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Thursday, July 21, 2016

Briefly

Blizzard band rehearsals

The 2016 Summer Band Schedule for Winters High School, has been announced and all rehearsals are required.

Band members should wear tennis shoes, hats, sunglasses and sunscreen. Also, members should bring water.

Rehearsals will be from 8-11 a.m. Aug. 1-3. New members and 8th grade students are required to attend as well as drum majors and section leaders.

Morning rehearsals will include marching fundamentals.

Full Band Rehearsals will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 1, Tuesday, Aug. 2, Wednesday, Aug. 3 and Thursday Aug. 4. Inside rehearsals will be held each afternoon, with uniform fittings on Monday and Tuesday, and marching fundamentals on Thursday. On Friday, Aug. 5, band members will rehearse from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. outside for a show on the field. Again, members should bring a hat, sunscreen, water and wear comfortable tennis shoes.

The Flag Corp will meet from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1-5 p.m. Aug. 1-5. Rehearsals for Aug. 8-12 will be announced at a later date.

Tax free holiday Aug. 5-7

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds shoppers they can save money on certain items priced for less than \$100 during the state's annual sales tax holiday. This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5-7. The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced below \$100 from sales tax, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend. Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the Comptroller's website.

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$92 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday. The tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

The last drop

Hot and dry conditions have been the norm so far in July with temperatures reaching the century mark and over in Runnels County, forecasters at the National Weather Service in San Angelo reported.

No rain was reported last week in Runnels or Tom Green counties. There is no chance of rain in the forecast, just more hot and dry weather.

Hot and dry weather continues through the weekend forecasters say with highs reaching up to 100 degrees. Lows are expected to be in the mid to upper 70s, the NWS reports. And triple digit temperatures are in next week, 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.

Judge proposes forming committees for Aging Program

BY CELINDA HAWKINS
MANAGING EDITOR

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.

County Judge Barry Hilliard is proposing to let

the centers in Ballinger, Winters and Miles form committees to seek funding and to find a way to pay for the meals. Commissioners have not voted on the proposal as of yet.

Last year, the county spent approximately \$294,000 on the program.

The program, will no longer receive funding

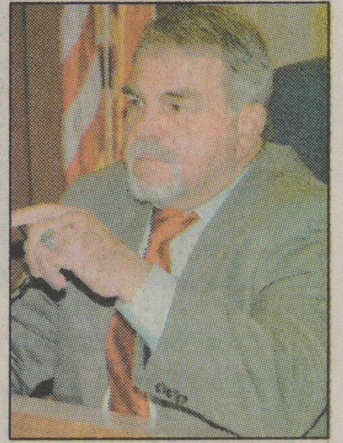
from the West Central Texas Council of Governments or the state and county officials are looking at serious cutbacks. Three employees will lose their jobs as of Oct. 1.

Hilliard said by not accepting funding from WCTCOG or the Department of Aging and Disability Services, the centers

will be free to use food from the Food Pantry or Food Bank and to host or cook their own meals, and won't be limited by dietary or state restrictions.

"Without regulations, we can accept other foods, like from gardens or the pantry," Hilliard said.

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Barry Hilliard



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Alumni from 2001 to present from the Winters High School Band "The Pride of West Texas" are invited to attend the Mooney Era Reunion, Sept. 9-10. Attendees will have a chance to perform during the Friday night football game and will enjoy fun and fellowship during events Saturday.

CELEBRATE THE PRIDE OF WEST TEXAS

WHS band alumni invited to Mooney Era Reunion

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Winters ISD Band Director Phillip Mooney and Assistant Band Director Karen Mooney are inviting alumni of "The Pride of West Texas" Winters High School Band to attend the Mooney Era Reunion, Sept. 9-10.

Band members from 2001 to present are invited to attend the reunion to celebrate 15 years of excellence with the Mooneys.

"We are so excited to see everyone."

— Karen Mooney,
Assistant Band Director

Alumni are invited to participate in a special performance during the Friday night football game. Former members can sit and play or march on the field. Music and fingering charts will be provided. "Or just come and sit and have fun,"

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Correctional officer dies at French Robertson Unit

Murder investigation underway

TEXAS TRIBUNE

ABILENE — A correctional officer at the French Robertson Unit 10 miles northeast of Abilene was found unresponsive near the kitchen area of the prison early Saturday and later pronounced dead, according to a statement from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

"Life saving measures were immediately initiated and 55 year old Correctional Officer Mari Johnson was transported to Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene where she was pronounced

deceased," spokesman Jason Clark said in the statement. "The Office of Inspector General - TDCJ is investigating the incident as a homicide."

Investigators with the inspector general's office for the agency were processing the scene on Saturday, Clark said.

"This is a tragic reminder that carrying out that mission can lead to the ultimate sacrifice," said TDCJ Executive Director Brad Livingston in a statement. "Ms. Johnson made the ultimate sacrifice to keep

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A murder investigation is underway in the death of a female correctional officer Saturday at the French Robertson Unit near Abilene.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

June Kirkpatrick Hays



June Kirkpatrick Hays, age 94 of Novice, Texas passed from this life on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 9:25pm at her residence. Services were held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 2:00pm at Henderson Funeral Home Chapel in Coleman with Rev. Wayne Lewis and Rev. Brad Slaten officiating the services under the direction of the Coleman Henderson Funeral Home. The family received friends following the service. A private family burial was held at Rough Creek Cemetery.

June was born June 11, 1922 in Santa Anna, Texas to Walter and Theo Hunter Kirkpatrick. She was raised in Santa Anna where she graduated from high school and continued her education at The University of Texas in Austin.

On April 3, 1943 in Pensacola, Florida, June married her high school sweetheart, Wesley Myron Hays and they celebrated 73 years of marriage. With her husband Wes, she co-owned and operated Western Auto and a True Value Store in Winters for 40 years. In Winters, working alongside her husband, she was active in the community, serving as City Council, DAR, Eastern Star, Cub Scout Mom, Blizzard

Band Mom and sponsor of the Sub Deb Club in Winters. After retiring to Novice, she continued her community work with DAR and as a member of The First United Methodist Church of Novice.

She was preceded in death by her sister Anita Mathews and her grandson Samuel Derrick.

June is survived by her husband Wes Hays of Novice, Texas. Children are Wes Jr. and wife Becky Hays, of Winters, Texas, Michael and wife Connie Hays of Houston, Texas, Marsha Simmons of Cedar Park, Texas and Chris Derrick of Brady, Texas.

Grandchildren are Melinda and husband David Bates, Mike and wife Sara Hays, Catherine and husband Marcel Reijans, Michael and wife Shannon Hays, Elisabeth and husband Luke Nisley, John and wife Mary Hays, David and wife Courtnie Hays, Robert Hays, Callie and husband David Micek, Hunter Simmons, Jason and wife Kosal Derrick, and Stephen Derrick.

Great-Grandchildren are Parker, Zoë, Jack, Evan, Bret, Gabriel, Caitlin, Ava, Madeleine, Peyton, Caroline, Sophia, John Jr., Clara June, Charlotte, Drew, Jake, Stella June, Emma, Peyton, Grace, Ethan, and Caleb.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Rough Creek Cemetery Association at PO Box 2, Novice, TX 79538 or a charity of your choice.

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The Dollar General store in Ballinger, located at 813 Hutchings Ave.

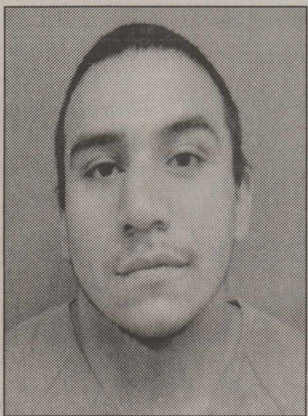
Burglary reported at Dollar General in Ballinger

BY CELINDA HAWKINS
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BALLINGER LEDGER

A "smash and grab" type burglary was reported on Wednesday, July 12 at the Dollar General store at 813 Hutchings Ave. and a Ballinger man and a juvenile were arrested in connection with the crime, according to Ballinger Police Chief Mark McNulty.

The incident occurred at approximately 2 a.m. Wednesday reports indicate. The duo reportedly broke the glass in the front door to gain entry. They then allegedly took cigarettes, beer and a few other items, once inside. Officers responded to an alarm in the building. Upon their arrival, they retrieved a video from the security camera inside the store. The officer on duty reportedly recognized the suspects and they were apprehended.

At around 3 a.m. police arrested Ramiro Roman,



Ramiro Roman

18, of Ballinger and a 16-year-old male juvenile. Roman was charged with burglary of a building and was taken to the Runnels County Jail. He was released Thursday, July 14, after posting a \$10,000 bond. The juvenile, was transported to the Juvenile Justice Center in San Angelo. There was no word Monday as to whether the juvenile had been released.

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Celinda Hawkins

Last week, the kind girls at the Ballinger City Hall, surprised the officers of the Ballinger PD with a little celebration.

The gals donned special blue T-shirts, showing support for the Dallas Police Department for the loss of the five officers there in the tragic shooting July 7.

On that fateful day, four Dallas Police officers were and one officer from Dallas Area Rapid Transit were shot to death during an ambush in which Micah Xavier Johnson targeted white officers and shot them after a peaceful protest through the streets of downtown Dallas. A total of 14 people were shot.

On that day, Tammie Virden, executive director of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, was headed to Dallas, to take her daughter to camp. She recalled being very concerned about the whole incident, which was unfolding as she was driving in to Dallas.

Tammie was among the gals at City Hall who wanted to express their gratitude for the hard work of all officers.

"And we wanted to remember those who lost their lives," said Malisia Goetz. The shirts were designed by Debbie DeBerry and included a ribbon on the front to show support for the Dallas officers and a badge on the back that said "We support our police."

All the gals pitched in, including Carolyn Little, Leah McPherson, Debbie Legg, Bonita Shields as well Tammie and Malisia. They lit candles for the five fallen officers which flickered all day.

City Manager Bryan Grimes, who returned from vacation that day, was surprised when he saw all the ladies in blue.

"I thought it was great," he said.



CELINDA HAWKINS | ENTERPRISE PHOTOS

Officers with the Ballinger Police Department were honored with an Appreciation Reception Thursday, July 14, 2016 by the women of City Hall. The Ladies had special blue T-shirts made to commemorate the five officers who were gunned down in Dallas, Thursday, July 7, 2016 and to honor the seven officers at BPD. The women lit five candles to commemorate the fallen officers. "We wanted to remember those who lost their lives," said Malisia Goetz. Pictured from left to right are Carolyn Little, Malisia Goetz, Leah McPherson, Debbie DeBerry, Tammie Virden, Debby Legg and Bonita Shields.



But unfortunately, the killing of officers did not stop in Dallas - on Sunday a Missouri man ambushed and killed three law officers and wounded three others in Baton Rouge, Louisiana during a time when police nationwide have been on high alert after five officers were killed in a Dallas ambush July 7.

While perusing online Tuesday, I came across a social media page, which honored law enforcement for their random acts of

kindness like an officer getting out of his car to shoot some hoops with some kids, or an officer who spotted a mother who was walking her baby in a stroller getting caught in a rainstorm and giving her a ride home.

Two weeks ago, while I was on vacation, officers from Runnels County as well as members of the community gathered on the courthouse lawn to pray for the Dallas officers, their families and

communities across the country who have experienced violence against police.

Folks, the men and women in blue are our protectors, and we don't thank them enough. It's about time...

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Sincerely,
Dwayne, Luke, Shaelynna,
Julianna, and all of Judy's family

TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE

Pat Garrett a legendary figure of the Old West



Dr. Ken Bridges

Pat Garrett is another of the legendary figures of the Old West. He always had a taste for adventure and had a career as a distinguished law officer in a time when little law and order was to be found. Whenever Garrett went, trouble always seemed to follow.

Patrick Floyd Jarvis Garrett was born in Alabama in 1850 to a farming family. In 1853, they moved to northern Louisiana when his father bought a plantation there. However, everything fell apart after the Civil War. His father went bankrupt, his mother died in 1867, and his father died the following year. Barely 18 and with nothing left to hold him back, Garrett rode west into Texas.

For the next several years, Garrett made a modest living as a buffalo hunter in Texas before finding work on a ranch in Lincoln County in the center of the New Mexico Territory. He eventually came to own one of his own.

However, tensions between rival ranching factions exploded into the notorious Lincoln County War in 1878. A series of gunfights across the area left perhaps two dozen dead. The chaos thrust Garrett out of the shadows and into the middle of the bloodshed.

By 1880, residents enraged over the continuing violence thrust Sheriff George Kimball out of office in favor of Garrett by a nearly two-to-one margin. The chaos continued as Garrett and his posse captured William Bonney, more famously known as gunman Billy the Kid, in December after a shootout at Stinking Springs. Four months later, Billy the

Kid escaped just after his conviction for murder. Garrett would encounter him again in July 1881, apparently killing him in a nighttime shootout. However, questions over the details persisted with some suggesting that Billy the Kid escaped and never died at all. Garrett, however, killed several men in gunfights throughout his life including his years as a lawman.

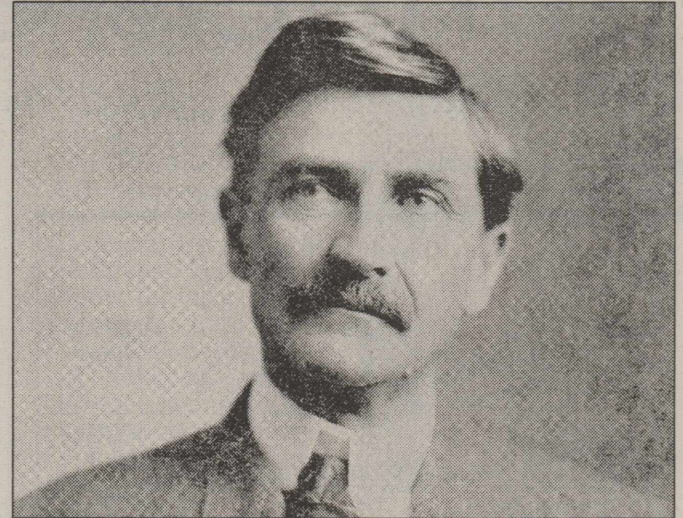
Nevertheless, this incident ended the Lincoln County War once and for all. Garrett became known across the country for his role. However, he stepped down from his position as sheriff in 1882 and returned to Texas. While Billy the Kid grew into folk hero status, Garrett attempted to publicize his own version of events with *The Authentic Life of Billy, The Kid*, which became one of the most famous accounts.

Garrett continued his career in law enforcement. In 1884, Garrett was made a Texas Ranger but resigned his appointment a year later. He attempted an irrigation business, which failed miserably. By 1892, he settled in Uvalde on the Rio Grande to resume ranching.

In 1896, he was appointed sheriff of Dona Ana County in New Mexico after a prominent citizen and his son disappeared in the desert. Garrett pinpointed four men for murder, and he and his deputies killed two of the suspects in a blaze of gunfire in 1898. The remaining two surrendered several months later.

In 1901, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed Garrett as the US customs collector for El Paso. However, after a fistfight with one employee and a number of political missteps, he was replaced by 1906.

Garrett, however, had massive debts by this time and lost his Uvalde ranch. He and his son attempted to lease a ranch



in New Mexico, but a dispute erupted with the owner, Jesse Brazel, and his partners about the terms. In March 1908, Garrett rode out to meet with Brazel to discuss the matter further when he was shot dead. Brazel confessed to the shooting but was acquitted of murder.

In the years after Garrett's death, his character appeared in many novels and movies, including the first Billy the Kid movie in 1925. Controversy and debate surrounding the life of Garrett only grew after his death. A small memorial marking the spot of his death near what is now US 70 was placed by his son in the 1930s.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Winner, winner brisket and chicken dinner

The Olfen St. Boniface Knights of Columbus will be selling BBQ briskets on Saturday, Aug. 20. The cost is \$8 per pound for the brisket and \$7 for each whole chickens, which can be picked up at the St. Boniface Parish hall at Olfen at 5 p.m. Please pre-order by calling Marty Frey at 325-365-6618 or David Rohmfeld 325-442-3331. The deadline for orders is August 17.

Summer camps slated

Winters ISD summer camps coming up include 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 9th grade are not eligible for the camps. If you have any questions please call Coach Matt McCarty 512-517-8288.

CASA volunteers wanted

The Children's Advocacy 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.

AA meeting

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, in Ballinger, at 7 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday. 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. in Winters. 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.

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.

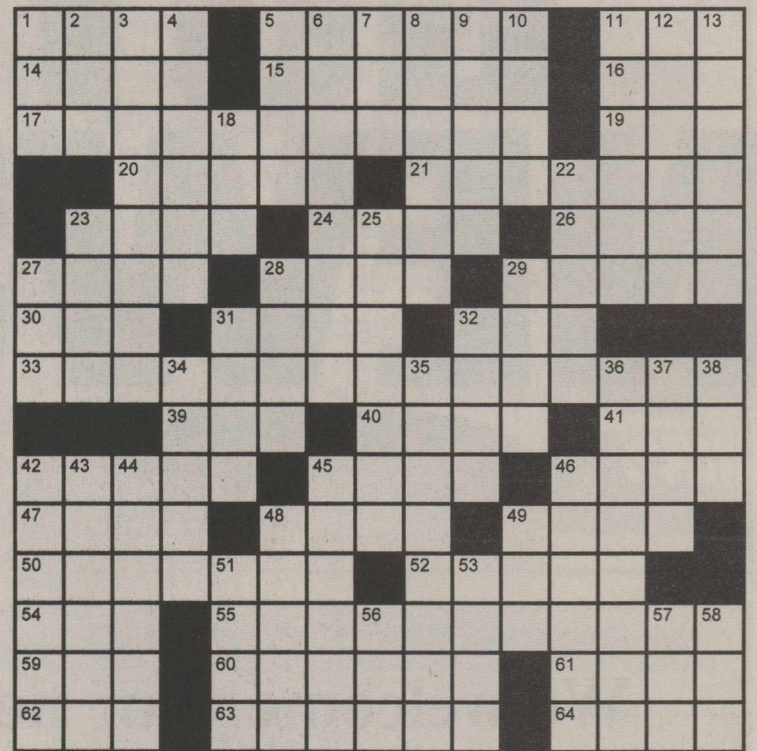
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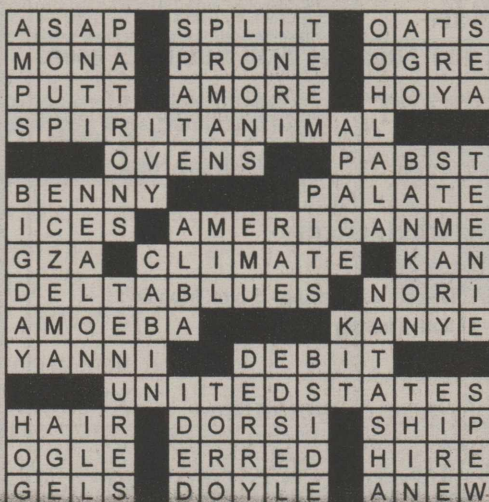
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- Across**
- 1 Back of the neck
 - 5 French fries brand
 - 11 Dressed (up)
 - 14 Colorful cereal
 - 15 Bulls' Rodman
 - 16 "___ y Plata"
 - 17 Way to beat the heat #1
 - 19 Eggs
 - 20 Left-hand page
 - 21 Intensifies
 - 23 Not yours
 - 24 Actor Sharif
 - 26 "Here ___, there..." ("Old MacDonald" lyric)
 - 27 Bewitched
 - 28 Hotel visit
 - 29 With 42-Across, way to beat the heat #2
 - 30 Potato feature
 - 31 Cake section
 - 32 "The Bells" poet
 - 33 Way to beat the heat #3
 - 39 Clamor
 - 40 Fall follower
 - 41 Stage signal
 - 42 See 29-Across
 - 45 Blackens
 - 46 Quitter's word
 - 47 Certain something
 - 48 Story
 - 49 Balance parts
 - 50 "That man has my purse!"
 - 52 Critic Roger
 - 54 March word
 - 55 Way to beat the heat #4
 - 59 Record label inits.
 - 60 Genesis locale
 - 61 "Casablanca" heroine
 - 62 GOP hq.
 - 63 Italian spice
- Down**
- 1 Math degree
 - 2 "Exodus" role
 - 3 Venomous snake
 - 4 Full range
 - 5 Keats creations
 - 6 Started over, in a way
 - 7 Ship's hdg.
 - 8 Tomorrow
 - 9 Kitchen gadget
 - 10 Tennis great Arthur
 - 11 Moolah
 - 12 Like some patches
 - 13 Makes out
 - 18 Charlemagne's domain: Abbr.
 - 22 (or), briefly
 - 23 Request opening
 - 25 Like some vows
 - 27 Mens ___ (criminal intent)
 - 28 Trig figure
 - 29 Fella, in slang
 - 31 ___ de force
 - 32 Pontifical name
 - 34 Bargain-basement
 - 35 Like some garages
 - 36 "Yeah, it shows"
 - 37 Women in habits
 - 38 Understand
 - 42 Dryer's partner
 - 43 Fall
 - 44 Hot and humid
 - 45 Gong
 - 46 Actress Fisher
 - 48 Royal band
 - 49 Delt neighbor
 - 51 Miami basketball team
 - 53 Kind of test
 - 56 Secretive org.
 - 57 "Don't ___!"
 - 58 Noted Warhol subject



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Runnels County Jail Record

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Name	Age	Agency
Austin B. Zertuche	18	RCSO
Possession of marijuana.		
Rich B. Jones	18	RCSO
Possession of marijuana.		
Christopher King	18	RCSO
Possession of marijuana.		
Dustin J. King	18	RCSO
Possession of marijuana.		
Ramiro G. Roman	18	BPD
Burglary of building.		
Nicole Lopez		Menard
Sentenced 10 years Texas Department Corrections.		
Marcy M. Garcia	23	BPD
Public intoxication.		
Oscar Salinas-Mendoza	53	Concho
Warrant DWI 3rd or more, warrant bail jumping.		
Antonio Lopez Jr.	23	RCSO
Theft by check.		
Isaac E. Rodriguez	20	BPD
Possession of marijuana.		
Rosendo F. Ovalles	59	WPD
Assault family violence.		
Dallah Portillo	27	RCSO
Forgery financial institution.		
Docia M. Smith	26	RCSO
Credit card abuse.		
Mary M. Garcia	23	BPD
Criminal trespass.		
Marshall T. Ward	43	WPD
Criminal mischief.		
Alejandro H. Favela	34	DPS
Assault causing bodily injury, family violence.		

VETERANS CORNER



Sandra G. Van Zant

Capitol Hill had a rally in support of Vietnam veterans who have health problems commonly associated with exposure to Agent Orange herbicide, but are denied disability benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Senator Kristin Gillibrand (N.Y.) and Representative Chris Gibson (N.Y.) are sponsors of two Agent Orange Blue Water Navy bills (S. 681 and H.R. 969, respectively) and also sponsored the event that was attended by other congressional supporters of cause. The VA currently presumes any service member who had boots on the ground or served on Vietnam's inland waterways was exposed to Agent Orange. If these veterans experience health problems related to that exposure, they are eligible for VA disability benefits. The policy, however, denies this presumption to veterans who served off the Vietnamese coast, even though many of these so-called "Blue Water Navy" veterans are experiencing the same health problems as those who served inland.

Gibson urged President Obama to order VA Secretary Bob McDonald to provide the presumption to these Blue Water Navy Vietnam veterans by regulation. The House bill (H.R. 969) now has 319 co-sponsors, which constitutes almost 75 percent of the House and more than any other measure in that chamber. This bill would specify that veterans who served off the coast of Vietnam were exposed to Agent Orange and their related health problems are a result of that exposure. This change would allow Blue Water veterans to be compensated for service-connected disabilities related to their exposure to Agent Orange herbicide. We have the funding to send our troops to war, but limited funding for their treatment. We need to stop the policies that restrict benefits and care for those who still cry for help after 50 years. Australian crews who served off the coast of Vietnam are receiving benefits and treatment for Agent Orange-related illnesses, while U.S. Blue Water Navy veterans are not. For more information contact Sandra Van Zant 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,
Veterans County Service Officer

One killed in motorcycle crash

BY CELINDA HAWKINS
MANAGING EDITOR

TAYLOR COUNTY - An Abilene woman died following a motorcycle crash Sunday near Buffalo Gap, the Department of Public Safety reported.

Jlyn Robinson, 43, of Abilene was a passenger on the Harley Davidson

motorcycle driven by Scott Lawrence Werner, 37, of Abilene. Werner was traveling north on FM 613, when he reportedly failed to negotiate a sharp curve in the road, sending the motorcycle off the road. The motorcycle landed on its left side and came to rest in the ditch on the west side of the road, along with Werner and Robinson.

Robinson was transported to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene where she was pronounced dead, according to the DPS. The body was taken to North Funeral Home in Abilene.

Werner was not wearing a helmet according to reports and Robinson was wearing a helmet. The accident remains under investigation.

Governor announces Police Protection Act

STAFF REPORT

Governor Greg Abbott announced Monday an effort to strengthen penalties for crimes committed against law enforcement officers - the Police Protection Act.

"At a time when law enforcement officers increasingly come under assault simply because of the job

they hold, Texas must send a resolute message that the State will stand by the men and women who serve and protect our communities," said Governor Abbott.

The proposal is punctuated by making it a hate crime for anyone to commit a crime against a law enforcement officer out of bias against the police.

The Governor will request the Texas legislature to pass the Police Protection Act in the 2017 legislative session.

"While our state and the nation continue to mourn the heroes lost in Dallas, it is time for us to unite as Texans to say no more," Governor Abbott continued. "The men and women in uniform risk their lives

every day to protect the public, and it is time we show them the State of Texas has their back. Texas will no longer tolerate disrespect for those who serve, and it must be made clear to anyone targeting our law enforcement officials that their actions will be met with severe justice."

Governor Abbott's Police Protection Act includes the following proposals:

- Extend hate crime protections to law enforcement officers;
- Increase criminal penalties for any crime in which the victim is a law enforcement officer, whether or not the crime qualifies as a hate crime;
- Create a culture of respect for law enforcement by organizing a campaign to educate young Texans on the value law enforcement officers bring to their communities;

For example, under current law, assault with bodily injury is generally punishable as a Class A misdemeanor, while assault on a public servant, including a law enforcement officer, is a 3rd degree felony. Under Governor Abbott's proposal, in cases where the assault is on a law enforcement officer, the penalty would increase to a 2nd degree felony.

"The recent shooting in Dallas is not the first time law enforcement officers in Texas have been targeted. Our goal is to do everything possible to make it the last," added Governor Abbott.

Law enforcement organizations in Texas offered the following statements in response to Governor Abbott's Police Protection Act:

"As a 26-plus year police officer in Houston, I'm extremely encouraged by Governor Greg Abbott's legislative priority to make the State of Texas a national leader in protecting the lives of law enforcement officers. The attacks on law enforcement in Texas and the rest of our nation are unprecedented. Governor Abbott's solution is the right approach for Texas law enforcement officers and the people of Texas who support them."

— Ray Hunt, President, Houston Police Officers Association

"We applaud Governor Abbott for recognizing the importance of protecting law enforcement officers in the state of Texas. False narratives and irresponsible anti-police rhetoric have put our officers in

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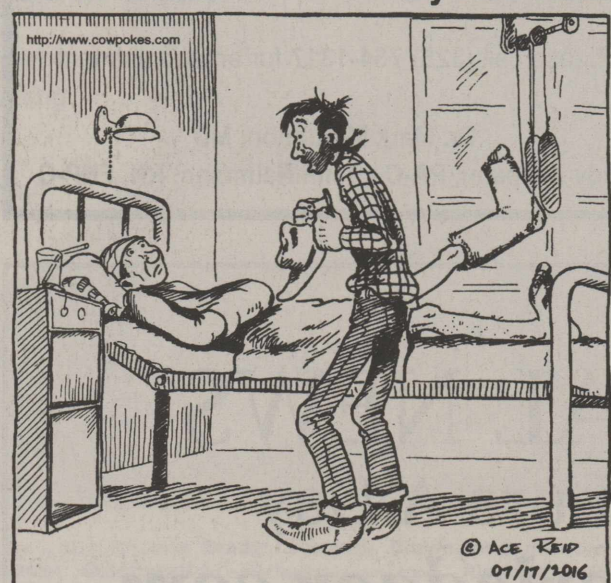
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The Market Perspective

The way we were — 1966

We didn't know it at the time but social mood, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, and just about every other positive was peaking at our 1966 graduation from Andrews High School. It had been up, up, up all the way from 1948 to 1966.

This was the first eighteen years of the group later named baby-boomers. We helped usher in the birth of rock 'n roll (thanks Little Richard), I Like Ike, I Love Lucy and Ed Sullivan. Disneyland was as Shrek would say, far, far away in California but I never knew any one who had actually BEEN there. Television provided a platform for the American fascination with the Cowboy from Roy Rogers to Cheyenne Bodie.

After nearly burning itself up in the Civil Rights Movement, the South did begin to rise as the Sunbelt Economy. Widespread production finally made air conditioning affordable. West Texas offered plenty of sand hills but no ocean, still we enjoyed Surf Crazy lyrics by the Beach Boys. And then there was the Beatles who ironically got famous by recording ole Carl (blue suede shoes) Perkins' rockabilly tunes.

Lee Iococoa created the Mustang just for our generation. John DeLoeran followed that up by inventing the GTO, spawning the Muscle Car



Dennis Elam

Era. At the same time VW owned ten percent of the car market bragging about its oil capacity in pints not gallons. After all gasoline was 36 cents a gallon, and lower when 'gas wars' broke out, often offering a set of steak knives with eight gallons or more! And a new Chevy nicely equipped could be had for \$3,000. Only problem was, no one had \$3,000.

I worked all summer as a lifeguard earning a total of \$750. But then tuition at Texas public universities was still affordable at \$50 a semester.

We are told life is complicated now and there is not enough time for anything. How did we cram so much into a week back then. Consider a typical day for the Class of 1966.

I parked my 1957 Chevy in front of the first air conditioned high school in Texas. First up was Bin Goolsby's fourth year math class. Goolsby termed his tests as game day, and then winking would remind us it was in fact a test coming.

Then it was on to second period with Mr. John Hogue in the Little Theater. Mr. Hogue

was a class act. He had Ron Ragsdale come by and treat me to a root beer at the K & W on North Main prior to the start of school. AHS had won the state debate championship the year before, so the bar was set high. Even then those of us involved in debate pondered just how he got the very best out of all of us. It was a wonderful mixture of high expectations and a bountiful budget that had us at every tournament in West Texas. I had never done better than win two lose two at my previous high school prior to arriving in Andrews. Now in the Big Leagues, I saw how it was done and what was required. I don't believe we seniors ever failed to advance from the first four rounds to however many final rounds a tournament offered. And Ron Ragsdale and Dave Hendrick did win the state championship.

Third period was Mr. Shoffitt's physics class. The textbook featured some sort of new-fangled physics, not the Isaac Newton variety. Mr. S was a fine fellow but physics remains a mystery to me to this day.

Time for lunch and then back to the Little Theater for training in the rest of the speech contests. Yes that is correct. John Hogue had not one but two specialty speaking classes, each aimed at producing

winners. This encompassed persuasive, and extemporaneous speaking as well as prose, and poetry reading. I wish I had kept a written journal of all the awards won in, not to mention a few sweepstakes trophies.

Mrs. Brown's English class was up next. Today universities are being urged to incorporate more speaking and writing in the curriculum. I suggest they study AHS curriculum in 1966! We were required to write a book report in each six-week period! That was in addition to the reading assignments and tests. I have had college students who have never written a book report. No wonder America scores low among international students.

And come to think of it, economics teacher Keith Harding was way ahead of his time. He was lobbying for an administration position and spent sixth period 'in the office.' We had our assignments to read and tests to complete. The classroom even included the Wall Street Journal to read, which we enjoyed. Gee, did Keith invent online learning?

I happened into Sam Hollis' photography studio one day. While purchasing some film, he offered me a part-time job on the spot. This is what I meant by positive social mood!

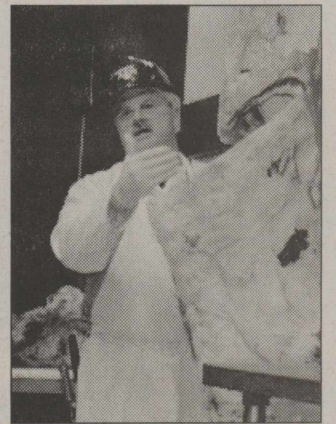
Youth program offered at Beef Cattle Short Course

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COLLEGE STATION - Youth can learn more about the beef industry, including a virtual tour of a feedlot and packing operations, during a special hands-on program held in conjunction with the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course on Aug. 1-2 at Texas A&M University in College Station.

The youth program will feature a variety of educational sessions, ranging from beef evaluations and grading, beef fabrication and a grilling activity, said Dr. Jason Cleere, conference coordinator and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist in College Station.

"This will be a unique experience for youth who have interests in beef cattle production and retail marketing," Cleere said. "Part of the program highlights is a retail scavenger hunt for beef at HEB, plus a beef fabrication exercise at the



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Rosenthal Meat Science Center. Youth will break into groups and learn about the different cuts found on a side of beef and actually participate in making these cuts. There

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greater danger than ever before. This is an important step toward protecting those who protect the citizens of this great state." - Kevin Lawrence, Executive Director, Texas Municipal Police Association

"The Dallas Police Association applauds Governor Abbott's bold plan in response to the recent wave of attacks on police officers. Now is the time for our elected leaders across our state and country to do the right thing and join our Governor in his call to better protect police officers." - Ron Pinkston, President, Dallas Police Association

"The Sheriff's Association of Texas is very pleased to hear our Governor is behind an effort to protect peace officers across our state. Every Texas Sheriff feels this should be a precedent for the leadership in other states to follow, and we support our Governor. We look forward to working with the Governor during the 2017 legislative session to pass these important protections." - Grimes County Sheriff Donald Sowell, President, The Sheriff's Association of Texas.

Hole-in-one at Winters Country Club



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Connie Mac Gibbs of Winters made his third hole in one at the Winters Country Club on Friday, July 15, 2016. His fellow golfers congratulated him on his stellar golfing skills.

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Duane Lenz, market analyst with CattleFax, will give an overview of the current cattle market and trends heading into the fall production cycle at the 62nd Beef Cattle Short Course at Texas A&M University in College Station Aug. 1-3. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo by Blair Fannin)

Cattle market outlook to be featured in short course Aug. 1-3

BY BLAIR FANNIN
TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

COLLEGE STATION - A comprehensive cattle market outlook will be one of the featured presentations during the general session of the 62nd Beef Cattle Short Course at Texas A&M University in College Station Aug. 1-3.

During the Aug. 1 general session, Duane Lenz, market analyst with CattleFax, will give an overview of the current cattle market and trends heading into the fall production cycle, said Dr. Jason Cleere, conference coordinator and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist, College Station.

"Lenz will discuss the contributing factors associated with the dramatic decline in cattle prices last fall and why it caught most by surprise," Cleere said. "Then he will discuss the latest trends that are affecting our current cattle prices and give an overview of

what we can expect with regards to supply and demand to finish out the year."

Also during the general session, Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Amarillo, will discuss hot issues affecting the beef industry. Dr. Brad Morgan, director of protein for Performance Food Group, will present Who is Our Beef Consumer and What Will They Want 20 Years From Now? Brian Bledsoe, Southern Livestock Standard meteorologist, will provide a weather outlook.

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.

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

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

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

Registration information and a tentative schedule were mailed to previous participants in May, but also can be found on the short course website at <http://www.beefcattleshortcourse.com>. Producers can register at the website or by contacting Cleere at 979-845-6931.

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8/26	San Saba	Home	7:30
9/2	De Leon	Away	7:30
9/9	Bangs	Home	7:30
9/16	Hamlin	Away	7:30
9/23	Texas Leadership Charter Academy	Away	7:30
9/30			Open
10/7	Albany*	Home	7:30
10/14	Miles*	Away	7:30
10/21	Bronte*	Home	7:30
10/28	Cross Plains*	Home	7:30
11/4	Baird*	Away	7:30
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9/8	Bangs	Away	7:00
9/15	Hamlin	Home	7:00
9/22	Texas Leadership Charter Academy	Away	7:00
9/29			Open
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10/20	Bronte	Away	TBA
10/27	Cross Plains	Away	4:30
11/3	Baird	Home	4:30

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will also be a beef grilling activity, which will certainly have many looking forward to that activity at the end of the day."

Cleere said youth participants will be able to attend the general session of the beef cattle short course on Aug. 1 and also the Wednesday Aug. 3 demonstrations.

"This will also be an excellent opportunity for youths involved with commercial steer and heifer programs, 'beef skillathons', beef

quiz bowls and other youth beef cattle competitions to gain valuable beef cattle production information," he said.

Other topics include a virtual tour of a feedyard and packing plant operation. All registrants ages 13-18 for the youth program must attend the program with a parent or other supervising adult.

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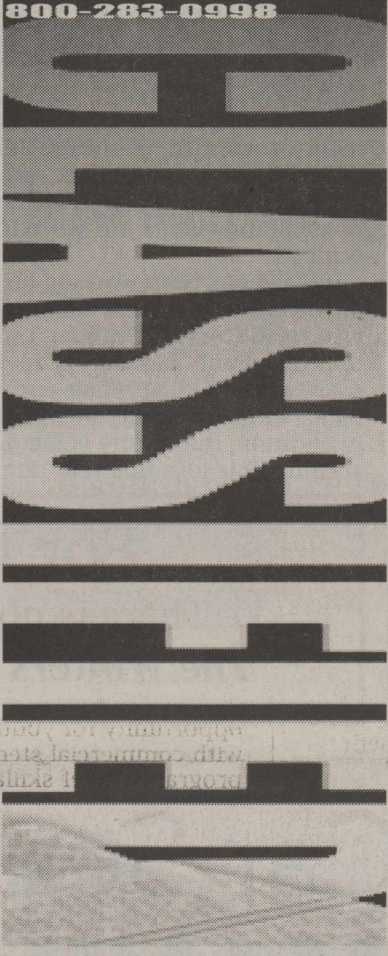
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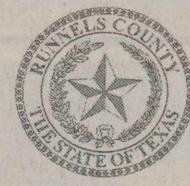
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By ORDER of Commissioners' Court on June 14, 2016.

Barry Hilliard
Runnels County Judge

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CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES AT THE CROSSING TRAVEL MARKET



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Construction continues at The Crossing Travel Market located at Highways 153 and 83 in Winters. Last week construction crews poured concrete slabs at the site. The Crossing Travel Market, a limited partnership of the Wheat family of Winters, will be supplied fuel by Wheat Energy Services. The anticipated opening date is late fall of this year.

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this state safe. She will never be forgotten. We will see that the offender who committed this cowardly act is held accountable."

Gov. Greg Abbott on Saturday afternoon issued a statement in which he said the state of Texas was mourning for Johnson, saying that she "was senselessly murdered."

Abbott added, "Texas will ensure the perpetrator receives swift justice, and TDCJ has been instructed to take all necessary measures to enhance the safety of their staff to prevent such tragedies."

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Karen Mooney said.

She also added that former flag corp members and drum majors are also invited to "spin or conduct on the field with us."

The cost is \$20 and includes entrance to the football game against the Bangs Dragons Friday, Sept. 9, a T-shirt and a meal.

Robertson Unit is a maximum security, all-male facility.

Almost exactly a year ago, rookie prison guard Timothy Davison, 47, was beaten to death by an inmate inside the Barry B. Telford Unit in New Boston in northeastern Texas.

Davison was escorting Billy Joel Tracy, 37, on the morning of July 15 when the handcuffed inmate freed one hand from his restraints and began beating the officer. After pulling him to the ground, Tracy began beating Davison with a two-foot "pry bar" tool guards carry to unlock the small meal tray openings in cell doors.

In 2007, correctional officer Susan Canfield, 59, was killed during an escape attempt at the Wynne Unit in Huntsville.

There will be a luncheon Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Special Events Center.

Additional cost is added for larger T-shirts - \$3 for 3XL, \$4 for 4XL, \$5 for 5XL and \$6 for 6XL.

All alumni are asked to RSVP to the reunion at karen.mooney@wintersisd.org. The deadline to RSVP is Aug. 8.

Mailing information for payments will be sent once the RSVP's are received. In addition, all music and fingering charts will be emailed upon receipt of the RSVP.

"We are so excited to see everyone," Karen Mooney said.

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

Hilliard's proposal would be to continue serving the congregate and homebound meals. Currently, they are experimenting with frozen meals. Hilliard said the cost is about \$2.38 per meal.

"My main concern is to make sure the homebound clients are served," Hilliard said.

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 repair and maintenance to many county owned facilities. In addition, the county is facing another considerable loss this year due to the

downturn in the oil and gas industry.

During a meeting last week at the Ballinger Noon Lions Club, Hilliard said he is proposing that the county continue to pay the utilities at the senior center. He is also proposing that the county approach Experience Works out of Brownwood, which is an entity that pays senior citizens to work. It remains to be seen how much or if any funding will be provided by the county. Annually the program receives memorial donations and some funding from the cities that are served.

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.

There is a one-time cost of about \$850 for an entity to apply for non-profit status, Hilliard said. If approved for non-profit status, the entities would be able to apply for funding through the United Way, which distributed funding starting each April.

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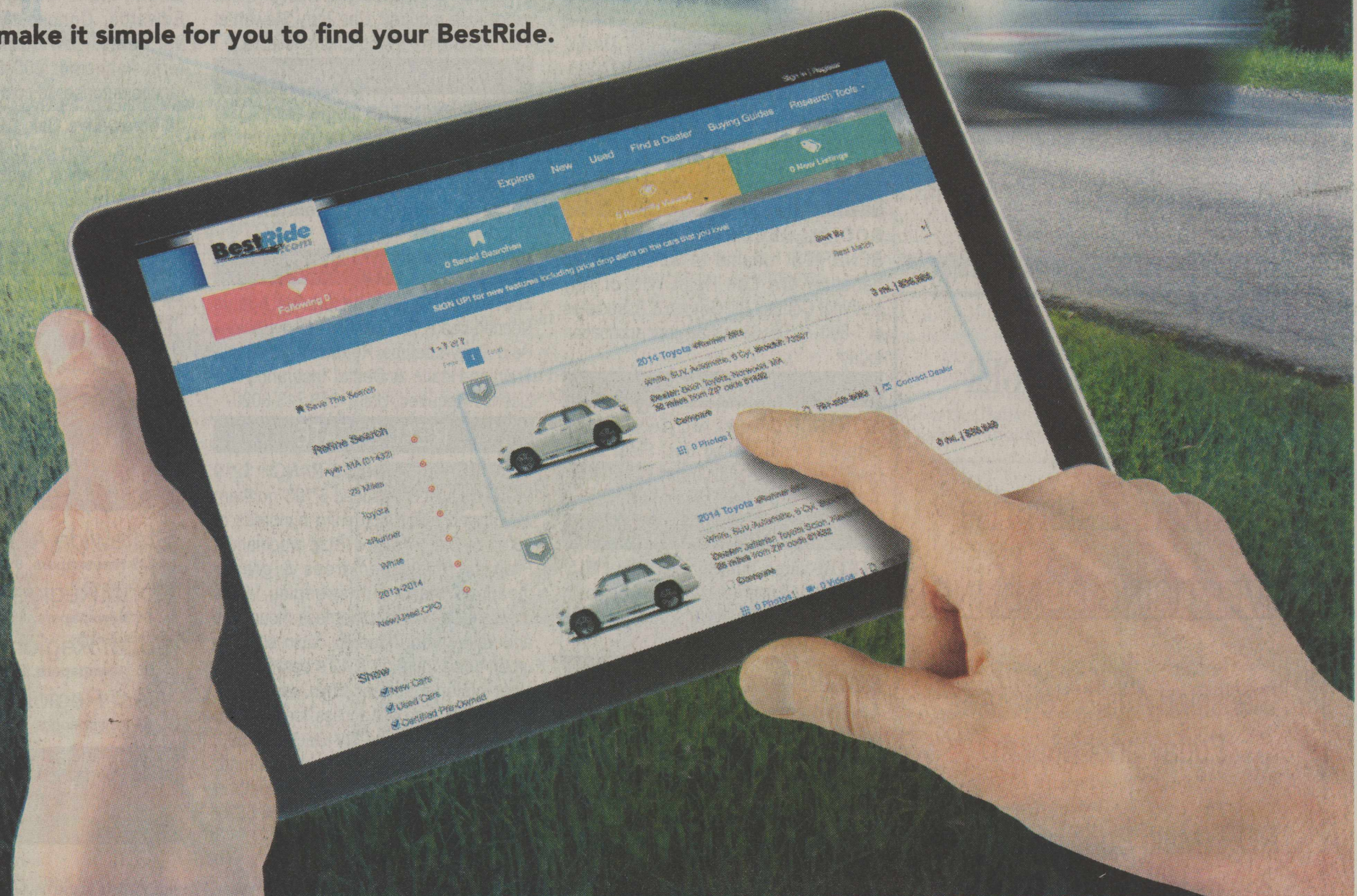
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