

Briefly

Friends of "Gus" **Pruser Exhibit** to Meet

The Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit will hold their monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Monday July 11 in the Gus Pruser Agriculture Exhibit at 219 W. Dale in Winters. The Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit are a group interested in preserving the agriculture heritage of the Winters area. Stop by and discus old tractors, farming memories or the price of grain. For additional information contact John Long at 325-754 5389 or email atzihalemuseum@wtxs.net.

Neighborhood Watch

The Winters Police Department will host a Neighborhood Watch meeting at 6 p.m. Wednes-day, August 24 at City Hall, 310 South Main Street in Winters.

The Neighborhood Watch program is designed to bring citizens and law enforcement together to deter crime and to make the community safer. During the meeting the group will discuss reviving the program in Winters, meet with designated block captains, provide communication between the community and WPD and participants can also meet the new officers.



CELINDA HAWKINS | ENTERPRISE PHOTO The Runnels County Historical Commission was presented the Distinguished Service Award during commissioners court Thursday, June 30, 2016. Pictured from left to right are Sam Scott, Ronald Presley, Beverly Teplicek, James Hays, Bobby Moore, Ricky Strube, Ruth Cooper, Barry Hilliard, Alton O'Neal, Linda Duggan and Julia Miller.

Texas Historic Commission honors Runnels County Historic Commission

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN-The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has recognized the Runnels **County Historical Commission (CHC)** with a Distinguished Service Award for the 2015 year of service. The THC issues Distinguished Service Awards each year to CHCs that document well-rounded programs of history - and preservationrelated projects. The award was presented during a meeting of the county commis-

sioners court on June 30, 2016 to commend the CHC's dedicated service and stewardship of Texas' unique cultural and historic sites.

"County Historical Commissions are the backbone of historic preservation and education in communities across Texas," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. "The Texas Historical Commission is proud to recognize the exceptional efforts of the **Runnels County Historical Commission in**

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Congressman Conaway holds town hall meeting





ENTERPRISE FILE PHOTO Juanita Ransom, shown here, is one of 24 clients who receives home delivered meals through the Aging Program in Runnels County. Here, Jillian Weiblens, granddaughter of volunteer Tweedy Warren, presents Ransom with her meal.

Aging program

The last drop

A heat advisory was issued earlier this week due to temperatures reaching the century mark, fore-casters at the National Weather Service in San Angelo reported. The heat index for Runnels and surrounding counties reached over 108 degrees on Independence Day thanks to high humidity in the area due to recent rains.

No rain was reported last week in Runnels or Tom Green counties. Forecasters say that there is less than a 10 percent chance of spotty showers throughout the week.

Hot and dry weather continues through the weekend forecasters say with highs reaching the mid to upper and to 100 degrees. Lows are expected to be in the upper 70s, the NWS reports. The heat index through out the week could reach as high as 104 the NWS predicts. And triple digit temperatures are in the forecast through Friday, the National Weather Service says.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 17.56 inches of rainfall, with 16.71 inches reported in Wingate and 22.65 inches received in San Angelo.

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

CELINDA HAWKINS | ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Congressman Mike Conaway welcomed visitors during the town hall meeting held Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at the Rock Hotel in Winters.

Legislator discusses agriculture, water and gives Washington update

BY CELINDA HAWKINS MANAGING EDITOR WINTERS ENTERPRISE

U.S. Representative K. Michael Conaway (R-Texas) made a stop in Winters last week and touched upon a variety of topics ranging from agriculture and water issues to changes to the SNAP program, veterans benefits and the upcoming presidential election. Conaway stopped in Winters after stops in Brownwood and Coleman.

Winters Mayor Lisa Yates introduced Conaway, who hails from Odessa, at the town hall meeting held at the Rock Hotel. About 40 constituents including residents, community leaders and supporters, attended the meeting.

In his opening statement, Con-

away honored the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District board for receiving the Outstanding 2016 State Conservation Award and visited with constituents during a town hall meeting held Wednesday, June 29, at the Rock Hotel in Winters.

"The work they do is essential," Conaway said of the RSWCD.

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Winters Library receives new books

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The Winters Public Library received a grant from the Tocker Foundation to purchase, among other items, new nonfiction books for adults. Area authors Nicole Sparks and Jenna Marwitz have published two cookbooks devoted to crock pot cooking: "It's Our Crockin' Life" and "Slow Cookin' Companion." In addition to old favorites like pork chops, chicken, and stews, the "slow cookin' mamas" have included unique recipes like chocolate lava cake, peppermint

fudge brownies and English muffin breakfast casserole. Both cookbooks have beautiful pictures, themed sections, and lots of recipes to inspire the cook to bring out the crockpot.

Readers interested in photography will find two instructive new books: "Digital Delights for Scrapbooking" by Sue Martin and "Photocraft — Creative mixed-media and digital approaches to transforming your photographs." These books have simple and not-so-simple techniques the amateur



alternatives proposed

BY CELINDA HAWKINS MANAGING EDITOR WINTERS ENTERPRISE

As the Runnels County Aging Program faces considerable cutbacks, officials continue to seek a solution to continue to provide the service in some form to residents.

The program will no longer receive funding from the West Central Texas Council of Governments, according to executive director Tom Smith. Last year, Runnels County received \$43,711 for congregate and home delivered meals from WCTCOG.

Smith confirmed that the county has been approved for a waiver from the Department of Aging and Disability Services, allowing the county to serve meals three days a week.

Currently, 150 meals are prepared five days a week at the Senior Citizens Center in Ballinger and then delivered to centers in Winters and Miles. Approximately 70 clients receive home delivered meals throughout Runnels County.

Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard has been working on several proposals to help save the program, but also to address the funding problems that the county has due to upcoming costs with building

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CCEC to hold annual meeting

STAFF REPORT

COLEMAN — The Coleman County Electric Cooperative will hold it's 78th Annual Membership Meeting Friday, July 15 at Coleman High School. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the business meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Runnels County 4-H members will prepare homemade ice cream and cookies for the meeting, which will be served in the Coleman Junior High cafeteria. Each registered member and children will receive attendance gifts. Plus, there will be drawings for prizes for both adults and children.

Two years ago, changes were made to the ballot procedure. Officials with CCEC remind members to be sure to vote for the director of their choosing whether mailing the ballot or bringing it to the meeting. Be sure to put the ballot in an envelope and sign the outside of the envelope. The signature must be on the outside of the envelope and the envelope must be sealed in order for the vote to be counted.

The CCEC encourages all members to mark their calendars to attend the meeting.

"Come and enjoy the fellowship with your fellow members while participating in the business activities of your own cooperative."

Bucking for Heroes Saturday

IF YOU GO

What: Bucking for Heroes When: 2 p.m. Saturday, auction

at 3 p.m. Bucking begins at 6 p.m.

Where: Taylor County Expo Center, 1700 State Hwy. 36, Abilene.

Cost: VIP \$30 (includes food and drinks) General admission: \$20 per person, veterans, active duty and children 8-13, \$15, children 7 and under enter for free.

ABILENE — The first ever "Bucking for Heroes," event is slated for Saturday at the **Taylor County** Convention Center. "Bucking for Heroes" is a charitable bullriding event to raise awareness and assistance for disabled veterans, with a special focus on suicide preven-

tion. There will

be a live charity

auction at 3 p.m. featuring products and services from local merchants.

The Department of Veterans Affairs Mobile Vet Center (MVC) is a 40-foot "office on wheels" equipped with satellite communications hosting audio-visual equipment, encrypted phone and fax lines, computers, and wireless internet. MVCs are driven to far-reaching rural areas to assist veterans with counseling and referral services pertaining to post-traumatic stress, military sexual trauma counseling, bereavement counseling, marriage and family therapy, and resources for suicide intervention as well as VA benefits. Readjustment counseling services are provided for veterans who served in combat as well as for their dependents. For more information on the capabilities of the Mobile Vet Center, contact Donovan Smith at (325) 518-9890.

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overhead expenses may be too high. It could be one of these reasons or it could be a combination of these reasons causing cash flow problems.

Many have heard the saying that "Cash is King" in a small business, or in any business. A business must have cash to pay its bills. If it runs short of cash, they must borrow funds or inject outside sources of cash, which may be difficult in both cases if the business is struggling. A business short of cash may be able to stall venders and lenders for a bit, but payroll and taxes are due on time. There can be serious consequences if they are not paid on time. For this reason, a business has to make sure it has adequate cash on hand, and flowing in, to pay expenses and obligations. Lack of adequate cash can cause various problems. Constant worry and a lack of focus on important business activities by the owners and managers is one. Another is the uncertainty felt by the employees. In most cases they know what is going on, also causing them to be unfocused on serving your

customers.

How do you avoid a cash crunch? First of all, have someone run an industry financial analysis

for your

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industry. This information will tell you what the average business in your industry looks like in terms of accounts receivable turnover, inventory turnover, overhead expense percentage, gross profit percentage, etc. You can compare your numbers to industry averages and see where you are off the mark. If your inventory is too high, then you can look at your purchasing process and come up with ways of selling the overstock inventory and turning it into cash. If you are below average with accounts receivable, then you can look at your credit and collection process to make sure future customers are credit worthy and also ensuring you have a good system of collecting

what is due. If your gross profit percentage is below average, you can review your pricing and look at ways of lowering the cost of goods through better buying of goods or materials related to sales. Finally, review overhead expenses to see how you compare to your industry average. **Reduction of unnecessary** expenses will lead to more cash available. As you can guess, this is a good exercise to do even if you are not in a cash crunch in order to avoid one from happening. There are other factors related to a shortage of cash in a business. The ASU Small Business Development Center can help you by running an industry average report, analyze your situation and help you recover from cash flow problems.

Business Tips was written by Mr. Dave Erickson, Director and Certified Business Advisor, of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. For more information on the topic of this article or the services of the ASU SBDC, contact him at David.Erickson@angelo.edu.

County incurs cost overruns on HOME Project

BY CELINDA HAWKINS MANAGING EDITOR WINTERS ENTERPRISE chawkins@ballingerledger.com

Runnels County Commissioners discussed cost overruns for the county's HOME project during their meeting Thursday, June

Many small businesses

struggle with cash flow

problems. For some busi-

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one problem of concern.

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Judge Barry Hilliard reported that that Ameriway Construction of Kerrville, the former contractor, was billing the county for additional charges and had reportedly not paid some of the subcontractors who worked on the

project. The program is administered through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and allows entities like Runnels County to assist in rebuilding affordable housing for residents. The home was completed in May and is located at 705 11th St. in Ballinger.

Hilliard reported that TDHCA had agreed to pay approximately \$80,000 on the completed project. Hilliard said. "Our taxpayers should not have to foot that bill," Hilliard said. In January, Hilliard con-

tacted the Texas Rangers who were conducting an investigation on Ameriway.

In late October 2015, Commissioners were informed that Ameriway would not be completing the project. The contractor, Jerry Reiner of Ameriway Construction of Kerrville, was the lone bidder for the project, which was to cost no more than \$80,000 according to the contract, Reiner signed with Runnels County Feb.

1, 2015. The first deadline

for the house to be com-

pleted was Oct. 5, 2015.

In a letter to the TD-

HCA dated Oct. 2, 2015, Ryan Neville, representing

Ameriway, said the compa-

ny could not complete the job due to there being only

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Barry Hilliard

of San Angelo to complete construction on the HOME project.

"He did a great job," Hill-

Thursday, July 7, 2016

78TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

COLEMAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

FRIDAY, **JULY 15, 2016**

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on the completed project. According to the Runnels County Auditor's office, since 2015, the county spent approximately \$112,000 on the project. To date, TDHCA has reimbursed \$72,707.68 on the project and according to the contract, owes the county an additional \$7,292.32. Hilliard said he has

spoken to a representative from Ameriway and informed him that the county will not pay the bill.

"I told them no we haven't paid the bill nor shall you expect payment,"

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iard told commissioners Thursday.

Also during the meeting, commissioners discussed water damage and mold issues in the courthouse and on other county-owned property.

The leaks occurred in several offices upstairs in the courthouse and damaged records, Hilliard reported. Leaks were reported at the Runnels County Jail, as well as the Runnels County Extension Office, the Runnels County Tax Office and the Senior Citizens Center.

Commissioners agreed the county is moving forward with the bid process to repair the damage caused by the leaks.

In other business Thursday:

Commissioners approved the county tax collector's monthly report.

Commissioners approved budget amendments and line item adjustments to the 2015-16 budget.

Considered nominating county road employees of the year through TACERA.

■ Held a budget workshop for fiscal year 2016-17.



Thursday, July 7, 2016

Summer camps slated

Winters ISD summer camps coming up include Boys Basketball July 12-14 from 9 a.m. to noon and Football Camp July 25-27 from 8 - 10 a.m. for grades 2-5 and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for grades 6-9. All camps are \$30 per camper and include a water bottle, T-Shirt, and Blizzard towel. Registration forms can be picked up at the field house or administration building. Students who have completed the ninth grade are not eligible for the camps. If you have any questions please call Coach Matt McCarty 512-517-8288.

Immunization Clinic

Texas Department of State Health Services will have immunization clinic for children with Medicaid, no insurance, or under insured and adults with no insurance

The clinic in Winters will be from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. today, at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108 in Winters. Please use rear entrance (Grant Street). Please'bring the child's immunization records. If the child is on Medicaid, please bring the

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card.

CASA volunteers wanted The Children's Advo-

cacy Center of Tom Green County, Inc. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is seeking volunteers. Currently CASA serves 60 percent of the children in foster care. Training will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. July 11-14 and July 18-21. dinner is provided. To sign up, call 325-653-4673 or email mblue@cactomgreen. org. CASA serves Tom Green, Runnels, Concho, Crockett, Coke, Irion, Reagan, Sutton, Sterling and Schleicher counties.

Head Start applications accepted

Winters ISD Head Start is accepting applications for the 2016-17 school year for children that will be at least 3 years of age on or before September 1. Head Start is a pre-k program that partners with the local school district and is designed for low income families. The structured daily program is taught by certified teachers and is aimed to give children a head start on life and education. This program has a limited number of slots remaining. For more

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information, contact ESC **Region 15 Head Start office** at 325-658-6571.

AA meeting 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. Child care is available. For more information please contact the church at 325-365-2323.

A Time for Freedom

A new addiction class is forming in Winters called 'A Time for Freedom," and Pastor Tommy Akin, of the Pioneer Church of God in Winters will be overseeing the program which will provide addiction education to addicts, family and loved ones. The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Pioneer Church of God at 158 North Main St. in Winters. For more information call 903-474-4740.

Ballinger Farmers Market There will be a Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 1

p.m. every Saturday from June-September in downtown Ballinger. Fresh fruits, vegetables and eggs as well as other edible items such as canned goods, breads, jams, jellies and salsa - are welcome. Baked goods must be wrapped. Other items featured at the market will include plants, homemade lotions and soaps. Everyone from the area is invited to participate in the weekly event, which will not include arts and crafts at this time. Call Cody Rice at 316-549-2017 for information or stop by RM'S Cositas 718 Hutchings or fill out the application online at https://codyrice12. wufoo.com/forms/ballinger-farmers-market/.

Visit Friendly Neighbors

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Runnels County area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening, arts and crafts and other useful subjects to meetings at 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during the summer). Meetings will alternate between the **Runnels County Extension**

Office on the corner of south 7th Street and Sealy Ave. in Ballinger and the Winters Public Library at 120 N. Main St. inWinters. If you are interested and would like to find out more about this group, call Martha at 365-3890 or Judy at 754-5386.

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.

Alanon meetings

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday night Enter on Avenue A and Seventh Street. side. Alanon is open to all family and friends of alcoholics and drug abusers and those affected by other

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forms of addiction. Child care is available. For more information call (325) 365 2323.

Recycling Center Hours

The City of Ballinger's Recycling Center, located at South 7th Street and Sealy Avenue, is open from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday. The recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Saturday, the recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to noon.

WIC open to many incomes and families

Women Infants and Children, (WIC) located at 706 Strong Ave. in Ballinger is open from 7 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. WIC is closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone 325-365-5925.

Wingate Masonic

Lodge meetings The Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month, at the Wilmeth Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo at 754 2048.

CELINDA HAWKINS | LEDGER PHOTO The wheat harvest in Runnels County is complete, producers say. The rail transport cars were lined up at Kasberg Grain in Miles on Friday, June 24, 2016 filling up with grain to be transported. d is located at 705

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Texas Grain Producer

BY GARY JOINER

Texas farmers purchase crop insurance to protect against losses in the field. It's a critical management tool.

But there's also risk after harvest. At the first point of sale. If a grain buyer fails to pay the farmer due to bankruptcy or theft of grain, the grower is left holding the bag.

A great solution to manage this risk is the Texas Grain Producer Indemnity Fund. The program mitigates 85 percent of the financial losses suffered by growers of corn, sorghum, soybeans and wheat when grain buyers fail to pay for grain.

It's producer-funded. The proposed assessment is two tenths percent of the gross sales price of the grain. It would be collected by the grain buyer and remitted to the board overseeing the fund.

Texas grain farmers will vote Dec. 5-9 whether to approve the assessment rate

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Located at 3564 N. 6th, services provided by the **Taylor County Vet Center** include:

Individual, group, and family readjustment counseling to Veterans and their families in making a successful transition from combat to civilian life.

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) treatment and help with other related problems that affect functioning within the family, work, school, or other areas of everyday life.

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and establish the indemnity fund program. Only a producer who has sold grain in the last 36 months preceding the close of voting is eligible to vote in the referendum.

A referendum in 2012 to establish the indemnity fund program failed. It was a different proposal with an assessment range, not a set rate. Only 1,678 ballots were cast four years ago. Awareness and interest seemed low.

This year's referendum is improved. It features a more economical plan for covering the producer. It's also designed to make payments in a more timely manner.

This is not a tax. It's designed to protect producers in the event of a financial failure of a grain buyer. There's also a provision for assessments to be returned to producers as funds are available.

The Texas Grain Producer Indemnity Fund is worth supporting. Similar programs work well in all the other grainproducing states. It's time Texas farmers benefit from the same protections.

> Thursday 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

After hours and weekends by request Veterans and families

needing more information should call the Taylor County Vet Center at (325) 232-7925.

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| Audra M. Dunn 43 | RCSO | | | | | | | | |
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| Manufacture/delivery of controlled substance. | | | | | | | | | |
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| Coletta A. Phillips 32 | BPD | | | | | | | | |
| Assault family violence with prior conv | viction. | | | | | | | | |
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| Shelby M. Borton | DPS | | | | | | | | |
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Veterans can now work directly with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to resolve debt collection issues resulting from inappropriate or delayed Choice Program billing. In step with MyVA's efforts to modernize VA's customerfocused, veteran-centered services capabilities, a Community Care Call Center has been set up for veterans experiencing adverse credit reporting or debt collection resulting from inappropriately billed Choice Program claims. Veterans experiencing these problems can call 1-877-881-7618 for assistance. The new call center will work to

resolve instances of improper veteran billing and assist community care medical providers with delayed payments. VA staff is also trained and ready to work with the medical providers to expunge adverse credit reporting on veterans resulting from delayed payments to providers. VA is urging veterans to continue working with their VA primary care team to obtain necessary health care services regardless of adverse credit reporting or debt collection activity.

For more details about the Veterans Choice Program and VA's progress, visit: www.va.gov/opa/ choiceact. Veterans seeking to use the Veterans Choice Program can call1-866-606-8198 to find out more about the program, confirm their eligibility and schedule an appointment. 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 365-3612.

— Sandra G. Van Zant,

DPS commercial inspections topped 7,790 during Roadcheck

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) inspected 7,795 commercial motor vehicles as part of Roadcheck 2016, a national inspection initiative held annually aimed at enhancing commercial motor vehicle safety. The three-day inspection effort spanned from June 7 - June 9, and included DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

Troopers, specially trained **Highway Patrol Troopers** and civilian inspectors.

Sandra G.

Van Zant

Approximately 22.5 percent (1,751) of the 18-wheelers, buses and other commercial vehicles inspected were placed out of service for a variety of safety violations until appropriate repairs can be made. Issues with brakes and defective vehicle lighting were among the most common infractions that led to out-of-service violations.

Additionally, drivers were checked for compliance with state and federal laws, and 224 drivers were placed out of service. Among the violations were failing to have the proper type of driver license for the vehicle being driven, improper logging of duty time, and driving over the maximum number of hours.

In all, DPS issued 1,972 citations and more than

20,446 warnings.

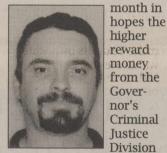
Sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, Roadcheck is designed to help reduce commercial vehicle highway fatalities through increased vehicle and driver safety, education and law enforcement activities throughout North America. In addition, Roadcheck places special emphasis on a category of violations each year.

Reward Increased to \$10,000 for Most Wanted Fugitive from Amarillo

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN — The reward for Tommy Dale Sells Jr., 39, a Texas 10 Most

Wanted Fugitive and this month's featured fugitive, has been increased to \$10,000 for information leading to his capture if the tip comes in during the month of July. Sells is wanted for aggravated sexual assault of a child and indecency with a child by contact



link under their picture. Submit a Facebook tip at http://www.facebook. com/texas10mostwanted by clicking the "SUBMIT A TIP" link (under the "About" section).

Submit a tip through the DPS Mobile App. The app is currently available for iPhone users



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Sells, whose last known address was in Amarillo, has ties to the area. In addition, he has previously lived in Fresno, Calif. Sells has been wanted since May 2013 for allegedly sexually assaulting two girls younger than 14 in Amarillo. For more information or updates in the event of his arrest, see his wanted bulletin at: www.dps. texas.gov/Texas10Most-Wanted/fugitiveDetails. aspx?id=328.

Sells is 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs approximately 165 pounds and has a tattoo of a heart with a banner on his chest. He also has a mole on his right cheek, and scars on his left arm and right hand.

One offender from the Texas 10 Most Wanted Program is featured each



will gen-**Tommy Dale** erate ad-Sells ditional tips. The

higher reward amount will only be paid if the tip comes in the same month the fugitive is featured.

To be eligible for the cash rewards, tipsters must provide information to authorities using one of the five following methods:

■ 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.

Submit a web tip through the DPS website by selecting the fugitive you have information about, and then clicking on the

on the Apple App Store: (https://itunes.apple. com/us/app/texas-dps/ id902092368?mt=8) and for Android users on Google Play: (https://play. google.com/store/apps/ details?id=com.microassist. texasdps&hl=en).

All tips are anonymous – regardless of how they are submitted, and tipsters will be provided a tip number instead of using a name.

The following link. http://bit.ly/VqydsJ, explains the steps on how to submit a tip regarding a Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitive or sex offender and/or how to receive a reward once the fugitive is captured.

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 (http://www.dps.texas.gov/ texas10mostwanted/).

Do not attempt to apprehend these fugitives: they are considered armed and dangerous.

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All submissions to the Ballinger Ledger or Winters Enterprise must be typed and emailed to the editor. Handwritten submissions will no longer be accepted.

The word count for letters to the editor is no more than 350 words, for guest col-umns it is 650 words. Lengths for other submissions will be determined by the content.

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The stars are bright at state historic sites

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN — This month, you can beat the daytime heat and visit the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) state historic sites for fun summer nights. Several of the THC's 20 historic sites will stay open late and offer special events the whole family will enjoy

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On July 16, Fort Griffin State Historic Site near Abilene from 9-10 p.m., Fort Griffin will host Campfire Tales: Tales from the Trail. Visitors are invited to gather around the campfire and enjoy wild cow tales and frontier lore from the time of the trail drives and the State Longhorn Herd.

For more information, visit www.visitfortgriffin.com or call 325-762-3592.

Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historic Site in Mexia invites everyone to enjoy a summer movie series July 22 from 8:30-10:30 p.m. Classic movies will be screened at the outdoor pavilion. Admission is free, and popcorn and refreshments will be available. For more information, visit www.visitcrg.com or call 254-472-0959.

Sam Bell Maxey State Historic Site in Paris will feature Late Night at the Site: Trivia Night on July 26 from 6-8 p.m. Visitors can form teams with friends and family and test their knowledge during

the outdoor event on the Maxey House lawn. On July 29, the site has a special event planned for children with Livingston's Night at the Museum. Livingston the Lion, a stuffed animal from the late 1800s, will host a sleepover for stuffed animals, dolls, and action figures. Children will bring their favorite toy and stay for an early bedtime story before saying goodbye to their toys for the evening. Toys may be picked up the following afternoon and will be accompanied by pictures of all the fun from their exciting night. Activities and yard games will be set up around the site for everyone to enjoy. An RSVP is required for the free

event. For more information, visit www.visitsbmh. com or call 903-785-5716. The THC's state his-

toric sites offer year-round programming and special events for all ages. For more information and to plan vour next visit, visit www.texashistoricsites. com.

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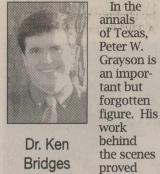


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Congressman Mike Conaway R-TX, congratulated the members of the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District after they were selected to receive the Outstanding 2016 State Conservation award from the Temple-based Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Pictured from left to right are Fred Wilde, Scott King, C.J. Robinson, Debbie Kemp, Winters Mayor Lisa Yates and Conaway.

TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE

Grayson — a diplomat and statesman



annals of Texas, Peter W. Grayson is an important but

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make Texas its own state within Mexico, Grayson rode to meet with Mexican officials to win his friend's release. As Mexican officials prepared to challenge residents of Gonzales in 1835 over the cannon the government had loaned the community, Grayson helped organize the town's defense. Later that year, he was elected to the Consultation, a convention dedicated to presenting a united from for Texas in dealing with Mexico. When the Texas Revolution erupted, Grayson helped raise volunteers in the US to fight for Texas. For his efforts, he was made a colonel in the Texas Army. As interim president David G. Burnet put together his government, he named Grayson as attorney general in May 1836. In 1837, a few months after Sam Houston had won election as President of the Texas Republic, he also appointed Grayson as attorney general. By August, Houston sent him to the US as a special envoy to negotiate for Texas annexation. Presidents of the Republic of Texas could not serve successive terms. Houston, though popular, could not run again in 1838. Texas did not have political parties or a formal nominating process at that time, and the election was open to anyone. Houston's political nemesis, Vice President Mirabeau B. Lamar, was running and steadily gaining support. Hous-

ton turned to Grayson, his trusted friend, to run for president. Grayson reluctantly agreed.

Grayson, however, preferred the life of a diplomat. Houston was anxious the Union for this reason as well as fears of provoking war with Mexico. Texas Secretary of State Robert Irion told Grayson in a latter that if annexation was not forthcoming, Texas should withdraw its annexation request for the time being. But in addition to the professional pressures on him, Grayson was tormented by depression. The situation was made worse by alcohol and reverses in his personal life. On July 8, Grayson stopped at a tavern in Tennessee, fell drunk, and wrote a last note. He then took a pistol and shot himself. He was fifty years old. In 1846, the Texas State Legislature named the new Grayson County in his honor. Today, Grayson County is a growing county of 123,000 residents along the Red River.

Angelo State University Dean's List

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

Angelo State University in San Angelo has announced students achieving the Dean's List designation for 2016 Spring semester.

To be eligible for the ASU Dean's list, full-time students must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point

average on a 4.0 scale. Students on the list from Ballinger: Justin Roy Carson, Sydney Rae Dank-worth, Jennifer Danielle Fischer, Jeremy Michael Fischer, Julie Nicole Fischer, Alyssa Beth Flanagan, Jessica Lynn Good, Julie Riley Gray, Reese Hallmark, Benjamin Stuart Holden,

Blake Ryan Holle, Kassia B. Jaramillo, Kaylee Rene Morgan and Hannah Leigh Pinckney.

Students from Winters: Jordan Cole Hamrick, Rodolfo Lara, Sarah Bianca Lara, Elisabeth Marie Wenzel and Netasha Otekia Wilson.

Students from Miles: Janelle Renee Fant, Bailey Beth Halfmannm, Stewart Gregory Hohensee, Charly Erin Holik, Kalie Clair McCrea, Kathryn Monica McLain Murray, Leslie Marie Schniers, Roxann K. Sloan and Devitt Blaine Smetana.

Students from Rowena: Sarah Nicole Brzymialkiewicz and Paige N. Zentner.

Applications now open for Big Country Master Naturalist Training Class **BY ROBERT K. PRITZ**

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ABILENE — The Big Country Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists is now taking applications for its next Master Naturalist volunteer training class. The application deadline is August 1, 2016.

Naturalists are students of natural science or natural history. If you are interested in the beneficial management and conservation of our natural resources such as land, minerals, plants, birds, animals, and insects and sharing that love with your community, then the Texas Master Naturalist program is for you.

The training program begins on August 9th and runs through October 20th. Classes are held weekly typically on Tuesday nights from 6-9 pm; however scheduled fieldtrips will move some sessions to Thursdays or Saturday.

Those completing classroom training and passing the final exam will be required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service within a one year of training gradu-

ation.

Individuals completing the training become certified Master Naturalists, assisting both the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department through community education in natural resources.

The training is based upon Texas Master Naturalist state guidelines and has been focused to fit our region of the state. Teachers, ag producers, conservationists, environmental advocates and people simply interested in our natural treasures, have taken the course and remain active in the organization.

August 1 is the deadline to register for this year's class. The fee for the class is \$125.00 per person and includes resource books and material. Class size is limited to 20 people, and acceptance is based on applicants' willingness to volunteer.

Applications are available at the Big Country Master Naturalist Website at http://txmn.org/bc or call the Taylor County Extension Office at 672-6048 for more information.



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portant steps of developing and saving Texas in the 1830s. Texas leaders trusted him as a diplomat and a statesman. Grayson's life, however, was a mix of success and tragedy.

Peter Wagener Grayson was born in Bardstown, Kentucky, in 1788. Bardstown was only the second community founded in Ken-tucky and only a few years prior to Grayson's birth. He was born into a family of respected Virginia politicians, including a US Senator. He was the youngest of four children.

Eventually, Grayson became an attorney as well as a poet. He fought in the War of 1812. In 1828, he was elected to the state legislature. A deep depression set in, however, derailing his career. Anxious for a fresh start, Grayson accepted a land grant from Stephen F. Austin and moved to Texas.

When Stephen F. Austin was arrested in Mexico City in 1834 for presenting petitions seeking to

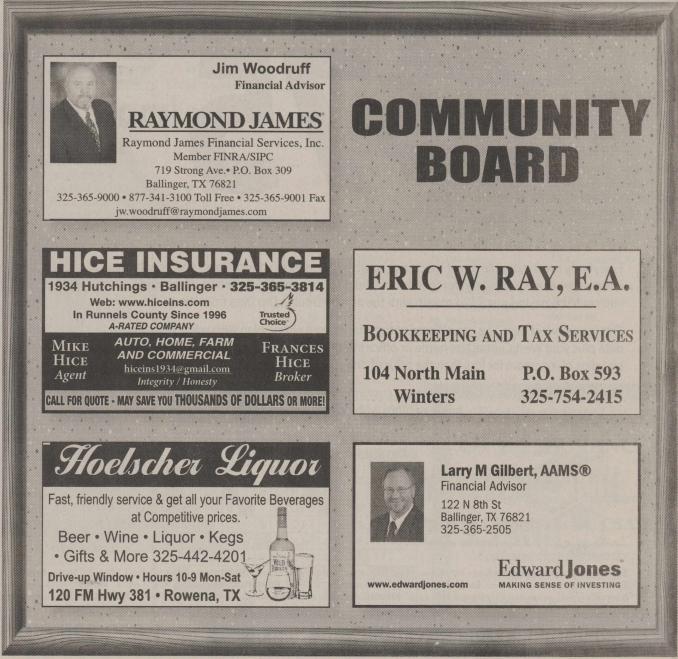


to secure annexation to the United States in order to protect Texas from Mexico and its own deteriorating finances. Grayson convinced Houston to send him on one more diplomatic mission to attempt to convince the US to annex Texas before diving into the election. Houston thus named Grayson the Texas Ambassador to the United States.

However, the annexation treaty was bogged down by sectional politics in the US as many were opposed to annexing a large slave territory like Texas. US President Martin Van Buren, an abolitionist himself, was hesitant to bring Texas into

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photographer will find interesting and creative. Textile fans will find several new books to inspire their work. "Color Play" by Joen Wolfrom presents the color wheel and all the gradient shading in a beautiful, yet instructive manner. All the major colors are shown with complimentary colors along with possible hues, tints, and tones. Also included are examples of how the colors are used in beautiful quilts. "Sewing Smart with Fabric", by Jeanne Stauffer, will inspire seamstresses to experiment with different fabrics. Natural fibers, manufactured fibers, and specialty fabrics are defined and described with projects for many of the fabrics. A project example is "Butterfly Beauty", a window treatment made from organza to give a stained glass effect. The pattern pieces are laid out for easy tracing, and the 18 steps will result in a beautiful project.

The Library is open from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. Come by and check out these and other great books for summer reading.

COMMISSION

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appreciation of its high level of performance during 2015."

Over the past year, the RCHC logged 3,450 volunteer hours and traveled approximately 9,240 miles. Their work included the recording of various Runnels County sites, including all known school sites in the county and establishing GPS readings. Members of the RCHC also traveled to check county bridges and interviewed residents throughout the county and visited other significant sites. The RCHC also submitted a marker application for the town site of Rowena.

Members also participated in webinars sponsored by the THC and established a marker program with the presentation of the first official Runnels County seal. Also in 2015, the commission released Volume II "The Schools of Runnels County," and work is underway for Volume III, "The Markers and Their History and The Post Offices of Runnels County."

Members were appointed during commissioners court for 2016 and included Wanda Brewer, Bobbie Campbell, Randall Conner, Ruth Cooper, Linda Duggan, Dr. James B. Hays, Anthony Lange, Alton O'Neal, Marianne Ray, Roy Rice, Diana Rozmen, Sally Spill and Beverly Teplicek.

The officers for 2016 are Chairperson Ruth Cooper, Vice Chairperson Randall Conner, Secretary Alton O'Neal, Treasurer Anthony Lange and Reporter Beverly Teplicek.

On March 1, 2015, the RCHC held the dedication at the Pioneer Church of God near the marker site located in Winters Historic Park by the Blue Gap Post Office.

Texas CHCs provided more than 480,000 volunteer hours in 2015, which is an in-kind donation to the state valued at \$11.3 million. The THC assists CHCs statewide through programs and services that preserve Texas' heritage for the education, enjoyment, and economic benefit of present and future generations. The THC's advisory role to CHCs is outlined in the Texas Local Government Code, the statute that enables county commissioners courts to establish CHCs. The volunteer appointees, as directed by county officials, initiate and conduct programs that preserve the historic and cultural resources of Texas.

For more information about CHCs in Texas, visit www. thc.state.tx.us/chcoutreach or contact the History Programs Division at 512-463-5853.

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The Market Perspective Other Thoughts and Observations

It is getting harder and harder to see the Republicans actually nominating Donald Trump. No doubt everyone has his favorite 'he really said that' Donald comment, but going against Republican orthodoxy just won't do. By that I mean his insistence of opposing the Pacific Trade Deal and promising to destroy NAFTA and return to tariffs on imported goods. The ill-advised Smoot Hawley Tariffs of the 1930s only prolonged the Depression with no positive offset. As stated here previously we should be working to double the GDP of Mexico in ten years, not make things more difficult.

Now that BREXIT has Britain on the outs with Europe, why not include Britain in NAFTA? Or how about an all English speaking trade group of Canada, the USA, Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand.

Don't bet on Britain leaving the EU in the assigned two-year period. Greenland's 54,000 residents voted to leave the EU in 1982. (Yeah me too, who knew 54,000 people live in Greenland or that the island has its own queen?) It then took three years and some 100 meetings to finally extract itself from the EU. Greenland is a frozen island with the population of Victoria, TX. Imagine the difficulty of removing a nation of some 65 million individuals.

It is a tough call on the award for 'Most Famous Expert Saying Nothing of Value' regarding the BREXIT vote in the UK. Alan Greenspan called it the "worst period I recall since I have been in public service." After two days of stock market sell-off, the markets have rebounded 2/3 of the initial loss. Suspicions confirmed, Alan is a clueless central planner.

El Erian, former PIMCO strategist, was another example of double speak, citing problems and silver linings. Henry Kissinger wrote a 'put you to sleep' plodding op-ed piece for the Wall Street Journal, also adding nothing of substance. George Soros chimed in noting problems but certain the EU would prevail, a typical centrist theme.

Mark Mobius, strategist for Franklin Funds, probably got it right. This will continue the disintegration of Europe as a world influence and continue the march to Asia as the new world financial center.

My take is that this is a revolt of the average Brit has



Dennis

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rebelled at the centrist influence of Belgium writing rules without representation. So, 240 years later the Brits join the colonists, no taxation without representation.

I am looking for a market top at the July 4 holiday with more weakness to follow.

The British TV series - Strike Back is streaming and free to members of Amazon Prime. The Amazon series actually begins with the second season from Britain, which aired in 2011. Special Air Service Soldier Chris

Ryan bases the series on a novel of the same name. Several cast members did participate in actual boot camp training by British Special Forces. It parallels 24 in several aspects. Both series focus on counterterrorism with Strike Back being a Section 20 of the British Defense Intelligence Service, which of course does not officially exist. But this time around we have not one but two Jack Bauers, one is Sergeant Michael Stonebridge and the other is dishonorably discharged ex Delta Force Damian Scott. The series is very much like Fox's 24 but taken to the next level.

Great location shots ala the Bond series abound including South Africa, Hungary, and Thailand.

Those locations serve as realistic depictions of other spots around the globe.

But the real reason I bring this up is that the series brings a no holds barred look at the sheer terror and violence being unleashed on the world. In one episode, terrorists capture an upscale Indian hotel, murdering hostages just because they can and setting up perimeter bombs to kill rescuers. The same thing happened in Mumbai.

It is all vividly portrayed. The new worldwide invasion has begun from Brussels to Paris to Istanbul to Orlando to San Bernardino to Fort Hood. Viewing the series makes one realize just how fast civilization can implode.

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repair and maintenance to many county owned facilities.

Hilliard and commissioners had said previously that they had no choice but to end the program, due to budget issues. The program is funded through Oct. 1, which begins the 2016-17 fiscal year. As of that day, three full time employees will lose their jobs, leaving only four part time positions.

In the 2015-16 budget year, the county paid \$204,130.95 in payroll and benefits for three full time and four part time employees. All other expenses, including food, utilities and other operating costs totaled \$92,635.

Hilliard has proposed that the county serve the frozen meals to cut costs on preparation and clean up time.

The frozen meals are being tested in preparation for so while providing funding for the program.

the downsizing program. The program will be downsized to include three part time employees — one at each center — and volunteers.

The frozen meal plan will still cover the home delivered meals as well. The plan will be to deliver a week's worth of meals to the centers in Ballinger, Winters and Miles. Three days a week, the meals can be heated up for congregate or home delivered meals. And volunteers can deliver a hot meal and a frozen meal on the necessary days to make sure the clients have five meals a week.

Hilliard said this plan will almost completely eliminate the travel expense, which he said was substantial.

Other proposed solutions to keep the program going are to put the program under a non-profit entity or to seek non-profit status and to apply for funding through the United Way of the Concho Valley.

Others have suggested hosting pot luck lunches on the days that the county is not serving meals and to allow the community to come in and pay for a hot lunch,

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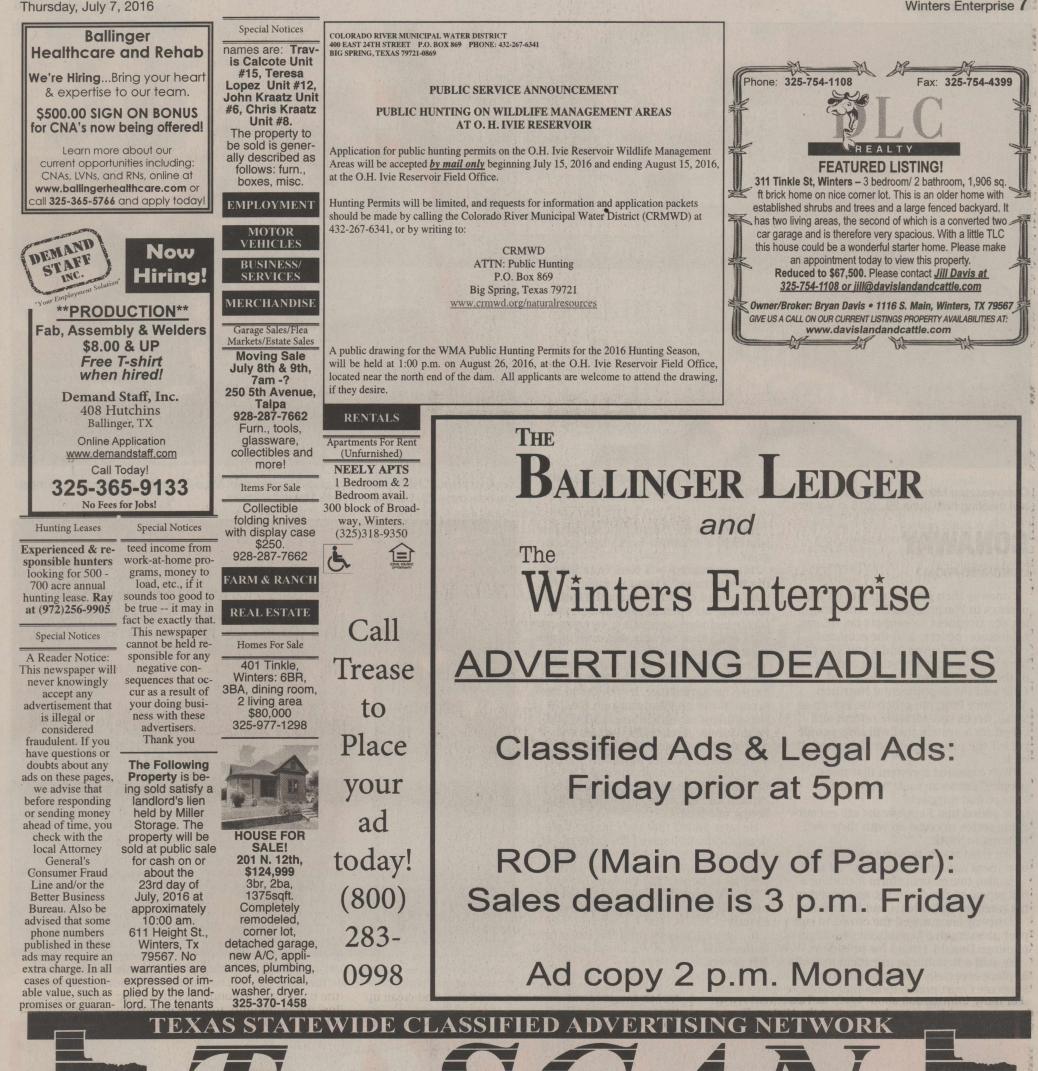
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Winters Mayor Lisa Yates introduced Congressman Mike Conaway at the town hall meeting held June 29, 2016 at the Rock Hotel in Winters.

CELINDA HAWKINS | ENTERPRISE PHOTOS Congressman Mike Conaway visits with Karen Thorpe of Runnels County during the town hall meeting held June 29, 2016 in Winters.

CONAWAY

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Conaway then gave an update on happenings in Washington, D.C. encouraging the attendees to support tax reform, healthcare, poverty and the economy.

"For the past seven and a half years I have been against everything coming out of the White House," Conaway said. He said the Supplimental Nutrition

He said the Supplimental Nutrition Assistance Program otherwise known as SNAP, needs considerable reform and called for a system that will help people get off the program, rather than depend on it.

"We've created a system that traps people," Conaway said. "We've got to change that mindset."

He added that Republicans are encouraging states to come up with their own reforms to SNAP.

"We want states to come up with their own ideas and pilot programs," he said. He also touted tax reform including a

full repeal of the death tax and lowering tax rates for individuals and businesses. Conaway encouraged the crowd to sup-

port presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump for president. He said a Republican president must be

in place especially during some possible Supreme Court nominations that could emerge in coming years.

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He scolded the Democratic leadership who held a sit in two weeks ago in Congress.

"It was anarchy — a total violation of the House rules," Conaway said.

He fielded questions from the audience following his opening statements, and topics included agriculture, veterans benefits and Social Security and even issues regarding radical Islam.

On the subject of agriculture, Conaway who is the chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, he reminded the group of the program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) which will provide an estimated \$300 million in cost-share assistance payments to cotton producers through the new Cotton Ginning Cost-Share program, in order to expand and maintain the domestic marketing of cotton.

He later added that the Chinese have dramatically influenced the price of cotton on the stock market and that producers are looking to the future of cotton seed oil to benefit the industry.

He also mentioned that the recent rains postponed the wheat harvest in Runnels County.

In closing Conaway told the group to understand that only "a moral people can self govern."

"God cannot bless a country that is on this path," Conaway explained. "We have to reclaim the moral high ground."



Congressman Mike Conaway, left, greets C.J. Robinson of the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District prior to the town hall meeting held at the Rock Hotel in Winters, June 29, 2016.

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