



Lady Breezes show well at Hornet Ribbon Relays

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Briefly

Scholarships available

The Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring three \$500 scholarships will be awarded to qualified seniors of the Ballinger, Winters, and Miles school districts. Award winners must be members of Runnels County 4-H or FFA. It is the purpose of the board to invest these funds in the future of agriculture to deserving Runnels County graduating seniors. Application packets will be available from each high school counselor, or at the NRCS office at 2000 Hutchings Avenue in Ballinger. Deadline for the applications is April 15.

Gas prices up

According to Gas Buddy, as of Tuesday, the average price in Texas was \$1.89 per gallon and the lowest price in the state at \$1.63 per gallon.

Around the area, gas prices are on the rise with prices steady at \$1.95 per gallon in Ballinger, and between \$1.83 and \$1.85 per gallon in Winters.

San Angelo is reporting the lowest prices in the region with prices at between \$1.71 and \$1.78 a gallon. Abilene gas prices were between \$1.80 and \$1.83 per gallon as of Tuesday.

ON THE NET:
www.gasbuddy.com



The last drop

Cooler temperatures converged on Runnels County this week thanks to a cold front that moved through the region, the National Weather Service reported.

Another front will move through Thursday, with highs reaching into the 60s and lows dipping in to the low 40s. A 20 percent chance of rain is in the forecast Friday. High temperatures will reach in to the upper 60s Saturday. A warming trend will commence Sunday, with the high reaching into the upper 70s. The high Monday is expected to reach the mid 80s.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 2.77 inches of rainfall, with 2.19 reported in Wingate and 4.13 inches received in San Angelo.

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

Spring is in the air

Spring Festival Saturday in Winters

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Spring is in the air and this Saturday, the Z. I. Hale Museum Complex will be the site for the celebration of the annual Spring Festival. Festival hours are 10 a.m. 5 p.m. along West Dale, in Winters.

The parade kicks off the day's festivities at 10 a.m. on Truett Street will pass Winters Assisted Living then go down Rodgers

Street and pass by Senior Citizens Retirement. From there it will go to Main Street and turn south to Broadway Street and then on to Melwood Street and on to the museum complex.

The Rock Hotel will feature Quanah and Cynthia Ann Parker with a display of photographs and written descriptions for "Quanah Parker: One Man, Two Roads," a special exhibit that runs through April 30 at the Rock Hotel

at 300 West Dale St. The exhibit will be open all day Saturday.

Also on Saturday Francis Bredemeyer will present a book review of several books on Quanah Parker at 2 p.m.

This year, the festival will include performances at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. of the Ballet Folklorico from St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic Church in Abilene.

Other activities at the

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ABILENE REPORTER NEWS PHOTO

This year, the festival will include performances at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. of the Ballet Folklorico from St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic Church in Abilene.

SCOUTING IS FUN

Winters Pack holds race, clean up activities



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Cub Scout Pack 249 held a trash pick up on Highway 153 March 6. Pictured on the front row are Joshua Powers, Chris Gren, Galihja Stambaugh, Alex Moreno and Weston Beuschel. On the back row from left to right are Jayden Santos and McCaely Beuschel.

STAFF REPORT

Cub Scout Pack 249 in Winters has participated in several activities over the past few months. The Pack held the Pinewood

Derby Race in February and held a trash pickup on Mar

Members picked up trash along a one-mile stretch of highway on Highway 153 going to Coleman, Saturday, March 6.

The group organized in the

early fall and since then have participated in many scouting activities.

Organizers expressed gratitude for the community support - with donations of funds, time or supplies for the scouts.

How does your garden grow?

Big Country Master Gardeners to share advice on plants, gardening

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Spring planting fever is in the air and local gardeners seeking advice on planting and lawn care are invited to attend a special program presented by the Big Country Master Gardeners Association at 4 p.m. Monday April 4th at the Winters Public Library.

Linda Spivey and Kathy Feagan, members of the Big Country Master Gardener Association, will be the featured speakers and will discuss West Texas flowers and gardening and lawn care during the special event. Spivey and Feagan will be speaking in the Lois West Conference Room and will be on hand to answer and offer assistance to attendees.

Spivey joined the Big Country Master Gardener Association after moving to Abilene from northern Illinois. In an effort to learn about growing and caring for Texas plants, she became a

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Lady Blizzards win medals in Hornet Relays

STAFF REPORT

The Winters High School Lady Blizzards competed in the Hornet Relays in Blackwell last week. The medalists included Baily Knight, who placed fourth in the Triple Jump, Justine Alvarado who placed fourth in the pole vault and Brenna Knight, who tied with Alvarado for fourth in the pole vault, but lost the coin flip to see who would receive the medal.

Also earning points at the

meet was the 4x100 relay team of Alvarado, Alia Renfro, Sonya Vasquez, and Jenessa Wade, who placed sixth. Alvarado also placed sixth in the 100 meter hurdles, while Cha-Cha Lovelace placed sixth in the 300 meter hurdles.

The Lady Blizzards will compete Friday at the Christoval High School Relays. It will be their last track meet before district, which will be held in Hamlin on Thursday, April 7.



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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Christiane 'Chris' O'Dell

Christiane "Chris" O'Dell, 75, of Winters, died March 16, 2016. She was born Christiane Terese Julien November 2, 1940 in Les Baux Ste Croix, France. She met Franklin O'Dell at the Red Cross while he was serving in the United States Army in Evereux and they married 6 months later on February 12, 1961 in Evereux, France. They moved to Winters in 1962 and have lived there since. She was owner and operator of the Daisy Patch in Winters.

She was a loving and gracious person who loved everyone she came in contact with. She is survived by her husband: Franklin C. O'Dell, Sr., of Winters. 3 children: Franklin O'Dell, Jr. and wife Jodie of Winters, Sandra "Sandy" Mesey and husband Bill of Winters and Roxanna Roe and husband Mark of Abilene. 6 grandchildren: Ryan Bland, Kristin Roe, Corbin O'Dell, Courtney Roe, Candace O'Dell and Brianna Mesey. 5 great-grandchildren: Brody Bland, Laine Roe, Bailey Roe, Layla Woodson and K'Lynn Connors. She is also survived by 1 brother: Claude Julien and wife Christiane of Tours, France.

The family will receive friends on Friday March 18, 2016 at Winters Funeral Home at 6:00 P.M. Funeral service will be 2:00 P.M. Saturday March 19, 2016 at the First Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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Head Start registration April 7

STAFF REPORT

Winters Head Start will hold early registration from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 7 at Winters Elementary. Head Starts serves children who are 3 and 4 years old. To qualify, the child must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2016.

Parents must bring the following items to register, a W-2, tax return, child support payment record or a SSI or TANF letter; proof of residency (utility bill), birth certificate, shot records, Social Security card, driver's license, insurance, Medicaid or Chip card, foster care documents (if applicable) and IEP for disability (if applicable).

Children with disabilities are welcome. The Winters Head Start program is affiliated with the Region 14 and Region 15 Educational Service Centers. For more information call Ursula at 325-754-5577 ext. 3127.

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certified Master Gardener in Taylor County in 2008. As a trainee she was required to complete 50 hours of service in three areas including community, education and extension. She participated in projects at the Abilene Zoo and rose and perennial trail gardens at Cisco College.

Feagan became a certified Master Gardener in Weatherford in Parker County in 2005. Master Gardening intrigued her, as she wanted to learn to be a better gardener. She moved to Abilene in late December of 2009 and transferred to the Big Country Master Gardeners Association. Feagan became an Entomology Specialist in 2009 and EarthKind Specialist in 2012. Part of her EarthKind project required her to plan and implement gardens (a Dwarf Rose trail beginning in June and a perennial trail in November of 2012) at the Cisco Junior College campus in Abilene.

The Master Gardeners have many areas of interest and offer Grad Tours, succulent study group, landscape design and organize field trips to learn more about plants, insects, diseases, hummingbirds and butterflies.

The Big Country Association will be having a Spring Plant Sale Saturday, April 16 at the Modern Living Mall at the Taylor County Fair Grounds and the public is invited.

For additional information call the library 325-754-4251.

We're moving

The Ballinger Ledger has moved the office to 709 Hutchins as of March 30. We will be moving in to a great historic building that will be a wonderful representation of the rich history of the community.

Pardon our progress as we transfer phone and computer lines, there may be some gaps in communication. Please feel free to call Celinda Hawkins, editor at 432-349-2736 for editorial or any questions concerning the paper or Elizabeth Carrillo at 325-977-4090 for advertising or Linda Arispe in Winters at 325-377-1634.

Donate to WPL

The Winters Public Library is reaching out to the community for donations. The library will have their annual silent auction at the May Fest. This is one of our fund raisers for the year. The May Fest will Saturday, May 7 at the Ted Meyer Park. If you will bring your donations to the library or call 325.754.4251 we will be glad to pick it up. Cash donations are always welcome and we will be glad to purchase an item for the auction. The Winters Public Library appreciates the community involvement for fund raisers and programs. The proceeds from the silent auction go toward maintaining the library.

Shot clinics slated

Texas Department of State Health Services will have immunization/flu clinics for children with Medicaid, no insurance or adults with no insurance. The clinic in Winters will be from 10 am to noon and 1:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at the Professional Building, 110 South Main St. Suite 108. For your convenience, please use rear entrance (Grant Street). The clinic in Ballinger will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at 600 Strong Ave. Please bring the child's immunization records. If the child has Medicaid, please bring the card. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call 325-754-4945. If there is no answer leave a message.

Revival April 3-6

The Pioneer Church of God will host a revival beginning Sunday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. nightly at the church at 158 N. Main St. in Winters. The revival runs through Wednesday April 6 and will feature Evangelists Nathan and Jana Bounds. For more information call Pastor Tommy Akin at 903-474-4740.

Distinguished Alumni wanted

The Winters High School Alumni Association is seeking nominees for the 2016 Distinguished Alumnus Award for the 2016 school year. Applicants must have graduated at least 10 years prior to the year in which they are nominated, should have been a leader in his or her field or made a significant contribution, bringing exceptional distinction to the individual or their community. Applications can be obtained at the Winters ISD Administrative Office during regular office hours or online at wintersisd.org under the "About Us" tab then click "Alumni." The verifiable documentation of accomplishments and completed application form must be returned by Friday, April 1 to the WHS Alumni Association c/o Bruce Davis, Superintendent, 603 N. Heights, Winters, TX 79567.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Friends of Gus Pruser

The Friends of Gus Pruser meeting is slated for 6 p.m. Monday, April 11. Lunch will be sponsored Thursday April 21 and includes hamburger, chips and dessert.

One Man, Two Roads

The Quanah Parker Exhibit will be on display at The Rock Hotel Heritage Center, 300 West Dale Street, Winters, Wednesday through Saturday from 1- 4 p.m. through April 30. Donations will be accepted for admission. The exhibit will be open all day on Saturday, April 2 during the Z. I. Hale Museum's Spring Festival. Additional Indian artifacts and displays will be included with the exhibit.

For more information, contact: John Long, Z. I. Hale Museum, 325-754-5389, zihalemuseum@wtxs.net.

Lawn care program

The Winters Public Library will host a program on lawn care at 4 p.m. Monday April 4 at the library. The program is free and open to the public.

A Time for Freedom

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

Visit Friendly Neighbors

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Runnels County area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening, arts and crafts and other useful subjects to meetings at 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during the summer). Meetings will alternate between the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of south 7th Street and Sealy Ave. in Ballinger and the Winters Public Library at 120 N. Main St. in Winters. If you are interested and would like to find out more about this group, call Martha at 365-3890 or Judy at 754-5386.

Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month from. All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and caregiver perspective. There is no charge for this public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer's Association.

Sobriety First AA Group

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

Winters Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Round-up April 7

STAFF REPORT

Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year, for pre-kindergarten and those kindergartners who have not enrolled in school before, will be from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 7 in the Winters Elementary school library.

Parents of children who will be 4 on or before September 1 must qualify for pre-kindergarten. All parents wishing to see if their child is eligible for pre-kindergarten must bring the following information on the day of round-up:

1. Proof of income
2. Birth certificate
3. Shot record
4. Social security card
5. Proof of residence (ex. phone, water, electric or gas bill)
6. Driver's license of person enrolling student
7. Documentation of custodial rights if parents are separated or divorced
8. Military ID (if applicable)
9. Foster care documentation (if applicable)

Please note since income level documentation must be current to qualify, we will have to re-verify income as the new school year approaches. We will send letters out in August with directions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Children who will be 5 on or before September 1st and are entering school for the first time as a kindergartner will need to pre-register. Please bring the following information on the day of round-up:

1. Birth certificate
2. Shot record
3. Social security card
4. Proof of residence (ex. Phone, water, electric or gas bill)
5. Driver's license of person enrolling student
6. Legal documents proving custody of child belongs to person enrolling
7. Documentation of custodial rights if parents are separated or divorced

Only parents are needed at this meeting, no children, please.

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hotel will be an Art Show & Sale, Silent Auction and pies and drinks out the back door. The exhibit will feature works from various local artists including paintings, ceramics and photography, many of which will be for sale, with proceeds benefiting the Rock Hotel.

Also featured is a collection of works by artist J.M. Bulsterbaum, a Winters resident during the last century, who was an artist for the circus. His works date from 1919 and are part of the permanent collection at the museum. For more information or to participate in the exhibit, call Shirley or Susan Minzenmayer at 325-754-4216.

Other activities on the grounds will be the String

Olympics and Antique Tractor Show. Bring your tractor and compete in the String Olympics, there, they will test your old times tractor driving skills.

The auto show will have vehicles competing in five categories including Antique, Classic, Antique or Classic Commercial Vehicles, Special Interest Vehicles and, new this year, Work in Progress Vehicles.

There will be different craft vendors on the grounds and a large selection of Festival Foods to select from.

Both the Gus Pruser Agriculture Exhibit and the Z. I. Hale Museum will be open for visitation from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sponsors for the Spring Festival this year include Angelo Pellet Kubota, Bryan of Morris Insurance, Hatler Insurance, Kit's Body Shop, Personnel Services, Taylor Telephone Co-op, Wheat Energy Services, Winters Auto Tech and Tire and the Winters Chamber of Commerce.



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Child Abuse Prevention month starts April 1

Runnels County Board to host fundraiser

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Child Abuse Prevention Month begins April 1 across the nation and the Runnels County Child Protective Services Board members want to put the spotlight on preventing, recognizing and reporting child abuse in this community.

The Runnels County CPS Board is a network of volunteers who are concerned with the welfare of Runnels County children. Board members for 2015 include Brent Allen, president, Malisia Goetz, secretary and members Mel Anthony, Debbie Deberry, Jill Davis, Jaime Rouse, Carlos Ruiz, Sandee Schmieder and Cecelia Tarr.

"Our goal is to raise awareness of this widespread issue, while working with our community in helping to represent the bruised and battered bodies of thousands of children that are abused every day," Goetz said.

"It serves as a constant reminder that all of us have a responsibility to keep children safe."

The board holds an annual fundraiser to help

care for child victims in Runnels County.

They also accept donations and help the children by providing beds, computer deposits, shoes, clothes, glasses, summer camp fees and even class rings.

The annual fundraiser helps the RCCPSB provide those items and this year they will be hosting the Texas Bandstand event at the Texas Theater on April 29-30. The event will feature local musicians, door prizes, and a raffle.

"It will be a fun filled evening of good food and great local talent," Goetz said. "We ask that you support these events to help us to take care of the children under our care."

In 2015, the Department of Family and Protective Services in Texas found that eight out of 10 children who died from abuse or neglect in Texas over a four-year period were 3 years old or younger.

In 2014, CPS investigated more than 168,000 allegations of child abuse or neglect in Texas. During 2014, 151 children died at the hands of a parent or other caregiver, 66,572 children were victims and more than 17,300 children

If you go

What: Texas Bandstand
When: April 29-30, doors open at 6:15 p.m.
Where: Texas Theater, 115 N. 8th St., Ballinger
Cost: \$20 per person

Tickets go on sale in April and are available at Higginbotham's, Ballinger City Hall, Runnels County Tax Office in Winters.

were removed from homes for their own protection.

In Runnels County, the board also assists with caring for children who are in the Foster Care system. And the local board receives a portion of funds that are paid for specialty license plates for CPS.

The board also oversees the Rainbow Room, housed in the local DFPS office where they provide items for CPS workers and the children they care for such as diapers, pajamas, socks, towels, clothes and personal hygiene items. Donations are always needed.

For more information on the event contact the local CPS office at 325-365-5733 or Goetz at 325-365-3511.

NEW LIGHTS

Ballinger gets new traffic signals along U.S. Highway 67



CELINDA HAWKINS | LEDGER PHOTO

Crews from the Texas Department of Transportation were busy Monday installing new signals along U.S. Highway 67 in Ballinger. The new signals will include a flashing yellow arrow left turn display. Motorists must comply on the use of the signals as soon as they are up and running. The new signals are meant to eliminate motorist confusion to the meaning of the circular green light (this is occasionally mistaken as a protected left turn), and the simultaneous circular red light and green arrow (some motorists stop). Motorists are asked to use caution while driving through intersections where the signals are being installed.

HOLY WEEK LUNCH AT THE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

The Winters Ministerial Alliance hosted Holy Week Lunches from March 21-25 at the Winters Community Center.

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WINTERS ISD BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS

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April 1
Cinnamon Roll
or
Cereal w/Grahams
Mixed Fruit
Fruit Juice
Choice of Milk

April 4
Biscuit & Sausage w/ Gravy
Pop Tart
Cereal w/Grahams
Pineapple
Fruit Juice
Choice of Milk

April 5
Breakfast Pizza
Cereal w/ Grahams
Grapes
Fruit Juice
Choice of Milk

April 6
Sausage Roll
Cereal w/Grahams
Orange Slices
Fruit Juice
Choice of Milk

April 7th
Pancakes w/ Bacon
Cereal w/ Grahams
Tropical Fruit
Fruit Juice
Choice of Milk

Lunch

April 1
Chef Salad
Cheese Burger
Fish, Curly Fries
Baked Beans
Salad/Carrot Sticks
Diced Pears
Choice of Milk

April 4

Chef Salad
Corn Dog
Cheesy Potatoes
Broccoli w/ Cheese
Salad/Carrot Sticks
Peaches
Choice of Milk

April 5
Chef Salad
Frito Pie
Tacos
Pinto Beans
Salad/Carrot Sticks
Apples
Choice of Milk

April 6

Chef Salad
Lasagna/Toast
Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Italian Green Beans
Salad/Carrot Sticks
Tropical Fruit
Choice of Milk

April 7
Chef Salad
Steak Fingers
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Salad/Carrot Sticks
Fruit Cup
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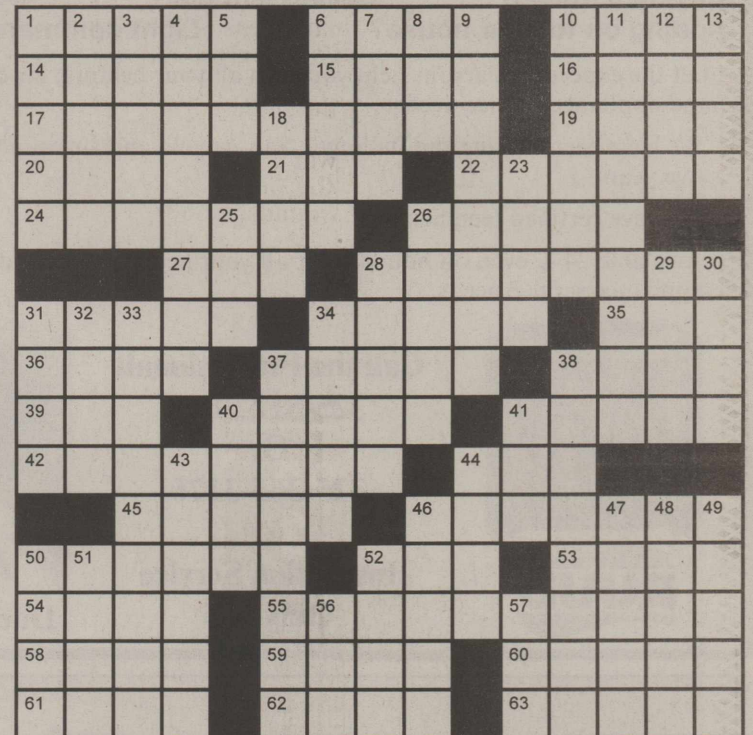
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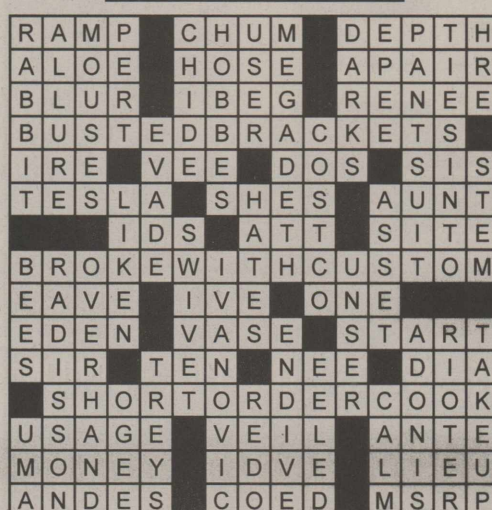
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Q: A commercial airliner was recently hit by lightning. How often does lightning hit airplanes?

A: It does often, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The best government estimates are that lightning strikes commercial airplanes several times a year," McRoberts explains. "Most pilots are told to avoid thunderstorms and to try and fly around them, but lightning still hits planes often. In the early 1980s, NASA equipped a jet and intentionally flew it into more than 1,000 thunderstorms over a period of several months. It was hit at least 700 times by lightning. A few years ago, we know that the plane carrying the president of France was hit by lightning, and the same thing occurred to former British Prime Minister Tony Blair's plane that was hit by lightning in 2005 but had no major damage."

Runnels County ROLL-UP

Runnels County Jail Record

March 31, 2016

Name	Age	Agency
Wayne W. Weyrauch	42	Concho
Warrant- DWI		
Mireya R. Gomez	17	WPD
Possession of marijuana		
Timothy Headlee	40	BPD
New Mexico Warrant- 3rd DWI		
Richard Ochoa	41	WPD
Warrant-manufacture/delivery of controlled substance		
Danny Trevino	45	WPD
Possession of marijuana		
Devan R. Nunez	23	CCSO
Warrant-MTR- Indecency with a child		
Jason Eureste D.	37	Concho
Failure to register		
Charles E. Dwinal	28	BPD
Retaliation Agg. Assault x2- manufacture/delivery of controlled substance		
Kelly R. Lopez	27	BPD
Possession of drug paraphenalia		
Christopher D. Hires	29	Coke
Warrant-possession of controlled substance		

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Sandra G. Van Zant

28, 2016. Check your eligibility and sign up. It takes about 40 minutes to complete the questionnaire. You can do it in one sitting or save it and come back later. You can print and use your completed questionnaire to discuss concerns with your provider. VA providers can also access an online copy of your questionnaire. There is no cost to participate, it is not a disability compensation questionnaire or required for other VA benefits. You can complete the questionnaire at <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/registry>. For more information, contact Sandra Van Zant at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 365-3612.

— Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer

Investigation lands Big Lake man in jail for possession of child pornography

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton today announced the Attorney General's Child Exploitation Unit (CEU) successfully executed a search warrant resulting in the arrest of Alan Keith Stout, 47, of Big Lake, for two counts of possession of child pornography. A CEU investigator received a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) which reported a web site containing child pornography was being hosted via an IP address that resolved back to Stout's residence and place of business. CEU Investigators executed a search warrant at Stout's residence and business resulting in the discovery of numerous images of child pornography on Stout's laptop computer. During a subsequent interview, Stout confessed to downloading and possessing the illegal images. "One more dangerous individual is off the streets and behind bars thanks to the efforts of the Child Exploitation Unit and their coordination with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children," said Attorney General Paxton. "My office will remain steadfast in protecting our children and our communities from the

heinous acts of these child predators and continue to seek justice against them." The Texas Attorney General's Office works to protect children by taking child predators off the Internet and putting them into jail. This agency proactively seeks out and arrests predators who commit crimes against children using technology and the Internet. The office utilizes the latest technology to track down some of the most profoundly evil predators on the Internet. Attorney General Paxton urges all parents and teachers to realize the risks our children face online, and take steps to help ensure their children's safety. For more information on cyber safety, please visit: <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cj/cyber-safety>.



Texans reminded to stay vigilant, report suspicious activity to state website

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans to remain vigilant with respect to potential crime and terrorist activity in their communities, and to report suspicious behaviors to the department's iWATCH website at www.iwatchtx.org. The iWATCH program was created as a partnership between communities and law enforcement, and utilizes citizen-sourced tips related to criminal activity. "In the wake of today's cowardly attacks in Brussels, our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and everyone in Belgium," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "We are also reminding Texans of the crucial role

they play in helping law enforcement protect the public from groups and lone-wolf actors intent on harming others. Fighting crime in today's threat environment can be greatly enhanced through the combined efforts of the public and law enforcement, and we urge individuals to report any illegal or suspicious activity they witness to iWATCH or their local authorities." In addition to the acts of terrorism in Brussels, Belgium, and other attacks around the world, senseless attacks have also occurred closer to home in recent years, including tragic shootings at Fort Hood, and a 2015 shooting incident in Garland, Texas. Concerned citizens can

visit the iWATCH website to fill out a report, which includes contact information and specifics about a particular incident. A report usually takes fewer than five minutes to complete, and once submitted, each report is reviewed by law enforcement analysts. The website also lists a phone number for possible anonymous reports. Here are some examples of behaviors and activities to report:

- Strangers asking questions about building security features and procedures.
- Briefcase, suitcase, backpack or package is left behind.
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WINTERS ATHLETICS



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The Lady Breezes of Winters Junior High showed well at the Hornet Ribbon Relays in Blackwell this week.

Lady Breezes show well at Hornet Ribbon Relays

STAFF REPORT

The Winters Junior High Lady Breezes competed in the Hornet Ribbon Relays in Blackwell this week. The field events were conducted like a normal track meet. However, the running events were conducted as a ribbon meet, meaning that in each heat the top 6 finish-

ers received a ribbon for their place. The meet also did not split up 7th and 8th grade competitors. Everyone competed against each other, no matter what grade level.

In the field events, Karlee Busher placed 5th in the Triple Jump. In the running events, the following athletes placed in their heats: Karlee Busher

- 100m Dash (2nd), 200 meter Dash (2nd), 4x400 meter Relay (3rd); Kaitlyn Fuentes - 4x200 meter Relay (6th); Jaydan Galvan - 4x400 meter Relay (5th); Jezebel Gonzalez - 4x400 meter Relay (3rd), 300 meter Hurdles (4th); Natalie Lara - 400 meter Dash (1st), 800 meter Dash (3rd), 4x400 meter Relay (5th); Querstin Lara - 100 meter Dash (2nd), 200 meter Dash (4th), 4x200 meter Relay (6th); Tiffany Martinez - 100 meter Hurdles (5th) Hailey Renfro - 1600 meter Run (1st), 2400 meter Run (2nd), 4x400 meter Relay (5th); Shiyann Reyna - 100 meter Hurdles (4th); Gracie Reyes - 100 meter Hurdles (2nd), 4x400 meter Relay (3rd), 300 meter Hurdles (5th); Hailie Santoya - 200 meter Dash (3rd); Marley Smith - 4x400 meter Relay (3rd); Megan Tarr - 4x400 meter Relay (5th), 4x200 meter Relay (6th); Avery Wheat - 4x200 meter Relay (6th).

The Lady Breezes will competed next Thursday, March 31, at the Christoval Junior High Relays. It will be their last track meet before district, which will be held in Winters on Saturday, April 9.



PHOTO COURTESY JOE GERHART

Orlando Ochoa pitches during a game Friday, March 25 between Winters and Cross Plains.

CUB SCOUTS HAVE FUN



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

ABOVE: Cub Scouts Pack 249 in Winters picked up trash along a one-mile stretch of road along Highway 153 to Coleman on Saturday, March 6, 2016. BELOW: The Cub Scouts Pack 249 in Winters held a Pinewood Derby Race in February. Pictured here from left to right is Martin Reyna, Michelle Craig and Sando Perez.



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AG DAY 2016

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Thursday, March 31, 2016



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Peter Woods, of the Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service will be on hand during Ag Day for a discussion on aquaponics.



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The 2016 AG Day will include a meeting with the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association.



FILE PHOTO
Cotton production was fair in 2015 producers said. The Elm Creek Gin was busy ginning cotton until after the first of the year.



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The Winters 4-H Club has received a \$2,500 donation from America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund.

A time to grow and harvest

2016 Agri-Plex Ag Day to be held Tuesday, April 5

BY CELINDA HAWKINS
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BALLINGER — The 2016 Agri-Plex Ag Day is long awaited and anticipated by farmers, ranchers and producers throughout the area and this year's installment will be filled with new and innovative information. The event will be held at the Ballinger Community Center and will include a wide array of conferences, seminars, presentations and services for attendees.

This will be the 28th Ag Day, a heralded event held every other year in Runnels County.

As in the past, there will be programs men and women, which will begin simultaneously. Programs kick off at 9 a.m. with registration and booth visitation.

On the producer side the first presentation will be alternative crops for producers and farmers in the Concho Valley.

During the complementary lunch, awards will be presented for Farm Family of the Year, AgriBusiness of the Year and the Pat Lee Scholarship presentations will be made.

The keynote speaker this year is Bill Gillon, president and CEO of the Cotton Board.

Gillon became the president/CEO of the Cotton Board on October 18, 2010. The Cotton Board, located in Memphis, Tenn., was established by the Cotton Research and Promotion Act of 1966 as a quasi-governmental organization with the mission of overseeing the funding and operation of the Cotton Research and Promotion Program. Cotton's Research and Promotion Program is normally associated with the "seal of cotton" and advertising and

promotion programs designed to enhance demand for cotton and cotton products.

Throughout his career, Bill has been heavily involved in agriculture, international trade, conservation and environmental issues and public policy in general. He has represented the United States and private interests in negotiations with foreign countries and often served as an official advisor to the U.S. Department of Agriculture on trade policy. He has worked on the cutting edge of legal and business developments regarding genetically enhanced commodities, electronic warehouse receipts, precision agriculture, and international trade. While in private practice, Gillon represented agricultural businesses, marketing cooperatives, innovative entrepreneurs, start-up companies and non-profits.

Also during Ag Day, the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association will hold their annual meeting, which will include presentations and reports.

Other programs include presentations on farm equipment and technology, rainwater harvesting, aquaponics and honey bees.

Ag Day will also feature door prizes.

The producers program is sponsored by SRPCGA, Wingate Gin, Wall Coop Gin, Kasberg Gin, Mereta Coop, Elm Creek Grain LLC, Monsanto, Sherry Wegner Insurance Agency, Kasberg Grain Co and the Miles Coop.

The women's program is sponsored by Buddy's Plant Plus, First Community Federal Credit Union, Central Texas Farm Credit, Runnels SWCD/NRCS, Capital Farm Credit, First State Bank of Paint Rock and Lipan Kickapoo WCD.



RUNNELS COUNTY AG DAY SCHEDULE

Producers program

9:00 a.m.
Registration and Booth Visitation

10:00 a.m.
Alternative Small Grain Options for the Concho Valley
Dr. Clark Neely - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

11:00 a.m.
Prescribed Burns & Understanding Plant Response to Fire
Dr. Morgan Russell - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

11:45 a.m.
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12:15 a.m.
Awards Program
Farm Family of the Year; AgriBusiness of the Year
Pat Lee Scholarship Presentations
Keynote Speaker: Bill Gillon
President & CEO Cotton Board

1:15 p.m.
Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association
Annual Meeting
Introductions & Presidents Report
Robert Englert, SRPCGA President
National Cotton Council Report
Craig Brown, National Cotton Council Committee for the Advancement of Cotton Report
Doyle Schniers, CAC Director
Adjourn

2:00 p.m.
Precision Agriculture Solutions
Jake Johnson - South Plains Implement
Bryant Butchee - South Plains Implement
Adam Tallcott - John Deere

3:00 p.m. Break and Booth Visitation

3:15 p.m.
Rainwater Harvesting & Water Conservation
Billy Kniffen
Adjourn - Evaluations and CEU presentation

Women's Program

9:00 a.m.
Registration and Booth Visitation

9:45 a.m.
Chickens in the Back Yard
Josh Blaneck - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Jeffrey SoRelle - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

10:45 a.m.
Honey Bees and Agriculture
Dr. Charles Allen - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

11:45 a.m.
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12:15 a.m.
Awards Program
Farm Family of the Year; AgriBusiness of the Year
Pat Lee Scholarship Presentations
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1:30 p.m.
Aquaponics
Peter Woods - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

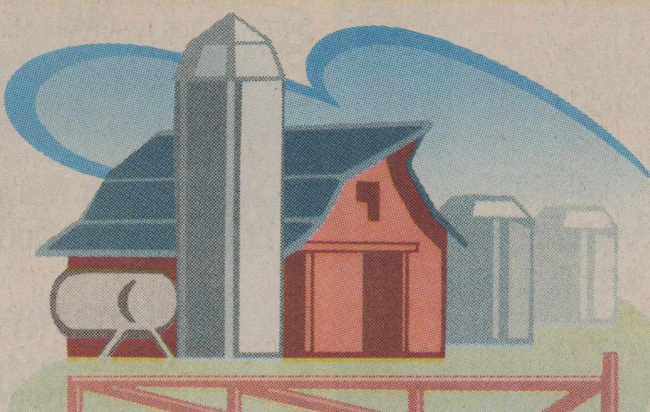
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The Winters 4-H Club has received a \$2,500 donation from America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund and directed by local farmer Craig Jacob of Runnels County. Pictured from left to right are Seth Gerhart, secretary Winters 4-H, Hannah Powers, reporter of Winters 4-H, Jacob, Macey Gerhart, vice president of Winters 4-H, Sandy Taylor and Sam Woodall, president of Winters 4-H.

Runnels County Farmer directs donation to 4-H

STAFF REPORT

The Winters 4-H Club has received a \$2,500 donation from America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund and directed by local farmer Craig Jacob of Runnels County. The donation will help the organization with their local 4-H community service projects, as well as promotion of youth involvement and career development in the Agricultural field.

Craig Jacob wanted to support local rural youth in their agricultural and service endeavors and keep his community active.

For six years, America's Farmers Grow Communities has collaborated with farmers to donate over \$22 million to more than 8,000 community organizations across rural America. Winning farmers will direct donations to nonprofits to help fight rural hun-

ger, purchase life saving fire and EMS equipment, support ag youth leadership programs, buy much needed classroom resources, and so much more.

America's Farmers Grow Communities partners with farmers to support local nonprofit causes that positively impact farming communities across rural America. Grow Communities is one program in the America's Farmers community outreach effort, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. Other programs include America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, which encourages rural youth to remain in agriculture and provides \$1,500 college scholarships to high school and college students pursuing ag-related degrees and America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, which works with farmers to nominate rural school districts to compete for \$10,000 and \$25,000 math and science grants. Visit www.AmericasFarmers.com to learn more.



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Neely to discuss alternative crops

AG DAY SPECIAL

Dr. Clark Neely began working as the Statewide Small Grains and Cool-season Oilseed Extension Specialist for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in 2013. He received degrees at the Pennsylvania State University and University of Idaho before receiving his doctorate at Texas A&M University in 2013. The majority of his time and effort is spent on wheat, but he also conducts research on other crops such as barley, oat, small grains forages, canola, and soybean. Research trials range from basic agronomics (planting dates, planting rates, crop rotations) to variety trials and pesticide



Dr. Clark Neely

efficacy trials. During Runnels County Ag Day, Neely will explore viable alternative crop options for West Central Texas producers. Some specific examples include winter canola, sunflower, sesame, and barley. Producers can expect to learn about basic agronomics for these crops and some of the major challenges associated with their production.

Allen to present program on honey bees

AG DAY SPECIAL

Charles T. Allen, Ph.D. will present a program titled "Honey Bees and Agriculture" during the 2016 Agri Plex Ag Day at the Ballinger Community Center. Allen is a professor, associated department head and statewide IPM coordinator at Texas A & M AgriLife Extension

Service in San Angelo.

Allen spent the first 20 years of his career working with crop producers and citizens in South Texas, West Texas and Southeastern Arkansas as an Extension entomologist. Using information obtained locally and from professional meetings/literature, he was able to provide stake-holders with

technology to address their needs. He worked on a wide variety of insect-related clientele problems, from



Charles T. Allen

household and ornamental plants to agricultural pest management during these years. His primary area of work and expertise was incorporation of insect management technologies into cotton production systems.

In Texas, the team of entomologists he led identified insecticide resistant tobacco budworm and cotton aphid populations and collaborated with others to develop management strategies. He also helped growers understand these management strategies and adopt new technology. Allen led the effort in Texas to develop and implement novel approaches to pink bollworm management.

In February 2009, Allen was hired as Statewide IPM Coordinator for the Texas AgriLife Extension IPM Program. His responsibilities include personnel management, liaison with grower groups and others involved in IPM, budget management, program direction, and program planning and reporting.

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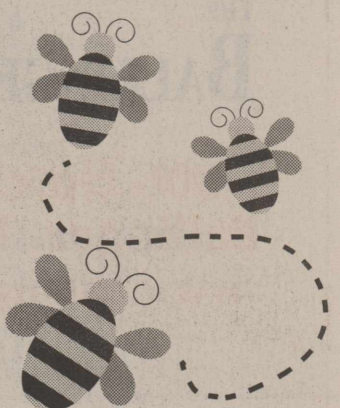
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Program on backyard chickens

STAFF REPORT

Josh Blanek, Tom Green County Extension Agent for Ag and Natural Resources and Jeffrey SoRelle, computer specialist with Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service will present a program on the hobby of raising chickens during the women's portion of the Ag Day program.

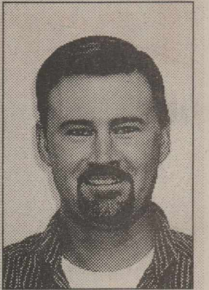
The program will introduce and increase awareness about the exciting hobby of keeping a backyard chicken flock.

The program will provide the basic information you will need to grow a healthy and happy flock.

Presenters will also explore what it means to keep chickens, and how chickens can provide you from for fresh eggs, natural insect control, natural fertilizer source, extra income, and introduce youth to an agriculture education experience in an urban backyard.



Josh Blanek



Jeffrey SoRelle



Water Resource Specialist to speak

AG DAY SPECIAL

Billy Kniffen is a Water Resource Associate in the Biological and Agriculture Engineer Department with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. He has served as a Water Resource Specialist and county agent for TAMU for 30 years and is a TAMU Board of Regents Fellow Service Award recipient.

He is the past vice president and education committee chairman for the American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association (ARCSA). He co-authored the Rainwater Harvesting: System Planning manual used in training rainwater professionals and the technical trainings.

He received his degrees from Abilene Christian University and Tarleton

State University. He and his wife Mary live in Menard in a home solely dependent on rainwater.

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Johnson and Butchee to speak during Ag Day

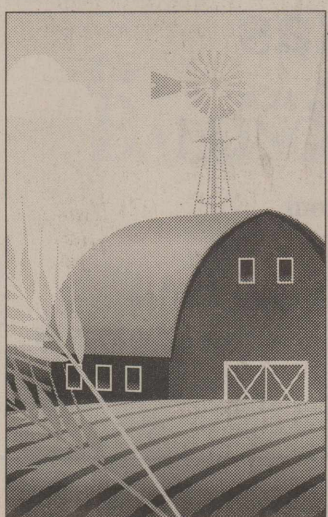
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Jake Johnson and Bryant Butchee of South Plains Implement will be guest speakers during Ag Day.

Johnson is an Integrated Solutions Specialist at South Plains Implement in Ballinger and San Angelo.

Butchee is an Integrated Solutions Specialist at South Plains Implement Big Spring. Butchee graduated from Angelo State University with a degree in finance.

Their presentation will be on Precision Ag Solutions including Auto Trak, Section Control, JD Link, Variable Rate Application, MyJohnDeere.com, Data Storage and retention and wireless data transfer.



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Peter Woods, of the Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service will be on hand during Ag Day for a discussion on aquaponics.

Learn about Aquaponics

AG DAY SPECIAL

Peter Woods, Extension Fisheries Specialist of Bay City between Houston and Corpus Christi in Matagorda County, will discuss "aquaponics" during his portion of the program. Woods works in El Paso,

Amarillo, Houston, Laredo and Brownsville.

"I work with fish farmers on aquaculture issues, land owners on farm pond and aquatic plant management issues, and with just about anybody on Aquaponics," Woods said.

He will discuss aqua-

ponics and the different types of systems involved and fish and plant selections.

Woods has been working at his current position for the past 13 years, which means he has worked for Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas AgriLife Extension and Texas A & M AgriLife Extension.

He earned his Bachelor of Science and his Master of Science degrees from Auburn University.

Prior to his career with the Extension service, he managed shrimp farms in Eritrea, on the Horn of Africa and in Honduras and Nicaragua.

He also was a volunteer for the Peace Corps in Ecuador, where he raised rabbits and guinea pigs as food animals.



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William A. Gillon to be featured speaker at Ag Day 2016

AG DAY SPECIAL

William A. "Bill" Gillon will be the featured speaker during Ag Day 2016.

Gillon was named president of the Cotton Board in October 2010. Gillon has been active in agricultural law and policy for 30 years. His work experience includes the USDA Office of General Counsel, Senior Counsel to the Senate Agriculture Committee, general counsel of the National Cotton Council of America, and private practice focusing on agricultural law and policy.

Throughout his career, Gillon has been heavily involved in agriculture, international trade, conservation and environmental issues and public policy in general. He has represented the United States and private interests in negotiations

with foreign countries and often served as an official advisor to the U.S. Department of Agriculture on trade policy. He has worked on the cutting edge of legal and business developments regarding genetically enhanced commodities, electronic warehouse receipts, precision agriculture, and international trade. While in private practice, Gillon represented agricultural businesses, marketing cooperatives, innovative entrepreneurs, start-up companies and non-profits.

Gillon received his law degree from the University of Georgia, JD 1983, and his undergraduate degree from Mississippi State University, BA 1980. He was named the 2005 Alumnus of the Year and 2008 Alumni Fellow for the Miss. State College of Arts and Sciences. He is a



William A. Gillon

member of the Tennessee and Georgia bars. He is chairman of the Advisory Board for the Miss. State University

College of Arts and Sciences, serves on the Shelby County Agriculture Commission and is a past chairman of the Board of Agricenter International. He is also a former member of the City of Memphis / Shelby County Industrial Development Board. He has been active in other volunteer organizations. He and his wife Adrienne have two children and reside in Germantown, Tenn.

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