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### Briefly

#### Burn ban reinstated

Hot dry and windy conditions in Runnels County prompted the Runnels County Commissioners to reinstate the burn ban Tuesday, which was lifted April, 23, 2013.

All outdoor burning is currently prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Runnels County. Burning is still allowed under certain conditions but it should be done with all necessary precautions and in compliance with the burn ban.

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<http://www.co.runnels.tx.us/>

#### City council election

The City Council is accepting applications for mayor and City Council places 1 and 3 for two year term. Currently the positions are occupied by Mayor Lewis Bergman; with Council woman Lisa Yates and Place 3 Council woman Rene Woffenden.

Applications can be picked up at City Hall 310 S. Main St. The deadline to file for a place on the ballot is 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24.

#### Hospital board nominees

The North Runnels Hospital will have three board of director positions open for the November 2015 election. The three positions are currently held by Joe F. Guajardo, Lloyd Farris, who filled the unexpired term of the late Marvin Jones, and Shelia Paschal, who filled the unexpired term of John (Freddie) Grohman. Farris, Guajardo and Paschal have filed for re-election.

Filing continues from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Aug. 24. Applications for a place on the November ballot may be picked up at North Runnels Hospital, 7821 State Highway 153 in Winters or at the North Runnels Clinic, 7571 State Highway 153 in Winters. Ballot applications are to be returned by 5 p.m. Aug. 24 to Teresa Walden at the clinic.

#### The last drop

The National Weather Service in San Angelo said residents in Runnels County can expect a hot and dry weather pattern for coming weeks with temperatures reaching the century mark and above for the next week.

Last week the high temperature was recorded at 104 degrees Sunday in Ballinger and 102 in Wingate the same day.

Forecasters say there is a slight chance for isolated showers in the coming days.

No rainfall was reported from July 30 - Aug. 6.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 22.92 inches of rain while 24.68 inches has been reported in Wingate.

## County proposes \$6.7M budget, tax increase

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Runnels County will be going into the 2015-16 with a deficit, due to a decrease in revenue from the oil and gas infrastructure in Runnels County. The proposed \$6.7 million budget is almost \$354,000 over what the expected tax revenue for the county will be this fiscal year.

Runnels County Chief Appraiser Larry Reagan said taxes from oil and gas wells were down significantly over last year.

"It's all over West Texas," Reagan said of the oil and gas tax revenue losses. "We are down 50 to 65 percent."

In addition, tax revenue was down due to some loss of value on big power lines and due to the sale of the Selkirk building in Winters.

Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard said even though the county was warned of the impending deficit by Charles Williams of the Wardlaw Appraisal Group during the May 26 commissioners meeting,

he was still surprised at the loss of value.

"I could not believe it," Hilliard said. "It really hit Runnels County hard."

As a result, the county has proposed an 8 cent tax increase - from \$.63 to \$.71 per \$100 valuation for the 2015-16 budget year. The proposed increase will raise \$108,000 in revenue which is a 2.88 increase over the last fiscal year.

Increases in indigent defense, county fuel and maintenance costs as well as employee health insur-

ance are also driving up the budget this fiscal year, Hilliard said.

"We spent the what we budgeted for indigent defense by May of this year," Hilliard said.

Hilliard said costs for the government mandated expenses are on the rise. For example the budget for the Runnels County Jail has increased almost \$20,000 over last year from \$946,436.84 in 2014-15 to \$966,894.17 in 2015-16.

"As the jail ages we are having to spend more and

more money on that facility for upkeep," Hilliard said.

But there are some cuts that the county was able to make to cover the deficit, like not budgeting funds for courthouse security, since the \$100,000 dedicated to security was not used last year and will be rolled over in to this budget year.

The deficit also prevented commissioners from giving county employees a raise. However, Hilliard

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## WINTERS SCRIMMAGE



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The Winters Blizzards got off to a good start Saturday, Aug. 8 during the first unofficial scrimmage. Here Joey Garcia catches the ball while Slater Lindley is on defense. The Winters Blizzards play their first official scrimmage against Cross Plains at 9 a.m. Saturday at Blizzard Stadium.

## Winters ISD welcomes new coaches



CELINDA HAWKINS | ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Winters ISD welcomed four new members to the coaching staff recently and Coach Matt McCarty said he is very pleased with the new line up. Pictured from left to right are Grant Schur, Ronnie Ballard, Cody Rogers, McCarty, Chris McWilliams and Jon Ward.

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There are several new faces on the field this football season guiding the Winters Blizzards football team as they enter the 2015 football season.

This week two-a-days began and the new staff worked with players during practices in the mornings and afternoons.

Coach Matt McCarty, the athletic director for Winters ISD, said he is pleased with the four new coaches that are joining the staff.

"They are great," McCarty said. "I am glad we've got this coaching staff."

The new line up includes Cody Rogers, Grant Schur, Chris McWilliams and Jon Ward. They join McCarty and his assistant Coach Ronnie Ballard.

Rogers is a first year coach who comes to Winters after playing football last year at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He will be the assistant off line and outside linebacker and the 6-man coordinator.

Schur, who will be the wide receiver and defensive back coach, comes to Winters ISD from Vernon, where he most recently coached defensive backs and running backs at the high school.

McWilliams, who will work as the defensive coordinator, comes to Winters from McCamey ISD where he was the athletic director until June of 2013.

Ward will serve as the offensive coordinator, off-line coach and defensive line coach. Ward comes to Winters after working at Lee High School in Tyler as the offensive line coach.

McCarty said the staff were busy last week working with the players during practice.

He said overall the team looks great.

"They look good," McCarty said. "The kids surprised us on how well they've done."

The team will be preparing for their first scrimmage with Cross Plains from 9-11 a.m. at Blizzard Stadium. Both varsity and junior varsity will play.

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**Ora Frances Stephens**

Ora Frances Stephens, 90, of Ft. Worth, formerly of Hatchell, died August 2, 2015. She was born July 31, 1925 in Hatchell to Steve and Alice Fulton and grew up in Runnels County. She lived in Ft. Worth most of her life and worked as a printer retiring from St. Joseph Hospital in Ft. Worth. She was a member of Wedgewood Baptist Church.

She is survived by 3 children: Nancy Aylor and husband John of North Richland Hills, Dennis Stephens and wife Ann of River Oaks and Janice Crumbliss and husband Reed of Lake City, Georgia. 1 brother: Ellis Fulton of Midland. 7 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 12 P.M. Wednesday August 5, 2015, in Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Lakeview Cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Ballinger Ledger, August 13, 2015

**Care package donations welcome**

**STAFF REPORTS**

A Winters business is collecting donations for one of their own, who is now serving in the U.S. Army. And, family of the soldier are reaching out to the community to provide care packages and letters to the hometown hero and his platoon while they are stationed in the Middle East.

Wylie Clough is currently serving his fifth deployment in the Middle East as a battalion executive officer and will remain there for the next year. His family says he always enjoys anything he receives from his family and friends from



**Wylie Clough**

back home. He will return home next summer and hopes to take leave in the spring to spend time with his family, especially his daughter Karyssa who is starting kindergarten this year.

Wylie is a 1994 Winters High School graduate and was promoted to Major in the United States Army.

Lone Star Diner will be accepting contributions for care packages for Wylie and his platoon. If you would like to send a care package or a letter, his address is: Wylie Clough, HHD, 54th Signal BNC, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait APO, AE 09366.

**Get your Blizzards tickets**

**STAFF REPORTS**

Season tickets and reserved seats for the 2015 Blizzard Football season are on sale at the WISD Administration Office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Last year's season ticket holders can begin purchasing the same reserved seats Wednesday August the 19. Season tickets will be \$20 per seat this season. Season tickets and reserved seats are sold as one "Season Ticket" to be used for all four home games.

Fans that did not have season tickets/reserved seats last year can start purchasing tickets Wednesday, August the 26. These tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis. All senior citizens, 60 or older will receive free general admission. senior citizen general admission passes are also available at the WISD Administration Office.

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

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Winters Dove Fest**

The Winters Dove Fest Parade is slated for 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 and organizers are seeking entries for the parade that are creative and interesting. The theme this year is "camo and hunting." Classic cars, old tractors and four wheelers are welcome to participate in the parade. The line-up begins at 9:30 a.m. at the West T Go parking lot. The parade route will begin there and go down Main Street to the Community Center. For more information, call Sandee Schnieder at 325-977-1036.

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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/](http://www.wintersisd.org/)

**VFW appreciation lunch, membership drive**

VFW Post 9196 and the Ladies Auxiliary, will host a membership recruitment and appreciation meal at 4 p.m. Sunday at the post home at 307 Depot St. in Rowena. There will be a program honoring Korean War veterans for their 62nd anniversary and Vietnam veterans recognizing the war's 50th anniversary. Dues for VFW members are \$35 and \$25 for the Ladies Auxiliary.

**Library to host writing program**

The Winters Public Library will host a Creative Writing Program at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17. For information call 325-754-4251.

**Dove Fest royalty wanted**

Organizers for the annual Winters Dove Fest are seeking nominees for Dove Fest Queen for the pageant to be held Saturday, Sept. 5.

Nominees must be enrolled in Winters ISD as a junior or senior in the 2015-16 school year and must maintain UIL eligibility with passing grades the entire school year.

Basic hunting and gun safety knowledge is a plus. Contestants must participate in the Dove Fest Parade and use an assigned sponsor as their float sponsor. Dove Fest officials say that there is no extra cost

to the contestant for a sponsor.

Judging begins the early Saturday morning at the Rock Hotel before the annual parade gets underway at 9:30 a.m. Prior to the parade, each contestant will be individually interviewed by the panel of judges.

All of the contestants will be required to wear Sunday dress clothes for the interview and camo attire for the parade. The contestants will be required to participate in the Dove Fest celebrations throughout the day. The Dove Fest Queen will be crowned that day and will make her debut at the Dove Fest Dance Saturday night.

Applications are available the Winters High School counselors office and at Bee's Quilting, Bedford Norman Insurance and The Attic.

**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.

**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.

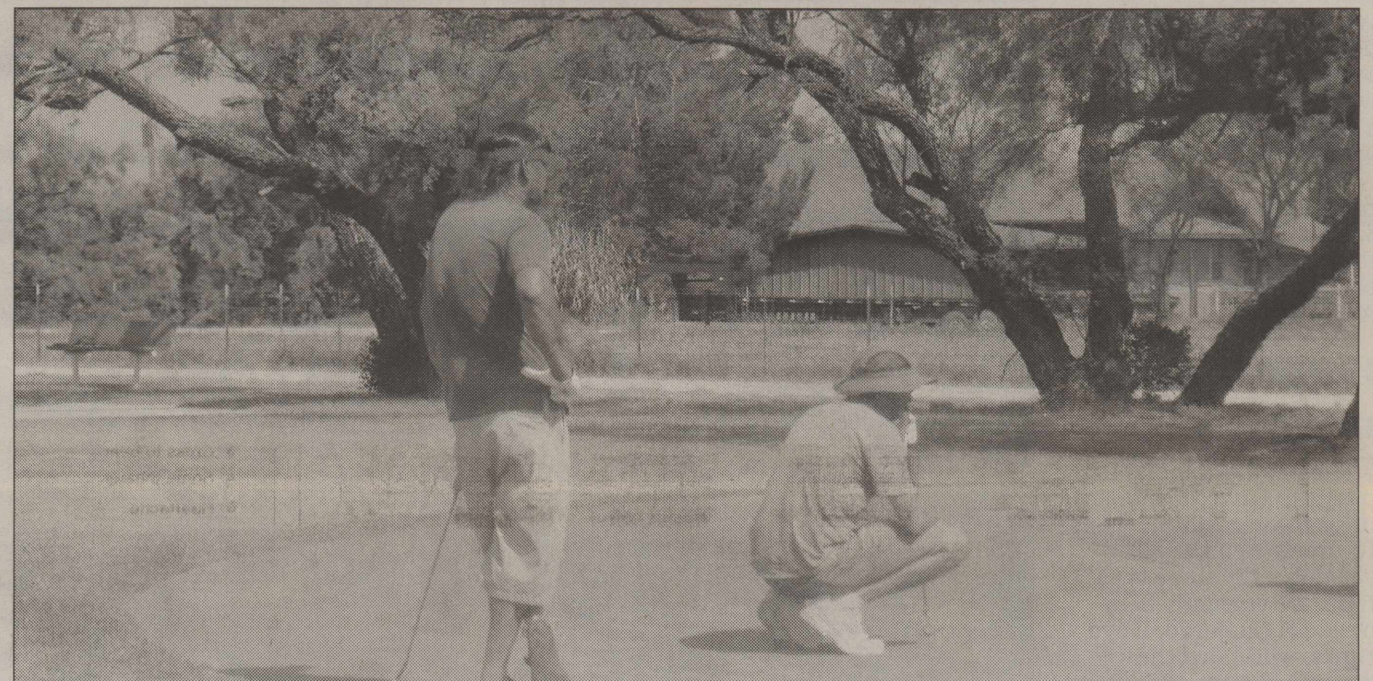
There is no charge for this public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer's Association.

**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.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

There was a great turn out June 12-13 for the Winters Country Club Annual Industrial Tournament. Anthony Ochoa, left, and Jim Ventress, right, line up to putt.

**Winters Golf Tournament**

The Winters Country Club Annual Industrial Tournament was held June 12-13, 2015. Organizers said there was a great turn out for the practice round on Friday and the tournament on Saturday. The results of the tournament are as follows:

**Championship Flight**

- 1st Place- Team Mr. Knox with a score of -10 Gary Hughes, Jim Ventress, Anthony Ochoa
- 2nd Place- Team Atmos with a score of -7 Connie Gibbs, Kenny Gibbs, Mark Allen
- 3rd Place- Team J3 Farms with a score of -6 Kevin Jackson, Danny Jackson, Scotty Jackson

**1st Flight**

- 1st Place- Team Danhill Containers with a score of -3 J. Gastinger, Martin Martinez, Saffron Davis
- 2nd Place- Team Pioneer Vet Clinic with a score of -2 Jerry Whitlow, Rob Shields, Keith Simmons
- 3rd Place- Team of Mark Miller with a score of -1 Mark Miller, Mike Funderburg, Ethan Smith

**2nd Flight**

- 1st Place- Team of Standard Pump Mike Davis, Mike Harris, James Rhoades
- 2nd Place- Team of Paul Swader Paul Swader, Martin Martinez, Vanessa Hagle
- 3rd Place- Team of Republic Services Shane Jackson, Jerry Mac Jackson, Zach Jackson

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# Winters ISD hosts first Blizzards Football Camp

**STAFF REPORTS**

The Winters Blizzards football coaching staff put on the 1st Annual Winters Blizzards Football Camp on July 28-30. The tradition of Winters Blizzards Football is alive and well as 48 campers participated in offensive and defensive drills.

Winters ISD Athletic Director Coach Matt McCarty said campers competed on a daily basis in the 40-yard dash, punting, kicking, receiving drills, pass accuracy and passing distance competition. Points were awarded in every category.

The following campers were the winners in each age division:

## WINNERS

6 Year Olds			11 Year Olds		
Name	Points		Name	Points	
Runner-Up	Brodie Davis	384	Third Place	Michael Luna	428
Champ	Jonah Whitaker	658	Runner-Up	Houston Esquivel	484
<b>7 Year Olds</b>			<b>12 Year Olds</b>		
Third Place	Braiden Williams	468	Third Place	Alex Salas	266
Runner-Up	Mason Myer	536	Runner-Up	Joseph Escalona	286
Champ	Brian Gray	646	Champ	Seth Gerhart	324
<b>8 Year Olds</b>			<b>13 Year Olds</b>		
Third Place	Weston Beuschel	424	Third Place	Domynic Alvarado	327
Runner-Up	Luzion Woods	668	Runner-Up	Miguel Rodriguez	431
Champ	Diego Rodriguez	726	Champ	Zach Wheat	477
<b>9 Year Olds</b>			<b>14 Year Olds</b>		
Third Place	Gannon Wade	180	Third Place	Hunter Dugan	188
Runner-Up	Xavier Speir	301	Runner-Up	Slater Lindley	304
Champ	Aiden Bryant	434	Champ	Patrick Reyes	368
<b>10 Year Olds</b>			<b>Total Pts Winner</b>		
Third Place	Nicholas Rodriguez	419			
Runner-Up	Alejandro Garcia	478			
Champ	Nicholas Trevino	616	Diego Rodriguez		726

Every camper is invited to "Lil Blizzard Night" Friday, October 9. Each camper that wears their camp T-shirt will receive free admission and will lead the Blizzards onto the field prior to the 2015 district opener versus Roby.

Finally, McCarty offered special thanks to the parents of Winters for supporting the football camp.

"We were truly pleased at the number of participants as well as seeing you take the time to watch our camp," McCarty said. "We will continue to strive for the "NEXT LEVEL" so get ready for the 2nd annual Winters Blizzard Football Camp in 2016."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Above: The 1st Annual Winters Blizzards Football Camp was held July 28-30. The 48 campers participated in a variety of drills including punting, kicking, receiving drills, pass accuracy and passing distance competition.

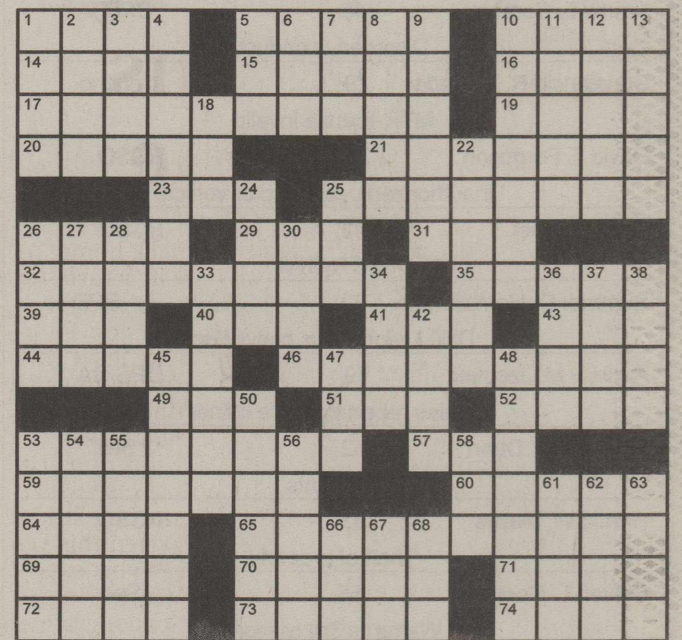
Top right: The Winters ISD football coaching staff hosted the 1st Annual Winters Blizzards Football Camp July 28-30. A total of 48 campers attended the first ever camp.



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

"Sign of Summer"

- Across**
- Gator's kin
  - "This Boy's Life" author Tobias
  - Taps
  - Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"
  - Midwest transfer point
  - Tesla founder Musk
  - Contract, as in pain
  - Stew bean
  - Test
  - Place for a blast furnace
  - Minister; Abbr.
  - Kerosene source
  - Jeans color
  - Bridal vow
  - Explosive stuff
  - Baby in a barn
  - Tennis player John
  - "Buttermilk Sky"
  - Be in hock
  - Night spot
  - Jima
  - Trig. function
  - Doctrine that everyone must follow legal principles
  - "No sirree"
  - Phoned document
  - Monocle part
  - "Later!"
  - Prefix with light
  - Live inside, as a spirit
  - Classic toothpaste brand
  - "The Time Machine" caste
  - Tots
  - Boat propellers
  - Call forth
  - State with six sides
  - Nasdaq rival
  - Artoo
  - Become bored
- Down**
- Musical finale
  - Little hoppers
  - Cross to bear
  - Some theater
  - Heartache



- "Look here!"
- John
- Sassy
- French mathematician with a noted "last theorem"
- Beanbag contents
- Justice Samuel
- Actress Marisa
- Tie-up
- Alkaline liquid
- Pacific phenomenon
- Vista
- Farm mother
- Legislative group
- Disney's "\_\_\_ & Stitch"
- Western Indians
- No layabout
- Site
- Wallace of Reader's Digest
- Shade of green
- McGregor of "Trainspotting"
- Column crossers
- Dismissive call
- How some dominos are placed
- Blinking light, maybe
- Go nuts
- Rose
- Attach
- It's a relief
- Smells
- Antipasto morsel
- Golfer Michelle
- Against
- Around
- Connors contemporary
- Small amount
- Bout stopper, for short
- Summer zodiac sign that is hidden in all the long across answers

## LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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## Weather Whys

**Q: You always hear of hurricanes hitting Florida and Texas, but has one ever hit California?**

**A:** The answer is no, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "In at least the last 100 years that we know of, no hurricane has ever hit the California coast," McRoberts explains. "The reason is that tropical winds generally blow from east to west, meaning that storms that do form off the Pacific Coast get carried away from our West Coast. It's not uncommon for storms to turn and hit the Mexican coast, but the water farther north in the Pacific is cold, and those storms tend to weaken quickly. In fact, Hawaii doesn't get many hurricanes, either. The last big one to hit was Iniki in 1992."

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	MTR-license invalid	
Steve A. Cope	58	BPD
	Warrant	
N. Hernandez	29	Menard
	MTR-terroristic threat	
Jimmy L. Carson	48	BPD
	Disorderly conduct	
Constancio R. Gerardo	29	Concho
	MTR-license invalid	
David T. Ferguson	30	RCSO
	Unauthorized use of motor vehicle	
Kelly D. West	43	RCSO
	MTR-DWI	
Summer D. Hernandez	22	BPD
	DWLI w/previous conviction	
Andrew M. Jacquez	19	DPS-SA
	False report to police officer	
Sandra M. Dunn	42	Self
	Warrants	
Harold W. Melies	33	RCSO
	Theft of property	
Steven L. Cochran	55	Self
	Warrants 3rd or more	
Brandy N. Bogobias	24	RCSO
	Forgery of financial instrument	
Gene R. Luna	34	BPD
	Public intoxication	
Danny S. Eldred	37	BPD
	Disorderly conduct	
Juanita Escobar	54	BPD
	Public intoxication	
Jerry J. Carson		BPD
	Resisting arrest and public intoxication	

### Hello To All:

#### A note from Maureen:

H.M. and Maureen went to Gouldbusk on Friday night and were extremely informed about the drug problem in the schools.

H.M.s family came on Saturday and spent a few days. How special the children are! We took in Big O's on Saturday, the DQ after church and were treated to chicken fajitas a la Jeff on Sunday evening.

BTW, the Bible study was cancelled on Friday so we could attend the crime program. You will want to keep your eyes and ears alert for the next drug meeting which is set for Thursday evening, November 14. The next Bible study will be Thursday.

It has been a quiet week out here. Hot and quiet. Intended to mention that we had visiting people to fill in at the local post office. Mica has been here before. She is from Winters and Bronte area. She was showing Kevin, from Valera, how things go here in Talpa. He was here for several days.

On Tuesday, Judy and I drove over to Coleman to take a book back to the library. I am about 14 books into Elmer Kelton's novels and still enjoy each one better than the last. Then we went on a tour of Coleman just to see what was going on. We passed a place that looked like an antique store that Judy had shopped at some before. There was a big sign that said "PEACHES", spelled backwards so

that you had to look at it in your rear view mirror to read it. We pulled in mostly to see if they still had a big building full of "stuff." Not so much anymore. There was only a small basket (peck) with peaches in it. A gentleman that introduced himself as "Travis" said that yes, he had more but could not get back there to pick them... We asked if we could go back to his peach orchard and pick some. An hour later we had 125 lbs of Elberta peaches (look it up). They were as sweet as any we had ever eaten. The owners are Travis and Wilma Sanders at 402 Colorado St. in Coleman. During the conversation it came out that they got married the day Judy was born, August 23, 1948. Married 67 years in August. They have okra and peaches for sale right now, both \$1.50 a pound. The watermelons haven't "made" just yet. Their phone number is 325-625-4770.

Saturday, Judy and Joyce Huckaby took the afternoon off and went to Brownwood shopping.

When they finished with the mall, they headed off for Coleman and texted me to meet up with them at the peach orchard place. Joyce picked herself a couple of bushels and Judy and I got

another 100 lbs or so. We spent a lot of time Sunday with Judy peeling and me soaking them in Fruit Fresh/water mix and vacuum bagging them.

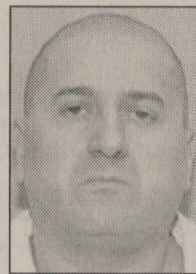
And so it goes in our quiet little corner of Coleman County.

Talpa Bob

## Reward increased to \$10k for most wanted sex offender

AUSTIN - The reward for Santos Francisco Sanchez, 47, a Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offender and this month's featured fugitive, has increased to \$10,000 for information leading to his capture if the tip comes in during the month of August. Sanchez, who is a Texas Syndicate gang member, has a violent criminal past and is wanted for parole violation and failure to register as a sex offender. All tips are guaranteed to be anonymous. Sanchez's last known address was in the Tar-

rant County area, where he also has family ties; and he is known to work as a carpenter. In 1996, Sanchez was convicted in the sexual assault of a 12-year-old girl in Fort Worth. He was required to report to a halfway house after his release from prison in 2003, but Sanchez never registered with the La Villa Police Department in Hidalgo County. (Please note the above photos are from 2003.) For more in-



Santos Francisco Sanchez

formation, see his wanted bulletin at: <http://dps.texas.gov/Texas-10MostWanted/SexOffenderDetails.aspx?id=181>.

Sanchez is 5 feet 10 inches tall and was last known to weigh approximately 205 pounds. His tattoos include: dragon/skulls/devils on his left forearm; a heart on his upper left arm; a peacock on his upper right arm; and heart/rose on his right forearm.

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of the Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitives or sex offenders.

To be eligible for the cash rewards, there are different ways to provide anonymous tips:

- Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).

- Text the letters DPS - followed by your tip - to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone.

## NOTICE OF 2015 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR RUNNELS COUNTY

A tax rate of \$0.710000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of RUNNELS COUNTY. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.710000 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.630000 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.698139 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.754752 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for RUNNELS COUNTY from the same properties in both the 2014 tax year and the 2015 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that RUNNELS COUNTY may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

property tax amount = (rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

ROBIN BURGESS  
CITY OF BALLINGER TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR  
201 S BROADWAY BALLINGER TX  
325-365-2339  
RUNNELSCOTAX2@WTXS.NET  
WWW.BALLINGER/TX.COM

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: August 25, 2015 at 9:30 AM at THE COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE IN THE RUNNELS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BALLINGER TX.

Second Hearing: September 1, 2015 at 9:30 AM at THE COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE IN THE RUNNELS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BALLINGER TX.

### VETERAN'S CORNER



Sandra G. Van Zant

The House last week passed (256-170) the "VA Accountability Act" (H.R. 1994), sponsored by HVAC Chairman Jeff Miller (R-Fla.), which makes it easier to demote or remove a VA employee for poor performance or misconduct.

The bill passed on a predominantly partisan roll call. Prospects in the Senate are uncertain and the president has issued a veto threat. Rep. Miller said the measure brings "much-needed accountability" to the department, noting that officials routinely take months to punish or dismiss bad workers. "Bad employees mean bad customer service," Miller said. "If we truly want our veterans to have the very best care and services, status quo is no longer acceptable."

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

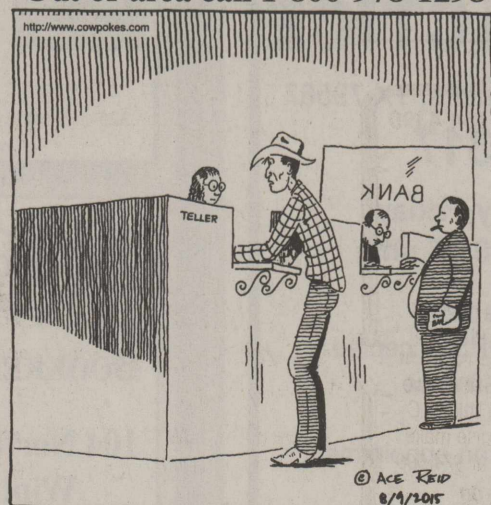
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### BROTHER J

## The Little Dog

It started with a phone call and one of my children asking, "Dad can I leave my dog with you and mom for a couple of days and by the way I also have my best friend's two little dogs?"

As you know it is hard to say no to your children. Later on as I was leaning over the backyard fence and throwing food to the little dogs, the smallest and cutest one started growling. He didn't want the other dogs to have any food and he tried to keep them away while he choked down all the food. It was hard for him to growl and swallow at the same time and also keep all the other dogs away.

That scene reminded me of a problem we may face in life, called greed or selfishness. The Bible talks about it, (James 3:14 & 16, Galatians 5:19-21) and it is a part of natural man and leads to much unhappiness, (James 4:1-4). Don't kid yourself everyone has it and it just takes the right situation to expose it, (Romans 3:23). God gave us a remedy for it. We are to confess our sins, ask forgiveness, and ask Jesus Christ in to our hearts, (James 4:5-10). We are to keep yielding (being energized or filled) to the Holy Spirit until we get victory, (Galatians 5:16,22,23). See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

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**wastewater piping modification, security fence modification, miscellaneous concrete, and electrical.**

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 402 Cedar Street, Abilene, Texas 79601.

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing employment of the bid \$75.00 hard-are not dis-opening for copy or \$50.00 crimina t e d the purpose of CD with the against be- reviewing the Engineer for cause of race, bids and in each set of color, religion, vestigating the documents ob- sex age or na- bidders quali- tional origin. fications prior deposit is not Adherence to the contract refundable. The grant recipient's Sec- tion 3 Policy is City of Winters Lewis Bergman Mayor August 6, 2015

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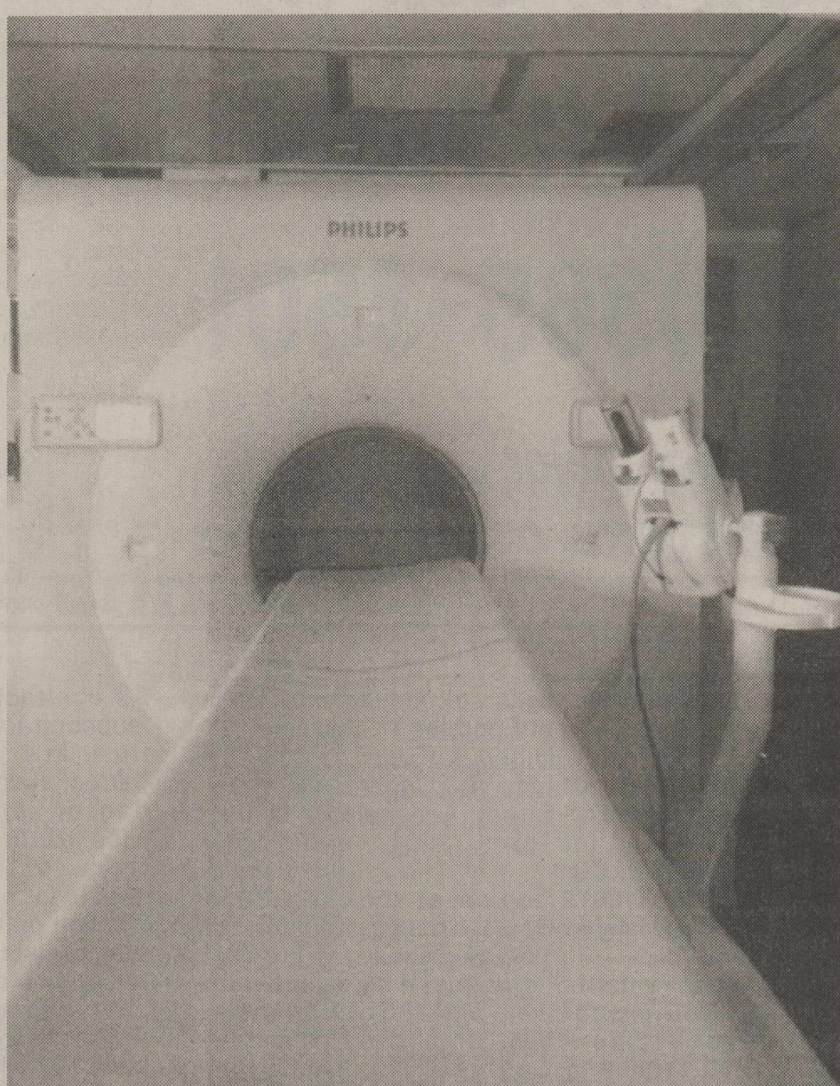
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### Winters Blizzards kick off season



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The Winters Blizzards played their first blue and white game Saturday, Aug. 8. Here Johnny Sandoval catches the ball while Devin Flores is behind him. The Blizzards play their first official scrimmage against Cross Plains 9 a.m. Saturday at Blizzard Stadium.

### Small grain workshop Aug. 19

TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

The Concho Valley Small Grain Workshop will be Aug. 19 at the Lowake Community Center in Lowake.

The community center is the red brick school building at 23860 Farm-to-Market Road 381. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. followed by the program from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

"Wheat is second only to cotton in the Concho Valley with an average annual value of about \$23.3 million in cash receipts," said Josh Blanek, Tom Green County agriculture agent and coordinator for the workshop.

"Knowing the importance of the crop, the Tom Green County Field Crops Committee identified the need for an educational program for area small grain

producers."

Blanek said with changes in the farm bill and weaker cotton prices, it's likely more acres of small grain will be planted in the next couple of years.

"Knowing that, the committee came up with the topics most needed and put the program together around those, so it should be very topical for our producers.

The workshop will be conducted by AgriLife Extension offices in Tom Green, Coke and Runnels counties.

Registration and lunch is free for those who RSVP by Friday (Aug. 14) and \$25 for those registering at the door. To RSVP or for more information, contact Extension offices in Tom Green County at 325-659-6523, Coke County at 325-453-2461 or Runnels County at 325-365-5042.

### BUDGET

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will receive a raise as a result of Senate Bill 1025, which allows the state to pay a percentage of the county judge's salary which in this case totals \$10,200 this year.

"I'm very thankful for this," said Hilliard of the state raise which began right after the bill passed on June 17.

Commissioners will hold two public

hearings on the proposed tax rate - the first is 10 a.m. Aug. 25 and the second is at the same time Sept. 1. The county will publish the notice of public hearings on the proposed tax rate and budget on Sept. 4 with the hearings to adopt the proposed budget and tax rate slated for 10 a.m., Sept. 8.

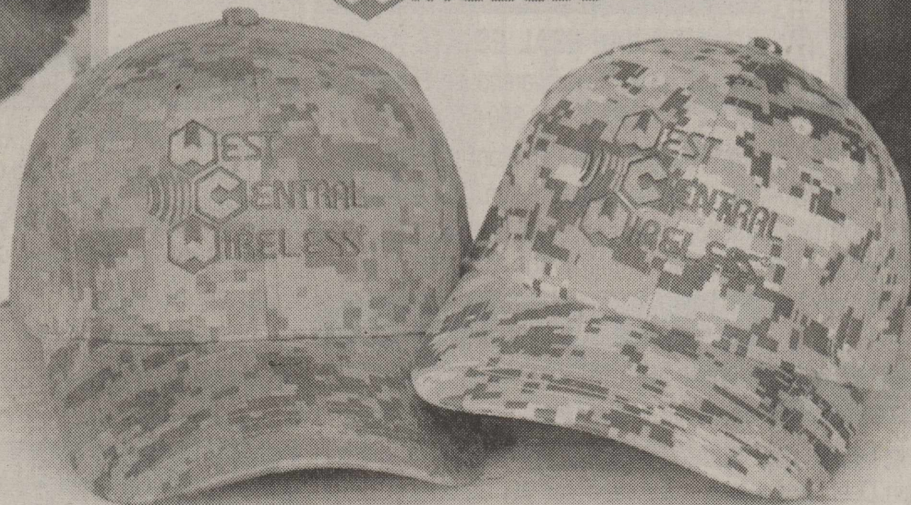


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