Oak. Call the church office at (325) 625 3501 or Director Ann Hargett at (325) 625 5383 or (325) 363 3575 for additional information.

### Coleman Co Electric Co-op offering scholarships

Scholarship applications are available to 2013 high school graduates who will be attending a college, technical school or university as a freshman.

Other qualifications are; must be a child of a member, a grandchild of a member or child of a legal guardian who is a member of Coleman County Electric Cooperative. Must reside with the active member and within the Coleman County Electric Cooperative service area. Eligible applicants will be placed in a drawing to be held in July at the cooperative's annual meeting. There will be nine separate drawings, each scholarship totaling \$500.00. Deadline is June 28, 2013. For an application,

visit <http://www.colemanelectric.org> or contact Tony Williams at (325) 625 2128 or [tony@colemanelectric.org](mailto:tony@colemanelectric.org)

### Ballinger Noon Lions 2013 Bikefest

Ballinger Noon Lions Club will be holding the 38th Annual Colorado River Bikefest. The run/bike ride will be held in conjunction with the Ethnic Festival. The festival starts on Friday, April 26 and the Bikefest will be on Saturday, April 27 starting at 8:30 a.m. by the Courthouse. Go to [www.ballingernoonlions.org](http://www.ballingernoonlions.org) and get an entry form to register.

The Bikefest will have 30K, 60K and 100K tours as well as a 5K fun ride/walk/run.

### TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Winters and Ballinger area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening and arts and crafts to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during summer) at 2 p.m. at the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of South Seventh and Sealy Ave in Ballinger.

If you are interested and like to find out more about us, call Nancy at 325 5042 or Linda 754 5385.

### Pray Until Something Happens

Every first Friday of the month the First United Methodist Church will be having PUSH "Pray Until Something Happens" everyone is invited to come and pray from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### 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 fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. 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 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.

### City Council Meetings

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

## Texas Big Game Awards 2013-2014 college scholarship applications now available

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

SAN ANTONIO- Applications are now available for the 13th Annual Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA) Wildlife Conservation College Scholarship Program, sponsored by Carter's Country Outdoor Stores and the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of Texas. Over \$15,000 will be awarded in college scholarships for the 2013-2014 school year.

All applicants for the TBGA scholarship program must be agriculture and/or natural resource-related majors. One \$1,500 will be awarded in each of the eight TBGA Regions, and the overall top scholarship applicant will receive a \$3,000 college scholarship.

Any entering college freshman (graduating high school senior), or entering college sophomore, or entering college junior is eligible to apply for one of the available scholarships. The scholarship applications will be reviewed and ranked by a statewide scoring committee using set criteria. Applicants do not have to participate in the TBGA to be eligible for the scholarships.

To download the application, please visit [www.TexasBigGameAwards.org](http://www.TexasBigGameAwards.org) and all applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2013.

Celebrating its 22nd year, the Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA), a partnership of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the Texas Wildlife Association (TWA), continues to be the leader in recognizing the contributions that landowners, land managers and

responsible hunters make to managing and conserving wildlife and wildlife habitat on Texas' private lands. The Texas Big Game Awards program is designed to recognize 1) the quality of big game animals in Texas, 2) the hunters who harvest these animals, 3) the land managers who produce these animals through their management efforts, 4) the importance of our hunting heritage, and 5) the achievements of young and new hunters. For more information on the program visit [www.TexasBigGameAwards.org](http://www.TexasBigGameAwards.org) or call (800) TEX-WILD.

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# Common insect may harbor disease-causing parasite

STEVE BYRNS  
AGRI LIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

COLLEGE STATION- One look at the kissing bug and kissing would be the last thought most folks would have, but even touching one can sometimes have dire consequences, said a vector-borne disease expert with Texas A&M University who is leading a study and asking for the public's help to determine the insect pests' current range in the southern U.S.

The study team includes Dr. Sarah Hamer, study leader and an assistant professor along with doctoral student Rachel Curtis, both with the department of veterinary integrative biosciences; Dr. Gabriel Hamer, department of entomology faculty member; and Dr. Karen Snowden, department of veterinary pathology, all at Texas A&M University.

The team is studying kissing bugs and Chagas disease, which is caused by parasites many of the bugs harbor.

"Kissing bugs are commonly known as cone-nose bugs or Mexican bed bugs," Hamer said. "The adult bugs feed on blood at night. They are called kissing bugs because they often bite people around the mouth or eyes while they sleep."

She said kissing bugs are not to be confused with the common bed bug of the cimicid family, or with other bugs that look similar but do not feed on blood, such as leaf-footed bugs.

"Chagas disease is a major public health concern in Central and South America, but new evidence suggests that kissing bugs and the parasite that causes Chagas disease are becoming increasingly recognized in the southern U.S. Our research group is actively sampling the vector and mammals that may be infected to understand the natural cycles of disease transmission. With the public's help, we hope to increase our sample size to understand the ecology of the disease emergence in the U.S.," Hamer said.

Hamer warns never to touch a kissing bug with a bare hand, because the parasite *Trypanosoma cruzi*, which causes Chagas disease in humans and dogs, may be present within the bug and its feces. And she said, even if the bug is not carrying the parasite, a bite can cause an allergic reaction in some individuals similar to bites from other insects.

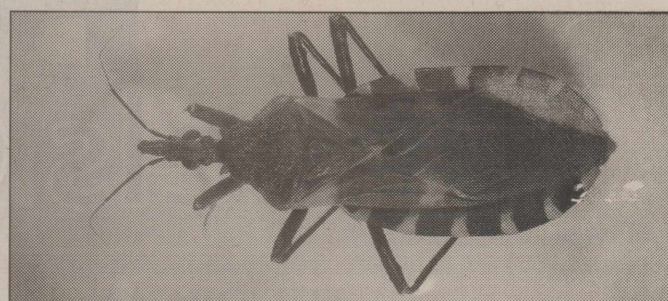
"If you see a bug that you believe is a kissing bug and you would like confirmation of the spe-

cies identity and to submit it for testing, our lab will accept carefully-obtained samples for research purposes," she said.

To submit a sample, Hamer advised using a glove or small plastic bag to catch the insect.

Chagas disease causes a localized reaction at first, but the parasite can later affect the heart and digestive tract, and can ultimately cause death. No vaccines exist and medications are few and not always effective, Hamer said.

Hamer said Curtis is the primary contact at the Texas A&M lab for the public regarding questions about Chagas disease or inquiries about where to direct kissing bug sample submissions. She can be contacted at rcurtis@cvm.tamu.edu or (979) 458 4924.



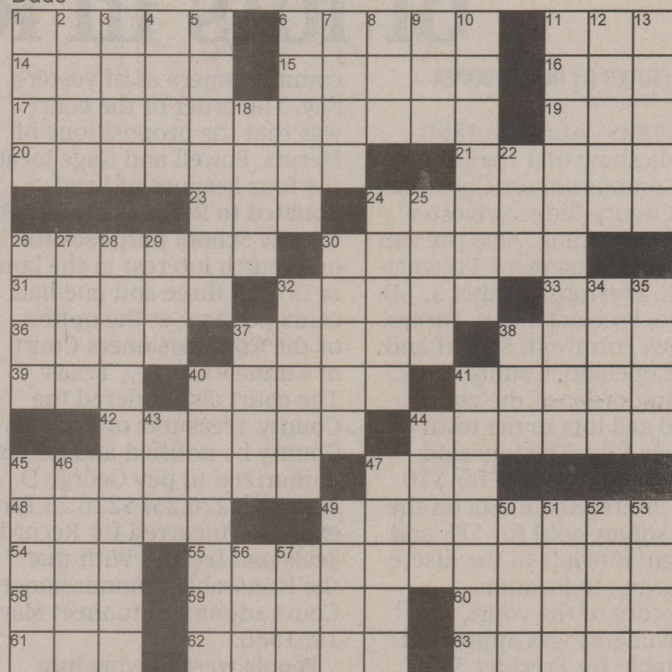
Triatoma sanguisuga adult female, called the kissing bug.

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## Weather Whys

Q: You often hear of "the Dust Bowl." Exactly what was it?

A: It was the worst and most severe combination of drought and wind erosion that has ever occurred in the United States, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. The Dust Bowl started in the early 1930s and lasted almost the entire decade and hit the Great Plains states the hardest. "The Dust Bowl stretched 400 miles north and about 300 miles to the east and west," says McRoberts, "and covered large parts of Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas, about 150,000 square miles in all. Droughts occur frequently in this region, but never before had there been the combination of drought and wind erosion as occurred in the 1930s. The cost of the drought in 1934 alone amounted to one-half of the U.S. costs in World War I, and by 1936, farm losses had reached \$25 million per day and more than two million farmers were drawing relief checks."

## 'Wildlife for Lunch' webinar addressing Quail Management on March 21

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- Texas Wildlife Association has teamed with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension to host a series of webinars covering a wide array of wildlife and land management topics. These free online webinars are held during the lunch hour (noon - 1 p.m., CST) so that anyone interested may tune in during the work day. The webinar series provides sound, science-based wildlife management information delivered by experts to you in the comfort of your own home or office.

The next webinar, "Quail Management," will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2013. This month's presenter will be Dr. Dale Rollins, a wildlife specialist with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. "Bobwhite abundance is affected by some things beyond our control (e.g., weather), but also influenced by things we can control as land managers," according to Rollins. "This webinar will describe 'useable space' for bobwhites and how good management can enhance useable space for bobwhites."

How to sign on: On the day of the webinar, simply point your browser to <https://texas-wildlife.webex.com> and click to join the Wildlife for Lunch webinar. (Please note: WebEx webinars are not supported on handheld devices such as iPads or iPhones.) Each web based seminar is fully interactive and allows you to engage the experts, make comments, and ask questions during the course of the presentation.

If you cannot make the live webinar: Each webinar is archived and available for viewing following the initial air date at the Texas Wildlife Association website: [www.texas-wildlife.org](http://www.texas-wildlife.org)

For more information: Contact Texas Wildlife Association's Helen Holdsworth at [hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org](mailto:hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org) or 1 (800) 839 9453.

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**WEDNESDAY**  
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**THURSDAY**  
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# Runnels County ROUND-UP

4 Winters Enterprise

Thursday, March 21, 2013

## THE ORGANIZATION OF RUNNELS COUNTY

### The surveyor's work and the sale of lots in Runnels City

CONTRIBUTED BY RUTH COOPER  
RCHC CHAIRPERSON

WINTERS- April 28, 1880, records show that the Honorable Commissioners Court met with County Judge Sylvester Adams presiding. Also present were Commissioners: Precinct 2, W.G. Preston, Precinct 3, J.D. Yarbrow, Precinct 4, P.S. Turner. John W. Formwalt, Sheriff and W.N. Copeland, County Clerk. The first order of the court was to sell lots in the town of Runnels City. The lots sold on the public square for \$50 each, intermediate lots on the town square sold for \$25 and resident lots left to the discretion owing to location.

By order of the court, Mr. C.H. Williams was appointed Constable for Precinct 3, Mr. Samuel Brown was appointed Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2 and Mr. Jno. W. Turner was appointed Justice of the Peace for Precinct 4. By order of the court the Justice of the Peace of Precinct 3 would hold his court on the second Saturday of each month at or near his present residence. The court adjourned until the next morning, April 29, 1880.

The Honorable Commissioners' Court of Runnels County met the 29th day of April A.D. 1880 as appointed, present was Judge Adams and

commissioners as of yesterday. The order of the court was that the propositions of Messrs. Powell and Gage locate the four Leagues of Land donated to Runnels County for County School purposes for one fourth interest in the land or (3 1/2) three and one-half cents per acre at the option of the Commissioners Court of Runnels County, Texas. The court also ordered the County Treasurer of Runnels County be notified and hereby authorized to pay George D. Bannard (226.25) \$226.25 for expenses incurred for Records Seals and freight. With that the Honorable Commissioners Court adjourned to meet May 10, 1880.

People were moving into the county and lots were being sold so fast, the county surveyors' business was brisk. According to the deed records, Z.C. Taylor was Runnels County's first County Surveyor. He was constantly surveying for the prospective landowners. By April 1881, a Deputy Surveyor had been added, A.G. Wills, in September, R.S. Bowen and Henry Luckett was added November of 1881. With the property being surveyed, and all of the new landowners, Runnels was growing as they all begin to erect buildings.

Runnels City was growing, it had a general merchandise store, a saloon, H.D. Pearce handed out the mail from a large building. Some lumber came from as far away as Coleman. Word eventually got out that a special feature for the "new city" was that of a water well in the city that had healing waters. By this time the city boasted of numerous businesses, a bank, hotels, three land offices and also a newspaper. Early in the history of Runnels, a cemetery was prepared and the location was on top of a hill near the city.

The first burial was that of a new bridegroom who had gotten killed in a fight. His name was R.B. Midgett. It was also disclosed there were six young men for every young lady in the county during this period of time. According to deed records, it is recorded that state surveyors came from Coleman, Brown, Palo Pinto counties and straight the Texas Surveyors Office.

All measurements were relative to the center of the county and the center was Runnels City, so measurements would begin from there. Landmarks used were the Colorado River, Mustang Creek, Fort Chadbourne, Oak Creek, Hog Creek, Valley Creek, Red Creek,

Mulatto Creek - a tributary of Elm Creek and the Colorado River, Mudd Creek, Bluff Creek, Flat Creek - a tributary of Elm Creek and Jim Ned Creek. It was some time later, Mr. Z.N. Taylor was added as a Deputy Surveyor for Runnels County. By 1889, H.E. Dickenson was listed as the County Surveyor.

Mr. Alfred A. Hanscomb, the last Postmaster of the Blue Gap Post Office and Postmaster at Content applied for a deed to land located 22 miles to the northeast of Runnels, near Mudd Creek. His brother, Mr. H. H. Hanscomb wanted to purchase 160 acres. It was surveyed as 18 miles northeast of Runnels City on waters of Elm Creek, to the corner on top of the mountains then south back to Runnels.

Next: May 10, 1880, County Poll Tax

Resources: Runnels County Historical Commission Histories Runnels County Commissioner Court Records, April 1880, County Clerk's Office Runnels County Deed Records, April 1880, County Clerk's Office Runnels County A Look Back, Runnels County Historical Commission, May 1, 2010.

#### Public Record

**Weddings**  
**Names** Filed  
William Leonard West and Sallye King Mar 18

**Divorces**  
**Names** Filed  
Jonathan Hadley Nord vs Kirsten Martin Nord Mar 12  
Christine Edmonson Reitmayer vs Chad Reitmayer Mar 14  
Jason Michael Gully vs Jinna Marie Gully Mar 14

#### Runnels County Jail Record March 18, 2013

Hank Bradshaw	51	RCSO
Child support Tarrant Co. warrant		
Terry Bratton	46	RCSO
Theft of property		
Benny Reders	54	Concho
Sent to State Jail		
Bradly Horton	24	RCSO
Burglary of habitation		
Zackory Griffin	29	Coleman
Theft		
Edward Charles	74	RCSO
Indecency w/child		
Fredrick Watson	40	Coleman
Theft		
James Carson	52	--
Parole Violation		
Brandon Fisher	30	BPD
Assault family violence		
Randy Spears	33	Milés PD
Use of vision reducing matter on windows x2		
Arturo Reyna, Jr.	24	Miles PD
DWI w/previous conviction		
Caroly Rodriguez	34	Concho
POM < 2 oz		

### Cotton Conference set for March 28 in San Angelo

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO- The 10th Concho Valley Cotton Conference is set for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 28 at the City of San Angelo McNease Convention Center, 500 Rio Concho Drive.

"Growers wanting to catch up on the latest happenings in West Texas cotton production, along with some other crops, should plan to join us for this popular biennial event," said Rick

Minzenmayer, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologist for Runnels and Tom Green counties.

"We'll be looking at everything from the Farm Bill to the latest on cotton root rot," he said. "We'll also have updates on work being done on some perennial issues such as cotton variety selection and weed control."

The event will include a trade show that will remain open throughout the day.

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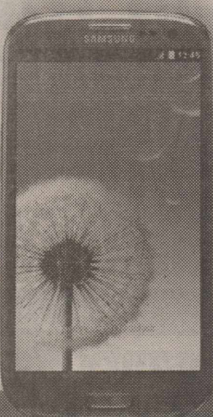
Growers Association will hold its annual meeting at 3 p.m. That meeting will include an election of officers.

Registration is free and includes a noon meal and snacks, but participants must preregister by March 22, otherwise individual registration becomes \$20.

To preregister, call the AgriLife Extension office in Runnels County at (325) 365 2219, Minzenmayer's office at (325) 365 5212 or the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County at (325) 659 6523.



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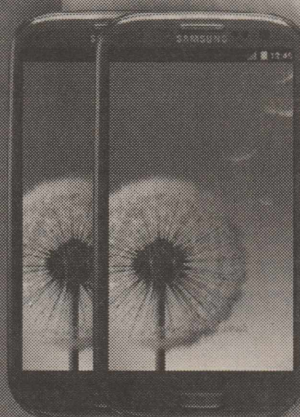
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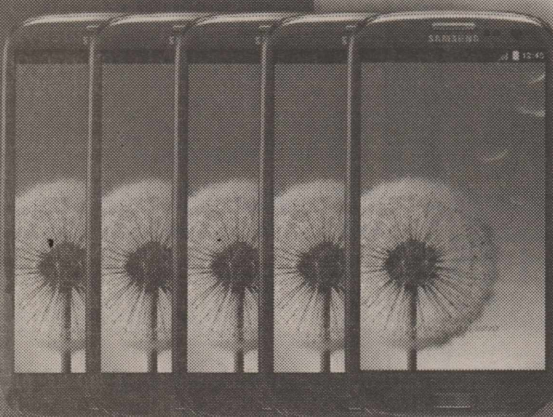
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## Teachers and Ides of March...

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Julius Caesar's assassination marked 'em, Will Shakespeare wrote about 'em, and teachers seem destined to perpetuate 'em. Bad news — like "Ides" of old — blows in each year, "hammer-locked" with destiny on the wings of each windy March.

School personnel — lumped together — harbor fear premonitions of the school year's final lap. They know that lurking on the other side of spring break are unpredictable situations — the kinds that try their souls — to make chopped liver of whatever nerve endings remain.

Superintendents — haunted by indignities inflicted at many ceremonies — wander through stores featuring graduation specialties, checking on new "toys" invariably added for the ceremonial season. Chins are rubbed at the prospect of ste-

reophonic air horns and mice — priced cheaper by the dozen. There are also spring-powered devices that propel mortar boards to highest ceilings, with special adhesive for attachment thereto. They cringe as their throats dry....

School folks welcome spring break like cattle to new pastures. They regain enthusiasm that initially drew them to the profession, lick wounds and gird up for the homestretch.

After all, they prize the week-long recess as much as students.

Meanwhile, parents' lips quiver at the challenge of keeping boredom's clutches at bay for a whole week....

For "Exhibit A" in this vignette, consider Andy Adams, a Kilgore principal who soon will complete two decades in the field.

He called the two days prior to spring break this year "the toughest in memory."

He spent most of the hours refereeing, without nearly enough thumbs to poke into educational dike holes that spring open when the natives are most restless. He was equal to tasks, but emergency crews were at the ready.



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A respite never was so appealing. Saturday, he figured, he'd simply "unlax," claiming the fruits — hopefully low-hanging — of an unstructured, "do-nothing" day. He'd blot out

thoughts of upcoming mandated exams and the barrage of excuses abounding as the year grows old....

Andy, a "no-nonsense" principal with a commanding presence at 6-3 and 200 plus pounds, waked

that Saturday half-relaxed. He'd begin it with a leisurely 15-minute ride to Longview with his father-in-law.

Little did he know that a sighting alongside Highway 259 would trigger out-of-control laughter that abated just short of a conviction fit.

A motionless coyote — its last breath drawn at least a day earlier — sprawled. (At once the "cartooned" picketing chicken needed word changes to warn of the hazards of road-crossing: "Even with the best of outcomes, you'll never hear the end of it.") Hard to explain was the message on the mylar balloon tied to the coyote's paw: "Get Well Soon..."

Who, wondered Andy and his kin, would have such a warped sense of humor? Who would take time to make the purchase, perhaps smiling when the check-out clerk added hopes for a quick recovery? Who would risk

being seen "tying one on"?

Andy's near-convulsive response perhaps was cathartic. Now limp, he's relaxed enough to see the school year through to its end. (Smiling, he wonders how many others saw the same scene.)

I mentioned his being "no-nonsense." This description dates back a quarter-century, when he was a college freshman and I was the president. He wanted to be the "kind of teacher who wouldn't put up with the nonsense" he got by with....

Indeed, he was "impish" — as many freshmen are — but his devil-may-care smile reduced misdemeanors to lower-case demerits. I recall a reception for freshmen parents during the spring semester. Suffering from "maltuition," they delighted in their off-springs' lofty goals — to become teachers, ministers, lawyers, researchers and so on.

When all eyes turned toward Andy's dad, he re-

sponded, "I pray God that Andy wants to become... a...a...a sophomore!"...

Later, he married Kathy Robinson, a student worker in my office. She "had it all," Christian values, beauty, strong work ethic, creativity and a host of other laudable traits. Some say she took on Andy as a project.

We joked about it, but truth to tell, theirs is a marriage worth modeling. They and their three children, deeply rooted in their community, are "as good as it gets."

That's my opinion and that of legions of others. But I'm glad he had his dad-in-law along to verify the "Get Well Soon" balloon story....

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## Financial Focus

### Put your tax refund to work

BY LARRY GILBERT  
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Not everyone gets one, but it's always a welcome sight — a tax refund. If you receive a refund this year, how can you best put it to work?

The answer depends, to a large extent, on the size of your refund. In 2012, the average tax refund was about \$3,000, according to the IRS. Let's look at a few possibilities for how you might use this amount:

Help fund your IRA — In 2013, you can now put in up to \$5,500 per year (up from \$5,000 in 2012) to a traditional or Roth IRA. And if you're 50 or older, you can put in an additional \$1,000 per year above

the new contribution limit. Consequently, your \$3,000 refund could cover more than half of your maximum IRA contributions, or slightly less than half if you're 50 or older. And if you don't think that \$3,000 would make much of a difference, consider this: If you invested the \$3,000 in an IRA that earned a hypothetical 7 percent annual return, and you never put in another dime, you'd end up with nearly \$23,000 after 30 years. And if you put in that same \$3,000 per year to your IRA — well below the maximum — every year for 30 years, earning that same 7 percent annual return, you'd accumulate more than \$303,000. (Keep

in mind that you'd eventually be taxed on your traditional IRA earnings; Roth IRA earnings grow tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.)

Pay off some debts — In the last few years, Americans have done a pretty good job of lowering their individual debt loads, according to the Federal Reserve. But if you still have some outstanding loans or a credit card balance that carries a high interest rate, you might want to consider applying your tax refund to these debts. The lower your monthly debt payments, the better your cash flow — and the more money you'll have available to invest for your future.

Help build an emergency fund — Life is full

of unexpected events. If you need to purchase a new furnace or pay for an expensive car repair or incur a hospital bill, will you have the money available? If you don't, you might be forced to dip into your IRA or other investments. This move could result in taxes and fees; more importantly, it will reduce the financial resources you're counting on to help meet your long-term goals. You can help avoid this problem by building an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Your tax refund could give you a nice start to this fund.

Invest in a 529 plan — If you have children (or

grandchildren) whom you'd like to send to college, you may want to invest in a 529 plan. Your earnings grow tax-free, provided withdrawals are used for qualified higher education expenses. (Withdrawals for other purposes will result in taxes and possible penalties.) Contribution limits are quite high, so you can put in significant amounts each year — including a \$3,000 tax refund.

As you can see, you've got some attractive options for using your tax refund — so consider them carefully. If you can apply more resources to your various financial goals, you may find yourself in a better position in the future.

## Program reflects widening interest in homegrown, homemade foods

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

BOERNE — More than 70 people from throughout South Central Texas attended the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Don Strange of Texas, Inc. program "Preserving and Serving the Harvest" at the Don Strange Ranch in Boerne.

The program included demonstrations on food preparation and preservation basics by AgriLife Extension instructors and others, plus a menu of locally produced foods from executive chef Susan Johnson and her staff at the ranch.

The morning menu included buttermilk biscuits with specialty jams and jellies. The lunch menu included Reuben sandwiches with corned beef, pickled vegetables, potato salad and sauerkraut. During lunch, Johnson explained how each menu item was made at the ranch.

"This was one of the Backyard Basics programs being piloted by AgriLife Extension in several South Central Texas counties to provide information and hands-on instruction relating to the benefits of home food production, preparation and preservation," said Dr. Connie Sheppard, AgriLife Extension agent for family and consumer sciences in Bexar County, one of the program's coordinators.

During the day, AgriLife Extension personnel from Atascosa, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall and Wilson counties presented hands-on demonstrations at several indoor and outdoor sites at the ranch. They gave instruction on bread making, cheese making, drying foods, freezing fruits and vegetables and pressure canning. Additionally, members of the San Antonio Herb Market Association demonstrated how to grow herbs in a home garden and how to use fresh herbs in recipes.

Arias said the interest in canning, pickling and preserving homegrown and homemade foods is a good way for consumers to stretch food dollars and have greater control over the ingredients and preparation of their food.

"At Don Strange of Texas, we believe in serving fresh and wholesome foods," said Arias. "This program fits well with our desire to provide consumers the best tasting and most nutritious foods possible."

She added that she was glad to have had the opportunity to present a "community" program at the ranch as the facility is normally used for private parties.

Program attendees came from a multi-county area of South Central Texas. While most were from Boerne and San Antonio, others came from Canyon Lake, Corpus Christi, Dale, Hondo, George West, Ingram, Kerrville, Rockport and other towns.

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