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Runnels Co. celebrates America's birthday

Over two centuries ago a great nation was born, when the independence from Great Britain was declared. On Thursday, July 4, 2013, the holiday commemorated the 237th birthday of America in remembrance of the historical 1776 Declaration of Independence. Streets, sidewalks public buildings, businesses and homes in Runnels County, just like everywhere else in the country, were blanketed with the traditional red, white and blue, while the flags were waving with the wind, displaying the American pride.

PHOTOS: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ



Winters ISD announces Principal changes at elementary and high school

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Winters ISD announced principal changes for the elementary school and high school at the last Board of Trustees meeting, held on Monday, June 24, 2013. Superintendent Don Kuempel, Jr. announced that he had reassigned Ms. Sammy Edwards to take over the helm as high school Principal and he also announced the reassignment of long-time elementary Counselor Mr. Charles Murphy to elementary Principal.

The high school principal position became vacant when Casey Stone resigned to accept the high school Principal job in Stamford.

"Mrs. Edwards has done a terrific job at the elementary, and under her leadership the campus has excelled in cultivating a collaborative and friendly climate that welcomes parent and community involvement and input from all staff members," Mr. Kuempel stated.

"She is a bundle of energy and she truly believes every child can learn, given the right dosage of a safe learning environment, instructional materials, faculty and family support and individual determination. She has the unique ability and infectious personality to mobilize staff to work diligently to accomplish goals based on the needs of the children and staff. During her tenure at the WES, she has been instrumental in developing many quality programs such as an active BEST (parent/teacher support group), enhanced early literacy instruc-



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Sammy Edwards, former Elementary School Principal, takes over the helm as High School Principal. Charles Murphy, long-time Elementary Counselor, was named Winters Elementary School Principal.

tion, vertically aligned the curriculum and has equipped staff with the tools and supplies needed to effectively perform their jobs as teachers."

Ms. Edwards stated that she will be looking forward to the upcoming year.

"I feel that my former secondary experience will be an asset to WISD. I also want to thank Superintendent Don Kuempel for his support the past two years," she said.

Mr. Murphy, or affectionately known as Coach Murphy, has been a valued employee with the district for the past 20 years. Superintendent Kuempel stated. "Mr. Murphy has been a

mainstay and key figurehead at Winters ISD for many years. I guess one could say he has earned his stripes and was an easy and logical choice to replace Ms. Edwards. Mr. Murphy has done an exceptional job in his role as counselor for our district and he and Ms. Edwards are great partners in the education of children," Kuempel said.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to be principal of Winters Elementary. Some of the most enjoyable years of my career have been right here and I want to see WES become a very successful campus," explained Mr. Murphy.

Car stealing, burglary spree ends up with one in jail

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- A former Winters resident ended up in the jail and is facing charges for stealing a vehicle and burglary of a building, after an incident occurring Friday night, July 4, 2013 in Ballinger, Texas. Ector Rodriguez, 32-years-old, was arrested Saturday by local authorities at his home, in the 700 block of 16th Street.

Friday night, Rodriguez allegedly broke into a used-car

dealership located at the corner of 10th Street and Hutchings Avenue. After burglarizing the place he is believed to have taken a vehicle and driven it for a while, then he presumably returned the vehicle and took another one.

It was until Saturday morning when the owner of J's Auto Sales reported the incident to the Ballinger Police Department. Later on, local authorities were tipped off about the whereabouts of the stolen

vehicle, a Chevy Tahoe that was found parked outside Rodriguez's home.

Rodriguez was arrested by the Ballinger Police Department Saturday afternoon, nearly at 1 p.m., and is now facing charges for burglary of a building and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Rodriguez also has outstanding warrants from Palo Pinto County.

The suspect was taken to Runnels County Jail where he remains as of press time.



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

A used-car dealership located on Hutchings Avenue and 10th Street, in Ballinger, was burglarized Friday night.

All-Church Bilingual Revival to be held in Winters

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- First Baptist Church of Winters will have an All-Church Bilingual Revival in the sanctuary on July 19 and July 20 at 7 p.m. and then at 10:45 on Sunday, July 21. The speaker will be Robert Cuellar. FBC's Worship Team will supply the music. There will be times for special songs and testimonies. All are invited.

Robert Cuellar is a Leadership Strategist with the Center for Effective Leadership for Baptist General Convention of Texas. He also serves as the Congregational Strategist for Service Area 2 - West Texas for the BGCT. Robert's focus is Leadership Development, Strategic Planning

Mediation-Conflict Resolution, Consultation and Coaching. His ministry career includes six local church full-time pastorates and staff responsibilities that cover a 38-year span. Robert has a BA in Religion from Dallas Baptist College (University), and studied in the MA Religious Education School at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Robert and his wife Olga reside in San Angelo, Texas.

The Cuellars have a son, Travis and a daughter Jenny (deceased). His desire is to be faithful and pleasing to the Lord Jesus Christ, encouraging and helpful to the local church and its pastoral staff in reaching their God-given mission.

Two found dead in separate incidents in Ballinger

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Two Ballinger residents were found dead inside their homes in separate incidents occurring on Monday, July 1, and on Monday, July 8, 2013.

Ann Marie Collier, 57-years-old, of Ballinger, passed away Monday, July 1, 2013 at her residence. She was found by a Meals on Wheels representative early in the morning in the 300 block of Pou Avenue, in Ballinger, Texas.

Collier, who spent some time working as a jailor in Runnels County Jail, had a medical history and her family didn't request for an autopsy. She was pronounced dead on site by Judge Glenda Wood. Her body was taken to Lange



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Harvey Hollis was found inside his home, at the Riverside apartment complex, last Monday night, July 8.

Funeral Home, in Ballinger, Texas. A memorial service was held Saturday, July 6, at the Seventh Street Baptist Church.

In the most recent case, Harvey Hollis, 65-years-old, was found Monday night, July

8, at the Riverside apartment complex located on South Sixth Street and Kempner Avenue, in Ballinger, Texas.

Hollis was last seen on July 3, and was found by his sister when she was called by neighbors. Fellow residents of the complex suspected that something was not right inside the house.

Judge Wood pronounced him dead at 9:30 p.m. The body was also taken to Lange Funeral Home, in Ballinger, Texas. According to his family, Hollis also had a medical history. No autopsy was ordered.

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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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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.

The Alamo invites to spend a 'myth-busting' experience

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

SAN ANTONIO- Contrary to Texas folklore, the battle of the Alamo was not fought on the coldest winter on record. Nor was the army comprised of all non-conscripted, civilian volunteers. And did you know that there were over 20 survivors of the siege — not zero as commonly reported? These and other myths surrounding the legendary standoff will be exposed during the fourth annual Save Texas History Symposium. "The Alamo: Mission and Myth" is set for Saturday, September 7, at the Menger Hotel and the Alamo, in downtown San Antonio. More than just a series of lectures inside a distant convention center, participants will be given an on-site and behind-the-scenes look at circumstances surrounding the battle of the Alamo exactly where it took place 177 years ago. Speakers for this symposium include many prominent Texas historians, including: Alwyn Barr, professor emeritus and former chairman of the history department at Texas Tech University in Lubbock; Gilberto Hinojosa, longtime history professor at University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio; Ret. Col. Thomas T. "Ty" Smith, author of numerous books and articles on the Texas frontier and military history; Andres Tijerina, Austin Community College professor and author. To register visit www.savetexas-history.org or call (512) 463 3289.

Webinars to focus on land and water management

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Trinity Waters, a conservation organization based in the Trinity River basin, will conduct three webinars for landowners in the Trinity River basin. The webinars center on the importance of proper land stewardship and water conservation to ensure future water for rural and urban areas that depend on the Trinity River. To view the webinars go to <http://forestrywebinar.net/> and select the webinar title under "Upcoming Webinars." The webinars, all scheduled from noon-1 p.m., are:

- Treasuring the Trinity: Challenges and Opportunities, July 11.
- Turning Your Land into a Sponge, Aug. 8.
- Meeting the Water Needs for Texans and Wildlife, Sept. 12.

Blake Alldredge, AgriLife Extension associate education and outreach coordinator for Trinity Waters at College Station and webinar presenter, recommends visiting the website at least three days prior to the webinar to ensure computer compatibility. He said the latest Java version is required. For more information on the webinars or the Building Partnerships for Cooperative Conservation in the Trinity River Basin project, visit the Trinity Waters website at <http://trinitywaters.org/>.

Agricultural conference scheduled in Abilene

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STAFF REPORT

ABILENE- Who will be feeding the growing population of the U.S. in the next 50 years? As the current generation of farmers and ranchers age the next generation must take over. Capital Farm Credit and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will be hosting a conference designed to help the next generation of producers transition into the business or current farmers and ranchers expand their operations. The 2013 Next Generation Agricultural Conference is scheduled for July 18 at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene is designed to provide production and financial management tools to farmers and ranchers. "The main topics that will be covered include farm financial management, agricultural economic forecasts, general agriculture, and farm planning and budgeting," said Dr. Jason Cleere, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist. "Keeping up with the latest operational strategies, available credit and risk management practices are the key to the most successful large and small operations. These conferences will assist with providing information that can be incorporated into their operations, making them more profitable." Cleere said the conference will feature presentations on analyzing the performance of an operation, potential to expand an operation, purchasing or leasing equipment, operation diversity, and the ag economy in the southern region and where we are heading," he said. For more information about the conference visit <https://www.capitalfarmcredit.com/> or contact Cleere's office at (979) 845 6931.

AgriLife Extension's 'All About Bees' program set for July 16 in San Angelo

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STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Concho

Valley Beekeepers Association have teamed up to conduct the educational program, "All About Bees," at 6 p.m. July 16 in

San Angelo.

The program will be held at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 7887 N. U.S. Highway 87. There is no admission charge to participants, but they are asked to RSVP by calling the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County at (325) 659 6528.

Allison Watkins, AgriLife Extension horticulture agent in Tom Green County, said the program is meant to provide information on dealing with wild bee swarms and established colonies while also showing participants how to get started in beekeeping and honey production.

"Bees play a major role in feeding humans," Watkins said. "They don't just make honey, they also pollinate crops. About a third of our diet comes from insect-pollinated plants and about 80 percent of that pollination is done by

honeybees.

"Closer to home, many gardeners understand the important role beneficial insects such as bees, butterflies and other pollinators have in the garden. These pollinators are critical for producing such West Texas favorites as squash, peaches, tomatoes and melons."

Rainwater harvesting program Aug. 20 in Clyde

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Callahan County will conduct a rainwater harvesting program beginning at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 20 at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 217 Oak St. in Clyde.

"Our speaker for the program will be Eddie Craig, owner of Clyde Hardware and a dealer of rainwater harvesting equipment," said Jerry Warren, AgriLife Extension agent in Callahan County. "The program will include a presentation on rainwater harvesting."

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Buddy Holly tribute in Brownwood to benefit West Texas Rehab

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ABILENE- There are certain artists and songs that cross the lines of music genre. The 1950s icon, Buddy Holly, who created a popular rock and roll sound with roots in rockabilly country music combined with rhythm and blues was such an artist.

On August 3, that unique sound will be heard in the 2013 Remembering When event, The Buddy Holly Tribute, starring John Mueller at the Brownwood Coliseum in Brownwood, Texas. Presented by Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA as a benefit for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, the evening program offers a unique experience.

Well known as an influential creative force in early rock and roll, Holly was ranked 13th in 2004 by Rolling Stone among the top 100 greatest artists of all time. In his brief career, he scored seven Top 40 hit records over the 1957-58 period and in England enjoyed several additional smashes.

John Mueller who bears a striking resemblance to Buddy Holly takes an authentic approach to Buddy's music. He plays Holly's songs true to their original form on a reissued 1957 Fender Stratocaster... the exact year and make of Buddy's guitar.

John first appeared as Holly in the world stage premiere of Be Bop A Lula in Hollywood. He then won a Drama Desk Award and critical acclaim for his portrayal in the theatrical production of Buddy... the Buddy Holly Story.

John has held this role in many other cities including San Diego, Chicago, Toronto, Miami and garnered rave reviews. Mueller has also performed with several members of Buddy

Holly's band including Tommy Allsup, Carl Bunch, and the late Niki Sullivan. John is most proud of the praise from Niki Sullivan, a former member of Buddy's band, The Crickets: "John is a reincarnation of Buddy Holly. He is that good."

Since 1999, every year has found John touring the Midwest to recreate the Winter Dance Party that was to be Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper's final tour.

Options for the evening event include dinner and show table seating or general show admission with upper Coliseum seats.

For information, to reserve tables or purchase tickets, call (325) 660 8338 or (325) 660 8334, or email mcloud@wtcr.com. General admission tickets may also be purchased in Brownwood at Wendlee Broadcasting, KOXE Radio or the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce and at the West Texas Rehabilitation in Abilene, Texas.

Meet Mr. Murphy, the new WES Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who don't already know who I am. I have been in education for 37 years. Twenty five of those years as a coach and teacher. I have taught health, several sciences and physical education. I spent two years right out of Texas A&M at Eagle Pass, Texas. There I taught Eighth Grade science and coached football both at the Eighth Grade and Varsity level. I moved from there to Silver City, New Mexico where I taught Biology and Physical Education. I spent 8 years there. While there I met my best friend and wife, Margaux. We have two great boys, Kory and Kasey. Both of which are Winters High School graduates. Kory is married to Kelly and they have a daughter, Klaire. Kasey is married to Mindy and they also have a daughter, Hallie. Kory is an architect and lives in Midland while Kasey works with youth at San Angelo First Assembly of God in San Angelo.

From there we moved to Hobbs, New Mexico where I coached football and baseball and taught Biology. We then moved to Moriarty, New Mexico where I was the head football coach and taught several science courses. From there we landed in Winters, Texas and we have been here for 20 years. While here I have coached football, Seventh Grade boys and girls basketball, and was head baseball coach. In my 20 years at WISD I have taught Eighth Grade Science, Biology and Physical Education as well as been the counselor at WHS and at WES.

I am very excited about the opportunity to be principal of Winters

Elementary. Some of the most enjoyable years of my career have been right here and I want to see WES become a very successful campus. One of the visions I have is for WES to become a school where the atmosphere promotes learning through a sense of investment. By investment I not only mean hard work, that's a given, but an investment of the heart and strong relationships with each other, both students and staff. This comes when all of us begin to honor the differences that we each bring to the table. Those differences when dishonored make a school a place where learning is not held in high regard, however, when honored

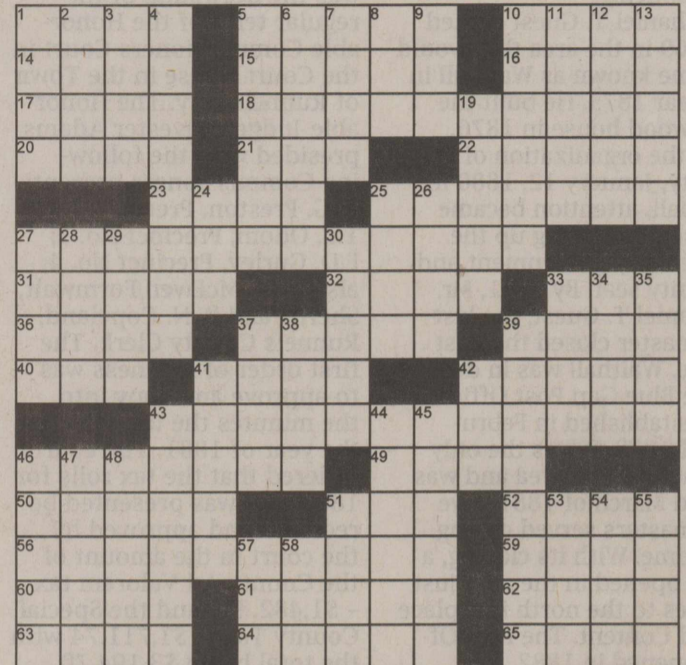
can make a school a place where those involved feel a sense of commitment to learning that supersedes any other distraction. That commitment can show up in the form of athletic activities, UIL competition, parent and community involvement as well as giving your all when presented with an academic challenge or just simply getting along with each other as you go through your day.

I hope that each and every one of you will keep in mind that my door is open to you any time. I welcome your input and look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Charles Murphy,
WES Principal

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- Woes for toes

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Firms and/or individuals should have past experience with federally funded programs. Please submit a proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for overall program management to:

City of Winters
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Proposals for services will be accepted until Thursday, July 25, 2013 at the Winters City Hall. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms and individuals that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-102. The City also reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals.

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Weather Whys

Q: Is it true that lightning never strikes twice in the same spot?

A: That's one of several big myths about lightning, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Lightning often strikes the same location multiple times," he reports. "Just look at the Empire State Building, which gets hit by lightning at least 50 times every year, often several times in the same day. The Sears Tower and Cape Canaveral also get hit by lightning several hundred times each year. In general, tall structures, such as buildings or radio or TV transmission towers, are almost certainly going to be hit by lightning."

Q: What are some other lightning myths?

A: Some people claim they are human "lightning rods" because they have been hit several times, although no one has ever produced proof of this, McRoberts adds.

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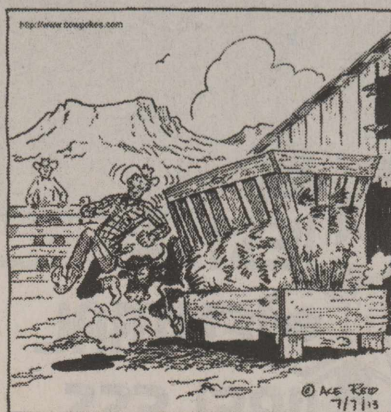
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The rich grassland attracted more and more stockmen

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WINTERS- When Rich Coffey's family moved to the area of Picketville in 1862, the ranchers banded together during the Civil War years because of the hostile Indians. Picketville was the first civilian settlement in Runnels County. By 1866, it had been abandoned.

Nathaniel T. Guest settled in 1869 in the area that would become known as Walthall in the year 1875. He built the first wood house in 1876. With the organization of the county, January 12, 1880 in Walthall, attention became focused on setting up the new county government and a county seat. By 1881, Mr. Nathaniel T. Guest, the last Postmaster closed the Post Office. Walthall was in decline.

The Blue Gap Post Office was established in February of 1878. It was the only business in the area and was closed March of 1881. Five postmasters served during that time. With its closing, a store opened in the area just 2 miles to the north in a place called Content. The Post Office opened in 1882.

The clearing of roads was continuing that opened areas from Runnels City outward in all directions and the Indian threat diminished, the Texas Rangers were no longer located in the area since they had driven the Indians into the reservations in Oklahoma by the early 1880s. Cattlemen from the southern United States literally took possession of Runnels County. The rich grasslands attracted more and more stockmen. They were moving into the open range.

By 1882 Runnels City, being the center, was the hub of the

county. Several churches had become well established by this time. Businesses included a newspaper office, two hotels, a bank, three dry goods and grocery stores, a school, a blacksmith shop, saloon, livery stable and three land offices. Several churches were established there.

The 14th day of August was the beginning of the regular term of the Honorable Commissioners Court in the Court House in the Town of Runnels City. The Honorable Judge, Sylvester Adams presided with the following Commissioners present: W.G. Preston, Precinct No. 2; T.L. Odom, Precinct No. 3; F.D. Gurley, Precinct No. 4; also John McEwen Formwalt, Sheriff and W.N. Copeland, Runnels County Clerk. The first order of business was to approve and copy into the minutes the tax rolls for the year of 1881. The court ordered that the tax rolls for 1882 that was presented be received and approved by the court in the amount of the County Ad Valorem tax - \$1,482.96, and the Special County Tax - \$1,711.74 with the total being \$3,194.70. The Honorable Court adjourned at 4 o'clock p.m. until the following morning at 8 o'clock a.m.

The next morning, August 15, A. D. 1882, the court met with the same officers present as the day before. The court considered the account of the assessment rolls of A. D. 1881 for an omission in the amount of \$39.22 on real estate sold to the state for non-payment of taxes. The same occurred in the amount of a \$17.20 omission and the court ordered it be settled for the year 1880 to balance the Finance Ledger on both accounts.

The court continued to balance the various accounts, then adjourned for the day to meet at 8 o'clock a.m. August 16, 1882. The first order of business when court resumed the next morning was to hear from H.D. Pearce, Justice of the Peace Court for Precinct 5, the case of J.R. Key and Samuel Vanwinkle. There were fines of \$1 for Mr. Vanwinkle and \$10 against Mr. Key for their actions. The sheriff had to collect these fines.

The court looked at non-resident taxes paid in Austin in the amount of \$291. All was recorded in ledger under special taxes for the tax year 1881. With no other business, the court adjourned until the next morning at 9 o'clock a.m., Thursday, August 17, 1882.

The Honorable Court met Thursday morning, August 17, 1882 at 9 o'clock a.m.

All officers were present. The first order was the report of the road viewers to begin the road from Runnels Courthouse to the county line in the direction of Cedar Gap by way of the crossing where the Blue Gap road crosses Flat Creek, then near the mouth of Gap Creek at the old crossing, continuing on the west side of Barfoot's field. The road then continued on through Hudman Gap to the Hardagree and Hudman Line then by Nancy Parkers' field on her east line.

The road then followed the east side of Ranger Peak, then on by way of Hale's Store in the direction of Cedar Gap to the County Line of Runnels and Taylor Counties. Mr. R.F. Counts was appointed overseer to serve until 1883 or until a successor would be appointed.

The court ordered the

account of Mr. H.D. Pearce, Justice of the Peace, be paid for his office supplies. The total paid was \$2.40. The court adjourned for the day.

The court met at 8 o'clock a.m. Friday morning, August 18, 1882. The first action was to approve of the Surveyor's Report for the School Lands in Survey No. 8. Mr. Henry H. Luckett, Runnels County Surveyor confirmed the survey and appraisal. The court adjourned until the next morning.

The Court met at 9 o'clock a.m., Saturday, August 19, A. D. 1882. All officers were present. The next business for the court was to pay everyone their due. All officers received their pay for six days each. The order of the court of February Term of 1882 to repair the roof of the Court House was revoked as previously outlined. The court heard the report of George W. Perryman of the lots sold in Runnels City. The total of the 37 lots was \$680, less his commission of 10 percent.

The Commissioners Court appointed F.D. Gurley to serve until the first term of 1883 or until the appointment of his successor as overseer of the road from Runnels Court House in Runnels City in the direction of Fort Concho to the county line of Runnels and Tom Green Counties. This road would go by the way of F.D. Gurley's residence located on a road in Precinct No. 3. The court then adjourned until the next regular term.

Resources:
Eighteen Ghost Towns of Runnels County, Alton O'Neal, Jr.
Runnels County Commissioner's Court Minutes, County Clerk Records, August 14-19, A. D. 1882.

Public Record

Weddings		Issued
Names		
Alfre Flores-De Santiago and Alejandra Rivas		June 27

Runnels County Jail Record July 9, 2013		
Name	Age	Agency
Victor Valenzuela	-	BPD
	Reckless driving, evading arrest, violent behavioral	
Justin Weier Shauren	27	Coke
	DWLI w/Previous	
Guy Perterson	41	BPD
	2nd DWI, Warrant	
Karen Mycius	52	Concho
	DWI	
Ector Rodriguez	32	BPD
	Unauthorized use of motor vehicle, burglary of a building	
Richard Overton	35	Coke
	BWI	
Micheal Ventress	23	RCSO
	Assault family violence	
Otis Woods	35	TDPS
	DWI 1st	
Patricia Yorba	41	RCSO
	Theft of property	

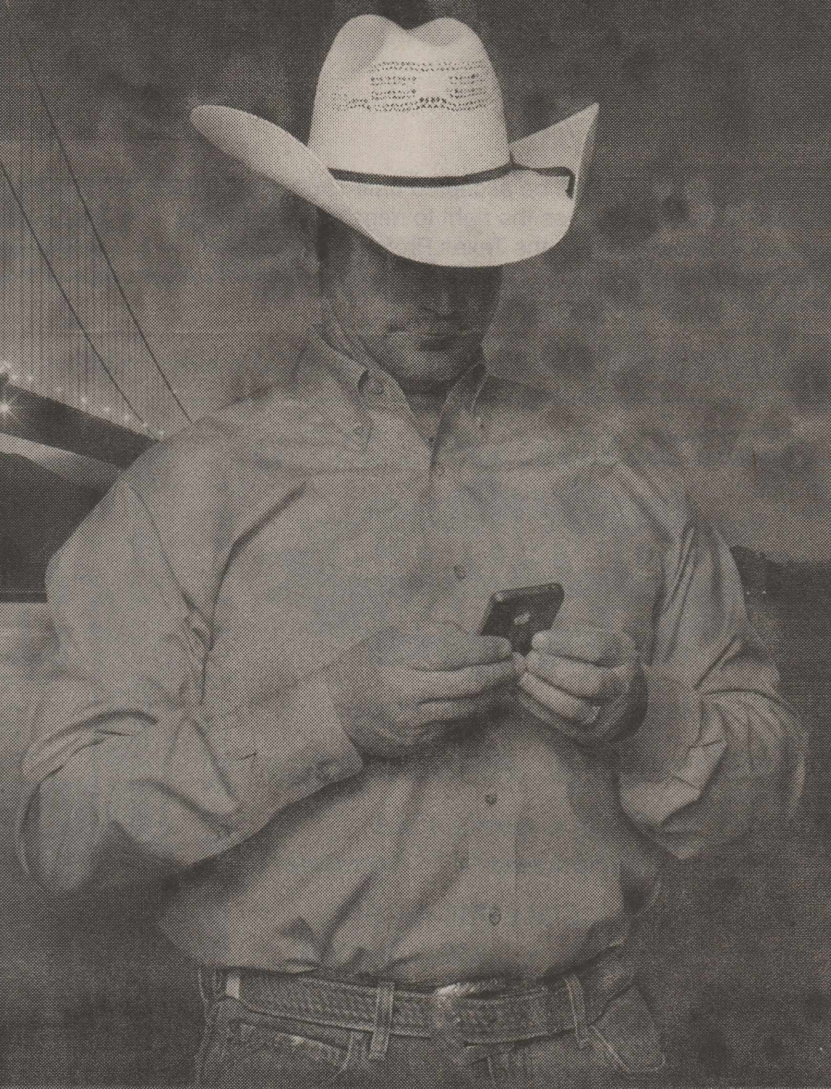
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Cooler spring didn't stop weed flushes, only delayed them

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STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION—Farmers and ranchers who passed on controlling slow-growing weeds this spring may now have reason for regret, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"If you're standing out in your hay meadow or pasture and wish you had another inch of rain, that inch of rain may have been that which was sacrificed to early season weed issues," said Dr. Paul Baumann, AgriLife Extension state weed specialist,

College Station. The cooler-than-usual spring slowed the growth of weeds and warm-season grasses alike, and many producers may have put off spraying or shredding weeds, Baumann said. But now that the drought is re-strengthening in nearly

all of Texas, many weeds species are coming back with a vengeance, robbing improved pasture grasses of moisture and nutrients. Weeds that always pose early season competition for improved forage grass areas of Texas include annual broomweed,



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Producers who neglected early season control of annual weeds such as this yellow bitterweed lost an inch or more of moisture their pasture grasses could use now due to competition.

wooly croton, goat weed, bitter sneezeweed and a number of other annual weeds, he said.

Many perennial weeds that flourish during a drought are troublesome but usually don't pose as much as a challenge to improved pastures as the annuals, according to Baumann.

"For the perennials, we're talking about silverleaf nightshade, dog fennel, horse nettle, Texas bull nettle and weeds like that," he said. "They flourish because they have a well-developed, deeper root system that makes them less prone to moisture deficiency, particularly in the lower soil profile."

But the early season annuals like goat weed, dove weed or wooly croton have shallower root systems that vie for the same shallow soil moisture that Bermuda grass and other improved pastures are trying to capture, he said.

For producers who did not do any early season weed control and are now seeing a flush of annual weeds in their pastures, Baumann recommended waiting until a good rain before doing anything.

"For the weeds that are still out there that are less than 6 to 8 inches tall, wait until you get a little bit of rain on them before spraying because they are going to be less susceptible to herbicide if they are moisture stressed," he said.

Leaving weeds uncontrolled, even if there is not much grass growth, is not a good choice, Baumann said. This is because they are going to continue to compete for moisture during a very stressful time of year, as well as eventually deposit a seed load that will last for years to come.

Also, if there is a mid-season rain, the weeds will spring back to life and compete with pasture grasses at a very critical time of year, he said.

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries for the week of July 1-7 in West Central Texas:

Days were dry, hot and windy with mild nights. The entire region continued to suffer from extreme drought. Grasshoppers remained a big problem for producers. Cotton and grain sorghum were progressing well but will need rain soon to continue good growth. Some producers were harvesting hay with average yields reported. Rangeland and pastures continued to decline. Livestock remained in fair to good condition. Stockwater tank and pond levels continued to drop. Some water sources dried up.

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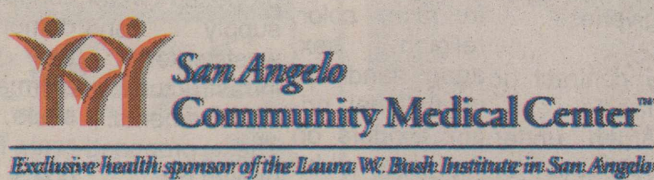
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Benefit dinner and dance at the Ballinger Community Center

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER—Saturday, July 13, 2013, a fund raiser benefiting the Runnels County Senior Citizen Center will be held at the Ballinger Community Center. A dinner and dance will be held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Music will be provided by Roy Bowman and Rough Country Band.

This is a great opportunity to support the senior citizens in Ballinger and Runnels County, and enjoy a delicious meal while spending a good time dancing.

Senior citizen centers everywhere are facing difficult times from budget cuts and menu changes in order to comply with federal and state dietary regulations.

Recently the West Texas Council of Governments revealed that last year the COG absorbed a 10 percent budget cut by reducing staff positions. A new budget cut ranging from 7 to 10 percent is expected for this year. Now it's time for the community to step up and help the elderly citizens in Runnels County, so please come and join the fun and help support the Senior Citizen Center by attending this fund raiser.

75th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING COLEMAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2013

COLEMAN HIGH SCHOOL
COLEMAN, TX

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Entertainment

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