

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Pumphrey Cemetery receives historic designation

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Texas **Historical Commission** recently designated Pumphrey Cemetery as a Historic Texas Cemetery. The distinction means the cemetery has been legally recorded through the THC's Historic Texas Cemetery Program, an important step in ensur-

ing its preservation. This designation is reserved for cemeteries that are at least 50 years old and documented through the Historic **Texas Cemeteries** process to record their historic association and significance.

A dedication ceremony to commemorate this historic event will be held July 27, 2013 at 10 a.m. at the Pumphrey Cemetery located 9 miles northwest of Winters, Texas on FM 1677 or one-half mile south of Pumphrey.

"This designation is a tool that will increase public awareness of these important cultural resources," said Mark Wolfe, Executive Director of the THC. "Knowledge and education are among the best ways to guarantee the preservation of a historic cemetery.'

"We are continuing to work with the cemetery associations of Runnels County to see that our eligible cemeteries are on record and designated. This is our fifth cemetery to receive this distinction," said Ruth Cooper, Chairperson for the Runnels County Historical Commission.

Cemeteries hold valuable historic information and they are often the last reminders of early settlements' historical events, religious beliefs, lifestyles and genealogy. While the Historic Texas Cemetery designation encourages cemetery preservation, it cannot guarantee that a historic cemetery will avoid destruction. Threats to historic cemeteries include urban expansion and development, vandalism, grazing animals and long-term deterioration from weather and

uncontrolled vegetation. The THC developed the **Historic Texas Cemetery** designation to address the destruction of historic cemeteries and the illegal removal of cemetery fixtures. Any individual or organization is eligible to submit an application for this designation. Contact the THC or the Runnels County Historical Commission for more information.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation.



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ The NWS station in Wingate recorded almost 4 inches of rain as of Tuesday afternoon.

Front brings drought, heat relief

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

WINTERS- An upper level low pressure system slowly moving west and southwest across Texas and New Mexico poured some of the much needed rain in Runnels County and the Big Country over the last days. The National Weather Service office in San Angelo reported 1.40 inches of rain on Monday and 1.73 until Tuesday afternoon, for a total of 3.13 inches of rain in Ballinger.

The Wingate station, in northern Runnels County, reported 1.61 inches for Monday, and 2.35 inches of precipitation for Tuesday, July 16, 2013, for a two-day accumulation of 3.96 inches of rain.

As of press time and according to the forecast, chances of rain and thunderstorms will remain from moderate to strong for the next couple of days.

Tuesday, July 16, the National Weather Service issued a flash flood watch for all of West Central Texas. Rainfall was expected in the amount of 2 to 4 inches across the watch area.

Besides Runnels, some other area counties benefited by the rains include Fisher, Nolan, Sterling, Coke, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, Crockett, Schleicher, Sutton, Haskell, Throckmorton, Jones, Shackleford, Taylor, Callahan, Coleman, Brown, McCulloch, San Saba, Menard, Kimble and Mason.

The weather alert was in effect for the cities of Rotan, Roby, Sweetwater, Sterling City, Robert Lee, Bronte, Ballinger, Winters, Mertzon, San Angelo, Eden, Ozona, Eldorado, Sonora, Haskell, Throckmorton, Woodson, Stamford, Anson, Hamlin, Albany, Abilene, Clyde, Baird, Cross Plains, Coleman, Brownwood, Brady, San Saba, Menard, Junction, and Mason.

Despite the heavy rains, as of press time the area rivers and creeks were still well-below flood stage. The U.S. Geological station at the Colorado River, in Ballinger, was showing a flow of 396 cubic feet per second. The river was at 6.79 feet with an 18 feet flood stage

The Elm Creek station was at 3.19 feet with a flood stage of 7 feet. Elm Creek was not reporting any measurable flow at the USGS station as of press time.

The runoff left by the rains is yet to be reflected by the area lakes and reservoirs. The Colorado River Municipal Water District reports a decrease of .35 percent at Lake Ivie for the week. The reservoir went from 17.56 percent full to 17.21 percent between July 8 and July 15, 2013. Recorded rains for the week in the report were 1.7 inches.

Local and county authorities reported no road closures or weather-related incidents as of press time.

that allow this service to continue oper-

Calling Runnels Co. to support seniors centers

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

WINTERS- Runnels County Commissioners Court will be holding a series of meetings next week, in the cities of Ballinger, Winters and Miles, in order to receive feedback from the community all over the county regarding the financial difficulties that the senior citizen centers are facing.

The three senior citizen centers served by the county will be affected by a 10 percent budget cut for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. This cut adds up to another 10 percent reduction made last year, which was absorbed by the West Texas Council of Governments by the means of staff reductions.

Runnels County County Judge Barry Hilliard said that the county is looking at several alternatives, such as the consolidation of kitchen services for the three senior citizen centers, reducing the

number of congregate meals and more. Currently five congregate meals a week are served in each one of the Ballinger and Winters centers, while the one in Miles serves only three congregate meals

a week. 'The budget cut represents \$17,000 and puts us in a very difficult situation," said Hilliard. "We are definitely looking at several alternatives, and will be receiv-ing input from the public during these townhall meetings," he added.

The meetings will be held starting Tuesday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Winters Community Center in Winters, Texas. The Commissioners Court will be meeting again on Wednesday, July 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the Miles Opera House in Miles, Texas. The last scheduled feedback meeting will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2013 at the Senior Citizen Cen-

ter in Ballinger, Texas.
The county is looking at alternatives

ating and best serve the senior citizens in our communities.

A couple of weeks ago, the West Texas Council of Governments revealed that the three senior citizen centers in Run-nels County could be facing some radical changes in their menus and operational procedures due to the federal and state

budget cuts. According to the COG, during the last fiscal last year a 10 percent budget cut to the Senior Nutrition Program was offset by eliminating staff positions, but for the upcoming fiscal year an additional cut is also expected.

Among some measures suggested by COG to deal with the budget reductions, are planning the menus for purchasing, storage and seasonal meals, comparing costs of cooking from scratch vs. premade 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.
Other recommendations include standardize recipes in all three centers in Runnels County, control labor costs and portions, and implement new measures such as having people call-in for delivered meals and congregate meals in order to reduce the waste.

According to the COG having three food preparation sites in Runnels County is not cost-effective, and the county should be evaluating the benefits of having one food-preparation site only, and leave the remaining two centers with the staff needed for distribution only.

Frozen meals, get church and school volunteers to participate, fundraisers and more are among the suggestions made by the COG in order to financially help the local senior citizen centers.

Business of the Quarter



Killough Shooting Sports was named Winters Area Chamber of Commerce Business of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2013. Killough Shooting Sports is located south of Winters on U.S. Highway 83. This business has been around for several years, and is a place where the U.S. Olympic Shooting team, as well as many hunters and gun enthusiasts, test their guns and ammunition.

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Area rains

Station	Station Jul. 15		Jul. 16
Ballinger	1.	40	1.73
	Total :	3.13	
Brownwood	d		3.20
	Total 3	3.20	
Eden	3.	74	1.96
	Total 5	5.70	
Paint Rock		3 100	2.42
	Total 2	2.42	
Wingate	1.0	61	2.35
	Total 3	3.96	

Source: NWS San Angelo (Preliminary data).

Drug bust near Talpa, one arrested

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ WINTERS ENTERPRIS

WINTERS-Local authorities arrested a man and seized a considerable amount of narcotics last Saturday, July 13, 2013 near Talpa, following a Runnels County Sheriff's Department investigation. Enrique Charles, 63-yearsof-age, of Arlington, Texas, was taken to the Runnels County Jail were he now faces charges for manufacture and delivery of controlled substances.

Saturday afternoon, nearly at 3 p.m., Charles was stopped for a traffic violation while he was driving on U.S. Highway

67 near Talpa, in Coleman County.

The suspect was traveling from Coleman to a property registered under his name in Runnels County, near Talpa.

by a Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper. Runnels County Sheriff's Department had been investigating Charles for several months, he is believed to be responsible for transporting narcotics

First contact was made

into Runnels County. Runnels County Sher-iff's Department, Texas DPS, Coleman County Sheriff's Department and Coleman Police Department called in a K-9 unit, which gave a positive indication that there was narcotics in the 1997 Chevy farm truck Charles was driving.

Law enforcement officers found a total of 2.5 ounces or 70 grams of a substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine. This amount is considered a first degree felony. Charles was transported to the Runnels County Jail in Ballinger. The case was turned to the 42nd Judicial District District Attorney, encompassing Taylor, Callahan and Coleman counties for prosecution.





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Charles Ray Cravens

Charles Ray Cravens passed away July 9, 2013, at Bryan Memorial Hospital East, in Lincoln, New England. He was born May 8, 1950, in Hollis, Oklahoma, to Charles Peer Cravens and Bernice Verde (Goucher) Cravens, the third of seven children. He grew up traveling with his family as they followed the planting and harvesting of crops across the United States. He often spoke of picking blueberries in Michigan and Oregon, strawberries and root crops in California, and citrus fruit in Florida.

Charles received his High School Equivalency from the State of Oregon, Associate of Technology Degree from Pierce College and Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Saint Mary's College, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Charles enlisted in the U.S. Army in Portland, Oregon. Military tours included service in Vietnam, Korea, and posts across America. He retired in May, 1989, having attained the rank of Sergeant First Class.

Charles was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in conjunction with military operations against a hostile force while serving as Medical Advisor, in two Mobile Advisory Teams in the Republic of Vietnam as a Specialist Four (E-4) in a position normally held by a Sergeant First Class (E-7). Other medals and ribbons included: Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal (6), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3), Overseas Service Ribbon (4), Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm (unit) (2), and the Overseas Service

Charles married and divorced three times before 1989. Former wives included: Bertha Drummond with whom he had two children: Charles Wesley and Charlotte Inez; Patricia Clancy; and Susan Harvey with whom he had two children: Christopher Ray and Simon. In 1989, Charles was united in marriage to Arlene (Zah-

radnicek) Carter in Landstuhl, Federal Republic of West Germany. Charles, at retirement, traded his career in the military for a career as military spouse following Arlene until she retired from the US Army in March, 1999. They were stationed in Germany, Louisiana, Kansas, and

After Arlene's retirement, they continued traveling by motor home across the United States finally settling in Tucson, Arizona, for four years, then Sierra Vista, Arizona, for four years. In 2008, Charles and Arlene returned to Arlene's childhood home outside Atkinson, New England, that had been homesteaded by her grandparents. They focused on clearing the land and preparing to build their retirement home, interspersed with continuing travels.

Charles enjoyed volunteering, especially with law enforcement agencies including the Arizona Rangers, a law enforcement auxiliary organization whose members work with local and state police; the Sierra Vista Police Department; and the Cochise County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue, Mounted Unit. He also was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Stuart American Legion Post 115. Charles was instrumental in organizing the first American Legion Riders chapter in Holt County.

Charles enjoyed numerous activities; no matter what the activity was he always put his whole heart into the project. He loved so many things especially being outdoors, playing golf, hiking, horseback riding for pleasure, camping, and endurance competition, motorcycling, skiing, snowmobiling, visiting and playing games with family and friends. With his positive outlook he was even able to tolerate the sometimes harsh Nebraska

In his heart Charles always had a special place for children. In 2012, he was adopted as Opa by Delysia and Frances Loehr. His passion since then was traveling to Texas every few months with Oma (Arlene) to spend time taking care of Delysia, while her mother, Frances, attended classes.

Because of his many travels, Charles would always proudly state he was from "America" and his nationality was "American." Charles never met a stranger. He often would extend his hand, introduce himself, and quickly

become as old acquaintances.
Survivors include his wife: Arlene; five sisters: Martha, Ruby, Rose, Beverly and Judy; daughter Charlotte (Jon) Cunningham; two sons: Christopher and Simon; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Charles was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather Pearl Climer, sister Frances and son Charles "Chuck" Cravens.

The family would like to express our appreciation for the support of Brandee Murphy, Cynthia Niemela, and Frances Loehr during Charles' illness and passing.

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution to the Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

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Obituaries in The Winters Enterprise are also online, check out our webpage at MyRunnelsCounty.com



Georgia Gibbs

Georgia Rhue McCutchen Gibbs went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Saturday, July 13, 2013 at the age of 91. Our precious "Mom" and "Granny Georgia" was born July 6, 1922 to Monroe and Mattie McCutchen at Hayrick, Texas. She was one of ten children and spent her childhood and youth years in Bronte, Texas.

Georgia and Connie H. Gibbs were married August 8, 1941 in Ballinger, Texas. They lived in Crews, Texas all their married life. They were married 59 years before

Connie's passing on March 8, 2001. Georgia was a member of the Hopewell Baptist Church of Crews and a member of the WMU.

Georgia loved her family, friends, and was God's good and faithful servant.

She enjoyed traveling to rodeos with her husband and being with her many rodeo friends. She also loved to quilt, playing "42" and card games going to garage sales with her dear friends of Crews. She loved feeding and watching the birds, especially the redbirds and her flock of chickens. She was a woman of strength, perseverance

Survivors include two sons, Connie Mac and wife Jean of Winters, Donnie and wife Nancy of Menard; and daughter Lynda Delano and husband Mike of Gatesville. Six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and five greatgreat-grandchildren; numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, friends and beloved life-time friend, Mildred McQuire.

Georgia was preceded in death by her parents, husband, five sisters, four brothers, a son-in-law, Travis Ford and a granddaughter, Sherri Ford. Georgia's funeral was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday July

burial in the Crews cemetery directed by Winters Funeral The family requests memorials be made to Hopewell

16, 2013 at the Hopewell Baptist Church in Crews with

Baptist Church, 14118 State Highway 153, Winters, Texas 79567 or Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605.

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Conservation team helps the Alamo in new battle

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

COLLEGE STATION-One battle at the Alamo is long since over, but another is on-going battling age-related deterioration — and a Texas A&M University conservation team is leading a high-tech counter attack.

The goal is to help ensure that future generations of Texans, as well as others from throughout the nation and around the world, will have the opportunity to experience meaningful visits to the shrine that symbolizes Texas' battle for independence more than 175 years ago. Otherwise, the famous "Remember the Alamo" battle cry could take on new meaning.

The project, supported financially by the Ewing Halsell Foundation and administered by the Texas General Land Office, is being led by Professor of Architecture Robert Warden, who serves as director of Texas A&M's Center for Heritage Conservation. He is joined by several Texas A&M graduate students in architecture, professors and students from

Texas A&M University at Kingsville, the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Texas at San Antonio.

"This kind of groundbreaking preservation project at the Alamo is long overdue," said Jerry Patterson, commissioner of the Texas General Land Office and a 1970 Texas A&M graduate. "The data gained will be vital to ensuring the Alamo remains an icon of Texas history and personal freedom for future generations.'

The Texas A&M team is creating digital models of the Alamo — models that will be useful in coping with the Alamo's erosion from rainwater and the effects on the structure from heat and cold. That includes scanning and recording imaging data with sophisticated equipment that yields highly detailed 2-D and 3-D models when entered into computeraided design software.

"We're using texts, drawings and photographs, if they're available," said Warden, who indicated he will return to the Alamo periodically for additional data.

MENSHOTES

Z.I. Hale Museum monthly meeting

The monthly meeting of the Z. I. Hale Museum will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 25. The meeting will be held in the Rock Hotel with meet and greet and then the meeting to begin at 5:15. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Wanda Brewer.

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

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

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

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.

New AgriLife assistant to focus on feral hogs

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

GATESVILLE - Dan Gaskins has been named a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service assistant and will be headquartered at Gatesville, said Dr. Jim Cathey, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist. "Dan will provide edu-

cational programs and landowner assistance across the 13-county Cross Timbers region as part of the Lone Star Healthy Streams Program," said Cathey, who is also the wildlife and fisheries sciences associate department head at College Station. "More specifically, he'll be dealing with the pro-gram's feral hog compo-nent. He'll be conducting watershed-based educational programs focused on feral hogs and providing technical assistance to landowners to help them determine a feral hog population reduction strategy that is specific to their needs and their property."

Gaskins worked as an intern for the Texas A&M Forest Service and recently graduated with a bachelor's of science degree in forestry from Texas A&M University.

Gaskins will cover the Lake Granbury Watershed in Hood, Parker, Palo Pinto, Ranger, Erath and Jack counties; the Lampasas River Watershed in Bell, Burnet, Co-

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Gaskins is a member of the National eXtension Feral Hog Community of Practice, the Society of American Foresters and the Texas Forestry Association.

"Dan grew up hunting, fishing and camping in the rangelands of Texas and the mountains of New Mexico," Cathey said. "His passion for the outdoors led him to his career in the wise use and management of natural resources. His distinct educational and personal background will provide him a unique perspective for tack-ling wildlife challenges, which should serve him well in his new position."

Gaskin's position is funded through a Clean Water Act nonpoint source grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the U.S Environmen-

tal Protection Agency. Gaskins can be reached at 254-248-0562, dan. gaskins@tamu.edu. For more information

on feral hogs, see: http:// feralhogs.tamu.edu http://feralhogreports. tamu.edu and www.extension.org/feral_hogs

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Beef to highlight August 22 program in Lampasas

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LAMPASAS- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the multi-county Central Texas Cow/Calf Clinic and Cooking with Beef Boot Camp from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. August 22 in Lampasas, Texas.

Both programs will be held at the Grace Fellowship Church, 2974 U.S. Highway 281. The programs involve the AgriLife Extension offices in Lampasas, Burnet and Llano

RSVP is required by calling the AgriLife Exten-

sion office in Lampasas

County at 512-556-8271. "This joint program truly should have something for everyone interested in preparing or producing beef," said Heath Lusty, AgriLife Extension agent in Lampasas County. "One of the morning breakout sessions will feature preparing beef for the family while the other will deal with producing it. Both sessions will come together for an afternoon program on ranch estate

Topics and speakers for the morning beef produc-

tion clinic session will include:

- Fall-Winter Health Concerns, Dr. Jason Cleere, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, College Station.

- Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance, Bill Thompson, AgriLife Extension economist, San

- Grass-Fed Beef and Niche Markets, Dr. Rick Machen, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Uvalde.

For more information, contact Lusty at (512) 556 8271, rhlusty@ag.tamu.



VFW 9196 celebrates Independence Day 2013

Rowena VFW Post 9196 held a flag raising prior to the July 4 "Meet Me at the Square" barbecue cook-off in Rowena. Post Commander John Multer thanked the Rowena Lions Club for hosting the event. Also participating in the flag raising were members of the SPJST Lodge 49 Youth Club.

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Knights of Columbus present chalices to members' surviving spouses

The Monsignor F.J. Pokluda Fourth Degree Assembly No. 2005 Knights of Columbus presented chalices in memory of their deceased members, Kenneth Feist and Vincente Medrano to their remaining spouses at the Mass in St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Ballinger. The ceremony was held Saturday, June 22, 2013. The members' spouses were Irene Feist and . Tomasa Medrano.

Those present were, pictured left to right: Tommy Halfmann, Irene Feist, Harold Franke, Max Long, LeRoy Pelzel, Tomasa Medrano, Mario Medrano, and Andrew

When a fourth degree member becomes deceased, a chalice is usually presented to the family.

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TxDOT to address bridge improvements on Hwy 67

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- The Texas Department of Transportation will host a public meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at the Ballinger City Hall from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. to discuss three proposed bridge projects in the Ballinger area. There will be a formal presentation at 5:15 p.m.

Three bridges on U.S. Highway 67 through Ballinger are affected. Texas Department of Transportation engineers will be available to talk with the public about the project,

show project plans, and answer questions.

The concrete bridge decks on U.S. Highway 67 over the Colorado River, on U.S. Highway 83/U.S. 67 over Elm Creek, and on US 83/US 67 over FM 382 and the South Orient Railroad will all be replaced. The bridges will also be widened.

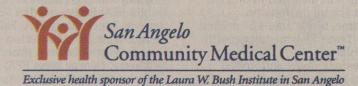
The bridge over the Colorado River was built in 1958 and the other two were built in 1963. All are showing signs of deterioration and are narrow according to today's standards.

The addition of sidewalks and a shared use bicycle lane will make all the bridges compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and improve safety.

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WINTERS- While Runnels City was a bustling, growing county seat, roads were making outlets from the young city to the major cities outside of the county in all directions. A few years earlier, in the settling of the southern part of the United States, construction was beginning on the Italian Renaissance Revival Style Capitol for the State of Texas. The decision was made through an article of the Constitution of the State of Texas that had been adopted February 15, 1876 on how to fund the project. That article authorized the sale of public land for that purpose. It would be one of the largest barter transactions of recorded history when the builders of the Capitol, known as the Capitol Syndicate were paid \$3.7 million.

The 3 million acres of public land sold was located in the "Panhandle" region of Texas. It included the counties of Bailey, Castro, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Hartley, Hockley, Lamb, Oldham and Palmer. The financial troubles caused by the Civil War prompted the State of Texas to lower its debt by selling land from the unappropriated public domain and 20 million acres of public school land. This large tract of land later became the largest cattle ranch in the world, the XIT Ranch. The XIT Ranch was not a financial success and by 1900, it was subdivided and sold to farmers. When measuring the land, the measurements sometimes used were: "half a day's walk" or "north three cigarettes on a donkey." Most surveys were inaccurate because of low pay, carelessness and the threat of Indian attacks, still a possibility. These inaccurate surveys created a tremendous problem in the 20th Century when the oil boom came to Texas. Places were not what they thought they were, and there were gaps between places when they were later surveyed.

Things changed fast with the influx of Southerners after the Civil War. Runnels County saw their share of Confederate Veterans and families moving into the newly organized county with the abundance of grassland.

When adding the value of land and expenses, all were a cost of \$3.7 million for the Capitol Building. The original was designed by architect Elijah E. Myers in 1881. The actual construction took place under the direction of engineer Reuben Lindsay Walker from 1882-1888. There would be three other buildings that would serve over the years as the Capitol of Texas in Austin. There would be as many as 1,000 workers at a time were at work on the building. There were workers from everywhere. Henry Madison Harvey, a Rock Mason, the Great-Grandfather of Mrs. Joyce Pruitt of Norton worked on the Capitol Building in Austin. When the building was finished, Mr. Harvey moved to Ballinger in 1892. He worked on numerous rock building projects in Runnels County, among them was the Rock Dam in Ballinger Park and was the Head Rock Mason when the Carnegie Library was constructed in 1908.

The November Term of 1882, of the Runnels County Commissioners Court met November 7, in the Court House in Runnels City. Their first order of business was to pay each of the 4 Precincts \$10 each to hold the elections prior to the meeting. The next order was to

accounts because of an error in the Assessment Roll. Other expenses paid were jury meals for Sheriff John M. Formwalt and prisoner meals for a total of \$14. Sheriff Formwalt also received \$4 for two nights with two guards that guarded two prisoners. The account of Mr. H.D. Pearce, Postmaster at Runnels City, was paid \$9.95 for four deeds, books, paper, ink, envelopes and stationery. The account of Mr. H.H. Luckett, Runnels County Surveyor was paid \$4 for four sets of field notes made for GH&HRR Co.

The next order of business was to pay the County Judge Sylvester Adams, \$3, Commissioners Gurley, Precinct No. 4, W.G. Preston, Precinct 2, N.W. Dean and Precinct No. 1 each \$3. The court adjourned until the next regular term.

November 21, the court met briefly for the purpose of examining the bonds for Formwalt, Turner and Odom — the Assessor. Those present were the Honorable County Judge, Sylvester Adams and two commissioners: Job Davies, Precinct No. 1 and Henry Paddleford, Precinct No. 4, also John McEwen Formwalt, Sheriff and W.L. Turner, Deputy County Clerk. The court paid for the services of I.C. Hugue for \$12 for the county financial statements. With no other business the court adjourned until the next term.

The 11th day of December A.D. 1882, there was begun a special term of the County Commissioners Court in the Court House in the Town of Runnels City.

Present was the Honorable Runnels County Judge, Sylvester Adams, Henry Paddleford, Commissioner Precinct No. 4: Job Davies, Precinct No.

l, John McEwen Formwalt, Sheriff and W. L. Towner, County Clerk. The first order of business was to examine and approve bonds for J. M. Formwalt for tax collection, W. T. Hightower, Treasurer, H. H. Luckett, Surveyor, Walter Henry Paddlefor for H. and A. Inspection, W. T. Bowman, for Constable of Precinct No. 1, M. S. Edwards, Precinct 2, W. L. Towner for District Clerk. With that business finished, the court adjourned until the

next morning.

December 12, 1881, the
Runnels County Commissioners' Court met at 8 a.m. All were present as the day before. The court heard the bid of Mr. Abner Howland for a bookcase. It was accepted. Mr. Howland would furnish all materials and build a bookcase for the county. The bookcase would be 6 feet high, 4 feet wide with five shelves — one to be 12 inches apart and the others 10 inches apart, all new materials for a total of \$12. The account of John M. Formwalt, Sheriff for guarding and conveying to jail the prisoner, John Harrison was \$28.50. It was approved for payment. Other payments were made for services to the county, then the court adjourned for the year 1882, until the next regular term.

Next: The busy year of 1883 Resources: Runnels County Historical Commission Histo-

Oral History, Mrs. Joyce Pruitt, Norton, Texas The History of Texas Public Land, the Texas Capitol, Online Resources

Runnels County Commissioners Court Minutes, Runnels County Clerk Records, Nov. 7, 1882, November 21, 1882, December 11-12, 1882

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Effective August 1, 2013, active duty personnel who choose to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill educational benefits to eligible family members will be required to serve an additional four years, without regard to their time in service. Currently only service members not eligible for retirement are required to serve four more years as a requirement for transferability. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave or call 365 3612.

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Houston Livestock and Rodeo awards \$1.6 to Texas FFA members

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

HOUSTON- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officials traveled to the Texas FFA Convention in Dallas to award 70 high school seniors with four-year, \$18,000 college scholarships, totaling \$1.26 million, on Wednesday, July 10.

The first Show scholarship was awarded to an FFA

member from Bellaire High School in Houston 57 years ago. Since that time, more than \$22 million has been awarded to 2,700 Texas FFA members, with more than 280 current scholars.

In 2013, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has dedicated \$24.6 million to scholarships, research, endowments, calf scramble participants, junior show exhibitors, School Art participants and other educational

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a Section 501(c)(3) charity that benefits youth, supports education, and facilitates better agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentation. Since its beginning in 1932, the Show has committed more than \$330 million to the

The 2014 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will run March 4 - 23. For more information, visit www.rodeo-

houston.com. The 2013 FFA Scholarship Recipients as of July 10, are:

Belton - Kyler Tormey, Belton FFA;

Blanco - Callie Culton, Tyler Hardin, Blanco FFA; Brenham – Cole Rinn, Bellville FFA; Cibolo – Julia Rauschuber, Samuel Clemens, Cibolo Creek FFA; Clyde – William Cedergren, Clyde FFA; Coahoma - Laurel Nix, Coahoma FFA; Cross Plains - Katharine Goode, Cross Plains FFA; Darrouzett - Joseph McCaslin, Darrouzett FFA; Donie - Ashley Morris, Teague FFA; Dublin - Audrey Turner, Dublin FFA; Early – Jordyn Senkirik, Brownwood FFA, Heather Speck, Early FFA; Falls City – Luke Jimerson, George West FFA; Fowlerton - Ashely Lewis, Tilden FFA; George West - Kathryn Jimerson, Ashley Keadle, Quest Newberry, George West FFA; Grapeland - Julie Riess, Grapeland FFA; Haskell - Maci Colley, Shelby Dunnam, Morgan Frierson, Carson Hadaway, Haskell FFA; Hedley -Austin Adams, Hedley FFA; Helotes – Jill Wright, Sandra Day O'Connor FFA; Henrietta - Katie Blanscet, Annelise Sauer, Henrietta FFA; Hondo - Brooke Bohlen, Clayton Dale, Darby Gonzales, Hallie Hutto, Cindy Stanukinos, Jake Zerr, Hondo FFA; Howe - Hannah Debner, Howe FFA; Idalou – Hannah Johnson, William Shields, Idalou FFA; Jacksboro – Caitlin Fudge, Jacksboro FFA; Katy - Jelisa Fields, Morton Ranch FFA; Krum - Cheyanne Bullock, Madison Gramling, Krum FFA; Lubbock - Aubrey Servantez, Shallowater FFA; McKinney - Sierra Francis, McKinney Boyd FFA; Mertzon - M'Kenna Gillespie, Irion FFA; Moulton – Dakota Raabe, Hallettsville FFA; Nolan – Sean Morrow, Sweetwater FFA; Orange Grove – Stephanie Hinze, Orange Grove FFA; Pendleton - Lindsey Barnes, Troy FFA; Ponder - Madison Stout, Ponder FFA; Poteet -Kayla Wilkins, Poteet FFA; Quitaque - Brennan Allen, Ben Ramsey, Valley FFA; Riesel - Kylie Bennett, Riesel FFA; Rotan - Rachel Pruitt, Rotan FFA; San Antonio - Taylor Kalka, James Madison FFA, Donald Michalec, Smithson

Valley FFA, Alexis Wagner, East Central FFA; Seminole -Zeth Henson, Seminole FFA; Stephenville - Jason Westbrook, Stephenville FFA; Sterling City - Kade Hodges, Sterling City FFA Trophy Club - Alyssa Nakamura, Byron Nelson FFA; Turkey - Abby Hill, Valley FFA; Valley View -Lydia Zimmerer, Valley View FFA; Weatherford – Hannah Ford, Peaster FFA. Brandie Rohmann, Weatherford FFA; Weimar - Landry Gall, Megan Guerrero, Jacob Sestak, Weimar FFA; Wichita Falls - Connor Kirby, Henrietta FFA; Wimberley - Carson Albert, Wimberly FFA; Wolfforth -Bailey Brashears, Frenship FFA.

Rainwater harvesting workshops set at two locations

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer Far West Texas homeowners two venues to brush up on their rainwater harvesting knowledge this month.

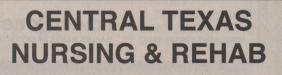
The first Rainwater Harvesting Workshop will be held at 9:30 a.m. July 17 at the Glasscock County Community Center in Garden City.

The second workshop is a joint effort between the AgriLife Extension offices in Andrews and Gaines counties. It's set for 5:45-8:30 p.m. July 18 at the AgriLife Extension office in Andrews County, 851E. Broadway St. in Andrews. RSVP to the AgriLife Extension office in Andrews County at 432-524-1421 as seating is limited. Individual registration is \$20 at each workshops and is due upon arrival.

Billy Kniffen, AgriLife Extension water resource specialist, emeritus at Menard, will be the key speaker at both workshops. The two programs have the same agenda.

Kniffen will present an overview of rainwater harvesting and cover uses in the home landscape, flower beds, for wildlife use and as a drinking water source. He will also demonstrate how to make a rainwater barrel.

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"No Maw, there ain't been no accident...looks like it's rainin' on the back pasture and we wanta see it

NY bike riders touch base in Winters on their way to San Diego

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce hosted another bicyclist group of college aged kids from the New York area who are riding to raise funds for kids with cancer. They started their ride in New York City and will be ending in San Diego California.

We were fortunate to meet and take care of these wonderful 26 students who enlightened us with their laughter, their sense of humor and their one question "Why would or how could you all house 26 strangers without being worried or scared?

We said with courage and down home hospitality. You can follow them on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com /4kForCancerTeamSanDiego?fref=ts or Twitter by looking for @4KSanDiego

The Chamber would like to say thanks to all our sponsors and helpers with these individuals: Pam and Randy Barnes for the use of Lonestar Video and Diner, Winters City Pool, and the host families Theresa Patterson, Rhonda and John Joeris, Cecelia Tarr, Mr. and Mrs. Brannaman, Tena Gray and family, Belinda Gray and family, Linda Arispe and all the chamber members for their help.

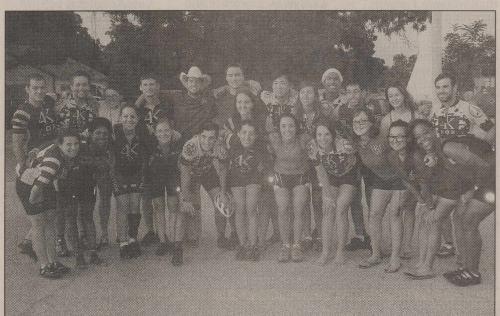


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A group of college students from the New York City area, raising funds for children with cancer came through Winters, and enjoyed the citizens' hospitality.

Supporting the WHS community

West Central Wireless supports local high school students with scholarships. Pictured here is Sean McGowan from Winters High School accepting a \$500 scholarship presented by Veronica Aviles from West Central Wireless. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED





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Emily, from Tuscola, Sugar, and Amanda jumping into the fun.

WACC promoting the city attractions

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Winters City Pool is inviting the Winters and area community to come down and cool off for some Blizzard cool family time. The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is promoting the pool as a city attraction, with lifeguards on site, and a clean, well-operated facility.

"Anyone interested in the pool should come on and jump-in during these hot summer days at the

pool which is located on Novice Highway in the City Park. Bring the swim toys and come on down!," said Winters Area Chamber of Commerce President Sandee Schneider.

The Winters City Pool charges \$1 for children ages 4 and under. Entrance fee above 4-years-of-age

Parties are available for \$40 per hour for 25 people. For more than 25 an additional \$7.50 fee is charged by the hour.

The Winters City Pool is

open Tuesday to Saturday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Mondays.

Ladies Swim Nights or Water Aerobics are held Tuesday and Thursday for .75 cents. 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. with plenty of laughter, stories, and workout.

Snacks are available as well as a shaded sitting

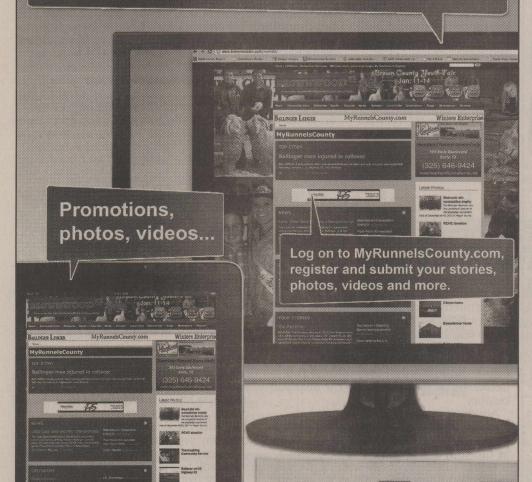
"The pool has to offer an affordable, quality, local fun, so please come on and visit our local lovelies," said Schneider.



Ladies Swim Night is held Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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- banished by
- Augustus 42. Executor's concern
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- 46. Assembly-ready

Weather Whys

Q: How high can thunderstorm clouds be?

A: It's common for many cloud tops in a thunderstorm to be higher than 55,000 feet above sea level, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Clouds over that range belong in a special category. "That may be as high as they get over the U.S., but in other parts of the world, thunderstorm clouds can be even higher," he says. "In 1990 in the Coral Sea off eastern Australia, some nearby weather balloons measured a thunderstorm cloud to be at least 63,000 feet high. And in the northern Australia and Indonesia area, sometimes called the 'maritime or oceanic continent,' some of the highest clouds known have been reported, several measuring from 65,000 to 72,000 feet by astronauts in the space shuttle. It can happen, but it's rare to see thunderstorms reach more than 65.000 feet."



THE IDLE AMERICAN Oh, Canada!...

Commetary by Dr. Don Newbury

If "getting there is half the fun," our recent Canada/New England cruise from Quebec City to Boston defies the long-held belief that two halves make a whole. With multiple highlights on board equaling or surpassing the "getting there," there were several "halves!"

It was a "storybook" adventure, book-ended by two of North America's most historic cities. Weather was near-perfect daily temperatures in the low 70's — and the scenery, spectacular.

The four stops on Holland America's week-long cruise on the mid-sized Veendam offered enticing ports. So, any thought of skipping even one was quickly dismissed....

To fully enjoy any vacation, one needs to shift into neutral — a gear I strive for routinely. (Some people find it easier to

find reverse gear on a stick-shift car than neutral in leisure time.)

We've yet to cruise without experiencing unanticipated delights. This time, a fellow cruiser's question - "Reckon they'll dance the 'Hucklebuck'?"

been a tip-off. Upon boarding with some 1,400 other guests, we learned this was one of six Holland America cruises featuring "Dancing with the Stars at Sea." The popular TV show's personalities were on board to entertain,

— should have

teach and visit. Then, the "Hucklebuck" question made sense — remember the 1960s song? Chubby Checker claimed those who couldn't do it "might be out of luck."....

Vacationers choosing this cruise are awash in choices — even before Veendam boarding. Both

Quebec City and Boston are steeped in history. However, the recommendation is to spend extra days in QC, since most Americans aren't aware of its history, charm, beauty

and marvelous blending of old and

England prevailed in the Battle of 1759, but French influence remains strongest. Sounds of the beautiful French language sweeten the air. (Their written words have bunches of extra letters — such as "eaux," which is pronounced simply "o." A

Canadian woman called her dog "Fido," uh, "Phydeaux.") Indeed, Galinda, the

"good witch" in Broadway's Wicked, might be confounded there. She asked her prof, "Why you can't just teach us history instead of always harping on the past?"...

Quebec City, now 405 years old, is an "all season" favorite, appropriately called North America's most European city.

All was pristine; we found nothing in need of paint during our four-day visit. We understand, too, why winter sports enthusiasts pray for snow to come early and stay late in this winter wonderland.

Montmorency Falls beckons. Raging from a drop-off 100 feet higher than Niagara Falls, it provided lighting to Quebec City's historic Le Chateau Frontenac Hotel when hydroelectricity was harnessed 100 years ago. The hotel, imposed against an azure Canadian sky, is within yelling distance of the Veendam when the vessel is in port....

On board, we were as active — or vegetative as we chose. Often, we wound up in the ship's impressive library, sometimes awake.

With the Stars' presence, many legs were shaken

and "light fantastics" tripped. (Truth to tell, some "heavy fantastics" danced, too.)

About 200 vacationers chose this cruise because the stars were on board. Some, though — like me admitted limitations. I'd finish second in a dance contest against a person with two left feet....

Of great intrigue were ports of call up the St. Lawrence River into the Gulf of St. Lawrence and finally the Atlantic Ocean. We treasured time at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Sydney and Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Bar Harbor, Maine.

We were never disappointed; flowers were everywhere; yards, wellgroomed. "We'd spend our last two bucks on gasoline for the mower," one resident said.

In Sydney, Nova Scotia, the world's largest illuminated "fiddle" — 10 tons and 42 feet tall — was an "eye-catcher" Yep, they called it a "fiddle" — like we do in these parts,

where "if you're gonna have a hit in Texas, you gotta have a fiddle in the band." (Bagpipes are big there, too. However, a man of Scottish descent claimed the Irish gave the Scots bagpipes as a practical joke!)..

Before boarding a plane in Boston, we toured that historic city, where facts memorized decades ago came alive.

Back home, we hear Canada calling, and we intend to return, perhaps next time enjoying vivid fall foliage from the Veendam's deck.

If fanciers of polka, jive, samba, waltz or even the "Hucklebuck" choose the deck, we'll move to the

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Expert: Irrigated crops on the High Plains 'all over the map'

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

COLLEGE STATION-Though there have been some recent rains and irrigation pumping is in progress, High Plains corn and cotton is "highly variable," according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

There are currently a number of factors making it hard to catergorize the overall condition of irrigated crops, said Dr. Dana Porter, AgriLife Extension agricultural engineer specializing in irrigation, Lubbock.

"There are several things going on," she said. "First of all, for a lot of the state, especially the High Plains, we're in the third year of drought. That presents its own problems, particularly where we have declining well capacities and regulatory pumping limits."

All these things have come together to amplify the importance of increasing irrigation efficiency, Porter said.

For years, High Plains irrigators have been converting to highly efficient low-pressure systems such as low energy precision application, commonly known as LEPA, low elevation spray application, and subsurface drip irrigation," she said.

"We have a very high adoption rate of these systems, and we have the technology to be very efficient, so mainly we're fine-tuning the management these days," she said. "For example, one of our strategies with corn under limited irrigation capacities is to plant fewer acres of corn and alternate it with a crop that uses less

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But irrigation in the High Plains is most always supplemental, according to Porter. It depends upon help from Mother Nature, and that help has been limited for years.

"As far as annual rainfall, we're still way behind about half what we should have," she said.

There were some recent good rains that helped out some High Plains crops, and even gave dryland farmers a chance, she said. But the outlook for corn and cotton is still going to depend upon what growth stage of the crop, if it had a good foundation of soil moisture and if it had been irrigated well.

'On a case-by-case basis, at the field level, it's all over the map," she said. "We have some fields that are in pretty good shape



PHOTO: AGRILIFE EXTENSION/ KAY LEDBETTER Despite some good recent rains, the outlook for High Plains corn and cotton is still going to be on a field-by-field basis, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

and others that are really

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 Rolling Plains and West Central Texas AgriLife Extension Service Districts

Rolling Plains: Summertime conditions were typical for the region with temperatures reaching 100 degrees everyday and no rain. Cotton crops are

looking stressed with the hot, dry weather. Irrigated cotton looked okay, with farmer concerns being well-water reliability, flea hoppers, grasshoppers and weed pressure. Corn was burning up from the heat. Grasshoppers were taking a devastating toll on crops, trees and shrubs. Rangeland and pastures were in fair condition, though in need of moisture. Hay is being baled and most has already been sold before it is baled. Water tanks were drying up.

Neither

West Central: Very hot, dry, windy conditions continued. A few areas reported scattered showers. Cotton was off to a

good start in most areas, but limited soil moisture slowed growth. Forage sorghum showed signs of drought stress. Hay harvesting was underway. Grasshoppers continued to be an issue in many areas, consuming large amounts of pasture grasses. The condition of rangeland and pastures further declined due to extreme heat. Livestock condition remained fair to good. Livestock numbers were slightly below average due to range conditions. More stock-water tanks were going dry. Some producers were selling off livestock due to lack of available

Special issue of TPWD magazine focuses on agency's past and future

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

AUSTIN- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department marks its 50th anniversary this summer with a special issue of Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine. The magazine tips a figurative Stetson to the various partners who helped further the agency's conservation mission over the last five decades, and looks ahead to the next half

Anyone can see the special issue at www.lifesbetteroutside.org, where online readers can receive a complimentary copy of the 50th anniversary magazine and a free Life's Better Outside window decal by signing up to become a Texas Parks and Wildlife ambassador.

The 74-page special issue includes articles on the agency's history, accomplishments and partners. Also featured are vintage black and white photos along with striking color images of some of the people, places and things that make the

Texas outdoors special. While the department traces its heritage to 1895, with the creation of the Fish and Oyster Commission, the special issue points out how the modern history of TPWD dates to 1963. That's when the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 21, a measure introduced by Weatherford State Rep. James M. Cotton. The bill, pushed by Gov. John B. Connally as part of his campaign to modernize state government, merged the Game and Fish Commission with the State Parks Board. The final bill passed in the Senate in early April and Connally later signed it into law with an effective date of August 23.

In "The Next 50 Years," TPWD Executive Director Carter Smith looks toward the agency's next half-century

'We can't and won't rest on our laurels," Smith writes. "The state is growing by leaps and bounds, and TPWD must contend not only with burgeoning pressures on our fish and wildlife populations and their habitats, but also with a citizen-ry that is more urban, more diverse and more disconnected from the outdoors

than any previous generation."
In coming years, he writes, the department will face a wide variety of issues ranging from loss of wildlife habitat to the availability of water. State parks will have to be maintained and improved, and new park land acquired.

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and Wildlife Department will always be measured in generational terms, not in short-term fiscal cycles," Smith concludes. "In many ways, it is tantamount to the timeless parable about planting a tree so that someone else can enjoy the shade it ultimately provides." The 50th anniversary website www.lifesbetter-outside.org features stories and photos already submitted by people across the state. The department is inviting people to submit stories and photos about their best outdoor memories in Texas and sign up to become ambassadors, pledging to do things like visit a state park, take a kid hunting or fishing, and watch and share a video showcasing what's made life better outside in Texas.

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WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Coach Jason Burnett is beginning his 14th year of coaching and his first at Winters. Coach Burnett will be the Defensive Co-

ordinator and coaching the inside LB's in football. Coach Burnett will also be an assistant in basketball, track and will be the head coach of boy's and girl's golf. Previous stops for Burnett include Cumby, South Garland, Farmersville, Grandfalls-Royalty and Marathon. While at Farmersville, he had the great pleasure of winning the 2007 Class 2A State Championship. Coach Burnett is a graduate from Sul Ross State University in 1998, and he also received his Master's Degree in Education in 2005. While at Sul Ross, Coach Burnett played and lettered in football for 3 years. He was a member of the 1996 American Southwest Conference Championship team. Coach Burnett is married to Leah and they have two beautiful girls; Abby (4) and Kate (2).

WISD announces summer sports camps

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Blizzard Coaching Staff will host two camps this summer. The basket-ball camp will start Monday July 22 and run through Thursday July 25. Session 1 will be for boys and girls that will be entering grades third through fifth.

Session 1 will go from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The first session will concentrate on learning the game and perfecting fundamentals. Session 2 will be for boys and girls entering grades sixth through ninth and will last from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The second session will include team play as well as work on fundamentals.

Camp directors will be new boys' basketball coach, Joseph Hood and new girls' basketball coach, Meredith Caffey. Cost of the camp will be \$10 and registration will be the morning of the camp.

The coaches will host Speed Camp the following week starting on July 29 and ending on August 1. This camp will be for boys entering grades second through eighth and will be held from 6 to 8 in the afternoon. The camp will focus on developing speed while working on football skills like throwing, kicking, catching, punting, and snapping. There is also a \$10 fee for Speed Camp and campers can register the day of the camp.



Baseball coach has sight on successful season

Coach Ronny Ballard is entering his 20th year as a professional coach and educator. Coach Ballard is coming to Winters from Ingram Tom Moore High School where he served as Offensive Coordina-tor/Middle School Coordinator/ Head Baseball Coach. He has amassed over 100 wins as a head baseball coach and participated in multiple play-off berths in football and baseball. Coach Ballard played baseball at Sul Ross University and later graduated from Wayland Baptist University in 1994. At Wayland, he met his wife Lori. Together they have three children, Magan-15, Mackenzie-12 and Kaden-8. Lori is a licensed home daycare provider since

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