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Four injured, one arrested in BWI at Winters lake

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Four people were injured, two of them severely, in a boating accident occurring Sunday, July 27, 2014 at approximately 6 p.m. at the Winters lake in Winters, Texas. A man was airlifted to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo with several fingers severed, and a woman sustained a cut to the back of her head.

The driver of the boat, Brian Dempsey, 48, of Winters, Texas,

was arrested and is facing charges for allegedly boating while intoxicated and intoxicated assault.

According to law enforcement, six people were on a bass boat headed across the lake when the driver made a sudden turn and four of the occupants were ejected. Alfred Yates, of Winters, Texas, sustained injuries possibly from the propeller and the windshield of the boat. Several of his fingers in both hands were severed. Yates was taken to North Runnels Hospital by

Dempsey in a private vehicle. From there Yates was airlifted to Shannon Medical Center.

Omega Geherls, of Katy, Texas was also injured and transported by ambulance to Shannon Medical Center. Also sustaining injuries were Chris Gehrels and Mitzi Hudson. Dempsey and City Council member Lisa Yates were the only two occupants of the boat that were not ejected.

As of press time Tuesday night, Gehrels had been released

and Alfred Yates remained in stable condition, with several fingers amputated and an injury to the top of his head at Shannon Medical Center.

Runnels County Game Warden Lane Pinckney said that Dempsey was arrested at his residence, on the 100 block of Penny Lane, in Winters. After getting consent from the live-in girlfriend Mitzi Hudson, the residence was searched and Dempsey was found in the attic. Pinckney said Dempsey

refused to take a field sobriety test, but exhibited signs of intoxication and he consented to a blood draw. The boat was seized and according to the Game Warden no mechanical problem was found with it.

The Winters Police Department and the Runnels County Sheriff's Office assisted in the investigation.

The case is being worked by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Game Warden Lane Pinckney.

Blizzard tickets sale starts Aug. 13

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Sale of season tickets/reserved seats for the 2014 Blizzard football season will begin on Wednesday, August 13. Last year's season ticket holders have the option of purchasing the same reserved seats at this time.

Season tickets will be \$25 per seat this season. Sales for fans that did not have season tickets/reserved seats last year will begin on Wednesday, August 20. These tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

Season tickets/reserved seats are sold as one "season ticket" to be used for all five home games. Purchases for season tickets/reserved seats may be made at the district Administration office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

General admission tickets may be purchased at the gate. No advance tickets are available. Admission to varsity games will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. JV and JR High admission prices will be \$2 for adults and \$2 for students.

All senior citizens, 60 or older will receive free general admission. Senior citizen general admission passes are also available at the administration office.

The Blizzards will host the first home game (scrimmage) on Thursday, August 21 against Coleman at 5:30 p.m. For more information on Blizzard Athletics please visit our website at www.wintersisd.org

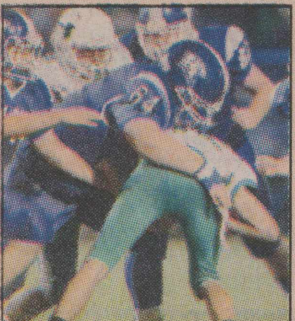


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The Blizzards will host the first home game on August 21.

County veterans to take the Honor Flight

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Two Runnels County World War II veterans were selected for the Permian Basin Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., to be held in September 2014. Runnels County Veterans Services Officer Sandra Van Zant said that Omer Halfmann and Leroy Pelzel will be traveling along with their sons.

The trip, said Van Zant, will be starting on September 16 with a reception catered by the Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang. All veterans and guardians going on the flight will attend this reception.

The next morning both veterans and their sons will be taking off to Washington, D.C. for a three day trip to the WWII Memorial.

The trip of both veterans is sponsored by The Honor Flight Network, a program conceived by Earl Morse, a retired Air Force Captain. A fundraiser consisting of countywide donations and the sale of stars cut off of unusable U.S. flags helped to provide the \$3,200 needed to pay for the guardians to go with them.

The Honor Flight is a program started in May of 2005 with six small planes taking off from Springfield, Ohio, with 12 World War II veterans aboard. By August of that same year the ever-expanding waiting list led to transition to commercial carriers.



PHOTO: FILE

Omer Halfmann and Leroy Pelzel, two World War II veterans from Runnels County selected for the Honor Flight to the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Omer Halfmann, of Olfen, and Leroy Pelzel, of Miles, signed up for the Honor Flight through the Runnels County Veterans Services Office and the Texas Permian Basin Honor Flight.

Pelzel served in the Air Corps between October of 1944 and September of 1946. He was an ambulance driver and medic. Halfmann served in the Navy as a Machinist's Mate, aboard the U.S.S.

Escalante from October 1943 to 1946. According to the Honor Flight's website, through the end of 2012 the Honor Flight Network transported more than 98,500 veterans to Washington,

D.C. to see the memorial. The program presently has 127 hubs in 41 states. Due to the senior age of WWII heroes, the program is committed to do all within its power to make their dream a reality.

Winters High School and Junior High registration to start with packet pick up

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters High School and Winters Junior High School will be starting the 2014-2015 school year registration. All students should pick up their registration packet on August 4-6, 2014 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. New students who have not previously attended WISD schools in 2013-2014 should also come at this time.

All students must return the completed packets in order to receive class schedules. Schedule pickup will be on Monday, August 11, as follows:

- Seniors 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
- Juniors 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Sophomores 11 a.m. - 12 Noon
- Freshmen 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
- 8th grade 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- 7th grade 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- 6th grade 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

If you are unable to make these times, you may come in on August 11, 2014 between 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Completed packets must be returned at the designated time and no later than the first day of school. Students will not receive their schedules until packets are completed.

Sorghum growers cautioned of armyworm threat

STEVE BYRNS
SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

SAN ANGELO - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologists across the state are advising sorghum producers to stay vigilant for fall armyworm infestations.

"This is not a panic situation yet, but a growing number of reports of increasing numbers of fall armyworms from AgriLife Extension entomologists located across the state have led us to warn producers of this possible threat," said Dr. Charles Allen, AgriLife Extension statewide integrated pest management coordinator at San Angelo.

Fall armyworms are the caterpillar or larval stage of a drab-colored moth with striking translucent white hind wings. The caterpillars can

quickly devastate a crop if left unchecked, Allen said. Not much damage occurs when larvae are small, but as larva become full grown damage rapidly increases. The larvae are brownish and relatively smooth-skinned with stripes running the length of the body. Mature caterpillars are about 1.5-2 inches long.

Drs. Pat Porter and Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologists at Lubbock and Amarillo, respectively, are trying to make sure AgriLife Extension personnel, consultants and farmers are aware of the potential threat to grain sorghum and non-Bt corn in West Texas.

Bynum is running a trapping network for fall armyworms and other pests in the Panhandle.

"Fall armyworm moth captures are unusually high in Lipscomb, Gray, Randall and Swisher counties, and appear to be high across much of the Panhandle," Bynum said.

"Some whorlstage grain sorghum is being treated in Lubbock and Lynn counties," Porter said. Rick Minzenmayer, AgriLife Extension entomologist for Runnels and Tom Green counties, said fall armyworms and corn earworms are causing increased concern in his area of Central West Texas on both forage and grain sorghums.

"Our grain sorghum looks great and many fields have just finished blooming, but we really need to be watching for headworms (fall armyworms or corn earworms)."

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Juan Antonio Ortiz

Juan Antonio Ortiz, 69, of Winters, died July 22, 2014. He was born July 25, 1944 in Rosita, Mexico and came to Winters at the age of 15. He was journeyman iron worker, was a sheep shearer and had worked at Dry Manufacturing.

He is survived by his wife Natividad Ortiz of Winters; father and stepmother Uvaldo and Brigida H. Ortiz of Winters; children Richard Ortiz of Winters, Eva Ortiz of Lubbock, Tina Baker of Mississippi, Yvonne Gonzales of Andrews, Stephenie Vital of Moss Bluff, Louisiana, Victor Flores, Natalie DeLaCruz of Winters and Reynaldo Flores of Winters; brothers Noe Ortiz of Kingman, Kansas, Tony Ortiz of Winters and Onofre Ortiz of Winters; sisters Irene Montanez of Mexico, Amanda Mata of Abilene, Oneida Millican of Austin and Omega Gehrels of Katy. Numerous grand and great-grandchildren also survive him.

As per his request he is being cremated and a memorial service was held Friday July 25, 2014 at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel.

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Three Washington Co men arrested for theft of livestock

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

BURTON- Three Washington County Men were arrested and charged with third degree felony theft of livestock after stealing three calves from a rancher in Burton, Texas. Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Ranger Doug Hutchison led the investigation.

Earl Wain Mathis, 47, of Burton and Donnell Patterson, 17, of Burton were both arrested Friday. Arthur Gantt Reliford, 38, of Burton was arrested Thursday. They are being held at the Washington County Jail and each of the three suspects has a \$10,000 bond.

According to Hutchison, the suspects stole the calves in June and took them to the Giddings Livestock Commission to sell them. The auction owner, Larry Shatte was suspicious of the sales transaction so he notified Nina Nygard, TSCRA Market Inspector. Nygard then contacted Hutchison so he could begin investigating the case.

Hutchison said they were able to make a positive identification on one calf with photographs and by pairing it with its mother. It's now back in the rightful owner's possession. The other two calves had already been shipped, worked, and turned out into large herds making them impossible to identify. However, the Giddings Livestock Commission was able to stop payment on the check issued to the suspects, and the funds were instead paid to the victim.

"The best way ranchers can protect their livestock from being stolen is to brand and keep a regular count on their cattle," said Hutchison. "Without a brand, it makes it very difficult to positively identify livestock after they are stolen."

TSCRA would like to thank Washington County Sergeant Investigator Damon Wegner, Washington County Sergeant Investigator Clay Bosse, Washington County Evidence Technician Mark Morales, Washington County Sheriff Otto Hanak and the Giddings Livestock Commission for their assistance with the investigation.

TSCRA has 30 special rangers stationed strategically throughout Texas and Oklahoma who have in-depth knowledge of the cattle industry and are trained in all facets of law enforcement. All are commissioned as Special Rangers by the Texas Department of Public Safety and/or the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

Shelby Co man arrested for livestock theft

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

CENTER- A Shelby County man turned himself in to authorities last week after a warrant was issued for his arrest. He was charged with felony theft of livestock and was released on a \$4,000 bond.

TSCRA Special Ranger, Larry Hand assisted Shelby County Sheriff's Department investigators Kevin Windham, DJ Dickerson and Constable Stanley Burgay in this investigation.

The suspect, Hollis Neel Farris, 53, a rancher and poultry producer, was accused of taking his neighbor's stray bull to an east Texas sale barn, pocketing the funds and denying to the victim

ever seeing the bull after selling it.

TSCRA Market Inspector, Pat McGuigan was able to locate sales records implicating Farris, who cooperated with investigators when confronted. Hand was able to track the bull through four counties to a feeder cattle operation and made a positive identification based on distinct earmarks and sales records.

"This case is a good example of local law enforcement and TSCRA working closely together for the protection of ranchers," said Hand.

Hand advises ranchers to brand their livestock so they can be more easily tracked and identified if stolen.

Youth tackle football

Registration for fifth and sixth graders is open until August 4, 2014, for San Angelo YMCA youth tackle league. Registration is available on line. Visit YMCASA-NANGELO.ORG. For additional information, call Stephanie Collins at (325) 365 0248.

Runnels County Gala

Saturday, August 2, the annual Runnels County Gala will be held at St. Joseph's Hall in Rowena, Texas, 6 p.m. until midnight.

The steak dinner and dance will feature Zach Edwards Band. Assistants will have a chance to win in the drawing of a \$2,000 grand prize. For more information and tickets contact any 4-H or FFA member, or Jason Battle at (325) 234 2708.

Immunization clinics in Runnels Co

Texas Department of State Health Services will have two immunization clinics for children with Medicaid, no insurance or underinsured, and adults with no insurance. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call 754 4945, if no answer leave a message.

The clinic in Winters will be from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., Thursday, August 7 at the Professional Building, 11 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience, please use rear entrance Grant Street.

The clinic in Ballinger will be held on Thursday, August 14, 10 a.m. to 12 and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at 600 Strong, (corner of Fifth St. and Strong Ave.)

Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid, please bring card.

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.

NEWS NOTES

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 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.

High cattle prices persisting in Texas, study shows

BLAIR FANNIN SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

CORPUS CHRISTI- Texas cattle producers looking to restock herds may choose to examine all options as financial dynamics have changed due to historic high cattle prices, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economists.

A recent Financial and Risk Management Assistance report outlined several factors for South Texas cattle producers to consider when purchasing replacements. The publication was compiled by Corpus Christi AgriLife Extension economists Mac Young and Dr. Levi Russell; Dr. Joe Paschal, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Corpus Christi, and Dr. Steven Klose, AgriLife Extension economist, College Station, also served as co-author.

The Financial and Risk Management Assistance program, commonly referred to as FARM Assistance, is a computerized decision support system developed to perfect methods in risk and decisionmaking for farmers, according to AgriLife Extension economists.

The economists used a 200-head herd in South Texas as a case study.

Costs and returns on management practices were typical of the area. These may and can vary by operators. Ten-year averages were used to analyze and compare net cash farm income. Open heifers, bred heifers, young pairs, old pairs and open cows were evaluated to see which types would generate the most net income.

"As we move forward, higher feeder and replacement cattle prices in 2014 will have a significant impact on the short- and long-term profitability of cattle operations in South Texas," Young said.

Current cattle prices, including replacements, are averaging 20 percent more when compared to July 2013 prices, the report notes. Availability of young pairs and open cattle will continue to be a challenge for cattle producers looking to rebuild or expand herds, the economists noted.

"Depending on the availability and price of quality replacements, more than one stocking strategy may have to be used to rebuild a herd," Young said. "In fact, it would be wise to revisit these and other options prior to purchase to re-evaluate them as conditions change in the future."

Based on current 2014 market prices and conditions, restocking with older open cows may be the

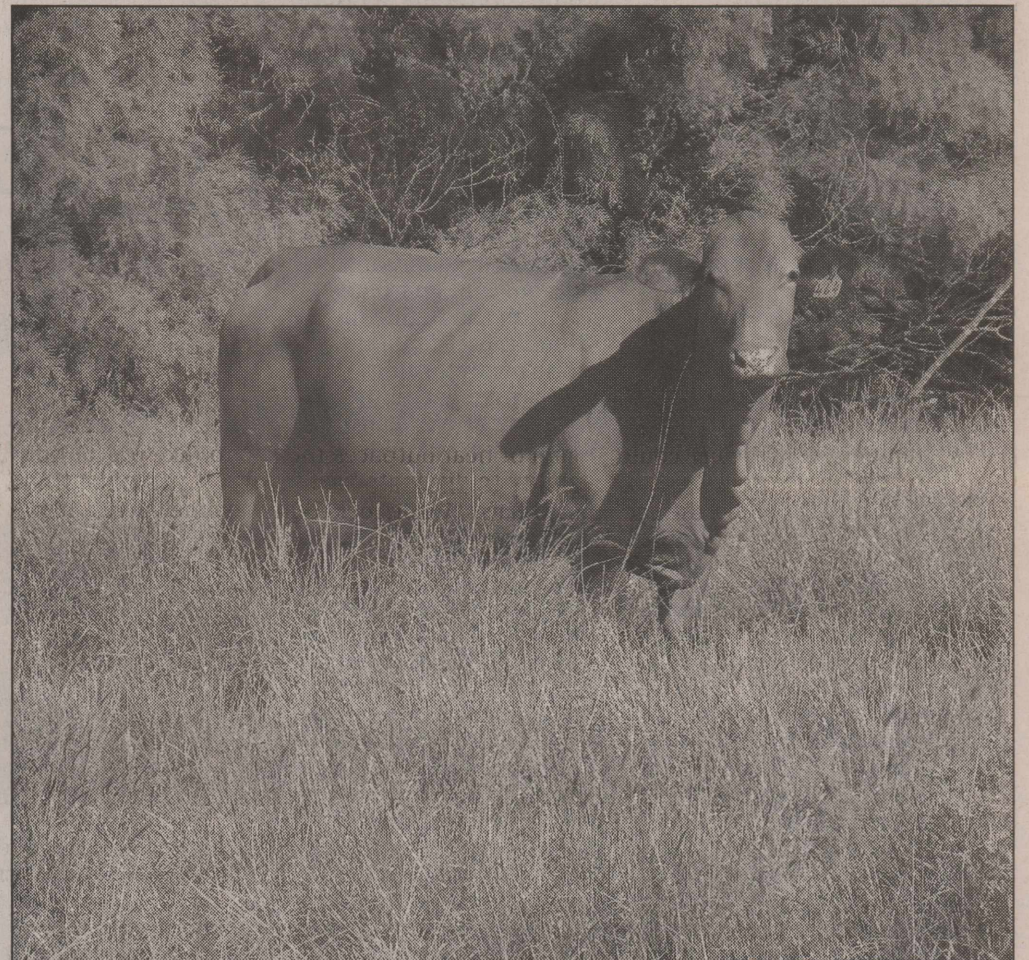


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Current cattle prices, including replacements, are averaging 20 percent more than a year ago, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service study. Availability of young pairs and open cattle will continue to be a challenge for cattle producers looking to rebuild or expand herds.

most profitable strategy at present time, according to the study. Prices for open cows in the past year have not increased in proportion to other replacement females, but availability may be an issue due to previous culling, Young said. Average 10-year cash farm income per cow was \$377 for open cows, while olderpairs generated \$341, young pairs \$275, bred heifers \$346 and open heifers \$209.

"Bred heifers and older pairs also may offer more profitable strategies than young pairs or open heifers," Young said. "The lower the initial capital outlay to repurchase cattle, and the availability of a calf to sell the first year, improves net cash farm income for bred heifers and pairs. Open heifers may be the least profitable way to replace due to not having a calf to sell in the first year and additional development costs."

Young said in evaluating these restocking options, the important point to consider is the order or rank in terms of net cash farm income, not the actual value. In previous FARM Assistance studies, bred heifers and older pairs were more financially profitable than open cows.

Paschal emphasized that restocking considerations need to include more than the age and pregnancy status of the replacements. Additional management costs for extra feed and

health, and death and replacement losses need to also be considered.

"In this analysis, open cows are now the most profitable," Young said.

According to the study, actual results will likely vary by producer, management practices, forage conditions, and cattle markets. The culling and calving rates used in the study may or may not reflect actual practices.

"For example, younger females may have been culled too heavily and older females not heavily enough," Young said. "Additionally, the availability and quality of females by class may be an issue. This analysis should be used only as a guide in evaluating restocking options, and it should be remembered that the best restocking scenario may change from season to season."

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Rattlesnakes caused many deaths among the first county settlers

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WINTERS- *Edgar A. Guest once said: "It takes a heap of living in a house to make a home. A heap o'sun and shadder and ye sometimes have to roam. Afore ye learn to 'preciate the things ye left behind. And hunger for 'em somehow with 'em always on your mind. Ye have to love each brick and stone from cellar up to dome. It takes a heap 'o living in a house to make a home."*

What Edgar A. Guest said about a home can also be applied to towns. Runnels County now had five larger active towns and several small communities and settlements all over the county. It was in the process of being settled in remote areas. Rattlesnake bites were a cause of a lot of deaths. One such instance was recorded when J. A. Patterson told the story about an April 1898 afternoon, "T. T. Duncan and son, Grover, 14 of Norton went fishing on the river on the Wylie Ranch. They started walking, looking for a rabbit to kill for bait when Grover stepped on a rattlesnake that bit him just below the knee." Mr. Duncan tried to

slit the wound and suck the poison out. That failed and he hitched his team to the wagon and hurried to the Will Sykes home and applied a medicine to the leg that had begun to swell and the boy was vomiting. Mr. Duncan then rode to Dr. Key's home in Bronte and got more medicine. About 10 o'clock that morning, he came for Uncle Tom Patterson to ride a fast pony to Ballinger for Dr. T. A. Rape, but Grover died within a few days. Dr. T. A. Rape had come to Runnels City from Nacogdoches County prospecting. (The Ballinger Ledger, June 29, 1961).

When the Henry Davis Pearce family moved into Runnels City from Valley Creek, they had the first home. Henry was the only Postmaster for the first county seat and was the second Postmaster in Ballinger when it was organized. All through the years in the area every time Henry met a new person, he would ask him if he was a Confederate soldier. If he was, he would record all of the information and compile it into his records. He set out to organize the Henry E. McCoullough Camp of ex-Confederate reunions and they were the largest gathering held in Runnels County in the 1890s. Ex-

Confederate reunions were great social events for the veterans and their families in West Texas, and for the most part, Runnels County was settled by ex-Confederate veterans. Photos were taken and programs were prepared. The Winters Brass Band played for the gatherings. They played Yankee Doodle and Dixie to perfection. It was Dixie that brought the loudest applause. It could have been heard in Ballinger, three quarters of a mile away. Some of the young men in the Winters Brass Band met and married some of the young ladies during that time. The reunions would last three days, but planning took far longer.

After the loss of their 14 year old daughter, Henry and Lizzie lost all interest and sold the very successful Pearce Hotel, the second one they had built after the Gulf Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad came to Ballinger. The hotel was one among many business enterprises he had established during that time.

When he realized his health was failing and in the event of his death, he collected all of his material together regarding the Confederacy and requested it be sent to the Daughters of the Confed-

eracy in Austin, Texas. His request was carried out. Henry died of a stroke in 1911 at the age of 66.

After Lizzies' home burned, she went to live with her daughter, Ethel and family in the Norton area and visited with her other children frequently. For many years Lizzie received a small pension as a Confederate Veteran's widow. Union veterans and their widows received a substantial sum, but for many years Confederate veterans and their widows received only a very meager sum. Finally, legislation was passed to change this. Lizzie's pension was increased substantially by 1933.

Lizzie was moved to live with her daughter Olive MacFarland and family in Winters. She died January 4, 1939. Both Lizzie and Henry were devout Christians and taught their children well. They are both buried in the Robert Lee Cemetery, Robert Lee, Texas. Their son, Hubert and family lived there where he was a pharmacist.

The Runnels County Commissioners' Court met September 29, 1890 with the Honorable Wm. A. Proctor presiding. Commissioners present were: S.P. Brown, Precinct No. 1; M.C. Bright, Precinct, No.

2; E.W. Stokes, Precinct No. 3; D.F. Higginbotham, Precinct No. 4, also John McEwen Formwalt, Sheriff and W. L. Towner, County Clerk.

The court notified a contractor, J. D. O'Daniel that the court had accepted his proposition to complete the bridges according to the contract and subject to the approval of the Commissioners' Court with work to begin at once.

The November term, 1890 met at the Runnels County Courthouse. They reviewed the tax rolls of 1890 and approved the report.

The November election was held and John M. Formwalt did not seek reelection as Sheriff for another term. He had served Runnels County since its official organization February 16, 1880. Mr. Formwalt sold his farm and stock interests in Culberson County in 1916 and bought a home in Granbury, Texas where it was his plan to spend the remainder of his days and enjoy well deserved retirement. For several years, he was deputy sheriff in Hood County. He had joined the Masonic Fraternity in Granbury in 1869 and was the last surviving charter member of the lodge. He also belonged to the Mystic Shrine

Temple at Fort Worth and the Scottish Rite Consistory at Cleburne, Texas in Johnson County. He was for seven years a junior warden in his lodge. He also belonged to the old order of the K.K.K. and many years later became a member of the new organization at Cleburne in Johnson County. Mr. Formwalt was a Baptist and a Democrat. He married Miss Eppie Waldon, in Hood County in 1874. Her father, K. Waldon, was born in Georgia and was a merchant. Mrs. Formwalt died in 1895, and in April, 1897, at Granbury, he married Miss Beulah Danford, who had been an adopted daughter of his father. She was born in Stephenville, Texas in 1876. Mr. Formwalt had no children. John McEwen Formwalt was born October 23, 1848 and died May 21, 1928. He was buried in Granbury Cemetery in Hood County, Texas.

Resources:
Runnels County Commissioners Court Minutes, September, November 1890.
The Pearses Pioneering Days in Texas, Zelma (Haley) Strom
2000 Hood County Texas Genealogical Society, Granbury, Texas.

USDA reminds farmers of Farm Bill compliance changes

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Changes mandated through the 2014 Farm Bill require producers to have on file a Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification (AD-1026), Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack reminded farmers last week.

The Farm Bill relinked highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation compliance with eligibility for premium support paid under the federal crop insurance program.

"It's important that farmers and ranchers taking the right steps to conserve valuable farm and natural resources have completed AD-1026 forms on file at their local

Farm Service Agency (FSA) office," said Vilsack. "This will ensure they remain eligible for crop insurance support."

For farmers to be eligible for premium support on their federal crop insurance, a completed and signed AD-1026 form must be on file with the FSA. Since many FSA and Natural Resource Conservation (NRCS) programs have this requirement, most producers should already have an AD-1026 on file. If producers have not filed, they must do so by June 1, 2015.

When a farmer completes the AD-1026, FSA and NRCS staff will outline any additional actions that may be required for compliance with the provi-

sions. The Risk Management Agency, through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), manages the federal crop insurance program that provides the modern farm safety net for American farmers and ranchers.

Since enactment of the 1985 Farm Bill, eligibility for most commodity, disaster, and conservation programs has been linked to compliance with the highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation provisions. The 2014 Farm Bill continues the requirement that producers adhere to conservation compliance guidelines to be eligible for most programs administered by FSA and NRCS. This includes the new price and revenue protection programs, the Conservation Reserve Program, the Livestock Disaster Assistance programs and Marketing Assistance Loans implemented by FSA among other programs.

Veteran's Corner

I am very happy to inform everyone in the county that our two WWII veterans, Omer Halfmann and Leroy Pelzel, have been selected for the Permian Basin Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. They will be leaving on the morning of September 16, with their sons Mark and Patrick as their guardians, for a reception at 6 p.m. catered by the Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang. All veterans and guardians going on the flight will attend this reception. Leroy, Omer, and their sons will be provided a complimentary room that night at the Baymont Inn & Suites. Early the next morning they will be off to D.C. for a great three day trip to the WWII

Memorial. Again I would like to thank everyone in the County that donated money and bought stars that provided the \$3,200 to pay for the guardians to go with them. I am so proud. 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.

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No control needed yet for sugarcane aphid, but situation closely monitored

STEVE BYRNS
SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Sugarcane aphids have jumped their primary host crop sugarcane, and have landed in the Concho Valley, a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert warns.

Rick Minzenmayer, AgriLife Extension entomologist for Runnels and Tom Green counties, said the pest is not new in the

U.S., but what is new is its rapidly expanding range and newly acquired taste for grain sorghum.

"The pest left the Rio Grande Valley and moved into the blacklands and northern blacklands areas of Texas earlier this summer. They were found last week in Coleman and San Saba counties," Minzenmayer said. "Now, they've moved west into Runnels, Tom Green and Concho counties."

"Currently, no Concho Valley fields have been treated, but the infestations are being monitored regularly and when the crop-damage threshold is reached, an insecticide can be applied," he said. "The Texas Department of Agriculture has issued a Section 18 emergency use permit for Transform insecticide. It is the only insecticide currently available that will provide 90-plus percent control."

The Section 18 emergency label granted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency earlier this year for Transform allows for application rates from 0.75 to 1.5 ounces per acre, Minzenmayer said. Only two applications can be used during the growing season, so proper timing and thorough crop coverage are crucial for best results, he said. The pesticide also requires a 14-day interval between application and harvest.

The sugarcane aphid, *Melanaphis sacchari*, was first found in Texas late last summer but has been known in Florida since 1977 and Louisiana since 1999, Minzenmayer said. Known to feed on grain sorghum in other parts of

been recorded on grain sorghum in the U.S. prior to last fall.

The sugarcane aphid includes death of seedling sorghum plants, reduced seed set and at harvest their sticky prolific honeydew, or excrement, can cause harvesting machinery problems," Minzenmayer said.

"The sugarcane aphid first became a problem in Texas in 2013, starting in the Rio Grande Valley and moving up the coast and then into Louisiana and Arkansas, where it caused significant problems," Minzenmayer said. "Being a tropical insect it was pushed back to the Valley in the winter of 2013-14. In January of 2014, entomologists in South Texas documented sugarcane aphids reproducing on Johnson grass and volunteer sorghum plants. The rest is history."

Minzenmayer added that growers in the Rio Grande Valley have had to deal with this pest for the second year with varying results.

AgriLife Today on July 23 reported the Coleman/San Saba finds which Dr. Charles Allen, AgriLife Extension statewide integrated pest management coordinator in San Angelo, said were the first documented instances of the insect west of Interstate-35.

"Finding sugarcane aphid further west does not necessarily mean that the aphid will move into the large grain sorghum producing areas in the Rolling Plains and High Plains, but growers need to be aware that sugarcane aphids have been found west of where they were

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"Somebody catch Jake's lawnmower! It's run under a limb with him agin!"

Edward Jones' local agent earns Century Award

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT
 BALLINGER- Larry Gilbert, Edward Jones financial services local agent, recently received the firm's exclusive Century Award for outstanding performance during 2013. Jim Weddle, the firm's managing partner, calls Gilbert a leader and an example of what a dedicated Edward Jones financial advisor can achieve. Gilbert was one of only 649 of the firm's more than 13,000 financial advisors to receive the Century Award.
 "Larry has demonstrated unyielding dedication and enthusiasm for his business," Weddle said. "Larry has reached a benchmark in his career that deserves recognition, and the Century Award provides that recognition. I am proud to call him an Edward Jones financial advisor."
 Gilbert said he is honored to receive the award. "I am one of those fortunate people who gets to make a living doing something I truly enjoy,"



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED
 Larry Gilbert is presented with Edward Jones' Century Award for outstanding performance during 2013.

Gilbert said. "This industry is always challenging and sometimes difficult, but I enjoy helping the people of Runnels County meet their financial goals. It is a pleasure to be recognized for my work."
 Larry Gilbert has been an Edward Jones financial advisor for 5 and a half years, and he knows the

hard work that goes into building a business in the financial services industry. Gilbert is honored to receive the award.
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- 21 Sulk
- 22 Laid down the lawn?
- 24 Medieval worker
- 26 Snare
- 28 Hawaiian necklace
- 29 "___ My Party"
- 31 Total
- 35 Bart Simpson's mom
- 38 "Absolutely!"
- 40 Practice boxing
- 41 Ginger ___
- 42 Taking a snooze
- 45 Before, in poetry
- 46 Coke or Pepsi
- 48 Former presidential candidate Perot
- 49 Sections
- 51 Pearly Gates guy
- 53 Outlaw
- 54 Time of history
- 55 "Gone With the Wind" plantation
- 58 Little green guy of movies
- 62 "Boardwalk ___"
- 65 ___ Xtra (soft drink)
- 67 Fellows
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- 73 One of 18 on a golf course
- 74 Bird that may be "bald"
- 75 Not madams
- 76 Sign on a store door
- 77 "___ so funny?"
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- 27 France's capital
- 30 Number of toes or fingers
- 32 Lion's home
- 33 Pastry shop purchase
- 34 Valuable rocks
- 35 Catholic service
- 36 Plenty
- 37 Food that may be stuffed
- 38 Hockey or badminton
- 39 Delivery company
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- 44 4.0 in high school, e.g.
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- 52 Road stuff
- 53 Movie about a pig
- 56 Computer company
- 57 Get ready to eat, like fruit
- 59 Last Greek letter
- 60 Gave cards out
- 61 South American mountain range
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Weather Whys

Q: This has been a very dry summer. What's the driest place on Earth?
A: That would have to be in the country of Chile, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "A small town called Arica in Chile has gone as long as 14 years without any measurable rain," McRoberts reports. "There was a 59-year period there when it averaged only three-tenths of an inch of rain. No place in the United States comes close to being that dry."
 In the U.S., he adds, the driest place it's the west. Death Valley in California is considered the driest location in the U.S. "The combination of desert and being below sea level makes it a very dry area, receiving less than two inches of rain each year. Nevada is the driest state, averaging 7.5 inches of rain each year."

Pet Talk Dangers of leaving Fido in the car

If we find the scorching summer temperatures unbearable outside of our cars, imagine how our furry friends feel when trapped inside. Dog fatalities from extreme heat in cars are avoidable and all-too common. Although leaving your pet in the car while you run a few errands may seem harmless, dogs can suffer from heatstroke in a matter of minutes, even if parked in the shade with the windows cracked.
 "One study in the Journal of Pediatrics showed that cars parked in the sun showed an average of 40 degrees increase in internal temperature," said Dr. James Barr, assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "This means, in 100-degree temperature, the car could reach 140 degrees."
 Although rolling the car windows down may seem like a workable solution, this is not the case, even if you only plan to leave Fido in the car for a short period of time. Exposure to extreme heat for less than 20 minutes can still cause internal damage and be extremely harmful in the long run.

"That same study in the Journal of Pediatrics showed that the rate of temperature rise was slower if the car window was rolled down, but still remarkably dangerous and reached the same levels after 60 minutes," said Barr. "So just rolling the window down is not sufficient."
 When humans overheat we sweat, and as the sweat dries it takes excess heat with it. Our four-legged friends only perspire around their paws, which is not enough to cool the body, and pant to rid themselves of excess heat. While this is efficient in controlling their body heat, it is of extremely limited effectiveness in high humidity or when in close quarters, such as a car.
 "The body's internal temperature rises when the gain of heat outpaces the ability to dissipate heat," said Barr. "When locked in a car, body temperatures reach dangerous levels and organ damage can occur."
 While letting Fido tag along on your grocery store run during cooler temperatures is safer, keep in mind that temperatures inside of the car can still rise 40 degrees above the outside temperature.

"This means that the car temperature can reach 115 degrees when the temperature is 75 degrees outside," said Barr.
 Additionally, keep in mind that some states even have laws deeming it illegal to leave an animal in a confined vehicle, as well as numerous local ordinances prohibiting this. Even without a specific state or local law, this action could still constitute cruelty under some circumstances, and you may ultimately lose custody of the animal in question.
 "Also be especially cautious if your pet has a medical condition," said Barr. "Respiratory, cardiac, and neurologic conditions may all impair the pet's ability to dissipate heat, so it is especially important to take precautions."
 If you must travel somewhere with your pet during the summer, make sure they have access to plenty of water and proper ventilation and that the temperature they are kept in is reasonably low. Fatalities from heat stroke occur far too often, and our furry friends are relying on us to keep them out of harm's way.

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THE IDLE AMERICAN

Flipping out over flip-tops...

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Somewhere between the admonition to avoid looks at gift horse's mouths and the dangers of Greeks bearing gifts should be warnings about acceptance of gifts from offspring. This is particularly true if they are "far out" presents and/or are received at non-holiday/anniversary/birthday calendar junctures.

At such times, offspring — in this case, our youngest of three daughters — flashes her best smile, gurgling something about "just because" at the same time.

And just about every time such occurs, there's a "cause."...

A while back, Jeanie gave my wife and me almost 1.5 pounds of toothpaste.

Unopened, the three tubes bore the familiar red and blue lettering on a brand Procter and Gamble has claimed for nigh unto 60 years.

What a bonanza, thought I, glad her family "doesn't care for" the Crest Pro-Health Whitening toothpaste.

I mean doesn't the Crest identification suggest immediate credibility on a product that has been in our bathrooms for decades? Memories reclaimed childhood days, when there were many "tooth brushings" between occasional purchases of tooth powder. We often "made do" with applications of salt and soda on our brushes, which we used until there were more holes where

bristles used to be than numbers of bristles still limply connected....

For a couple of months, we've used the toothpaste, and we have no complaints. I feel sure it meets the mark of what New York dentists believe toothpaste should do.

Its container, however, leaves much to be desired. It has an easy "flip-top" opener. However, closure is something else.

We have resorted to using duct tape to keep the blamed tube closed. Failing to do so assures clean-ups of puddles of leaked toothpaste wherever the tubes are laid to rest — in the medicine chest, on the counter, in drawers — wherever....

Must we find a tiny refrigerator to make certain our toothpaste maintains "non-ooze" consistency? (One solution might be to

glue the flip-top shut, then to extract toothpaste from the bottom end, securing it after each use with a clothespin.)

We've tried common sense approaches, even standing the tube upside down on the flat surface of the flip-top. Alas, there's a gooey mess, inside and outside the cap. Usually, within hours the tube is an island in a pool of paste.

And, no, it won't stand "right side up," because its bottom isn't flat. Argggghh! Now we know, up close, of the oft-heard stories about the difficulty of getting toothpaste back into the tube....

Remembered fondly are the old-fashioned, screw-on caps. Why, pray tell, did Crest "fix" what wasn't broken?

Maybe a young engineering graduate whose dad runs the place decided on flip-tops. Or, more likely, near kin of a major P&G stockholder.

I don't care if they manufactured 40 trillion containers to last until

mid-century, why are we consumers taking this sitting down?...

Sadly, it's the way we take most things. We trudge along, thinking there's little we can do. Never has there been a time when the sands of time have yearned more for folks with courage to draw the line.

Colgate doesn't get off "scot-free" in my take-down move. Early on, I tried their dental strips, applying them daily for two weeks, as instructed. When I finished, my teeth were still crooked.

(Aside: I'm not sure we should believe the New York study claiming that Vassar women prefer Colgate men to tooth decay, two to one.)...

Let us arise and be heard! We shouldn't have to empty our toothpaste into Mason jars to maintain bathroom tidiness.

Educators form committees to study thorny issues. I assembled a neighborhood group, and one friend has provided

critical illumination; she said most caps such as this also screw off.

Uh, so does ours, we now confess with some embarrassment. But, there's goop "globbing" out at the threads, too....

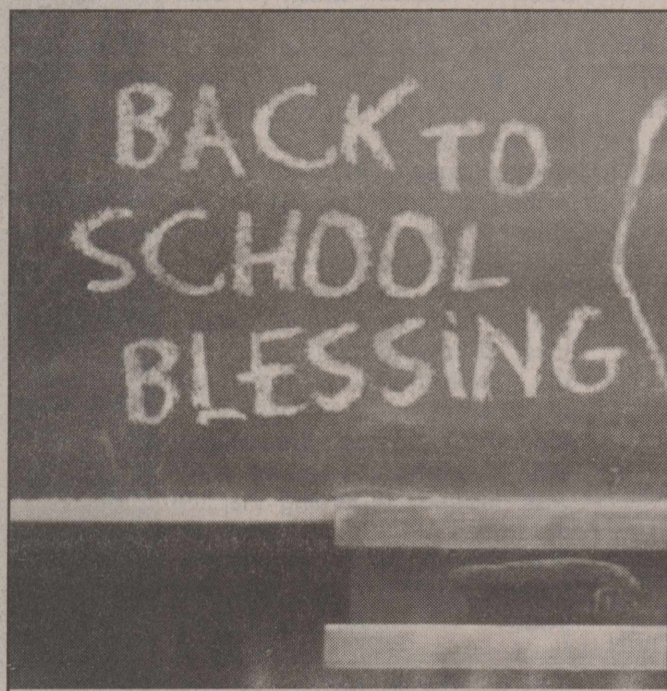
In the past two years, we've made major purchases — a mattress, washer/dryer and leather recliner — and all have fallen short. Appliance problems were quickly remedied; stay tuned on the mattress and recliner.

If you have consumer issues, send an email. With voices united, we'll send Procter and Gamble — and other manufacturing behemoths — what lawyers might call "class action gripes." We're "up to here," and aren't going to take it anymore....

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AT&T Stadium to host all 2014 football championship games

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- The 2014 University Interscholastic League Football State Championship games will be played at AT&T Stadium in Arlington the League announced last week.

For only the second year, all 11-man and six-man football championship games will be played at the same location. Prior to last year, the Conference 1A six-man football championship games were played at Shottwell Stadium in Abilene.

"Having all football championship games in one location truly makes for an amazing experience for the coaches, athletes and fans, and last year it led to a Texas high school football attendance record," said UIL Executive Director Dr. Charles Breithaupt. "We are excited to return to AT&T Stadium and continue to improve on a world class event in the state of Texas."

The 2014 football state championship will mark the fifth year all games in all conferences will be played at pre-determined locations.

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CORRECTION: Last week the name of Matthew R. Guerra, 13, was published in this space. Guerra is 18 years old

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