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Briefly

Nominees wanted

The Winters High School Alumni Association is seeking nominees for the 2015 Distinguished Alumnus Award for the 2015 year. The award is to recognize and honor former outstanding WHS graduates for their contribution(s) and/or achievement in several categories: science, math, business, humanities-education, or community service. Applicants must have graduated at least 10 years prior to year in which nominated, should have been a leader in his or her field or made a significant contribution, and/or brought exceptional distinction to the individual or their community. Nominees must be of good character and have earned a high level of respect within their community.

Requirements include the verifiable documentation of accomplishments and completed application form returned to WHS Alumni Association

C/O Bruce Davis, Superintendent, 603 N. Heights Winters, 79567 by July 22. Application can be obtained at the Winters ISD Administration Office during regular office hours.

Runnels Historical Commission honored

STAFF REPORTS

On Tuesday, Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard presented members of the Runnels County Historical Commission with the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission for their work in 2014.

The THC issues Distinguished Service Awards each year to CHCs that exemplify exceptional service and dedication to the state of Texas.

"The Commission is very grateful to have received this award for our efforts to preserve Runnels County History," Ruth Cooper, president of the

Runnels County Historical Commission said following the presentation.

Members on hand to receive the honor during Tuesday's commissioners court meeting included Cooper, Linda Duggan, Beverly Teplicek and Randall Conner.

The commission collectively accumulated 3,075 volunteer hours in 2014 for a number of projects that included the re-dedication ceremony of the restored Blue Gap Post Office during an open house at the Winters Public Library and received approval for an official historic marker for

Winters. Members also volunteered at the Z.I. Hale Museum, attended two THC workshops and continue to work on cemetery designations and marker applications.

Cooper and others represented the commission at two Edwards Plateau Historical Association meetings. Cooper also represented the commission at meetings of the West Texas Historical Association, where she accepted the R.C. Crane award on behalf of the commission for dedication in preserving the history and legacies of West

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STACI CORTEZ | ENTERPRISE PHOTO

The Runnels County Historical Commission are shown unveiling historical marker for Winters Historic Park in Winters on its 125th anniversary in March. In the picture are Betty John Byrns and her daughter Brenda Byrns Bahlman, residents of Winters who are descendants of some of the first settlers there.

Come on in, the water's fine

Winters lakes are at full capacity

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The deluge of rains that soaked Runnels County Tuesday, July 7, filled up both lakes in Winters, bringing them to capacity for the first time in several years, city officials say.

"We are at 100 percent capacity following last week's rains," said City Secretary Shelley Antilley-Guevara.

The National Weather Service reported over 4 inches of rain fell in Wingate and between 5 and 6 inches of rain was reported in other parts of Runnels County.

"The lakes are the fullest they have been in the past five years," said Winters Police Chief Randal Davis.

The added water in the lakes, is attracting folks for recreational purposes and both lakes are seeing much more activity. Davis said he has had more requests

for permits to get in to the back area of the lake, which is considered the old lake. People wanting to get in to the lake must acquire a permit from the Winters Police Department at 312 N. Main St., Davis said.

"We are getting more requests for lake passes," Davis said.

The new lake, or park area, which is open to the public and has facilities for camping and boating, is also seeing an increase in business.

The park area is at the Elm Creek Reservoir which is located six miles east of Winters on County Road 167.

"The gates are open out here," said Jonie Fisler, who manages the park facilities, where they have sites for tents, recreational vehicles and a boat ramp.

Visitors to the park can rent an RV spot for \$15 a night, plus user fees, which are \$2 per person for Runnels County residents

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Filing deadline looming

Filing for two seats on the Winters ISD Board of Trustees begins July 25 with the deadline set on Aug. 24. Candidates may file from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Winters ISD Administration Office at 603 North Heights St.

ON THE NET:
www.wintersisd.org/

The last drop

The National Weather Service in San Angelo officially reported 5.5 inches of rain fell in Ballinger from July 7-14. A total of 4.06 inches of rain fell in Wingate, according to the NWS. The rainfall was from a thunderstorm that occurred Tuesday, July 7. In addition, Miles received 3.5 inches of rain, Coleman tallied 5 inches and Brownwood received 8 inches. So far this year, Ballinger has received 22.92 inches of rain while 24.68 inches has been reported in Wingate.

The NWS reports 18.96 inches of rain has fallen in San Angelo, which is 7.81 inches over the normal annual amount of 10.85 inches.

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Visitors are coming out to the park area at the Elm Creek Reservoir and enjoying camping thanks to recent rains that filled up the lakes in Winters.

Winters library to host grief program

STAFF REPORTS

Abilene counselor Rusty McLen is returning to the Winters Public Library at 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 28 to present a program titled "Dealing with Grief."

McLen, who holds a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical studies and a Masters of Marriage and Family Therapy from Abilene Christian University, has been a counselor in Abilene for more than 25 years.

From 1989 to 2002 he served as the counseling minister at Hillcrest Church of Christ in Abilene. From 2002 to 2011, he was in private

practice and co-founder and executive director of the Texas Family Institute.

He is currently in private practice and his specialties include marriage therapy, parenting adolescents and adult children, counseling victims of sexual abuse, counseling Christians on matters of faith as well as anger management and grief issues.

A Vietnam veteran, he served in the U.S. Air Force as a crew chief and flight engineer from 1968 to 1976.

For more information, call the library at 325-754-4251.



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Rusty McLen will be at the Winters Library on July 28.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Winters First United Methodist Church

Vacation Bible School for kids kindergarten and up will start at 9 a.m., July 21-23. This VBS will be put on by the missionary group from Granbury. Join us in Hometown Nazareth, where children will explore what life was like when Jesus was a child.

Winters summer reading program

The Winters Public Library Summer Reading Program runs through Aug. 11 starting at 1:30 p.m. Every Tuesday. The theme for the program this year is "Every Hero Has a Story." The program which will include stories and crafts for toddlers through kindergarten. There will be a special treats and surprise. For more information call 325-754-4751.

Historical Commission to publish book

The Runnels County Historical Commission is planning to publish a book about the many schools and post offices that have served the county. Over one hundred schools and twenty-eight post offices have been identified in the county.

The information is being compiled with plans to have the book published in the fall of 2015. Much more information is needed about the older, rural schools. School histories are needed for the current schools-Ballinger, Winters, Miles, and Olfen--as well as Wingate, Rowena, and Norton. Pictures are needed, especially from the 1940s to present.

Much information is found in the Rural View published in 1920, but that only covers a short period of school history. Anyone having histories of schools, pictures, or other historical information about Runnels County schools or post offices is encouraged to send the information to Ruth Cooper at jrc@abilene.com or Randall Conner at rconner@wtxs.net or mail to PO Box 211, Winters 79567.

City Council Meetings

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

Winters Public Library

We are excited to have Nancy Robinson Masters to present two sessions on "Creative Writing" at 10:30 a.m. July 7 and 14. Nancy, a noted author, will help attendees with started writing their memories and give information on writing notes, letters, e-mails. For more information call Joyce at 325-754-4251

AA Meetings

AA meetings are held at 204 W. Truett behind the Church of Christ on Main Street in Winters at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month from. All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and caregiver perspective.

There is no charge for this public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer's Association.

Sobriety First AA Group

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, in Ballinger, at 7 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The group will meet Saturday with prior arrangements. Please use the Avenue A and Seventh Street entrance. For more information please contact the church at (325) 365-2323.

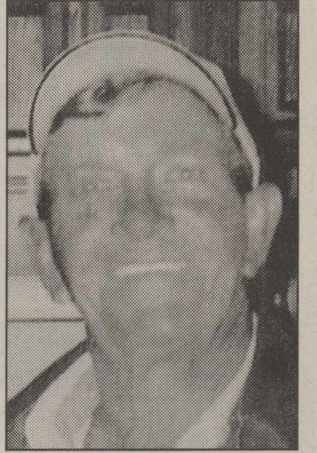
Alanon meetings

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger at 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday night. Enter on the Avenue A and Seventh Street side. Alanon is open to all family and friends of alcoholics or drug users. For more information call 325-365 2323.

FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Donnie Oats

Donnie Oats, 68, of Winters, died Sunday July 5, 2015. He was born October 26, 1946 in Winters and graduated from Winters High School. He joined the United States Air Force and served in Viet-Nam. He married Linda Powers February 6, 1971 in Abilene. He worked at Dry Manufacturing Company, in the oil field and as a general contractor. He was an avid animal lover and was very active in the community and was loved and respected by all who knew him.



He is survived by his wife: Linda Oats of Winters. 3 children: Dereck Oats and wife Christy of Winters, Karen Bunch and husband Charles of San Antonio and Jeffery Oats and Aimee Gesch of Winters. 2 sisters: Betty Grenwelge and husband Carl of Winters and Peggy Oats of Abilene. 6 grandchildren: Dayvin Oats, Brady Calcote, Kane Bunch, Zaylin Bunch, Hunter Bunch and Kolt Bunch.

The family received friends at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday July 7, 2015 at Winters Funeral Home. Services were held at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday July 8, 2015 at the First Baptist Church. Burial with military honors followed at Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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Dorotha Mae Laughon

Dorotha Mae Laughon, 87, of Winters, died June 19, 2015. She was born June 14, 1928 in Blue Grove, Texas and graduated from Midway. She married Ray Laughon on September 16, 1950 in Blue Grove and moved to Henrietta then to Winters in 1957. Ray preceded her in death on January 8, 2015. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.



She is survived by 1 daughter: Keri Lynn Burns and husband Tobin of Brownwood. 3 grandchildren: Tara Whittenberg and husband Kenny, Tracey Burns and Jason Butler and Tory Burns. 1 great-grandchild: Mason Ray Whittenberg.

Services will be 1:00 P.M. Monday June 22, 2015 at the First Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Wingate cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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Tricks to creative writing

STAFF REPORTS

Author and motivational speaker, Nancy Robinson Masters, of Abilene, conducted a "Creative Writing Program" for the Winters Public Library July 7 and July 10.

She has given the group the essentials of starting to tell their story. Her illustration for the session was a witch's hat showing steps to be taken for successful writing.

First was the hook, then the technique moved on to action. She then created the character and the top of the hat served as the point of the story.

As you traveled down the hat was the dialog, then the story brought the writers back to the hook. The assignment was to start the story using this technique.

Masters' pointers were to enable the attendees to write better letters, e-mails and other correspondence.

Masters will be returning for a third session but the date has yet to be announced.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Author Nancy Robinson Masters held two creative writing sessions last week at the Winters Public Library. Pictured from left to right are: Nancy Robinson Masters, Joyce Carbery, library volunteer and Helen Hale. Pictured in the back row from left to right are Ouida Nichols, Billie Alderman, Jane Bourdo, Diana Rozeman and John Long.

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Methodist Church workshop

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Winters Methodist Church held a workshop Friday, July 10 to prepare for the arrival of an 80-member missionary youth group who will be performing projects throughout the community and working with children during Vacation Bible School slated for July 21-23. The VBS is for children ages kindergarten and up. Pictured from left to right are Evaleta Smith, Norma Bariberousse, Bitsy Murchison, Elsie Streiff, Dolly Airhart and Jean Gibbs.



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 4 oz. bottle school glue
 1 blue poly folder with brads
 1 large towel
 1 single subject spiral notebook
 1 large backpack
 1 box facial tissues

KINDERGARTEN
 1 small plastic school box
 16 count crayons
 4 oz. bottle school glue
 1 dozen #2 led pencils (regular size)
 2 large pink erasers
 1 box thick markers (classic color)
 2 single subject spiral notebook
 1 backpack
 3 boxes facial tissues

FIRST GRADE
 2 long plastic school

boxes
 24 count crayon
 4 oz. bottle school glue
 1 box thick markers (classic color)
 1 pack of pink erasers
 9 glue sticks
 2-dozen #2 led pencils
 2 boxes facial tissues
 Fiskar scissors student sized

3 3 prong pocket folders
 12 count colored pencils
 1 large backpack

SECOND GRADE
 2 dozen #2 lead pencils
 Fiskar scissors student sized
 3 glue sticks
 Yellow highlighter
 24 count crayons
 1 box thick markers (classic color)
 1 inch 3 ring binder
 4 composition notebooks

1 70 page spiral (wide rule)
 2 boxes facial tissues
 Boys- 1 box gallon size zip baggies
 Girls- 1 box quart size zip baggies
 1 large backpack

THIRD GRADE
 3 inch 3 ring binder
 Pencil pouch
 2 packages notebook paper (loose)
 Plastic dividers with tabs (pack of 5)
 24 count crayons, colored pencils
 2 dozen #2 pencils
 12 count washable markers
 Large pink eraser
 6 glue sticks
 4 composition notebooks
 Ruler
 Highlighter
 Fiskar scissors student

sized
 8 folders with brads and pockets
 1 large backpack

FOURTH GRADE
 6 glue sticks
 4 oz. bottle school glue
 Ruler
 3 boxes facial tissues
 Pink erasers
 2 dozen #2 lead pencils
 Highlighters (multi-color set)
 24 count crayon and colored pencils
 2 spirals (2-3 subject college ruled)
 3 composition notebooks
 1 1/2 3 ring binder

2 green folders (poly, 3 brad with pockets)
 2 orange folders (poly, 3 brad with pockets)
 2 blue folders (poly, 3 brad with pockets)
 Dividers (8 count package)
 1 large backpack
 Fiskar scissors (student sized)
 3 packages notebook paper

FIFTH GRADE
 9 glue sticks
 4 oz. bottle school glue
 Ruler
 3 boxes facial tissue
 Erasers (pencil tops or

pink)
 2 dozen #2 lead pencils
 Highlighters (multi-color set)
 24 count crayon and colored pencils
 4 spirals (70 page)
 3 composition notebooks
 2 inch 3 ring binder
 4 folders (poly, 3 brad with pockets)
 Dividers (8 package)
 1 large backpack
 Fiskar scissors (student sized)
 3 packages notebook paper
 2 package index cards (white or colored)
 Pencil bag

TEXAS HISTORY MINUTES

Ima Hogg, the First Lady of Texas

The name "Ima Hogg" has been a running joke in Texas for many years. However, for anyone who knew her or had ever been touched by her many works, the real Ima Hogg was anything but a joke.

Ima Hogg was born in the East Texas city of Mineola in 1882, the daughter of local prosecutor Jim Hogg, who would go on to serve as a popular state attorney general and as governor from 1891 to 1895. Contrary to the popular myth, she did not have a sister named "Your-a" or any variation on that. In reality, Gov. Hogg and his wife, Sarah, had only Ima and three sons: James, Thomas, and William, all born between 1875 and 1887. "Ima" was a fairly popular name at the time, and her parents reportedly were further inspired by a poem that Jim Hogg's brother had written, in spite of some reported protests within the family. But she would spend most of her adult life signing her name as only "I. Hogg."

As a child, she showed a tremendous talent for the piano, an interest that coincided with her lifetime love of the arts. She attended the University of Texas in 1899 and studied piano with teach-

ers across Europe after the turn of the century.

Not long after her father's death in 1905, she ended her overseas studies and ultimately settled in Houston. Here, she co-founded the Houston Symphony Orchestra in 1913 and served as the organization's president off-and-on for several years.

Thanks to the family's oil investments, Ima Hogg embarked on a number of charitable crusades. In 1929, haunted by memories of depression she and one of her brothers suffered after their mother's tragic 1895 death, she founded the Houston Child Guidance Center to help children with emotional issues. She took this even further in 1940 when she started the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health in Austin, which has since helped countless people through its research and counseling activities.

In 1943, she won a seat on the Houston school board, her only elected office.

Through this position, she worked to establish programs to promote music and the arts in the schools and fought for equal pay for equal work for both sexes and all races.

At an age when many

were retiring, Hogg only stepped up her activities. In 1948, she became the first woman president of the Philosophical Society of Texas, an organization dating back to 1837 dedicated to advancing the arts and sciences in the state. In the 1950s, she worked to restore several historic sites across the state, including the 1835 Martin Varner Plantation in Brazoria County, the nineteenth-century Winedale Inn in Round Top, and her family's estate in Quitman. She was soon named to the Texas State Historical Commission. In 1960, President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed her to a commission to aid in the planning of the National Cultural Center, which later became the Kennedy Center. And in 1962, Hogg worked with First Lady Jackie Kennedy in restoration of the White House.

Gov. John Connally and his wife, Nellie, spoke for many when they called her the "First Lady of Texas." Ima Hogg was given many state and national awards for her work in historic preservation and other causes. In 1969, Quitman established a museum to honor her many works. She continued to travel and to stay active with her many charities until her passing in 1975 at age 93, leaving a legacy of restoration and beauty for Texas.



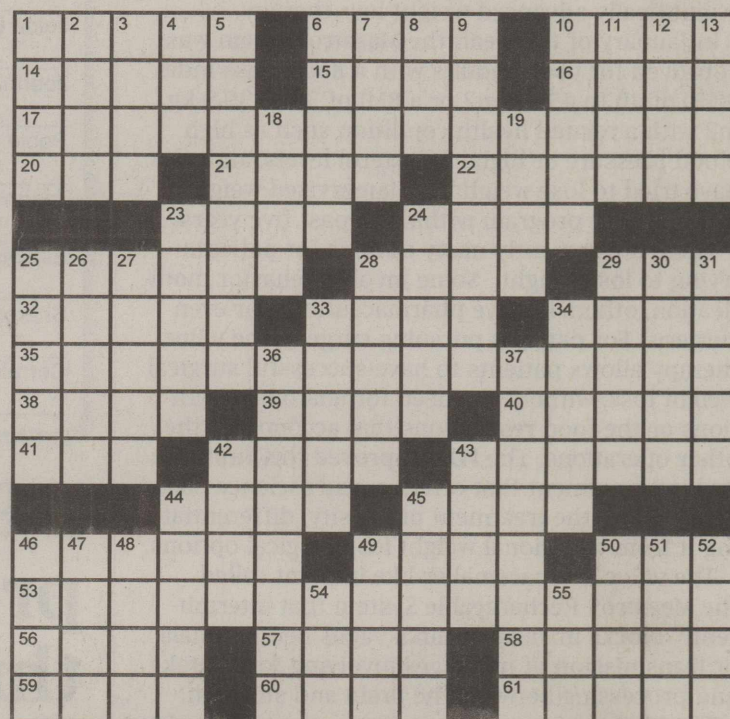
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- 23 "Absolutely!"
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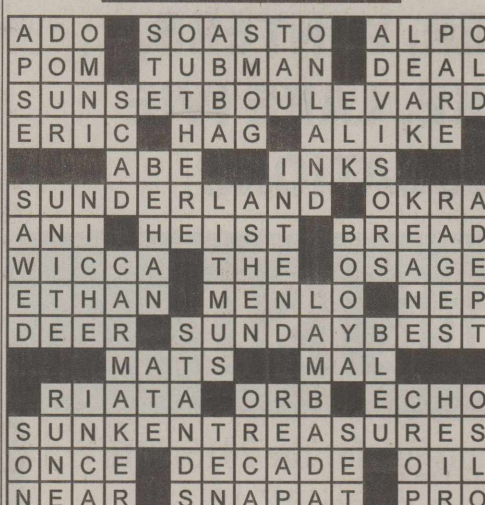


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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Q: How many livestock are killed each year by lightning strikes?

A: No one knows for sure because record keeping tends to be very limited in many parts of the country, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. But there is no doubt that hundreds of cattle, horses and sheep are killed every year by lightning in the United States. "The Department of Agriculture says lightning causes about 80 percent of all accidental livestock deaths," McRoberts explains. "What usually happens is that livestock often huddle together under a large tree during a thunderstorm, which we know is one of the worst places to be. There are numerous cases of ranchers finding two or more cows or horses dead under a tree after a thunderstorm."

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Sandra G. Van Zant

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In January of this year, the Maestro System was approved for use in adults with a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 40 to 45 kg/m² or a BMI of 35 to 39.9 kg/m² with a related health condition such as high blood pressure or high cholesterol levels, and who have tried to lose weight in a supervised weight management program within the past five years.

There are currently many options for patients trying to lose weight. Some involve behavior modification, others involve pharmaceuticals, or even surgery. For patients pursuing surgery, the vBloc therapy allows patients to have successful surgical weight loss, without the need for anatomy alterations or the food restrictions that accompany the other operations. The FDA approved this first-of-its-kind treatment that offers a neuroscience-based approach to the treatment of obesity, differentiating it from traditional weight loss surgical options.

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The Maestro System is wireless and customizable to meet the needs of a patient's changing lifestyle. The implant is minimally invasive and performed as an out-patient procedure that does not alter or restrict the patient's anatomy. The procedure was performed on Thursday, May 28, 2015, by Dr. Sachin Kukreja, Director of Bariatric Surgery, at VA North Texas and the patient is recovering well.

For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm, or call 365-3612.

Sandra G. Van Zant
Veterans County Service Officer

Public Record

Runnels County Jail Record July 16, 2015

Name	Age	Agency
Mitchell Caffey	40	Ballinger P.D.
Possession of drug paraphernalia		
Jared O. Stinger	37	Concho
Public intoxication		
Larry D. Carson	59	RCSO
Condition of probation		
Christopher M. Perez	43	RCSO
Assault causing bodily harm, resisting arrest		
Eric Ormaelaz	32	Ballinger P.D.
Burglary of habitation		
Harley A. Belk	72	DPS
D.W.I 3rd or more		
Jalon E. Reed	35	RCSO
MTR-Assault		
Joahna Alvarez	25	Coke
Bail Jumping		
Pablo Esquivel	32	Coke
D.W.L.I		
Jason L. Thurmond	34	Ballinger P.D.
Public intoxication		
Eliazar P. Hernandez	37	Ballinger P.D.
Warrant burglary of habitation		
Sharon Sesson	45	Menard
Terroristic threat		
Correlio Saucillo	30	Menard
Non payment child support		

DPS gives tips to prevent auto theft this summer

■ Never leave your car running unattended, even for a quick visit to a business or store.

■ Never leave keys in the car or ignition, inside a locked garage, or in hide-a-key boxes.

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■ When possible, always park in high-traffic, well-lit areas.

■ Install an anti-theft device that locks the steering

wheel, column or brakes, especially if your vehicle is considered to be at increased risk for theft.

■ Never leave personal documents, vehicle ownership title or credit cards in your vehicle.

■ Always keep valuables or property hidden out of sight or locked in the trunk.

For more information about auto thefts and burglary, see <http://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/summer-protection/auto-theft-prevention>.

TALPA TALK

By Talpa Bob

Hello To All:

It has been a quiet week out here. I can only agree with HM that the mowing is nearly a full time job after the rain we received. We measured about 6 inches altogether.

Darr has him some new pups. He is going to train them to hunt... some bears and some mountain lions. Every color you can imagine. Said they are "hound dogs." Might have known that Darr is not going to be long without a bunch of dogs or mules or some sort of critter to train.

Noticed the birds at the Voss church build nest up under the eaves. They are made of little balls of mud. The ones at that church look like a gallon jug with the bottom attached to the roof.. The ones at my house look like a half bowl attached to the side. Looking in the bird book, it looks like they are both a type of swallow. They are both (in Talpa and at Voss) small little birds with dart shaped wings that flit about catching insects in mid air. The book describes them as cliff swallows even though we have no cliffs. The other picture that seems to fit calls them barn swallows but we don't have a barn. The ones at our house migrate somewhere in the winter and come back every spring. They use the same nest, sometimes adding on to the old structure. They are close kin to the purple martin (the book said) in the insect eating behavior and that is welcomed. They are welcomed to eat all the mosquitoes and flying bugs out here that they can.

Speaking of insects, there was a man attacked by Africanized bees out of Ballinger on the county road 223 going to The Cowboy Church. Last I heard he was going to be okay. A different man was attacked, not sure of location, but he was taken to the hospital in Lubbock. He was stung 3,000-4,000 times and he did not survive but a day or so. So, be careful out there. I will go back to my source and try to learn of the location where the last guy was attacked. When the sagebrush blooms out when it rains, we get thousands of honey bees, but so far they have no interest in me. I will try to catch a few in a jar and take them to the county agent in Ballinger. He said that he can tell if they are Africanized or not. They may be dead samples. Oh, I did not find that lizard's tail from the story last week. Reckon the cat ate it.

So it goes in our quiet little corner of Coleman County.

Talpa Bob

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BROTHER J

That Beautiful White Cloud

I remember the time I took a small group of young people (teenagers) swimming to a natural spring. It was so beautiful there and yes; it was a very hot summer day. The water was so clear, cool and refreshing. I decided to float on by back and as I was looking up at the sky I noticed a big beautiful white cloud. It wasn't moving very fast but it was slowly churning within itself. It was so pure and white that you could almost see through it. Looking up into that tall, stately, beautiful cloud reminded me of God. The Bible says God is pure and there is no evil in Him, (Numbers 23:19, Deuteronomy 32:4). It also says He is majestic and there is nothing like Him, (Psalms 104:1, Exodus 15:11). God has always existed and He will always exist, (Isaiah 43:13). When we look up into the sky and see all the stars, the sun, moon and all the sky, we see a tiny glimpse of His creative powers, (Psalms 97:6, 104:24, 31-33) Another good thing about God is that He is Love and He has love for others (1 John 4:16) When God created everything He gave us the freedom or special privilege of calling upon and having fellowship with Him, (Psalms 145:18-21). The only way to have that is through Jesus Christ, (1 Peter 3:18, Titus 3:5, John 5:24) Why not call upon Him today? See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

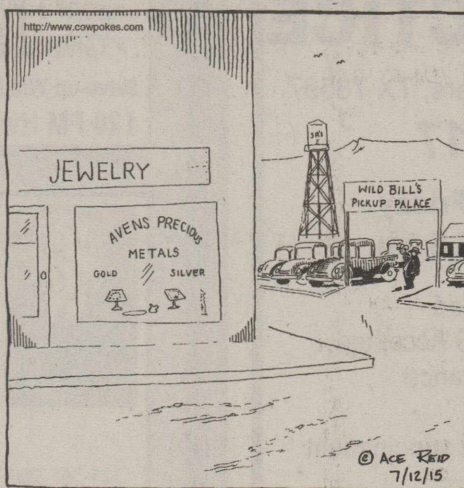
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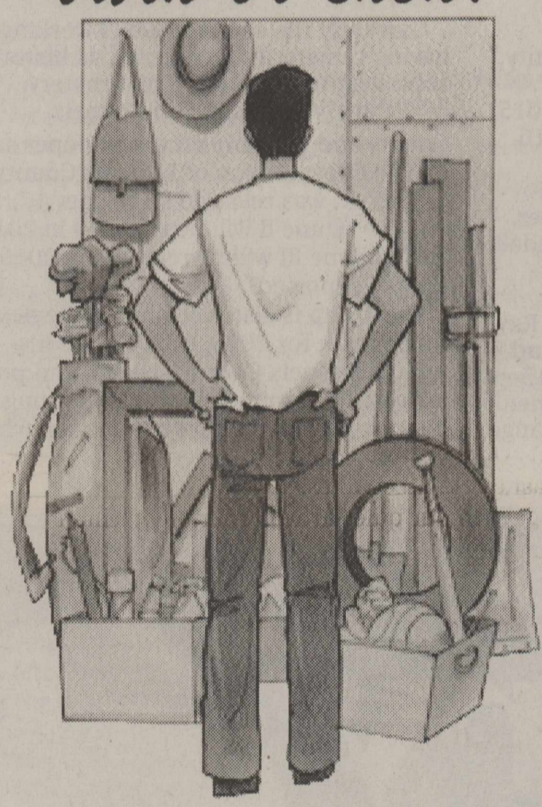
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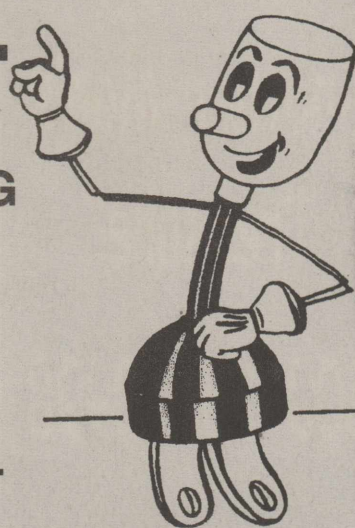
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Texas. "The Organization of Runnels County," Volume I, was released December 17, 2014. Volume II will be released in 2015, and Volume III will be released in 2016, Cooper reported.

The Runnels County Historical Commission members include Ruth Cooper, Wanda Brewer, Bobbie Campbell, Randall Conner, Ruth Cooper, Linda Duggan, John Hancock, Laverta Hubbard, Anthony Lange, Alton O'Neal, Marianne Ray, Roy Rice, Diana Rozmen, Sally Spill and Beverly Teplicek. The officers for 2015-16 include Cooper, chairperson; Conner, vice chairperson; O'Neal, secretary; Lange, treasurer and Teplicek as reporter.

Currently the commission is working on having cemeteries designated as historic, according to the age of the cemetery.

"We are working on Old Runnels, Counts and possibly others," Cooper said. "The Organization of Runnels County," Volume I, was released December 17, 2014. Volume II will be released in 2015, and Volume III will be released in 2016, Cooper reported.

The group is also working on the next publication for 2015, which is the history of Runnels County schools and post offices. The group is currently seeking historic photos for that publication which will be printed by the end of this year.

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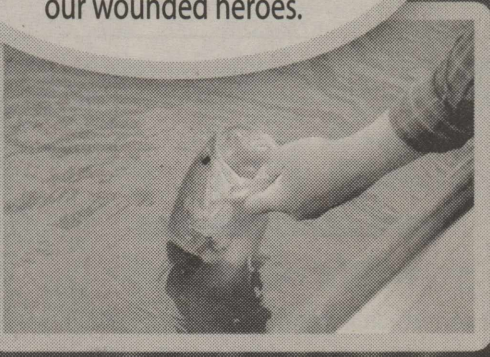


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