

Sylvester Adams finished serving his fourth term as Runnels County's first judge and did not seek re-election in the November 1888 election. He had acquired a host of friends during his terms in public office.

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## Dove Fest pageant registration deadline is quickly approaching

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Deadline is quickly approaching for the Winters Dove Fest pageant, to be held along with the 2014 Winters Dove Fest on Saturday, September 6. Candidates wanting to participate have until August 18 to pick up a form and register for the pageant.

Registrations for the parade

are also due on Monday, August 18. There is no fee to register for either the pageant or the parade. The pageant is open for Winters High School junior or senior students. Applications and parade entry forms can be picked up at Daisy Patch in downtown Winters.

The camo themed parade will be starting at 10 a.m. south of downtown and ending at the

City Park. It will feature a new Winters Dove Fest Queen and floats. The arts and crafts show will be held under the trees in the City Park from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

In the evening, a DF Dance will be held at the Community Center featuring "Justin Kaczyk and the Natural Outlaws." The Dance will run from 7- 11 p.m.

The Gun Show will be down-

town from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Hunters Appreciation Barbecue Lunch from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. will be at the Community Center, along with entertainment, silent and live auctions, and door prizes.

The Clay Pigeon Fun Shoot will be on Rodeo Arena Road starting at 8 a.m.; the Motorcycle Fun Run will start at the Community Center at 9 a.m. Day hunts will

be available for bird hunters and the annual gun raffle will feature some very nice guns.

Start making your plans for Winters Dove Fest 2014 by inviting your friends and family from out of town to enjoy the exciting activities planned for that day.

For more information about the Winters Dove Fest pageant and parade you can call Christina Davis at (325) 977 0958.

## Third fatal accident shakes BHS

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- In the third incident shocking the Ballinger community in just over two weeks, 17-year-old Ashely Virden, an incoming Ballinger High School senior, was critically injured in a horseback riding accident occurring Tuesday afternoon, July 29, 2014 just south of Bethel. She passed away on Wednesday, July 30, 2014.

Virden, the daughter of Lynn Virden and Nicole Boyd and granddaughter of Robert and Bonnie Virden, was involved in rodeo barrel racing and was practicing for the Coleman Junior Rodeo.

According to family members the horse she was riding bucked, threw her to the ground and then stepped on her head. After the accident Virden was assisted by first responders and airlifted to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas.

Homes, businesses and churches flew Ballinger Bearcat flags honoring Ashley after the accident. The Ballinger Community Center was also open on Wednesday to receive friends, classmates and family members.

This is the third tragedy occurring in Ballinger in just over two weeks. Brooke Abney, of San Angelo, a young mother and Ballinger High School 1997 graduate was killed in a crash on U.S. Highway 67 near Miles on July 13, 2014.

The driver of the truck that collided with her was Evan Wilson, a BHS Class of 2012 graduate.

The string of accidents continued on July 16, when Taylor Bowman, a BHS incoming junior, was killed when her SUV rolled over on Highway 67, near Benoit.

Ashley Virden was an avid horse rider, trainer, and barrel racer. Ashley's sister Amy and her mother Nicole thoroughly enjoyed spending time with Ashley and watching her accomplish any goal she set.

## Blizzard football off to a great start

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Winters Blizzard football program got off to a great start last Monday, August 4, 2014 with a total of 51 students/athletes attending two-a-days.

Winters High School Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Stan Caffey said he was very pleased with the attendance, and will be looking forward to the district championship.

"Last year we had a very difficult schedule, we faced some of the toughest teams in Texas, but it was a good preparation for our students, we are practicing to win," Caffey said.

With 51 students in the football program, Caffey added, this year Winters High School will have plenty of players for the Junior Varsity and Varsity teams.



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Talent and determination... The Winters High School football program will be looking forward to a great season starting with the first scrimmage of the season, at Cross Plains on August 16.

Winters High School will be taking the field on Saturday, with an inter-squad

scrimmage, and next week they will be traveling to Cross Plains for another

scrimmage. The Blizzards will be holding their first home scrimmage of the

2014 season on August 21, when they host the Coleman Bluecats.

## NRH Employee of the Quarter

Rhonnye Russell was selected as North Runnels Hospital Employee of the Quarter for April-June 2014. Rhonnye is an LVN with the home health department. She is always ready to take the extra step in assisting her home bound patients. Pictured with Rhonnye is administrator Sidney Tucker.

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## Mobile Vet Center to visit Ballinger

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Thursday, August 7, 2014 the Taylor County Mobile Vet Center, from Abilene, will attend the American Legion meeting in Ballinger, Texas as well as the Runnels County Veteran Services Office at the Courthouse Annex, located on Strong Avenue, Ballinger, Texas 76821 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Mobile Vet Center will be offering free counseling services to Runnels County and area veterans.

Mobile Vet Centers are among the Veterans Administration's premier, front-line outreach resources designed to interact with veterans in rural communities, at community events, and on special occasions. As an integral part of the Vet Center system, mobile centers offer veterans information on

topics such as individual and group readjustment counseling, military sexual trauma, marital and family counseling, VA benefits, and community education.

MVC 846 is based out of the Taylor County Vet Center and provides service coverage throughout the majority of Texas. As is often the case in many rural areas wherein VA facilities are not readily available or there is limited access to services, the MVC affords veterans an opportunity to engage in face-to-face dialog with a VA representative within the local community.

Services offered by the Taylor County Vet Center include:

- Individual, group, and family readjustment counseling to Veterans and their families in making a successful transition from combat to civilian life.

- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) treatment and help with other related problems that affect functioning within the family, work, school or other areas of everyday life.

- Military sexual trauma counseling for veterans of both genders, regardless of combat service.

- Veterans and families needing more information should call the Vet Center at (325) 232 7925.

- The Taylor County Vet Center is located at 3564 N. 6th Street, Abilene, TX 79603.

The Vet Center staff respect the privacy of all clients, and hold information in strictest confidence. No information will be communicated to any person or agency without written consent, except in necessary circumstances to avert a crisis. The Taylor County Veterans Service Office serves

Abilene, Taylor County and surrounding area.

Eligibility requirements include being a qualified veteran or surviving spouse, child, or parent of an eligible veteran.

Mission of this office is to serve all veterans and their families with dignity and compassion by providing prompt and courteous assistance in preparing, submitting, and presenting all claims for benefits to which they may be entitled and serve as their principal advocate on veterans' issues.

Their vision is to ensure that all veterans and their families understand and receive all the benefits, support, care and recognition that the veteran has earned, by expertly administering all current programs, anticipating future needs and taking appropriate action to meet those needs.

## Special election early voting starts Aug. 25

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- A special election will be held Tuesday, September 9, 2014 in Runnels County and all District 28 counties to replace State Senator Robert Duncan, who left his seat to take over the position of Chancellor at the Texas Tech System.

Early voting will be held August 25 through September 5 with the exception being Labor Day.

Early voting will be Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. through 5 p.m. at the Runnels County Courthouse Annex, behind the Courthouse, at 603 Strong Avenue, Ballinger, Texas.

On election day polling locations will be at the Runnels County Courthouse Annex for voting precincts 1, 2, 7 and 8. Precinct 3 polling place will be located at the Winters Housing Authority. For precincts 4, 5 and 6 the polling place will be at the Winters Tax Office, and for the precincts 9 and 10, the polling place will be the Miles City Hall.

The winner of the special election will serve the rest of Duncan's term, which ends in 2017. If no candidate receives at least 50 percent of the vote, a runoff will be called at some point later in the year.

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**FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES**

**Verlon Schwartz**

Verlon Schwartz, 87, of Winters, died August 1, 2014. She was born November 28, 1926 in Winters and was a lifelong resident. She married Halley Schwartz on December 8, 1944 in Ballinger. He preceded her in death on March 25, 2010. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by three daughters: Linda Jones of Abilene, Jan Jordan and husband Jim of Winters and Kay Braddick and husband Don of Midland; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The family received friends on Sunday August 3, 2014 at Winters Funeral Home.

Funeral services were Monday August 4, 2014 in the North Main Street Church of Christ with burial in Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Winters Enterprise, August 07, 2014

**Five Farm Bill decision-making programs scheduled by AgriLife**

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT**

SAN ANGELO- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has set five farm bill programs across West Texas meant to help producers in their decision-making process, said AgriLife Extension economist Bill Thompson.

All the programs are set from 9 a.m.-noon at the following dates and locations:

- Sept. 23, Garden City, Glasscock County AgriLife Extension meeting room, 117 S. Myrl St.

- Sept. 24, San Angelo, Tom Green County 4-H Center, 3168, North U.S. Highway 67.

- Oct. 6, Stamford, Stamford High School Auditorium, 507 S. Orient, St.

- Oct. 7, Fort Stockton, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Center, 1618 Airport Dr.

- Oct. 8, Fort Hancock, Community Building, 562 Knox Ave.

**2014 Property Tax Rates in NORTH RUNNELS HOSPITAL**

This notice concerns the 2014 property tax rates for NORTH RUNNELS HOSPITAL. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

**Last year's tax rate:**

Last year's operating taxes	\$1,065,720
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$1,065,720
Last year's tax base	\$258,697,531
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.411956/\$100

**This year's effective tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,062,199
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$279,977,362
=This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.379387/\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	

<b>Last year's adjusted operating taxes</b> (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$1,062,199
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$279,977,362
=This year's effective operating rate	\$0.379387/\$100
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.409737/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.409737/\$100

**Statement of Increase/Decrease**

If NORTH RUNNELS HOSPITAL adopts a 2014 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.379387 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2013 taxes by \$-3,522.

**Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance**

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
	0

**Schedule B - 2014 Debt Service**

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

NONE

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 201 S BROADWAY BALLINGER TX.

Name of person preparing this notice: ROBIN BURGESS  
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Date Prepared: 08/04/2014

**NEWS NOTES**

**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.

**Inside-outside garage sale and bake sale in Winters**

An inside and outside garage sale and a bake sale will be held at the Assembly of God Church, 306 Wood Street in Winters, Texas, Friday, August 8, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday, August 9, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We will be having lots of clothing, some furniture, new and used items, jewelry, knitted scarfs, reg. scarfs, cakes, cupcakes, breakfast burritos, drinks, water.

**Winters VFD barbecue dinner**

The Winters Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a barbecue dinner on Sunday, August 10, 2014 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Winters Community Center. Come and help the Winters VFD!

**Public Library summer reading program**

All children are welcome to celebrate summer reading on Tuesday, August 12 from 1:30 to 2:30 at the Winters Public Library, 120 N. Main St. A Texas Tech themed program will be followed by cotton candy and other goodies. Certificates for summer reading will be given to all participants, and children who have finished reading 12 books will receive T-shirts. Kids have until August 30 to finish their 12 books, and can pick up T-shirts after August 12 at the library.

All children are invited to this fun event to mark the end of summer. Keep Reading!

**Winters Athletic Booster Club meeting**

The Winters Athletic Booster Club will meet on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at the Winters ISD Special Events Center (near the new gym) at 7:30 p.m. Old business will be finished off and plans made for the upcoming 2014-15 school year. Officer elections will be held. All current and prospective members are encouraged to attend as this is a very important meeting to elect and install new officers.

**Family Night at the FUMC**

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the Family Night at First United Methodist Church, 141 N. Church St., on Wednesday, August 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. This will be a time of fellowship and registration for Kids In Christ Klub. KICK is for children Pre-K through fifth grade. KICK will begin on August 27 at 5:30 p.m. Come enjoy the food (hot dogs, chips, and drinks) and fellowship

with your friends. For more information, Contact Bertha Owens at 754 5163

**Kids In Christ Klub**

Kids In Christ Klub (KICK) begins at First United Methodist Church, 141 N. Church St., Wednesday, August 27, 5:30 p.m.- 7 p.m. KICK is for Children Pre-K through fifth grade. Come, join your friends, and learn thrilling Bible stories, make fun crafts, and many more exciting activities. For more information contact Bertha Owens at 754 5163.

**WHS Class of 1964 reunion**

WHS Class of 1964 will hold it's 50th reunion during Homecoming weekend, September 26-27. Friday night's activities will include attendance at the football game with the general homecoming of all classes after the game meet at the new gymnasium. Detailed information for the 1964 reunion can be obtained from local classmates or from Gary Hester, coordinator, 4706 Enchanted Lane, Austin, Texas 78745; (512) 444 4904; 3ghester@att.net; or Facebook.

**Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings**

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

**TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'**

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

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

**Winters Women's Club**

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

**AA Meetings**

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

**Ballinger Al-Anon meetings**

Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

**City Council Meetings**

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

**WIC open to many incomes and families**

Women Infants and Children, located at 706 Strong Ave in Ballinger is open Monday thru Wednesday 7 a.m. till noon and 1 p.m. till 6 p.m.

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

**Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting**

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

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## Beef cattle course attendees hear optimistic views on industry

**BLAIR FANNIN**  
SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

COLLEGE STATION—More than 1,500 beef cattle producers from across Texas and abroad gathered at Texas A&M University in College Station for the 60th Beef Cattle Short Course this week to learn more about cattle production and maximizing profits during times of record prices.

With beef cattle inventory in the U.S. the smallest since the 1950s, strong prices are predicted to continue with slow, gradual herd rebuilding after decades of drought throughout Texas and the nation, according to experts.

"Feeder prices are in good shape for a while," Dr. Bill Mies, visiting professor in the department of animal science at Texas A&M, told attendees. "We've got record high beef prices at the retail level, lower corn prices and projected record yields on the current crop."

But Mies cautioned producers who are enjoying dramatic increases in beef prices. He said retail meat prices have increased accordingly and could have the potential to rival the pricing power of lobster.

"We don't want to have beef become a special treat item," Mies said. However, many beef producers are continuing to cash in on high prices as mature ranching operations are paying down debt instead of expanding herds.

Still, Mies said there are challenges over the next 11 years for beef operations. There's the fear of

drought after paying high prices to restock cows, he said. By 2025, he projects cow inventory in the U.S. to be slightly higher, but become limited by regional droughts, urban sprawl and land values for other uses.

"Cow-calf operations will exist on more leased land than in the past," Mies projected. He cited the average age of the current rancher is the high 60s and sees more of a trend where cattle ranchers' children leave the land for off-the-farm employment. He said those who do choose to be in the cow-calf business as a primary source of income will likely have a small house and multiple leased pastures.

Mies said the current feedlot segment of the business is overbuilt by 25 percent. Consolidation will continue as the beef industry adjusts to fewer beef cattle, he said.

Dr. Gary Smith, visiting professor in the department of animal science at Texas A&M, provided an overview of the beef industry the past 25 years. From implementation of Beef Quality Assurance programs to centralized cutting and packaging of meat that is shipped directly to grocery retailers, Smith said the beef industry has made big strides in producing high-quality products readily available to consumers.

Smith said one challenge for cattle producers is selecting adaptable females that are fertile during periods of nutrient deficiency, such as drought.

Another featured speaker, R. C. Slocum, Central

Texas rancher, encouraged attendees to wake up everyday with a positive attitude and do the best they can.

"If you are good at what you do and work hard, you will always have a job," he said.

He said you need to have a passion for what you do and that little things make a big difference. Slocum said each Thursday his high school coach would make players buff their shoes and replace shoelaces, crossing them in an exact pattern.

"My old high school coach would say, 'what does that have to do with winning?' It probably means not much to you, but doing the little things right has everything to do with winning," he said. "At my place, when you buy herbicides, that stuff is expensive. If you go out there and apply too much product, what are you doing? You are wasting money. If you apply too little, you're not getting a good kill. The little things make a difference."

"I think what you are doing right now is the most important thing you can do - you are continuing to grow and looking for ways to become better."

Brian Bledsoe, weather forecaster for the Southern Livestock Standard, told attendees to enjoy the moisture Texas has been receiving.

"Enjoy this time while we have it," he said. "Last year when I was here speaking to you, I was somewhat on the fence (about when it was going to rain). But this time, things are lining up pretty good."

## Blizzard athletes hold annual Speed Camp

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE**  
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS—The Blizzard coaches put on their annual Speed Camp and enjoyed a great turnout. Incoming second through eighth graders developed their speed while working on football skills like throwing, kicking, catching, punting, and snapping.

The coaches were: Head Coach, Stan Caffey, Brent Rider, Ronny Ballard, Val Acree, Maxx Hill, and Correy Washington.

## Winters Athletic Booster Club to hold business meeting

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE**  
STAFF REPORT

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- 6 Posed a question
- 11 Egg \_\_\_\_\_ (December drink)
- 14 Fast Amtrak train
- 15 Willing to believe anything
- 16 Night before a big day
- 17 Dr. Seuss book
- 20 "A mouse!"
- 21 Stories
- 22 Harnesses the wind
- 23 Actress Winslet of "Titanic"
- 24 Kitty or puppy
- 25 Store event
- 28 Kind of poem
- 30 "Woe is me!"
- 34 Theater items
- 36 Extreme dislike
- 38 Every last bit
- 39 Dr. Seuss book
- 42 "First of all..."
- 43 More than months
- 44 Resort lake that's also a Chevy SUV
- 45 Grandma
- 47 Soap ingredient
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- 49 Delivery company
- 51 "The \_\_\_\_\_ Show"
- 54 Instrument for Billy Joel
- 57 Number of Olympic medals in each event
- 59 Ending for real or surreal
- 62 Dr. Seuss book
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- 70 Transmits

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- 9 Actress Longoria
- 10 Tightly-packed
- 11 Soda brand
- 12 Racetrack shape
- 13 Valuable rocks
- 18 Consume
- 19 Facts
- 23 Held onto
- 24 \_\_\_\_\_ Plus (shampoo brand)

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- 26 Stadium
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## Weather Whys

**Q:** Sometimes you hear about frogs and other animals coming down from the sky. Is this possible?

**A:** It is, and it's happened many times throughout history, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Sometimes small creatures, such as fish or frogs, are sucked up high into the air by either very strong thunderstorms or tornadoes, McRoberts explains. "Over the ocean, a waterspout — a tornado that forms over water — can produce strong enough winds to carry small fish into the air. There are instances of some of these creatures being carried long distances because there was no water nearby. Maybe one of the strangest occurred in 1877 when The New York Times reported that several small alligators had fallen from the sky onto a South Carolina farm."

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**60th Anniversary of Marthiel and Tommy Russell**

We would like to recognize and honor the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Helen Marthiel Russell and Dr. Tommy Lynn Russell of Winters, Texas. Marthiel Middlebrook was born to Martin and Billie Middlebrook in Winters, Texas on August 10, 1934. Tommy Russell was born to James and Adeline Russell in Turkey, Texas on August 1, 1932. Marthiel and Tommy met while attending McMurry College in Abilene, Texas. Following their graduation from McMurry, they were married on August 1, 1954 in Winters, Texas. After Tommy served a stint in the U.S. Army, they moved to Dallas, Texas. Marthiel taught school in the Highland Park school system while Tommy attended Baylor Dental School. They moved to Winters in 1960. Tommy has been practicing dentistry in Winters since 1961. Marthiel retired from the Winters Independent School District after a 41 year teaching career. She taught music, and first and second grades.

Their two children, Jeff Russell and J'Lynn Cooper both graduated from Winters High School. They have five grandchildren. Jeff and Jennifer Russell live in Dallas and have three daughters, Mary Claire Russell of St. Louis, Missouri, Natalie Russell of Los Angeles, California, and Frances Russell of Dallas. J'Lynn and Alan Cooper reside in Winters with their two children, Alanna Cooper and Cameron Cooper.

Tommy continues to practice dentistry in Winters. They are both actively involved in the American and Texas Dental Association. They are long time members of the United Methodist Church in Winters. They have always had a passion for traveling and seeing new places. They will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in Taos, New Mexico.

We are thankful for their marriage and their example of steadfastness and faithfulness.

1 Corinthians 13  
"Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance"

## DPS reports over 1000 DWI arrests on 4th July weekend

AUSTIN—Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) troopers made more than 1,000 DWI arrests during a special enforcement period that spanned 11 days and included the July 4th holiday. The enhanced DWI enforcement effort took place from June 27 - July 7.

"Impaired drivers are a danger to themselves and other travelers across the state, and DPS troopers are dedicated to helping prevent deadly crashes by getting dangerous drivers off the road," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "These holiday patrols are aimed at saving lives and encouraging safe driving practices." DPS Highway Patrol troopers made 1,051 DWI arrests during the July 4th enforcement period. Of those arrests, 219 were the direct result of a TxDOT grant, which allowed increased patrols in high-risk locations.

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# Runnels County ROLL-UP

## THE ORGANIZATION OF RUNNELS COUNTY

### The first County Judge finishes his tenure

CONTRIBUTED BY RUTH COOPER  
RCHC CHAIRPERSON

WINTERS- Sylvester Adams finished serving his fourth term as Runnels County's first judge and did not seek re-election in the November 1888 election. He had acquired a host of friends during his terms in public office. His family included his wife, three daughters and three sons.

Judge Adams was a true man, best known to his friends. In 1885, the County Judge' annual salary was raised from \$400 to \$600. In research done later, various sums of money came into question for explanation. During the 1886-1887 drought, the matter of relief help came up. The county paid for a trip to Albany, Texas, apparently the point of distribution in early 1887. Judge Adams was to meet Miss Clara Barton to organize plans of distribution. Judge Sylvester Adams spoke on behalf of the people of Runnels County and rejected the relief supplies, out of Southern pride. According to marker records, a train car loaded with ears of corn was sent to Ballinger to be distributed to the needy. A well-to-do ranch family, that could buy anything they wanted, got two or three wagons loads of corn. (RCHC Marker Histories.)

According to the County Commissioner's Court records, the judge was allowed \$30 out of the County Relief Fund, February 16, 1887 for his services and expenses in going and returning from Albany in the interest of drought sufferers.

At the same meeting there was a notation - "County Judge \$800." May 11, 1880, it was ordered that the County Judge retain out of proceeds of sales 10 percent as compensation for his services. The county

paid all expenses in making and acknowledging deeds for property sales in Runnels City.

Through November 13, 1888, the County Judge and Commissioners received per diem pay of \$3 when court was in session. In the same meeting, Judge Adams was allowed \$50 for disbursing the sum of \$728.25 with no further explanation.

Judge Adams lived for a short time after his retirement before he died at this home in Runnels City, February 3, 1889. He was 55 years of age. He was buried in the northwest corner of the Runnels Cemetery located on FM 2887. The cement stone placed at the grave by friends is 10-12 feet tall and is an obelisk type monument.

In 1966, a Confederate foot stone of white granite was placed at the grave. The inscription reads:

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Texas Arty  
C.S.A.  
March 9, 1834  
Feb. 3, 1889

The Runnels County Commissioners' Court, in their November 1890 meeting heard the last quarter report by John M. Formwalt, the county's only sheriff since the organization of the county and recently retired. Mr. Formwalt's report included collecting taxes for the roll of 1890. The court allowed 90 days or until the next regular term of the court to make his final settlement.

With County Judge Sylvester Adams and Sheriff John McEwen Formwalt both retired, the other person having served the longest and remaining on the Commissioners' Court, (he began his term December 11, 1882), was W. L. Towner, County Clerk. He was the second

County Clerk. He continued to serve into the next century. Mr. W. L. Towner was a most diligent advocate for the county seat remaining in Runnels City. Sometime after the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad came to Ballinger and the talk of moving the county seat, he worked in different ways to derail the various challenges so Runnels City would remain the county seat.

Ballinger's first cemetery was known as Ballinger Cemetery Company, and was later called Hillcrest Cemetery because of its location. It was abandoned by the community because of the character of the ground. August 12, 1890, H. D. Pearce sold 15 acres of land to the City of Ballinger. This 15-acre purchase was for the use of what became Evergreen Cemetery. April 23, 1903, the City of Ballinger conveyed lots 19, 20, 59 and 60 in Section 1 to J.H. Routh, Commander and H.D. Pearce, Adjutant of The Henry E. McCulloch Camp Confederate Veterans for "love and respect of our people to the indigent Confederate Veterans of Runnels County."

The earliest marked grave in Evergreen is that of Rosannah Tudor Wylie, wife of William Hawthorne Wylie, who died the January 9, 1884. There were a number of others who died and were buried before the establishment of Evergreen. It can be assumed they had been re-interred.

Resources:  
Runnels County Historical Commission Histories  
Runnels County A Look Back, RCHC, May 2010  
Runnels County Commissioners' Court, 1880, 1882, 1890, County Clerk's Records In Remembrance, RCHC-1985

### FSA taking applications for emergency loans

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO- Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by drought April 1, 2013 thru October 31, 2013 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency office located in San Angelo, Randy Dupre said.

Runnels County is one of 240 counties in Texas recently designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and/or physical losses resulting from damages caused by drought that occurred in the aforementioned months.

Dupre said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of crop production or suffered any physical loss to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan under this designation," Dupre

said. Producers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss. Additionally, any insurance proceeds received by producers as a result of the physical loss will have to be considered in determining their total loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until December 23, 2014, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Dupre said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

### Public Record

#### Divorces

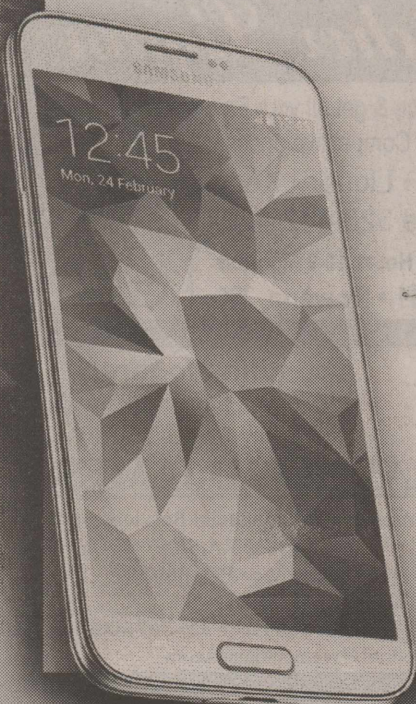
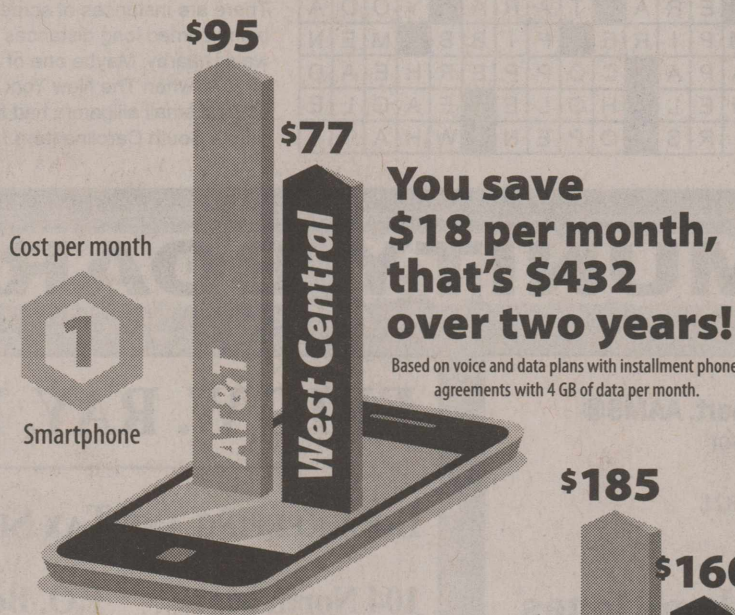
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Amanda Gayle Waldrop and Johnathan Mark Waldrop	July 30

#### Runnels Co. Jail Record August 5, 2014

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Eric L. Tekell	33	WPD	S/W DWI	33	
Michael A. Delbosque	23	Concho	Lubbock Co. Warrant	23	
Stephen Limon	23	Concho	Concho Co. warrant	23	
Shawn D. Thomas	40	Coleman	DWI 1st	40	
Michael P. Hurt	53	Concho	DWI 3rd or more	53	
Rachel Nieto	44	BPD	Public intoxication	44	
Juan J. Vara	40	U.S. Marshal	Failure to register sex offender, parole violation	40	
Griffith P. Greene	22	BPD	Possession of controlled substance, marijuana	22	
Belinda Robles	37	Concho	Burglary of building - warrant	37	
Khodie A. Garza	17	RCSO	Possession of controlled substance	17	
Francisco Montalvo Sr.	58	BPD	DWI	58	
Adrian M. Rodriguez	31	WPD	Possession of controlled substance	31	
Shay P. Hohensee	23	MPD	Forgery	23	
Juan J. Hernandez	27	Concho	Striking highway fixture landscape	27	
Christina D. McMillan	37	RCSO	DWI	37	

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION - TRC 109 & 114\***

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As is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Second Amended Petition on file in this suit. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Ballinger Texas this 25th day of July, 2014.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Second Amended Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of this citation the same being Monday September 8, 2014 before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, at the Courthouse in Ballinger, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Second Amended Petition was filed in the 24th day of July 2014 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Declaratory Judgment regarding the title of the above described property.

Winters, Runnels County, TX 79567. Latitude

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Julia Miller  
Signature of Officer

**AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE**

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# THE IDLE AMERICAN

## Life through oil-coated glasses...

Commentary by  
Dr. Don Newbury

Oh, No! Say it isn't so. My Uncle Mort, who usually doesn't stay on a single subject long enough to muster a significant "peeve," is speaking to me again. He's mighty disappointed that I didn't mention — "privately or in print" — his July 4 birthday.

"The date has passed and the whole blamed month is gone, too," he added, whimpering lamely that he's "trying to get over it." (I've heard he's been accusing me of "routinely writing of lesser things" than his 102nd birthday, and that whether he's a "real" person — or a figment of my imagination — "really shouldn't matter.")

I mumbled apologetically, biting my tongue to

avoid speaking of a "real" friend whose age is closer to 104 than 103. His name: H. Bryan Poff, who still makes oil and gas deals daily from his modest home in east Fort Worth....

Mr. Poff gave up driving a decade or so ago, but drilling? He's still at it, now in his ninth decade of petroleum exploration. He's known for his unshakable faith, bright mind, keen memory and rich first-hand experiences in Texas' major oil fields — save one. He missed out on Spindletop — the forerunner of state-wide drilling that blew in between Beaumont and Port Arthur in 1901 — one decade before the old wildcatter

was born.

With a hearty laugh, quick-triggered smile and incurable optimism, Poff is forever bold, and the Holy Bible would be home plate if his Christian pilgrimage were a game. He claims "mother's knee" teachings — many from Philipians — and his ongoing daily Bible study — often in Proverbs — to be foundational. He's experienced all of the "ups and downs" of exploration. "I'm happy for my share of dry holes, because they make 'hits' even sweeter," Poff claims....

He's a "living encyclopedia" of Texas' petroleum history, citing "chapters and verses" of major events — and some not so major. Files, documents, clippings and photographs surround his big recliner, where he now spends most days. A telephone — usually warm — is within

arm's reach.

Poff is now perusing mounds of material — some yellowed with age — begging to be passed along...or tossed.

"I'm sending you some items you might like," he mentioned as casually as a Texas tourist might describe Gibraltar as "a good-sized" rock....

Sure enough, the mail soon brought an old clipping from the Fort Worth News-Tribune. In vivid detail, it recounted newspaper coverage of a remarkable 1920 Fort Worth funeral attended by more than 50,000 people when the city's population was only 103,000.

Perhaps no Texas funeral has ever piqued more interest. It honored the life of Ormer Locklear, who dreamed big dreams of becoming a daring aviator and flying in World War I's Army Aviation branch. He built gliders — this young mechanic who was well known for his daring

aerial stunts. Locklear performed one stunt in tandem with fabled escape artist Harry Houdini and enjoyed a brief Hollywood career. At age 29, a failed aerial stunt for a film did him in.

The late Delbert Willis' column — written 63 years after the fact — cites superlatives, including phrases like "never to be equaled, longest procession, biggest crowd, most mourners, most lavish floral tributes and most bandsmen." Well-known military and Hollywood figures attended the funeral — first ever to include aerial photographs made from circling planes. Wow....

A few days later came a 1931 Shell Oil Co. telegram, explaining to Poff's bunch that pay for crude run from the Tippett Lease in Yates Shallow District is a "flat price of six cents per barrel." It claimed the crude to have a "refining value of only three cents per barrel."

Hope was expressed that

this position was "only temporary."

Yep, oil is more valuable now. Poff said recent sales netted \$99.80 per barrel....

Friends sometimes gather at his home for lunch to hear stories spun by the colorful character member of the Fort Worth Petroleum Club. They share his favorite fare — tamales, extra spicy, with liberal dollops of chili.

He says meals are "extra larrapin" when they include fried onion rings — a full order, since a "half-order doesn't quite get it done."

His friends, all with ages in two digits, opt for mild tamales, with a hint of chili. And onions? Okay, but sautéed, please, not fried....

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SAN ANGELO— "Today's Ranching Perspectives" will be the theme for this year's 41st annual Sheep and Goat Field Day set Sept. 4 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at San Angelo.

The center is north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 8:30 a.m. The field day is set to end with the noon meal, but there is an optional Texas Department of Agriculture program following at 1 p.m. that will offer three continuing education units, one each in the categories of laws and regulations, integrated pest management and general.

"This year's field day is dedicated to two of our longtime center coworkers

who are retiring the end of August, Dr. Frank Craddock and Scott Durham," said Dr. John Walker, Texas A&M AgriLife Research resident director at the center. "Both these men are well known and recognized across the state in their respective roles."

"Dr. Craddock is Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's state sheep and goat specialist and Mr. Durham is the AgriLife Extension administrator for the 23-county West Central District headquartered here. Frank's 29-year AgriLife Extension tenure was spent in Uvalde and San Angelo, while Scott's 35-year career began as a county agent in Lee, Bandera and Comal counties before moving into district-level administrative posts in Vernon and Overton before coming to San Angelo."

Walker said the annual event gives the AgriLife

staff at the center a chance to showcase their work, address issues facing the ranching industry, enjoy lunch together and see old friends.

"This year's theme, 'Today's Ranching Perspectives,' is meant to be very positive as is the current ranching climate," Walker said. "We've had some good regional grass-growing rains, livestock markets are extremely strong and weather forecasters predict a fall of moderate temperatures and possibly more moisture, so this field day should prove to be very upbeat and optimistic to go right along with that theme."

Topics will include Rambouillet/Dorper sheep breed comparisons, Texas Rambouillet wool compared with Australian Merino F1 crossbred wool in active-wear apparel and supplemental disaster programs of interest to

ranchers in the 2014 farm bill.

"One of our guest speakers, Dr. Roel Lopez, director and professor, Institute of Renewable Natural Resources, Texas Water Resources Institute at College Station, is set to speak on Texas water issues and what's on the horizon for that critical topic," Walker said. "Marvin Ensor, AgriLife Extension regional program leader here, and I will offer center updates from our respective agencies and then, just prior to lunch, the formal program will end with updates from the various sheep and goat industry groups in the area."

The entire program, including the sponsored lunch, is free and open to the public.

For more information contact Walker at 325-653-4576, [jwalker@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jwalker@ag.tamu.edu).

## Sheep and Goat Field Day set for Sept. 4 at San Angelo

## TSCRA opposes endangered listing of two Texas shiners

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

FORT WORTH— Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) president, Pete Bonds, today made the following statement after the United States Fish and Wildlife Service announced they have listed two Texas shiners, the sharpnose and small-eye shiner, under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

"TSCRA is opposed to the Fish and Wildlife Service's decision to list the sharpnose and small-eye shiner on the endangered species list," said TSCRA president, Pete Bonds. "Ranchers and other agricultural producers are proud stewards of our country's land and natural resources, yet remain the most adversely

impacted by ESA listings and critical habitat designations. We are concerned the listings will lead to additional land use regulations, which threaten our nation's important agricultural industries. TSCRA will continue monitoring these issues and doing everything possible to protect and preserve landowner's private property rights."

The new listings will designate approximately 623 river miles of river segments occupied by the sharpnose and small-eye shiners in Baylor, Crosby, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Kent, King, Knox, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Young Counties in the upper Brazos River basin of Texas as critical habitat, as well as the upland areas extending beyond the

bankfull river channel by approximately 98 feet on each side.

TSCRA submitted comments to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service opposing the listings in October 2013.

TSCRA is a 137-year-old trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas. TSCRA has more than 16,000 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members. These members represent approximately 50,000 individuals directly involved in ranching and beef production who manage 4 million head of cattle on 76 million acres of range and pasture land primarily in Texas and Oklahoma, but throughout the Southwest.

## Texas Sales Tax holiday to be held this weekend

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN— Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds shoppers the annual Sales Tax holiday is scheduled for this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 8-10.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from Sales Tax, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend.

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free can be found on the Comptroller's website at [www.TexasTaxHoliday.org](http://www.TexasTaxHoliday.org).

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