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# The Winters ENTERPRISE

Thursday, January 5, 2017

**Briefly**

**Gas prices up**

Gas prices statewide are averaging \$2.14 per gallon with the lowest prices reported statewide at \$1.89 per gallon, according to GasBuddy.com. On Monday, prices in Ballinger were \$2.19 per gallon with the same price reported in Coleman. Prices in Winters ranged from \$2.19 to \$2.20 per gallon. Prices in San Angelo were reported at between \$2.06 and \$2.09 per gallon while prices in Abilene ranged from \$2.07-\$2.09 per gallon.

ON THE NET:  
<http://www.gasbuddy.com/>

**Quail workshop slated**

SAN ANGELO — The Quail-Masters 2017 workshop dates have been set, said the series' lead instructor, Dr. Dale Rollins, statewide coordinator for Texas A&M Agrilife's Reversing the Decline of Quail Initiative.

The sessions are:  
Session I - March 26-28, Sweetwater and Roby.  
Session II - April 30-May 2, location to be determined by student consensus.  
Session III - June 4-6, Sweetwater and Roby.  
Session IV - August 14-16, Abilene.  
The series is limited to 35 participants, so early sign-up is advised. Tuition is \$500 for individuals and \$250 for college students, which includes most meals and educational support materials. Three hours of graduate college credit are available for an additional charge through Texas A&M University's wildlife and fisheries sciences department.  
The registration deadline is April 12. For more information or to register, contact Clinton Faas, 800-893-9453, cfaas@texas-wildlife.org, or Rollins at 325-653-4576, drollins@tamu.edu.

ON THE NET:  
<http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/events/>

**The last drop**

Another cold front is in the forecast this week which will bring temperatures to below freezing overnight, the National Weather Service in San Angelo reported. The front was expected to converge over Runnels County Tuesday night and decrease temperatures through Friday, with highs only reaching the mid-40s and lows in the mid-20s. No precipitation is expected with the front, forecasters said, so cold and sunny weather is in the forecast through the weekend.

Last week, Runnels County and surrounding areas did receive a slight amount of precipitation with Ballinger tallying .34 inches, Wingate recording .31 inches and San Angelo receiving .32 inches of moisture.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 37.34 inches of rainfall, with 38.46 inches reported in Wingate and 31.95 inches received in San Angelo.

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

## New sheriff takes office, looks at changes



Carl Squyres

**Sheriff Carl Squyres sworn in Jan. 1**

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Sheriff Carl Squyres officially assumed the duties of Runnels County Sheriff after being sworn in at 10 a.m. Sunday,

Jan. 1. Squyres replaced Sheriff Bill Baird, who has served in the position for more than 33 years. Squyres, who ran unopposed after defeating Miles Police Chief Toby Virden in the Republican primary in March, had to wait nine months before taking on the duties of sheriff. Squyres defeated Virden with 1,505 votes to Virden's 857

votes in the primary. Squyres, a 14-year veteran of the Runnels County S.O. said the first order of business as sheriff is to make sure all of the law enforcement and emergency services agencies cooperate. "I have spoken to most of them and we agree that it will be better for all of the citizens of Runnels County," Squyres

said. He also wants to bring Runnels County into the technology age. He plans to upgrade systems at the Runnels County Sheriff's Office as well as the county jail. "We have to keep up with technology," Squyres said. He said that even though the county budget has been

SHERIFF, 6

## Chief of police resigns

Retirement prompted Davis' resignation



JOE GERHART | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Winters Police Chief Randall Davis submitted his resignation and officially retired as of Dec. 31. A retirement reception was held at the Rock Hotel on Thursday, Dec. 29. Pictured from left to right are Sgt. Paula Geyer, Officer John Mills, Officer C.J. Just and Officer Laramie Stone. Chief Davis is seated.

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Winters Police Chief Randall Davis, who has been the chief in Winters for the past six years, submitted his resignation to the Winters City Council on Monday, Dec. 19. His last day on the job was Dec. 31. Davis was honored with a retirement reception on Thursday at the Rock Hotel. "I love the town and I love the people here and I will miss them," Davis said prior to the reception. Davis was hired as a Winters police officer in 2011 where he worked under former Chief Nathan Johnson. After Johnson's departure, six months later, Davis was appointed chief and has remained in the position since then. Davis is retiring after being in law enforcement for

29 years. He came to Winters after serving as police chief in Olney. Before that he worked as chief in Lexington, Texas. Previous to that position, he worked as a commander of patrol and captain of investigations for the Luling Police Department. He also worked for six years at the Marble Falls Police Department. "Law enforcement is a stressful job," Davis said. He began his career after graduating in 1988 from the West Central Texas Council of Government's Law Enforcement Academy in Abilene. His first job was as a deputy for the San Saba County Sheriff's Office. "They carried my commission and I worked for them after graduation," Davis said. There was no word on whether the city council would be appointing an interim chief, at press time.

CHIEF, 6



FILE PHOTO

Mollie Weaver, of the Winters FFA, won both Grand and Reserve Champion honors in the commercial class for rabbits during the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show held Jan. 14-16, 2016. The 16th Annual Runnels County Junior Livestock Show will be Jan. 12-14 at the Ballinger Community Center.

## Runnels County Junior Livestock Show Jan. 12-14

Hundreds of youth to present projects

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The 16th Annual Runnels County Junior Livestock Show will be held on January 12-14 at the Ballinger Community Center with over 130 4-H and FFA members from across the county participating. The event is sponsored by the Runnels County Junior Livestock Association and many local businesses, organizations and individuals. "I have no doubt that the show will run smoothly this year," said RCJLA President Cecil Kalina said. "Thanks to all the volunteers and everyone who helps run this, it is a very family friendly event."

The show will feature approximately 400 livestock projects from youth participating in the 4-H and FFA programs in Ballinger, Miles, and Winters school districts.

"It is very competitive," Kalina said. All livestock will arrive at the Community Center from 1-6 p.m. Thursday, and weigh in will be from 5 - 7 p.m. The shows will begin at 9 a.m. Friday morning, beginning with the swine show.

The Friday noon meal which consists of hamburgers and all the fixings, provided by the Ballinger Young Farmers. After lunch, the show will resume with the rabbit show followed by the meat goat show Friday afternoon.

The sheep show gets underway at 8 a.m. Saturday, followed by lambs, breeding and showmanship categories. The cattle show is next which will feature heifers and steers followed by the showmanship competition.

Organizers say the show will be just as big if not bigger than last year's

SHOW, 6

## Musical event to benefit Meals on Wheels Plus

Commissioners seeking volunteers, sponsors

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Runnels County is gearing up for quite a shindig and Judge Barry Hilliard and the commissioners are looking at a date in March for a musical event, complete with Grammy award winning talent, to benefit Meals on Wheels of Abilene. Grammy award winning musician, guitarist and songwriter, Brad Davis has signed on to do the benefit along with his friend and sometime collaborator, Tom Glosup. Commissioners discussed

the event which is now in the planning stages, during their meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

The two first met Hilliard when they began making trips to Runnels County to assess roof damage to county buildings. Davis and Glosup are both musicians and after coming to the county, both offered their talents for the event.

During the meeting the panel discussed several locations for the event including the Miles Young Farmers Building as well as the parish hall at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rowena.

Hilliard said plans call for a raffle and a barbecue as well as the musical event, which will be headlined by Davis.

Davis has played with a who's

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Brad Davis

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BROTHER J

A New Year

This time of year people make all kinds of New Year's resolutions. I do something a little different and it is more of a annual spiritual review (Ephesians 5:15-21) and I use the Christmas season (Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ) and the beginning of a new year as a review time.

I usually try to look back over the year and see my successes and failures. Yes, there was some bumps in the road but there was some smooth sailing also. My plan of action (Psalms 37:5) always centers on my relationship to God. Many times I tend to focus on the failures and not the victories.

Give thanks and praise God for the victories. In regard to the failures, after reviewing the past year I may end up in great sorrow for my behavior. With deep sorrow I ask God for forgiveness (1 John 1:9) and ask Him for help in that area.

I also review my Church-worship attendance, tithing-giving record, prayer and then service in my local Church (Hebrews 12:28). One area that I think that is a lot more important or that should come first is my personal relationship to Christ Jesus. Do I really love Him and spend time with Him in personal quiet time and Bible study?

I find that when I do spend time with Him, I have a lot more joy and peace in my life (Galatians 5:22-26).

See you in church next Sunday.

Brother J

USDA makes it easier for transfer of land to next generation of farmers and rangers

STAFF REPORT

DES MOINES, Iowa — Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary Lanon Baccam announced Dec. 29, that beginning Jan. 9, 2017, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will offer an early termination opportunity for certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts, making it easier to transfer property to the next generation of farmers and ranchers, including family members.

This change to the CRP program is just one of many that USDA has implemented based on recommendations from the Land Tenure Advisory Subcommittee formed by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack in 2015. The subcommittee was asked to identify ways the department could use or modify its programs, regulations, and practices to address the challenges of beginning farmers and ranchers in their access to land, capital and technical assistance.

"The average age of principal farm operators is 58," said Baccam. "So, land

tenure, succession and estate planning, and access to land is an increasingly important issue for the future of agriculture and a priority for USDA. Access to land remains the biggest barrier for beginning farmers and ranchers. This announcement is part of our efforts to address some of the challenges with transitioning land to beginning farmers."

Baccam made the announcement while touring the Joe Dunn farm in Warren County, located in central Iowa near Carlisle. Dunn is the father-in-law to Iowa native and former Marine Aaron White, who with his wife, are prospective candidates for the early termination program. Baccam was joined by Farm Service Agency Iowa State Executive Director John Whitaker when meeting with Dunn and White.

"The chance to give young farmers a better opportunity to succeed when starting a farming career makes perfect sense," said Baccam. "There are Conservation Reserve Program acres that are rested and ready to be productive, an original goal of CRP. The

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Thank you to everyone for the food, cards, flowers & prayers. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Calendar for January 2017 showing dates from Sunday to Saturday.

January Immunization Clinics

The Texas Department of State Health Services will have immunization and flu clinics for children with Medicaid, no insurance, under insured and adults with no insurance. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call 754-4945. If there is no answer, leave a message. The clinic in Ballinger will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017 at 600 Strong Ave. The clinic in Winters will be from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 to 3 p.m. today at the Professional Building at 110 South Main, Suite 108. Please bring the child's immunization records and if the child has Medicaid, please bring the card.

RCHC book available

The latest book titled "Volume III Historical Markers of Runnels County and Post Offices of Runnels County" is available at Ballinger Printing & Graphics and JK Hair Salon in Ballinger; The Attic, Bee's Quilting, and the Z. I. Hale Museum Gift Shop in Winters; Beverly Teplicek in Rowena or from members of the Runnels County Historical Commission.

The book can be ordered from Ballinger Printing & Graphics at ballingerprinting.com, Amazon.com, or by mailing payment to Runnels County Historical Commission, PO Box 211, Winters 79567. "Volume I The Organization of Runnels County" is also available for \$25 or \$31 if shipped, and "Volume II Schools of Runnels County" is available for \$30 or \$37 if shipped.

CASA volunteers wanted

The Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green

County, Inc. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is seeking volunteers. Currently CASA serves 60 percent of the children in foster care. To sign up, call 325-653-4673 or email mblue@cactomgreen.org. CASA serves Tom Green, Runnels, Concho, Crockett, Coke, Irion, Reagan, Sutton, Sterling and Schleicher counties.

AA meeting

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

A Time for Freedom

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

St. in Winters. For more information call 903-474-4740.

Visit Friendly Neighbors

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

Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month from. All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and

caregiver perspective. There is no charge for this public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer's Association.

Recycling Center Hours

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

WIC open to many incomes and families

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

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

The Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month, at the Wingate Masonic Lodge in Wilmeth. For further information contact Brandon Poebls at 325-786-2125.

The Market Perspective: On my bookshelf

In this column, I want to give readers a peak in to my personal bookshelf and highlight some of my favorite books, both non-fiction and fiction which range from true life stories, cookbooks, biographical and political to fictional thrillers that are informative and timely and also timeless.

Non-Fiction

A Dog Named Slugger by Leigh Brill. Ms. Brill has cerebral palsy which has worsened as she ends college. Simple tasks such as handing a coin to the clerk elude her. Then she learns about service dogs, applies, and is partnered with Slugger. Slugger is a yellow male Lab. Leigh takes us behind the scenes on how a dog is trained over two years. The book traces her marriage and blossoming career. Slugger opens doors, retrieves fallen coins, and brings new confidence to Leigh. This is a tale for dog lovers everywhere.

Spiralizer Cookbook by John Web. Muffin Tin Chef: 101 Savory Snacks, by Matt Kadey.

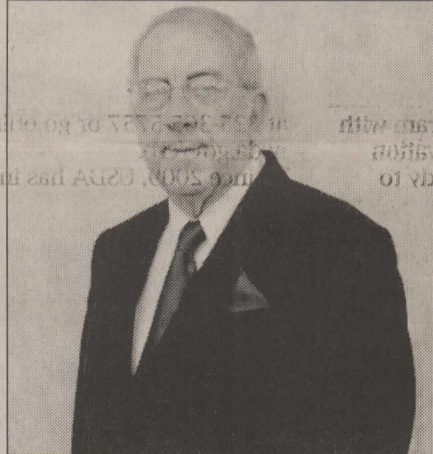
In these selections, Web offers a new way of presenting vegetables. Kadey presents ways to create individual portions via the muffin tin in a creative manner.

Why They Do It: Inside the Mind of White Collar Crime by Eugene Soltes.

In Texas one must take an ethics course approved by the State Board of Accountancy to sit for the CPA exam. I designed and teach our course here at San Antonio A & M. Soltes has written an excellent supplement for such a class. The reason is that he uses real world examples of real world white-collar felons to demonstrate his points. He also reviews the history of white-collar sentencing as well as theories for why they do it.

Demonic: How the Liberal Mob is Endangering America by Ann Coulter.

Ann is an acquired taste. This book came out a few years ago but after watching the emerging demonstrations of the past two years, I took a read. She traces this practice of mob rule



Dennis Elam

to be the French Revolution. And brings it right up to today. Biased, opinionated, skewering, and humorous, she spares no prisoners in the best French Revolution tradition.

Lucy and Desi by Warren G. Harris.

This book is touted as the best read on America's most famous couple. But understand this is more than a star-crossed romance. It is the story of the literal development of television on the West Coast. It is the story of how pregnant women and mixed marriages became an accepted norm. The couple formed Desilu from the RKO studios, and well the rest is history. Desi was the most successful television director and producer in the 1950s. This story reflects expanding Americana culture via television in the 1950s. Alas, don't expect a happy ending.

Killing Lincoln by Bill O'Reilly.

The Killing series succeeds so well in that it is written in a page turning "you are there" style. I have read three in the series, the other two being Patton and Kennedy. But surprise, Lincoln held the most surprises. I won't reveal why but there is much, much more here than simply Booth shooting Lincoln.

Mood Matters by John Casti.

I often discuss how social mood

drives social action in this column. This is an excellent one-volume explanation and demonstration of how this applies to all social action from music to movies to politics.

The Sociomonic Theory of Finance by Robert Prechter.

I wrote a review of this book which has been submitted for academic publication. Prechter advances the idea that the Random Walk Theory is incorrect. Behavioral finance gets closer to the truth but still assumes individuals are influenced by outside forces. This is a compilation of articles written over time which demonstrate his point.

The Nearly Free University and the Emerging Economy by Charles Hugh Smith.

Smith suggests that the several hundred year old higher education system is overdue for an over haul. He argues for a new paradigm in which we credit the graduate not the university. He suggests something analogous to the CPA exam to prove that the student has learned something.

The Fall of the Faculty: The Rise of the All Administrative University by Benjamin Ginsberg Simply put, read this to find out what is really going on in Higher Education.

Fiction

The Black Widow by Daniel Silva.

This is the 16th in the Gabriel Allon series. Allon is an Israeli operative whose cover is art restoration. Silva has conducted extensive research in writing the story. This is a window on the mind of ISIS.

Stories from the Twilight Zone by Rod Serling.

Fifty years and counting there is no modern replacement for the imagination of Serling. These are stories from the series. The original television shows are available on Netflix and Amazon Prime. And they have lost no appeal over time.

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Advertisement for BALLINGER FAMILY DENTISTRY, featuring a photo of staff members and contact information for AnneMarie Benage and Mark Benage.

Advertisement for NRH Clinic FAMILY PRACTICE, listing address (7571 State Highway 153 - Winters, TX 79567), phone (325) 754-1317, clinic hours (Monday-Friday 8 am - 12 noon & 1:30 - 5 pm), and services for all age groups.

# THE IDLE AMERICAN

*Things could have been worse ...*

We mortals aren't much good when routines — particularly those most mundane — are interrupted.

Men who refuse to accept this claim as "you-can-take-it-to-the-bank" stuff — or even to the pawn shop — are urged to take a simple test on which my case can rest: The next time you dress, try putting your other leg in first.

The probability of this claim playing out is greatly magnified at holiday time, when hurrying is exceeded only by scurrying. Some emerge unscathed, others not so much....

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I'm going to cite three true-to-life vignettes, two that make eyes water and a third that awakens the "been there/done that" recesses of grandparents' memories. (As if we don't have enough evidence courtesy of our own bodies groaning about growing older, grandchildren come up with observations that nail facts down tight.)

To avoid embarrassment, I'm going to offer anonymity to the participants. (Except for a bonus vignette provided by my brother, who always has been guilty as charged.)

Trust me that the accounts are absolutely, hand-on-Bible truths, and, if pressed by compelling reason, sincerity or runaway curiosity, names can be provided later....

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Scene I: A salesman, dreading a bumper-to-bumper kind of day, reaches for eye drops to jumpstart his vision. He grabs a cologne bottle by mistake, freezing in place after a single squirt, thus sparing the other eye discomfort. "I look for silver linings," he said, "Folks at the office said they never smelled such a fragrant eye."

Scene II: Since I experienced retina repair and reattachment to its moorings back in the spring, the following account hits home. It is a "there-but-for-grace-of-God" situation in which I could have had a major role — probably even a speaking part, if not a screaming one.

Another patient for the same surgery — a man about my age — fouled up early in an attempt to administer treatment at home. He reached for a tube of ointment, forgetting he'd used Super Glue on a home project earlier. (Again, readers, you are getting ahead of me.) Yes, he picked up the wrong tube, squirted and, you can guess the rest....

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He was summoned immediately to his surgeon's office, where his eyelids were



**TEXAS COLUMNIST**  
**Don Newbury**

A young Oregon family doesn't often get to see loved ones back in Texas. One such holiday visit recently occurred, and, as usual, children were farmed out to relatives for overnights.

The couple's four-year-old granddaughter — forever clutching her dolly named Tammy — stayed with her grandparents. They were thrilled at the prospect of her visit.

After bedtime prayers, the grandparents righted themselves from their knees, only to hear their granddaughter say, "Tammy may be a little scared here tonight. This is her first time to spend the night with old people..."

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And finally, this bonus bedtime account is remembered by my brother Fred. It was almost 40 years ago. First-born Alison had just finished her first day of pre-school. As he put her to bed, he wanted to allay any fears or concerns encountered at school. (Kids don't realize parents are being introduced to a new playbook, just as they are.)

At the first pause in his blatherings, she posed a question: "Do flies have ears?" So much for the impact of his empathetic and insightful musings. Clearly, she had stopped listening several minutes before he'd stopped talking.

Wishes for a new year filled with good health and much happiness are extended to you and those you love....

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## USDA

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technical teams at USDA will tell us which ones can terminate from the program with little impact on the overall conservation efforts. When they do, we'll be ready to help beginning farmers like military veteran Aaron White."

Normally if a landowner terminates a CRP contract early, they are required to repay all previous payments plus interest. The new policy waives this repayment if the land is transferred to a beginning farmer or rancher through a sale or lease with an option to buy. With CRP enrollment close to the Congressionally-mandated cap of 24 million acres, the early termination will also allow USDA to enroll other land with higher conservation value elsewhere.

"Starting the next generation of farmers and ranchers out with conservation and stewardship in mind is another important part of this announcement," Baccam said. "The land coming out of CRP will have priority enrollment opportunities with USDA's working lands conservation programs through cooperation between the Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service."

Acres terminated early from CRP under these land tenure provisions will be eligible for priority enrollment consideration into the CRP Grasslands, if eligible; or the Conservation Stewardship Program or Environmental Quality Incentives Program, as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

According to the Tenure, Ownership and Transition of Agricultural Land survey, conducted by USDA in 2014, U.S. farmland owners expect to transfer 93 million acres to new ownership during 2015-2019. This represents 10 percent of all farmland across the nation. Details on the early termination opportunity will be available starting on

Jan. 9, 2017, at local USDA service centers. For more information about CRP and to find out if your acreage is eligible for early contract termination, contact the Runnels County Farm Service Agency (FSA) office at 325-365-5757 or go online at [www.fsa.usda.gov/crp](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp).

Since 2009, USDA has invested more than \$29 billion to help producers make conservation improvements, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect over 400 million acres nationwide, boosting soil and air quality, cleaning and conserving water and enhancing wildlife habitat. For an interactive look at USDA's work in conservation and forestry over the course of this Administration, visit <http://medium.com/usda-results>.

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■ Friday  
Blueberry muffin or bagel or cereal, yogurt, apple-sauce, fruit juice, choice of milk.

■ Monday  
Biscuit sausage or cereal, pineapple, fruit juice, choice of milk.

■ Tuesday  
Pancake on a stick or cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, choice of milk, syrup.

■ Wednesday  
Sausage kolache or pop tart, egg pop, mixed fruit, fruit juice, choice of milk.

■ Thursday  
Pancakes or cereal, bacon, raisins, fruit juice, choice of milk, syrup.

### Lunch

■ Friday  
Cheeseburger or fish,



orion rings, baked beans, coleslaw, lettuce/sliced tomatoes, grapes.

choice of milk.

■ Monday  
Salad or comdog or BBQ rib sandwich, curly fries, baked beans, salad/carrot sticks, peaches, choice of milk.

■ Wednesday  
Salad or chicken spaghetti or grilled cheese sandwich, Italian green beans, salad/carrot sticks, strawberries, cookie, choice of milk.

■ Tuesday  
Salad or Frito pie or soft taco, cheesy potatoes, lettuce/diced tomatoes, zesty cucumbers, diced pears,

■ Thursday  
Salad or chicken fried steak or oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad/carrot sticks, dinner roll, applesauce, choice of milk.

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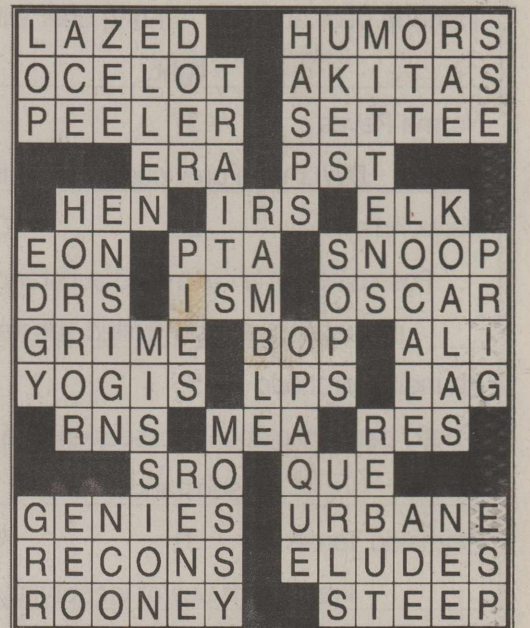
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- 58 Lacking
- 59 Homer-hitter Mel —

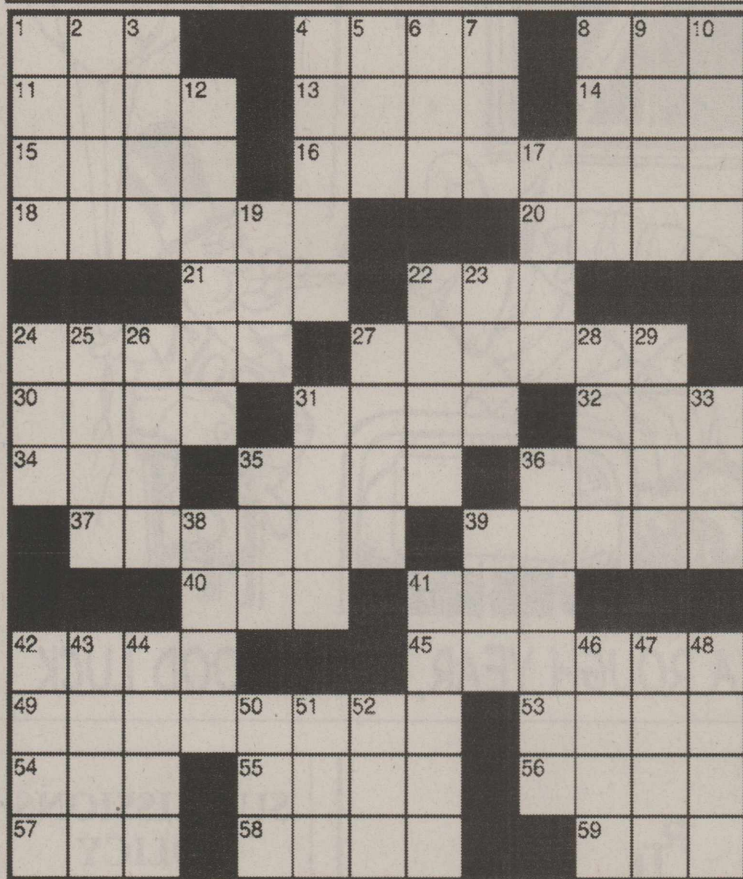
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- 1 Teen dance
- 2 Leading man
- 3 Letter starter
- 4 Spiked
- 5 — — nutshell
- 6 Shirt or blouse

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### Runnels County Jail Record

December 24-27, 2016

Name	Age	Agency
Juan Guerrero	28	Runnels
Sentenced to five days as condition of probation, theft.		
Leo Manley, Jr.	56	Coleman
MTR, assault family violence.		
Lindsay Salas	33	Concho
Assault causes bodily injury, family violence.		
Andrew Dean	25	Coleman
MTR, DWI.		
Arturo Moreno	33	Concho
Aggravated assault, DWI, resisting arrest, criminal mischief.		
Kolawale Olasupo	55	Concho
Hunting deer at night, hunting deer with artificial light.		
Norma Reyes	37	DPS
DWLI with previous conviction.		
Derek Arroyo	28	Concho
Possession of a controlled substance, FTA possession of a controlled substance.		
Abundio Coronado	35	BPD
Theft, parole violation, possession of a controlled substance.		
Reynaldo Torres	31	Runnels
Fraudulent use of identifying.		
Joe Gamez	40	DPS
MTR, FTA bail jumping, MTR, possession of a controlled substance.		

### VETERANS CORNER



Sandra G. Van Zant

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Social Security Administration (SSA) launched a new Health IT initiative that enables the VA to share medical records electronically with social security disability processors. This secure process will save time and money resulting in better service for veterans and dependents who apply for social security disability benefits. The SSA requests nearly 15 million medical records from health care organizations yearly to make medical decisions on about three million disability

claims. For decades, SSA obtained medical records through a manual process. This new national initiative puts in place an automated process to obtain veterans' medical records entirely electronically. 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 325-365-3612.

— Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer

## Man killed in one-vehicle crash in Coleman County

### STAFF REPORT

COLEMAN COUNTY — A Dallas man was killed in a one vehicle crash in Coleman County, Tuesday, Dec. 27, the Department of Public Safety reported. Emmanuel A. Rodriguez, 20, of Dallas, was reportedly traveling south on

State Highway 206 in a 2004 Chrysler Crossfire, when he failed to negotiate a curve because he was traveling too fast.

The accident occurred 7.5 miles southwest of Burkett, the DPS reported. The vehicle went through a concrete

culvert, rolled over into several trees and Rodriguez was ejected.

The body was taken to Hendersson Funeral Home in Coleman. Rodriguez was reportedly wearing a seat belt and the accident remains under investigation.

## Enhanced mobility program seeks public input

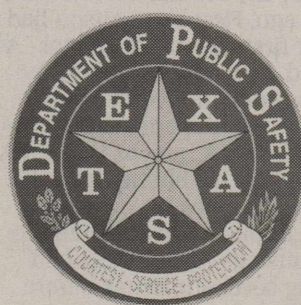
Meeting set for Jan. 20

### STAFF REPORT

The Texas Department of Transportation is hosting a series of regional public workshops to gain insight from the public regarding the federal Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program.

A meeting of the series will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20 at the Concho Valley Transit District Terminal, 510 N. Chadbourne St. in San Angelo. The satellite location will be the TxDOT Brownwood District Office located at 2495 Highway 183 North in Brownwood.

During these meetings, which will take place all over Texas during the first two weeks of December and the first two weeks of January, the public will have the



opportunity to learn about rural public transit from local providers and to provide their own input.

Following presentations from local providers, those in attendance will help identify and prioritize issues and needs facing the transportation program.

"The needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities are at the center of the Section 5310 program, so we need input from local stakeholders such as transit users, organizations serving

seniors and individuals with disabilities, nonprofit agencies, transit districts, and local governments to help guide Section 5310 funding decisions for the next two years," said Kari Banta, the Section 5310 program manager for TxDOT's Public Transportation Division.

Simultaneous meetings at satellite locations will be taking place on a number of the dates. In addition, the meetings will be available over the internet, so the public can listen in and view the presentations, as well as offer input, from their homes or from locations more convenient to them.

A schedule of the meetings, as well as instructions for joining via webinar, will be updated regularly on [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), under the Hearings and Meetings Schedule. An online survey also, is a link on the

meetings pages. Additionally, you may leave input or ask questions via a hotline, 512.360.0668.

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TxDOT promotes and supports public transportation by collaborating with local governments, nonprofit entities and other transportation providers. TxDOT provides funding to assist the needs of elderly individuals and persons with disabilities when current transportation service is unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate.

For more information or if you have accommodation needs, please contact Delma Childress at 325-947-9335.

## Teens facing charges for illegal deer hunting; no arrests have been made

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RUNNELS COUNTY — Four juveniles are facing charges for allegedly killing nine deer illegally in early December according to Texas Parks and Wildlife.

On Dec. 3, Runnels County Game Warden Lane Pinckney, received a report of two transformers that had been allegedly shot. The transformers were the property of the Coleman County Electric COOP.

While investigating the damage, Pinckney discovered evidence at the scene which included a "love letter" which led him to one of the alleged shooters.

He also said a evidence was found that a deer had

been killed. On the same night, a rancher near Lake Ballinger, two deer killed on his property.

Bloody shell casings and bloody drag marks where the carcasses had been dragged out of the field were found, but no deer carcasses were found, Pinckney said.

Upon further investigation, Pinckney discovered evidence that six more deer had been reportedly killed illegally and given to a Miles resident.

The investigation led Pinckney to four juveniles from Ballinger, three who were 16 years of age and one who is 17.

Pinckney also discovered that three responders, also owned by CCEC, had been shot as well.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

This is a photo of numerous deer carcasses which were allegedly killed between Dec. 3 and Dec. 4 by four Ballinger teens. The teens are facing multiple charges for allegedly killing nine deer. The Miles resident who accepted the deer is facing misdemeanor charges.

In all nine deer were discovered to have been killed over night between Dec. 3 and 4, Pinckney said. He said the juveniles reportedly took the deer to a Miles resident, who processed them before he could be contacted.

The juveniles are facing one count each of criminal mischief, a third degree felony, killing deer without consent of a landowner, a state jail felony, hunting at night and hunting deer from the road, both Class A misdemeanors. The suspects may also have to pay for the damage to the CCEC equipment.

The Miles resident who accepted the deer is facing Class C misdemeanors for possession of un-tagged deer and possession of a deer by illegal means.

No arrests have been made and no citations have been issued.

"All of the evidence and reports have been turned over to the juvenile authorities, the county attorney and the district attorney," Pinckney said.

The juveniles reportedly took a photo of the deer carcasses in the back of their truck, which was obtained through the investigation.

"I have never worked a case like this before," Pinckney said.



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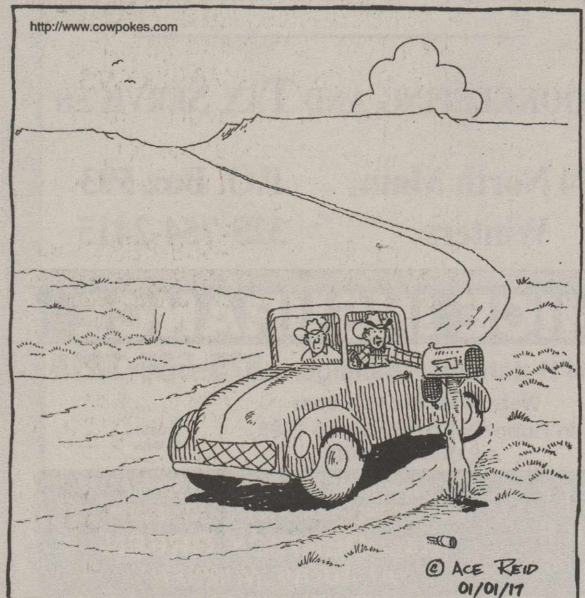
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**Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the **City of Winters** has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management Protection. The activity is funded under the HUD CDBG Texas Community Development Block Grant Program under TDA# 7216509.

**Description of Proposed Project:** Contractor shall install approximately three thousand linear feet (3,000 l.f.) of ten-inch (10") to twelve-inch (12") sewer line, manholes, service reconnections, pavement repair, and all associated appurtenances.

Construction shall take place in the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas in the following locations:

- Highway 153 from S Main Street to CR 396
- CR 396 from Highway 153 to Approx. 715 linear feet to the north

**Total Area of Disturbance:** 1.4 acres

**Floodplain:**  
 There are currently no FEMA floodplain maps available for the project area. According to the project engineer, some or all of the project area could be considered a floodplain.

- Total Area of Floodplain Disturbance: 1.4 acres

**Natural Values of Floodplain:**  
 The natural resources of the floodplain include water, biological, and societal resources. The proposed project will have minimal impacts to the floodplain because it involves replacing existing sewer line and manholes which have been in existence for years.

The **City of Winters** has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:

**Alternatives considered and reasons for non-selection:**

- 1. Replace only the sewer line outside of the floodplain.** - The entire project will occur within a floodplain. (not viable)
- 2. Obtain a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) or Letter of Map Revision (LOMR).** - The City also considered applying for a LOMA Map Amendment or Letter of Map Revision but it was determined that this site would not be a good candidate for such action and the time required to request such action could not be justified. (not viable)
- 3. Other infrastructure considered.** - Other infrastructure projects were also considered within the City Jurisdictional limits. However, the City concluded that this project was the highest priority of any eligible projects. (not viable)
- 4. No Action or Alternative Actions that Serve the Same Purpose.** - A no action alternative was considered but the sewer system is currently not functioning properly which could pose a health hazard to the community. (not viable)

**Mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:**

- 1. Preserving Property:** Project designs should, to the best extent possible, incorporate measures to reduce the risk of damage to the new infrastructure via a flood.
- 2. Preserving Natural Values and Minimizing Impacts:** After construction is completed, disturbed area will need to be immediately re-vegetated with native grasses. Only native plants are to be used in the floodplain and on the site.
- 3. Deposition and excavation of materials** will need to be performed in such a manner that erosion and sedimentation will be controlled.
- 4. Precautions** will need to be taken in handling of fuels or other hazardous materials to prevent discharge or spillage resulting in lower groundwater quality.
- 5. Erosion control measures** such as hay bales or silt screen barriers will need to be implemented and maintained during construction as required.
- 6. The project engineer** will need to incorporate best management practices into the specifications and plans.

**Date of any final or conditional LOMR's or LOMA's from FEMA:** None requested.

The **City of Winters** will ensure applicable state and local floodplain protection procedures are followed. The **City of Winters** has re-evaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the **City of Winters** at the following address on or before **January 13, 2017** a minimum 7 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 8<sup>th</sup> day after the publication: **City of Winters, 310 S. Main Street Winters, Texas 79567 and 325-754-4424, Attention: Lisa Yates, Mayor.**  
 A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm from the previously mentioned address. Comments may also be submitted via email at [todd@caveconsulting.com](mailto:todd@caveconsulting.com).

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# Lady Blizzards receive award at the Lions Club Invitational



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
The Lady Blizzards received the Sportsmanship Award at the Lions Club Invitational Tournament in Anson over the holidays. Pictured kneeling from left to right are Justine Alvarado, Christy Kruse, Micaela Ochoa, and K'Lee Lindley. Standing from left to right are Monique Carrillo, Brenna Knight, Cha-Cha Lovelace, Aimee Green, Brooklynn Anderson, Baily Knight, and Karlee Busher.

## SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

The Lady Blizzards participated in the Lions Club Invitational Tournament in Anson over the holidays, and while they split their games, winning two and losing two, they received a huge honor as the Lions Club awarded the Lady Blizzards the Sportsmanship Award for the team that displayed the most sportsmanship during the tournament.

"Sure, I'd like to have won the tournament," said Lady Blizzards' Coach Val Acree, "But to receive this award says a lot about our kids."

In the tournament opener, Winters defeated 54-17 by the #13 ranked Class 2A team, the Wellington Lady Rockets. Aimee Green and Christy Kruse had four points a piece, while Cha-Cha Lovelace and Karlee Busher each had six rebounds.

In their second game, the Lady Blizzards fell short in a hard fought battle with the

Whitney Lady Cats, 46-38. Green had 12 points, while Baily Knight and Monique Carrillo each pulled down 10 rebounds.

In their third game, the Lady Blizzards snapped a four-game losing streak going back to December 16, as they defeated the Trent Lady Gorillas, 50-20. Micaela Ochoa has 12 points with a perfect shooting performance. She was 3-for-3 from the 3 point line, and 1-for-1 from inside the 3 point line and the free throw line. Green had 11 points to go along with seven assists, while Karlee Busher had 12 rebounds.

In their final game of the tournament, the Lady Blizzards fought back from several deficits and defeated the Knox City Lady Greyhounds, 38-34. Green had 15 points, while Carrillo added nine. Karlee Busher had 11 rebounds.

The Lady Blizzards are now 13-8 on the season and resume district play in the new year on Jan.3 when they travel to Eldorado.

## SHERIFF

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approved, he will begin researching what needs to be done to make advances to technology in his office.

Squyres said he wants to be tough on the drug problem in Runnels County and to work to bring criminals to justice.

"I plan to continue the efforts to fight drugs in Runnels County," Squyres said.

Squyres, who was named sergeant more than a year ago, has been in law enforcement for 22 years,

earning his Texas Peace Officer License in 1994 from the West Central Texas Law Enforcement Academy in Abilene.

His first job in law enforcement was at the Coleman Police Department where he worked as a detective and earned the rank of sergeant.

During his tenure in Runnels County, Squyres has worked in narcotics, assisting with cases in Tom Green, Coleman, Taylor, Concho and Coke counties. He also worked alongside investigators with the West Central Texas Interlocal Crime Task Force.

A native of Coleman County, Squyres graduated from Santa Anna High School in 1980 and would go on to work at Stempel Manufacturing for a number of years.

The Runnels County Sheriff office employs five deputies, the newest of which is Travis Baird, the son of the former sheriff, who was sworn in on Jan. 1.

Squyres said he learned a lot from his predecessor and that he will be missed. "He (Baird) gave me a lot of guidance over the years and I appreciate that," Squyres said.



## Student Council students provide stockings for Winters Assisted Living, Senior Citizen retirement homes

**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
The Winters High School Student Council painted and personalized stockings for the residents of the Winters Assisted Living and Senior Citizen Retirement homes. Students filled each stocking with small personal items such as lotion and sugar free candy.

## SHOW

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show. "The quality of the animals will be just as high as it always is," said Jason Battle, treasurer of the RCJLA.

The Runnels County Premium Sale gets underway at 2 p.m. Saturday, and gives every one of the youth the opportunity to sell a project. The Premium Sale is the largest single event in Runnels County that supports youth projects and helps 4-H and FFA members earn scholarship funds and funds for future projects. All funds generated in the premium sale go to the 4-H and FFA youth.

"Last year approximately \$90,000 was awarded to the participants in the show during the Premium Sale," Kalina said.

A noon buyers meal will be held in the community center for all sponsors, contributors and buyers. Local and area businesses are invited to attend the premium sale and help support the youth of Runnels County.

The Runnels County Junior Livestock Association is overseen by a 12 member board, with members from throughout



**FILE PHOTO**  
Ryder Antilley, 8, of Wingate, front, and his friend Landon Moeller, 7, of Miles, play with goats during the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show, Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016. The show this year will be held at the Ballinger Community Center Jan. 12-14.

Runnels County who work together to put the annual event together.

There are four members from Ballinger and Rowena including Curt Skelton, Jason Battle, Janette Dankworth and Caroline Toliver. Members from Winters include Bill Belew, Bill Bredemeyer, Michael Woodall and Sammie Edwards and Miles members include Kalina, Wade Halfmann, David Estevez and Dusty Allen.

Kalina said that the local agriculture teachers and extension agents also play a big role in the success of the show. That includes

Cody Peterson and Tyler Frye from Ballinger High School, Hannah Franklin from Winters High School, Glenn Heard from Miles High School and Runnels County Extension Agent Garrett Cline.

"We can't thank everyone enough," Kalina said.

The Runnels County Junior Livestock Show Association invites everyone to come out and support the youth of Runnels County. Concessions and meals are available during the show. For more information, contact the Runnels County Extension office at (325) 365-2219.

## DAVIS

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who of musical royalty, in the country, bluegrass and rock genres, starting off with Marty Stuart's band and playing with legends like Earl Scruggs, Tim McGraw and has been in a band with Billy Bob Thornton, yes the actor, since 2002.

Davis has also played with the likes of Willie Nelson, Emmylou Harris, Pam Tillis, Sheryl Crow, Tommy Shaw of Styx, David Lee Roth and Sweethearts of the Rodeo.

Hilliard said he is grate-

ful that both Davis and Glosup have offered to perform and he wants the event to be a success so, the next step is community involvement.

"We also need sponsors and folks to volunteer for a committee to put this together," Hilliard told the group.

The March date, has not been officially confirmed as of yet.

Betty Bradley, executive director of Meals on Wheels Plus, said she is thrilled that an event is being organized to benefit the organization that is now feeding more than 100 clients in Runnels County.

"It is really exciting for Meals on Wheels to be honored by Brad and his group," Bradley said of the benefit. "We are really thankful to the judge and to sponsors. It will be a big help to us in providing meals in Runnels County."

Anyone wishing to volunteer for the committee or to sponsor the event, may contact Hilliard's office at 325-365-2633.

The commissioners also approved a \$2,000 donation to go to the City of Winters for the payment of utilities at the Senior Citizens Activity Center. Commissioners agreed to the payment after the county discontinued funding for the Senior Meals Program on Oct. 1.

In other business Tuesday, the commissioners:

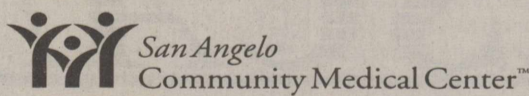
- Approved Jan. 3, 2017 as the date that all newly elected and elected officials will take the oath of office, with the exception of Sheriff Carl Squyres and Prec. 3 Commissioner Roy Mints, who were sworn in on Jan. 1.
- Approved budget amendments and line item adjustments to the 2016-17 budget.
- Approved the bond for Sheriff Carl Squyres.
- Approved a memorandum of understanding with the Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol.
- Approved a release of liability between Runnels County and Encartele, the Internet provider at the Runnels County Jail.
- Approved an in-kind match of donated office space to the Health and Human Services Commission.
- Approved a motion to bill the City of Miles for \$2,000 for paving.

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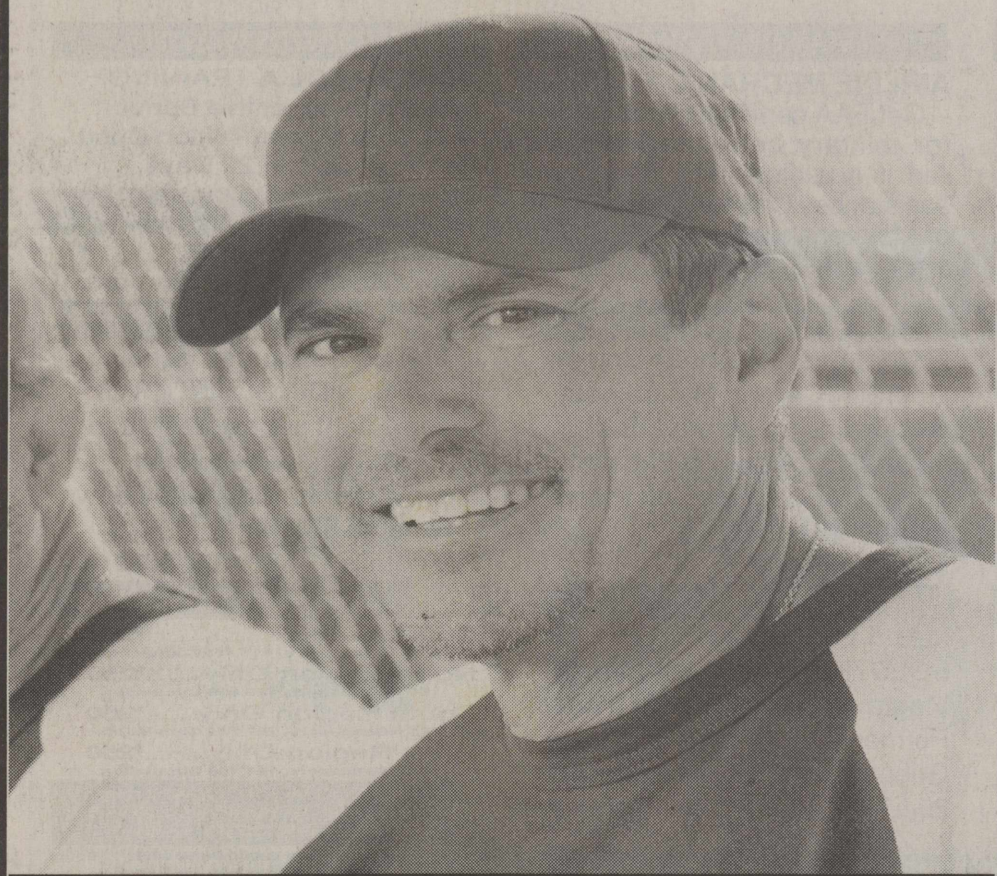


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"We will be accepting applications for the position," Mayor Lisa Yates said.

Davis said he would continue to assist Sgt. Paula Geyer, the highest ranking member of the Winters P.D., to allow for a smooth transition.

Meanwhile, Davis, 57, said he plans to leave the law enforcement profession to pursue other business interests.

"I have made a great many friends here," Davis said. "They are fantastic."