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Local senior citizen centers facing difficult times

West Texas COG recommending extensive overhaul to meal prepping and delivery

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER— With a projected budget cut ranging from 7 to 10 percent for the next fiscal year, the three senior citizen centers in Runnels County could be facing some radical changes in their menus and operational procedures.

Tom Smith, Executive Director of the West Texas Council of Governments, made a presentation regarding the financial status of the centers at the last Commissioners Court, held on Tuesday morning, July 2, 2013.

According to Smith last year the COG absorbed a 10 percent cut to the Senior Nutrition Program by eliminating staff positions, but for the coming fiscal year an additional cut of up to 10 percent is also anticipated.

The situation, Smith said, could be worse. Senior citizen centers in Abilene and Eastland opted-out of the program. The federal and state funds bring specific guidelines in the menus and operations that centers have to go by. Funds corresponding Abilene and Eastland locations represent nearly \$200,000 that instead are distributed among the remaining centers.

Michelle Parker, COG Director of Community Services, presented some suggestions that other counties have implemented to deal with the budget cuts.

In order to be more cost-effective Parker sug-



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
County Judge Barry Hilliard hears the presentation of West Texas COG Executive Director Tom Smith and Director of Community Services Michelle Parker.

gested planning the menus for purchasing, storage and seasonal meals. She also suggested to compare the costs of cooking from scratch vs. pre-made frozen meals, evaluate containers for home-delivered meals, equipment and staff needed, compare microwave food vs. traditional oven and stove meals, and to evaluate the benefits of purchasing Grade "A" vs. Grade "B" products.

"For some meals like a soup, you don't really need Grade 'A' vegetables," she said. "Now for storing, remember that food in hand represents money."

Other recommendations include standardize recipes in all three centers in Runnels County — Ballinger, Winters and Miles — control labor costs and

portions, and implement new measures such as having people call-in for delivered meals and for meals at the center, in order to reduce the waste.

Tom Smith said that some of the measures are not going to be very popular, but in the long run will be cost-effective.

"Having three preparation sites in Runnels County," he said "is not cost-effective."

He suggested Runnels County commissioners to evaluate the benefits of having only one food-preparation site, and leave the remaining two centers with only the staff needed for distribution, to find volunteers, work with the school district and local churches.

Another way to cut

costs, he said, is the use of frozen meals. "Not the traditional frozen meals that you are going to buy at the grocery store, but specialized meals, this will help you with staff and preparation time."

After hearing Smith's presentation, the Runnels County Commissioners Court didn't take any action.

In another agenda item, the Commissioners Court heard a presentation from the Juvenile Regional Probation Department. The department presented a request to the commissioners to increase the county's funding in the amount of \$4,520 per year, to a total of \$13,160 per year.

All commissioners were present at Tuesday's regular meeting.



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The baseball and softball fields will receive new paint, concrete block dugouts, backstop netting and masonry backstop wall among other improvements.

Baseball and softball fields will receive facelift

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STAFF REPORT

WINTERS— The Winters ISD Board of Trustees approved on a 6-1 vote to renovate the district's two baseball fields and softball field. CADCO Architect firm in Abilene was selected to design and engineer the plans for the renovation project.

The renovation project will include new painted concrete block dugouts, new backstop netting and masonry backstop wall, some new fencing, leveling of playing surface, outfield improvements and installation of sports Bermudagrass 419 turf on the Varsity baseball field.

"We are excited about the improvements that the School Board has approved and appreciate all of the hard work and time they have invested in this project," stated Athletic Director Stan Caffey.

The estimated cost of baseball/softball complex is in the neighborhood of \$300,000. Demolition and site work on the Varsity diamond will begin in a couple of weeks. Texas Multi Chem, a statewide sports turf consulting company, has been contracted by the district to do the ground and turf improvements on the softball and Varsity baseball fields, only.

The second baseball field, which also serves as the little league field, is not part of the ground and turf improvement, but will receive new dugouts and backstop.

"Within the past few years, the district has built a premier gymnasium and has reconstructed a first-rate track that has benefitted the school and community. Once more, the school board is investing in upgrading district facilities by renovating the baseball and softball fields that are in much need of improvement," Superintendent Don Kuempel added.

"Time, wear and weather have taken its toll on the facilities and fields and the new improvements will greatly improve the playing surface of the fields as well as functionality and appearance of the complex". Once completed, it will be another source of school spirit and community pride to be enjoyed for many years to come by current and future Blizzard ball players. Completion of all fields is estimated to be early fall.

Applications now accepted for hunting at O.H. Ivie

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BIG SPRING— Application for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas will be accepted by mail only beginning July 15, 2013 and ending August 15, 2013, at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office.

Hunting permits will be limited, and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the Colorado River Municipal Water District at (432) 267 6341, or by writing to: CRMWD, ATTN: Public Hunting, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

A public drawing for the permits for the 2013 hunting season will be held at 1:00 p.m. on August 23, 2013.

Winters ISD to provide tablets for students and teachers in Junior High and High School campuses

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS— Winters ISD Board of Trustees approved a one-to-one initiative to provide students and teachers at the secondary campuses with electronic tablets. The project was voted at the regular scheduled School Board meeting held on Monday night, June 24, 2013.

With a price tag totaling around \$300,000 the one-to-one project will equip every junior high and high school teacher and student with an iPad to be used at school and at home. For much of the past school year, teachers and administrators have been in a strategic planning mode, attending one-to-one workshops and technology conferences as well as touring other districts and witnessing

firsthand students using iPads or mobile computer devices as a learning tool in the classroom.

The advantages or benefits to students and staff having mobile devices are that it affords greater variety of primary and secondary educational materials, along with enhanced flexibility in accessing information resources from a wide variety of resources, and in real time.

In contrast to textbooks that are published and distributed every 5 to 10 years, mobile devices are much more dynamic and interactive in which teachers can upload curriculum resources or applications or access education web sites via the internet to complement classroom instruction.

"No longer do students have to tote a stack of thick heavy books back

and forth from school to home. Everything will be digitized and available at the tip of students' fingers, inside a mobile device," commented Superintendent Don Kuempel, Jr.

"The implementation of the electronic mobile device or iPad will require extensive professional development for our staff, coupled with educating our students and parents on the appropriate use. Scheduled parent informational meetings will begin this fall. The technology committee has met frequently to develop a guidelines and procedures to ensure the district communicates its expectations and rules," Kuempel added.

"Using a wide range of tools, teachers will create interactive course materials for the iPad to keep their students engaged.



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Every teacher and student in Junior High and WHS will be equipped with an iPad.

Teachers will be able to present students with more than just text on a page. They can create an interactive lesson with pictures and videos and hyperlinks in it. It's great to be bound

not by what's out there, but only by what you can imagine," stated director of technology Billy Mobley. "Students and teachers across disciplines will find

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Cecilia Joi Holloway

Cecilia Joi Holloway, 86, passed away, Sunday, June 30, 2013 in Decatur.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 at Espuela Cemetery in Spur, Texas with Reverend Terry Ellison officiating.

Cecilia was born December 22, 1926 in Spur, Texas to Cecil Leonard and Verna Lester (Roberts) Fox. She was united in marriage to Calvin Holloway on February 3, 1945 at Ft. Hood, Texas. Cecilia and Calvin were business owners in Abilene and Winters, Texas for many years.

Left behind to cherish her memory are two sons, Mike Holloway and wife, Sylvia of San Angelo and Bill Holloway and wife Dinah of Alvord; eight grandchildren, Michael and Lucy Holloway, Jull Ellison, John Black, Teri Bellamy, Tracy Holloway, Lance Holloway and Justin Silk; five great-grandchildren; two brother-in-laws, Max and Neil Holloway; and two sisters-in-law, Jane Colburn and Billy Jean Holloway.

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TPWD fighting the spread of zebra mussels

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Executive Director Carter Smith has signed an emergency order adding the West Fork of the Trinity River including Lakes Bridgeport, Eagle Mountain, and Worth to the list of water bodies under special regulations intended to help control the spread of zebra mussels.

Smith's action comes following the discovery in mid-June that veligers or larvae of the destructive invasive species had been found in Lake Bridgeport, west of Bridgeport. Lakes Eagle Mountain and Worth are also included in this emergency order because they are downstream of Lake Bridgeport and zebra mussels readily migrate downstream.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission in 2012 amended TPWD's regulations to help ensure that boats operated on Lake Lavon, parts of the Red River including Lake Texoma, and parts of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River including Lakes Ray Robert and Lewisville are drained (including live wells and bilges) before they leave those water bodies. Taking this precaution is crucial in efforts to slow the spread of this species, since contaminated boats are one of the primary ways this happens. Draining water from boats prevents the spread of a microscopic form of the zebra mussel called a veliger, which is invisible to the naked eye.

The emergency rule does create an exemption for persons to travel on a public roadway via the most direct route to another access point located on the same body of water without drain-

ing water from their boat. The emergency action would extend the applicability of the current regulation to all impounded and tributary waters of the West Fork of the Trinity River above the Lake Worth dam including Lakes Bridgeport, Eagle Mountain, and Worth.

The zebra mussel is a small, non-native mussel originally found in Eurasia. It has spread throughout Europe, where it is considered to be a major environmental and industrial menace. The animal appeared in North America in the late 1980s and within 10 years had colonized all five Great Lakes and the Mississippi, Tennessee, Hudson, and Ohio River basins. Since then, they have spread to additional lakes and river systems, including some in North Texas.

Zebra mussels live and feed in many different aquatic habitats, breed prolifically, and cannot be controlled by natural predators. Adult zebra mussels colonize all types of living and non-living surfaces including boats, water-intake pipes, buoys, docks, piers, plants, and slow moving animals such as native clams, crayfish, and turtles. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates the potential economic impact of zebra mussels to be in the billions of dollars.

Under authority granted by the Legislature, emergency rules can be adopted if the commission or the executive director finds that there is an immediate danger to a species authorized to be regulated by the department. This emergency rule will continue for no more than 120 days from the date this notice is filed with the Texas Register.

Elm Creek Water Control District will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday (July 9) at Senior Citizen Center, 601 Wood Street.

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The family of Jerry Lloyd would like to say "Thank you" to our friends for the prayers, food, cards, floral pieces and expressions of sympathy shown us at our time of loss. We are so grateful to be a part of such a loving and caring community.

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Vet Center Mobile to be in Ballinger on July 11

The Taylor County Vet Center Mobile Outreach Van will be at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Thursday, July 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Vet Center provides counseling in the areas of readjustment, military sexual trauma, bereavement, marital and family, and substance abuse. Vet Centers understand and appreciate Veterans' war experiences while assisting them and their family to a successful post-war adjustment in their community. Everyone is welcome to stop by for information or services. For more information, call Sandra at (325) 365 3612.

Immunization clinic

The Texas Department of State Health Services will have an immunization clinic in Ballinger. For your convenience, please call to schedule an appointment, if no answer, leave a message.

The clinic will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday July 11, 2013, at 608 Strong (behind the Courthouse).

Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid, please bring card. For more information call (325) 754 4945.

Historical Commission meeting slated for July 13 in Winters

The Runnels County Historical Commission will meet at 10:30 a.m. July 13, at Casa Cabana Restaurant in Winters.

Betty Thomason will give the program on Bonnie Parker who turned to crime with Clyde Barrow following the hard times caused by the Wall Street Crash and the depression of the early 1930's.

All Runnels County Historical Commission meetings are open to the public.

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Georgetown 4-H team wins international rocketry competition

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

GEORGETOWN - C'est magnifique! The three teenage members from Georgetown 4-H, who comprised the U.S. national rocketry team, recently took home gold medals after besting other national teams at the sixth annual International Rocketry Challenge in Paris.

The team, consisting of brothers Matthew and Mark Janecka, 17 and 13 years old respectively, plus Daniel Kelton, 16, sent a horizontally placed raw egg more than 700 feet over Paris in a model rocket to win the competition.

In May, the Georgetown 4-H model rocketry team, sponsored by Raytheon, won the 2013 Team America Rocketry Challenge held in The Plains, Va., earning the right to represent the U.S. at the international competition — part of the 50th annual

Paris Air Show.

At the Team America Rocketry Challenge, the Georgetown 4-H team outperformed some 470 teams making at least one qualification flight attempt, as well as 100 teams that came to the finals. The finalists represented 29 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

In addition to the air show and participation in the rocketry competition, the team from Texas was treated to a tour of Paris, which included Notre Dame, The Louvre, the catacombs and Napoleon's tomb.

"It was a great experience," said team captain Matthew Janecka. "We really enjoyed the air show and the Raytheon people treated us really well. The whole thing about winning the competition hasn't really sunk in yet, but we had a terrific time and enjoyed seeing Paris."

The French team, which

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 p.m., first Thursday of the month at the Lone Star Video, 200 Tinkle Street.

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.

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.

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.

Coleman Co. Electric annual meeting to be held on July 19

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

COLEMAN- Coleman County Electric Cooperative will have its 75th Annual Membership Meeting on July 19 at the Coleman High School. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

Along with the annual reports presented by the President and General Manager, we will also have a representative from Golden Spread G&T. Coleman County Electric Cooperative joined Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. in November 2003. Golden Spread Electric Cooperative is a generation and transmission cooperative comprised of 16 electric distribution cooperatives.

We plan to have homemade ice cream and cookies prepared and served by the Coleman County 4-Hers. Attendance gifts

will be given to each members registering as well as attendance gifts for the kids. There will also be the usual prize drawing for the adults and children.

A couple of years ago Coleman County Electric Co-op made some changes in the ballot procedure for the directors election.

If the ballot is either mailed-in or brought to the meeting, it must be inside an envelop, with a signature on the outside of the envelope. The signature must be on the outside of the envelope in order for the vote to be counted in the election.

Please mark July 19 on your calendars and make plans to attend this year's meeting in Coleman. Come and enjoy the fellowship with your fellow members while participating in the business activities of your own cooperative.

July Coop Power will be mailed out about July 1.

Tablets: new ways to interactive learning

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new ways to make learning more interactive. For instance students in Spanish class can practice speaking by recording and playing back their voices. In economics class, students can pull real-time stock market data to create and track a stock portfolio. And in math class, students will be able research market costs to create a realistic housing budget."

Giving students access to iPad also allows teachers to better adapt to their students' unique needs and abilities. Students are no longer limited to writing essays and answering multiple-choice questions in order to demonstrate what they've learned.

"As educators, we still need to focus on learning outcomes but we will now have multiple ways for students to show their level of proficiency. With iPad, students have more freedom to express themselves. They can make a video, design a digital poster, or create a website. If a student prefers a more traditional approach, teachers can be equally flexible."

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AUSTIN - Join one of the fastest-growing segments of outdoor recreation and have some cool summer fun by kayaking or canoeing dozens of Texas' easily accessible and scenic waterways in a state park or along a designated Texas Paddling Trail.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has made it easier than ever to find that perfect spot to get a close-up look at nature by paddling on more than 50 marked and well-mapped Texas paddling trails offering everything from bayou, river and lake routes to sojourns through salt-sprayed coastal bays. For trail maps and photos, where to rent canoes and kayaks, directions to access sites and fishing and wildlife information, visit: www.tpwd.texas.gov/paddlingtrails.

Families looking to flee the city for outdoor summer fun can readily access a number of nearby spots. There are seven Texas Paddling Trails within an hour of Austin, eight Texas Paddling Trails within an hour of Dallas/Fort Worth, four Texas Paddling Trails within an hour of Houston and six Texas Paddling Trails within an hour of San Antonio.

"Texas communities love this program, which has experienced huge growth in the past five months," says Shelly Plante, nature tourism manager for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "We've gone from 38 trails to 55 since February and have another two dozen proposed trails in various stages of the certification process."

Just this past May, Plante says seven new trails - three on Belton Lake south of Waco and four along the Brazos River - were added to the Texas Paddling Trails roster. The 35.4 miles of Brazos River trails, known as the Stephen F. Austin Paddling Trail, represents the longest continuous stretch of river trails launched to date.

Because many parts of Texas are experiencing drought conditions, it's always a good idea to consult online specific river flow information (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/water/habitats/rivers/flow/>) in advance and to contact the Texas State Park you're planning to visit for current lake levels and other water conditions. Keep in mind that water levels at some state parks, such as Inks Lake and South Llano River, remain fairly constant de-

spite ongoing drought. Paddling novices looking for helpful tips before heading out, can watch a how to paddle a canoe video or read a Canoeing and Kayaking 101 brochure.

Paddlers should keep in mind that open bodies of water (lakes, rivers, bays, bayous, ponds, oceans) are vastly different from neighborhood swimming pools and therefore warrant extra precautions. The key differences are that there are no life-guards; water conditions can change rapidly and underwater currents sometimes exist. The bottom line is all paddlers should wear a life-jacket.

In Texas, children under 13 years of age in or on vessels under 26 feet must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable life jacket. In addition, all vessels less than 16 feet in length, including canoes and kayaks, must be equipped with one Type I, II, III or V for each person on board.

Before you paddle make sure you have reviewed these informative safety websites: Wear it Texas (<http://www.safeboating-campaign.com/>) and Nobody's Waterproof (http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/boater_education/nw_whatis.phtml).



PHOTO: EARL NOTTINGHAM-TPWD
Canoes and kayaks are great options to enjoy a fun-filled day in many places around the state of Texas.

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'Death ridge' moves westward; high and low temperature records broken

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COLLEGE STATION-Heat-wise, Texas had a rollercoaster ride the last days of June and the first week of July.

During the last few days of June, temperatures were extremely high in much of the state, stressing row crops, pastures, rangeland and livestock, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

In some areas, historical records were broken the last week of June. In San Antonio, a 108-degree day was the highest since the 1800s, when records began to be taken, said Aaron Treadway, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in New Braunfels. But during the first days of July, it was record lows that were broken.

"It's been pretty much a rollercoaster ride of extreme temperatures," Treadway said. "It'll warm back up as we get into the middle of July, and we'll see temperatures back in the century mark."

Last week, the same high-pressure zone that is blocking cooler air from the north and causing extremely hot weather on the West Coast, was behind the extreme highs in Texas, Treadway noted.

The summer high-pressure zone is called the "death ridge," he said, as it not only cool fronts but moisture as well.

Death-ridge conditions are not that much out of the ordinary; they just came a little earlier this year, and will likely return mid-July, he said.

The week or so of ex-

tremely high, near-record breaking temperatures combined with drought conditions during the last half of June were hard on all crops, said Dr. Travis Miller, AgriLife Extension agronomist and Texas A&M soil and crop sciences associate department head.

"Particularly, we had a lot of corn that was just finishing grain-fill here in Central Texas, so I imagine we'll finish off with lower test weights, a little less starch packed in those kernels, so we'll have lower yields and test weights," Miller said.

In much of the Panhandle and parts of the South Plains, the high temperatures and drought were hard on cotton, he said.

"There has been a series of showers go through there," he said. "If you were where it dropped those 2 inches, you were in somewhat better shape. But if you were missed, the extremely high temperatures and short soil moisture are really challenging you to keep up with irrigation. Virtually, no place in the High Plains do we have full irrigation; we just have supplemental irrigation, and if we don't get rain to go with it, you can't keep up."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Code enforcement officer brings new resource for Winters PD

With the hiring of Eric J. Samaniego as our local Code Enforcement Officer, Winters Police Department now has a more consistent resource to address the code enforcement issues, which have been sidelined since the budget cuts of 2009.

The four most prevalent code violation complaints to the Police Department are animals at large, stagnant water, accumulation of filth and junk, and the growth or accumulation of weeds and rubbish. Our city code addresses each of these areas.

Police/Code Enforcement Officers are authorized by law to investigate complaints, issue citations, and remove violations and junk vehicles within the city limits. Any use of city resources to clean the property of an owner or tenant, who refuses to comply with the code of ordinances can have fees and fines levied against their property. Vehicles can be removed and disposed of through a crusher or auction process.

If you need to clean up a piece of property, you have several proper disposal options for the refuse and junk.

- Polycarts with regular trash in bags and are dumped once a week.
- Roll off's at convenience center, allow for everything except hazardous materials, tires, batteries, barrels, drums, appliances or petroleum products. Call Jack Davis Sr. for an appointment at 754-4646.

As long as you have a water bill within the city limits, you are paying to use this 2 times a month.

- Brush piles can be taken out to the old convenience center by calling Jack Davis, Sr. or can be picked up for a \$10 to \$25 fee, by calling City Hall at 754-4424.

- Appliances and batteries can be dropped off (on the blue slab) next to the south side of Police Station.

Junk vehicles are also a problem within the city limits. According to the code of ordinances, a junk vehicle is a motor vehicle that meets one or more of the following conditions:

- It is inoperative, with an expired (or non-existent) license plate and / or safety certificate.
- It is wrecked, dismantled, partially dismantled, discarded, or remains in an inoperable condition for more than 45 days.

- In addition to one of the above conditions, the vehicle is located in a location where it is visible from a public place or a public right-of-way.

All of these blights will be addressed systematically by Officer Samaniego and other police personnel. If you have a specific complaint you wish to file, contact city hall and fill out a code enforcement complaint form.

Taking the time to mow and trim the grass, clean up refuse, and dispose of junk is time consuming and difficult.

We can all help make Winters more attractive to those who visit our city if we consistently address these issues. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall or my office.

Semper Fi,
Nathan T. Johnson

Chief of Police

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

Fractionalization

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Weather Whys

Q: How are double rainbows formed?
A: A double rainbow - the correct term is secondary rainbow - occurs in the same way as the rainbow in front of it, but the only difference is that two reflections are coming from the same area of rainfall, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "You need just the right angle to see two rainbows," he explains. "The secondary rainbow is always a little bit fainter in appearance because the sunlight is reflected internally twice by the same raindrop. Also, notice that the colors will always be reversed in a secondary rainbow. This is again caused by the way the light is reflecting off the raindrops."

Q: Is rain always needed to form a rainbow?
A: Yes it is required, says McRoberts. "For you to see a rainbow, the sun always has to be behind you and you must be facing an area of rainfall with the sun at your back," he adds.

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R.F. Counts' property and others sold by mistake

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WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The State of Texas, County of Runnels be it remembered that on this day, the 12th day of June A.D. 1882, then was begun and held at the Court House in the Town of Runnels, Runnels County, Texas, a regular term of the Commissioners Court. The date of the meeting being the second Monday in June A. D. with the following officers being present. His Honor Sylvester Adams, County Judge, three Commissioners, N.W. Dean, No. 1; W.G. Preston, No. 2; F.D. Gurley, No. 4; were present also John M. Formwalt, Sheriff and W.N. Copeland, the County Clerk.

The minutes for the May Term were read and approved. As a Board of Equalization, the Court approved the County Assessors' assessment of taxes for the year of 1882.

The court had received a certified copy of an order made by the Commissioner's Court of Taylor County, Texas at its May Term, 1882. The order was to establish the county line between Runnels and Taylor Counties. The thinking of the court — "it not expedient, taken no action in the matter." The court adjourned until the next morning, Tuesday June 13th, 1882 at 9 o'clock a.m.

The Honorable Court met at 9 o'clock with officers present except commissioner No. 1, W.N. Dean. The first order of business was to hear the report of delinquent taxes.

John M. Formwalt and the Tax Collector reported the names and amounts to the court. Under the provisions of Article 4744, Revised Statutes, the report was approved and copied in the minutes as it appeared in the sheriff's report. The totals were \$188.52 in delinquent State Taxes and \$149.52 in delinquent County Taxes for the roll of 1881. The total number of persons delinquent on their taxes for that year was 43.

The court paid the account of Mr. H.H. Luckett, County Surveyor \$4.50, the account of John M. Formwalt for supplies in the amount of \$22.50. The next business the court considered a petition presented and filed for a road from Runnels City by way of John Barfoots place through Hudman Gap and then to intersect the Abilene Road at Hale's Store. The court ordered that B.F. Counts, M.S. Edwards and A.J. Wilson be appointed to mark out and clear a road and report to the court at the August Term of 1882.

The court allowed the Honorable County Judge \$3.00 for two cases from county court at the June 1882 Term. They were untitled and unnumbered. One case, the State vs. the defendant for disturbing the peace, and the next was the State of Texas vs. the defendant for carrying a pistol.

All officers collected their pay and court was adjourned for the June Term. The total paid was \$21.00. With no

other business, the court adjourned until the next regular term.

July 17th, A.D. 1882, there was begun and held at the Court House in the Town of Runnels, Runnels County Texas, a special term of the County Commissioner's Court, the day being the third Monday in July A.D. 1882. The following officers present were His Honor Sylvester Adams, the four Commissioners, N.W. Dean, No. 1; W.G. Preston, No. 2; T.L. Odom, No. 3; F.D. Gurley, No. 4; J.P. Freeman, Constable and C.H. Earnest, Deputy County Clerk. The next item on the agenda was to correct a problem when property owned by R.F. Counts was sold for taxes of 1880 by mistake. The taxes had been paid so it was ordered that Mr. Counts be refunded at tax sale the amount of 40 cents, the amount of County Tax. The same occurred for property owned by J.T. Hardagree. The order came to pay him 40 cents for county tax. The tax was collected twice.

The court then went into a special session for consideration of the finances of the county, the object of the day. The court would also take up accounting of the sale of lots in the Town of Runnels City preceding this investigation, then they adjourned until Tuesday morning, July 18, 1882.

The Commissioner's Court met pursuant to adjournment with all present as the day before to proceed with the investigation. They adjourned

to meet July 20, 1882. All officers were present as previous days and they went into the further investigation of the financial condition of the county. With all officers of the court present, the results were as follows: The county resources showed from the Assessment Rolls Commissioners Fund 1880 — \$1,444.39 less delinquent list that was a total of \$112.55 with the remaining total — \$1,331.84. The Assessment Roll for the Special Fund 1880 — \$1,225.39 less delinquent list that was a total of \$112.55 with the remaining total — \$1,112.84. The Assessment when property owned by R.F. Counts was sold for taxes of 1880 by mistake. The taxes had been paid so it was ordered that Mr. Counts be refunded at tax sale the amount of 40 cents, the amount of County Tax. The same occurred for property owned by J.T. Hardagree. The order came to pay him 40 cents for county tax. The tax was collected twice. The court then went into a special session for consideration of the finances of the county, the object of the day. The court would also take up accounting of the sale of lots in the Town of Runnels City preceding this investigation, then they adjourned until Tuesday morning, July 18, 1882.

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Resources:
Runnels County Commissioners Court Minutes,
Runnels County Clerk,
June, July 1882.

Public Record

Runnels County Jail Record - July 2, 2013			
Name	Age	Agency	Charges
Joe Vanpelt	30	Coleman	Possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia
Roe Bannon	24	RCSO	Warrant Tom Green Co., resisting arrest
Jose Zavala	23	BPD	Public intoxication
Eric Saiz	25	Concho	Indecent exposure
Dave Barrow	24	Coke	Unlawful use of motor vehicle
Victor Valenzuela	-	BPD	Reckless driving, evading arrest

Disaster assistance coverage available for annual forage crops

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- Texas Farm Service Agency will offer Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program coverage for 2014 crops that are planted annually and used for livestock feed or fodder, announced Runnels County USDA Farm Service Agency Executive Director Byron A. Bauerlein.

The Risk Management Agency recently announced a pilot program that offers a CAT level Rainfall Index-Annual Forage Insurance Plan to producers in Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

Because there is limited time for producers in these states to transition from NAP to the new RMA pilot program, an exception was made that will allow the states to continue offering NAP coverage for 2014. However, NAP coverage will not be available for 2015 annual forage crops.

Eligible producers can apply for 2014 NAP coverage at the Runnels County FSA Office using form CCC-471, Application for Coverage. Producers must file the application and service fee by the September 2, 2013 deadline for Small Grains and March 17, 2014 for forage sorghums. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

Producers who meet the definition of a limited resource farmer or rancher can request a waiver of the service fee.

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

"The easiest way for producers to protect their investment is to purchase an insurance policy," said Bauerlein. "The past few years have proved that natural disasters are unavoidable, and producers can recover if they take the necessary precautions to mitigate risks."

For more information about NAP, please contact the Runnels County FSA office at (325) 365 5757 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

COLEMAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. ARTICLE 11

Meeting of Members

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of members shall be held at such time, during the month of July as the Board of Directors may direct and such meeting shall be held at such place in the Cooperative service area, as shall be designated in the notice of the meeting for the purpose of electing directors, passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. If the election of directors shall not be held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the Board of Directors shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting as soon thereafter as conveniently maybe. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the cooperative.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, by the Board of Directors, or by a majority thereof or upon a written request signed by at least ten per centum (10%) of all members and it shall thereupon be the duty of the Secretary to cause notice of such meeting to be given as hereinafter provided. Special meetings of the members may be held at any place within the County of Coleman in the State of Texas specified in the notice of the special meeting, or elsewhere within the area served by the cooperative as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MEETING. Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten (10) days nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of the meeting, to each member; provided, however, that with respect to all meetings at which directors are to be elected such notice shall be so delivered not less than ten (10) days nor more than fourteen (14) days before the date of the meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the cooperative, with postage thereon paid. The failure of any member to receive notice of an annual or special meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members of any such meeting.

SECTION 4. QUORUM. As long as the total number of members does not exceed one thousand (1,000) at least fifteen per centum (15%) of the total number present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the members. In case the total number of members shall exceed one thousand (1,000) then at least one hundred fifty (150) of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the members. If less than a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

SECTION 5. VOTING. Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a voted at a meeting of the members. At all meetings of the members at which a quorum is present all questions shall be decided by law, the articles of incorporation of the cooperative, or these bylaws. If a husband and wife hold a joint membership they shall jointly be entitled to one (1) vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

SECTION 6. VOTING BY MAIL. In addition to the method of voting for directors of the Cooperative as provided by the existing bylaws and by a member being present and voting in person or each member shall be and is hereby permitted to vote by mail for directors of this association. At the time notices of member's meetings are given as provided by Article II of these bylaws, and with a notice of member's annual meeting, or any postponement thereof, there shall be sent to each member either personally or by mail a ballot which shall contain the names of all members who have been nominated as candidates for directors with a statement of the number to be elected and with appropriate instructions to the member to vote for such members; EACH MEMBER SHALL BE INSTRUCTED AFTER VOTING FOR THE DIRECTOR CANDIDATES TO PUT THEIR BALLOT IN THE ENCLOSED BUSINESS REPLY POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE. SIGN THEIR NAME IN THE PLACE INDICATED ON THE FACE OF THE RETURN ENVELOPE. THE MEMBER'S SIGNATURE IS ESSENTIAL. IT IS PART OF THE VALIDATION PROCESS OF THE BALLOT. IF THE ENVELOPE IS NOT SIGNED ON THE OUTSIDE, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED. MAIL TO THE COOPERATIVE OFFICE PRIOR TO THE DATE OF SAID MEETING. Said ballots when so received shall be retained and placed in a locked ballot box until the date of the members' meeting at which time shall be delivered to the inspectors of Election and counted together with the votes cast in person at such members' meeting. The Directors who receive a plurality of the vote shall be elected. Drawing by lot shall resolve, when necessary, any tie votes.

SECTION 7. ORDER OF BUSINESS. The order of business at the annual meetings of the members, and so far as possible at all other meetings of the members, shall be essentially as follows:

1. Report the existence of a quorum.
2. Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication of mailing thereof, or the waiver or waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be.
3. Reading of unapproved minutes of previous meetings of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon.
4. Presentation and consideration of, and acting upon, reports of officers, directors and committees.
5. Election of directors.
6. New business.
7. Adjournments.

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Funds available for household water-well system grants

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

TEMPLE- USDA Rural Development announced the availability of Rural Utilities Service grant funds to be competitively awarded for the Household Water Well System Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2013. RUS will make grants to qualified private non-profit organizations to help establish lending programs for homeowners to borrow up to \$11,000 to construct or repair household water wells for an existing home. The HWWS Grant Program is authorized under 7 USC 1926e. Regulations may be found at 7 CFR Part 1776. Of particular note this year in an effort to address the extreme drought conditions in rural areas, RUS will assign administrative discretion points to applications proposing to serve areas with severe, extreme or exceptional drought, as reported by the U.S. Drought Monitor located at <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>.

The deadline for completed applications for a HWWS grant is July 26, 2013. Applications in either paper or electronic format must be post-marked or time-stamped electronically on or before the deadline. Late applications will be ineligible for grant consideration. Applications may be submitted to the following addresses:

1. Electronic applications: <http://www.grants.gov> (Grants.gov). Submit electronic applications through Grants.gov, following the instructions on that Web site.
2. Paper applications: Water Programs Division, Rural Utilities Service, STOP:1570, Room 2233-S, 1400 Independence Ave SW., Washington, DC 20250-1570.

For additional information, contact the Rural Development State Office at (254) 742 9789.

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Summer reading program ends on a high note

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- On June 18, insects invaded the library led by Mrs. Mandie England, Adrienna Lopez and Jonathan Sandoval. First the children were entertained with a story about insects. Then they engaged in an art project to create drawings of insects from their thumb prints. The young artists found this a fascinating assignment which they pursued enthusiastically. Mr. England gave each participant a pill bottle in which to catch bugs and a hand lens to take home. Nancy Spill served refreshments.

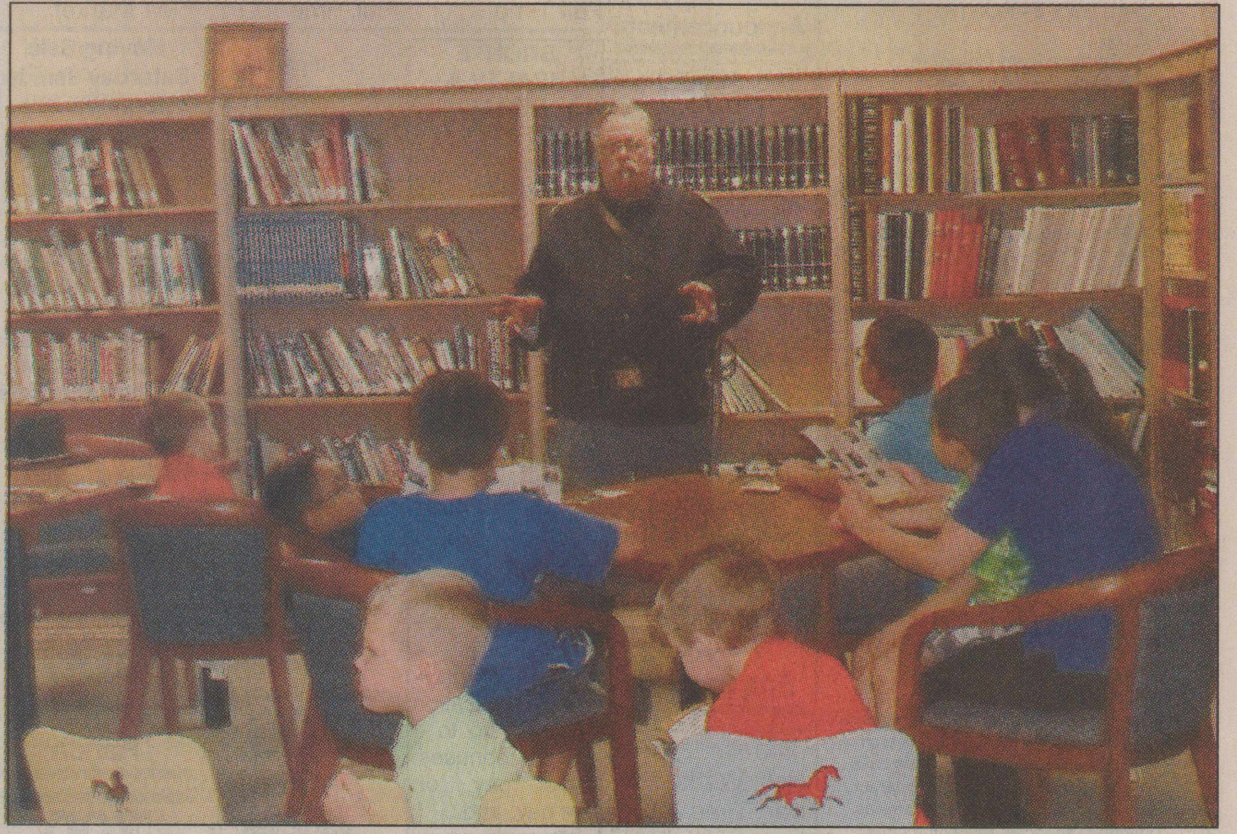
The final sessions of the summer reading program occurred on June 25. Garland Richards introduced Colonel Dan from Fort Chadbourne, who entertained the children with historic tales of the days when soldiers from Fort Chadbourne helped to protect settlers and travelers passing through the area. The colonel patiently answered numerous questions asked by those attending the program.

Erlinda DeLaCruz and Lauren Hogan gave the children patriotic tattoos. Finally a drawing was held for two pairs of tickets to the at famous water park in New Braunfels. Natalie Laura and Joseph Escalona each won a pair of tickets to the water park. KRUN Radio in Ballinger generously donated the tickets as they have done for several years now.

Nancy and Sally Spill donated time and effort to ensure the success of the program. Nancy served refreshments at the end of each session as she has done for several years now. Sally kept attendance, made bookmakers and certificate and assisted Jane Wyatt, the librarian, checked out books. The efforts of these ladies are greatly appreciated.

PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

In this picture, submitted by Erlinda DeLaCruz, Colonel Dan, of Fort Chadbourne, and children attending the Winters Public Library with true tales about the history of the fort.



Class of 57 get-together

A get-together of the Class of 57 Winters High School was held on June 29 at Sharon's Party Barn, in Abilene, with 32 members, spouses and friends attending. After the meal a discussion was held and decided to have a get together at the time of the Winters Homecoming. Plans are to attend the dedication of the Historical Marker for Chick-Inn in September.

Pictured here are top row: Kenneth Vinson (Cold-spring, Texas), Jerry Holle (Ballinger), Dwayne Williams (Winters), Jerry Strickland (San Angelo), Jerry Irvin (Atlanta, Georgia), W.T. Stapler (class sponsor, Abilene), Gayland Robinson (Brown-wood), Bill Jacob (Abilene). Middle row: O.J. Murray (Winters), Bill Bridwell (Roswell, N.M.), Ginger (White) Helm (Abilene), Norma (Best) Morgan (Las Cruces, N.M.), Eveleta (Wright) Smith (Winters), Raymond Lindsey (Winters), Sylvia (Schroeder) Richie (Winters), Elton Smith (Winters). Front row: Darlene (McWright) Smith (Abilene), Patsy (Wilkerson) Watkins (Ballinger), Noleta (James) Rice (Winters).

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USDA announces changes to CRP emergency grazing policy

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- The Texas FSA State Committee revised a Conservation Reserve Program emergency grazing policy that limited eligibility on acres grazed in previous fiscal years, announced last week Runnels County USDA Farm Service Agency Executive Director, Byron A. Bauerlein.

Based on a revised policy decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP acres grazed during fiscal year 2011 or 2012 will be considered eligible for emergency grazing if NRCS verifies, on a case-by-case basis, that the conservation cover will sustain grazing.

CRP acres grazed in the fall/winter of fiscal year 2013 will not be eligible for spring/summer grazing. FSA's fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30.

For more information about CRP Emergency Grazing, please contact the Runnels County FSA office at (325) 365 5757



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Runnels Co. Deputy Sheriff David Sellers and Coke Co. Deputy Sheriff Chris Fox inventory the stolen truck and process the vehicle for evidence.

Manhunt ends up with car-theft suspect held in custody

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Law enforcement in Ballinger, Texas arrested a man Friday afternoon, June 28, who is now facing charges for stealing a pickup truck. David Lee Barrow, 24-years-of-age, of Junction, Texas, is being charged for taking the truck from the parking lot of a convenience store at 10:20 a.m. in Bronte, Texas.

The Coke County Sheriff's Department notified area law enforcement of the theft and sent a description of the vehicle taken. At 10:29 a.m. a Runnels County Sheriff's Deputy spotted a vehicle matching the description on the 1800 block of Highway 158, in Ballinger.

Authorities initiated a short chase and Barrow fled on foot abandoning the vehicle near the corner of Avenue A and Highway 158, on the east side of Short Stop. The owner of the stolen vehicle reported that there was a firearm inside the truck, loaded with shotgun shells and .45 caliber rounds.

The suspect was described as a white male, 25 to 30-years-of-age, wearing a dark-colored ball cap, possibly beige, and a dark shirt. He was wearing bluejeans and had visible tattoos on his right arm.

Ballinger PD, Runnels County Sheriff's Department, Coke County Sheriff's Department and the Criminal Investigation Department of the Texas Department of Public Safety combed the area looking for the suspect.

The manhunt finished at 12:18 p.m., when the subject was positively identified and arrested by Ballinger Police Department officials at the 1600 block of North Broadway with no further incident.

The man presented a false ID but Police officers were able to get a positive identification of the suspect.

The truck owner's gun was found inside the vehicle after an inventory by the Runnels County Sheriff's Department.

Eyewitnesses Mark Nava and Walter Funk were coming out of the convenience store when they ran into the chase.

"We were walking out and he was driving here real fast, right after he took-off running," said Nava.

"He came across the gas pumps and stopped here," added Funk pointing at the alley located on the southeast side of Short Stop.

A Coke County Sheriff's Deputy processed the vehicle on site, for evidence.

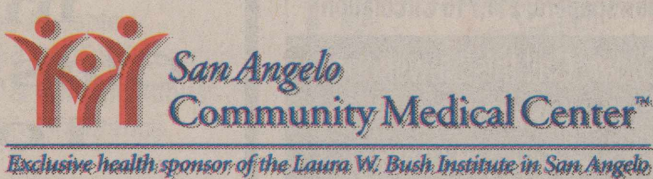
The four-door pickup truck was stolen at the Stripes convenience store, in Bronte, and was later returned to the owner.

Barrow was sent to the Runnels County Jail where he is facing charges for the unlawful use of a motor vehicle and false ID

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