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Mrs. Dianne Davis and preschool story time participants have fun making paper chains.

Fireflies, water and glitter combine at the library

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Lightning bugs were buzzing around the Winters Public Library on June 17, 2014, as Mrs. Mandy England helped 48 children create their own critters. Everyone enjoyed the story and the creations. Keith Martin, manager of the North Runnels Water Supply Co-op, took 35 children on a discovery around the world on June 24 with his discussion about water and its uses.

Mrs. Dianne Davis kept the attention of the preschool children with animated stories and fun activities with glitter glue and construction paper on both June 17 and June 24.

Thanks to the generosity of KRUN Radio a drawing was held for tickets to Schlitterbahn water parks. The two lucky winners this year were Nolan Davis and Millie Rios. They and their families are looking forward to having fun in the water.

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New Media Investment Group acquires The Winters Enterprise

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

NEW YORK- The Winters Enterprise has been acquired by New Media Investment Group, one of the largest owners of newspapers in the country.

New Media purchased five daily, nine weekly newspapers and four shoppers from the American Consolidated Media Southwest Group, the parent company of The Winters Enterprise. ACM newspapers are based in small-market communities in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

New Media also announced it purchased The Petersburg Progress-Index, as well as a weekly publication, The Colonial Voice. Those newspapers are in Virginia. Together, the two acquisitions were purchased for \$15.3 million.

New Media is the owner of GateHouse Media, LLC, one of the largest publishers of locally-based print and online media in the United States. The newspapers will be managed by GateHouse Media.

The Winters Enterprise is a weekly publication covering Winters, Runnels County, and the Big Country with news, sports, entertainment, classifieds, legals and general area information. The publication, first established in 1905, has been uninterruptedly published now for 32 years, and has gone through several historical landmarks over the years.

Most recently the newspaper jumped into the digital era through its website at MyRunnelsCounty.com.

"The Winters Enterprise is one of the strongest local brands in the area. The level of local commitment that has developed that into a reality over the past several decades will not change," said ACM Central Texas Regional Publisher David Compton.

"Gatehouse Media has a tradition of award-winning community journalism and local marketing through both digital and print platforms. This is tremendous opportunity for our employees and this community. The future is certainly very bright," Compton added.

A legacy in farming

The heritage of Gus Pruser, an inventor, farmer and architect who lived in Winters in the 1800s, lives-on through his inventions and his family involved in farming and agri-business

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Gustav "Gus" Adolf Pruser was a genius. Inventor, farmer, architect and even musician, he was an innovator with vision who would never settle for just getting the job done. He was always trying to find new and more effective ways to work the land. His innovations as well as his heritage remain until present days in Winters, and go far beyond in the field or farming all over the world.

In 1906 Gus built a small horse-drawn thresher to which he attached a gasoline engine. His invention made him popular among farmers, as he toured threshing grain and developing new ideas and applications. In 1907 he built a tractor with a gasoline engine, and by 1912 he patented his cotton picker with technology that is still being used up to present day.

The machine, which was designed to be pulled either by a machine or horses and featured independently rotating rollers, is kept at the center of the Gus Pruser Agricultural Exhibit.

Pruser and his wife Bertha had eight children: sons George and Fritz, both of whom stayed in farming, and of the six daughters four married farmers or were involved in agri-business.

George had two sons: George Jr. and Robert whom also farm. Fritz had two daughters, Doris Pruser Eubanks and Juanita Pruser Bredemeyer, whom also married farmers. George Jr. has a son, Howard, who farms, and a grandson, Cody, who also farms. Robert has a daughter, Leslie Pruser Duggan, who married Will Duggan, a farmer.

One of Fritz's daughters, Juanita Pruser Bredemeyer married Freddie Bredemeyer and they had three



PHOTOS: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

The home of Bob and Janice Pruser (left-center) was originally designed by Gus Pruser. Here they are pictured with Juanita Pruser Bredemeyer.

sons. Rodrick and Malcolm got into farming and also bred the Win-Tex wheat seed. Malcolm has a son, Kelton, who is also into farming.

The Prusers are a five generation farming and agri-business family from the Winters area. They have also been very active in church, school and community functions.

The Prusers are descendants of John Pruser, who was born October 3, 1827 in the Kingdom of Denmark and came to America. According to North Runnels County Pioneers, by the Genealogy Club,

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Bob Pruser, Hunter and Rider with their parents Leslie and Will Duggan and Janice Pruser behind the cotton picker invented by Gus Pruser and patented in 1912.

New FUMC pastor arrives this Sunday to Winters

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters First United Methodist Church announced the arrival of its new pastor, Rev. Robert (Bob) Murchison and his wife Bitsy, on Sunday, July 6, 2014. Rev. Murchison comes to Winters from the Coleman area. He previously was the pastor at Trickham Union Church and Valera Methodist Church.

Rev. Murchison was born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas, and received a BS degree from TCU. He then went to medical school at UTMB in Galveston, where he received both MD and MA degrees in anatomy. He did his internship in the Navy in San Diego and was stationed in Holy

Loch, Scotland, for two years on a submarine tender during the Viet Nam war. He returned to San Diego for his urologic training, following in the footsteps of his father. He served in the Navy for a total of 12 years. He practiced urology in Fort Worth for a 30 years before retiring to his ranch in 2007.

His hobbies include painting oil portraits, fishing and hunting. Rev. Murchison was called to the ministry in 2011. They have two sons and four granddaughters.

Please help us welcome the Murchisons to Winters and the First United Methodist Church. Sunday worship time is 10:45 a.m. A fellowship meal will follow the worship service.



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Rev. Robert (Bob) Murchison and wife Bitsy will be coming to Winters on Sunday, July 6, 2014.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Billy Jay Brice

Billy Jay Brice, 85, passed away on June 24, 2014 at Nolan Nursing and Rehab. He was a Sweetwater resident. Memorial services were held Friday, June 27, 2014 at Evangelical Methodist Church in Sweetwater with Sam Smith officiating. Mr. Brice was born in Wingate, Texas on January 24, 1929.

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Anthrax case confirmed in Kinney County

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- The first Anthrax case in Texas for 2014 has been confirmed in a goat in Kinney County. The premises is located four miles north of Bracketville, Texas. The Texas Animal Health Commission has quarantined the premises. TAHC rules require proper disposal of affected carcasses and vaccination of other cattle on the premise prior to release of the quarantine.

Anthrax is a bacterial disease caused by Bacillus anthracis, which is a naturally occurring organism with worldwide distribution, including certain parts of Texas. It is not uncommon for anthrax to be diagnosed in livestock or wildlife in the southwestern part of the state. A vaccine is available for use in susceptible livestock in high risk areas.

Acute fever followed by rapid death with bleeding from body openings are common signs of anthrax in livestock. Carcasses may also appear bloated and appear to decompose quickly. Livestock or animals displaying symptoms consistent with anthrax should be reported to a private veterinary practitioner or a TAHC official. If affected livestock or carcasses must be handled, producers are encouraged to follow basic sanitation precautions such as wearing protective gloves, long sleeve shirts and washing thoroughly afterward to prevent accidental spread of the bacteria to people.

"The TAHC will continue to closely monitor the situation for possible new cases across the state. Producers are encouraged to consult their veterinary practitioner or local TAHC office if they suspect their animals are affected with anthrax, or if they have questions about the disease or the vaccination of their livestock," said Dr. T.R. Lansford, TAHC Assistant Executive Director for Animal Health Programs.

For more information regarding Anthrax, contact your local TAHC region or call 1-800-550-8242 or visit http://www.tahc.texas.gov/agency/TAHC_RegionalOfficeMap_2013.pdf

The Texas Animal Health Commission works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals, and exotic livestock.

Permian Basin oil and gas stewardship conference to be held in Monahans

STEVE BYRNS
SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

MONAHANS- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the Permian Basin Oil and Gas Stewardship Conference from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 12 at the Ward County Convention Center, 400 E. St. in Monahans.

The AgriLife Extension offices conducting the conference are from Ward, Andrews and Ector counties. "Last year's conference was a huge success," said Caleb Eaton, AgriLife Extension agent in Ward County. "We received so much positive feedback stemming from that program that we decided to offer a second version this summer."

"The conference is open to all ranchers, landowners and folks involved with the oil and gas industry," he said. "We've included topics that should be of interest to all those involved in land stewardship as it relates to the oil and gas industry."

The scheduled keynote speaker is Brooks Landgraf of Odessa, state representative-elect for the 81st district.

The conference topics will include Reseeding and Weed Control, Negotiating Oil and Gas Leases, Trespassing and Theft Prevention, Hydraulic Fracturing and Recycled Water and Texas Water Law.

Individual preregistration, which includes lunch, is \$25. RSVP by July 31 by calling the AgriLife Extension office in Ward County at 432-943-2682.

Eaton said the conference also includes a trade show targeting vendors who serve ranchers, landowners and the oil and gas industry. Vendor space is limited, he said, and potential vendors should contact the AgriLife Extension office in Ward County for more information and current availability.

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NEWS NOTES

Efrain Esquivel scholarship established

A scholarship fund in Efrain Esquivel's name has been started by family and friends. Contributions may be made to Rhonda Neal at Winters ISD administration office.

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.

Benefit gun raffle

Runnels County Sheriff's Department is conducting a 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 Runnels County Sheriff's Dept. at (325) 365 2121.

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'

CRMWD taking applications for public hunting

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BIG SPRING- The Colorado River Municipal Water District announced last week that applications for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas will be accepted by mail only, beginning July 15, 2014 and ending August 15, 2014, at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office.

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

A public drawing for the Wildlife Management Areas public hunting permits for the 2014 hunting season, will be held at 1 p.m. on August 22, 2014, at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office, located near the north end of the dam. All applicants are welcome to attend the drawing, if they desire.

Master Naturalists taking applications for training class in Abilene

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

ABILENE- The Big Country Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists is now taking applications for its next Master Naturalist volunteer training class.

Naturalists are students of natural science or natural history. If you are interested in the beneficial management and conservation of our natural resources such as land, minerals, plants, birds, animals, and insects and sharing that love with your community, then the Texas Master Naturalist program is for you.

The training program begins on August 14th and runs through October 28th. Classes are held weekly, on Tuesday nights, with two Saturday excursions and two Thursday programs.

Those completing classroom training and passing the final exam will be required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of volun-

teer service within a one year of training graduation.

Individuals completing the training become certified Master Naturalists, assisting both the Texas A&M Extension Service and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department through community education in natural resources.

The training is based upon Texas Master Naturalist state guidelines and has been focused to fit our region of the state. Teachers, ag producers, conservationists, environmental advocates and people simply interested in our natural treasures, have taken the course and remain active in the organization.

August 1 is the deadline to register for this year's class. The fee for the class is \$100.00 per person and includes resource books and material. Class size is limited to 20 people, and acceptance is based on applicants' willingness to volunteer.

'Watch Your Car Month' aims to prevent vehicle thefts

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STAFF REPORT

DENTON- What is important to you? Is it your family, home, pets, money, security or other possessions? Did you know that if your vehicle is stolen or burglarized, all those things can also be threatened? In other words, crimes against a vehicle may be only the first in a string of criminal acts that directly affect you.

In 2012, vehicle thefts in Texas totaled 64,982, which means a car was stolen every eight minutes. Any vehicle is a potential target, and those most stolen are at least five years old. In 2013, the most targeted makes/models in Texas included: 1) Ford Pickup 2) Chevrolet Pickup 3) Dodge Pickup 4) Chevrolet Tahoe 5) Honda Civic.

Vehicle thieves are looking for opportunities. And unfortunately, many drivers aid thefts by leaving doors unlocked and keys inside. Once a vehicle is stolen, any number of additional offenses could take place. The vehicle may be used to commit another crime. It may be operated erratically and involved in an accident. It may be dismantled so the parts can be sold to fund other crimes ranging from drug use to terrorism.

In 2012, reported vehicle burglaries in Texas totaled 221,023, which means parts or contents were stolen every two minutes. Much like thefts involving the entire vehicle, drivers often unintentionally assist burglars with their crimes by leaving belongings visible. Items left behind can result in a number of additional offenses. Keys or garage door openers can provide thieves access to homes, where belongings, money, and personal information could be taken. If a pet or child is left unattended in a vehicle, they could become additional victims of a thief. Items such as purses, briefcases, bags, electronics, clothing, or accessories can be stolen, leading to financial ruin, identity theft or resale of items to other

unknowing victims.

Historically, more vehicle thefts and burglaries occur in Texas during summer months, which is why the Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) has declared July "Watch Your Car Month." During "Watch Your Car Month", representatives within 29 vehicle crime task forces funded by ABTPA will be working in their communities reminding Texas drivers that they must protect their vehicles and all possessions inside to avoid falling victim to thieves. If drivers are leaving themselves vulnerable to theft, they are encouraged to change their behavior in order to avoid vehicle criminals. In addition, drivers should recognize that thieves want to strike in locations where we are most likely to leave belongings and be separated from our vehicles for longer periods of time. Those places may include homes, malls, gyms, movie theaters, hotels, . . . even places of worship! Anywhere! In other words, thieves are looking for the biggest financial payoff that can be gained in the shortest amount of time and with the greatest ease. So always be aware!

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Nominations open for WHS Distinguished Alumni award

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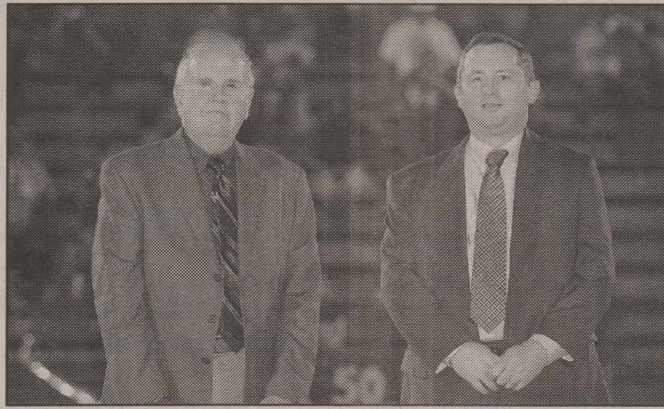
WINTERS- Winters High School is looking for nominations for the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award.

The award was created by the Winters High School Alumni Committee, comprised of school and community members, to honor outstanding alumni, teachers or staff members who have maintained a high standard of excellence and have earned significant distinctions and achievements.

In 2013, the Winters ISD and the Winters Alumni Association established the award to recognize two or more alumni of Winters High School who have made significant contributions in their field of work or in their lives.

Last year the honorees were Bill Little WHS '60, assistant to University of Texas Coach Mack Brown for communications, and Bill Wheat WHS '84, Chief Financial Officer for the largest homebuilder in the U.S. - D.R. Horton.

The purpose of the award is to recognize and honor former outstanding WHS graduates for their contribution and/or achievements in the following areas: Science, Art, Business, Humanities, Education, or Community Service. An Honorary



Bill Little and Bill Wheat, WHS 2013 Distinguished Alumni.

Alumnus Award will be considered for a non-WHS graduate who has displayed extraordinary service to Winters High School.

Eligibility requirements include: 1. Must have graduated from high school at least 10 years prior to the year of the nomination. 2. Should be/have been a leader in his/her field or have made a significant contribution to their field of endeavor. 3. Must demonstrate an outstanding career that has brought exceptional distinction to the individual, institution, or community. 4. Must be of good character and have earned a high level of respect within their community.

Requirements for nomination are verifiable documentation of accomplishments and a letter of

nomination which includes the name and contact information of the person making the nomination, the name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of the nominee, the year the nominee graduated from WHS, and the relevant reasons why the nominee has distinguished themselves.

Nominations must be submitted by Thursday, July 10, 2014 to: Bruce Davis, Superintendent WISD, 603 North Heights Street, Winters, Texas 79567. A committee of former WHS graduates and current and former school personnel will evaluate the nominations and make a selection of the WHS Distinguished Alumni for 2014. The awardees will be recognized during Homecoming on September 26-27, 2014.

USDA reminds producers of 2014 acreage reporting requirement

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- The deadline to file an acreage report for spring seeded crops is July 15, 2014, U.S.

Department of Agriculture Runnels County Farm Service Agency Executive Director Byron Bauerlein reminded all area agricultural producers.

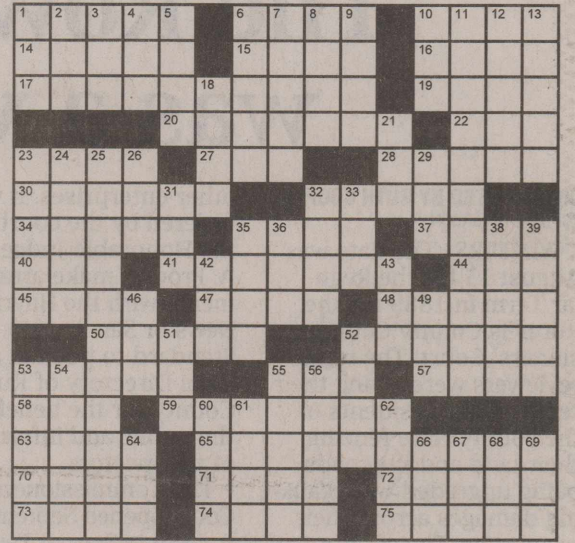
Planted acres must be reported to FSA by July 15, 2014. Producers should contact their county FSA office if they are uncertain about deadlines.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

"Have Phun!"

Across

- 1 Woman's name that rhymes with "table"
- 6 "The Crimson Tide" of college football
- 10 Unwanted e-mails
- 14 Scarlett ____ ("Gone with the Wind" heroine)
- 15 Unsigned, as a poem: abbr.
- 16 Cincinnati's state
- 17 Drugstore employee
- 19 Celebrity's car, for short
- 20 Police ____ (list of cases)
- 22 "____ Miserables"
- 23 Money for waiters
- 27 ____ whim (without thinking ahead)
- 28 Eat away
- 30 Ready to breed, like a cat
- 32 Hands over
- 34 Does magazine work
- 35 Face to the left or right
- 37 Dell or Hewlett-Packard product, briefly
- 40 Word after sesame or vegetable
- 41 Albert Einstein's field
- 44 "____ favor" ("Please," in Spanish)
- 45 Hammer's target
- 47 Ready for customers
- 48 Resort lake that's also a Chevy SUV
- 50 Elton John's instrument
- 52 Los Angeles NBA team



- 53 Place for a corsage
- 55 Not he
- 57 Greek god of war
- 58 Boxing great Muhammad ____
- 59 Final item
- 63 "What's Love Got to Do With It" singer Turner
- 65 One of Thomas Edison's inventions
- 70 Not odd
- 71 Cut
- 72 Florida Everglades creature, for short
- 73 Take it easy
- 74 Not we
- 75 Hearty soups
- 8 Not all, but more than half
- 9 Money before a poker hand
- 10 Mexican beer brand
- 11 Deep thinker
- 12 Prepared to fire
- 13 Bullwinkle is one
- 18 Many
- 21 Fire up your motorcycle's engine
- 23 Attach
- 24 Mahatma Gandhi's country
- 25 Asian island nation whose capital is Manila
- 26 Prepared
- 29 ____ center
- 31 Scary snake
- 32 Smile
- 33 Abbr. in many company names
- 35 Writing mistake
- 36 Find a job for
- 38 Actor Dudley or singer Mandy
- 39 Push down on
- 42 Darlin'
- 43 Train stop: abbr.
- 46 Made-up story
- 49 Letters in a crook's name
- 51 Every bit
- 52 Joking Jay
- 53 Not now
- 54 "Stayin' ____"
- 55 One of many in a shopping mall
- 56 Bees make it
- 60 Datebook abbr.
- 61 ____ of Iran (former leader)
- 62 "Green ____ and Ham"
- 64 Tiny crawler
- 66 Sneaky person
- 67 Devoured
- 68 Punching sound
- 69 There are 24 in a day: abbr.

Down

- 1 Janitor's tool
- 2 "This is relaxing!"
- 3 Sheep's sound
- 4 Make a mistake
- 5 Mary had a little one
- 6 Breakfast strips
- 7 Singer Baker

Coleman County Co-op to hold annual meeting in Winters

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Coleman County Electric Co-op will be holding its annual meeting on Friday, July 18, 2014 at the Winters School Cafeteria and Gym. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the business meeting starting at 7 p.m.

Along with the election of three directors, the members will be asked to vote on changing the articles of incorporation. The proposed change will allow the Board of Directors to be made up of "not more than nine directors or less than seven." The idea of this change is to eventually reduce the board to seven directors. The majority of electric cooperatives in Texas are governed by seven directors.

This reduction in directors, according to the board, will help the cooperative to reduce overall expenses.

Co-op members attending the annual meeting will be handed out a ballot to vote "For" or "Against" this proposed change in the Articles of Incorporation. The Board of Directors is encouraging members to vote for this change to help improve the efficiency of the cooperative.

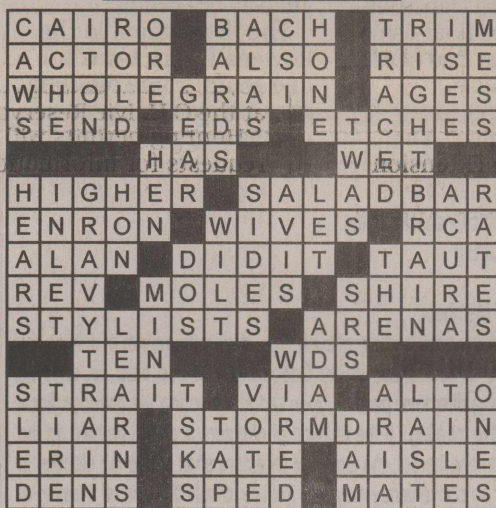
The resolution adopted by the Board of Directors at the regular board meeting, on March 25, 2014, proposes the aforementioned changes in the number of directors.

"The Board of Directors of the Cooperative is hereby authorized and directed to file an Amend-

ment to the Cooperative's Articles of Incorporation with the Office of the Secretary of the State of Texas requesting a change in the number of the members to serve on the Board of Directors of the Cooperative from nine (9) members to not more than nine (9) members nor less than seven (7) members," states the resolution proposed to the membership by the Board of Directors of the Cooperative.

The resolution was adopted upon presentation, seconding with a 2/3 majority vote of the membership present or voting by mail in the manner required by the Texas Business Organizations Code and the governing documents of the Cooperative.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Q: There's supposed to be a type of cloud that is often confused with being a UFO. What kind of cloud is it?

A: It's most likely the lenticular cloud, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "One reason they may be mistaken for UFOs is their odd shape," McRoberts explains. "Lenticular clouds are so-called because they often look like a camera lens, many times looking like huge pancakes stacked on top of each other. Also, lenticular clouds don't move like other clouds and tend to linger in one spot for a long time. They are often seen in the western U.S. but have been photographed all over the world, including Spain, Australia and France."

Veteran's Corner

Sometimes it's hard to know when to seek medical help for urgent health problems. The ability to consult a trusted medical professional at a moment's notice is invaluable, and the new TRICARE Nurse Advice Line (NAL) does just that. All TRICARE beneficiaries in the continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii can get health advice by calling the NAL, toll-free and 24/7. The NAL number is 1 800 TRICARE (874 2273). The NAL is a team of registered nurses who answer urgent healthcare questions. They give beneficiaries professional medical advice to help decide whether self-care is the best option, or if they should see a healthcare provider. They will recommend if it's ok to wait for care, or if beneficiaries should seek urgent or emergency care. There is always a live person on the line to answer health questions. The NAL can also help beneficiaries find the closest medical care if they need it. When beneficiaries call the NAL, a representative checks their eligibility in the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). Beneficiaries with an urgent health care concern or question may speak with a registered nurse who asks the beneficiary a series of standard questions to recommend the next steps and give them best advice possible. For more 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

Public Record

Weddings
Names Issued
Bryan Stephen Halfmann and Abby Yvonne Vinson Jun. 20

Divorces
Names Filed
Kylli Shea Perrie and Dylan James Perrie Jun. 20
Evelyn Kay rice and Joe Bailey Rice Jun. 23
Nancy Cavazos and Jason Wales Jun. 24

Runnels County Jail Record June 30, 2014

Irene Garza	41	BPD	Carlos A. Pena	17	WPD
Tom Green Co. Warrant, parole violation			Possession of drug paraphernalia, theft		
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The Rowena country was a vast prairie

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WINTERS- The date was August 15 for the Regular Term in 1889 for the Runnels County Commissioners' Court. The road reviewers were giving their reports. The residents of the county were fencing their land and the roads being upgraded were causing damages across their properties. The county commissioners' court paid the land owners damages from the Road and Bridge Fund.

A proposal before the court was to put a new roof on the jail, fix all windows to make them waterproof and to add two new rock chimney ventilators and stove pipes to the top of the roof according to plans and specifications for the total of \$1,800. The proposal was approved.

A special term of the court was called for August 26, 1889 for the petition presented to the court. It was from taxpaying property holding voters to consolidate two districts, 4 and 11, and the proposal of a special tax of \$.20 on \$100 property value. This was for the purpose of building a better school house. The voting would be held in September 1889. Voting would be at Hutchinson School House in District 11. The two districts were consolidated by the court as provided for in the petition.

The court noted the official directory of the County of Runnels had been crowded out of the Ballinger Ledger by important foreign news and

other enterprises. It was ordered by the court that the Honorable Judge W. A. Proctor make arrangements with the Hayrick News or San Angelo Standard to publish an official Directory of Runnels County for the benefit of the public and information of prospectors.

The Commissioners' Court opened September 9, 1889 in Special Term at the Court House. The first order of the Court was to declare an election be held at Lone Star School for the purpose of setting a tax of \$.20 on \$100 property value. The next order was to authorize the County Judge to make a payment on the Court House.

In the 16th day of September 1889, term of court, the Architect Eugene F. Heiner reported to the Court that the Court House was finished with \$22,600 having been paid. A total of \$6,415 was due.

October 2, 1889, the court returned the house rented by the Commissioners' Court since the move from Runnels City, the first county seat of Runnels County. They paid people to move the various offices to the new Court House. The court accepted the bid for a janitor and he was appointed with the understanding he would keep everything in good condition, clean and his wages would be \$25 per month for his service. The final payment to Dan Sullivan was \$84 for final use of his building that had served as the court house.

The Rowena country was a vast prairie. The

historians thought there had been indians in the area for the past several hundred years. P.J. Barrow platted out the little city as a town in the year 1897. It had been called Baronville, later Bolf City for land agent John Bolf. A railroad section house for the Gulf Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad extension from Ballinger to San Angelo, Texas was built earlier. The place had been named Rowena by railroad officials in 1888. The post office was initially rejected because the name resembled that of Ravenna in Fannin County. The Post Office name, Rowena, was officially approved in 1901 and local residents persuaded Barrow to rename the town Rowena by February 1904. The name was that of a girlfriend of the son of Jonathan Miles for whom Miles was named and helped obtain the railroad extension through the town.

Rowena was settled principally by German and Czech settlers from Central Texas. In 1904, the population was about 100 residents. The same year, SPJST Lodge and the Sons of Herman Lodge were both organized and continue to meet. There were businesses, a merchandise store, lumber yard and a supply store. Other businesses were started; soon a cotton gin was operating.

The first school in the Rowena District was a one-room frame building, near the cemetery, about one-half mile southeast of

town. It was built in 1900. This building was moved in 1904 to a block in the central part of town. In 1906, a room was added, 1907 a third and 1908 a fourth was added. By 1910, a bond election carried and a brick building was erected. It included two stories with two rooms on each floor, a large hall and large library. The school had the best water supply of any school in the county. There was also a music room, a good piano and a music department of 15 students. Rowena grew so much that after 1920, it became an independent district. Eventually, in 1966, the public school closed and the district was divided.

In 1916, trustees of St. Joseph's Parish received permission to build a parochial school. It continues to meet.

Rowena is noted as the birthplace of Bonnie Parker, the companion of bank robber Clyde Barrow. In 1968, Doc Newton decided to make one last try at robbing the Rowena Bank.

The small town is very active with numerous businesses, including a bank, restaurants and a Post Office.

Resources:
Runnels County Historical Commission Histories
Runnels County A Look Back, RCHC, May 1, 2010
Runnels County Commissioners' Court Minutes, August, September, October, 1889
Runnels County Clerk Records

County residents can claim cash; save for college

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- Runnels County residents who think — or hope — they might have some money waiting in the state's Unclaimed Property database can search the list at an event hosted by the Texas Comptroller's office together with Tom Green County Treasurer Dianna Spieker and Runnels County Treasurer Ann Strube.

In addition, Texans will have the opportunity to enroll in the state's prepaid college tuition program, the Texas Tuition Promise Fund (TTPF).

Unclaimed Property and TTPF representatives from the Comptroller's office will be available to help people search for unclaimed property online, fill out claim forms and answer questions about the TTPF program from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, July 14, at the Judge Edd B Keys Building, second floor, at 112 W. Beauregard Ave., in San Angelo.

"There is currently about \$3.8 billion in the unclaimed property program," said Texas Comptroller Susan Combs. "That money belongs to Texans, and it is important that we get it back into the right hands."

The Comptroller's office reports that Runnels County residents currently have more than \$400,000 waiting to be claimed.

The comptroller estimates one in four Texans has money waiting to be claimed. Unclaimed property includes forgotten utility deposits or other refunds, insurance proceeds, mineral interest or royalty payments, dormant bank accounts and abandoned safe deposit box contents. To search for unclaimed property at anytime, visit the Comptroller's unclaimed property website at www.ClaimItTexas.org or call (800) 654-FIND (3463). Also on the website, public interest videos are available for browsing and linking to via social media.

A TTPF representative will discuss the advantages and enrollment opportunities for the state's prepaid tuition program, benefiting Texas parents who are interested in saving for their children's college education.

"Public college costs have risen exponentially over the past decade. It is important for Texas parents to have the opportunity to save for their children's college education with this prepaid tuition plan," Combs said.

The TTPF allows Texans to lock in the cost of undergraduate college tuition and required fees at Texas public colleges and universities, protecting against future tuition inflation. For additional information visit www.tuitionpromise.org.

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Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ARTICLE II

Meeting of Members

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

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

SECTION 3. NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MEETING. Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting or an annual meeting at which business requiring special notice is to be transacted, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or by the persons calling the meeting, to each member. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. The failure of any member to receive notice of an annual or special meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members of any such meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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THE IDLE AMERICAN

Duck calls and 'The Swan'...

Cometary by
Dr. Don Newbury

They're famous for duck calls in Monroe, LA, and a few blocks away lives a Christian entertainer, Dr. Dennis Swanberg. Known as "The Swan," he has long been known for impersonations that sound every bit as "real" to listeners as the calls do to ducks.

What are the odds that such well-known personalities would live a few blocks apart? About the same, I guess, as Yazoo, MS — birthplace of two other favorite communicators, motivator Zig Ziglar and fertilizer salesman turned comedian, Jerry Clower, both deceased.

Yazoo City is a half-dozen times smaller than Monroe, 120 miles away — "as The Swan flies..."

Police direct traffic for throngs of Duck Dynasty visitors eager to see the set for the A&E reality TV

show. The Robertsons — from a "way back" era — are a big family, with most male members bearded. They end each episode with a dinner table prayer.

Swanberg, however, can move about freely — with or without beard. And, he's a "moving target," spending most of his time traveling to his next engagement — by plane, train and automobile.

A credentialed and experienced minister to the core, he's known as the "minister of encouragement." Audiences agree, chomping down on biblical truths interspersed with hilarity. He offers keen recollections of growing up days in Austin, college at Baylor and doctoral study at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. A masterful storyteller committed to

the Christian faith, he's armed with an array of impersonations amazingly close to the "real thing." His "down pat" impersonations include Bill Clinton, Don Knotts, Howard Coselle, Forrest Gump, John Wayne, Ross Perot and several Sesame Street figures....



TEXAS
COLUMNIST
Don
Newbury

He speaks in person 150 or so times annually for churches, conventions and conferences, in addition to frequent TV appearances. Swanberg is unwavering from his commitment to being a minister who humors (encourages is a better word) instead of a humorist who ministers.

Swanberg was pastor of churches in Rogers and Saginaw, TX, then in Hot Springs, AR, and finally FBC, West Monroe, LA, where he and Lauree

consider home base since he left pastoral ministry in 1995.

They're longtime friends of the "Duck Dynasty" folks, and sons Chad and Dusty attended the same school as the Robertson kids. Chad coached Willie's son John Luke and Jase's son Reed. Howard Publishing (Willie's in-laws) published Swanberg's first two books. Dennis, claiming Jesus to be his "favorite Nazarene," says the Robertsons are devout members of the Church of Christ. "I think they're making inroads about use of instruments during worship," Swanberg said. "Their church has okayed the pitch pipe and is considering duck calls..."

He kids himself just as much, poking fun about much that has happened during his first 60 years. He says his late dad "kept him humble," and Lauree, his wife of 35 years, keeps

the pressure on to remember "who he is."

He's grateful to Dr. James Dobson for airing a cassette tape on one of his national broadcasts within hours of Dennis' transition from pastoral ministry. It provided a springboard for Swanberg's splash on the national scene.

Over the years, he has been a feature of Dobson conferences and TV shows, as well as his own popular TV series, "Swan's Place." The latter alternated with the Gaither Family in the #1 and #2 positions on Family Net's Saturday night programming for several years....

Retirement thoughts? None for Dennis, thank you. He thrives on what he does, pointing out that the late Art Linkletter, with whom he has worked, was still on stage at age 96. He replicates voices that "come easy." He's never tried ventriloquism and

doesn't break into song, unless you count Elvis' Blue Christmas.

In his ministry, both the expected and unexpected have occurred. One Easter Sunday in Saginaw, a layman tried to repair the sanctuary's a/c unit which was overflowing in the attic. Falling through the ceiling at "mid-sermon," he dangled on a rafter above the baptistery. A rancher, rarely in attendance, said, "I figured if I showed up today, the roof would cave in, and it did."

Life has many deals, only some of which are "real deals." Dr. Dennis Swanberg is in the rare group — a national treasure....

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Keith Martin uses a globe to demonstrate how much of the Earth is comprised of water.

Library: Summer reading program

The next summer reading program event at the library will be July 15 from 1:30 to 2:30. A local author will be reading her book, and everyone will make ice cream sundaes after the story. All children, all ages are invited.

This summer children are being challenged to read 12 books by mid-August in order to receive a t-shirt. About 34 young readers are tracking the books they have read, and three readers have already read 12 plus books! Certificates and t-shirts

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will be handed out at the end of summer program and party on August 12, 2014, from 1:30 to 2:30 at the library. All children, all ages are invited to come to this program and party.

A special thanks goes to the Summer Reading Program Committee of the Board of the Winters Public Library: Sharon Rice, Nancy Spill, Sylvia Richey, and Sally Spill. They have created very special and fun events for the Winters area children this summer.



Michael Lara shows off his lightning bug.

Heritage: John Pruser came to America

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Winters High School, 1976, John wanted to retire of his profession as a ship builder. St. John's Lutheran Church records and Memories of Lela Thormeyer, state that John and his brother came to America following the California gold rush.

In 1867 John was living in Belle Plains, Iowa, where he met and married Catherine Margaret Hadenfelt, the family came to Runnels County in 1893 and settled at Valley Creek to farm. Gus was the oldest of five siblings born to this union, states North Runnels County Pioneers.

St. John's Lutheran Church's records show that Gus was 17 years old when they came to Runnels County.

The publication describes Gus as a self-taught architect, musician an inventor. By 1922 the Prusers two-room house in Bluff Creek had turned into a 10-room home. In 1929, according to church records, Gus drew up the plans and supervised the building of the church an he knew to the brick how many it would take.

At the age of 28 Gus married Bertha Armbricht, and they were charter members of St. John's Lutheran Church.

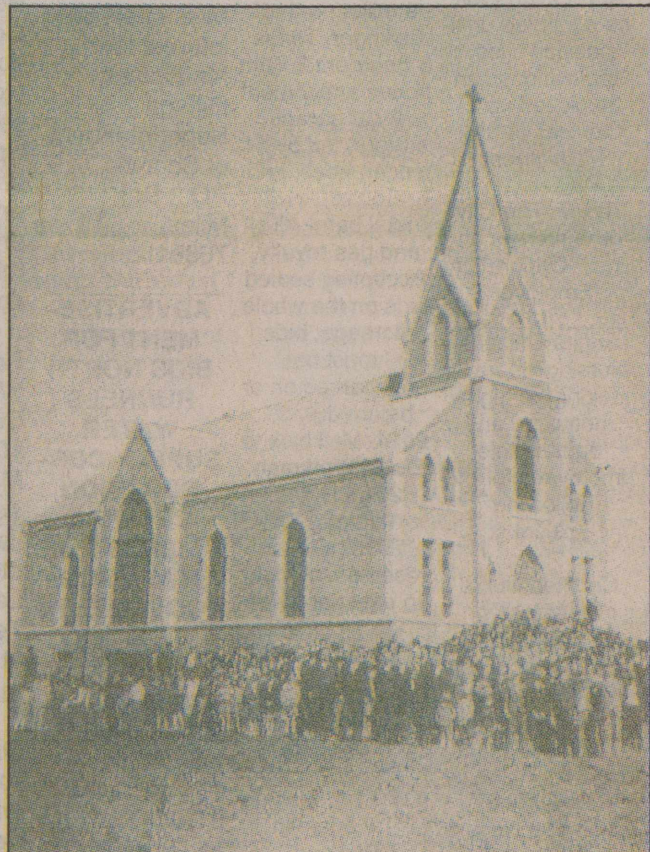
After living with his family for a while, they bought some land from the Parramore Ranch, located south of Winters, in 1908.

Gus Pruser also loved music. He used to sing and play the accordion, and he even built a platform on his farm for dances.

The Gus Pruser Agricultural Exhibit on West Dale, in Winters, is the former shop where the



Gus Pruser and son George working the land on a tractor in the early 1950s.



Gus designed and supervised the construction of St. John's Lutheran Church.

genius shaped many of his inventions.

Juanita Bredemeyer, Gus' granddaughter, recalls how he loved to spend time with his fam-

ily, and was always looking for something to build or work on.

"He was always busy, he was working on a project all the time," she says.

The sounds of rock and roll hall-of-famer will come alive at the Brownwood Coliseum

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BROWNWOOD- The sounds of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame artist Roy Orbison will come alive on Saturday, August 2 at the Brownwood Coliseum in Brownwood, Texas. The 2014 Remembering When event will feature tribute entertainer Al Nelson performing as the legendary Orbison. Presented by Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA with additional support from Entertainment Sponsor, KTAB NEWS and local sponsor Citizens National Bank of Brownwood, the evening program offers a unique, memorable event.

Roy Orbison had one of the most distinctive, versatile and powerful voices in pop music. His success, both as an entertainer and songwriter was due to a unique sound and style of music. Some of the most memorable hits include: "Only the Lonely"; "Crying"; "Candy

Man"; "Dream Baby"; "In Dreams"; "Pretty Paper"; "Blue Bayou"; "Mean Woman Blues"; "It's Over"; "Oh, Pretty Woman" and "You Got It". Orbison, who became one of the top selling American artists was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987 but died in 1988 at the age of 52.

Take a step back in time and enjoy the music of Roy Orbison with Al Nelson who has been entertaining audiences since 1970. His vocal talents have been acclaimed nationally and internationally through tours such as Cavalcade of Stars and Rock-N-Roll Heaven and the Buddy, Roy & Elvis Show. Al has opened for top entertainers such as Earth Wind & Fire, Blood Sweat & Tears, The 5th Dimension and more. Popular in casino, nightclubs, cruise lines and Branson theater venues, Nelson is an all-around entertainer who will leave you wanting more!

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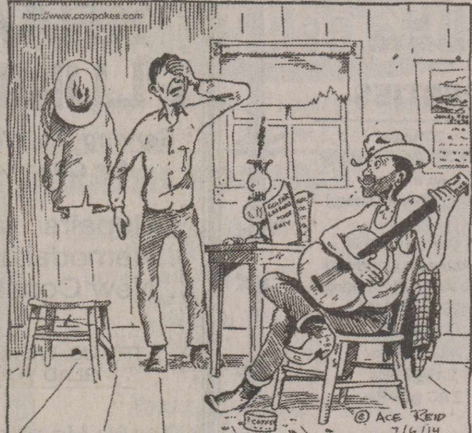
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