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City commits to enforce the code

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The City of Winters committed to enforce the Code of Ordinances, in order to bring residents to compliance, and start a citywide cleanup campaign. Monday night, April 29, Mayor Lewis Bergman received the support of all the council members regarding a discussion concerning code enforcement codes, violations, ticketing, and enforcing.

"When we start this process it will not be pain free, you will be hearing from people and maybe not the people you think, about this code enforcement. I believe it's necessary, I think it needs to be done, but people are not going to like it," Bergman said to the council. "We plan on pursuing this with vigor and trying to get

things turned around." Bergman thanked the council for the "unanimous declaration of support," and said that "As painful as it is going to be, I think it's worth the effort."

At the City Council meeting the new City Police Officer, Eric Samaniego, was sworn in by the Mayor.

Sage Diller, from Enprotec Hibbs and Todd, presented the status report for the Water System Improvements Project funded by Rural Development and the status report on the ground water well project testing. The city will be testing in 4 to 5 wells located east of town.

The City Council approved the new WTU energy rates for a 36-month term. The rate secured will be .05269 per kilowatt.

The City Council also passed an agenda item

approving the Allied Waste services increase in the amount of 1 percent.

Aldermen passed a resolution committing Fund Balance in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board statement 54. This statement establishes fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds.

An ordinance was amended for sewer connections. According to the amended ordinance the owner of a sewer line stemming from a city-owned main line, will be responsible for his or her line regardless of the properties crossed by the stemming line.



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
Winters City Mayor Lewis Bergman swearing in Eric Samaniego, the new City Police officer.

Aldermen also passed Ordinance 2013-01 regarding water and sewer billing charges. According to this ordinance water users located outside the city

limits will be subject to a \$3 extra charge.

The City of Winters approved the annual interlocal agreement for paving services between Runnels

County and the City of Winters.

A budget amendment was approved to transfer funds from the fund balance to the Street Department, in order to purchase new playground equipment for the park. The council voted to amend the budget in the amount of \$49,900.

The City of Winters passed a motion approving the Fair Housing Month Proclamation for HOME Program and passed Resolution 2013-02 establishing a Section 3 Policies for HOME Program from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Acting Secretary Shelly Antilley-Guevara was appointed Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity/Section 504 Standards Officer for the City of Winters.

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PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
Roofing crew members working at the Paladín Community Services building are left to right: Facundo Castillo, Jason Boatman, Cody Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Emilio Castillo.

Bringing support to Winters youth

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Monday, March 4, 2013 strong winds gusting up to 60 mph destroyed several roofs in Winters. The wind storm left a trail of damages behind but it also opened the door for the community to show support.

Jason Boatman, a roof, tree trimming and fence contractor from Abilene was working in town last week when he found out about the damages caused to a building located in the 100 block of North Main, Street. The building, which has been under remodeling and repairs for about two years, will be housing the clubhouse of Paladín Community Services, a nonprofit organization working with kids ages 10-18, and completely run by volunteers.

"I just couldn't think of a better thing to do for a small town, I am from a small town also," Boatman said.

Boatman was hooked up with Nathan Johnson, Winters Chief of Police and founder of Paladín Community Services, and together they started working to replace the damaged roof.

"We really appreciate what he is doing, he is volunteering the general contracting, Paladín purchased the materials and we are working together to put this back in service," Johnson said.

To repair the nearly 3,000 square foot structure they salvaged what they could. They got metal sheets and special screws



The crew securing the metal sheets in place with the special screws to prevent future damages.

to go deep enough to prevent the same situation from ever happening again.

Paladín Community Services has a total of 20 members in Winters. The mentorship based organization is a nonprofit where all the participants are completely volunteers. Their activities include backpacking, certification classes that are adventure-based learning, skills like scuba diving, rappelling, rock climbing, canoeing, boating safety, and this summer they will have a scuba diving camp.

Library holds Meet the Author Night



The Winters Public Library hosted its Meet the Author Night last Thursday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. Five area authors gave a brief presentation of their books and visited with the audience answering questions and selling copies of their books. Authors attending the event were left to right: Randall Conner, Elaine Coleman, Ann Pate, Susan Conner, Ruth Cooper, and Becky Hays presiding over the event.

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Local music fest earns statewide recognition

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Elizabeth Cook and the Curing for Cancer Music Fest brought the spotlight to Ballinger last week, by earning Humanitarian of the Year at the 2013 Texas Regional Radio and Music Association Awards.

The award ceremony was held Sunday, April 21, at the Arlington Musical Hall in Arlington, Texas. Some of those receiving awards include Eli Young Band - Entertainer of the Year, Stoney LaRue - Male Vocalist of the Year, and Bri Bagwell - Female Vocalist of the Year.

The Curing for Cancer Music Fest, a two-day event currently gearing up for its fifth edition, started in 2009 and so far has raised over \$50,000. The funds each year are donated to the American Cancer Society.

"We started the fest because there was no longer a Relay for Life event here in town," said Cook, who is no stranger to cancer survivors. "The first year we were celebrating 10 years of my mother being diagnosed with cancer, and in 2011 my father was being treated for



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
Cheryl King, Kellye Potter, Elizabeth Cook and Jennifer Korn, organizers of the Curing for Cancer Music Fest held annually in Ballinger since 2009.

throat cancer."

"After a while the Relay for Life was back in town, but we were already doing the fest," she added.

Regional and statewide music bands participate each year in the Curing for Cancer Music Fest, donating most of their time and resources, and play at the Ballinger Airport. The event is sponsored by local and regional sponsors and media, and put together by Cook, Kellye Potter, Jennifer Korn and Cheryl King.

"This wouldn't be possible without the help of these ladies," said Cook.

For Cook, receiving an award that last year was earned by Justin Frazzell, a country music DJ know all over the state for his efforts in "Picking for Pennies," and the "March of Dimes" for premature babies, is quite an accomplishment.

In 2012 bands participating in the event were: Taylor Hodak Band, Larry Joe Taylor, Creed Fisher, Buckshot Bradley, Zach Edwards, Deryl Dodd, Mike McClure, Matt Kimbro, Haden Burchard, Crazywater, Trey Rushing and 277 South and Mark McKinney.

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THE ORGANIZATION OF RUNNELS COUNTY

A committee to inquire county finances

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RCHC CHAIRPERSON

WINTERS- The county seat of Runnels County, Runnels City, was the center of the county. With all of the activity, homes being built, businesses being started, and people coming in, the new city was busy.

Roads were being built in all directions to the county line from this new city. Slowly Runnels City was becoming a little more sophisticated except the times when the cowboys came into town from the local ranches. Even with the population growing, there were fewer females than males during this period of time in the county. The wild ways were falling into disrepute and it was not considered entertainment as the population grew. The county judge was beginning to fine the offenders and they had to pay the county a fine of \$40.

The February Term of the Honorable Commissioners Court opened on Tuesday the 15th day of February A. D. 1881 with the Honorable County Judge Sylvester Adams presiding. Also present were Commissioners, N.W. Dean, Precinct 1, C.G. Davenport, Precinct 2, T.L. Odom, Precinct 3, P.S. Turner, Precinct 4, Sheriff John M. Formwalt and W.N. Copeland, County Clerk. The committee appointed to "look after and inquire into the condition of the finances of the county" included Col. T.L.

Odom, C.G. Davenport, Maj. G.W. Perryman and W.N. Copeland, County Clerk. The court then adjourned until the following morning.

Wednesday February 16th, A.D. 1881, the Honorable Commissioners Court met with Judge Adams presiding with all present as of the day before. Several orders of business were on the agenda. First, taxes were lowered for a resident from \$30 to \$16 on merchandise. The report of the committee noted the clerk would make an itemized account of the court to date; the sheriff was ordered to give a report on lots sold the third day of July A.D. 1880; and the order was given for a report from Judge Adams of lots sold and all would be filed with the County Clerk. The court heard the report of Mr. James Halcomb, road overseer of Precinct 1 and it was approved. The report of Mr. N.P. Jones, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 was heard and approved. That concluded the business for the day.

The Honorable Commissioners Court met Thursday February 17, A.D. 1881. All were present as of the previous day. The report from Mr. T.L. Odom, Mr. H.H. Luckett and Mr. C.H. Pullen, road reviewers for the road from Runnels City to Fort Chadbourne was given and approved. The court then appointed Mr. George Pemberton to be overseer for that road. The next order was to ap-

point Mr. James Halcomb to be overseer of the road from Runnels City in the direction of Paint Rock to the Runnels-Coke County line.

A.J. Wilson and Samuel Brown were appointed by the court to be reviewers to view and mark out a road from Runnels City to Blue Gap in the direction of Jim Ned Peak to the county line of Runnels County.

The court ordered J.C. Bowman, B.W. Taylor and Dudley Toms to view out a road from Runnels City to the county line in the direction of Buffalo Gap and that order be amended as to add Dr. Helm and Mr. H.D. Pearce as reviewers for that road.

Mr. H.E. Dickenson was appointed road overseer for the road from Runnels City in the direction of Coleman to the county line of Runnels-Coleman Counties. Mr. W.T. Castleberry was appointed road overseer for the road from Runnels City in the direction of Maverick to the county line of Runnels-Tom Green Counties.

The court asked for a report from Mr. H.D. Pearce of tools and material on hand. Orders were given to pay for supplies and services. Mr. H.H. Luckett was notified to inquire about locating the four leagues of School Land for Runnels County in the April Term of 1880 and was given payment for his services. The following orders were given to pay as follows:

Mr. Luckett, a reasonable compensation of \$35, \$70 to the Sheriff ex-officio services for the term year ending in 1880. The Tax Assessor was allowed \$50 for ex-officio services for making abstracts for the County and Runnels City and the same for the Treasurer. The order was given to pay \$35 by the County Clerk to the Treasurer. The court ordered the County Judge be paid \$50. The court order giving persons the authority to sell real estate in Runnels City, was revoked.

The court then ordered Mr. R. M. Thomason would be held responsible to the amount of \$50 to Runnels County per month from the 1st day of January 1881. This would be until the time he completed the Court House and turned the same over to the County Commissioners Court of Runnels County.

The court then ordered pay to each commissioner and payment to Mr. H.D. Pearce for \$1.50 for a load of wood. The court was adjourned until the next meeting.

Next: A called meeting, County continuing road work and work on the Court House

Resources:
Runnels County Historical Commission Histories Runnels County A Look Back, RCHC May 1, 2010 Runnels County Commissioners Court, February 15, 16, 17, A.D. 1881

Public Record

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Runnels County Jail Log April 29, 2013

Delbert Bradshaw	34	RCSO	Tom Green warrant, MTR-F, DWI
Cesar Olguin	26	Coleman	Injury to a child
Tina Quintini	54	Concho	Criminal trespass
Eric Molina	34	RCSO	Burglary of a building
Jon Soto	26	RCSO	Burglary of a building
Mara Franklin	59	RCSO	Asslt. B./ F.M.
Mayra Irachetta	23	Winters PD	Criminal Misch./ Public Intoxication
Frank Teague	18	BPD	Disorderly conduct
Mario Esquivel	25	RCSO	Warrants
Clemente Nava	21	RCSO	DOC Public Intoxication

Texas Aggie Muster held in Rowena

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

ROWENA- Former student of Texas A&M University assembled in Rowena on April 21 for annual Texas Aggie Muster, announced Brad K. Teplicek.

The Muster activities consisting of reminiscing and visiting began at 6 p.m. at the Lowake Steak House. A total of 24 people attended with 17 A&M former students, four spouses and three guests.

The guest speaker was Marcus Hoelscher '54 form Hereford, Texas. A raffle was held with proceeds going to the town of West, Texas victims of the recent accidental chemical explosion.

Texas A&M is in its "Second Century of Greatness." Since 1876, Texas A&M has grown from a small Land Grant College to one of the leading research and educational institution in the world, now holding the distinction of sea and space grants as well.

The Muster tradition is over 100 years old. More than 400 Musters were held around the world this year, Brad Teplicek said, "wherever Texas A&M former students live or work."

During wars, Aggies mustered in foxholes, on the battlefield, aboard ships, in airplanes and in medical hospitals. In World War II, a Muster was held in Corregidor island shortly before the Japanese captured it in 1942.

Every Muster ceremony is the same, Teplicek reported. Texas Aggies pay their respects to all those who are absent because of death since the last Muster. When the names of the honored dead are called from the Muster Roll, a friend of the deceased answers, "Here".

Runnels SWCD announces poster and essay contest winners

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) announced last week the winners of its annual Conservation Poster and Essay Contest. Each year, SWCD sponsors the contest for area students.

This year the themes for the poster contest were "Soil to Spoon" and "Where Does Your Water Shed?". In all 110 conservation posters were received from students in the Ballinger and Miles school districts.

Ribbons were awarded for first, second, and third place in each grade level at each school district. Other deserving posters were given Honorable Mention ribbons.

In addition, posters from each grade level from all the schools were combined and judged to select the overall area winners.

Cash awards of \$25, \$15, and \$10 respectively were presented by Runnels SWCD to first, second and third place overall area winners. The first place overall area poster winner, Gage Ohman from Miles ISD, represented Runnels SWCD at the Area Awards Banquet held on April 4. At the banquet, Gage received an engraved plaque signifying his accomplishments in conservation education. His winning poster was forwarded to compete in regional competition.

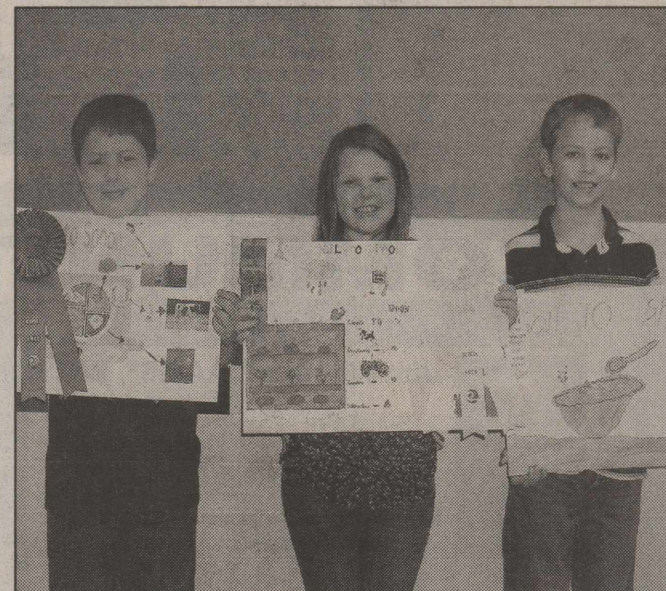
The theme for the essay contest was "Why Soil and Water Conservation Is Important to My Future." There were 22 entries received from students. Hannah Pullin, from Miles ISD, was the first place winner and represented Runnels SWCD at the Area Awards Banquet held

on April 4. Hannah received an engraved plaque signifying her accomplishments in conservation education. Her winning essay was forwarded to compete in regional competition.

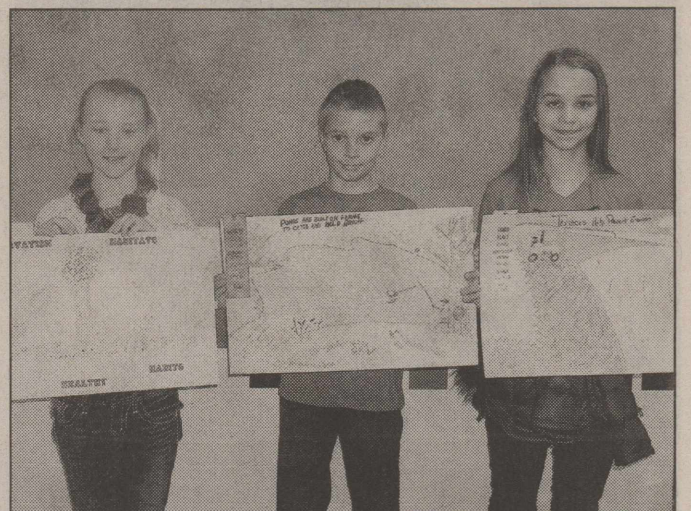
Runnels SWCD honored the teachers of the students with the winning poster and essay with \$25 gift cards. Mr. Curt McKneely from Miles ISD is the teacher of the poster winner, Gage Ohman. Mrs. Courtney Lange from Miles ISD is the teacher of the essay winner, Hannah Pullin.

Runnels SWCD thanked the many administrators, teachers and students who helped make this year's poster and essay contest educational and fun for all those who took part.

The Schaefer Brothers of Norton were the Outstanding Conservation Farmers selected by Runnels SWCD. Ralph, Alton and Bernard Schaefer received a plaque for their conservation accomplishments.



PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED
Ballinger Third graders Markus Castleberry - first and second place Area winner, Tristen Cassidy - second and third place Area winner, Landyn McIntyre - third place.



Ballinger Fifth graders Payton Dankworth - first place, Brandon Teplicek - second place, and Cammie Teplicek - third place.



The Schaefer Brothers, Ralph, Bernard and Alton received their plaque from Bobby Myers, Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District Board member.

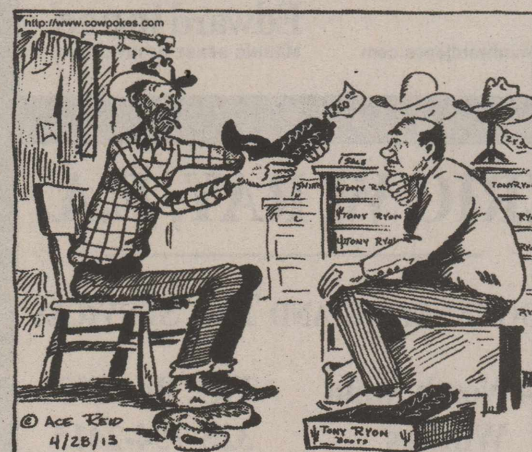
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Life was simpler then...

Commentary by
Dr. Don Newbury

Keene, TX, isn't today — nor was it ever — Mayberry, RFD. With a few decades peeled back, however, history suggests there were some parallels. Keene "town characters" also wound up in unlikely "fixes" of their own making.

I'm talking about the kind Andy and Barney faced in weekly TV episodes where the duo usually showed up as "eventual responders."

Earlier arrival might have made a good plot bad. Arriving late — as they often did — allowed them to tie ribbons on cases that had already solved themselves....

One such Keene figure who invested most of her adult life teaching English at KHS was

Lilah Beth Hopps Creel. If local citizenry could vote on sainthood, she'd win on the first ballot.

She was beloved, an institution unto herself. Widowed at midlife and with no children of her own, she claimed students as hers, too. Her name, even today, is mentioned in hushed tones that drip in reverence.

All this being true, the fact remains that she operated a motor vehicle several years past her prime. Everyone in town recognized her car, and in her twilight years, let her have whichever lane she chose, even on two-lane roads....

Perhaps the best remembered "Lilah Beth" story involved her, a visitor at the nursing home and the Keene Police Department, circa 1990. That day, a "stolen car" and a "found car" puzzle was solved in warp speed.

"I parked there first," Lilah Beth might have maintained. When she returned to her "honker" of a car — a maroon, 1984 Buick Park Avenue — it was hemmed in by other

visitors' vehicles, one of which was a Toyota. It is important to mention that the much smaller vehicle was parked behind Lilah Beth's Buick behemoth....

Always unflappable, the diminutive school marm maneuvered forward and back repeatedly, finally lurching forward for the quarter-mile trip home.

She pattered down Old Betsy Road, taking a right turn onto Fourth Street to her home.

What she didn't realize is that during one of her back-ups, her rear bumper engaged with the Toyota's front bumper....

Dennis Laursen, who operated a garage/service station at Old Betsy and Fourth for four decades, dropped a tool when he watched Lilah Beth — Toyota in tow — make the turn.

He wasn't sure she was the driver — no one ever was, since she was only five feet tall and peered out through the steering wheel.

To complete her homeward trip, she crossed a dip in front of her property. The bumpers disengaged, and the Toyota somehow rolled to a stop in the driveway before the Buick came alongside....

When she spotted the Toyota, Lilah Beth assumed she had a visitor. She "helloed" the place and got no response. So, she called the police about the extra car in her driveway.

A few minutes earlier, the owner of the Toyota had contacted the police to report a stolen car.

Things were righted in a few minutes; no charges were filed....

A few years earlier, when narrow-laned "Old

Betsy" was being widened, a young flagman alerted motorists of caliche being dumped. Alas, Mrs. Creel didn't see the flagman. She forged on, almost hitting him as she brushed by.

Seconds later, she drove up, over and down one of the caliche piles. Soon, the foreman was giving the young flagman "what for." The boss wasn't buying the youngster's claim that someone had ignored the warning, taken on a pile of caliche and driven on.

A few minutes later, Lilah Beth came back down "Old Betsy." The boss saw enough caliche dripping from the car's grill to fill pavement holes in the road of the Johnson County community....

Old-timers with memories run back to the 50s confirm these accounts.

More important, though, were the many ways she instructed and befriended students, and made her hometown proud. She is remembered for unwavering commitment to teaching, hoping, caring, giving, nurturing and praying.

And if there's ever a ballot for sainthood in Keene, look for her name at or near the top. She was an institution, this grand educator who logged some 90 years of living — driving (herding?) cars most of the way. (I wouldn't have had the courage to take the car keys from her, either.)...

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Runnels Co. well-represented at Midwest Community Network luncheon



Nine Runnels County representatives attended the Texas Midwest Community Network luncheon held on Wednesday, April 24, in Robert Lee, Texas. Those attending the event from Runnels County are left to right: Darlene Kelly, Tommy New and Jolene McBurney of Ballinger; Lynn Granzin, Jane Jeschke and Glenda Lacy of Miles, and seated Shelly Antilley-Guevara, Randall Conner and Rev. Alsen Wenzel of Winters.

PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

DPS identifies remains found as missing teen from Colorado City

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- After more than 2 years of uncertainty, the search of missing 13-year-old Hailey Dunn has come to an end. Friday afternoon the Texas Department of Public Safety informed that the remains found near Lake J.B. Thomas, in Scurry County on March 16, are a positive match.

Hailey's remains were found in a remote West Texas location and the Texas Department of Public Safety informed her mother, Billie Jean Dunn, that the remains are her daughter's.

Dunn was reported missing December 28, 2010, from her home in Colorado City. She was 13 at the time.

The remains were discovered near Lake J.B. Thomas were local, state and federal authorities gathered evidence over



Authorities are still investigating the circumstances of Hailey Dunn's disappearance and death.

The Texas Department of Public Safety released a

statement during last Friday's news conference.

According to the information released the remains were sent to the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification for DNA analysis.

The investigation into the circumstances of Hailey's disappearance and death is ongoing, the statement said. This is a joint investigation of Scurry and Mitchell county sheriff's offices. Colorado City Police Department, FBI, Texas Rangers and other local and county officials.

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ON THE LEVEL

Memories

CHARLES FRERICH

We go about our daily lives doing our everyday chores rather routinely. We do these because it is necessary to survive. We don't realize that while doing these, whether minutely or in a grand way, memories are being formed. If the task at hand is work or play we remember the good or the bad. We make a mental note of what we can do to make the situation better or how the situation makes us look forward to doing it again.

As I sit to write these articles I think back on things that have affected me or inspired me. People, places or things that have stuck in my mind and made me think. At the ripe young age of 55 I certainly have not experienced all there is and don't profess to know it all. I humbly jot down on paper what God puts into my head.

April 6 marked the three-year anniversary of my dad's passing. Memories of him flooded my head all day long. And an ironic fact is on that day I was trimming trees where he was mowing on the day he died. I know he was there watching as I cut the branches of the trees. I keep asking myself if I'm doing all I can to make fond memories to my kids and grandkids. I hope these articles might reflect a little of myself.

People affect others memories with small things they do and not even realize they are doing it. This last week the Rowena community lost a wonderful man, Kenneth Feist. He was known to all by "KD" and I never knew until his funeral that the "D" stood for Dixon. Kenneth delivered mail to our family and a lot of times as a child I would go to meet him at the mailbox. We knew the time and he would arrive at the same time every day. Kenneth would stop and chat with us kids and always take the time to ask how we were and what we were doing and then leave us with a smile. I remember

Kenneth and Irene and my mom and dad getting together to play dominoes or go to conventions together. When I was in 4-H, Kenneth's daughter Jan and I did several method demonstrations together winning state once in the Natural Resources contest and again placing second in state in Electrical. On the first trip to College Station, dad and Kenneth thought we had to detour to Westphalia and visit the old general store. At that time we were not too impressed but now I do remember the store and town and wonder what has changed. Oh and we had to stop at Green's Sausage House in Zabcikville for snacks. Kenneth, Irene and Jan, thank you for the memories.

Here's another one for you. Remember when it rained, on a regular basis. I know of kids who have never seen a full lake or river that ran more than a trickle. I remember when boating used to be a Sunday afternoon activity. I remember when the fish we caught didn't have chapped lips. Or remember reading Elmer Kelton's, "The Time it Never Rained." Could we be living the sequel?

Memories are what keep a farmer planting the seeds every year and the rancher taking care of the stock. The memory an abundant harvest sticks in the farmer's mind and keeps the drive to see that harvest again. Seeing the baby calves, lambs and kids playing alongside their mothers brings a smile to your heart. Since the column is called "On the Level" I would be remiss to not mention that it's the conservation issues we must keep aware if we are to preserve our natural resources so we can continue to remember this great land for many years to come.

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