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## Briefly

### Memorial Day closures

The City of Winters and Runnels County offices will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Local banks will also be closed to observe the holiday.

Winters ISD will be closed in observance of the holiday, and will reopen Tuesday.

### School's out for the summer!

Today is the last day of school for Winters students. There will be a Teacher Workday Friday. The Winters High School Graduation is set for 7:30 p.m. at the gymnasium at the school.

The district will host the 8th grade meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the high school Tuesday for students that will be entering Winters High School. The students will be assisted with their four year plans and schedules from 9-12 grades.

ON THE NET:  
[www.wintersisd.org](http://www.wintersisd.org)

### Gas prices up

Gas prices are going up across Runnels County with prices at \$2.09 a gallon in most locations in Ballinger and Winters.

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 7.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.06/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has increased 6.1 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.28/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

The lowest price in Texas is \$1.83 a gallon and the average price is \$2.07 a gallon.

ON THE NET:  
[www.gasbuddy.com](http://www.gasbuddy.com)

### The last drop

More rain fell on Runnels County last week adding some additional moisture to the area. Ballinger tallied .87 inches of precipitation while Wingate received .42 inches of rain according to the National Weather Service in San Angelo.

Rain chances continue today, with a 50 percent chance of precipitation and severe weather is predicted today and tonight which could include golf ball size hail, forecasters say. Friday should be relatively clear with a high of 92. A cooling trend will move in Saturday with the high expected to reach the mid to upper 80s. Rain chances return Saturday through the Memorial Day holiday for the region along with cooler temperatures.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 10.39 inches of rainfall, with 11.13 inches reported in Wingate and 11.95 inches received in San Angelo.

ON THE NET:  
<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/sjt/>

## Off duty officer attacked by pit bull

### Dog euthanized, owner cited

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

An off duty Winters police officer was attacked by a pit bull Friday while walking her dog and suffered injuries from the attack. The dog has been euthanized and the head is being tested for rabies, Police Chief Randall Davis said.

On Friday, May 20 Of-

ficer C. Just was walking her dog in the area of State and Paloma streets when she observed a brown and white pit bull dog staring at a man pushing his child in a stroller. She said at the time, the dog made no known movement towards the man or the child.

Officer Just continued on her path a short distance

when she noticed the dog had moved to an area blocking her path. Officer Just stopped and the dog moved into a position directly in front of her and took an aggressive stance toward her as if ready to pounce on her. Just reportedly yelled at the dog but the dog did not retreat, taking an aggressive stance.

When Just reached down and picked her dog up the pit bull attacked knocking her to the ground biting her

on the hand and left arm as she attempted to fight the dog off.

"The officer was able to fight the dog off, only to see the pit bulldog attack her dog still restrained by its leash," Davis said. "During the attack the brown and white pit was able to bite Officer Just's dog in the neck and started shaking her dog back and forth in its mouth."

A neighbor who was



Randall Davis

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## Community Foundation awards scholarships



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The Community Foundation awarded scholarships during an event held at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene on Monday, May 16, 2016. Pictured from left to right are Brendon Mikeska, awarded the Winters Area Red Raider Scholarship and the Floy Hodge Scholarship; Daniel Gerhart, awarded the Eula M. Kruse Scholarship; Brady Calcote, awarded the Pearl Jackson Scholarship and the Winters Area Foundation Scholarship and Bailee Busher, awarded the Winters Area Red Raiders Scholarship and recognized in the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame.

## New officer joins Winters police force

### Winters P.D. now at full staff

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

The Winters Police Department welcomed Officer Alexander James "A.J." Martinez to the police force Friday. He was sworn in by Mayor Lisa Yates.

Officer Martinez, a native of Winters, attended the Concho Valley Council of Governments Police Academy, in San Angelo, for the past nine months and

graduated May 19, 2016. Martinez then passed his state licensing exam on Friday morning completing the state's requirements to be licensed as a police officer.

Yates said she is very pleased regarding the addition of Officer Martinez to the Winters Law Enforcement Community. "He will be an asset to

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Winters Mayor Lisa Yates swears in Officer A.J. Martinez, the newest member of the Winters Police Department. Pictured from left to right are Yates, Sgt. Paula Geyer, Martinez and Winters Police Chief Randall Davis.

## A new grocery store for Winters?

### Brookshire's seeking beer and wine license

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It has been four months since the Wal Mart Express closed its doors in Winters and now, it appears that the Brookshire Grocery Company may be seeking to move to that location.

Last week, the company filed a public notice with the Winters Enterprise and the Ballinger Ledger, which indicated that "BGC doing business as Spring Market #724 at 1010 N. Main," is applying for a license from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to sell beer and wine.

The company declined comment on the possible move.

"Due to contractual obligations we do not have a public statement at this time," Rebecca Sanders, director of public relations for Brookshire Grocery Company said Friday.

Sanders did say that the company would make an official statement when the time was right.

Local officials declined comment as well.

While no official word has been given, the City of Winters may soon be home to two grocery stores once again. This comes on the heels of the near closure of the Cash Saver Grocery Store in January. After

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The Wal Mart Express store, which opened in Winters in 2014, closed Jan. 28, 2016. Brookshire Grocery Company (BGC) has applied for an office premise beer and wine license with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

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# Julia Arredondo Ruiz

Julia Arredondo Ruiz, 98, of Winters, died May 20, 2016. She was born April 12, 1918 in Del Rio and moved to Winters in 1935. She was a homemaker and a member of the Catholic Church.

She is survived by 1 brother: Ricardo Ruiz of Snyder and several nieces and nephews.

Rosary will be 7:00 P.M. Monday May 23, 2016 at Winters Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be 10:30 A.M. Tuesday May 24, 2016 at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church with burial in Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.



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# Olen Edward Potts Sr.

Olen Edward Potts, Sr., 83, of Winters passed away Sunday, May 22, 2016 at his residence in Winters.

He was born January 12, 1933 to Luther and Nora (Boles) Potts in Baird, Texas.

Visitation for family and friends will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Wednesday at Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday at the First Baptist Church in Winters with Robert Sherman officiating. Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Winters.

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# Beef cattle short course Aug. 1-3

BY BLAIR FANNIN  
TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

COLLEGE STATION — After a historic run in beef cattle prices, producers are left with many decisions regarding the future of the cattle market, consumer demand and long-term weather projections, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle expert.

These topics and more will be discussed at the 62nd Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course Aug. 1-3 at Texas A&M University in College Station.

The 62nd Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course is scheduled Aug. 1-3 at Texas A&M University in College

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Over the past several years veterans have been returning home from wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and in most cases, the vets are lauded as heroes who have made true sacrifices for their country. On this Memorial Day, I ask that we remember all the heroes, from all of the wars that have made the ultimate sacrifice and those who are still among us.

Since the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts I along with many other reporters have covered military funerals where patriotic citizens lined the streets and highways waving flags and holding signs when one of their own gave the ultimate sacrifice. A far cry from what happened after Vietnam and even after Korea, as some vets will tell you.

I had a flashback when I remembered all of the veterans who returned home in 1975 after the Vietnam War ended. They were battered and war torn and in many cases, were not heralded by their country when they returned home from one of the most brutal conflicts ever fought by the U.S. where more than 65,000 soldiers were killed.

I harken back to Veterans Day 2001, when I was covering an event at a cemetery in Brownwood. There in front were all of the World War II and Kore-

an War veterans, standing proud and at attention. But as I panned around to look at everyone gathered for the somber event, I noticed one lone soldier, in the back wearing a black T-shirt that said "Vietnam Vet."

I studied him, noting that he too was standing at attention on the very back row, like his brothers up front.

I watched as a tear rolled down his cheek, when "Taps," was played. Like the other veterans, the song, which is played at military funerals — brought raw emotion to the front for him.

As the event ended, I found myself wanting to talk to him, wanting to tell his story. I went to him and politely asked about his service and he politely declined to talk about it, saying that people weren't ready to embrace Vietnam vets, at the time 26 years later.

After the war was over, Vietnam vets routinely reported being spat upon and berated in public. As a result, many veterans made the decision to keep their service a secret.

But that might be changing. On Friday, I was sitting alone in my office and a man, who was wearing a cap that said United States Marines, walked in to ask me if I knew any attorneys in the area. After directing him to either of the



Celinda Hawkins

two nice barristers on either side of our building, he told me he was a veteran, which I surmised after seeing his cap, which was also adorned with many pins.

The man who said he lived in Winters, started talking about having been in Vietnam and that a military doctor had once told him to talk about his experiences or else, they would be "bottled up like a cork," and that eventually he would explode.

So, it appears, he has taken to talking about his experience — something that I have found as a journalist that most Vietnam veterans are reluctant to do.

He began to tell a tale that has always hurt my heart about when he returned home from that horrible conflict that claimed the lives of about 65,000 soldiers.

"We were hated," he said.

He said in the early 2000's or after the war in Iraq, when perfect strangers would tell him "thank you for your service," it irritated him a bit, because that is not the way it was

when he got home from Vietnam 40 years ago. He told the tale of many of his fellow veterans, who came home from a terrifying conflict where many became drug addicts and alcoholics to cope with what they had been through.

I saw tears well up in his eyes when he spoke of having to make the decision to defend himself or his military brothers against the enemy in Vietnam, which could be a man, woman or a child.

"These memories don't leave you," he said. But like many of his fellow veterans, he has found a way to cope and as a recovering alcoholic, said he was trying to help others cope as well.

There are others in our midst who are slowly opening up about their military experience. And, we must be gracious to all veterans because whether they have paid the ultimate sacrifice or are still among us owe them a great debt - for our freedom.

So this weekend, or any time you see a veteran, say "thank you for your service," that's the least you can do.

And as always, if you have a story to tell, some news to report or want to just visit, you can contact me by phone, email or in person because I'll be just around the corner.

# Women on the land workshop held

BY DEE ANN LITTLEFIELD,  
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There is something about the outdoors that is a natural teacher. Being immersed in an environment free from the distractions of everyday life awakens the senses. It creates a new awareness of one's surroundings and the interactions of nature.

This was the experience 25 women recently had during a three-day Women on the Land workshop at a remote area in northern Shackelford County. The event was hosted by the Texas Wildlife Association on the Clear Fork Ranch with staff from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service conducting many of the training sessions.

"The goal of this workshop was to provide a professional avenue for women to learn about land stewardship in an environment among their peers where they are comfortable asking questions," said event organizer Clint Faas, director of conservation programs for Texas Wildlife Association.

Women from all over the state traveled to the west Texas ranch for the training. After they settled in on Friday afternoon, Troy Reinke, NRCS district conservationist in Albany, had a rainfall simulator set up to showcase the impor-

ance of land management and soil health. Participants were able to see firsthand how different forage and soil conditions affected water quality during rainfall events.

Navarro County rancher Laure McGee had driven four hours to attend the event. She and her sister Jan Warren manage a sizeable farm and ranching operation near Rice, Texas.

"I take every opportunity I can to education myself on land management practices," McGee said. "I see this as a great way to take what I learn back home and apply it on our ranch."

The ladies were up and ready early the next morning with outdoor sessions by Annaliese Scoggin, wildlife biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Dale Rollins, professor and Extension wildlife specialist with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Scoggin explained the basics of wildlife habitat and how components of an ecological system related to the quality of life for various wildlife species.

Rollins presented facts and information about quail, as well as ways to manage habitat to encourage their population growth. He pointed out that rangeland with a broad diversity of plants makes for the best neighborhoods for the ground nesting birds.



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He then led the workshop participants in a pledge to the common broomweed - "and to the cover for which it provides, one canopy, over quail, continuous, providing usable space for bobwhites."

Reinke did a pasture walk with the group, identifying key plants for both livestock and wildlife, as well as plants that contribute to soil health. He warned participants to not be overwhelmed by all the knowledge they were receiving, but encouraged them to set a pace and learn one plant a week using plant ID books, mobile phone apps and various online resources.

Clear Fork Ranch Manager Marc Bartoskewitz visited with the group about the benefits of brush management and the importance of a maintenance plan for all

brush management activities. He also tied in the land management practices that benefit quail habitat.

NRCS Zone 5 Soil Scientist John Sackett took the group creekside on the Clear Fork of the Brazos River for a lesson on the importance of riparian areas and managing for their optimum health. "In addition to areas immediately adjacent to streams, well managed upland areas also contribute to overall stream health and water quality," Sackett told the group.

While managing for quail and deer were discussed by different presenters, of particular interest to the group was NRCS Soil Conservationist Terri Walker's presentation on managing for pollinators.

"Monarch butterflies are an ideal representation of pollinators in the United States because they are highly visible," Walker told the group of females. "As such, I see them as an icon for pollinators. We see butterflies, we don't see bees; we notice the absence of butterflies, not the absence of bees."

"People who love butterflies in general and monarchs in particular can get

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# The Market Perspective

## Advice on flying across the pond

The academic conference in England had not only accepted my proposal, they invited me to join the keynote speakers in a final panel discussion! So the trip was on. If you are considering a trip to England, here is my suggested travel map.

Handily, my former TWA pilot friend knew that British Airways flies non-stop from Austin to Heathrow/London. And one arrives in just nine hours. No matter where you are in Texas, I suggest you drive to Austin to catch this flight. It is non-stop, a mere nine hours, and you miss the DFW or Houston nightmare of mega airports.

I also took the advice of another world traveler, upgrade he said. I honestly could not tell at the travel agent's office what the next upgrade level meant. As it happens, it means quite a bit. Only the Brits could come up with this descriptive phrase, premium economy. That sounds like an oxymoron, but it means eight seats across the Boeing 777 rather than 12. The 12 across might be termed steerage, remember those poor souls at the bottom of the Titanic? This looked much the same. The upgrade, also known as World Traveler (sounds sophisticated right?), means you have legroom, enough room to recline the seat back, and a lot more wiggle room in your seat. Trust me this is worth every one of the \$350 dollars each way. And by the way, you do have a Kindle paperwhite loaded with all manner of books to read, right? If not do not board the plane, you are clearly not serious about boredom avoidance.

So the flight breaks down like this. Once on, begin reading. The stewards bring drinks and pretzels. About two hours later you have a choice between two meals. After that, pick one of the many movies or TV shows, displayed on your own personal viewer on the back of the headrest on the row before you. Then snooze a couple of hours with the seat reclined, handy light blanket and pillow included. Then window shades up, only two hours left. BA did run out of coffee, only a thimble full for each of us but still a great flight.

British public transportation puts we Americans to shame. I bought my bus ticket at 10:18 a.m. and the lorry arrived at 10:25 a.m. Two hours later I was at my



Dennis Elam

destination. Understand that the taxis are in que at both the bus and train stations. I took the taxi to the train station to journey to London. And by the way, you will need to arrive at the Paddington rail station to catch the direct express back to Heathrow from London. Everyone could not have been more friendly. The Scarman

Conference Center at Warwick University was a model of what such centers should be for all universities.

I spent the last 48 hours in London but frankly would have stayed at the University to observe British classes knowing what I know now. The breakfast buffet at Scarman was just too good to miss.

Space in London was at a premium. The Comfort Inn room had just enough space to maneuver around the bed and the bathroom was surely designed by Winnebago.

A photo of Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, and such is as good as the real thing, case closed. The British Natural History Museum, the Victoria and Albert historic museum across the street is not to be missed. And finally Harrods, the famous British department store, makes one wonder if even London can support such luxury.

London ain't cheap, the taxi rides even for a short hop were 10 pounds which is fifteen dollars. And the express rail from Padding to Heathrow was 30 pounds which worked out to two pounds per minute. Exchange dollars for pounds at your bank before leaving.

But, a great trip, everyone was helpful, never got lost or deterred, and the direct flight from Austin to Heathrow via British Air is the way to go, for World Traveler types like you and me that is.

Blimey guvnor, is that really nachos on the appetizer menu at Warwick University Varsity Restaurant? It is, and that folks, is what globalization is all about.

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# TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE

## Hite - World War II hero



Dr. Ken Bridges

The attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 horrified the American people. America wanted to strike back hard to tell Japan that America would not be defeated. In spring 1942, America got that chance with Doolittle's Raid, a feat helped in part by Texan Robert Hite.

Hite was the son of cotton farmers outside Odell, Texas, in 1920.

He briefly attended West Texas State Teachers College before enlisting in the army in 1940. He wanted to serve as a pilot but flunked the first physical. In spite of this setback, he gained his certification as an Army Air Force pilot the next year.

Doolittle's Raid was named for Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle, who devised a plan to strike back at the heart of Japan to avenge their attack on Pearl Harbor. Doolittle commanded a squadron of sixteen B-25 bombers in a surprise raid on Tokyo and other Japanese cities. Word of the impending raid had quietly spread among pilots who jumped at the chance to strike back at Japan. Hite had repeated a story for years that men were offering him up to \$500 to take his place. He turned them all down, a patriot determined to do his duty. On April 18, 1942, they lifted off from the crowded deck of the USS Hornet, aiming for targets 800 miles away. The daring raid was later adapted into the famous 1944 film "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo" starring Spencer Tracy.

While the bombing did little long-term damage to the Japanese war machine, the attack humiliated them. They pulled several fighter squadrons from forward positions to protect Tokyo from further attacks. As the war raged on, this prevented these units from responding to American offensives as Allied forces slowly retook the Pacific region. Americans were thrilled at the success of the raid.

Of the 80 men on sixteen bombers for the mission, thirteen were from Texas, including Hite. Other Texans included Thadd H. Blanton of Archer City, a co-pilot, Kenneth E. Reddy of Bowie, also a co-pilot, and John A. Hilger of Sherman, a pilot.

Hite's crew hit a fuel depot and a factory in Nagoya. Of the aircraft, only one landed safely in Allied territory. The remainder were either shot down or crash-landed in Japanese-occupied



China. Hite's crew was captured and spent the remainder of the war in a POW camp and tortured for the next three years.

After the war ended, he continued to serve. He married his first wife Portia in 1946, with whom he had a son and a daughter. He briefly left the service but returned during the Korean War era before retiring as a lieutenant colonel. In 1955, Hite moved his family to Arkansas where took a job as manager of a hotel. Here in 1961, he hosted a convention of Doolittle Raid veterans. He went on to manage a series of hotels before his retirement in 1984.

In the years since the war as the World War II generation faded away, their importance to the freedom of the world and appreciation for what these soldiers accomplished grew. The Doolittle Raiders were presented many honors, and Hite himself was inducted into the Texas Aviation Halls of Fame at the Lone Star Flight Museum in Galveston. By March 2015, Hite was one of just three men left alive from the legendary 1942 raid. A White House ceremony was planned for April to honor him and his comrades with the Congressional Gold Medal.

Days before the ceremony, Hite died at the age of 95. He was buried with full military honors and surrounded by family, friends, and a host of well-wishers.

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## WORKSHOP

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behind a campaign to save the monarchs, which saves native bees as well," she added. "Good monarch habitat is also good native bee habitat, or think of it this way: what's good for the Monarch is good for the bee."

After a full day of learning, the ladies relaxed under the stars while enjoying a meal ranch that wildlife manager Johnny Hudman cooked outdoors in Dutch ovens and barbecue pits.

Rested and ready for more on Sunday morning, Sue Price, rancher from Navarro County, gave a presentation on diversifying income on an operation. The group then traveled to a pasture on the ranch where

NRCS Wildlife Biologist Ricky Linex was able teach them about wildlife and livestock habitat evaluation, and lead them in a discussion about various management options that achieve various outcomes.

The workshop was wrapped up with Linex and Reinke talking to the group about all the information they received over the three days and how they now had a toolbox full of resources they could access when as needed. In addition to lots of take home information, the women were provided contact information for TPWD, TWA, Agri-Life Extension and NRCS contacts for every county in Texas.

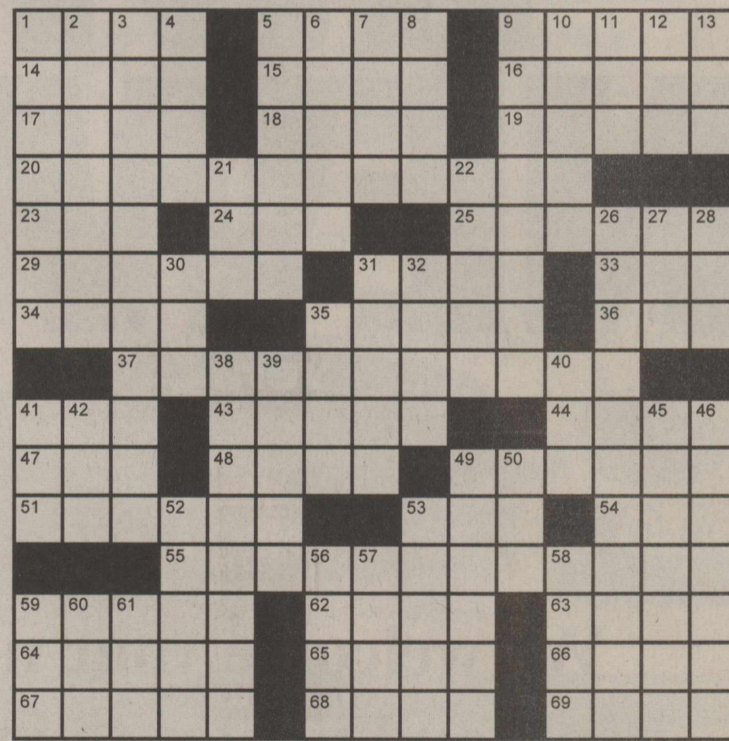
For more information about the NRCS information presented at this workshop, contact NRCS at your local USDA Service Center, or access the NRCS Texas website at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov).

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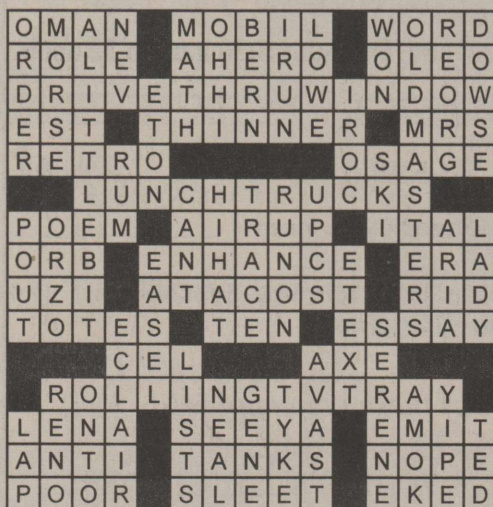
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## Runnels County Jail Record

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Name	Age	Agency
Christine N. Tamez	21	BPD
Possession of marijuana under 2 ounces		
Brian L. Nance	47	RCSO
Criminal mischief		
Lee M. Walters	26	Coke
Possession of controlled substance		
James Carson	55	RCSO
Possession of controlled substance, resisting arrest		
Dawn E. Rhodes	36	RCSO/BPD
Possession of marijuana		
Raymond T. Garza	30	Coke Co. SO
Evading arrest detention		
Ashley Rodriguez	24	RCSO
MTR forgery financial institution		
Adam J. Stokes	40	RCSO
Standing warrant		
Kathy A. Olinger	30	Coleman SO
MTR theft of property		
Jose G. Fernandez	36	Miles
Warrant speeding		
Tyler A. May	20	RCSO
Evading arrest detention		
Bow J. Ballard	20	Coleman SO
Possession of controlled substance		
Cristal Stewart	36	RCSO
Possession dangerous drug		
Gabriela Infante	25	Coke/Andrews
Delivering marijuana		
Ruben G. Jacques	73	Concho
DWLI w/prior conviction		
Ervin Robles	43	Concho
DWLI, warrant theft		

## VETERANS CORNER



Sandra G. Van Zant

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently announced that post-9/11 combat veterans are now able to complete their VA health care enrollment applications by calling VA's Health Eligibility Center (1-855-488-8440) without the need for a signed paper application. The VA plans to expand this option to all veterans by July 5, 2016. This change increases the ways veterans can enroll in VA health care. However, veterans

can continue to enroll by submitting paper copies of VA form 10-10EZ, or enroll online at: <https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/>. For more information contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 325-365-3612.

— Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer

## State shows job growth

### Runnels County unemployment down

AUSTIN — Texas employers expanded their payrolls in April with the addition of 8,300 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs. The state has added jobs in 12 of the last 13 months.

"Texas employers added 189,600 jobs over the past year, creating opportunities for workers in a range of industries," said Texas Workforce Commissioner (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Texas offers many competitive advantages to employers who do business in Texas, including a highly skilled workforce."

The unemployment rate for Runnels County was reported at 3.6 percent, up from the same time last year when the unemployment rate was 3.5 percent. That is down from March when the unemployment rate in Runnels County was reported at 4 percent.

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.7 percent, followed by the Austin-Round Rock and Lubbock MSAs with rates of 2.9 and 3.0 percent, respectively, in April.

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.4 percent in April, up slightly from 4.3 percent in March, and remained



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below the national average of 5.0 percent.

"Over the month, private employers added more than 8,000 jobs, strengthening the Texas labor market," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. "The fact that our state has added jobs for 12 of the last 13 months is a credit to the diversity and resilience of employers in Texas."

Employment in the Education and Health Services industry was up in April with the addition of 10,900

jobs. Solid growth also continued in Professional and Business Services which added 6,600 jobs over the month and recorded a 1.9 percent annual growth rate.

"Texas workers have much to offer and there are resources available to find the perfect occupational fit, I encourage all job seekers to contact their local Workforce Solutions office for assistance with job training and placement," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez.

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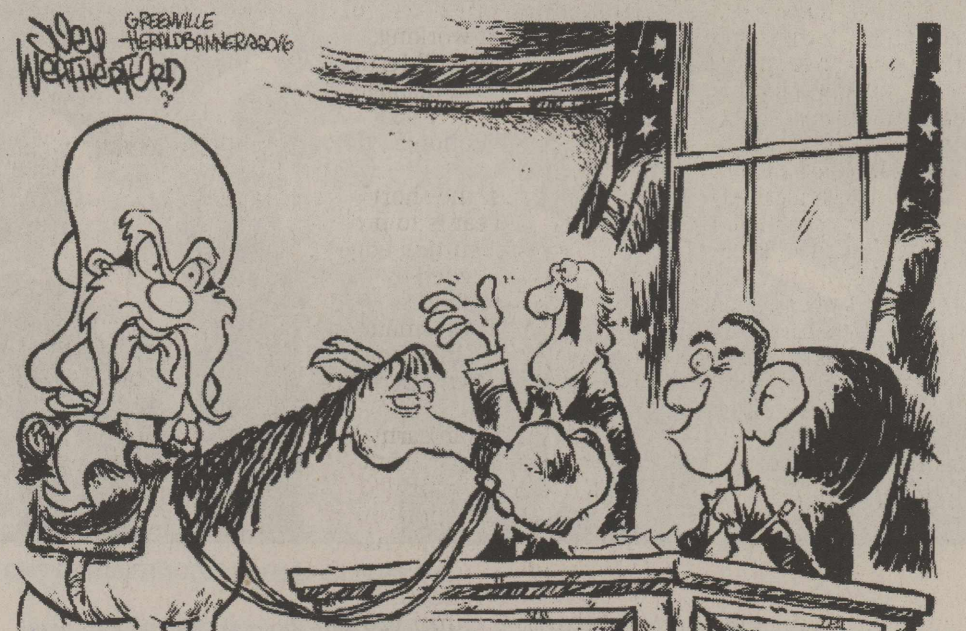
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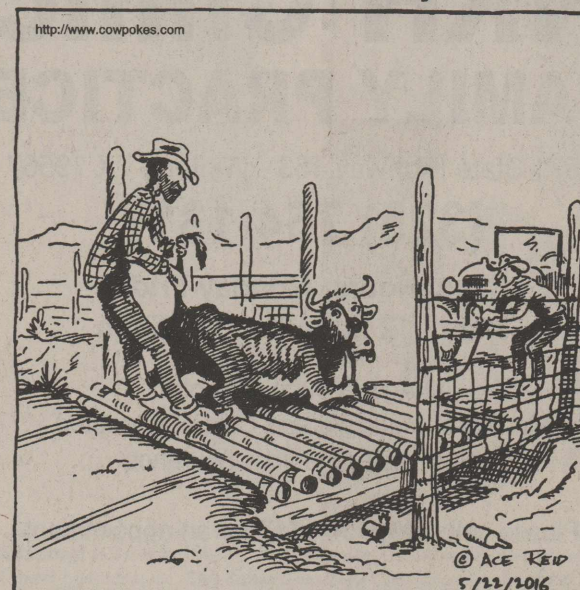
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Daniel Lange has been named the new executive director at the Runnels County Farm Service Agency. Pictured from left to right are Lange and Runnels County FSA committee members Bill Belew, Richard Pelzel and Linda Duggan.

## FSA hires new director

### Ballinger native returning to take position

BY CELINDA HAWKINS  
MANAGING EDITOR  
BALLINGER LEDGER  
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The Farm Service Agency in Runnels County officially named Daniel Lange to serve as the new executive director of the agency.

Lange, a native of Rowena and a graduate of Ballinger High School, replaces Byron A. Bauerlein, who retired in December of 2015.

Members of the FSA Committee, welcomed Lange on board last week following a committee meeting.

"We're pleased to have him here," committee members Bill Belew, Richard Pelzel and Linda Duggan said.

Lange, who has been with FSA for 29 years, officially begins working May 31.

He comes to Runnels County after working as the executive director in Concho and Menard counties.

Lange began his career after completing a bachelor's degree in agriculture business at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. Since then he has worked in Sweetwater, Beeville and transferred to Concho County which he will continue to cover while in Runnels County.

He said he was glad to return home.

"It is like making a full circle coming back," Lange said. "I never thought I'd get here but I did."

Lange has served in many capacities in all of the communities where he has worked. He served on the Leadership Advisory Board, the 4-H Youth and Development Board, Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee, Concho County Junior Livestock Association, Concho County Hospital Board, Eden CISD School Board, Concho County Appraisal District and several church councils.

Lange and his wife Angie are in the process of relocating to Runnels County. The couple has been married 25 years and are the parents of Macy, 17, who will be a senior at Ballinger High School next year and Megan, 4.

## CATTLE

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Station. (Texas A&M AgLife Extension Service photo by Blair Fannin)

"We've had quite a run over the past two years with regards to high cattle prices," said Dr. Jason Cleere, conference coordinator. "Cattle prices fell considerably last fall and ranchers are concerned with where they will go in the future. While a lot of folks have enjoyed healthy bottom lines over the past few years because of high prices, margins are smaller this year and producers will have to manage costs to maintain profitability. This year's short course will focus on controlling costs while improving productivity of the ranch."

The short course is the premier beef educational event in Texas, attracting more than 1,400 attendees annually, Cleere said. It features 20 sessions covering basic practices, new technologies and other important industry topics. These sessions provide participants with an opportunity to choose workshops based on their level of production experience and the needs of their ranch.

"Concurrent workshops will feature information on forage and beef cattle management, nutrition and reproduction, record keeping, genetics, purebred cattle and much more," he said.

In addition to classroom instruction, participants can attend one of the program's popular demonstrations on the morning of Aug. 3, Cleere said.

"There will be demonstrations on brush control, chute-side calf working, cattle handling, bull fertility testing, brush management and beef carcass value determination," Cleere said.

"The goal of the short course each year is to provide the most cutting-edge information needed by beef cattle producers. We think we have information for everyone to take home and apply to their operations."

Participants can earn seven Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide continuing education units if they are already licensed, Cleere added.

An industry trade show, featuring more than 120 agricultural businesses and service exhibits, will be held during the event.

"And the famous Texas Aggie Prime Rib Dinner is always a highlight of the short course," Cleere said.

Registration is \$180 per person before July 25 and \$220 afterwards. It includes educational materials, a copy of the 600-page short course proceedings, trade show admittance, admission to the prime rib dinner, lunches, breakfasts and daily refreshments.

Registration information and a tentative schedule can be found on the short

course website at [www.beefcattleshortcourse.com](http://www.beefcattleshortcourse.com)

Producers can also register on the website or by contacting Cleere's office at 979-845-6931.

## BROTHER J

# May 30 is Memorial Day

You could visit the cemetery, place small flags or red flowers on the graves, wear a red poppy, visit a memorial, fly the flag at half-mast till noon, or pause at 3 p.m. for a moment of meditation and reflection for those who have died while serving our country. It was declared a national holiday in 1971 and is on the last day of May. The red color on many of the flags of the nations around the world represents the spilled blood that was shed for their freedom. I overheard someone say that, "the color of freedom is red." I hope we never forget the price that was paid for the freedom of our country. I also think we ought to remember those who have given or are

giving their lives for the cause of Christ. Every time I hear of a country in the news I go and see where it is on a map and even learn a little about it. I also pray for the different missionaries there and I pray for the country. I don't know the names of all the ones who died for the freedom of my country but I know the one who bought and paid for my spiritual freedom, it is Jesus Christ, (Revelation 5:9 & 10). I was given many rights and privileges and enjoy many freedoms because of my special relationship to Jesus Christ, (John 1:12). See you in church next Sunday.

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# POLICE

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an already fine group of city and county officers," Yates said. "The fact that he is from Winters is encouraging. I hope it is evidence of young talent remaining closer to home."

Winters Police Chief Randall Davis explained that cadets attending the police academy are subjected to a regimen of rigorous physical agility tests and receive very extensive training in enforcing the laws of the State of Texas.

"It is a task that requires great determination and focused attention to successfully maintain the pace of the academy," Davis said. "Many people

cannot accomplish this feat, however Officer Martinez attended the police academy and graduated, all while working full time with the City of Winters Water Department. This was no easy task."

Davis said Officer Martinez was the city's first choice.

"I feel we are very fortunate to be able to bring him on board," Davis continued. "The addition of Officer Martinez brings the Winters Police Department to full staff with five full time officers. This is something we have been working towards for the past months."

Officer Martinez says he has made Winters his home and is looking forward to continuing to be a part of the community and serving the people of Winters as a police officer.

# ATTACK

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driving by, stopped and was able to get the pit bull to stop attacking Just. The dog fled, but was later found in its owner's back yard.

Davis said the female pit bull was reportedly in heat and earlier in the day had jumped through the front window of the owner's home to attack another dog in the area.

"Officers attempted to capture the dog, however attempts were unsuccessful due to the dogs dangerous state of continued aggression," Davis said.

The owner of the dog was identified and summoned to the home to assist in the capture of the pit. It was discovered the pit bull was not registered with the city and had not been vaccinated for rabies.

The two injured dogs were taken to Pioneer Vet Clinic where they received treatment for injuries as a result of the attack and just went to the North Runnels Health Clinic where she received medical treatment for bites to her left hand and left arm.

The pit bulldog was delivered to the Pioneer Vet Clinic where the dog was euthanized and its remains were sent to Abilene, to undergo testing for rabies.

The owner of the pit bulldog was charged with "allowing a dog to run at large", "failure to vaccinate for rabies" and "failing to register the dog with the city". The owner of the pit bulldog is further being held responsible for all vet bills and medical bills incurred by the Just.

"Additional investigation into the incident is underway to determine if further criminal charges of "Keeping a Dangerous Dog" will be filed against the dog's owners as a result of the attack," Davis said.

Davis said he is taking the attack very seriously and is very thankful for the quick response of area neighbors who

by chance were in the right place at the right time to stop the dog's attack and prevent further injury.

"I am greatly concerned over this dog being observed as what appears to be 'stalking' or at least focusing in on an unsuspecting father and child walking in the neighborhood," Davis said. "This incident could have easily ended in a much more serious event."

Davis said this is the second incident in a week where officers had to react and euthanize pit bulls as a result of unprovoked attacks.

"As a result of these recent incidences and the overwhelming increase of dogs being allowed to run loose in our neighborhoods by their owners, the police department is now back in the animal control business," Davis said. "We will be handling animal control calls to the best of our abilities, prioritizing the calls and handling the more serious calls first. We are asking for the public's assistance and patience as the extra animal control calls will be putting a substantial strain on officers trying to maintain other duties."

Persons residing within the City Of Winters are required by ordinance to register all pets and animals in their care whether these pets are kept inside the home or outside the home. This includes cats as well as other animals on the property. All pets are to be restrained at all times either by a fenced yard or kept on a leash. No household is allowed more than five pets at any given time.

State law requires all dogs and cats be vaccinated for rabies and failing to comply with these laws will likely result in hefty fines and penalties for the owners as well as costly civil liabilities.

If a pet owner has concerns or questions as to how to properly house or restrain their dogs, or questions regarding the regulations and responsibilities of pet ownership, they are welcome to ask one of the local police officers, or to obtain a copy of the ordinances at City Hall.

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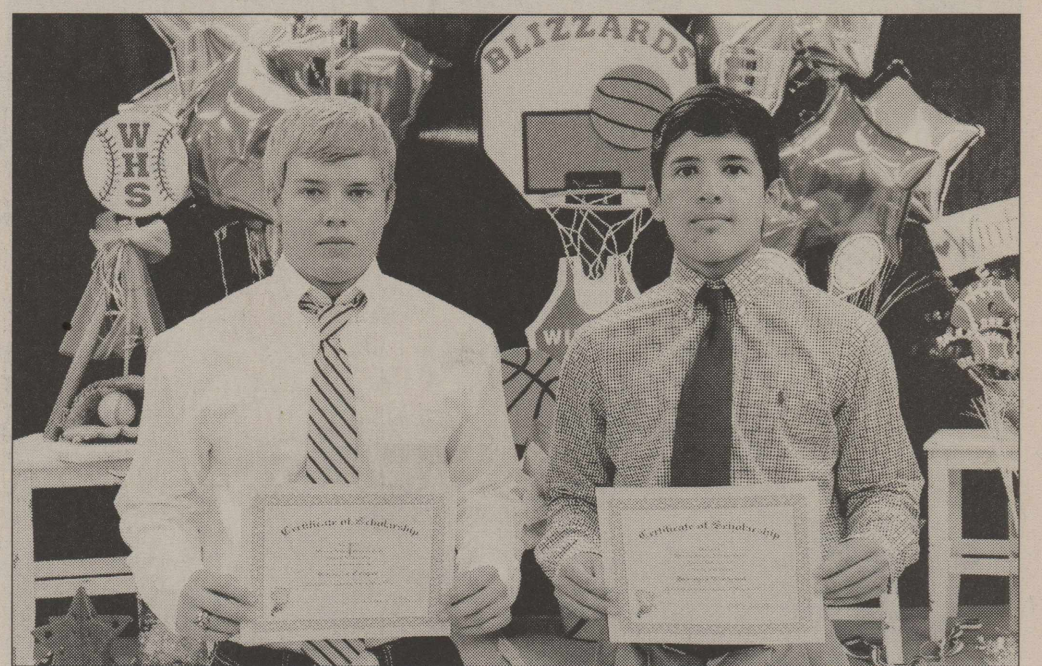
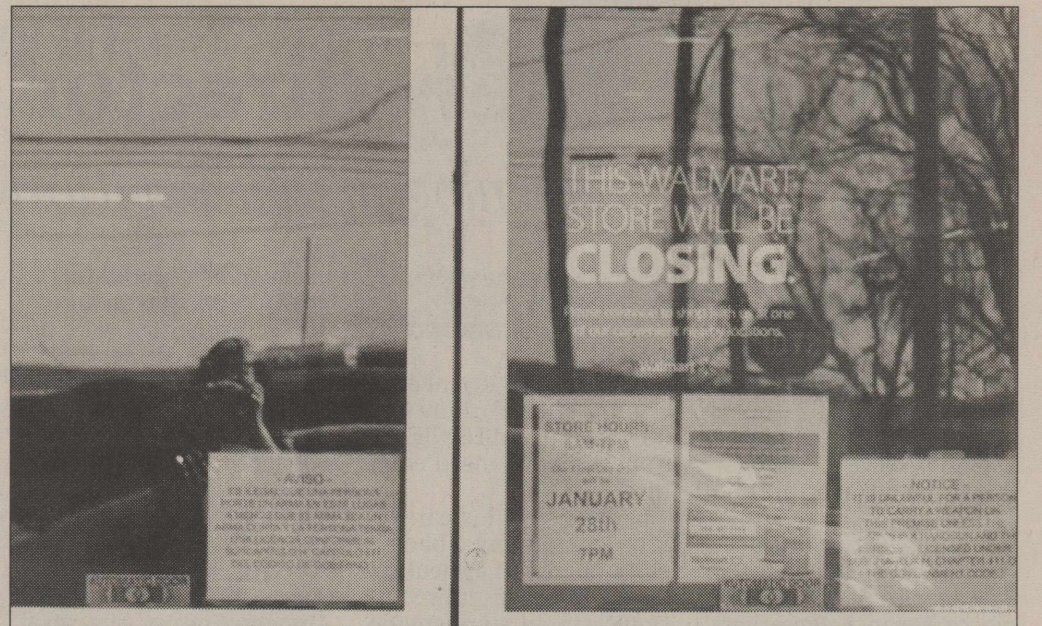


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The winners of the Winters Athletic Booster Club Scholarships are Cameron Cooper and Jonathan Sandoval. Scholarships were presented Thursday, May 19, 2016.



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The Wal Mart Express store, which opened in Winters in 2014, closed Jan. 28, 2016. Brookshire Grocery Company (BGC) has applied for an office premise beer and wine license with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

# STORE

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Wal Mart announced that it would be closing all of the Wal Mart Express stores in January, Lawrence Brothers CEO Jay Lawrence said the decision was made for the store and pharmacy to remain open and expand the current location.

Wal Mart announced Friday Jan. 15 the closure of 154 stores in the U.S. and 29 stores in Texas including Wal Mart

Express, which had locations in Winters, Anson, Merkel and Haskell in the Big Country. The Winters Wal Mart Express store officially closed Jan. 28, 2016.

The Wal Mart Express opened in 2014. In addition, Winters is also home to Dollar General and Family Dollar stores.

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**WINTERS ATHLETIC BANQUET**



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**ABOVE:** Winters students received awards during the Athletic Banquet Thursday May 19, 2016 and during the event Cameron Cooper and Justine Alvarado and A.J. Smith were presented with the Scott Lange Scholarships. Pictured from left to right are Cameron Cooper, James Lange, Debbie Lange, Justine Alvarado and A.J. Smith. **RIGHT:** Mark Collins was named Blizzard fan of the Year during the Athletic Awards Banquet held Thursday, May 10 2016.



**WINTERS SOFTBALL**

**Winters softball team takes second in tourney**

**STAFF REPORT**

The 14U Winters Lady Blizzards softball team competed and got second place in the ASA District 11 League Tournament May 22 in Abilene.

Coach Eddie Rodriguez said the team "battled and clawed their way through a tough bracket with surrounding area teams competing against Haskell in the championship game."

Haskell won first place in the tournament.

"We are still competing in league in Abilene where currently are in first place," Rodriguez said.

The team will be competing in the state tournament June 3 - 5 in Wichita Falls.

"These girls represented Winters in the best way possibly with heart, guts, hard work and a never give up attitude," Rodriguez said about the team. "We had adversity in almost every game with good teams and these girls never gave up.. I'm proud to be their coach and couldn't ask for a better group of girls to coach."

**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

The 14U Winters Lady Blizzards softball team competed and got second place in the ASA District 11 League Tournament May 22 in Abilene. Pictured in the back row from left to right are Jane York, Tiffany Martinez, Danielle Ortiz, Asst. Coach Aaron Quiroga, Saleen Jalomo, Lexy Zachary and Head Coach Eddie Rodriguez. Pictured in the front row from left to right are Zeli Reyes, Skylar Quiroga, Miranda Rodriguez, Gracie Corral and Mckenzie Ventress.



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Property owners who disagree with the Runnels County Appraisal District's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's Appraisal Review Board (ARB).

A property owner must file a written notice of protest within 30 days after the appraisal district mails the taxpayer a notice of appraised value. The Appraisal Review Board will begin setting hearing dates with the ARB. The ARB is a group of citizens who live within Runnels County.

Property owners may protest any of the following issues to the ARB:

- the appraised or market value of the property;
- unequal appraisal of the owner's property;
- inclusion of the property on the appraisal records';
- denial of a partial exemption, such as a homestead exemption;
- denial of special appraisal, such as agricultural or timber productivity appraisal;
- determination that agricultural or timber land has had a change of use and is subject to a rollback tax;
- identification of the taxing unit or taxing units in which the property is located;
- determination that the taxpayer is the owner of the property; or
- any other action of the appraisal district office or ARB that adversely affects the owner.

Once the ARB schedules a hearing and sends the protesting property owner written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing. The law contains specific timelines and procedures for both the property owner and the ARB throughout the appraisal protest process. These are detailed in the Comptroller's publication, Property Taxpayer remedies.

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