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Runnels County 4-H youth receive scholarships

Twenty four Runnels County 4-Hers competed in judging contests, food show, food challenge, share the fun, invitational contests, and scholarship awards. Texas 4-H Roundup is open to all senior 4-Hers who have advanced past the district level in their respective events.

Seven Runnels County 4-Hers received scholarships totaling \$74,000. Ethan Bredemeyer of the Winters 4-H Club earned \$24,000. Taryn Kalina of Rowena 4-H received a

\$6,000 scholarship, along with Kaleigh Schniers who earned \$3,000. Ballinger 4-H members included Rachel Gibbs earning \$16,000, along with Chelsea Tolver and Jennifer Castleberry both receiving a \$3,000. Also of Ballinger 4-H, Hadley Hatler earned \$19,000. These scholarships were

awarded to youth based upon their involvement in the 4-H program, academic achievement and response to an in-depth interview process. The Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program awarded \$2.3 million dollars to more than 225 deserving

4-H members at state roundup. On Tuesday, the Nutrition Quiz Bowl competition was held.

The Runnels County team was composed of Shane Flanagan, Hadley Hatler, Rusty Fischer and Allison Schaefer, all of Ballinger 4-H. The team finished 4th in the competition. Leaders 4 Life contests was also held on Tuesday. The Runnels County team which is composed of Ballinger 4-H's McKenzie Arrott, Cole Cave, Winters 4-H'er Sam Woodall, Miles 4-H'er Kolton Looka, and Rowena 4-H'ers Adam Multer, Davis

Matschek placed 2nd. Also competing on Tuesday and placing 5th was the Entomology Identification team consisting of Ballinger 4-H'ers Cole Cave, Jonathan Binder, Paul McDaniels, along with Rowena 4-H member, Ryan Matschek.

Wednesday contests included Livestock Judging Competition. Rachel Gibbs, Shane Flanagan and Rusty Fischer of Ballinger 4-H, along with Ethan Bredemeyer of Winters 4-H, composed the team which placed 4th overall. Rachel Gibbs placed 2nd High Individual overall with Shane Flanagan placing 3rd High Individual in Sheep & Goats. The Consumer Decision Making team made up of Ballinger 4-H'ers Hadley Hatler, Emma Duke, Allison



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Ethan Bredemeyer received a \$24,000 scholarship during the 69th Annual Texas 4-H Roundup held at Texas A & M University June 8-12. He is pictured here with Dr. Chris Skaggs who presented the scholarship.

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Family Dollar under construction

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Construction moving quickly on the new Family Dollar store on Main Street in Winters. Crews have been working for the past several weeks to get the project moving.

The store, located at 263 N. Main St. is slated to open this fall, said Bryn Winburn, a spokesman for Family Dollar said Tuesday.

"We are excited about this new neighborhood store as we know our customers will benefit from the value and convenience we provide," Winburn wrote in an email.

Randall Conner, director of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation said it took about a year to get the project going in earnest.

"They had to tear down the old Higginbotham's building and some others on the block," Conner said of the delays on the project.

Once the 8,320 square foot building is complete, the current Family Dollar located in the 300 block of South Main Street, will move there.

In January, stockholders approved the merger with Dollar Tree, Inc. in January.

The \$8.5 billion takeover by smaller rival Dollar Tree was supposed to close in May but there is no word on whether the merger has received



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Construction is on-going at the Family Dollar store in the 200 block of North Main in Winters. The beams are now up on the building

final regulatory approval, according to a recent story published in Forbes Magazine.

There will be no cohabitation between the companies at the one Winters location, Conner said.

"That is not going to happen," Conner said. "But it will be a nice building."

This project follows the opening of the Walmart back in December. The scaled down Walmart is mostly a grocery store,

Conner said, adding that it has worked out real well for the community.

Conner said there was a fear by some retailers that the Walmart opening would hurt the other locally owned businesses.

"It has not hurt the other businesses," Conner said, adding that it has not had a negative effect on the newly renamed Cash Savers store (formerly known as Lawrence Brothers).

Conner said plans for

the truck stop to be called "The Crossing" to be located on Highway 83 are still in the works even after two years.

"There have been some delays," Conner said.

Man's body found in Elm Creek Saturday

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A Ballinger man reportedly drowned Saturday after attempting to retrieve small fishing boat at Ballinger City Park, Police Chief Mark McNulty reported Monday.

According to McNulty, Glenn Bilbrey, 49, of Ballinger was checking his trot line behind Indian Hill on

Elm Creek when his small non-motorized fishing boat "got a way from him."

Bilbrey reportedly went into the water at 7:35 p.m. Saturday to retrieve the boat and went under, McNulty said.

His girlfriend, Ginger Van Story, was standing on the banks and reportedly called 9-1-1 when she saw him go under.

"We were there immediately," McNulty said.

The Ballinger P.D., Texas

Parks and Wildlife, Runnels County Sheriff's Department and divers from the Winters Police Department participated in the search.

"Divers could not locate him because the water was too murky," McNulty said. "We borrowed a dragging tool from the San Angelo Lake Patrol and he was finally found."

Game Warden Lane Pinckney said when he arrived on the scene the

boat was "drifting up the creek."

Ballinger Police Officer Travis Baird retrieved the boat and then, Pinckney and Sheriff Bill Baird started the search.

"At that point, we knew it was going to be a recovery operation versus a rescue," Pinckney said.

They began dragging the creek at about 8 p.m. Pinckney said. His body was discovered a little over four hours later.

The recovery effort was difficult due to the amount of debris in the creek and the murky, muddy water.

They were dragging an area that was about 200 yards long and 50 yards wide, Pinckney said.

His body was discovered at 12:15 a.m. close to where he reportedly went under. The water in the area was between seven



Glenn Bilbrey

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Winters summer reading program

The Winters Public Library Summer Reading Program runs through Aug. 11 starting at 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday. The theme for the program this year is "Every Hero Has a Story." The program which will include stories and crafts for toddlers through kindergarten. There will be a special treats and surprise. For more information call 325-754-4751.

Historical Commission to publish book

The Runnels County Historical Commission is planning to publish a book about the many schools and post offices that have served the county. Over one hundred schools and twenty-eight post offices have been identified in the county.

The information is being compiled with plans to have the book published in the fall of 2015. Much more information is needed about the older, rural schools. School histories are needed for the current schools-Ballinger, Winters, Miles, and Olfen--as well as Wingate, Rowena, and Norton. Pictures are needed, especially from the 1940s to present.

Much information is found in the Rural View published in 1920, but that only covers a short period of school history. Anyone having histories of schools, pictures, or other historical information about Runnels County schools or post offices is encouraged to send the information to Ruth Cooper at jrc@abilene.com or Randall.Conner@wtxs.net or mail to PO Box 211, Winters 79567. The information must be received by July 1 in order to be included in the book.

Winters Immunization Clinic

There will be an immunization clinic in Winters 10 a.m. - Noon and 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, July 2nd. It will be held at the Professional building located at 110 South Main, Suite 108. The clients are asked to use the rear entrance on Grant Street. The immunization clinic is for Children with Medicaid, no insurance, or underinsured, also for adults with no insurance. For questions or to schedule an appointment please call 754-4945 if no one answer please leave a message. Please bring child's immunization records. If the child is on Medicaid please bring card.

City Council Meetings

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m.

the last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

Winters Public Library

Nancy Robinson Masters will present two sessions on "Creative Writing" at 10:30 a.m. July 7 and 14 Nancy, a noted author, will help attendees in writing their memories and she will help visitors write notes, letters, e-mails etc. For more information call the library and ask for Joyce 325-754-4251.

AA Meetings

AA meetings are held at 204 W. Truett behind church on Main St. 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group.

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 Association.

Sobriety First AA Group

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, Ballinger, at 7 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The group will meet Saturday with prior arrangements. Please use the Avenue A and Seventh Street entrance. For more information please contact the church at 325-365-2323.

Alanon meetings

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday night. Enter on the Avenue A and Seventh Street side. Alanon is open to all family, friends of alcoholics or drug users. For more information call 325-365 2323.

Winters Independence Day picnic

The Winters Independence Day Picnic will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 2, behind the Z.I. Hale Museum in Winters. Everyone is invited for all the fun. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, watermelon, live entertainment and old movies.

Terry G. Wireman

Terry G. Wireman, loving husband, father, grand-father, brother and friend passed from his earthly home and entered into joyous celebration with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on June 17, 2015 surrounded by his loving family. Terry was 67.

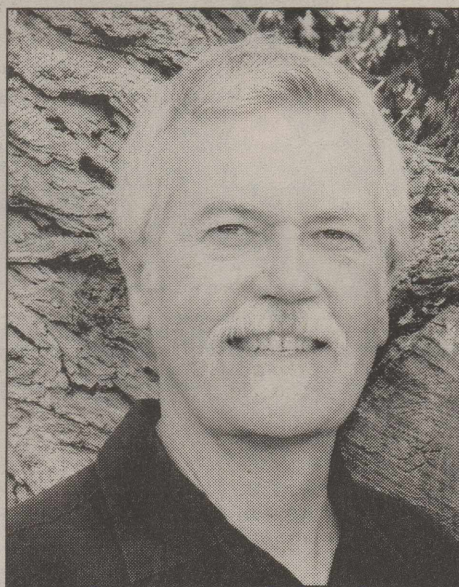
The Wireman family received friends Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Rosewood Memorial Funeral Home in Ballinger, Texas. A Celebration of Life for Terry was held on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 3:00 pm at Rosewood Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Terry was born on Thursday, May 20, 1948 in Coleman, Texas to Lawrence and Mary Virginia Wireman. Terry was a graduate of Coleman High School. Terry was a member of the United States Army in which he served his country as a master welder and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. Terry married the love of his life Lesa Whitehead on July 31, 1977 in Ingram, Texas.

Terry's love and passion for his Heavenly Father radiated through him in everything Terry did. Over the years Terry and his wife Lesa shared their love for Jesus Christ with countless lost souls showing them the love and truth of Jesus Christ. Terry's creativity with his hands can be seen in everything that he did with his life. His love for music, horseback riding and arrowhead hunting are passions that he passed to his family and friends.

God's true blessing on Terry was his passion to make people look and feel beautiful. For over 45 years, Terry's talent as a master hairstylist touched many people worldwide. His professionalism was so evident in him, that following in her father's footsteps, his daughter Arett became a master stylist. This talent blessed Terry with him being honored with a faithful clientele base throughout the State of Texas. Terry's many passions will continue to be found blessings and memories to his family and friends.

Preceding Terry in death is his father Lawrence



G. Wireman.

Terry is survived by his loving wife Lesa Wireman of Paint Rock; his mother Mary Virginia Arnold Wireman of San Angelo, Texas; his son Sieth Wireman and wife Amy Wireman of Reagan County, Texas; his two daughters Arett Wireman-Mc Larty and husband Eric Mc Larty; Fara Baker and husband Thomas Baker all of San Angelo, Texas; his brother Mickey Wireman and wife Peggy Wireman of Hunt, Texas; and his eight grandchildren.

Terry's music and laughter will be missed by all.

The Wireman Family has entrusted funeral arrangements to Rosewood Memorial Funeral Home of Ballinger, Texas.

Family and friends may sign an online register book at www.rosewoodmemorial-funeralhome.com.

Ballinger Ledger, June 25, 2015

FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Felton Gene Hilliard

Felton Gene Hilliard, 59, of Ballinger, Texas passed away Friday, June 19, 2015.

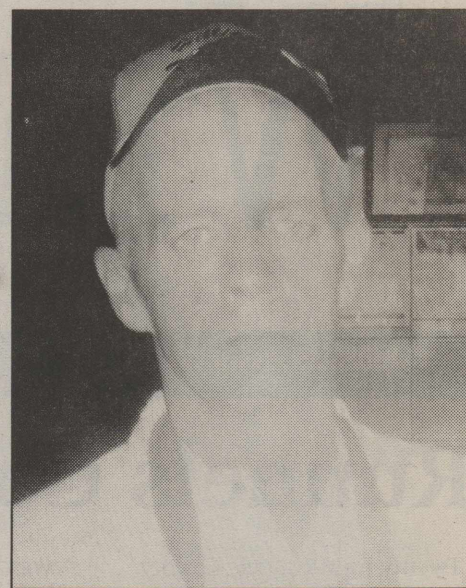
Felton was born October 29, 1955 to Elver Gene and Cordelia (Keese) Hilliard in Ballinger. He worked as a painter and contractor in the area. He married Becky Bowman Gift on August 30, 1982 in Ballinger, and they had all together seven children and stepchildren: Mindy Wilson of Hamilton, Amy Hilliard of Groom, Helen Rae Gift and husband John Guenther of San Angelo, Robert Gift III of Albuquerque, NM, Amanda Lynn Anderson and husband Mike of San Angelo, Tawnee Cavazos and husband Gilbert of Ballinger, and Kelly M. Gift and spouse Roxanne Warren of Conroe.

Felton was preceded in death by his sister, Diane, and by two grandchildren, Chase Gift and Atalie Gift.

Felton is survived by his wife, Becky; mother and stepfather, Cordelia and John Tenny; siblings, Betty Ellis and husband Keith, Sandra Boydston, and Kelly Hilliard and wife Barbara; seven children, 10 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Felton enjoyed joking and giving people a lot of heck! (Especially his wife, Becky)

Visitation will be 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 22, at Lange Funeral Home



in Ballinger. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 a.m. at Lange Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Keith Ellis officiating. Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters. Sons-in-law and grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Guests may register online at ballinger-funeralhome.com.

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Glen Dean Bilbrey

Glenn Dean Bilbrey, 49, of Ballinger passed away Saturday, June 20th 2015 in Ballinger.

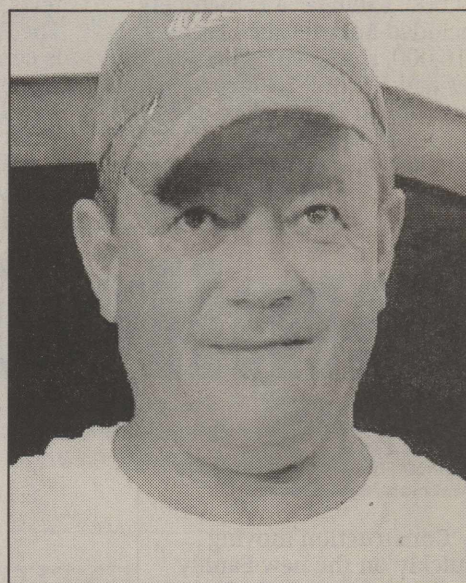
He was born September 12th, 1965 in Ballinger to Dee Jr. and Annie Lee Bilbrey. After graduating high school, He began a lifelong career as a welder. Among many other trades he obtained throughout his life. He was a member of The First Baptist church in Ballinger. He was an avid fisherman, mechanic, gardener and a wonderful cook. Amongst many other activities he enjoyed, He was a free spirit that took life for everything it had. He always had a smile on his face, a song to sing or whistle and he would never turn down the opportunity to dance.

Glenn is preceded in death by his parents, Dee Jr. and Annie Lee Bilbrey of Ballinger.

His brothers, Jimmy Ray of Lubbock, Gary Dale of Bronte and Larry Duane of Winters.

He is survived by his sons, Jeffery Glenn Bilbrey of San Angelo and Curtis Bilbrey of Scottsdale AZ; sister, Tammie and husband Steve Englert of Lake Corpus Christi; granddaughter, Krystal Ann Bilbrey; girlfriend, Ginger VanStory of Ballinger; niece Kerri and husband Ray Wallace of Ballinger; and lots of nieces and nephews in all different states and here in Texas, that he loved so much.

Visitation for family and friends will be 10:00- 12:00 pm on Wednesday June 24th, at Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. Services will be held at 4:00pm Wednesday, June 24th at The First Baptist Church



in Ballinger with David Dunn officiating. Burial will follow at The Old Runnels Cemetery in Ballinger.

Arrangements are with Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. Guest may register online at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

Our family would like to thank The First Baptist Church and Lange Funeral Home for going above and beyond for our family and friends.

Ballinger Ledger, June 25, 2015

Man killed at Bridge

A contractor for J.H. Strain and Sons, working on the bridge project for the Texas Department of Transportation died after an accident Tuesday morning.

According to Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird the

man was working under the Elm Creek Bridge at Highway 83 when a bundle of rebar fell on him.

The accident occurred at about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Baird said, The man's name has not

been released. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Glenda Wood.

The body was sent to the Lubbock County Medical Examiners Office for an autopsy.

Gatehouse Media awards

Gatehouse Media papers garnered 18 awards during the 135th Texas Press Association Convention held in Austin June 18-20.

Judging was done this year by the Maryland Press Association.

The Glen Rose Reporter was recognized in seven categories which included three first place awards. Brent Addleman, recently named editor of the Brownwood Bulletin, former editor of the Glen Rose paper received the awards.

The Brownwood Bulletin received 4th place in the prestigious General Excellence Award.

David Compton, Central

Texas regional publisher for Gatehouse Media said in all Gatehouse took 18 awards for a "very solid showing," and congratulated all the winners for their hard work. Gatehouse Media has over 500 publications over 30 states and is the largest holder of newspapers in the world. Their current holdings include Ballinger Ledger and Winters Enterprise, which were purchased in July of 2014.

Glen Rose Reporter

1st Place - Special Section
1st Place - Sport's Coverage
1st Place - Sport's Photo
3rd Place - Feature Writing
3rd Place - News Photo
4th Place - Headline Writ-

ing
4th Place - News Writing

Brownwood Bulletin

4th Place - General Excellence
2nd Place - Sports Coverage
3rd Place - Sports Photo
3rd Place - Best Website

Stephenville Empire-Tribune

3rd Place - Sports Coverage
Alice Echo-News Journal
4th Place - Advertising

Waxahachie Daily Light

2nd Place - Column Writing
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Rainwater harvesting gets flood of interest after recent rains

BY PAUL SCHATTENBERG
AGRI LIFE TODAY

With the recent abundance of rain, a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program specialist who presents rainwater harvesting programs in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and elsewhere in the state, has been "flooded" with calls from people interested in water collection and conservation.

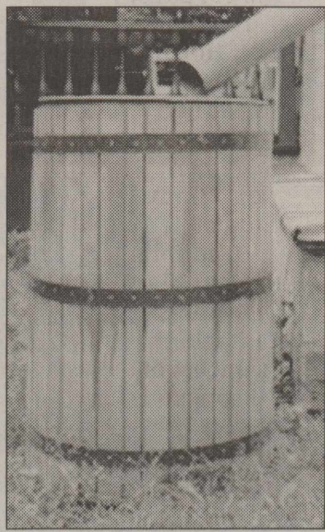
The rain barrel program at the Arlington Eco Fest was one of many rainwater harvesting education and application efforts through the Dallas center. To date, more than 10,000 rain barrels have been constructed at these programs. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo)

"Many people I've spoken to feel they have missed a golden opportunity to capture and save water for their gardening and landscaping needs," said Dotty Woodson, who works from the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Dallas. "The rains have replenished the soil and have made conditions ideal for greening up lawns and gardens. They also have provided plenty of surplus water that could have been captured for future use by a home rainwater harvesting system."

Woodson said information on rainwater harvesting and other water conservation efforts at the Dallas center can be found at <https://dallas.tamu.edu/hot-topics/water/urban-water-program/>.

Woodson said her typical rainwater harvesting program is two hours long, the first 90 minutes is devoted to addressing issues of water quality and quantity. The remainder of the program consists of attendees making a home rainwater catchment system from a 55-gallon plastic food-grade container.

"We have been presenting these programs, which can draw from a dozen to a hundred people, for several years and the interest has continued to grow," she said. "In fact, last year we reached a landmark in our



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Barrels constructed at rainwater harvesting programs are pre-cut, so attendees don't have to worry about using any power tools.

rainwater harvesting efforts with the making of our 10,000th rain barrel at these programs."

The center's urban water team, of which Woodson is a member, constructed 4,800 rain barrels through the "Saving from a Rainy Day" class held in 2013 alone. They estimated using these barrels would save 7.6 million gallons of potable water from being used on urban landscapes.

The barrels constructed at rainwater harvesting programs are pre-cut, so attendees don't have to worry about using any power tools, she said.

"Program participants are shown how to attach the spigot and insect netting at the top to help keep mosquitoes and other unwanted foreign material out of the collection barrel," Woodson said. "We also address the aesthetic aspects of rain barrel construction, such as how to paint the barrel or build a wooden structure around it for cosmetic purposes. Water from the gutter downspout goes into the barrel for storage and later use."

She said during these programs she emphasizes the environmental positives of rainwater harvesting, including avoiding runoff to reduce soil erosion and any pesticides, fertilizer or pet waste entering the water

stream. "In an urban area, the largest source of nonpoint pollution comes from landscapes," Woodson said. "Collecting stormwater from roofs to re-apply to landscapes is an efficient and environmentally sound method of irrigation. It not only conserves water, but also helps the soil."

Woodson noted that in some urban areas, including Fort Worth, residents are charged a stormwater fee on their water bill based on the square footage of impermeable surface on their property.

"Rainwater harvesting is a way to cut down on stormwater runoff, so some cities like Austin already allow for a stormwater credit for people who have rainwater

collection system," she said. While smaller, home-use rainwater catchment systems are the largest part of rainwater harvesting efforts, Woodson said the Dallas center also focuses on larger rainwater harvesting systems for homes and commercial buildings.

The center features the first WaterSense Labeled Home in the Dallas metroplex area, as well as a multi-family dwelling using similar interior and exterior features. WaterSense is a partnership program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that seeks to protect the future of the nation's water supply by offering people water-efficient products, homes and services.

The WaterSense dem-

onstrations are open for pre-arranged tours. Among their many interior and exterior water-saving features is an irrigation system designed to use water from a 1,000-gallon rainwater collection tank to supply water through drip irrigation into the landscape. This allows for landscape irrigation using little to no potable water.

The center also features four rainwater harvesting sheds with roofs and corresponding turfgrass areas, emulating the average-size private home and lot in the Dallas area. The roof of each shed has an area of 150 square feet and the turfgrass lawn served by rainwater irrigation from each shed is 225 square feet. Drip irrigation is

used to apply water. This research shows rainwater collection is a viable method for irrigation.

Additionally, each year the center holds its Rainwater University — an instructional series on the latest techniques and industry standards for effective collection, storage and use of rainwater. According to program coordinators, this three-day series represents one of the most complete offerings of rainwater harvesting instruction in the world.

"We have many water conservation-related activities and demonstrations at the center and though our rainwater harvesting efforts are an important part of these, they are one many," Woodson said.

CAFETERIA MENU

Subject to Change*

June 22-25

Summer Feeding Breakfast Menu

Monday

Breakfast Pizza, Apple, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday

Pancake on a Stick w/ Syrup, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

Pop Tart, Mixed Fruit, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday

Blueberry Muffin, Orange, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Summer Feeding Lunch Menu

Monday

Burrito, Carrot Sticks, Orange, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday

Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Green Beans, Raspberry Slush, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

Corn Dog, Carrot Sticks, Apple, Choice of Milk.

Thursday

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- First Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court _____
- ____ Paulo, Brazil _____
- It's red and white and goes on your head _____
- Party thrower _____
- Experts in stretching _____
- Meet by chance _____
- Good luck _____
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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Weather Whys

Q: What is the difference between a tropical storm, a depression, a hurricane and a cyclone?
A: The short answer is that they range in strength from mild to catastrophic, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Tropical depressions have a well-defined circulation and can cause heavy rains, and they are classified as having winds no more than 38 miles per hour," McRoberts explains. A tropical storm is much stronger, containing heavy thunderstorms and high winds of no more than 73 miles per hour. "And then there are hurricanes, which contain some of the strongest winds on Earth. These have winds of at least 74 miles per hour and are classified according to their severity on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the strongest. Hurricanes are assigned names for use as a reference point."

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The family of Michael Al Gray would like to give a special thanks to Pastor Marcy Gunn and Pastor Myron Halford for the beautiful service. It was perfect and just the way Mike would have wanted it. Also we would like to thank Harvey McFaddin for taking the time to honor Mike in uniform and his favorite song he wanted at his funeral. Thank you Bluff Creek Cowboy Church family for loving on the Gray family and providing a meal at a time that we need the most. Last but not least thanks to all of the Highway Patrol and local law enforcement, that was kind enough to come and honor Mike in style. We know how happy that would have made him. We are blessed by each and every one of you.

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BROTHER J

Floods and droughts

We may be on the rooftop and with roads and bridges washed out while other parts of the country have severe water shortages. This can be very confusing as to why it is this way. After I accepted Jesus as my Savior and Lord and I started reading the Bible I learned that God did not originally make the earth and the climate the way it is today. A beautiful mist watered the land and there were no seasons or storms (you didn't need air conditioners or heaters), food was in abundance all year around (Genesis 1:29-31, 2:15-16). But God put a curse on the earth because Adam and Eve disobeyed Him in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:17-19). Part of the punishment was to drive them out of that beautiful place and put them in a place of hardship. The Bible promises several things that are going to take place in the future concerning earth and man. The earth is going to be plagued by droughts and floods and even famines (Matthew 24:7) and finally to be destroyed by fire (2 Peter 3:10-13) and not water (Genesis 8:21-22). God promised to make a new heaven and earth (Revelation 21:1). Only those who have accepted Christ will get to enjoy the new creation forever and ever (Revelation 22:12, 2 Peter 3:11&15). I have accepted Jesus Christ and am looking forward to that new Heaven and Earth. See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The Z.I. Hale Museum held their annual meeting Thursday, June 11 at the Rock Hotel. Advisory directors were elected during the meeting, which included a hamburger supper. Pictured seated from left to right are: Ruth Cooper, Alton O'Neal, Juanita Bredemeyer, Naomi Gerhart, Joyce Broadstreet. Standing from left to right are: Elaine Miller, Gwen Andrae, Bobby Mayo, Theresa Patterson, John Long, Wanda Brewer, Kay Colburn, Marianne Ray, Nadine DeLaCruz, Jeanne Hilliard, Janie Long. Advisory directors not shown are: Linda Duggan and Duane Geistmann.



VETERAN'S CORNER

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Bob McDonald addressed approximately 600 community organizers at the annual National Coalition for Homeless Veterans Conference, urging them to keep making progress toward the VA's self-imposed deadline of ending veteran homelessness this year. Secretary McDonald said his department's goal of cutting the number of homeless veterans to zero by next January is less important than making sure that number doesn't rise again in years to come. According to the VA, from 2010 to 2013, the number of homeless veterans fell by more than one-third, to about 50,000. VA officials expect that number to shrink even further when the 2014 estimates are released later this summer. VA funding for homeless assistance and prevention programs has increased dramatically, from \$2.4 billion in FY 2008 to nearly \$7 billion for FY 2016, providing funds that advocates for the homeless say were nearly nonexistent a decade ago. Despite the downward trend, the VA effort to end veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 is expected to fall short. If you or someone you know is a homeless vet, please let me know so I can help them get in touch with the VA for assistance. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm, or call 365-3612.

Sandra G. Van Zant
Veterans County Service Officer

DPS trooper seizes over \$571,000 in marijuana

WICHITA FALLS - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) conducted a traffic stop Thursday on US 287, yielding over 94 pounds

of marijuana valued at over \$571,000. At approximately 8:35 a.m., a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2015 Toyota traveling

southbound on US 287, for a traffic violation, near Iowa Park in Wichita County.

The driver of the Toyota was identified as Nathan John Hendricks, 30, of Royse City, Texas. During the traffic stop, the trooper discovered vacuum-sealed bags of marijuana inside the trunk.

Hendricks placed under arrest for possession and delivery of marijuana over 50 pounds but less than 2000 pounds, a first-degree felony, and booked into the Wichita County Jail. The illegal drugs were allegedly being transported from San Francisco to Royse City, Texas.

Public Record

Runnels County Jail Record June 25, 2015

Name	Age	Agency
Abraham Vasquez	36	RCSO
MTR- Drug sale or manufacturing		
Elizabeth C. Hanneman	35	Ballinger P.D.
Nolan Co. Warrant		
Edmond Tamez	46	Winters P.D.
Failure to register as sex offender		
Rance F. Hopkinson	28	Winters P.D.
Out of state warrants		
Jesse A. Cochran	30	Coke
Evading Arrest		
Edwin E. Medders	49	Concho
D.W.I. 3rd or more		
Jose Quiroga	32	Ballinger P.D.
Possession of Marijuana		
Epifania Reyna	41	Winters P.D.
Violation of protective Order		
Andrae L. Deberry	47	Winters P.D.
Public Intoxication		
Aaron Clevenger	26	Coleman
Coleman charges		
April Heitman		Ballinger P.D.
Unauthorized use of vehicle		

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HERE IN TALPA

By Talpa Bob

Hello To All:

It has been a quiet week out here. The cool rain seems to have left us for now. The days are warmer but not unbearable so far. I have seen 101° on the truck thermometer, but that was on the highway. The weeds were in a mighty growth

spurt from the recent rains. A guy a couple blocks over, Richard Flores, sharpened the blades for me on the riding mower. He did a good job and the grass/weeds that were close to knee high were cut with no problem. I still had to do a few hours with the weed whacker around the fences,

etc. He has my walk behind mower now to sharpen the blades on it. It seems like I find all the rocks and bricks hidden in the tall grass.

My grandson, Gabriel Dunn, is back from eight weeks of Navy training in San Diego. I think that I have mentioned before that he is attending Rice University with a handsome scholarship from the US Navy. They did an in depth interview with Gabe and they are heavily invested in his future. His scholarship was \$280,000. Rice is an expensive university. His major field of study will be Nuclear Engineering. His first year went well and he reports that the time at San Diego facility was great. They had one week of "Marine" training and he won all of his matches with the "pugil sticks". There was no lack of physical contest or classroom work. He watched and adapted and did well. Gabe also mentioned that his "class" was put through the Navy Seals obstacle course. He reports that he was not the fastest or the slowest and his dad, Kelly, is envious and wants to go try it. Nope, he is over the age that they accept recruits. So, Kelly and his wife, Mari, just run a couple of 5k's a week. I am very proud of my grandson and the Navy will have a good officer when he graduates. He will have a six year commitment upon graduation. So that is the way it goes out here in our quiet little corner of Coleman County.

Talpa Bob

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4-H,

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Schaefer, and Rowena 4-H'er Adam Multer won 1st place and earned the chance to compete at National Consumer Decision competition in Denver Colorado next January. Adam Multer brought home the honor of High Point Individual. The Runnels County Food Challenge Team placed 1st in their Fruits & Vegetables division and earned the chance to compete at the National Food Challenge competition in Dallas this fall. The team of Jennifer Castleberry and Chelsea Toliver of Ballinger 4-H, along with Rowena 4-H members Kaleigh Schniers, Layne Halfmann and Davis Matschek placed 3rd in the Final Food Challenge. Share the Fun contestant James Rouse of Ballinger 4-H competed in the Vocal/Band category.

On Thursday, 4-Hers fared well while competing in various contests.

In State Food Show, Miles 4-H'er Kolton Looka won 1st Place in the Grain-category. Ballinger 4-H member Rachel Gibbs placed second in the Dairy category along with Jennifer Castleberry who placed 2nd in the Fruits & Vegetables category. Thursday also hosted the Invitational contests. Hadley Hatler of Ballinger 4-H placed 2nd High Individual in the Healthy Lifestyles Invitational. The Poultry Judging Team of Jessica Castleberry and McKenzie Arrott of Ballinger 4-H along with Cole Zentner of Rowena 4-H placed 7th in their contest. Nicole Rouse of Ballinger 4-H competed in the Poetry/Prose category of Share the Fun earning 8th place honors.

Receiving Blue and Red Awards in the photography competition were Macey Gerhart of Winters 4-H, Emma Duke, Katelynn

Dunn, James Rouse and Nicole Rouse of Ballinger 4-H, along with Kolton Looka of Miles 4-H.

Runnels County also won the Healthy Lifestyles Sweepstakes award in the Family and Consumer Sciences Category which is presented to the county with the most winning teams.

State 4-H Roundup provides youth throughout the State of Texas the opportunity to compete against each other in a "good sportsmanship" environment. Runnels County 4-H was extremely well represented at this event and the kids deserve to be congratulated for their hard work, dedication, sportsmanship, and for a job well done.

The Ballinger Ledger and the Winters Enterprise will be running photos of the winners in the next issues.

CREEK,

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and eight feet deep. He was pronounced dead at 12:21 a.m. by Justice of the Peace Glenda Wood of Ballinger.

The body was sent to the Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy.

Pinckney said this is the first drowning that he has heard of in Elm Creek since he became game warden 21 years ago. Pinckney said the area where he was found is a popular spot for fishing.

"The last drowning I worked on in Runnels County was at Winters lake about 10 years ago," Pinckney said.

McNulty said while the preliminary results of the autopsy were unavailable Tuesday, authorities believe alcohol was a factor in the

accident.

The funeral is slated for Wednesday at First Baptist Church under the direction of Lange Funeral Home.

According to posts left on the Ballinger Ledger Facebook page, Bilbrey was an avid fisherman who always helped kids fishing at "the pond."

"This is so sad," posted Deborah Jennings. "Weekend before last he was fishing at the pond and helping our grandkids and other kids. He was supplying the worms and helping with tangled lines! They were having a great time with him!"

Others said he was sweet, kind and helpful.

"He was such a sweet person," posted Kimmie Allison Schae-

fer. "He had noticed that we were moving and stopped in to help. First time I had met him and I will never forget how gentle he was with our furniture and belongings. He definitely had a huge caring heart!"

Sandra Highsmith posted that she had known Bilbrey since he was a toddler and sent like many others, heartfelt condolences.

"...he definitely had the love of God in his heart," she posted.

"I will miss his smile more than anything...I will always have a deep abiding place in my heart for your family. May you rest in peace."



Winters Hurricanes eliminate Ballinger, 7-6

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY JOE GERHART

The elimination game Friday, June 19 at the Winters baseball field between the Ballinger Warriors and the Winters Hurricanes went into extra innings after being tied 6-6. The Hurricanes emerged the winner with the score 7-6. Here, Rider Dugan pitches during the game.

Coleman CCEC meeting

Coleman County Electric Cooperative will have its 77th Annual Membership Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Friday July 17 at the Coleman High School. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting at 7 p.m. Along with the annual reports presented by the President/General Manager, we will also have a representative from Golden Spread G&T. Coleman County Electric Coopera-

tive joined Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. in November 2003. Golden Spread Electric Cooperative is a generation and transmission cooperative comprised of 16 electric distribution cooperatives.

There will be homemade ice cream and cookies prepared and served by the Coleman County 4Her's at the Coleman Junior High cafeteria. Attendance gifts will be given to each mem-

ber registering, as well as attendance gifts for the kids. There will be prize drawings for the adults and children.

Co-op officials are urging members to vote for directors and either mail the ballot or bring it to the meeting. Put the ballot in the envelope and sign the outside of the envelope. The signature must be on the outside of the envelope and the envelope sealed for the vote to be counted.

Teen's family burden

DEAR ABBY: I'm almost 20. I have a well-paying job and live with my mother in a small town. My issue is I don't know how to break away from her.

discussed living together, but I don't know how I will ever be able to leave. No one else helps Mom, and I don't want her to lose the house.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

My older siblings still live here, too. They don't help pay rent, utilities, groceries or anything. Mom and I pay for everything in a house of six people.

I know the solution is "everyone will have to pay their way." But they don't, and Mom won't enforce it. I want to help her because she's my mother,

My boyfriend and I have

but I have my own life

and I can't stay here forever.

How should I approach this with her? I don't want there to be bad feelings. I don't know if I'm selfish wanting to move in with my boyfriend, but I want a life of my own. -- STUCK IN THE WEST

DEAR STUCK: If your mother can't keep her house on her own, there are serious problems ahead for her. If she doesn't have the income to afford it, she may have to find a job or sell it.

It should not be your responsibility to support the family. Your siblings aren't contributing to the household because your mother has been enabling them to avoid it. Have a private conversation with her. Tell her you plan to move out, so you are giving her plenty of notice and a departure date.

I caution you, however, against moving in with your boyfriend if it's because of a desire to escape this unfair situation. It would be better for you to be economically independent and have experienced living on your own before moving in with anyone. That way, you will be less vulnerable should the romance not work out as envisioned, because not all of them do.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ in _____, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning on _____ and the proposed tax rate that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in this meeting is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and compares set-out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04	\$ 100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.00	\$ 0 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease for differences in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	\$ increase or	-\$100	% decrease
Debt service	\$ increase or	\$ 0	% decrease
Total expenditures	\$ increase or	-\$100	% decrease

Total Appraisal Value on an Equal Valuable Basis (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

Total appraised value* of all property	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value** of non-property	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total taxable value*** of non-property	\$ 0	\$ 0

* Appraised value to the nearest dollar as the appraiser certifies by Section 2.04(a), Tax Code.
 ** Non-property is defined by Section 26.04(2)(D), Tax Code.
 *** Taxable value is defined by Section 2.04(a)(2), Tax Code.

Estimated Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0

* Including principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

Maintenance & Operations	1.04	0%	1.04	4.64	0.00
Debt Service	0.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1.04	0%	1.04	4.64	0.00

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 62,471	\$ 62,471
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 62,471	\$ 62,471
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	1.04	1.04
Total Due on Average Residences	\$ 649.76	\$ 649.76
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Method of Ballot Rate The highest tax rate that will be levied on the average residence is 1.04. The ballot will be held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the ballot rate of 1.04.

Final Statement

The following estimated indebtedness will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not considered to be a liability of the district, but estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the last state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance**	\$ 0
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance**	\$ 0

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