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Briefly

Sales tax up in Winters

Sales tax receipts were up in the City of Winters in June according to the State Comptroller's Office. The receipts totalled \$28,808.25 for June up from \$22,885.61 in June of 2014, which is a 25.87 percent increase over last year. Receipts to date for 2015 are up 7.20 percent with the year-date total of \$178,807.70 up from last year's total for January through June reported at \$166,783.13.

ON THE NET:
<http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/allocsum/cities.html>

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.

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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 dipping into the mid 90s. A cool front is passing through bringing the high today around 90 with the lows down to the upper 60s. Temperatures next week should be in the low to mid 90s, forecasters say.

There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms today. No rain has been reported from Aug. 13-18.

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

Winters ISD welcomes back students

Administration hopes for successful school year



PHOTO COURTESY WINTERS ISD

School starts Monday for Winters Independent School District, when 600 students are expected to attend the first day of classes. Here, teachers from Winters High School and Winters Junior High line up to pick up their new Microsoft Surface tablets.

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Superintendent Bruce Davis of Winters Independent School District is ready to embark on a new school year Monday and says that he is looking forward to bringing the Winters ISD educational experience to the students.

This year enrollment is up slightly from last year, with 600 students slated to attend classes on the first day.

"We have new students coming in this year," Davis said. "We are about where we started at this time last year."

There are about 75 teachers on staff at Winters ISD. Over the summer, the district welcomed 21 new employees, which includes educators, coaches, staff and

Class Schedule

7:55-8:30 a.m. Tutoring
 8:33-8:43 - Breakfast
 8:46-9:31 - First period
 9:34-10:10 a.m. - Second period
 10:22-11:07 a.m. - Third period
 11:10-11:55 - Fourth period
 11:55-12:25 - Lunch
 12:28-1:13 - Fifth period
 1:16 - 2:01 - Sixth period
 2:04 - 2:49 - Seventh period
 2:52-3:37 - Eighth period

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Car catches fire on Hwy. 83

Driver escapes unharmed, vehicle total loss



STACI CORTEZ | ENTERPRISE PHOTO

The driver of the Crown Victoria said he spun out after trying to avoid hitting a deer on the roadway. Pictured here from left to right are firefighters Jeff Moreland, Cathy Landers and Juan Carlos Ruiz.

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Firefighters from Ballinger and Winters were called to the scene of a car fire on Highway 83 half way between the two cities on Monday morning.

The call came in at 10:31 a.m. Monday after a report that the car lost control and caught fire.

"When I arrived on the scene the car was totally engulfed in flames," said Deputy Carl Squyres of the Runnels County Sheriff's Office.

The driver, identified as Brandon Lawrence, 28, of Winters, told Squyres that he was traveling from Winters to Ballinger when a deer ran out in front of the Ford Crown Victoria he was driving.

"He left the roadway went into a ditch and started spinning," Squyres explained. "He said he saw the fire start under the hood."

Squyres speculated that some of the dry brush on the side of the roadway may have gotten into the engine and ignited.

He said Lawrence was standing on the side of the road waiting when deputies and firefighters arrived. "He was unharmed," Squyres said.

The Ballinger Fire Department responded first, but had to call for back up due to one of the trucks having a blow out on the way to the fire.

Brent Allen, assistant fire chief for Ballinger, said the fire quickly spread on to the dry, grassy area

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Statewide Quail Symposium Sept. 16-18

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 TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

ABILENE - Organizers are urging quail enthusiasts to make plans to attend the Statewide Quail Symposium to be conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service on September 16-18.

These bobwhite quail seem to be discussing their much-improved living conditions on a West Texas ranch. Improving their plight will be the focus of the Statewide Quail Symposium set for Sept. 16-18 in Abilene. (Texas A&M AgriLife Communications photo by Steve Byrns)

Plans are being finalized for the symposium, which will open with a tour of the Trail

Ranch at Albany beginning at 1 p.m. Sept. 16. The remainder of the symposium will take place at the MCM Elegante Hotel in Abilene.

"The last time we convened a statewide quail symposium was in 1999 in Abilene," said Dr. Dale Rollins, a symposium planner. Rollins is AgriLife Extension's statewide coordinator for the Reversing the Quail Decline Initiative at San Angelo and director of the Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch at Roby.

"Since then we've experienced record lows of bobwhites, scaled or blue quail and consequently, the number of quail hunters," he said. "We hope we turned the corner last

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Major sheep, goat events set Aug. 28-29 in San Angelo

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A diverse and changing sheep and goat industry will highlight two back-to-back educational opportunities in San Angelo on Aug. 28-29. (Texas A&M AgriLife Communications photo by Steve Byrns)

The venue is actually two events set back-to-back on Aug. 28-29 in San Angelo, said Marvin Ensor, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service regional program leader in San Angelo.

He said the first of the two is the 42nd Annual Sheep and Goat Field Day conducted by and on the grounds of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center located just north of San Angelo. That event starts with registration at 8 a.m. followed by the program from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 28.

The second event is the first ever Texas Sheep and Goat Expo set from 2-8:30 p.m., also on Aug. 28, and again on Aug. 29 from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. at the San Angelo Fairgrounds.

"The Texas sheep and goat industry is undergoing tremendous change," Ensor said. "And the AgriLife agencies, AgriLife Extension and Texas A&M AgriLife Research, are staying abreast of those changes. The industry is as diverse now as perhaps it's ever been, so we are offering these events that will specifically target this diversity."

"As an example, our traditional wool sheep, by far the most predominant variety in the West for generations, are making way for an ever increasing hair sheep population. And while both are sheep, there are significant differences in the management and marketing of wool sheep, a dual-purpose animal, and hair sheep kept solely as meat producers. The expo curriculum will recognize and address the specific needs and interests of these two sheep types and the other major segments of the industry—club lamb, and meat goat production, while recognizing and providing support in the common areas that impact all aspects of the sheep and goat industry."

The annual Sheep and Goat Field Day is a long-standing tradition of the AgriLife center dating back to the 1970s. The field day is generally scheduled the first Thursday of each September, but Ensor said both events complement one another so well that planners opted to move the field day to coincide with the expo as a convenience to participants.

The expo is to be a premier state-level event with emphasis on demonstrations and hands-on activities that will follow the center's Aug. 28 field day. Activities on Aug. 29 will start early at the San Angelo Fairgrounds with a chuck wagon breakfast followed by concurrent sessions featuring the various management and marketing techniques specific to wool breeds, hair sheep, club lamb production and meat goats.

Commercial businesses will exhibit new equipment, products and services at both events.

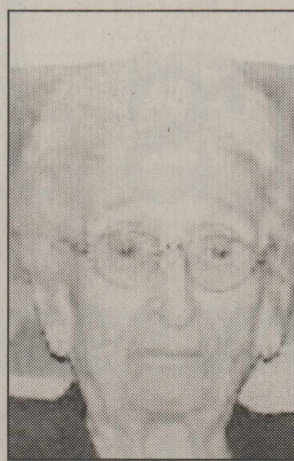
"Both these programs will be packed with information," Ensor said. "We'd like folks to first attend the center's field day that touts work being conducted there, including the extensive flock guard dog work being done, work on using juniper in deer feed to limit the problem of feral hogs eating much of it, insight into factors affecting lamb prices, the latest in prescribed fire management and some very interesting wool garment work. After a sponsored lunch at the center, activities will move to the San Angelo Fairgrounds for the start of the expo."

"It will be a full two days, and participants can take part in any or all of both events. We do hope they will take advantage of both programs though, as we have never offered such an opportunity before."

Ensor said expo presenters will include AgriLife personnel, Texas A&M University faculty, veterinarians, Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory staff, agribusinesses and area ranchers.

FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Julie M. (Kudlacek) Lisso



Julie M. (Kudlacek) Lisso passed away in Ballinger on Friday, August 14, 2015 at the age of 104. She was born May 22, 1911 to Joseph and Marie (Bubeneck) Kudlacek in Runnels County. She attended Groenwald School and played on the winning women's basketball team in 1928.

She married Arthur A. Lisso on November 2, 1929 in Rowena and they celebrated 62 years of marriage before he passed away on August 8, 1992. She was also preceded by her parents; her son, Erwin R. (Bud) Lisso; her daughter, Evelyn L. Richardson; and a brother, Ed Kudlacek and his wife, Ella.

Julie was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena as well as St. Ann's Altar Society. She was a long time and active member of the Lowake Home Demonstration Club. She was well known for her sewing abilities, making all of her daughter's clothes, with the exception of her wedding dress. She also made lots of dresses, shorts and jackets for her granddaughters. She enjoyed making kolaches and cream pies

but would have rather been outside, helping with the livestock and farming and gardening.

Julie is survived by her daughter-in-law and caregiver, Frances Lisso of Rowena; four granddaughters ("her girls", who spent so many weeks out on the farm and learned so much), Susan Harney and husband, Jerry, of Wolfforth, Paula Reed and husband, Raymond "Bubba," of San Angelo, Betty Johnson and husband, Clark, of Seguin, and Tricia Varquera and husband, Hector, of Saginaw; 8 great grandchildren; and 4 great-great granddaughters.

There was a visitation at Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger on Sunday, August 16 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with a Rosary following at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, August 17, 2015 at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena with Fr. Ariel Lagunilla celebrating. Burial followed at the Evergreen Cemetery in Rowena.

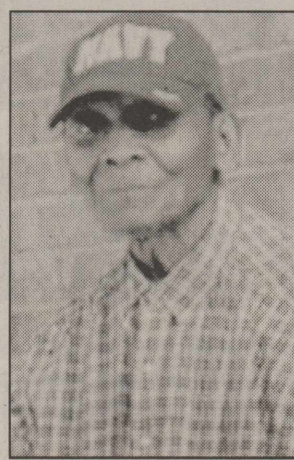
The family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to the staff of Ballinger Healthcare and Rehab Center and to Ballinger Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the St. Joseph Building Fund, Lowake Community Center or a favorite charity.

Guests may register online at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

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Horace George Griffin



Horace George Griffin, 79, passed away early Sunday morning, August 16, 2015 at Central Texas Nursing Facility.

Horace grew up in the Ballinger area and later served in the U.S. Navy for 4 years as a diesel mechanic. After retiring from the Navy he settled in Winters Texas working as a mechanic for Drys Manufacturing Co. for 28 years.

He married Mary Ynostrosa July 28, 1971 and they enjoyed 35 years of happiness together. He enjoyed spending most of his time outdoors grooming the lawn and planting flowers. He was an active member of the Pioneer Church of God where he led the music ministry for many years. He had a deep love of music, most days his home was filled with old R&B songs, if he wasn't harmonizing along he was whistling the tunes. He enjoyed family gatherings,

hosting cared games, playing dominoes, and cutting up with his grand-kids. He was infamous for nicknaming his grand-kids after the sound of their cries. He had a never-ending sweet tooth for Gandy's ice cream, cookies and cake. He was known to most as T-Bone, and those closest to him knew his as Pappy, but everyone will remember him by his "happy smile".

He is survived by his children Tina & Jennifer Griffin, Ahmad, and Sylvia Holloway of San Angelo, Dennis Griffin and Melissa Lopez of Winters, Cynthia Hicks of Phenix City, AL. GergiaAnn of Dallas, Horace George Griffin Jr. of Round Rock. Special cousin Sam Hubbard of Winters and Special grandchild Opheila Lopez of Winters. He was also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his loving wife Mary Griffin, brother Leslie Griffin and sisters Seleta & Margie-Nell Griffin.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Meet the teacher

Winters Independent School District will hold "Meet the Teacher" night at 6 p.m. Friday at elementary school campus. Parents and students are welcome.

Winters Public Library

August 24th at 10:30 am Creative Writing Program at the public library. Author Nancy Robinson Masters will be the speaker/teacher. This program is free and all are invited. For more information call the library 325-754-4251.

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Filing deadline looming

Filing for two seats on the Winters ISD Board of Trustees runs through 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.

Dove Fest royalty wanted

It is that time of year again for the annual Winters Dove Fest and organizers 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.

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Winters ISD K-12 lunch menu for Aug. 24-31

Breakfast

Aug. 24
Pancake on a stick or
Cereal with grahams
Mandarin oranges
Fruit juice
Choice of milk

Aug. 25
Donuts or
Cereal with grahams
Raisins
Fruit juice
Choice of milk

Aug. 26
Yogurt or
Cereal with grahams
Blizzard berries
Fruit juice
Choice of milk

Aug. 27
French toast or
Cereal with grahams
Banana
Fruit juice

Choice of milk

Aug. 28
Cinnamon roll or
Cereal with grahams
Mixed fruit
Fruit juice
Choice of milk

Aug. 31
Biscuit & sausage with gravy or
Pop Tart or
Cereal with grahams
Pineapple
Fruit juice
Choice of milk

Lunch

Aug. 24
Chef salad or
Choice of pizza
Salad, carrot sticks, corn
Cinnamon applesauce
Choice of milk

Aug. 25
Chef salad or

Grilled chicken on a bun or
Burrito
Broccoli with cheese
Salad, carrot sticks
Pineapple
Choice of milk

Aug. 26
Chef salad or
Salisbury steak or
Grilled cheese
Italian green beans
Salad, broccoli
Grapes
Choice of milk

Aug. 27
Chef salad or
Steak fingers or
PB&J sandwich

Salad, carrot sticks
Tropical fruit
Choice of milk

Aug. 28
Chef salad or
Cheeseburger or
Hot dog
Doritos
Lettuce with pickles
Orange slices
Choice of milk

Aug. 31
Chef salad or
Spaghetti or
Chicken on a bun
Italian green beans
Salad, carrot sticks
Choice of milk

VFW Patriotism Award



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The VFW Post 9196 Auxiliary presented the Patriotism Award to Tanner and Hunter Wood during the membership recruitment event Sunday, Aug. 16. Pictured from left to right are Laverne Redmond and Nancy Schwertner of the Auxiliary, and Tanner and Hunter Wood. The young men assisted in many activities such as placing American Flags on veterans graves during Memorial Day.

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 began purchasing the same reserved seats Wednesday. 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 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.

School supplies for Winters Elementary students

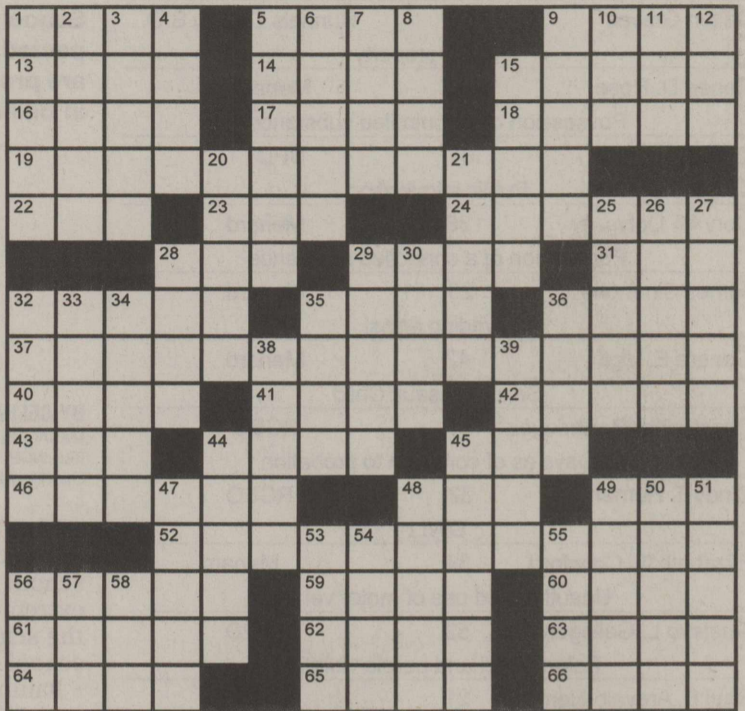
The Blizzard Elementary Support Team (B.E.S.T.) will be hosting a free give away school supplies drive at the Winters Volunteer Fire Department at 7 p.m. Friday, August 21. Supplies are for Pre-kindergarten to 5th grade Winters Elementary students only. The Winters Volunteer Fire Department will also provide free hot dogs.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

"Be Very Very Quiet"

Across

- 1 Apple tablet computer
- 5 Yanks
- 9 Andy's TV son
- 13 C.I.A. worry
- 14 Four Corners state
- 15 Outlook alternative
- 16 Hula hoop support
- 17 Tomb Raider Croft
- 18 Caravan's stop
- 19 Big name in children's clothes
- 22 Darjeeling drink
- 23 Slam
- 24 Knife or club
- 28 Pallid
- 29 Piece of glass
- 31 Bemoan
- 32 Daisylike bloom
- 35 Vegetarian staple
- 36 In ___ (harmonious)
- 37 Quick severe punishment
- 40 Birthday party staple
- 41 Chalupa alternative
- 42 Hides a mike on
- 43 "___ to Joy"
- 44 Possesses, old-style
- 45 Outlaw
- 46 Muscle that tightens
- 48 Monetary risk
- 49 Tampa Bay NFLer
- 52 Doula's urging
- 56 Can't stand
- 59 Yours and mine
- 60 Length x width
- 61 Banished leader
- 62 Upscale hotel chain
- 63 Smooth (out)
- 64 Track event
- 65 Actress Winslet
- 66 "Stop that!"



Down

- 1 "Open a window!"
- 2 Aplomb
- 3 Letter opener?
- 4 School seat
- 5 A Sooner Stater
- 6 Ogden resident
- 7 Vestments, e.g.
- 8 Kind of carpet
- 9 D-Day beach
- 10 Dance step
- 11 Son of junior
- 12 Golfer Ernie
- 15 "Look for yourself"
- 20 Eyeball benders

- 21 Confess (to)
- 25 Comedian Richard
- 26 Cup division
- 27 Makes out
- 28 "Where ___ you?"
- 29 Way to cook eggs
- 30 Big top?
- 32 Broad necktie
- 33 Color variation
- 34 Arcade coin
- 35 "___ does it!"
- 36 Go up
- 38 Great balls of fire
- 39 Strip
- 44 Dwelling place

- 45 Blues legend Smith
- 47 Simple bread
- 48 Too well-done
- 49 Beast of burden
- 50 Apply to
- 51 Rooters' refrain
- 53 Catch
- 54 Night prowler
- 55 No longer due
- 56 Hesitation sound
- 57 Hacker
- 58 Coupling

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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Weather Whys

Q: There's been a series of heat waves hitting much of the U.S. in recent weeks. Which heat waves have been the worst killers in the United States?

A: There's no doubt that heat waves can cause a lot of fatalities, says weather expert Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "According to the Center for Disease Control, more than 600 people die from complications related to extreme heat each year on average in the United States - more than tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, lightning or all other weather events combined," he notes. "The great Dust Bowl period of the 1930s covered more than 50 million acres in the Central U.S. and was a primary cause of a 1936 heat wave that killed more than 5,000 people."

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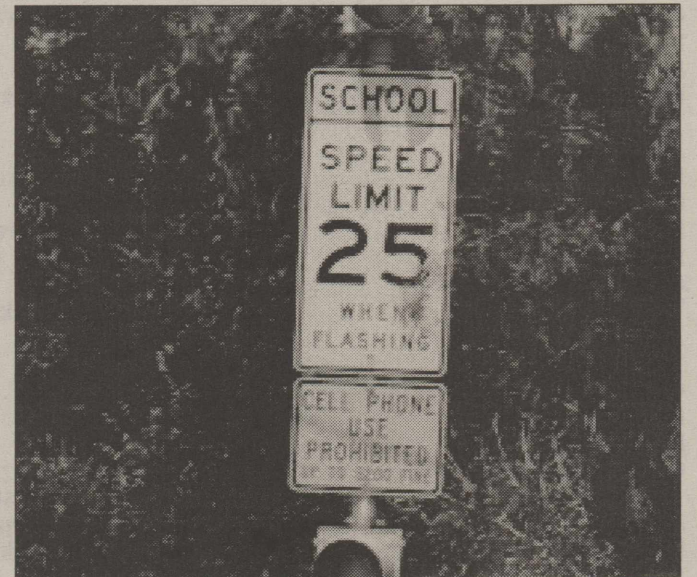
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Name	Age	Agency
Jerry J. Carson	61	BPD
Resisting Arrest and P.I.		
Greta A. Duderetadt	32	Menard
Agg. assault with deadly weapon		
Steven D. Smith	54	Coleman S.O.
Agg. assault of child and prohibited conduct		
J.B. Fiveash	64	Runnels County S.O.
Criminal mischief		
Dalton Graves	32	Runnels County S.O.
Theft of property		
Renee D. Rose	30	Menard
Possession of a controlled substance		
Jerry J. Carson	61	BPD
Public intoxication		
Cory W. Doty	36	Menard
Possession of a controlled substance		
James Simmons	25	Menard
Evading arrest		
Genera E. Vigil	42	Menard
Sexual Assault Child		
Christopher R. Enriquez	27	RCSO
7 Days as of condition to probation		
Cindy T. Hernandez	32	RCSO
DWLI		
Elizabeth N. Crawford	34	Menard
Unauthorized use of motor vehicle		
Gustavo L. Gallegos	52	BPD
Felony DWI and parole violation		
Raul E. Arevalo-Herrera	21	Concho
Illegal entry		
Juan A. Timoco-Velencia	22	Concho
Illegal entry		
Joshua E. Rivera	28	BPD
MTR-Unauthorized use of motor vehicle		
Anna M. Rojas	25	Coke County
MTR-DWI Midland County		
Colleton C. Dellaughter	22	Turned self in
Duty of striking fixture		



STACI CORTEZ | LEDGER PHOTOS

School begins Monday in Ballinger and traffic is expected to be snarled around school campuses. Drivers are prohibited from using cell phones in school zones in Ballinger and violators could be fined up to \$200.



School begins in Ballinger Monday morning and drivers must observe flashing lights and school zone and crosswalk signs. Fines for those who do not obey the law, will double.

Caution: Obey school zone signs

BY CELINDA HAWKINS
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Monday, students will be returning to Ballinger ISD for the 2015-16 school year and drivers should use extreme caution and obey all of the school zone signs and stop for school buses, authorities say.

Ballinger Police Chief Mark McNulty said officers will be on patrol at the school campuses bright and early Monday morning and will issue citations to those who violate the school zone signs, which instruct drivers to slow down to between 20 and 25 miles per hour, depending on the area. There are school zone signs up and down Broadway, on 8th and 13th streets and all around the school campuses.

"The lights will be flashing and the laws will be enforced," McNulty

said.

He added that violators could face fines that are double what normal speeding ticket would be because of the school zones.

Ballinger Municipal Court Judge Carolyn Little said the citations for speeding through a school zone increase \$25 over the normal rate. She said many citations are issued around the schools because drivers not observing the signs.

Her advice is simple: "If you see a school, you are in a school zone," Little said.

She added that drivers need to be particularly cautious around the elementary school, because many of the children walk to school from home.

Drivers are cautioned not to use cell phones in school zones, they are prohibited in the school zones. Keep an eye out for children who

may dart out between vehicles and watch for children waiting at bus stops.

Likewise, children who are crossing the street, should do so at designated crosswalks and look left, right and both ways before proceeding.

Little cautioned drivers to observe the Texas School Bus Law, that was enhanced during the 83rd Legislature. Drivers are required to stop for flashing red lights on a school bus, regardless of which direction they are going. Drivers may proceed once the bus has moved and the lights stop flashing or the driver signals it is okay to pass.

Little warns that violators could be fined between \$500 and \$1,250 for the first offense. Fines start at \$1,000 for additional offenses.

"We don't want anyone hurt or killed," Little said.

PUBLIC HEARING

Runnels County will hold a public hearing pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code Section 111.007 at 9:30am, Tuesday, September 8th 2015 at 613 Hutchings Ave., Room 101, Ballinger, Texas.

This proposed budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$266,271, or 7 .66%, and of that amount, \$35,048.22 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Immediately following the public hearing, Runnels County Commissioner's Court will hold their regularly scheduled meeting. Among the agenda items to be considered will be the adoption of the 2015-2016 budget pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 111.008 and consideration of setting the Tax Rate for 2015-2016 pursuant to Tax Code 26.05(b).

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VETERAN'S CORNER



Sandra G. Van Zant

The House is not in session until after Labor Day and the Senate is also out after this week. With many legislators back in their district offices, this would be an excellent opportunity for everyone to visit them in person or contact them to express deep concerns on legislative issues.

The final FY 2016 Defense Authorization bill (H.R. 1735/S. 1376) will be considered immediately when they return to Washington, D.C. in September, so members are urged to ask them to oppose the pharmacy co-pay increase, cuts to commissary benefits, the smaller active duty pay increase and BAH reductions in the Senate Defense bill and ask Senators to support the House provision to provide veterans status for 20-year reservists.

In addition, the Senate Agent Orange Blue Water Navy bill may be voted out of committee in September. Everyone is urged to ask their legislators to support the House and Senate bills (H.R. 1735/S. 1376). I strongly urged everyone to ask their senators and representative to stop automatic budget cuts (known as sequestration) for the defense budget.

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

BROTHER J

What should we do?

Years ago, I was visiting a good friend that lived on the outskirts of a large city. It had just rained and was very wet and muddy. We were so glad to see the rain that we both got lawn chairs and sat out in front of his house. There were some vacant lots across the street where bicycles and cars usually cut through. The soil was very deep and black and it was so easy to get stuck there.

As we were sitting there, people started trying to walk across and couldn't because of the mud and water. Then a lady in a small station wagon with a small child tried to slowly cut across but she got stuck. She started revving her motor and spinning her wheels but was going nowhere.

We decided to go over and try to help her but we were a little reluctant because we had our nice clothes on. We rolled up the cuffs of our pants and walked to the back of her car. After a lot of pushing and a lot of mud on our clothes she roared off.

That experience made me realize that we (Christians) should be willing to help others in their problems (Galatians 6:1&2, Colossians 3:12-14, 1 John 2:6). Jesus wants us, (Christians) to be a shining light in the world (Matthew 5:16). I am glad we helped her. See you in church next Sunday.

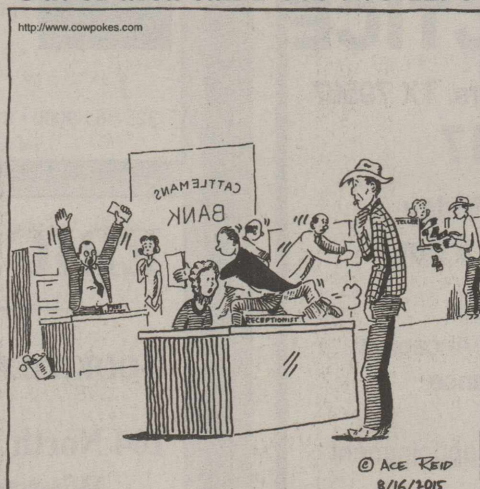
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The Market Perspective

One size does not fit all minimum wage

The costs of living across America are quite different. Someone delivering a pizza in Andrews or Monahans has a much lower cost of living than a bicycle messenger in downtown San Francisco. That has not deterred Washington, DC lawmakers from deciding just what that same messenger should receive as a minimum however. This notion has been pushed to the idea of a 'living wage.' A forty-hour 52-week minimum wage of \$7.25 works out to be \$15,080. Progressives scream that no one can live on that. So the minimum ought to be saying double that amount. With such legislation now appearing in more progressive communities, let's see how that is working out.



Dennis Elam

Seattle is phasing in a \$15 minimum with rates now at \$11. San Francisco with the nation's most expensive housing is now at \$12.25. Los Angeles County has approved a \$15 level and New York State is expected to follow. One of the arguments is that at a minimum wage of \$7.25, workers are often in various public welfare programs to make ends meet. Therefore John Q. Taxpayer is actually subsidizing such businesses by providing what should otherwise be a 'living wage.' So the argument goes, raise the wage and watch the welfare rolls shrink.

But the Law of Unintended Consequences LUC has already put kinks in that argument. In March 2015 130,851 were enrolled in the Washington Basic Food Program. In April the number was a similar 130,376. What happened? The answer is that many receiving the new higher wage are asking for fewer hours to cap their income at rates, which will still qualify for various welfare programs. So costs are up but eh welfare rolls are about the same.

And the wage effect while helping dishwashers in the restaurant has hurt waiters depending on tips. With some restaurants raising prices by 15%, fewer diners are tipping the waiter driving the server's take home down.

The fact is that most minimum wage jobs are not held by heads of households. They are more likely high school and college entry-level positions. And it strains the economic model to declare that someone ought to make more than they contribute. And it gets worse.

I recently saw an academic presen-

tation that made this case. A highly regulatory environment (\$15 minimum wage, Affordable Health Care, etc.) with increased costs coupled with all time low interest rates is most likely to create a move to more automation. Fast food chains have already announced more automation in their kitchens. Wait staff is already being displaced by tablets and automated ordering systems. One entrepreneur already claims to have a fully automated fast food restaurant on the drawing board.

And this idea looks a bit lame when compared with a job teaching a serious skill set. To wit, at \$15 an hour our fast food employee now make \$31,200. An E1 Private in the military makes \$18,378. An E5 Sergeant with eight years service makes \$35,067. And needless to say the job requirements are considerably more stringent than say building a hamburger. Should the entire military have E1 wages doubled to better match our newly arrived fast food worker?

California and New York have been losing population for decades. This has recently resulted in lost seats in the representational national Congress. People vote with their feet, which has created the Sunbelt Economy from Texas to Georgia. And sure enough those same places losing population due to over regulation, California and New York, continue to do the same, apparently expecting different results. Whether refusing to drill for oil or encouraging more automation via higher minimum wages, thereby cutting overall employed hours, it is a flawed strategy. Indeed there is a New Civil War in the fight for a better economy. This time around the South is winning.

As I write Friday August 14, 2015, the oil price has dropped back to its March low at \$42.85. We suggested last week that first \$40 and then the 2008 low of \$35 were likely. All the energy service stocks fell yesterday. FRAK (shale producers) and XES (energy service) are both trading under their March lows. For now the trend in oil price remains down.

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around the flaming vehicle.

There were two units from Ballinger and two from Winters that responded to the fire, Allen said, adding that it took about 15 minutes to totally extinguish the flames.

Fortunately, Allen said the fire occurred in the cooler part of the day and the wind was not blowing, or it could have become a significant grass fire.

"It could have been worse," Allen said.



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The driver of a Ford Crown Victoria escaped unharmed from his burning vehicle after he narrowly missed hitting a deer and spun out in a ditch on the side of the roadway. Fire fighters from Ballinger and Winters responded to the call which came in at 10:31 a.m. Monday.

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maintenance personnel.

Over the summer the district personnel worked on some improvements to the campuses which included removing carpet and replacing it with tile and replacing some windows on the campuses.

Personnel were welcomed back to the district Monday during a special breakfast event. Staff development and in-service meetings continued throughout the week.

Students picked up their schedules Monday, according to the district's website.

Davis said the district is always looking to improve test scores and the overall educational experience for the students.

To all of the new and returning stu-

dents, Davis said "Welcome to Winters ISD."

"We want to welcome them to the Winters way," Davis continued. "It is the way we educate kids, the way we teach the kids to act and the way our teachers educate. We are proud of our students and proud of our teachers - we want to raise kids to be young adults whether they go to college or learn a trade - we want them to be successful."

The school bell rings at 7:55 a.m. Monday morning Winters ISD with the tutoring class, through 8:30 a.m. Breakfast is served from 8:33 to 8:43 followed by first, second, third and fourth periods in the morning. Students break for lunch from 11:55 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. followed by, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth periods with the final bell ringing at 3:37 p.m.

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year and we likewise hope to build on that rebound nicely this summer."

Rollins said the symposium will bring together leading professionals and experts in quail management, research and conservation from around the state.

"These speakers come from a wide range of backgrounds, including current land managers,

research scientists and state agency professionals who will present a wide range of currently relevant and popular topics," he said.

The Sept. 16 Trail Ranch tour presentations will include talks on quail management, economics, the Texas Quail Index, defining usable space for quail and brush sculpting.

The Sept. 17 session slated for 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. will feature talks on the state of quail hunting in Texas, weather and

quail, translocating wild quail for re-establishment and eyeworms, plus debates on pen-reared quail and cow and quail coexistence.

The Sept. 18 session from 8-11:15 a.m. will feature talks on the Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch, Quail-Tech, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Institute, Borderlands Research Institute and plans for the next biennium.

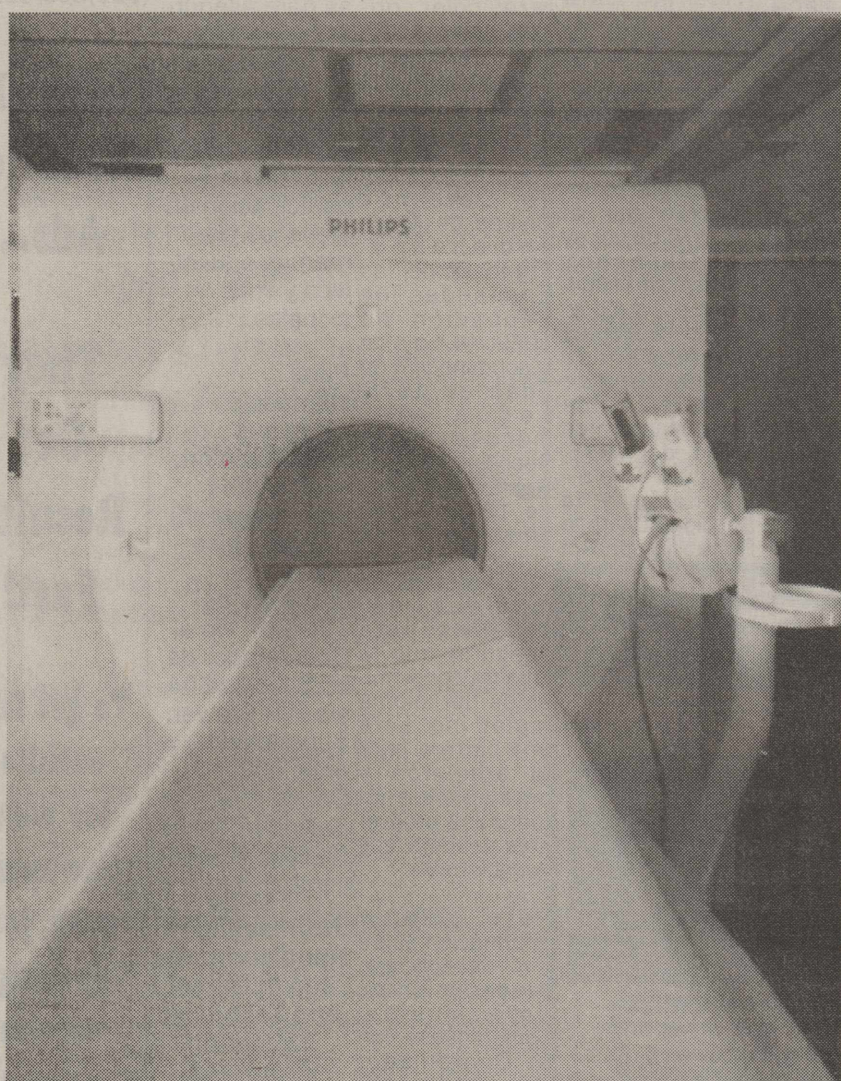
Individual preregistration is \$50 by Sept. 7 and \$75 thereafter. Individual student preregistration is \$20 by Sept. 7 and \$50 thereafter.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units in the general category will be offered.

For the latest information on the agenda, registration, lodging and more go to, www.statewide-equailsymposium.com.

The Reversing the Quail Decline Initiative coordinated by Rollins is a \$2 million legislatively funded AgriLife Extension statewide initiative supported by Upland Game Bird Stamp revenue. Rollins said those dollars support research projects and AgriLife Extension educational activities including the Statewide Quail Symposium, which represents the culmination of those funds.

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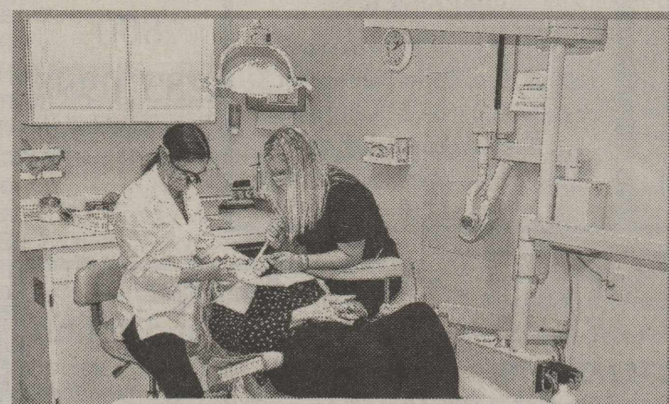


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