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Thursday, February 6, 2014

Winters, Texas 75¢

Rededication slated for the historical Blue Gap Post Office



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Charles Brewer, Fred Watkins, and John Long raising the 38-star US flag at the reconstructed Blue Gap Post Office.

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Z. I. Hale Museum and the Runnels County Historical Commission will host a rededication of the Blue Gap Post Office on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. at the site, located on 120 North Main. A reception will follow at the adjoining Winters Public Library where they will be observing an open house for the new addition to the library.

The Blue Gap Post Office is a log cabin that was built in 1878 in the gap of Table Mountains, 16 miles east of Winters. It served as a US Post Office from 1878-1882 and also was the stage stop on the Round Rock to Buffalo Gap stage line. It served as an office, store, dwelling, and eventually for storage in later years.

The owner of the proper-

ty wanted the partially-collapsed structure removed

and he donated it to the Z. I. Hale Museum in Winters. The logs were carefully labeled and stored for several years. Early in 2013, a construction crew consisting of retired builders — Fred Watkins, Charles Brewer, Roger Stephenson, and Mike Kozelsky — began reconstructing the building at a site on Main Street in Winters.

The crew has spent literally hundreds and hundreds of volunteer hours on the project.

About \$4,000 is still needed to pay for the Blue Gap Post Office Project. Donations can be sent to Blue Gap Fund, Z. I. Hale Museum, PO Box 211, Winters 79567.

Everyone is invited to join in the celebration of the completion of this extraordinary project.



Lady Breezes claim third in District Tourney

Eighth Grade Lady Breezes won third in the District Tournament held in Christoval on Saturday, February 1, 2014. Their first game was a win vs. Eldorado by a score of 31-15. The Lady Breezes lost to Christoval next with a score of 48-23, and in their third and final game the Lady Breezes defeated Miles 43-36 to secure the third spot. Pictured front row: Kristian Seaney, Charcyana Lovelace, Aimee Green. Back row: Coach Becky Airhart, Brooklynn Anderson, Brenna Knight, Baily Knight, Megan Jacob, Hyla Forder, Lizette Carrillo, and Macey Gerhart.

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Blizzards pleased with new districts

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ WINTERS ENTERPRIS

WINTERS- Football and basketball district realignment will be bringing a little peace and less travel time for the Winters Blizzards, as well as more balanced games with schools closer in size to Winters High School.

This week, the UIL district realignment was announced at the Region XV Education Service Center, in San Angelo, and unlike some of the area teams that will be traveling to places as far away as El Paso, the change didn't bring any big surprises for the local teams. Winters was paired with Bronte, Menard, Miles, Roby, and Roscoe in District 6-2A Division II.

"We are excited about it, the change will be good for us because we'll be playing schools our size," said Winters High School Athletic Director

Stan Caffey.

Last year Winters was the smallest school in District 4-1A Division I, sharing grounds with the twice-in-a-row state champion Stamford, Anson, Forsan, and Haskell.

"Last year we were the smallest school in the

Division I and Division district, this year's district **New districts** makes a little change Football **Basketball** for us and District 6-2A District 7-2A gives us a Winters Div. II better op-Albany portunity, Winters Anson Caffey **Bronte** added Hamlin Menard For Haskell Miles the non Hawley Roby district Roscoe Roscoe games, Stamford Caffey said that the

schedule is not ready to be released, but he anticipated that all the games will be against

area teams, keeping travel

to a minimum. The basketball districts were also announced, with Winters sharing District 7-2A grounds with Albany, Anson, Hamlin, Haskell, Hawley, Roscoe, and Stamford.

> II cutoffs were established for football only in schools ranging from 1A through 4A, while 5A schools

and the

newly add-

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6A will be

comprised

of one divi-

sion only.

For the realignment, back in October Winters turned in an enrollment of 149.

Local youth wins Calf Scramble at Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

FORT WORTH- Samuel Woodall, a member of the Winters FFA, was among the winners in the Calf Scramble event during the January 25 morning performance at the 118th edition of the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. Parents of the winner are Michael and Stacey Woodall. The award was sponsored by Charley and Peggy Johnson of Weatherford.

The Calf Scramble, which allows 16 students to compete at each of the 29 rodeo performances, has eight winners each performance. The young people are high school students out to catch and halter a calf with hopes of winning a \$500 purchase certificate that will help buy a registered beef or dairy heifer for a yearlong 4-H or FFA project.

Winners must care for their animals throughout the year and return for the 2015 Stock Show to exhibit it in the Junior Heifer Show. Those who do the best job will be in line for scholarship funds when they enter college. To date, the program has awarded more than \$3 million toward the purchase of heifers and granted 1,039 scholarships totaling \$1.1 mil-



Samuel Woodall won a \$500 purchase certificate toward a registered beef or dairy heifer for a 4-H or FFA project to exhibit at next year's Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. The certificate, presented by Ed Bass, was sponsored by Charley and Peggy Johnson.

lion. In all, 232 youngsters will catch calves during the 2014 Stock Show.

All entries receive a special T-shirt with their contestant number. Participants who fail to catch a calf receive a certificate for a pair of Justin boots. Long time sponsor, Justin Boots continue their support along with new sponsor, Texas Mutual Insurance

The nation's oldest livestock show is currently underway now through February 8, 2014 at the world-class Will Rogers Memorial Center. The Stock Show features 23 days of family fun and entertainment, and will host nearly 28,000 livestock entries throughout the run. In addition to the prestigious livestock competitions, the Stock Show offers many interactive educational exhibits, great shopping in the trade show area as well as an exciting carnival.

Fundraiser for Norma Jo Collins

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- A fajita dinner fundraiser will be held Sunday, February 23, 2014 for Norma Jo Collins. Jo has been diagnosed with a rare form of lymphoma and also has a genetic kidney disease. A fajita

school cafeteria. Plates will be available for adults and for children

dinner with the trimmings

will be held from 11 a.m.-

1:30 p.m. at the WISD

10 and under. A live and silent auction will be held in conjunction with the meal along with a quilt that will be given away at the meal. Tickets for the quilt are available individually or at a discounted rate for six tickets. Jo has been an LVN since the late 1970s and has cared for many residents of Winters and Runnels County in her nursing career. Jo will not be able to work while she is taking

chemo treatments.

Volunteers will be contacting the community to help give back to Jo in her time of need. Money raised at the benefit will help defray Jo's medical insurance. If you would like to donate your time at the meal, donate auction items or funds to help pay for expenses, please contact Bobbie Collom at (325) 977 7379 Teresa Walden at (325) 669 8157, or Kim Jackson at (325) 365 6657 or drop by Hatler Insurance.







Ruby Nell Rougas entered her heavenly home on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at Abilene Regional Hospital. She passed peacefully and was surrounded by her loving family.

Ruby Nell was born on September 14, 1928. She was raised by her Aunt Gertrude and uncle Press Edwards. Through years of love and encouragement she graduated from Winters High School at the age of 16. She went on to enter the Cadet Nurse Corps at Shannon Hospital from which she graduated in 1949 as a registered nurse.

Ruby Nell enjoyed a long successful career in nursing which ranged from teaching classes to LVN's, to holding the position of Director of Nurses at the Ballinger Hospital, to handling medical records. While doing medical records she became aware of the ever changing rules and regulations for Medicare patients, thus prompting her to work with the State Health Department to establish the Swing Bed Program, which allowed Medicare patients who met the criteria to have additional days of hospital care including physical therapy and nursing care. She retired from nursing at the age of 65, but stayed on as a medical records consultant for the next 11 years.

In 2004 she retired and moved to Abilene to spend time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by her children: Tony and his wife Suzanne, Kandace Chancey

and his wife Gwen. Her sister: Betty Harville and her husband Clyde and her brother Foy Wilson and his wife Margie. Her grandchildren: Harrison, Porsha, Baylee,



Angela, Dana, Brandi, Kevin and Staci. Her great-grandchildren: Jaya, Colton, Laurel, Dayton, Jaylie, Dakota and Sierra.

Services were held Sunday January 26, 2014 at The First United Methodist Church in Winters. Burial followed at Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to be made to Winters Meals on Wheals.

The family offers their gratitude for the outstanding job by the staff at Abilene Regional Hospital.

Winters Enterprise, Feb. 6, 2014



2014 at 6:45 p.m. the Abilene Area Aggie Mom's Club will be holding its monthly meeting at Coldwell Banker Panian and Mash Building, 2500 S. Willis (S. 27th and Willis, one-half a block N on Willis).

Please join us for a light meal. You will get to meet other Aggie Moms and learn a little more about

(President) 669 0886, vlt-mini5@gmail.com or Kathy Hocke (Membership) 721 3131, hockeig@camalott.

Hopewell Baptist Church hosting Muslim faith

Abilene Area Aggie

meeting

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Mom's Club monthly

Tuesday, February 18,

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We meet the third Tues-

day of each month, at 6:45

p.m. for refreshments and

fun. If you can't make the

more information, please

call or email Venita Teal

meeting but would like

speaker The Hopewell Baptist Church is having Dr. William Tolar to share information about Islam (the Muslim faith). Dr. Tolar will speak at Hopewell on Sunday, February 9. He will speak at the 11 a.m. service and at a 2 p.m.

Dr. Tolar is a former professor at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He also

taught at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas,

NEWSHOTES

for several decades. Hopewell Baptist Church is located on Texas State Highway 153, 21 miles west of Coleman and 13 miles east of Winters. The public is cordially invited to attend.

RCRSE to meet on Feb 18 Runnels County Retired School Educators will meet at the County Extension office on February 18 at 9:30 a.m. Sandy Taylor with the Ag Life Extension Office will do a program on Nutrition for the members. When you come into Ballinger from Winters/Norton turn left and from Miles turn right onto Paint Rock Highway 83/7th St. (at the Courthouse). Travel two blocks then turn left on Sealy Ave. and you will see the Senior Citizens Building. The County Extension Office is at the end of it.

Eat at home and save

workshop starts Feb 25
Sandy Taylor, Runnels County Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will be presenting four cooking classes that will teach individuals to plan and prepare more meals at home and in return save them money. Classes

You are cordially invited to hear

Dr. William Tolar

speak on Islam (the Muslim faith)

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Immunization clinics in Runnels Co.

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be holding two immunization clinics in Runnels County. The first clinic will be in Winters from 1:30 to 5:30 Thursday, February 6, 2014, at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience please use rear entrance (Grant Street). Please schedule an appointment, if not answer, please leave a message.

The clinic in Ballinger will be Thursday February 13, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 600 Strong, (corner of Sixth and Strong).

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

Nominations open for Man and Woman of the

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is taking nominations for Man and Woman of the Year. If you would like to nominate someone, please send a brief letter with the name of the person you would like to nominate and the reasons you feel they deserve to be Man or Woman of the Year.

Please send nomination to: Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 662, Winters, Texas 79567

You can also drop off your nomination letter to Pam or Randal Barnes.

Fundraiser for Chad McDuffee

An account has been established at the First National Bank of Ballinger to accept donations or sponsorships for Chad McDuffee. McDuffee is a Ballinger native and veteran of the Iraq War. Chad lost most of the use of his right foot after sustaining an injury while on deploy ment in Iraq in 2006. Chad earned a bronze medal in the 2013 Valor Games Midwest in powerlifting and is currently trying to earn a spot on the U.S. Paralympic Team in time for the 2016 World Games in Brazil. Donations to the account will be used to help defray his travel expenses and purchase special equipment for training.

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.

AA Meetings AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

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



October 10, 1941 - December 31, 2013

Dear Friends, Family. Neighbors, Customers and the entire West Texas Area:

On behalf of the Bernal family, we would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming outpour of support and blessings during our transition period. We received an incredible amount of condolences, food, flowers, but more importantly, we received the kind of love Gene so willingly displayed during his life. We believe that his legacy will have a greater impact than we could ever fathom. His influence and character were a true display of heart and compassion for humanity. He proved to be the epitome of a loving husband, father, friend, and mentor and he will be greatly missed.

To all those who assisted relentlessly and tirelessly in the search and to those who responded when Gene was found, we salute you! Multiple State Troopers, County Sheriffs, Local Police, EMS, Fire Fighters, 911 Emergency Dispatch, MEDIVAC Personnel from Lubbock and Eloy Rodriguez, Jr.; Also to Jimmy Ripley with his Son Riley who ultimately discovered Gene (grandpa) - Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for what you all did! We saw a community bind itself during a tragedy that was wonderful to see.

Special thanks to the Winters Funeral Home & Flower Shops, Church of Christ & Members & Theresa Gerhart for their excellent service, Sonny Santoya, Alexis Diaz, Javier Garcia & his group for the beautiful music, Lorena Vega for the Rosarie, Pallbearers: Jessie Perez, Jimmy Ripley, (3 sons) Albert, Erik, Gene IV, (3 grandsons) Riley, Jimmy John, Nathaniel; Mary & Richard Arredondo, Paul, Sabrina, & Sky Bishop for their extensive assistance, Love and support.

We know that Gene is resting peacefully in Heaven, but his spirit will live on through his wife (Dora Bernal), children, grandchildren and the iconic landmark he built in Casa Cabana.

Thanks, Gene, for giving us 72 blessed years of your life. It was truly awesome. We'll see you again someday and It will always be "Me and You Pa"!!

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Keith Collom is proudly asking for your vote for his daughter, Amanda Collom, a 1995 Winters graduate, in the Republican Primary for the office of Runnels County Clerk, election to be held on March 4th.

Amanda has served as a Deputy Clerk in the Runnels County Clerk's Office since 2010. Amanda will provide a smooth, cost effective transition for our county.

Amanda, who is a 5th generation Runnels County resident, moved back to the county to be near her family and to raise her children. Amanda has always been in the business of serving others and has always done so with a positive attitude.

Elesa Ocker (our County Clerk since 1998) trained Amanda and would not be retiring if she did not believe that Amanda was prepared

to do the job, and leaving the office in good hands.

Amanda attended the County and District Clerk School last month and is prepared to meet the State's new mandatory systems which must be in place by January 1, 2015. Amanda was also selected as a Board Member at the State Conference in December to assist in the final developments of the new Vital Statistics System which also goes into effect January 1, 2015.

Please vote in the best interest of our County • Vote Amanda Collom for Runnels County Clerk • Thank You

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ATHLETIC REPORT

Winters Junior High Basketball

Eighth Grade Breezes

District Tournament Saturday Feb. 1, 2014 Winters 37, Christoval 22 Hood 13, Diaz 12, Rodriguez 4, Garcia 2, Hadlock 2, Mendoza 2, Hernandez 2

Championship game Winters 45, TLCA 15 Diaz 12, Hood 11, Ochoa 7, Garcia 6, Hadlock 4, Rodriguez 3, Mendoza 2

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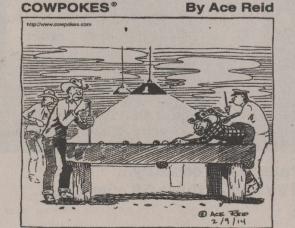


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Going up for the glass

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 vs. Eldorado. Winters was defeated by a score of 46-38. Pictured here is Daryl Hagle going in for a lay up. (10-0) and Christoval (8-1) in District 8-1A boys basketball. Winters is third in the standing with a district record of 4-5.

PHOTO: JOE GERHART

the Winters Blizzards played As of press time and pending February 4 results, TLCA had secured a playoff berth

CAFETERIA MENU

Feb. 10-14 **Winters ISD Breakfast Menu**

Monday

Breakfast Taco or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk Tuesday

Pancake/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk Wednesday

Breakfast Burrito/Salsa or Cereal/ Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Thursday Sausage Roll or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk. **Friday**

Muffin or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Winters ISD **Lunch Menu**

·Monday

Chef Salad or Sloppy Joe or Chicken Nuggets/Bread Stick (H.S.), Mac & Cheese, Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Pear, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday Chef Salad or Chicken/Bun or Chicken Spaghetti/Bread Stick, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks,

Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk. Wednesday

Chef Salad or Machos or Soft Taco, Spanish Rice/Coleslaw, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Orange, Choice of Milk.

Thursday Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak/ Bread Stick (Elem., J.H.)/Hot Roll (H.S.) or Chicken Tenders/Bread Stick, Mashed Potatoes w/Brown Gravy, Broccoli w/Cheese, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Strawberry, Choice of Milk Friday

Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Chicken Bites/Bread Stick, Black Eved Peas, Oven Fries, Tossed Salad/ Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Apple, Choice of Milk

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Family meal time: Make meals and memories together

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- With today's busy schedules, many families do not have time to sit down and enjoy a meal together. But having familv meal time has many benefits says Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent, Sandy Taylor.

In fact, research shows that compared to children who seldom participate in family meals, children who sit down to regular family meals consume more fruits, vegetables and fiber, consume less

soda and fried foods, and eat less heart damaging saturated and trans fat. Families that eat together also have more time and opportunities to communicate and build relationships and these children tend to perform better academically.

Families can experience positive benefits by eating together at least four to five times per week with these tips:

If possible, start eating meals together as a family when your kids are young. This way, it becomes a habit.

- Plan when you will eat together as a family. Write

it on your calendar! - During the meal, focus on each other. Turn off the TV and cell phones.

happy things and make meal time stress-free. Encourage your child to try foods, but do not lecture

- Talk about fun and

or force your child to eat. FCS Agent Taylor also says that you do not have to cook an elaborate meal to enjoy the benefits of family time together.

To learn more about family meals contact AgriLife at (325) 365 5042.

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Across

1. Fellow

5. Simple boat

9. In a good mood 14. Be in possession of

15. Singer Brickell 16. North of a 1980s

scandal

17. Guitarist Clapton 18. "___ the Explorer"

19. Thing in a pot 20. Tom Clancy book 23. Word after Quality

or Days _ Trapp (family name in "The Sound of

Music") 25. " Bovary"

29. Actor Arkin 31. Its T stands for "teller"

34. "You ___ Beautiful"

35. Part of, as a plot 36. Land amount

37. Dr. Seuss book 40. "A Doll's House"

41. Job for an actor 42. "Old MacDonald"

chorus 43. Leave amazed 44. Hard to find

45. They may have

46. Used your teeth 47. "Thanks

asking!" 48. Alice Walker book

56. Request to a restaurant hostess

57. Put an end to 58. Eye part that's also a flower Vippalatit F

(remember) 60. "Look __!"

10. Poker statement 11. Scheme 59. Make ___ of 12. __-pong

of Athens" 62. Tyson and Myers 22. The Donald's mate, once

61. Give free food to

63. Frog's cousin

64. Garden of ___

1. One-named

singer/actress

2. He loses to the

tortoise in a race

5. Completed again

7. Like a good mattress

3. Enthusiastic

6. Decorate

8. Crying drop

13. Up to now

9. Boards, as a bus

Down

25. Carta 26. Weapon for Robin

21. Shakespeare's "___

Hood 27. John who makes

tractors 28. Sailing, poetically

29. Slant 4. Bodybuilder's muscles 30. Go down in flames

> 31. Aspirin targets 32. Characteristic

33. Office notes 35. Dr. Frankenstein's

assistant 36. Roll (take your

minister

turn, in many games) 38. One of the Muses 39. India's first prime

48. Tennille or Collette

44. Rags to _

45. __ a plea

46. Midler or Davis 47. "Kiss ___ Rose"

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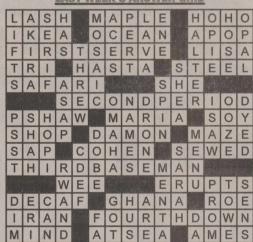
51. "The Simpsons" bus driver

52. Paella ingredient 53. Egg on

54. Margarita flavor

55. Sporty cable letters 56. Emeril Lagasse's

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Q: You sometimes hear the term "Alberta Clipper." What is it?

A: An Alberta Clipper is a winter storm that forms over regions of Canada near the province of Alberta and sweeps in a southeastern direction over the northern United States, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "It is believed the name comes from the big sailing ships of the 1800s, the ones with the huge sails that could travel quite quickly for vessels of that time period and were among the fastest ships on the seas. An Alberta Clipper storm moves quickly once it forms and brings cold temperatures, strong winds, and snowfall to the northern Great Plains and Great Lakes regions," McRoberts explains.

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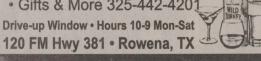
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Election determines to leave county seat in Runnels City

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WINTERS- The August 6, 1886 issue of the Eagle indicated the drought conditions were so bad in the county there was again the danger of losing population. With cattle prices very low, times were very difficult for the residents of the Town of Runnels with the added railroad problems.

The election on the coun-

ty seat petition was also looming. Several residents of Runnels had moved to Ballinger and others were planning to do the same. The H. D. Pearce Family took a trip to Ballinger a few days after the lot sale. Henry had taken his older son, Hubert to the sale and he had bought a city block to build a hotel and their new home. The children recalled riding in their buggy and how they would wind their way around in and out among the mesquite trees and other brush as they worked their way through the "new town." The Pearces Pioneering Days in Texas, Zelma (Haley) Strom.

The county was surveyed in 1886. After the survey, some areas were changed. Fort Chadbourne was continuously occupied from 1852 through March bf 1861 and through the Civil War. The fort was successful in giving settlers stability as Runnels County was set aside and named February 1, 1858. Early on, Fort Chadbourne was considered part of Runnels County, but the survey of 1886 indicated it to be located outside the county line on the West. The

survey also changed other areas as well. The Blue Gap Post Office was found to be in Runnels County and not Coleman County as once thought before an earlier survey was made.

Runnels County was becoming more populated and with the last Indian encounter (W. H. (Billy) Brown was killed by Comanche Indians in 1875) behind them, the residents was trying to get settled in, establish ranches, homes and have a life in peace in the young county.

People all over the county

with the exception of Ballinger believed that Runnels City had been unjustly insulted and snubbed by the railroad, since the town had made a generous offer which it thought would be accepted until the very last moment when the railroad began to build to the river. There was this practical fact — the county records were already in a safe place in a rock building, the courthouse, and the rent had been paid by the county for five more years. People were reluctant to incur the expense of erecting a building in Ballinger and move the county records. The sooner the question was brought to a vote, the more people there would be in Runnel City to vote. Another factor, anyone now living in Ballinger could not legally vote for another six months.

Some of the new residents of Ballinger, in an attempt to make the residents of Runnels City look ridiculous for wanting an election that would not change anything anyway,

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tried through the county papers to convey that Ballinger really did not want the county seat. When this attempt failed and the County Judge had to order the election, Ballinger supporters worked for an injunction to prevent the election.

The injunction came on the afternoon of October 8, the day before the scheduled election in all precincts of the county. Dudley Tom, a Runnels City man had found out that Ballinger was looking for the County Clerk to serve the injunction. Mr. Tom borrowed the best rig that the Fletcher and Webster's Livery Stable could provide and went to get the County Clerk and his Deputy to keep them out of circulation until it was too late for the injunction

to be served. Two Ballinger men had come to Runnels City to prevent the election and saw Dudley Tom jump in the buggy and ask him where he was going. He said his wife had never seen Ballinger and he was taking her over for a visit to the town. The two Ballinger men soon realized his real purpose and gave chase but not before he had picked up Towner and Hurley, the County Clerk and his Deputy. He hid them in a cane patch and the Ballinger men pursued Dudley Tom the rest of the afternoon without ever getting close enough to see that the passengers were no longer with him.

When the time for serving the injunction had expired, Dudley Tom

returned for Towner and Hurley. They had stayed in the cane patch because they were sympathetic with Runnels City. The election over the county was held the next day, October 9, 1886 as scheduled and Ballinger tried to stuff the boxes, when the Wiley Box turned in 500 votes instead of the 14 to which it was entitled, the election judge threw out the box. One man stationed at the polls at Runnels City turned back a hack of illegal vot-

The Runnels County Commissioner's Court met in regular term, the 29th day of November 1886. The honorable Judge Sylvester Adams, Runnels County's first Judge was elected for his fourth term in the 1886, November election, replacing Judge C. H. Willingham who had served the two years when Sylvester Adams did not run to stay in the position. The court reviewed the results of the election to determine if the county seat should be removed from the Town of Runnels to Ballinger, both in the County of Runnels. The following vote was polled with the following result. The vote at Runnels Election Precinct 1; for removal to Ballinger: 68, for remaining at Runnels City: 108. The vote at Content Election Precinct 2; for removal to Ballinger: 1, for remaining at Runnels: 46. The vote at Chadbourne Election Precinct 3; for removal to Ballinger: 0, for remaining at Runnels: 10, the vote at Craig's Election Precinct 4; no returns from this Precinct. The vote at

Maverick Election Precinct 5, for removal to Ballinger: 0, for remaining at Runnels: 18. Recapitulation: Vote for removal to Ballinger: 69, and for remaining at Runnels: 182. The court records were

as follows, "Ballinger being more than five miles from the geographical center of Runnels County and Runnels a point within five miles from the geographical center, a vote of twothirds of all the electors in the county voting on the question was necessary for removal and Ballinger having failed as appears by the returns of the election. The requisite number of votes was not attained so, it is determined the County Seat of Runnels County, Texas be and remain at Runnels for a period of five years next succeeding, dating from the 9th day of October, A.D. 1886. Runnels County Judge Sylvester Adams hereunto subscribed his name and affixed the Seal of the County Court, done in office in Runnels City, this 20th day of November A. D. 1886. (Runnels County Records, page 385 and

The meeting in the courthouse in Runnels City held November 29, 1886 was then adjourned.

Resources: Runnels County Historical Commission Histories Runnels County Commissioners Court Minutes, November 29, 1886 Runnels County Clerk Records A History of Runnels County, L. G. Smith

Agriculture workshop for military

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"From Battleground to Breaking Ground: A Transformational Journey" gives military veterans interested in farming or ranching the opportunity to get information on aspects of starting, developing, and funding an agriculture-based business, according to coordinators. It was developed with input from AgriLife Extension, AgrAbility, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, the National Farmer Veteran Coalition, Farm Service Agency, Texas Department of Agriculture and others.

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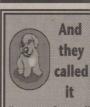
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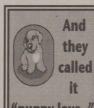
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Camp Bowie hosts annual wildfire academy

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

BROWNWOOD- Firefighters are invited to attend a wildfire academy at Camp Bowie, Texas in preparation for the 2014 wildfire season.

In an effort to enhance skills and learn new firefighting techniques, responders from across the country will get hands-on experience utilizing the National Wildfire Coordination Group training standards.

"This academy offers a great chance for all fire-fighters to better their skills in fighting wildfires. These courses help us all protect our communities more effectively and go home safe at the end of the day," said Phillip Truitt, Texas A&M Forest Service wildland urban interface specialist.

The Central Texas Wildfire Academy held from Feb. 13 - 17 accommodates all skill levels of municipal, rural and wildland firefighters. Participants will have the option to choose classes that interest and best serve them including: introductory, intermediate, advanced and squad boss, ignition operations, and tanker shuttle courses.

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