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U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative, State and local elections were held in Runnels County on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Results were not available as of press time. Check out all the results of the state and local races online, at MyRunnelsCounty.com and next week in print in The Winters Enterprise.



Football Sweetheart is crowned

Gabriela Reyes was crowned Winters Blizzards Football Sweetheart Friday night, October 31, 2014, at halftime of the last home game of the season for the Blizzards. Gabriela is escorted here by her father Vinnie Reyes and stepfather Alex Harrison.

PHOTOS: JOE GERHART

Empty Bowls, a reminder of world hunger

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Saturday, November 8, 2014, the local 4-H clubs will be selling hand decorated bowls at the Empty Bowls Project, to be held at the Runnels County Senior Citizen Center at 608 Sealy Ave., in Ballinger, Texas.

Come enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread, and keep a bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. Serving will be from 11:30 a.m. through 1 p.m.



J'Nae Hagle escorted by her mother Tracie Bills.



Maggie Mendoza escorted by her father, Jaime Mendoza.



Christa Bahlman escorted by her father, Chris Bahlman.

Christmas trees coming back to the Rock Hotel

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Plans are underway for the Rock Hotel's Annual Christmas Trees display. The grand revealing of the trees will be Monday December 1, 2015. The days for viewing the trees will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 4 through the 20, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Rock Hotel invites anyone wanting to decorate or display a Christmas Tree to make plans from Monday, November 17, 2014 to Friday, November 28.

There is a request from the Rock Hotel for small trees, in good condition. If you have a small tree, please contact the number



PHOTO: FILE

The trees will be exhibited December 4-20 on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

(s) or emails below. The Rock Hotel looks forward to everyone that has participated in prior years to anyone else that

would like to decorate a tree for the display for Christmas 2014.

For more information, contact John Long

at (325) 754 5389 or zihalemuseum@wtxs.net or Kay Colburn at (325) 767 2272 or bcolburn@wtxs.net.

Blizzards remain undefeated

Bye week at stake in last game of the regular season

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- En route to a district championship and with the possibility of getting a bye week, the Winters Blizzards defeated the Miles Bulldogs on Friday night, October 31, 2014 by a score of 49-20, in the District 6-2A Div. II Runnels County Showdown.

Winters (4-0) continues undefeated in district play, and will be traveling to Menard Friday night, with the district championship at stake. The Yellowjackets are currently 3-1.

Last Friday, at Blizzard Stadium, Stephon Cleghorn inaugurated the scoreboard with a 31 yard run with 10:35 to play in the first quarter. Lukas Kraatz added the kick, 7-0.

Before the period was over Michael Chavis increased the lead, with 6:43 remaining on the clock, rushing in a 59 yard run, the kick was unsuccessful, 13-0.

Miles responded right before the first quarter was over, with 1:23 left, by means of a one yard run by Eddie Garcia. Garcia completed a pass to Cody Krueger for the two-point conversion, 13-8.

During the second quarter the Blizzards added 15 unanswered points. First, Stephon Cleghorn rushed in a 10 yard run, with 11:20 left on the half, and Michael Chavis scored another touchdown with 5:53 on the clock, a 45 yard run. Jimmy John Ripley rushed a two-point conversion in the first touchdown while Lukas Kraatz added the kick to the second one, 28-8.

The third quarter became roller coaster, with a total of five touchdowns scored between the two teams.

Jake Broke started the interchange when he intercepted a pass and returned it 53 yards into the end zone for the Blizzards with 10:24. With Kraatz's kick the scored moved to 35-8.

Cody Krueger scored for the Miles Bulldogs, with 5:43 on the clock, by means of a 5 yard run, the kick was blocked, 35-14.

Jimmy John Ripley would answer for the Blizzards, carrying a ball 33 yards into promised land with 4:45 left in the third. Kraatz made the kick, 42-14.

Krueger would step into the end zone one more time for the Bulldogs, with 1:15 left to play in the third, carrying the ball 21 yards into paydirt, the kick was again blocked, 42-20.

The last touchdown of the night was a 42 yard run by Jimmy John Ripley, with 29 seconds left in the third quarter, and with Kraatz's kick the final score was 49-20.

The Blizzards will be traveling Friday night to Menard, to face the Yellowjackets. Menard is 3-1 in district and last Friday defeated Roscoe by a score of 33-20. The only game the Yellowjackets have lost during this season was on October 24, to the Miles Bulldogs, by a score of 36-10.



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Michael Chavis runs one in for a touchdown.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Larry Duane Bilbrey

Larry Duane Bilbrey Beloved father and husband, 59, passed away at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo surrounded by family on October 29, 2014.

Born November 19, 1954 in Ballinger, Texas to Annie Lee and Dee J.R. Bilbrey, he graduated from Ballinger High School and soon after enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Duane served 20 years in the Navy attaining the rank of Master Chief.

He was a Texas and California resident and traveled with the Navy around the world. During his beginning years of service he was stationed in California. On December 24, 1999, he married his wife Deborah of Winters, Texas whom remained his wife until his passing.

Duane was a member of The American Legion.

Duane will be especially remembered for his service in the U.S. Navy, his passion for fishing, his love for his children, his family, his animals and being the one person everyone could rely on.

Duane is preceded in death by his parents Dee J.R. Bilbrey and Annie Lee Bilbrey of Ballinger, Texas; as well as his older brothers Gary Bilbrey of Bronte, Texas and Jim Bilbrey of Lubbock, Texas. Duane is survived by his beloved wife Deborah Bilbrey of Winters, Texas. His sister Tammie and husband Steve Englert of Corpus Christi, Texas; his youngest brother Glenn Bilbrey of Ballinger, Texas; his children Jennifer Bilbrey, Brian Bilbrey and Mindy Bilbrey of California; his stepchildren, Michael Pavlik, Diane Pavlik, Kristina Greer, Jaqueline Greer, Rachelle Maxon and Kimberly Maxon of California. He also has many nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly. Duane had 20 grandkids and one great-grandchild.

Viewing was held Saturday, November 1, at Heritage Funeral Home in Ballinger, Texas. Services were held Sunday, November 2 at Heritage Funeral Home in Ballinger, Texas. Burial followed service at Old Runnels Cemetery.

A special thanks to the Veterans of Runnels County for their help and support.



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Roy Van Minzenmayer

Roy Van Minzenmayer was born in Winters, Texas on November 3, 1941 to Natalia (Ahrens) Minzenmayer and Adolph Minzenmayer. He passed away in August 2014.

Roy attended Norton schools, graduating in 1960. He then attended Sul Ross State College, earning a degree in Agriculture.

Roy grew up on Valley Creek with his four siblings. He enjoyed outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing, and working with animals.

As an adult, Roy worked his own farm, enjoyed raising crops and various fruit trees. For many years, he raised blackberries which were enjoyed by many local cooks in their blackberry pies. He also had a successful trucking business for many years, which allowed him to see many places around the country.

In 1970, Roy married Odetta Lucille Rhoton. The were married for 25 years.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers-in-law Arthur Sander and Dennis Langlais.

He is survived by his siblings: Leo Minzenmayer and wife Shirley, of Winters; Janet Sander of Austin; Nancy Langlais of Jacksonville, AR.; and Myra Sorrells and husband David, of Austin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Roy had a unique perspective on life, and will be missed. Memorial services were Saturday, November 1, 2014 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters. Pastor Alsen Wenzel officiated. Visitation will followed.

In lieu of flowers the family requested to send memorials to Runnels County Meals on Wheels.



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Betty Fields

Betty Fields, 70, of Abilene formerly of Winters died October 28, 2014. She was born January 7, 1944 in Santa Maria, California. She moved with her family to Wingate in 1949 and was raised there. She married Tommy Fields on March 14, 1960 in Odessa. She moved to Winters in 1973 and then to Abilene in 1995. She was a bookkeeper for S&H Resources. She was a Baptist.

She was a loving mother, grandmother and sister and lived her life for her family.

She is survived by her husband: Tommy Fields of Abilene; three sons Keith Fields and wife Kimberley of Winters, Thomas Fields, and Terry Fields and wife Linda of Ovalo; her sister Sue Armstrong of Abilene; her half brother Jim Cox of Littleton, Colorado, Betty is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Sunday November 2, 2014 at the Wingate cemetery.

The family suggest memorials be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the American Diabetes Association.

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NEWS NOTES

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, November 4, 2014, at the Winters Elementary Yellow Building.

Winters 4-H meeting

The Winters 4-H Club meets at 6:30 p.m. first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 4, at the Show Barn.

Veteran's Day ceremony and parade

VFW Post 9196, the American Legion Post 8 and the Runnels County Veterans Service Office will have a Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Memorial on the Court-house Square on Tuesday, November 11 at 10 a.m. At 10:30 a.m. there will be a ceremony commemorating the 20th anniversary of our Memorial at the Court-house. The Parade will start at 11 a.m. If you would like to be in the Parade, just call Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 365-3612. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the ceremony and parade.

Immunization clinics in Runnels County

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

The clinic in Winters will be from 10 a.m. to 12 and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Friday, November 14 at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience, use the rear entrance (Grant Street).

The clinic in Ballinger will be from 10 a.m. to 12 and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday November 13 at 600 Strong, (corner of 6th and Strong).

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 Monday of the month at 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.

AA Meetings

AA meetings 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.

Farmers, ranchers encouraged to make their voices be heard

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON, D.C.-

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is encouraging farmers and ranchers to make their voices heard by voting in the upcoming Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committee elections. FSA Administrator Val Dolcini announced that beginning Monday, November 3, 2014, USDA will mail ballots for the 2014 elections to eligible producers across the country. Producers must return ballots to their local FSA offices by the December 1, 2014, deadline to ensure that their vote is counted.

"The role and input of our county committee members is vital as we implement the 2014 Farm Bill," said Dolcini. "New members provide

input and make important decisions on the local administration of FSA programs. We have seen promising increases in the number of women and minority candidates willing to serve on county committees, helping to better represent the diversity of American agriculture."

FSA County Committee members provide an important link between the local agricultural community and USDA. Farmers and ranchers elected to county committees help deliver FSA programs at the local level, applying their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on commodity support programs; conservation programs; indemnity and disaster programs; emergency programs and eligibility. County com-

mittees operate within of-ficial regulations designed to carry out federal laws.

To be an eligible voter, farmers and ranchers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm may also be eligible to vote. Agricultural producers in each county submitted candidate nominations during the nomination period, which ended on August 1, 2014.

Eligible voters who do not receive ballots in the coming week may pick one up at their local USDA Service Center or FSA office. The deadline to submit ballots is Dec. 1, 2014. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than December 1,

2014. Newly elected committee members and their alternates will take office January 1, 2015.

Nearly 7,700 FSA County Committee members serve in the 2,124 FSA offices nationwide. Each committee consists of three to 11 members elected by eligible producers. Members serve 3-year terms of office. Approximately one-third of county committee seats are up for election each year.

More information on county committees, such as the new 2014 fact sheet and brochures, can be found on the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. You may also contact your local USDA Service Center or FSA office. Visit <http://go.usa.gov/pYV3> to find an FSA office near you.

Texas A&M garners USDA grants

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas A&M AgriLife Research have received \$937,345 in grant monies from the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture for integrated pest management work, according to a recent USDA news release announcing the successful grant projects.

The agency awarded a total of \$16 million in grants nationally to support research and Extension activities across the U.S. that address critical integrated pest management needs, according to the release. The resources are meant to protect crops and livestock, ensure greater food security and effectively respond to other major societal challenges as stated in the release.

"Integrated pest management is a best-management strategy that utilizes any number of facets to control pests in the most effective, economical, yet environmentally friendly, ways available," said Dr. Charles Allen, a grant recipient and AgriLife Extension entomology program leader/associate department head and statewide integrated pest coordinator at San Angelo.

"The announcement listed three funded grants at Texas A&M AgriLife in the Applied Research and Development Program," Allen said. "One was to entomologist, Dr. Mike Brewer, AgriLife Research sci-

entist at Corpus Christi who is working on sugarcane aphid on sorghum. Another was to Dr. Muthukumar Bagavathiannan in the department of soil and crop science at Texas A&M for work on glyphosate-resistant Palmer amaranth. A third was written by Dr. Mengmeng Gu, AgriLife Extension ornamental horticulturist at Dallas, who partnered with Dr. Mike Merchant, AgriLife Extension entomologist also at Dallas, and Erfan Vafaie, AgriLife Extension program specialist at Overton. They are working on an invasive insect that is attacking crape myrtle. The fourth grant is listed under the Extension Implementation Program and was the grant I wrote. It partially funds integrated pest management agents and program specialists' salaries and travel."

To view the USDA announcement and the list of funded grants, go to:http://www.nifa.usda.gov/newsroom/news/2014news/10233_ipm_grants.html.

For more information on specific grants, go to: http://www.nifa.usda.gov/newsroom/news/2014news/10_23_crop_pro_pst_mgmt_grants.html.

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THE IDLE AMERICAN A Sabbath remembered...and kept smoky

Cometary by
Dr. Don Newbury

Surely they were not actual sounds from a flesh-and-blood ox with nostrils flared, disrupting the order of a Sunday morning. But the bellowing — imagined or not — sounded like a wounded beast reduced to his knees in surrender to a “week that was.”

Yelling to be heard above the bellows, I informed my wife, kids and grandkids — all scurrying about to make church on time — that I’d remain at home.

Bone weary, I claimed “king’s X” — ox in the ditch, you know. It’s a card I’ve rarely played. I’d remain pajama-clad at home, comforted by coffee refills and Sunday morning sports pages. I volunteered to have lunch ready, though — two truly giant pizzas and a tossed salad....

Shakespeare warned of slips ‘twixt cups and lips. Still, the perfect storm — which could have resulted in a house reduced to ashes — seemed severe penance for missing a single church service.

My misadventure had such innocent beginnings. I was a bit careless placing the pizzas on the oven racks, not realizing that Aldi’s giant pizzas are two inches wider than other brands. Therefore, each pizza must be placed perfectly on the rack. A three-inch overhang — out of view in back — can have serious consequences.

The family’s return home coincided with smoke curling from the oven. That’s when my world — in fast forward mode — turned to mush....

Just as they arrived, I flicked on the fan above the oven.

This made the combusting pizza drippings combust faster, and in the next couple of minutes, son-in-law Kyle scattered a box of baking soda over flames lapping from the oven’s innards, emptied a fire extinguisher and suggested a call to the fire department.



TEXAS
COLUMNIST
Don
Newbury

My wife dialed 9-1-1, daughters Jana and Jeanie corralled dogs and kids, and I mostly wrung my hands....

Kyle subdued the fire about the time the Burleson Fire Department truck arrived, some three minutes after the call. The firemen inspected the area, congratulated him for expertly extinguishing the blaze, carried the stove into the garage and bade

us farewell.

Massive cleaning of residue from surfaces began; an order was placed for take-out tacos.

I rescued a couple of pieces of pizza — the ones I’d placed green olives on as grand substitutes for black ones — and urged others to join me. Alas, despite the pizzas miraculously “done to a turn” status, their “nays” drowned out my “aye.” There were mutterings about dangers of ingesting food where names could be written in the ash-coated residue....

It was a dreadful way to end a homecoming weekend, one in which my wife and I had crowded a half-century of memories into two days. We don’t often have the opportunity to celebrate 125 years of anything, but so it was in Brownwood for Howard Payne University’s observance.

It is a place I have loved

for almost half of its existence, one which granted my first collegiate degree. I served on its Board of Trustees, and ultimately as president and later chancellor.

I had planned to write of alumnus Dr. Dan Crawford’s clever remarks at the luncheon for 50th anniversary graduates, and other fun things. The kitchen mishap has caused postponement....

A story provided by new friend Dan Russo will be shared now, however. A former FBI official who served 27 years — and knew five US presidents “up close” — recounted a tale of legendary J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI’s first director.

Mr. Hoover redefined eccentricity. His foibles were many and well known by others in the Bureau. Few along his trail ever crossed him, and the few who tried did so at their peril. All FBI figures knew well

that their director decreed that all correspondence sent to him must include wide margins, 1.5 inches at top, bottom and sides, to be exact. This allowed him room to make marginal notes before returning to sender....

On one occasion, the Special Agent in charge of the Dallas Field Office sent a memo, momentarily forgetting about wide margins. It was almost devoid of margins.

Hoover returned it with this single notation: “Watch the borders.” The agent sent 50 agents to the Rio Grande, where they awaited further instructions.... My “further instructions” are to stay out of the kitchen....

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Inquiries/comments to: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Web site: www.speakerdoc.com.

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Texas deer crop expected to be great this year

ROBERT BURNS
SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

COLLEGE STATION—Deer hunting in Southwest Texas is expected to be “really terrific” this year thanks to timely rains, according to Dr. Rob Hogan, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist, Uvalde.

“Though it hasn’t been a year with a lot of moisture from the beginning, when we really needed it, the moisture came, from Memorial Day on,” Hogan said. “There’s been a lot

of grass made, a lot of browsing material, such as forbs, and a tremendous acorn crop.”

Good browsing means more and larger deer and can even affect the size and development of racks, he said.

“There was also a lot of oilseed made, and already we’ve had reports of good dove hunting,” Hogan said.

Deer hunting has a huge economic impact upon the 21-county Southwest AgriLife Extension district, which stretches from Sutton County at its north-west corner to Bastrop County, east of Austin, he said

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Runnels County Jail Log
November 03, 2014

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Justin E. Weatherly	34	MPD
	D.W.L.I. with previous	
Mack A. Porter	28	MPD
	Assault causing bodily injury, family violence	
Jacob Villalpando, Jr.	33	WPD
	Public intoxication, assault	
Eric Hernandez	28	Concho
	Burglary of a building	
Melinda S. Schcader	45	Concho
	Warrants	
Jesus R. Cerritos	31	Coke
	Sexual conduct with a child	
Jerry J. Carson	60	RSCO
	Public intoxication w/previous conviction	
Julian R. Mendoza	21	Concho
	Federal charges	
Jonathan Lee	50	RCSO
	Parole violation	

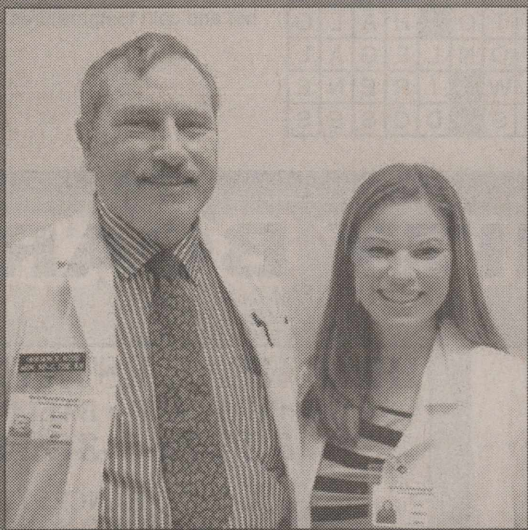


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900 Legal Notices LEGAL NOTICE Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission

ENGINEERING SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Ballinger, Texas is seeking to enter

into an engineering services contract with a state-registered engineering firm for securing additional water supplies for the city including ground water and surface water.

The City of Ballinger has funding through the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF).

I. Scope of Work - The engineering contract may encompass all project-related engineering services for the City of Ballinger, including but not limited to the following:

As such, please provide within your proposal a list of past projects with contact information, as well as resumes of all engineers who will or may be

assigned to this project, if you are awarded the engineering services contract.

III. Evaluation criteria - The proposals received will be evaluated and ranking according to the following criteria:

II. Statement of Qualifications - The City is seeking to contract with a competent engineering firm, registered to practice in the State of Texas, which has had experience in the following areas:

IV. Dateline For Submission - If your firm is interested in being considered for this project, proposals must be received no later than 4:00 PM on December 2, 2014, City of Ballinger, 700 Railroad Ave., P.O. Box 497, Ballinger, Texas 76821.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS October 31, 2014 Mail Request

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good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to Minority Business Enterprises and Women Owned Business Enterprises. Although EPA's policy does not mandate that the fair share goals be achieved, it does require applicants and extors to demonstrate use of the six affirmative steps. The current fair share goals for the State of Texas are as follows:

Construction MBE 12.94% WBE 8.72%

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Equipment MBE 7.12% WBE 5.39%

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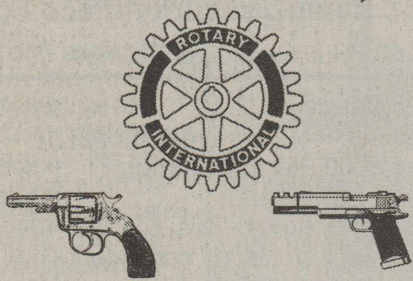
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Two Lubbock-based AgriLife staffers garner national recognition

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LUBBOCK- Helping farmers to better use microirrigation systems to sustainably irrigate their land during dry times has earned national recognition for two Texas A&M AgriLife staffers at Lubbock.

Dr. Dana Porter, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agricultural engineering specialist-irrigation and water management, and Jim Bordovsky, Texas A&M AgriLife Research irrigation engineer, were honored with the 2014 Experiment Station Section Excellence in Multistate Research Award.

The Lubbock team was among 19 land-grant universities honored for their collaborative efforts during the awards program held at the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, on Nov. 3.

The project's name is to be added to a plaque at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Waterfront

Centre in Washington, D.C. The group will also receive \$15,000 to support their ongoing work.

"The Multistate Research Program is one of the best kept secrets of the land-grant university system," said H. Michael Harrington, executive director of the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors, in a news release announcing the award. "This award recognizes outstanding interdependent efforts of researchers and Extension specialists that have come together to tackle a priority issue that no institution can address on their own."

Harrington said the group's microirrigation project was selected from among 300 multistate projects for the group's major advances in sustainable agriculture and water conservation accomplished since its 1972 inception.

Microirrigation systems use a network of polyethylene plastic tubing,

engineered emitters and advanced sensors and controllers, to deliver the right amount of water to the crop at the right time, said Porter. She said that over the last five years, the inter-university effort known as W-2128, has led to new, easier to use and more durable equipment and tools.

"Jim's agricultural research program and my AgriLife Extension program promote appropriate applications of efficient advanced irrigation technologies, including microirrigation to our region's farmers. Our production area is generally water-limited, so our producers are motivated to manage their water efficiently, and microirrigation offers them great potential for efficient water application."

"Our producers are progressive and readily adopt technologies that make sense. And now with producers having good success with microirrigation here, others are becoming

interested in adopting the technology."

Porter said the technology works well for the region's crops and conditions and has been proven through applied research programs involving herself and Bordovsky at Lubbock and Halfway and U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service colleagues at Bushland.

"The main reason this technology has been such a success here is that we enjoy great collaboration among and between AgriLife Research, AgriLife Extension programs, producers and the industry," Porter said.

"Multi-state projects like this one offer great opportunities for sharing of ideas," she said. "We present our research projects, discussing and critiquing the work and results. This kind of interaction really can improve research and Extension programs. It forms a foundation on which to build larger collaborative projects."

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