

In an effort to protect settlers moving westward, Governor Richard Coke established the Frontier Battalion in 1874. The Texas Rangers were part of the battalion and were sent to Runnels County.

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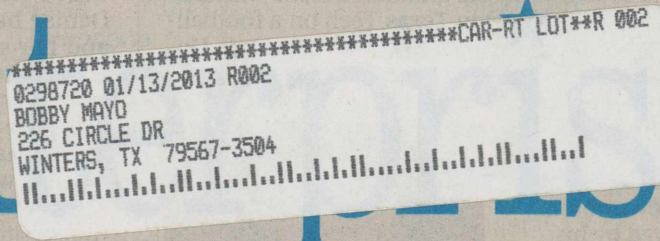
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Runnels Co to hold a 'historical' celebration

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- The Runnels County Historical Commission will be celebrating being the organization that began documenting and preserving the history of the county 50 years ago August 26, 1962.

The week of August 27-31, has been declared Runnels County Historical Commission Week by Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard and the Runnels County Commissioners Court.

During the weeks prior to the celebration, if you would like for the commission to present a program to your group, please let one of the appointees know. The commission is aiming to share the history of Runnels County and the surrounding area with as many clubs, associations or organizations as possible.

The Commission will celebrate the occasion with refreshments in the entry to the Runnels County Courthouse Monday afternoon, August 27, 2012 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"We are asking everyone to come by and visit with us at this celebration," said Ruth Cooper, Chairperson of the Runnels County Historical Commission. "We are continuing to seek historical pictures and various historical data that you would be willing to share. We will copy your item, document it and give back the original to you at that time. We also would also like to know your memories of our history."

Rattlesnake Republic will bring its round up to Runnels County

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Rattlers and snake skins, living nightmares and four teams of a rare breed of cowboy looking to make a living out of snake hunting will be stopping by in Ballinger on Thursday, August 9, 2012 to bring a little taste of their own particular rattlesnake round up.

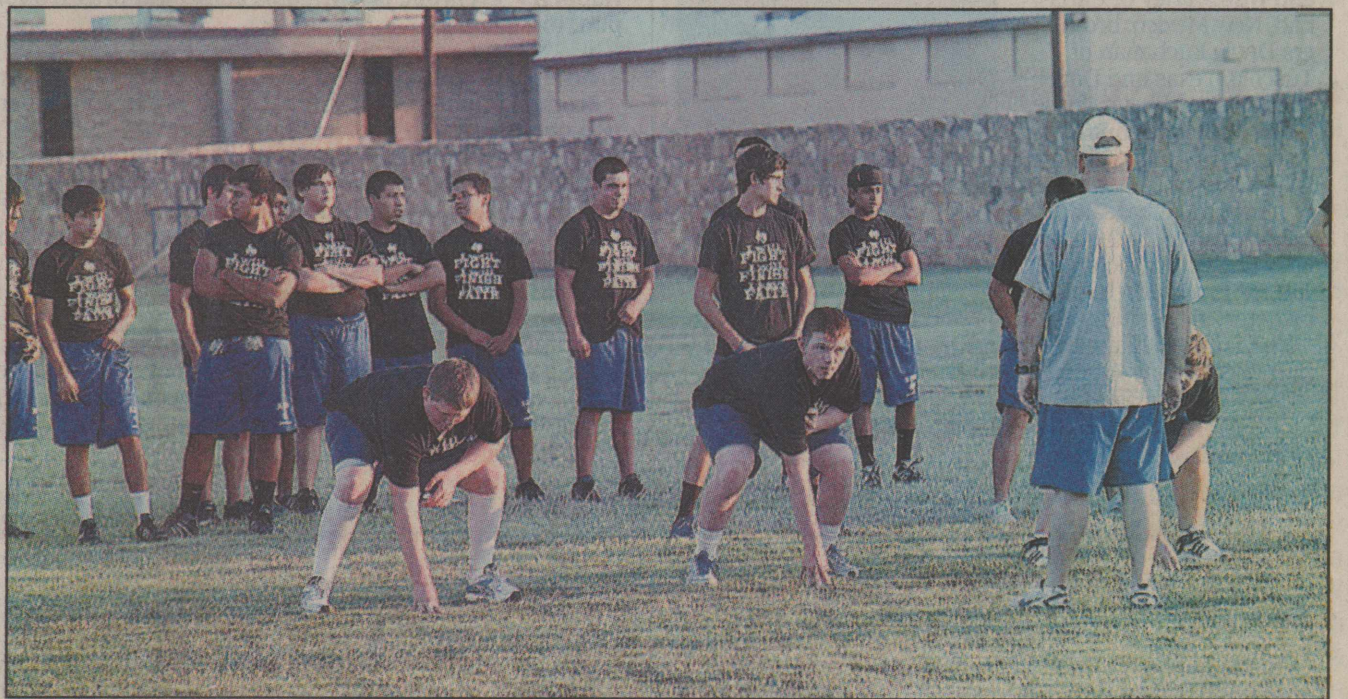
Animal Planet's Rattlesnake Republic will be on location in Ballinger this week to shoot the epic show that features Central Texas legends and the men to call when you hear the chilling sound of the rattle.

Rattlesnake Republic, a show aired on the Dis-

covery Channel network, follows the lives of four teams of rattlesnake hunters and wranglers who venture into the Texas landscape to capture "the continent's most dangerous predator."

Among other personalities the show features Sweetwater resident Riley Sawyers, a longtime Jaycee who has one of the most dangerous jobs in the world tracking, catching and selling the deadly snakes.

The show will be shooting on the 100 block of N Eight Street in Ballinger, from 11 a.m. thru 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 9, 2012. The street will be closed to traffic.



Boys of fall push thru the heat as practice starts on Monday for the Blizzards.

PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Hot enough for an August Blizzard

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- With temperatures set to hit the triple digit mark yet again, the 2012 Blizzards Football team hit the practice fields early Monday morning for their first of roughly 30 practices before their 2012 debut at the Mason Punchers. Monday saw over 40 young men walk onto "sticker stadium" proud to be wearing the blue and white to try and leave their legacy as a football player at Winters High School.

"The rules for practice have been altered this year by the UIL and I know that this morning was a little different than most of these guys are used to. We were able to get a ton of work in within a short period of time, and come out injury free. These practices in shorts are a great way to work our way into shape but also spend time on the mental aspect of the game as the guys work on learning entirely new systems on both sides of the ball" stated Head Coach



WHS Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Adam Bright talks to the student/athletes about the new strategies and plays for the upcoming season.

Adam Bright after Monday morning's practice.

The Blizzards will maintain a tight practice schedule for the next few weeks as they work towards the opening of the 2012 season. This week finds the Blizzards practicing at 7:30 a.m. followed by walk thru practices in the evening Monday thru Thursday with two practices on

Friday in full pads. Saturday morning will find the Blizzards participating in an intra-squad scrimmage on Sticker Stadium at 7:30 a.m.

"I was very pleased with day one. The guys came in ready to work and the coaches did a great job of keeping the energy level up. The guys really did a good job of going hard

like we asked them to do. We told them in the locker room before we went out that mistakes will happen, but if they are at 110 percent effort then its okay. It was hot, but the kids are starting to figure out what we mean when we tell them they have to fight the fight, finish the race, and keep the faith" added Coach Bright.

Heritage Hall, a new space for regional art in Coleman

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

COLEMAN- The long awaited Gallery at Heritage Hall is going up. The Artists have started establishing their areas, with Avalon Hicks, Brownwood, shown in her area with her artwork.

The New Heritage Hall Gallery will offer a variety of original artwork from Coleman County and the surrounding area. The Gallery is located in the main hall of the historic First Presbyterian Church which is now known as

Heritage Hall. It is located at 400 West College, in Coleman, Texas. The Gallery will represent artists in many media and styles. It will be a place to see and select art works to suit the taste of the casual shopper and the serious art collectors alike. The Gallery is a new and excited art venue. If you are an artist/artisan and would like to display your work in this kind of setting, you may contact Kay Mitchell 325-625-1140 email cbkm@web-access.net or Kathy Andrews 325-624-5544 ckandrews@web-access.net.

Winters Athletic Booster Club installs new officers

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Athletic Booster Club held a productive first meeting on Thursday, August 2, 2012 by electing a slate of 2012-13 officers and selecting several important event dates. Johnny Pritchard will serve as president of the organization this year assisted by vice-president Joe Gerhart. Debbie Bryan was re-elected club secretary; Donna Guy as treasurer, and Deb Pritchard will be reporter. Sherri Mikeska and Theresa Gerhart will oversee the purchasing and stocking of the concession stand again this year. The Winters Band Boosters, who share half the profits from the football concession stand with WABC, will be in charge of coordinating workers for all home games.

Booster Club will hold a concession stand clean-up meeting on Tuesday, August 14 at 8 p.m. at Blizzard Stadium. WABC

members and Band Boosters are encouraged to attend to assist in preparing the football concession stand for the 2012 season.

A membership drive will be held during and immediately following Winters Elementary Meet the Teachers Night on Friday, August 24. At that time, club members, athletes, and cheerleaders will canvass the community seeking \$10 family memberships. Meet the Blizzards had been scheduled for Tuesday, September 4 at Blizzard Stadium. Time for the event will be announced at a later date. Complimentary hot dogs will be served by the Athletic Booster Club prior to meeting the Blizzards with the annual Ice Cream Supper to be served following the festivities.

Committees were formed to make plans for painting a new "W" on the press box at Blizzard Stadium and to plan spirit theme nights for the upcoming football season.

Season tickets now on sale for Winters football

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Sale of season tickets, reserved seats for the 2012 Blizzard football season will begin on Wednesday, August 15, 2012. Last year's season ticket holders have the option of purchasing the same reserved seats at this time.

Season tickets will be \$20 per seat this season. Sales for fans that did not have season tickets, reserved seats last year will begin on Wednesday,

August 22. These tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

Season tickets, reserved seats are sold as one "season ticket" to be used for all four home games. Purchases for season tickets, reserved seats may be made at the district Administration office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

General admission tickets may be purchased at the gate. No advance tickets are available. Admission to Varsity games will be \$5 for adults and

\$3 for students. Junior Varsity and Junior High admission prices will be \$2 for adults and \$2 for students.

All Senior Citizens, 60 or older will receive free general admission. Senior Citizen general admission passes are also available at the administration office.

The Blizzards will host the first home game on Friday, September 14 against Bronte. For More information on Blizzard Athletics please visit www.wintersisd.org

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Billy Joe Buchanan

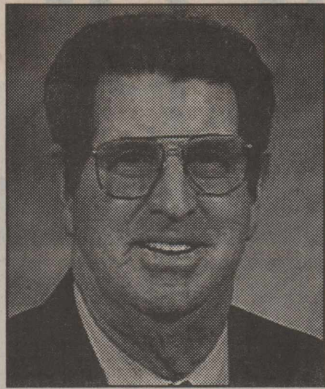
Billy Joe "Buck" Buchanan, 77, of Brownwood died August 4, 2012. He was born January 24, 1935 in Bradshaw, Texas to Joe and Bessie Buchanan. He has lived, farmed and fished in Winters, Van Horn, Fort Stockton, Oklahoma and Brownwood. He graduated from Winters High School in 1953 and began Texas Tech on a football scholarship, which he later transferred to basketball. He served in the United States Army from 1956 to 1958. He married Barbara Branham of Winters in Carlsbad, New Mexico on December 29, 1956. He was a member of the Mid-Town Baptist Church in Brownwood.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Barbara Buchanan of Brownwood; sons Cy Buchanan of Tyler, Texas and Josh Buchanan and wife Shirley of Carlsbad, New Mexico; brothers Doyle Buchanan of Tuscola, Texas and Don Buchanan of Chevy Chase, Md; grandchildren Brittany, Tiffany and Kelsie, and Autumn, his great-grandchild. He is also survived by his constant companion Buttons. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Roy.

Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday August 9, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Winters with Dallas Huston and Joey Wilburn officiating. Burial will be in the Bradshaw cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home at 6 p.m. Wednesday August 8, 2012.

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NEWS NOTES

Speaker at Southside Baptist Church Winters

South Side Baptist Church is proud to host a special testament of faith on August 12, 2012 during the 11 a.m. service. Join us on this Sunday as Mrs. Denise Sirman shares her powerful story of faith and perseverance through the sudden loss of her father and her many years of battling life threatening illness which only strengthened her relationship with God. Denise has felt God calling her to share the Good News and her story will touch those who are in a place in life where happiness has been forgotten. Come join us at our church located at 617 East Loop 438 across from the Vet clinic. The public is encouraged and always has a standing invitation to visit with us. Next Sunday would be a great day to come and be we us in fellowship; lunch will be provided immediately after the service.

Pray Until Something Happens

Every first Friday of the month the First United Methodist Church will be having PUSH "Pray Until Something Happens" everyone is invited to come and pray from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Bronte 2012 golf calendar

Bronte Longhorn Golf Club 2012 events: September 8, two-person 18 holes select shot; September 29 and 30, Coke Co. Tournament two-person 18 holes select shot each day; October 6, two-person 18 holes select shot; November 3, two-person 18 holes shots.

Carts are limited so sign up early if need carts. Bronte Longhorn Golf Club (325) 437-2156.

Mentors needed

Winters Elementary School is looking for volunteers to be a mentor on an elementary student. The volunteer would meet with the student once a week during school hours for approximately 30 minutes to help with home-

work, read a book, or just talk. Mentoring has shown to help build self-esteem, improve grades and in some cases improves test scores. Anyone interested may contact Charles Murphy, Elementary Counselor at 754 5577 ext. 1126.

Cross Emmaus Community gatherings

The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held first Thursday of each month at 6 at the United Methodist Church. For more information call (325) 365 2323.

VFW meetings

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 meet the second Monday night of each month at 6 p.m. in the Rock Hotel. All eligible veterans of the United States military are invited to attend.

Band Boosters

The Band Boosters meet every Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the Band Hall.

Winters Women's Club

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Marlene Smith at 754-4961 for additional information.

AA Meetings

AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Ballinger Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

City Council Meetings

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The God particle

The apparent discovery of a new sub-atomic particle, commonly called the "God particle," could provide a key to scientifically explaining the universe's hidden structure, by also giving clues about its Creator.

The new particle, called a Higgs-Boson, named after Higgs (a British researcher) could theoretically explain why there is mass in the universe, though researchers caution that more scientific experimentation is needed.

Msgr. Lorenzo Albacete, a trained physicist and theologian, states that the apparent discovery will prove to be significant even if later findings force science to re-think their understanding of the universe.

Physicists, who refer to the God particle, have reached their temporary conclusion after analyzing results from the Large Hadron Collider, a large particle accelerator that collides protons, partially recreating the conditions that apparently would have immediately followed the "Big Bang," the scientific theory of how the universe began.

Apart from the abstract highly technical scientific theory about this new discovery, is the question of what theological understanding does this give us of God's Creation? Our father understanding is not primarily about what happened at the Big Bang, but who made it happen, and why and what is happening now, as we see the ongoing new creation in our universe at every moment of our lives. These are questions that the doctrine of Creation answers. Science can only go so far in its research and theory as regards how the universe happens, but the way of creation lies ultimately in the loving will of God. The first line of the first Book of the Bible makes us ponder the magnitude and greatness of our God — "In the beginning... God created the heavens and earth."

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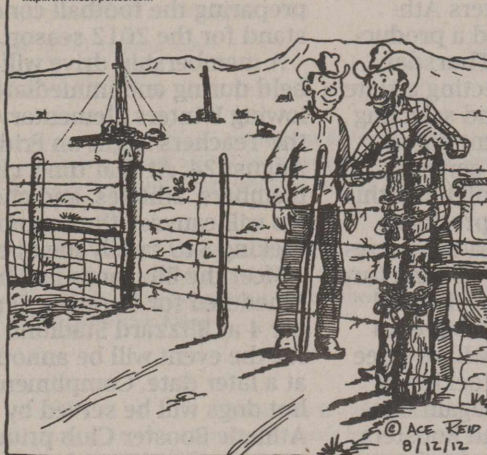
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"Now maybe them guys will understand that I want this gate closed!"

History meets the present

AUSTIN- Follow the Texas Historical Commission (THC) on Facebook as the agency strives to increase community engagement and reach new and larger audiences. In an effort to centralize important preservation information and headlines, the THC Facebook page will provide updated information, news items, program activity, events, and resources and allow followers to post preservation-related information of their own.

The agency currently has individual Facebook pages for eight of its historic sites across the state, as well as its historical marker program. These pages will be continued in addition to the centralized THC Facebook page, which can be found at www.facebook.com/TexasHistoricalCommission.

The THC's Facebook page offers a timeline of key events that gives users a history of important milestones at the agency, and links to other preservation-related websites. The past meets the present as the THC tells the real stories about the real places in Texas history in a brand new way.

Deadline approaching to become a Texas Treasure Community

AUSTIN- The application deadline to become a 2013 First Lady's Texas Treasures community is rapidly approaching. Would-be applicants have until August 31, 2012 to submit their application to the Texas Historical Commission (THC). Through the award, Texas First Lady Anita Perry, acting as honorary chair in partnership with the THC, honors communities that have shown a high level of creativity in recognizing and preserving their authentic Texas sense of place. Using the resources and tools available through the THC and others, these communities realize the significant economic benefits that come with strong cultural and historic preservation stewardship.

Community representatives can apply or be nominated based on criteria listed on the nomination form, available at www.thc.state.tx.us/awards/awdFrstLdyTxTrs.shtml. Designated communities receive special signage and a DVD promoting their cultural resources. To see video clips of the award-winning communities since 2009, visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

Vietnam Veterans monument moving forward

BASTROP- Work on a 14-foot bronze sculpture honoring Texas' Vietnam veterans is underway at the Deep in the Heart Art Foundry in Bastrop. The monument, which will honor the hundreds of thousands of Texans who served in Vietnam, was approved by the Texas Legislature in 2005 through a bill co-sponsored by Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa (D-McAllen) and Rep. Wayne Smith (R-Baytown), both Vietnam veterans. The state provided a \$500,000 matching grant administered through the Texas Historical Commission (THC), and a committee has since been established which raised 80 percent of the necessary funds to move forward with the project.

The 14-foot bronze sculpture features five infantry figures poised in patrol positions. On the base surrounding the unit are panels depicting naval, artillery, medical, and aviation services that support the combat patrol. The 3,415 Texans killed in Vietnam will be remembered by "dog tags" personalized with each individual's name, service, hometown, and date of loss, and will be entombed inside the monument.

The Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument will be installed on the northeast side of the Capitol grounds and is tentatively scheduled to be unveiled in the fall of 2013.

For more information visit www.buildthemonument.org or contact Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument Chairman Robert Floyd

at 512.970.9708. For more information on the THC visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

Learn how to secure financial support through Texas Historical Commission workshops

AUSTIN- The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is sponsoring two upcoming workshops as a component of the 2012 Development Seminar Series. "Development 101: Understanding How to Secure Financial Resources for Your Nonprofit" on August 21, and "Texas Grant Writing Workshop: Understanding Special Project Funding" on August 22 provide valuable information to volunteers and staff interested in learning more about securing financial support for their organizations. The workshops are \$225 each, or \$425 for both days, and will be held in the South Room of the Robert E. Johnson Conference Center, 1501 Colorado, in Austin.

With almost three decades of combined experience coaching participants on effective fundraising techniques, grantsmanship, and strategies for planning organizational funding efforts, the THC's Development Seminar Series serves as a resource for groups including historic preservation organizations, museums, and County Historical Commissions. Development 101 will introduce participants to the development process necessary to fulfill their organization's mission through utilizing tools such as gifts, fundraising activities, cultivating relationships, and stewardship. The Texas Grant Writing Workshop provides an overview to help improve an organization's chances of securing funding by identifying potential funders, preparing a budget, and giving tips on writing a successful proposal.

To learn more about the upcoming workshops, contact the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission at 512.936.2189 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us/friends.

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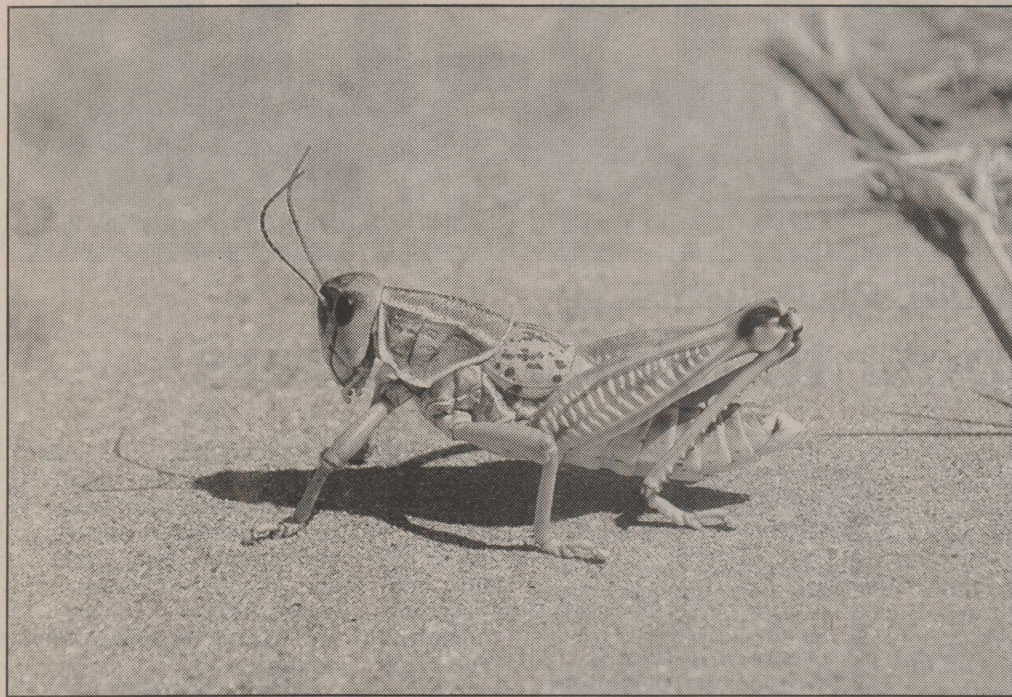


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In the Rolling Plains conditions remain extremely dry some grain sorghum was harvested, tanks and reservoirs continued to dry up, and some counties report high grasshopper populations.

Grain harvests report a statewide mixed bag

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STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- As corn prices surge, the condition of the crop varied widely around the state, according to reports by Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

Where drought conditions ruled, dryland corn generally suffered, according to this week's reports from AgriLife Extension county agents. But irrigated corn was in trouble as well in some areas, such as the Rolling Plains, as later-planted fields went into their peak water usage stage and well water levels dropped.

In the Panhandle, it was a mixed bag, with some agents reporting the crop to be in fair condition while others said it was stressed. Some dryland fields had already been abandoned.

In North and Central Texas, the reports were more positive, despite triple-digit temperatures and generally dry conditions.

"The corn harvest is starting with yields ranging from 50 to 110 bushels per acre," said Shane McLellan, AgriLife Extension agent in McLennan County, south of Fort Worth. "The milo harvest is nearly complete with good yields ranging from 3,500 to 6,000 pounds per acre."

Jared Ripple, AgriLife Extension agent in Williamson County north of Austin, reported most corn there had been harvested and aflatoxin levels were generally low.

Reports from North Texas were similar. Wayne Becker, AgriLife Extension agent in Cooke County, north of Dallas, said all but a few fields had been harvested. The corn harvest there came early thanks to a timely rain that helped mature the crop, followed by hot weather that promoted a quick dry down.

"If there's any corn left by today (Aug. 7), I'd be really surprised," Becker said. "We only grow about 2,000 acres of corn, and our average yield is probably below 100 bushels (per acre.) We're averaging around the 100-bushel level, and aflatoxin which is usually a concern in our area, has been relatively low. All in all, we have to be pretty happy with our corn yields, and our grain sorghum yields are certainly running above average."

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural

Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

AgriLife Extension district weather reports for Central Texas a hot and dry region. Most forage sorghum was harvested. Crops under irrigation still looked good, but dryland crops were burning up. Coastal Bermuda grass was cut and baled. Some hay producers were hoping for a third cutting. Grain sorghum and corn was also harvested. Aflatoxin numbers were low in corn. Pecans looked good.

In the Rolling Plains conditions remained extremely dry — a repeat of last year. Dryland cotton was withering away under extreme heat and drought. What little cotton that earlier looked as if it might make it began blooming and was expected to play out soon. Farmers feared even if rain was received soon it would be too little too late. However, irrigated cotton looked pretty good. Pastures were drying up and being grazed out. Some producers were weaning and selling calves early in order to keep their few remaining cows. Other livestock continued to need supplemental feed. Producers are worried about lack of shade for cattle in the heat, and some were even constructing portable shades. Hay production was light. Some grain sorghum was harvested. Tanks and reservoirs continued to dry up, and the water level of more wells was dropping. Many trees were stressed or dying. Some counties reported high grasshopper populations.

In West Central Texas extreme hot, dry, windy conditions prevail. Temperatures remained in the triple digits throughout the week. Soil-moisture levels continued to drop, and crop and pasture conditions continued to decline. Some producers were still cutting and baling hay, but yields were low. Cotton was blooming, and some growers were spraying weeds. The grain sorghum and silage harvests were in full swing. Irrigated crops were doing well. Insect pressure was low. Field preparation for fall planting was completed in some areas. Rangeland and pastures were in very poor condition and severely drought-stressed. The extreme heat caused many native and improved grasses to remain dormant. Livestock remained in good condition with continued supplemental feeding. Stock-tank water levels further dropped. Pecans looked very good as growers irrigated orchards.

PUC offers summer energy conservation tips

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- The heart of summer in the Lone Star State brings scorching hot temperatures and increased electricity usage, as Texans try to beat the heat by cranking up the air conditioning.

As part of its new Power to Save campaign, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) is reminding all residents to do their part to conserve electricity during the dog days of summer. Taking a few simple steps will not only help the state save energy, but will also help consumers reduce their monthly utility bills, keeping more money in their pockets without affecting their comfort.

During the summer, electricity usage is highest between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. The PUC is asking Texans to conserve electricity during these peak hours by delaying heavy electricity consumption activities such as running the washing machine or dishwasher until later.

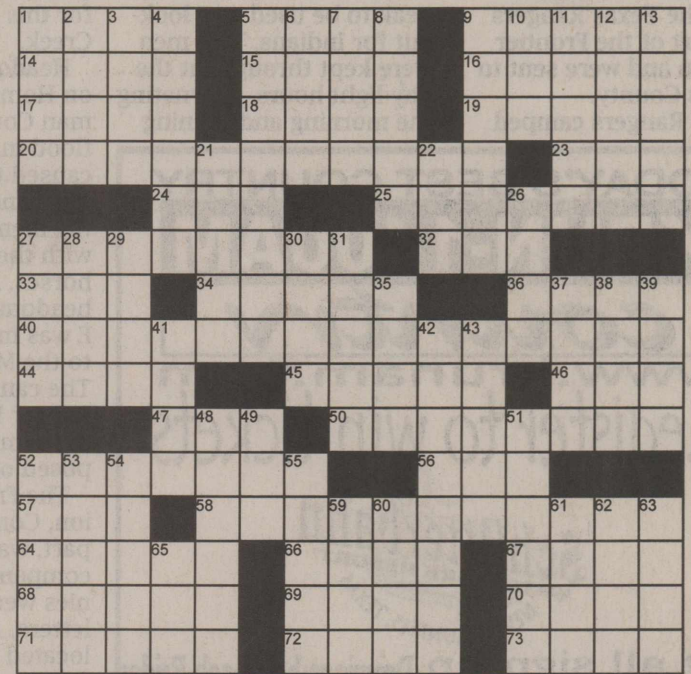
Turning up your air conditioning by only one or two degrees can reduce your energy usage by 16 percent and save you money. Turning the electric water heater down by 10 degrees can reduce energy consumption by 5 percent. Using a programmable thermostat can make it easier to reduce electricity usage between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. For more useful tips visit www.PowerToSaveTexas.org

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18. Paddy product
19. Donald Duck's girl
20. Something certain
23. Rwy. stop
24. Bobs, butches, and buzzes
25. Captain Kangaroo player Bob
27. Heartthrob of Archie
32. Part of TNT
33. Suffix with ethyl or methyl
34. Rec room game
36. Main idea
40. Obstructive sort
44. Elude
45. Clean kind of energy
46. Bard's before
47. Serpentine swimmer
50. Invoice component
52. Clutter collector
56. ___ New York minute
57. Significant time
58. Gullible one's purchase, perhaps
64. Stadium toppers
66. "You ___" (butler's line)
67. Goody-goody
68. Get a smile out of
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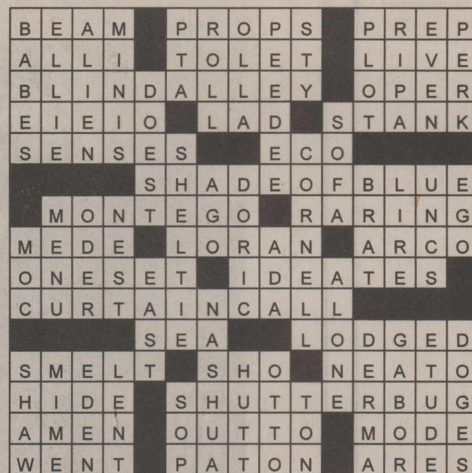
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3. Sitarist Shankar star Lena
4. Take too far
5. Like the mob that stormed the Bastille
6. "Polish Wedding" star Lena
7. Ness or Lomond
8. The "turf" in surf and turf
9. Better, in street lingo
10. Santa ___ winds
11. Sound of a perfect basketball shot
12. Haile Selassie worshiper

13. Indo-___ languages
21. Orphaned boy of comics
22. Web suffix
26. "What's your ___?"
27. Osso buco, e.g.
28. Ecto- opposite
29. Vintage cars
30. Obsolescent PC screens
31. A Musketeer
35. Ward of "Once and Again"
37. "___ it!" (response to a joke)
38. Shot fluids
39. "Jurassic Park" beast, for short
41. Societal oddball
42. Avoid work
43. Pug's workplace
48. Artgum, e.g.

49. 440 yards, to a track runner
51. Poet born on Lesbos
52. Gas or clutch
53. Coffee allure
54. "The Stranger" author
55. Things to rotate
59. Trot or canter
60. Cross inscription
61. Like the Sabin vaccine
62. Warm-hearted
63. Prankster's pre-Halloween buy
65. Computer add-on?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

We Do Windows



Weather Whys

Q: What causes a sea breeze?

A: Sea breezes occur most commonly during the summer afternoons, when the air over land is hottest, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Because land heats quicker than the ocean, air over the continent becomes unstable and rises to create a relative low pressure at the surface," he explains. "The air at the surface over the ocean is then drawn in toward the low-pressure center over land, creating an onshore wind. This sea breeze brings in much welcomed cooler air to the cities near the coast during the hottest times of the day."

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HISTORICAL MARKERS AND THEIR HISTORIES IN RUNNELS Co

Ranger Peak, a strategic post to protect settlers

CONTRIBUTED BY RUTH COOPER
RCHC CHAIRPERSON

WINTERS- In an effort to protect settlers moving westward, Governor Richard Coke established the Frontier Battalion in 1874. The Texas Rangers were part of the Frontier Battalion and were sent to Runnels County. These Rangers camped

about one-half mile from a peak which is known today as Ranger Peak. It was located just off FM 382 in northeast Runnels County. The camps were always near a mountain peak to be used as a lookout for Indians. Two men were kept throughout the day-light hours, alternating the morning and evening

shifts with two other Rangers. The Ranger Camp was a part of Company E of the Frontier Battalion commanded by Captain W. J. (Jeff) Maltby. Headquarters for this camp was on Mud Creek.

Headquarters first was on Home Creek in Coleman County. A disastrous flood in August of 1874 caused the loss of all supplies and equipment, and the men barely escaped with their lives and their horses. After this, the headquarters for Company E was moved permanently to the Mud Creek location. The camp at the foot of Ranger Peak was a scouting camp and was composed of about 25 men.

The Frontier Battalion, Company E being a part, was made up of six companies. These companies were known by their letters, A to F and were located on the western frontier. Their territory extended from the Red river to the Nueces River. All of

the Frontier Battalion was under the command of Major John B. Jones. The camp in Runnels County was on the western edge of this frontier.

Indian troubles in the years prior to 1874 had wrought much havoc among the few settlers here. Big Foot, the Kiowa Chief and his companion, the Comanche, Jafe were the cause of a lot of the troubles. Both had been kept at Fort Sill, Oklahoma but had escaped time after time to steal and plunder in Runnels and surrounding counties. Both were apprehended and killed near

Ranger Peak

Named for the Company E, Texas Rangers, which was stationed 1/2 mile east of the peak in 1874. Atop peak Rangers (under Capt. W.J. (Jeff) Maltby) kept a lookout for Indians. Outfit was part of the Frontier Battalion, organized to protect Texas settlers on Frontier stretching from Red River to the Nueces. Camp was abandoned in 1876.

(1970)

Ranger Campsite

One-half mile east of here, some twenty-five to thirty Texas Rangers of Company E were stationed in 1874, under the Company of Capt. W.J. (Jeff) Maltby. They kept sentries posted on nearby "Ranger Peak" to guard against Indians. Remains of a dry well they dug are still visible.

(1970)

Valley Creek in western Runnels County by Captain Jeff Maltby and the men of Company E.

The Rangers in the Runnels County Camp were sheltered in tents at the campsite one-half mile east of Ranger Peak. There were log cabins at the foot of the peak.

They dug a well 60 feet deep by hand at the Ranger Campsite. The shale and rocks taken out of the well were visible at the site for many years. Pole corrals were made from mesquites to pen the horses. At night the best mounts were tied in a row

at a picket line. These were always guarded at night. Had the horses not been tied to the picket line at the camp on Home Creek, the Rangers would not have had horses to ride and escape the heavy flood waters.

Major Jones made regular trips to the Camp Area, bringing supplies and provisions for the men with him. There were times when the men had to provide for themselves. They grazed the horses on the various grasses available-Buffalo Grass, Wild Timothy and Turkey Foot Grass. They supplemented the horse's diet by feeding them mesquite beans when corn was unavailable.

The Rangers themselves ate wild game, but were not allowed to fire a shot while on a scouting party except at an Indian. One day as food was scarce, they came upon a big brown bear on the trail. The bear stood in defiance of them, as if he knew they were not allowed to shoot. Sgt. Mathers, who was in the lead, gave orders for his men to halt and remain mounted. He rode within a few feet of the huge bear who promised to be a fighter. Sgt. Mathers uncoiled his lasso from the saddle horn and roped the bear. His horse tightened the rope, and hurriedly the Sgt. ran to the bear with his Bowie knife then pierced the bear's heart. They took the bear into camp and dressed it. While in the process, Tolbert Burford, the nine year old son of one of the settlers rode into camp to get tobacco from the Rangers for his father. He witnessed the skinning and dressing. Many times in later years, he told the story of seeing the Rangers process the bear at the campsite.

The Texas Rangers of Company E abandoned the Runnels Camp in 1876 after Major Jones reported to Adj. Gen. William Steele that the Indians had been driven from the western frontier and only a very few had been seen in this area.

The RAMPS Program (Record, Appreciate, Mark, Preserve and Survey Texas History) was started in 1964 by the Texas Historical Commission. This was a five year program marking local historic sites and landmarks. Statewide, there were more than 3,300 Official Texas Historical Markers erected.

The dedication of the Official Texas Historical Markers, Ranger Peak and Ranger Campsite, was held in May 1970.

Resources:
Runnels County Historical Commission Marker Histories

Coleman Co Electric awards scholarships

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

COLEMAN- Coleman County Electric Cooperative held its 74th annual membership meeting July 20 at the Coleman ISD auditorium. Scholarships were awarded to a number of qualified applicants, one for each school in the Cooperative's service area. Winners of the scholarship were chosen by a drawing.

The winners were Cannon W. Bryan, Hannah L. Franklin, Michelle A. Kruse, Mary A. Ethridge, Jared C. Romine, Kaitlyn M. Krause, Chanie B. Barker, Gina M. Wilde, and Austin L. Pond. Each scholarship pays \$500 and will be sent to each student's school of choice, according to scholarship rules.

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2012 Property Tax Rates in Runnels County

This notice concerns the 2012 property tax rates for Runnels County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:		
Last year's operating taxes	\$2,783,394	\$285,063
Last year's debt taxes	\$164,126	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$2,947,520	\$285,063
Last year's tax base	\$518,909,479	\$518,881,284
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.568022/\$100	\$0.054938/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$2,936,276	\$283,975
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$531,893,136	\$531,893,136
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$0.552042/\$100	\$0.053389/\$100
Total effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.605431/\$100	
This year's rollback tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$3,237,776	\$283,975
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$531,893,136	\$531,893,136
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.608727/\$100	\$0.053389/\$100
x 1.00=this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.657425/\$100	\$0.057660/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.030512/\$100	\$0/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$0.687937/\$100	\$0.057660/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$0.745597/\$100	
-Sales tax adjustment rate	\$0.087054/\$100	
=Rollback tax rate	\$0.658543/\$100	

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Runnels County adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.605431 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2011 taxes by \$23,665.

Schedule A: General Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL COUNTY	2,014,438

Schedule B: General Fund - 2012 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
JAIL BOND	175,000	22,645	500	198,145
Total required for 2012 debt service				\$198,145
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$40,601
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2012				\$157,544
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 96.00% of its taxes in 2012				\$6,564
= Total debt levy				\$164,108

Schedule A: Special Road and Bridge Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
	0

Schedule B: Special Road and Bridge Fund - 2012 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	0	0	0	0
Total required for 2012 debt service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2012				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 0% of its taxes in 2012				\$
= Total debt levy				\$0

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$468,206 in additional sales and use tax revenues. The unit has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 201 S Broadway Ballinger, TX.

Name of person preparing this notice: Robin Burgess
Title: Runnels Co Tax Assessor Collector
Date Prepared: 08/03/2012

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test it. Said written consent or answer shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Runnels County, Texas. The officer serving in this citation shall in compliance with the law, serve it by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in this, the county in which such proceeding is pending, for not less than ten days before the return day hereof, exclusive of the day of publication, and the date of publication said newspaper bears shall be the day of publication. If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned un-served. Dated this 31st day of July, 2012.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of OLETA NELL RANKIN, Deceased, were issued on August 6, 2012, in Cause No. 6783, pending in the County Court of Runnels County, Texas, to: DONNA RANKIN GLASS.

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NO. 6784 THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS
 On the 31st day of July, 2012, Carmela S. Polston filed an Application to Determine Heirship, styled the Estate of William H. Polston, Deceased, No. 6784, in the County Court of Runnels County, Texas. The Court will hear the aforesaid Application to Determine Heirship at 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday after the expiration of 10 days, exclusive of the day of publication, from the date this citation is published, which will be Thursday, the 9th day of August, 2012 in the Ballinger Ledger, Texas, a newspaper in Runnels County, Texas. All persons interested in the aforesaid estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for said hearing by filing a written contest to or answer to said Application to Determine Heirship should they desire to oppose or con-

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in Vol. 192, Page 302, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, further described by metes and bounds: Beginning at the original southwest corner of the Thomas Green Survey No. 490, north 1416.7 feet; thence east 17 feet to a 1/2" iron pipe for the southwest corner of the described tract of land; thence N 0° 14' W 100 feet to a 1/2" iron pipe for the north-west corner of the described tract; thence N 89° 46' E 291.7 feet to the northeast corner of the tract; thence S 0° 14' E 100 feet to a 1/2" pipe for the southeast corner of the tract; thence S 89° 46' W 291.7' to the aforementioned south-west corner of the tract, being 0.670 acres of land.

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When gold finishes third...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

Three centuries ago, poet Alexander Pope penned that "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing." If this be true, Americans are trapped squarely in the jaws of danger. We're in an election year when hundreds of millions of media dollars are spent to provide the electorate with boatloads of "knowledge" — or, loosely translated, what politicians would have us believe to be truth.

Gazillions of ad dollars go to clarify what is said, deny what is said and correct what is said. And that brings us back to "do," drawing ever closer to "re" and "mi."

Gored oxen bellow protests that claims are twisted from tiny roots, many "gnarls" away from structural roots in the tree of truth. Further, it's not unusual for reporters to churn out stories that they know will be challenged, thus assuring more stories for other days....

Sadly, when truth is lifted from context, it warps,

waffles or withers. For example, a statement in Newsmax magazine's June issue begs to be contextually altered. In a piece about front-runners for the GOP's vice-presidential nomination, a "little-known" fact about Ohio Senator Rob Portman claims he "likes to hunt wild turkey in Ohio."

Look for opponents to suggest that he hits the bottle, and "likes wild turkey."

A few pages later, another possible nominee, Marco Rubio, says the Tea Party "hasn't gone anywhere." His probable intent was to acknowledge that the movement is still strong, remaining very much around. But some readers may deduce that his intent was to suggest that the party is now motionless....

This brings to mind the story of a candidate for a state office. His aide rushes in, urging him to change his schedule to accommodate a visit to a city where he says "they're telling lies about you."

Unruffled by the aide's announcement, the politico proceeds to the next scheduled rally.

He explains that the scheduled stop is even more important, because "they're telling the truth about me there."...

Misleading information probably can be traced back to smoke signals, or maybe to cave markings.

Soviet citizens often joke about propaganda in the Russian newspaper, Pravda. One concerned a yarn about a car race between U.S. and Soviet drivers. The U.S. car won.

The next day, Pravda reported, "The car from the Soviet Union came in second. The U.S. car came in second to last."...

With only three months remaining before national elections, citizens will be barraged non-stop by both information and misinformation from political candidates.

We've reached the point that non-political news is preferable. Thank God for caller

ID; now, Robocalls by phone can be ignored.

Let us be likewise thankful that the Olympics provide relief from ramped-up political coverage, athletes "tee-veed" from all angles....



TEXAS COLUMNIST Don Newbury

One Olympic purist reveals a trivia nugget about the make-up of Olympic medals, revealing that the championship medals — pure gold in Olympics of 1904, 1908 and 1912 — now contain less than 2 percent gold and more than 90 percent silver.

Second place medals are mostly silver, and, like gold medals, contain copper. The bronze medal is, uh, made of bronze, which is an alloy of copper and tin.

To be more nearly correct, maybe it should be silver for first place, copper for second and bronze for third. Nah, forget about it. The current system is too engraved in our minds....

We still smile about the athlete who was so proud of his gold medal that he had it bronzed.

Another story worth recalling casts an Aggie in the central role. Or maybe it was a Polish guy. Whatever, he watches Olympic athletes as they are waved through admission gates with minimal ID. One carries a javelin, saying, "Brazil, javelin," and he's promptly admitted. Another carries oars, saying, "England, rowing," and he, too, walks through.

Inspired to gain free entry as the others have done, he totes a roll of barbed wire through the gate, announcing, "Texas A&M University, fencing."...

Texas A&M brings cows to mind — the heavy-hitters in Chick-fil-A ads.

With the current strong feelings about patronage of the company, the ad execs may depend on the billboard bovines even more. However, signing up teens to wear cow get-ups in front of Chick-fil-A restaurants may be a tough sell.

In these days, though, what isn't?...



Davis, Nichols family reunion

The Davis/Nichols families recently held their 88th family reunion. Pictured here from left to right are: Linda Wheeler, Mickey Wheeler, James Wheeler, Curtis Michalewicz, Reba Wheeler, Cynthia Davis Stone, Dovie Lou Marks, Martha Michalewicz, Gena Means, Nolo Gene Davis (face obscured), Maurine Davis, Sally Sue Davis, Bryan Davis, Jill Davis, Bill Lemmon, Penni Davis Lemmon, Alec Lemmon, Seth Lemmon, Nik Davis, Kristi Davis and Jim Davis. Don Davis took the photograph.

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2012 Property Tax Rates in City of Winters

This notice concerns the 2012 property tax rates for City of Winters. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$440,528
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$440,528
Last year's tax base	\$59,758,945
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.737175/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$438,702
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$59,093,184
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.742390/\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$515,702
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$59,093,184
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.872693/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.942508/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.942508/\$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$0.129446/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$0.813062/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
 If City of Winters adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.742390 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2011 taxes by \$2,416.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance
 The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL	\$0,000

Schedule B - 2012 Debt Service
 The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
NONE	0	0	0	0
Total required for 2012 debt service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2012				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 0% of its taxes in 2012				\$0
= Total debt levy				\$0

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$77,233 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 201 S BROADWAY BALLINGER TX.
 Name of person preparing this notice: ROBIN BURGESS
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 Date Prepared: 08/03/2012

2012 Property Tax Rates in NORTH RUNNELS HOSPITAL

This notice concerns the 2012 property tax rates for NORTH RUNNELS HOSPITAL. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$1,053,834
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$1,053,834
Last year's tax base	\$241,594,223
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.436200/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,051,245
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$256,237,768
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.410261/\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$1,051,245
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$256,237,768
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.410261/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.443081/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.443081/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
 IF NORTH RUNNELS HOSPITAL adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.410261 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2011 taxes by \$9,187.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance
 The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL	\$53,384

Schedule B - 2012 Debt Service
 The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
NONE	0	0	0	0
Total required for 2012 debt service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2012				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 0% of its taxes in 2012				\$0
= Total debt levy				\$0

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