Runnels County was soon to be a decade old since its organization, and the roads were still being worked on. The main roads were being changed from Runnels City to Ballinger and a lot of new roads were being built. LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF RUNNELS COUNTY

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## Sixty years of one nation 'Under God'

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

BALLINGER- Saturday, June 14, 2014, the Ballinger Knights of Columbus Council 10985 will be joining the Knights of Columbus nationally in celebrating the 60th anniversary the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag being modified to add the words "Under God."

The City of Ballinger and the County of Runnels have both joined the celebration, by each one issuing a proclamation to commemorate the historical date.

"In this present day and age, when any reference to God, church and religion are being removed from schools, memorials and any number of public activities, the Ballinger Knights of Columbus Council 10985 believe it is noteworthy to remember the proclamation made by President Dwight D. Eisenhower," said Grand Knight Larry Lange.

"It is important to remind people that freedom of religion should never be confused with freedom from religion," he added.

June 14, 1954, President Eisenhower made a statement upon signing the bill to include the words "Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

"From this day forward the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural school house, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty. To anyone who truly loves America, nothing could be more inspiring than to contemplate this rededication of our youth. on each school morning, to our country's true meaning," he stated. President Eisenhower also recognized the participation of the Knights of Columbus in keeping Americans aware of religious values, in a letter sent to the then national Supreme Knight, Mr. Luke E. Hart. "This year (1954) we are particularly thankful to you for your part in the movement to have the words

# Rural Life Mass celebrates the seed and the soil

San Angelo Catholic Diocese brings rural celebration to Winters for the second time in three years

#### RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ WINTES ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Tuesday night, June 3, 2014 the "Stewardship of Creation," the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo's annual Seed and Soil Rural Life Mass to celebrate our heritage as agricultural society, was held at the Bobby and Joyce Myers ranch, located on 1687 County Road 173, in Winters, Texas.

This was the second time the Rural Life Mass was held in Winters in three years. In 2011 the event was held in the Jacobs ranch on Highway 153 in Winters, Texas under the direction of Bishop emeritus Michael Pfeiffer.

This time, nearly 200 parishioners from all over the Big Country attended the ceremony, held at an adobe chapel erected in rustic style, and beautifully decorated with glass bottles forming a cross embedded in one of the walls. The building was embellished in an utmost simple, down-toearth manner.

Under the concept of agriculture touching our lives, wherever we live and whatever we do, Bishop Michael Sis stood before farmers and ranchers, and concelebrated the Holy Mass along with St. Mary Star of the Sea's Pastor Rev. Hugh Wade, and Fr.



Olfen and now assigned to the Holy Family Parish in Abilene, Texas.

There were also three deacons present for the celebration of the Holy Mass: Charlie Evans, Enrique Martinez and David Workman.

Bishop Sis highlighted the joys of agricultural life, the dominant place rural communities have in our culture, and the commitment of church with farmers and ranchers, as they seek to carry out their work with dignity and to strengthen rural communities.

After the celebration of the Mass Bishop Sis blessed all kinds of seeds, including cotton, wheat, and more. PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED ABOVE: Center I to r: Fr. Hugh Wade, Deacon David Workman, Deacon Enrique Martinez, Deacon Charlie Evans, Fr. Sam Matthiesen, and Bishop Michael Sis.

RIGHT: Bishop Michael Sis riding Yeller, a horse furnished by Steve Beach.

served sponsored by St. Mary Star of The Sea and served by parishioners.

Ballinger Knights of Columbus Council 10985 furnished the labor to set up tables and chairs Monday and to pick them up on Wednesday after the celebration. Deacon Charlie Evans, chair-

man of the Rural Life Committee, and provided the planning and



'under God' added to our Pledge of Allegiance. These words will remind Americans that despite our great

physical strength we must remain humble," Eisenhower said in a letter sent to Hart.

"The Ballinger Knights of Columbus Council 10985 reminds everyone that the national Knights of Columbus were recognized by President Eisenhower for their work in promoting the addition of these words to the Pledge of Allegiance," said the local council Grand Knight Larry Lange. Sam Matthiesen originally from

A family-style dinner was

directional signs for the event.

## WHS grad awarded Don Richburgh memorial scholarship

#### WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

ABILENE- The 2014 West Texas Rehabilitation Center's Don Richburg Memorial Scholarship was awarded on Wednesday, May 21 to Kara Heathcott of Winters, Texas. Kara recently graduated from Winters High School and was valedictorian of her class.

Kara plans to attend Tarleton State University where she will pursue a degree in Nursing. She would like to become a Pediatric Nurse or Labor/Delivery Nurse. Kara is the sixth recipient of this scholarship. She was presented the award by Woody Gilliland, President/ CEO of West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Kara was accompanied to the ceremony by her parents, Barbara and Denny Heathcott.

The Don Richburg Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year to a graduation senior who



must have participated in the West Texas Rehabilitation Live Stock Show Program by donating, buying, showing or volunteering at one of the events.

PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED ABOVE: Kara Hethcott pictured with Woody Gilliland, President/ CEO of West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

LEFT: Kara with her parents Barbara and Denny Heathcott.

## Angelo State University announces spring 2014 area graduates

#### WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO- Angelo State University conferred 709 undergraduate and graduate degrees upon 705 graduates during 2014 spring commencement exercises May 10 in San Angelo, Texas. Area degree recipients by

hometown were:

Ballinger: Katie R. Chapman, B.S.N.; Tyler R. Englert, B.S.; Cristina A. Gentry, B.S.; Morgan R. Halfmann, B.I.S.; Beau B. Jones, B.B.A.; Morgan M. Pelzel, B.S., cum laude; and Whitney N. Worthington, B.A., cum laude.

Bronte: Ryan C. Everheart, B.A.; Aaron P. McConnell, M.S.S.; and Cheyenne J. Thomas, M.Ed.

Eden: Heather L. Purvis, B.B.A.; Nicole G. Villarreal, B.S.; and Dedra D. Wood, B.S.

Miles: Myles C. Gesch, B.S.; Clint E. Holik, B.S., cum laude; Holly S. Hudson, B.S., cum laude; and Leisa H. Prettie, B.S.N., cum laude. Robert Lee: Heidi M. Austin, B.S.; Brandi J. Brosh, B.S.; and Orville W. Davis, B.S.W., magna cum laude.

Winters: Veronica M. Flores, B.S., cum laude; and Brandon R. Willman, B.B.A., cum laude.

Areas of undergraduate academic study at ASU lead to the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Border Security (B.B.S.), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Cultural Competence and Security Studies (B.C.C.S.S.), Bachelor of Cultural Fluency and Security Studies (B.C.F.S.S.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.), Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (B.I.S.), Bachelor of Music (B.M.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), Bachelor of Security Studies (B.S.S.), Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.), Associate / Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Recipients of the scholarship** 

must enroll in a college, univer-

sity or technical school for the

fall semester following their

graduation from high school.

(A.B.S.N.) and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.).

The following graduate degrees are offered: Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Education (M.Ed.), Master of Professional Accountancy (M.P.Ac.), Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.), Master of Security Studies (M.S.S.) and Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.).



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## **FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES** Efrain Esquivel

Efrain Esquivel, 67, of Winters, died Monday June 9, 2014. He was born September 26, 1946 in Winters and graduated from Winters High School in 1968. He worked for Spill Brothers Furniture Company for 30 plus years and later worked for Winters ISD retiring

earlier this year. He was a member of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.

He is survived by one brother and one sister: Manuel Esquivel, Jr. and wife Cathey of Winters and Carmen Cavazos of Ballinger. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Rosary will be 7 p.m. Wednesday June 11, 2014 in the Winters Funeral

Home Chapel. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday June 12, 2014 at the First Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Lakeview Cemetery.

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## Levonia (Bill) Drake Dempsey

Levonia (Bill) Drake Dempsey, 87, of Waxahachie, Texas formerly of Winters, died Saturday June 7, 2014. She was born August 6, 1926 in Dill City, Oklahoma and grew up in Coleman. She married Lawrence Drake in 1945 in Coleman. He preceded her in death April 11, 1983. She worked for Dry Manufacturing in Winters retiring in the 1980s. She married James F. Dempsey May 10, 1993 in Winters and they lived in

Wills Point, Texas. She was a Baptist. She is survived by her husband: James F. Dempsey of Waxahachie. Three children: Charles Drake and wife Susan of Arlington, Randy Drake and wife Melissa of Los Alamos, New Mexico and Cheryl Ann Drake of Lubbock. Six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday June 6, 2014 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Lakeview Cemetery.

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## Good news for Texas bats

### WINTERS ENTERPRISE

AUSTIN- Recent surveys in Texas for white-nose syndrome, a devastating fungal disease that has killed more than six million bats across eastern North America, found no evidence of the disease in the state.

Bat Conservation International conducted the surveys through a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and in cooperation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the University of California in Santa Cruz.

Samples to test for the presence of the fungus that causes WNS were taken from caves in parts of the Texas Panhandle. This region was identified to be the most susceptible to harboring the disease. The tested caves were in Childress, Cottle, and Hardeman counties

BCI biologists swabbed cave walls and individual bats for the fungus. The majority of bats sampled were cave myotis, though Townsend's big-eared bats, tri-colored bats, and big brown bats were also encountered. This Texas effort is part of a larger national effort to monitor the spread of WNS as it continues to move westward across the United States. In addition, a sample from Oklahoma that preliminary tests indicated was positive for the fungus responsible for causing WNS, has now been confirmed to be from a similar but harmless fungus. This was the only possible occurrence of WNS in Oklahoma and the state has now been removed from the list of areas with confirmed or suspected WNS. The nearest confirmed occurrence of WNS to Texas is now in north-central Arkansas. Despite these glimmers of hope for Texas bats, WNS, first noticed in 2007 in New York, has since been con-firmed in 25 states and five Canadian provinces. In some caves, 90-100 percent of the bats have died from the disease. Although the origin of the fungus is unknown, it has also been found in parts of Europe. There is no known cure at this time, though research is ongoing. Bats play a crucial role in the environment through consuming insects, pollinating plants, and dispersing seeds. Some species of bats can consume as many as 1,000 insects an hour. Many of the insects eaten by bats consume agricultural plants. Researchers estimated that bats in the United States save farmers nearly \$4 billion annually in prevented crop damage and reduced pesticide costs.

### Summer reading program Summer reading program 2014. Each Tuesday in June.

School age children 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Story time for preschoolers and their parents 3 to 3:30 p.m. Read 12 books this summer and get a t-shirt.

### Friends of the "Gus" Pruser monthly meeting

Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit will hold their June meeting on Monday, June 16 at 6 p.m. at the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit 219 W. Dale in Winters. The Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit is a group interested in preserving the history of agriculture whether it be tractors or just memories. For more information contact John Long 754 5389 or zihalemuseum@wtxs.net.

### **CALF literacy fest**

The third annual Children's Art and Literacy Festival will be held June 12, 13 and 14, 2014, in downtown Abilene. William Joyce, author, illustrator and Academy Award winning filmmaker will have his artwork on display at the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature. Festival registration includes three days of fun, dramatic readings, interaction with animals and many other fun things to do. Early registration prices before May 1. CALF is a program of the Abilene Culture Affairs Council. For more information, call (325) 677 1161 or www.abilenecalf.com

#### **Industrial Tournament**

The Winters Country Club is hosting its Industrial Tournament on June 13 and 14, 2014. Cost is \$175 for a team of three players. A practice round will be held on the Friday, June 13, a meal will be served that night. The tournament will be held on Saturday, June 14. Tee time on Saturday will be 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. The playing field will be limited to the first 40 paid entries. This tournament brings in lots of golfers from all around, so come out and enjoy the fun. We are now accepting registra-tion of team sponsors, hole sponsors and door prize donations. For more information contact the Winters Country Club at 754 4679 or contact Jerry Sims.

#### Flag disposal ceremony

The American Legion Post 8 will have a flag disposal ceremony on June 14, 2014 at the SPJST Hall in Rowena at 7 p.m. A free supper will be served following the ceremony. Anyone having old flags to be disposed of can bring them to the Veterans Service Office in Ballinger, give them to Billy Rollwitz in Rowena, or to Raymond Lindsey in Winters. This disposal service is sanctioned by all veterans service organizations.

#### **Tenth annual Art Camp**

The Mid-West Texas Artist's Guild will hold their tenth annual art camp on June 16-20 for students going into fourth grade through seventh grade. Many activities are planned with an emphasis on a featured artist each day. Hours will be from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. There are still spaces left, but please call as soon as possible. For more information call Queba at 365 3770 or Jean at 365 8262.

#### **Small Town ACTS Women's Retreat**

Small Town ACTS Women's Retreat will conduct a retreat for women on June 19 thru June 22, 2014 at the Christ Retreat Center in San Angelo. Give yourself this gift of time with God and all denominations of ladies. It will be a weekend you will never forget. Cost of the retreat includes meals and lodging for the three days. Please do not keep the cost of the retreat keep you from going. Financial help is available for those who need help. A deposit is required to reserve your place with the balance due at the Thursday evening check-in.

For more information contact Gaye Pelzel (325) 468 3191; Carol Kozelsky (325) 754 4133, Rita Busenlehner (325) 468 2000. Applications can be picked up at the St. Mary's Catholic Church or download at http://stmarystaroftheseaballinger.org/.

gun raffle with proceeds benefiting Cherie Squyers and Wade Townzen. Cherie is a former Runnels Co. Jailer and she is married to Deputy Sheriff Carl Squyers. She underwent a lung transplant in Baylor Hospital in Dallas, Texas. Wade Townzen is Deputy Sheriff Dawn Sumrall's brother. Wade was diagnosed with cancer affecting his throat, lungs, heart and kidneys.

Guns being raffled are a DPMS AP4 .233 carbine, ISSC MK 22LR rifle, Ruger LC9 9mm handgun, and Ruger SR22 22lr handgun. Drawing will be held on July 4, 2014. Tickets are being sold by law enforcement officers in Runnels County. For more information call the Run-nels County Sheriff's Dept. at (325) 365 2121.

NEWS NOTES

Blizzard basketball camp The Blizzard basketball camp will be held July 15-18. Session 1 will be for boys and girls 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 to 12 p.m. The second session will include team play as well as work on fundamentals. Registration will be the morning of the camp.

### **Blizzard speed camp**

The Blizzard Speed Camp will be held July 28-31. 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. Campers can register the day of the camp.

#### Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings

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

### **TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'**

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Winters and Ballinger area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening and arts and crafts to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during summer) at 2 p.m. at the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of South Seventh and Sealy Ave in Ballinger.

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

#### Winters Women's Club

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Sylvia Wilson 754 4992 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.

WIC open to many incomes and families Women Infants and Children, located at 706 Strong Ave in Ballinger is open Monday thru Wednesday 7 a.m.

till noon and 1 p.m. till 6 p.m. Closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone (325) 365 5925. WIC is open to many incomes and all kinds of families.

Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting Masonic Lodge No. 643, 500 N Broadway, Ballinger, Texas. Stated meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month except for holidays if it falls on that



"I am my Mother's garden, Her loving legacy. And time can't touch the many gifts she gave - they live in me. -Ellen Brenneman

egin to express our gratitude for all the prayers, condolences, and kind leeds during the loss of our Mother, Wanda Guy. As a family we feel so blessed to have so much kindness bestowed upon us. Special thanks to the staff at Central Texas Nursing and Rehab, Hospice of Ballinger, Winters Funeral Home, and Myron Halford. May God bless each and every one of you. -the family of Wanda Guy-Jeri Smith, Bret Guy, and Jackie Guy.

# Father's Day Sale



REASON Animal Rescue garage sale Huge benefit garage sale, Saturday, June 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 128 S. Main Street, Downtown Winters, Texas. Proceeds to benefit REASON Animal Rescue.

We are looking for all types of item donations for our garage sale. We appreciate items that are clean and in working order. Every penny from items sold help us to provide spay or neutering and medical treatment for the animals we rescue. Please call: (325) 977 0105, (325) 754 5201 or (325) 754 5075 to donate. And, the treasures you may be looking for are waiting for you to come and rescue them.

### Benefit gun raffle

Runnels County Sheriff's Department is conducting a

Monday. For more information call (325) 365 3202.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meetings on fourth Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmeth, Texas Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754 2048.

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge meetings Paint Rock Masonic Lodge No. 613 meets the first Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. Supper will be provided after the meeting. The location is the Masonic Lodge building located at 360 South Roberts on Highway 83 South.

## **TPWD** public hunt drawing system going paperless

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AUSTIN- Effective with this summer's applications, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's popular Public

Hunt Drawing System will be online-only. The Public Hunt Drawing System offers affordable hunting experiences in more than two dozen different hunt categories, including eight specifically for youth only.

Applications will only be accepted online -- no "Applications for Drawings on Public Hunting Lands" booklets or application forms will be printed and mailed out.

With the new paperless system, hunters will be able to browse the drawn hunt catalog by hunt category and location using interactive maps, as well as complete the application and pay online. Selected applicants will be notified by email and can accept permits and pay any fees online. Permits will be issued by email and can be printed at home or stored on a mobile device. Those applicants who are not selected may still be eligible through a secondary drawing if any permits are unclaimed by the payment deadline. There may still be opportunities for traditional standby hunts at some locations.

In addition to now being able to apply for multiple hunt areas within the same hunt category (i.e. apply for a Gun Deer - Either Sex hunt on more than one hunt area), the online system will give hunters more time to apply. Application deadlines start in August and wrap



up in January. Applicants will have until midnight on the day of the deadline to apply.

Non-refundable application fees for drawn Special Permit hunts range between \$3-10 for each adult applicant 17 years of age or older. Selected adult hunters pay an additional permit fee of \$80 for regular hunts and \$130 for extended hunts. There are no application fees or drawn hunt permit fees for youth age 8 to 16. There are no application fees for the e-postcard hunt or the U.S. Forest Service Antlerless Deer permits.

Applicants will also retain and continue to accrue Preference Points, now called Loyalty Points, as in the past. Points will stay with the category and be applied to each application equally.

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## Five sentenced in connection with Texas **Game Warden assaults**

### WINTERS ENTERPRISE

AUSTIN — One of two men arrested last fall for assaulting two Texas game wardens following a high-speed pursuit in Limestone County has been sentenced to 30 years in prison following guilty pleas to five felonies stemming from the case. Four other individuals whose role in the case became apparent after further investigation also have entered pleas and received sentences.

"We greatly appreciate the hard work that many officers with numerous local, state and federal law enforcement agencies put into this case, not to mention prosecutors and judges in Limestone and Freestone counties," said Game Warden Capt. Bradley Chappell, who coordinated the investigation for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Not only has justice been served, we believe the sentences handed down in this case will serve as a strong reminder that Texans will not tolerate those who would harm Texas game wardens just doing their jobs.'

Two game wardens had been doing surveillance in response to complaints of illegal road hunting on the morning of Oct. 5, 2013 when they saw a vehicle operating on a public road without headlights and followed it.

Instead of stopping, the driver of the vehicle struck the state vehicle and sped away. The passenger in the vehicle shined a bright light into the eyes of the game wardens, temporarily blinding them. The state vehicle went off the roadway injuring both officers.

Mart resident Teddie Wayne Davenport, 44, was identified as the driver of the vehicle and Groesbeck resident Richard Fraser as the passenger. Davenport was arrested two days later in a wooded area near a residence in Freestone County.

Fraser entered guilty pleas to five felony counts in 87th State District Court before Judge Deborah Oakes Evans. The charges and sentences include one count of third-degree degree felony evading arrest with a deadly weapon, 10 years; one count of third-degree felony burglary of a building with a deadly weapon, 10 years; one count of third-degree felony burglary of a habitation with a deadly weapon, 10 years; and two counts of firstdegree felony aggravated assault of a public servant with a deadly weapon, 30 years on each count.

On May 16, a Limestone County jury found Davenport guilty on four felony charges: Two counts of first-degree felony aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; thirddegree felony burglary of a building; and third-degree felony evading arrest. The 77th District Court jury assessed his punishment at 50 years for each of the aggravated assault counts and 10 years for each of the third-degree felony counts. The terms will run concurrently

A follow-up investigation by TPWD Criminal Investigation Division (CID) and Internal Affairs investigators led to additional charges and arrests of seven other individuals in connection with the case. Three are still awaiting prosecution.

Also on June 6, 48-year-old Larry Thompson of Groesbeck pled guilty in 87th District Court to one count of third-degree felony hindering apprehension of a known felon and was sentenced to four years in prison.

On May 22, 52-year-old Buffalo resident Lewis Dean Cagle pled guilty in 87th District Court to one count of .dino.third-degree felony hindering apprehension/prosecu-

tion of a known felon and was sentenced to seven years so the seven years deferred probation, a \$2,000 fine and 192 community remained a SLOSED. service hours.

Five days later, 37-year-old William A. (Trey) Davidson

III of Teague pled guilty in 77th District Court to one count of third-degree felony hindering apprehension/ prosecution of a known felon and was sentenced to four years in prison and one count of second-degree felony possession of a controlled substance greater than 4 grams and less than 200 grams of methamphetamine and was sentenced to four years in prison. Both sentences will run concurrently.

"Z-Z-Zoom!"

**CAFETERIA MENU** 

June 16 - 20

Winters ISD

**Breakfast Menu** 

Monday

Biscuit/Sausage, Juice, Choice of Milk

**Tuesday** 

Sausage Roll, Juice, Choice of Milk

Wednesday

Pancake/Sausage on Stick, Juice,

Choice of Milk

Thursday

Blueberry Muffin, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Friday

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Winters ISD

**Lunch Menu** 

Monday

Pizza, Pear, Carrot Sticks, Choice of Milk

**Tuesday** 

Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Blue Bell,

Celery Stick, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

Chicken Nuggets, Pear, Broccoli

Florets, Orange, Teddy Bear Crackers,

Choice of Milk.

Thursday

Hamburger, Watermelon, Celery,

**Choice of Milk** 

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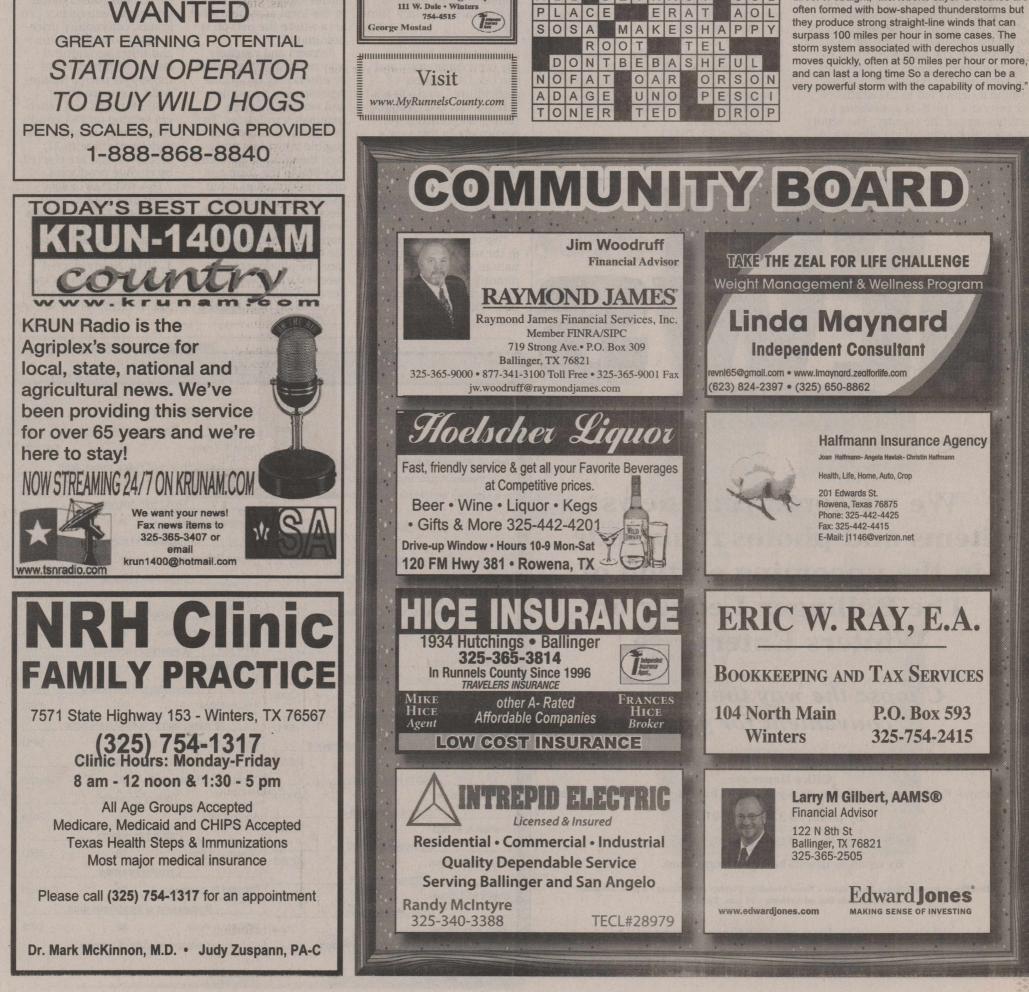
The same day, 38-year-old Teague resident Tanya Marie Lee pled guilty in 77th District Court to one count of third-degree felony hindering apprehension/prosecution of a known felon and was sentenced to six years deferred probation, a \$2,000 fine and 192 community service hours. She also pled guilty to one count of seconddegree felony possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to six years deferred probation.

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# THE ORGANIZATION OF RUNNELS COUNTY Rowena: the wedding that would not be, and Miles Station

#### **CONTRIBUTED BY RUTH COOPER** HC CHAIRPERSON

WINTERS- Runnels County was soon to be a decade old since organization, and the roads were still being worked on. The main roads were being changed from Runnels City to Ballinger and a lot of new roads were being built as people moved into all areas of the county.

The Runnels County Commissioners Court appointed County Judge W.A. Proctor, E.H. Stokes and C.H. Willingham as a committee to visit San Angelo and report to the court the kind, quality and durability of furniture that was available for the second courthouse under construction at that time.

The court paid the \$28 per month for rent on the building belonging to Dan Sullivan for another 12 months.

After these and other decisions, the court adjourned until the next term to be held February 25, A.D. 1880. It would be a special term. The purpose was to receive bids for furnishing the new courthouse with furniture and other business. The court decided on the furniture. One special note from the court was that all desks were to be of walnut.

The communities of Walthall, Blue Gap, Maverick and Content had been established early in the settlement of the county and only Content was still a work-

ing community and active town. Each of the communities with the exception of Blue Gap had established schools and businesses. (Eighteen Ghost Towns of Runnels County, Alton O'Neal, Jr.)

Runnels County

Miles Station was established in 1888 as a section house for the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad being built from Ballinger, Texas to San Angelo. Stations were established at Rowena and Harriet with each location being nine miles apart. This was designed for the purpose of providing water for the steam locomotives. (Runnels County A Look Back, RCHC, May 2010). By September of 1888, San Angelo had its railroad.

Because Jonathan Miles, local rancher and landowner, raised money and gave \$5,000, land for the station, right of way in northeast San Angelo and the round house, he was allowed to name two of the three section houses which were established between Ballinger and San Angelo. One would be named Miles Station. John S. Miles, son of Jonathan, persuaded his father to name one station Rowena for a girl he was courting at Columbia University in Missouri where he was attending school. By 1890, it was on the maps, but the end of the story turned out she married someone else. The Harriet Station was first called Hortense. The name of Miles Station given when the town was settled, was changed to Miles August 1908.

Prior to the coming of the railroad, there was already one settler in the Miles area working out his dream of having sheep in all directions and as far as he could see. Joe Thilee was born in 1850 in Soest, Ruhr Province, Westphalia Prussia, German Empire, and came to America in 1870. After landing in Boston, he made his way to St. Louis, Mo. He worked in the stockyards until he acquired a few sheep. He heard of Texas where there was open range and he could have all of the sheep he wanted. He brought his flock from St. Louis to Texas by railroad as far as he could then drove them overland to West Texas. Mr. Thiele grazed his flocks on open range from Coleman County to the Pecos River, including Menardsville, Fort McKavitt and the Lipan Flats. He later married Mary Schwartz.

Mary Schwartz came from Illinois with her parents to a farm east of Miles when she was 18-years-old, and lived there until her marriage 10 years later.

She was employed in the Parks Hotel in Ballinger until struck with paralysis, and was later hired by Mr. Thiele to teach two orphaned nieces he was rearing how to keep house. Mary learned to walk again, after she went to work for Mr. Thiele, by the use of exercise, steam baths and

pure willpower.

Mr. Thiele realized his dream to have seven sections of land and more than 100,000 head of sheep. When his children were old enough to attend school, Mr. Thiele retired from the sheep business, moved into Miles and operated a wholesale grocery in the corner of his rock building. The native stone was dug from Willow Creek. It first housed the Runnels County National Bank with the second story used as an Opera House, social and cultural center of the town.

Miles had three doctors. They were Herndon, Ferguson and Treadway. They all made calls in buggies. Dr. Treadway left Miles before the automobile. Dr. Herndon is said to have delivered 5,000 babies and was one of the first car owners. He eventually bought a two-cylinder chain-driven Buick which cranked from one side. When it went out in the country with the motor knocking, and chains rattling, it caused the horses to run away.

It was 1929 when Henry W. Bigler bought the Joe Thiele Building from Anton Willeke and his brother of San Angelo. The **Biglers operated Hotel Miles for** 30 years in the same building. This was the principal gathering place for civic, church and school functions with Mrs. Bigler catering the meals. Mr. Bigler, a graduate of Temple High School and Texas University Law School

came to Miles in 1905 "to grow up with the West". He married Mabel Irene Hancock, daughter of a Miles merchant. He practiced law for six years, then became a rural mail carrier. He also served as Mayor of Miles for several terms and held other offices.

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The history of Miles included many people devoted to settling the area and making a good life for their families. The Methodist Church building was established in 1903, and was the first religious building in the city. It became the place for many events including the Christmas celebrations. The church re-ceived an Official Texas Historical Marker dedicated in October of 1998. Miles continued as an active commercial center until the highway was built from Ballinger, Texas to San Angelo, Texas in 1930. The town of Miles was a booming town with the population exceeding 2,500.

Currently, the town continues to be a very active place with a newspaper, library numerous businesses, several churches and a modern school.

### **Resources:**

**Runnels County Historical Com**mission Histories **Runnels County Commissioners** Court Minutes, December 1888,

February 1889. Runnels County Clerk's Records

Runnels Is my County, Charlsie Poe

## **Veteran's Corner**

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs resigned in the wake of an interim report by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) that determined that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) falsified records to cover up the amount of time veterans had to wait for medical appointments at the Phoenix, Arizona VA hospital, and that the problem is nationwide. The report found that 1,700 veterans were kept on a secret waiting list before being put on the official waiting list to make it appear that these patients waited 24 days or less. In fact, these patients had waited on average 115 days for an initial appointment. The false wait times were used to give employees pay increases and bonuses. The report did not determine if delays led to the deaths of any veterans. The IG is appraising VA facilities across the country. The report has identified criminal violations and is coordinating its investigation with the Department of Justice. Improper

scheduling practices are not new to the VA; since 2005, the OIG has issued 18 reports finding "scheduling problems" at many VA facilities. The House has recently passed the "Department of Veterans Affairs Management Accountability Act" (H.R. 4031), that authorizes the VA Secretary to remove any agency senior executive if the individual's performance warrants removal. This bill now goes to the Senate for further consideration. It also requires the Secretary to notify the House and Senate Veterans Affairs committees within 30 days after removing such an individual. For more

# FSA county committee nominations begin June 15

#### WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON- The nomination period for A 811 local Farm Service Agency county committees begins Sunday, June 15, 2014, announced last week Agriculture Secretary Tom

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county com-mittee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative

Elections will take place this fall.

While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm ownership or operating loans, they make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency pro-

information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 365-3612.

Sandra G. Van Zant Veterans County Service Officer P.O. Box 108 Ballinger, TX 76821 PHONE (325) 365-3612 E-MAIL rcvso@wtxs.net

Vilsack.

"County committees are a vital link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture," said Vilsack. "I hope that every eligible farmer and rancher will participate in this year's county committee elections. Through the county committees, farmers and ranchers have a voice; their opinions and ideas get to be heard on federal farm programs.' "We've seen an increase

in the number of nominations of women and minority candidates, and I hope that trend continues." Vilsack added.

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Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others. Organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign the nomination form, FSA-669A. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. Nomination forms for the 2014 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2014.

grams, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers.

FSA will mail ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 3, 2014. Ballots are due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 1, 2014. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office on Jan. 1, 2015.

## **Public Record**

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### Commetary by Dr. Don Newbury

In the season when pomp is exceeded only by circumstance, B. H. Carroll Theological Institute got a "double dose" of flowing robe formality with the inauguration of a new president, followed a few weeks later by commencement exercises.

Dr. Gene Wilkes, 26-year pastor at Legacy Church in Plano and former member of the Carroll faculty and Board of Governors, assumed the presidency of the Arlington seminary.

Wilkes succeeds the founding president, Dr. Bruce Corley, who had been his mentor during doctoral study at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1985....

## Perhaps the world's fastest-growing seminary, Carroll's enrollment is in-

creasing at the rate of 20% per year. It offers classes at several domestic locations, as well as in other countries of the world, including Cuba, Russia, China and Vietnam.

With more than 400 students enrolled in graduate classes thousands of miles apart, few of them ever actually visit administrative offices, which they call "the hub."

It shouldn't surprise, then, that they refer to administrators there as "hub caps.".

Far be it from Corley to

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## THE IDLE AMERICAN Changes at the top...

settle into "chair-rocking." He's got writing, teaching and preaching to do. He'll return to the faculty ranks as a "Senior Fellow," the loftiest of Carroll's teaching titles.

A highlight at commencement was the President's Award, presented to Fran Wilson, who signed on with a handful of others who kick-started the progressive institution a dozen

years ago. COLUMNIST She had agreed to work as long as Corley was presi-

to her, "always writing personal thanks for her ent. I scribbled, 'I have wrote, "If you decide to start another school, don't come looking for me again — I'm done!"

Perhaps she, Dr. Russell Dilday and Corley are most responsible for the institute's "unstuffy" atmosphere, as well as for its vitality and impact on theological education. (Chancellor Dilday was first chairman of the Board of Governors; current chair is Dr. Leon Leach of Houston.) Carroll is likewise known

for integrity, inclusiveness and implementation of new ways to deliver instruction.

New leader Wilkes, with enthusiasm as contagious as the founders', rarely completes a sentence without smiling....

Carroll's first decade ends in the year marking the 100th anniversary of the death of the institute's namesake.

Dr. B. H. Carroll was a revered Baptist leader, longtime pastor, Baylor faculty member and denominational giant. At his 1914 funeral, Dr. George W. Truett, longtime pastor at Dallas' First Baptist Church, called Carroll "the greatest preacher our state

has ever known." It was said that Carroll averaged reading 1,000 pages daily for more than 50 years, "remembering much of the content.' The late Dr. Leon McBeth, respected church historian, called him "the John Wayne of Texas Bap-tists."...

As the first Southwestern president, Carroll wrestled with the fund-raising challenge of moving the seminary from Waco to Fort Worth. He wrote hundreds of letters to church pastors, lamenting that he was "up a tree" financially, "needing help from them and their fine men to get him down." One pastor responded,

"I'm in a deep hole, raising

money to pay our church debt. How do you expect me to help you get down?"

Carroll answered, "If you help me, you'll be out of the hole!" (The campaign goal, considered "whopping" at the time, was \$30,000.)...

Alas, leaders in similar roles today face the same challenges, except the goals now have additional sets of zeroes. Fund-raising — then, now and forevermore — is daunting.

President during my college years was the late Dr. Guy D. Newman, well-known for aggressive fund-raising. He said it was so much a part of his life, he wanted appropriate scripture for his gravestone epitaph. He said I might also like the same one. Luke 16:22:

"And it came to pass that the beggar died."...

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Speaking inquiries/comments to: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Website: www.speakerdoc.com. Twitter: @donnewbury.

## Long-time Jail Administrator is retiring

## **RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ**

**BALLINGER- Long-time** Jail Administrator and county official Dana Gore is retiring after 34 years of public service. Wednesday, June 4, 2014, a reception honoring her was held at the Runnels County Sheriff's Department. Her last day will be June 15. Dana started working

for the county in April of 1980, under County Clerk Frankie Berryman. Three years later she was asked by Sheriff Herschel Hall to go to work for the Sheriff's Department.

"In January of 1983 I went to the Sheriff's Office



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ Dana Gore with Sheriff Bill Baird (left) and County Judge Barry Hilliard.

Cool off....in the

and a couple of months later Herschel left the office and Bill Baird came," she recalls.

Dana worked her way up at the Sheriff's Office, went to the Peace Officer's school in 1990 and

became the Jail Administrator in 2000.

"It's been a great job, I'm full of excitement, I didn't know anything about law enforcement when I started," she said. "The excitement of the job it's to face something different every day." Working with inmates

and inside a jailhouse environment is not for everybody, but for Dana has been an opportunity to get to know the best of people.

"It's been a challenge but I get to see a side of them that other people don't see, I have a big heart for them and pray for them, I know they struggle with what they do, but they can't help themselves, so It's been good" she says.

Always active and look-ing for something to do, Dana is far from retiring for good. She will be taking some time off but she is planning on going back to work, maybe in a different area "I'm going to go back to work but I'm going to wait a while, I'm going to find something to do maybe going to school to be substitute for a while, and see what happens from there.' **Runnels County Sheriff** Bill Baird says she will be missed. "It's been a great plea-sure, she took a lot of load off my shoulders by operating the jail in the manner that she did. She is going to be a big loss to us but I look forward to her doing what she wants to do for the next several years, with her children and grandchildren," Baird said.

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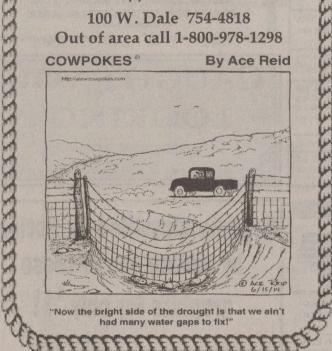
she was to the institution what duct tape is to home repairs — and a beloved figure....

First working with Dr. Corley in the early 90s when he was dean at Southwestern, she has annually sent him a "Boss's Day" card, the final one this year.

The result has been, of

He's likewise sent cards exemplary work," he said. "But this year was differnothing else to say'." On the card sent to him, she

course, a "card exchange."



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The nominee must be a Texan or Texas organization. Individuals may be either living or deceased. Selection will be made by an independent committee; induction will take place during the annual Hall of Fame banquet at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) in Athens.

Videos about prior inductees may be viewed in the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame at TFFC; some are also available on YouTube. Brief biographical sketches and links to videos may be found at.

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