The Runnels County Commissioners' Court was very busy re-directing roads. As areas of the county were seeing settlers LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF moving in, roads were being changed from the first county seat of Runnels City to Ballinger.

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## Thursday, June 26, 2014

**Historical** Commission earns Distinguished Service award

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

**AUSTIN- The Texas Historical Commission** honored the Runnels County Historical Commission with a Distinguished Service Award for the 2013 year of ser-vice. THC issues Distinguished Service Awards each year to county his-torical commissions that demonstrate concerted efforts to preserve the history and character of Texas. This award will be presented during a meeting of the county commissioners' court on July 8, 2014 to acknowledge the county historical commission's stewardship of our state's unique cultural and historic sites

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"The Texas Historical Commission honors the **Runnels County Histori**cal Commission for their dedicated service to the State of Texas," said THC **Executive Director Mark** Wolfe. "We commend these hardworking individuals for their efforts to save Texas history and look forward to promoting their accomplish-ments throughout the year."

Texas county historical commissions reported more than 3,500 appointees for the 2013 year of service who contributed more than 441,000 volunteer hours; this in-kind donation to the state of Texas carries a monetary value of more than \$10 million. THC empowers county historical commissions across the state through programs and services that preserve Texas' heritage for the education, enjoyment, and economic benefit of present and future generations. THC's advisory role to county historical commissions is outlined in the Texas Local Government Code, the statute that allows county commissioners courts to establish county historical commissions. These unpaid appointees, as directed by county officials, initiate and conduct programs that preserve historic and cultural resources. CHC achievements include the preservation of countless historic buildings, artifacts, and other cultural icons of Texas history. Eighty-seven Texas coun-ties of the 254 received the prestigious award. The Runnels County Historical Commission's projects included restoring historical markers, working with organizations for historical markers and their dedications as well as documenting history for preservation purposes. For more information about the Distinguished Service Award, visit www. thc.state.tx.us



Wes Camacho decided to try something new this year, and he made it big by winning the YMCA annual triathlon in San Angelo, Texas. Here Wes is pictured with his father and coach Simon Camacho.

# A young athlete with **PROMISING FUTURE**

## **RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ** WINTERS ENTERPRI

WINTERS- At 9-yearsold. Simon Wesley "Wes" Camacho, had little experience in sports other than baseball. This season he decided to take a break from the diamond, and follow his father's steps in running. After all, he had been running along his dad since he was five. In April, everybody was surprised when Wes finished his first competitive event — the YMCA annual triathlon in San Angelo — placing first of his division. "I try to keep my kids active, and he decided not to play baseball this year so I started looking around, told him about it and he said he wanted to get into the triathlon," said Wes' dad Simon Camacho. "I thought triathlon was a good choice for him, he runs with me all the time, I've been a runner for a long time, even since I left the Army I am still a runner, we average about 5 miles every



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# **Runnels** Co opposes EPA's expansion

New water regulations considered burdensome and costly permitting requirements

### **RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ** WINTERS ENTERP

BALLINGER- Tuesday, June 23, 2014 the Runnels County Commissioners Court signed Resolution 019-FY2014 opposing current action by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corp of Engineers regarding their proposal to redefine "Waters of the United States" which will expand the jurisdictional authority of the federal Clean Water Act.

The EPA and United States Army Corp of Engineers have proposed a new rule to define "waters of the United States" that will expand the jurisdictional authority of the federal Clean Water Act, entitled "Definition of Waters of the United States.'

Under the Clean Water Act, the EPA and Corp of Engi-neers interpret various Supreme Court decisions related to the jurisdictional authority of the Clean Water Act in order to develop a new guidance which expands their own jurisdictional authority to include some ditches, farm ponds, dry water ways and isolated wetlands.

The proposed rule, according to the resolution, will infringe upon the sovereignty of the State to appropriately regulate state waters. If adopted, would infringe on private property rights, impairing land management activities such as urban development and agriculture production.

'The Commissioners Court of Runnels County, Texas strongly opposes the proposed new rule to define 'waters of the United States' in that it increases the need for burdensome and costly permitting requirements, infringes on private property rights, and circumvents the legislative process, thus, the will of the people," states the signed resolution.

"Congress, not federal agencies, make the laws and therefore any such change in jurisdictional power of the federal government should only occur as a result of the passage of federal legislation," the document adds.

Wes Camacho competing in the bicycle event along the Concho River in San Angelo, Texas.

time we run and he also loves to ride his bicycle," Simon added.

The YMCA triathlon was held on April 26, running and biking along the Concho River, in San Angelo, and the swimming competition was held at the YMCA facilities.

The triathlon consisted of a 100-yard swim, 2-mile biking, and 400yard run. And if that wasn't enough of an endurance test. Wes and three other kids ended up running 2 miles due to a slight mix-up at the turning point in the run-

ning event. "I am excited, swimming was pretty hard but the running and biking I had that," says Wes. "It was fun, I made some friends there." Wes com-peted against 20 plus kids ranging from 7-12

years-of-age. Simon, his father and coach, says he was blown away with the result.

"I knew he had the running with him, he's been running with me since he was five, and he still does, I was excited, shocked, I am very happy for him," said Simon.

Tuesday morning, in Commissioners Court, commissioners also passed a motion naming Precinct 4 Commissioner Richard Strube as contact authority regarding permanent improvement budget expenditures.

Discussion was made regarding recent changes to the inmates indigent health program. The new state guidelines now allow counties to declare inmates indigent in the county they are being held, despite the fact that their original place of residence is in a different county.

The indigent status allows the county to be partially reimbursed by the state when the inmate receives medical services. So far the county has been paying Medicaid rates for the inmates through an agreement with Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

**Commissioners Court discussed changing Runnels** County policy regarding new employees and their effective insurance date. Current policy states that county employees receive health insurance benefits from day one. Discussion was made to delay the benefits and hold the new employees for a probationary period ranging from 30-90 days.

Commissioners also discussed sick days and accumulated vacation days by the employees, no action was taken and the agenda item was tabled until further information is gathered.

The Ballinger Area Chamber of Commerce submitted a petition for permission to hold the K-TAB show on the road on the Runnels County Courthouse Lawn Wednesday, July 16 from 12-10 p.m. Permission was granted.

# **Conaway to hold town** halls in Runnels Co

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPOR

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative K. Michael Conaway (R-Texas) will hold a town hall meeting at the library on 120 North Main St. in Winters, at 4-5 p.m. on Wednesday July 2, 2014.

The town hall is open to the public and media.

Conaway will be bringing a legislative update for Runnels County constituents, and will be answering questions regarding the latest bills going through the floor and committees at the U.S. House of Representatives.

Rep. Conaway tour will also include a visit to Miles. Time and place for the Miles town hall were not confirmed as of press time.

# Winters Dove Fest 2014: a bigger, bolder event will start with a parade

# WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Plans are shaping up for Win-ters Dove Fest 2014 to be bigger than ever. It is scheduled for Saturday, September 6.

This year there will be a parade beginning at 10 a.m. south of downtown and ending at the City Park. It will feature a new Winters Dove Fest Queen and a number of floats. An Arts and Crafts Show will be held under the trees in the City Park from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. In the evening, a DF Dance will be held at the Community Center featuring "Justin Kaczyk and the Natural Outlaws." The Dance will run from 7-11 p.m.

The other events will be much like they

have been in the past. The Winters Gun Show will be downtown from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Hunters Appreciation Barbecue Lunch from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. will be at the Community Center, along with entertainment, silent and live auctions, and door prizes. The Clay Pigeon Fun Shoot will be on Rodeo Arena Road starting at 8 a.m.; the Motorcycle Fun Run will start at the Community Center at 9 a.m. Day hunts will be available for bird hunters and the annual gun raffle

will feature some very nice guns. Start making your plans for Winters Dove Fest 2014 by inviting your friends and family from out of town to enjoy the exciting activities planned for that day.



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# FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

# John D. Smith

John Daniel "Danny" Smith, 62, died June 14, 2014 in Pampa.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Philip Elsheimer, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Smith was born September 2, 1951 in Odessa. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1975. He married Jaye Brown on June 17, 1974 in Ballinger. He was a

veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam War, and later served in the U.S. Army Reserves until 1975. Danny was an operator for Conoco Phillips for 30 years, retiring in 2008. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Odessa. He was preceded in death by his father, W.C. Smith; and his mother, Darlene Peacock.



Survivors include his wife, Jaye Smith of the

home; two sons, Justin Smith and wife Alisha of Kingwood, and Hilton Brown and wife Cindy of Decatur; a brother, David Smith and wife Charlene of Woodward. Oklahoma; and three grandsons, Coleten, Landen and Brayden Smith, all of Kingwood.

Memorials may be made to the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center for the benefit of BSA Hospice patients, 1600 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106. Sign the on-line guest register at www.carmichael-

whatley.com

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# Cattle survey will assist in planning future research

### **BLAIR FANNIN** SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

COLLEGE STATION- A survey distributed to the Texas stocker cattle industry by Texas A&M University System agricultural agencies will help collect vital trend data to assist in meeting future research and educational initiatives, according to officials.

The mailed survey will help specialists with Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, the department of animal science and the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M gather information to evaluate field research efforts and educational programs relating to the beef industry.

'We are committed to serving the Texas beef industry, and the stocker segment is a vital part of beef production in the Lone Star state," said Dr. Bill Dugas, acting vice chancellor and dean for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences for the system.

Survey responses are anonymous and will provide an assessment of the stocker industry, said Dr. Russell Cross, head of the department of animal science at Texas A&M.

"It is vital that we understand the stocker segment's



needs in order to plan and develop practical applied research protocols and meaningful educational programs to assist in these changing times," he said.

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## Summer reading program

Summer reading program 2014. Each Tuesday in June. School age children 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Story time for preschoolers and their parents 3 to 3:30 p.m. Read 12 books this summer and get a t-shirt.

Movie and dinner night out benefiting RCSO personnel A dinner and a movie fundraiser will be held Friday, June 27, at the Old Texas Theatre in Ballinger. Dinner seating begins at 6:30 with the show set to begin at 7 p.m. The movie for the evening is "Courageous." Tickets for this special night out include both the full gourmet dinner and the show. Limited seating is available, therefore advance ticket purchases are encouraged. Tickets may be purchased at the Old Texas Theatre, at KRUN Radio, at Ballinger City Hall, or the Ballinger Area Chamber of Commerce. A silent auction will be held during the evening with a variety of donated items up for bids.

Proceeds from the dinner and a movie and the silent auction will help to defray medical expenses for multiple Runnels County Sheriff's Office personnel and their families, who are each battling health issues. Former Jailer Cherie Squyres, wife of Deputy Carl Squyres, is hospitalized at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas as she recovers from a lung transplant. Sergeant Dan Stoker is currently battling major medical issues. Wade Townzen, brother of Deputy Dawn Sumrall, is battling lung cancer, and Joni Gray, wife of Deputy Steven Gray, recently lost her long and courageous battle with colon cancer.

## **Pastor Montoya Farewell at the FUMC**

Sunday, June 29, 2014 a luncheon will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Winters, honoring Pastor David and Juanell Montoya following the morning worship service. The Montoyas are moving on to their next home.

Joyce Carbery and helpers will be preparing the meal. If you have not done so and would like to, you may still make a donation to cover the cost of the meal. Give donations to Ouida or Jane.

Next week the FUMC will be welcoming the new Pastor, Robert Murchison and wife Bitsy to their church family. They will be having a covered dish.

## SCI meeting to be rescheduled

The Small Church Initiative (SCI) meeting scheduled for Sunday, June 29, 2014 after the luncheon is cancelled. There is just way too much going on that day! It will be rescheduled, but the date and time are TBD.

## Benefit gun raffle

Runnels County Sheriff's Department is conducting a gun raffle with proceeds benefiting Cherie Squyers and Wade Townzen. Cherie is a former Runnels Co. Jailer and she is married to Deputy Sheriff Carl Squyers. She underwent a lung transplant in Baylor Hospital in Dallas, Texas. Wade Townzen is Deputy Sheriff Dawn Sumrall's brother. Wade was diagnosed with cancer affecting his throat, lungs, heart and kidneys.

Guns being raffled are a DPMS AP4 .233 carbine, ISSC MK 22LR rifle, Ruger LC9 9mm handgun, and Ruger SR22 22lr handgun. Drawing will be held on July 4, 2014. Tickets are being sold by law enforcement officers in Runnels County. For more information call the Runnels County Sheriff's Dept. at (325) 365 2121.

Blizzard basketball camp The Blizzard basketball camp will be held July 15-18. Session 1 will be for boys and girls entering grades third through fifth. Session 1 will go from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The first session will concentrate on learning the game and perfecting fundamentals. Session 2 will be for boys and girls entering grades sixth through ninth and will

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last from 10 to 12 p.m. The second session will include team play as well as work on fundamentals. Registration will be the morning of the camp.

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Blizzard speed camp The Blizzard Speed Camp will be held July 28-31. This camp will be for boys entering grades second through eighth and will be held from 6 to 8 in the afternoon. The camp will focus on developing speed while working on football skills like throwing, kicking, catching, punting, and snapping. Campers can register the day of the camp.

### Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 p.m., first Thursday of the month at the Lone Star Video, 200 Tinkle Street.

## **TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'**

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Winters and Ballinger area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening and arts and crafts to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during summer) at 2 p.m. at the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of South Seventh and Sealy Ave in Ballinger.

If you are interested and like to find out more about us, call Nancy at 325 5042 or Linda 754 5385.

## Winters Women's Club

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Sylvia Wilson 754 4992 for additional information.

## **AA Meetings**

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

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

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

## WIC open to many incomes and families

Women Infants and Children, located at 706 Strong Ave in Ballinger is open Monday thru Wednesday 7 a.m. till noon and 1 p.m. till 6 p.m.

Closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone (325) 365 5925. WIC is open to many incomes and all kinds of families.

Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting Masonic Lodge No. 643, 500 N Broadway, Ballinger, Texas. Stated meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month except for holidays if it falls on that Monday. For more information call (325) 365 3202.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meetings on fourth Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmeth, Texas Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754 2048.

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge meetings Paint Rock Masonic Lodge No. 613 meets the first Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. Supper will be provided after the meeting. The location is the Masonic Lodge building located at 360 South Roberts on Highway 83 South.

# **On the Level**

Texas A&M System

would like to do more to serve the stocker segment of the beef cattle industry," said Dr. Allen J. Roussel, DVM and department head for large animal clinical science in the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M. "Health management is a key to profit for this segment, so it is critical that we learn more about the challenges faced by these producers to better serve the industry.'

Cross said the stocker segment has a unique task of taking cattle from diverse cow-calf operations and preparing them for the structured feeder phase.

"The stocker industry also faces some unique chal-lenges," he said. "Cattle originate from varied climates and nutritional regimens, herd health programs are comingled and subjected to social and shipping stresses. And still stocker cattle are expected to remain healthy and gain weight.

"The cattle industry is scrutinized more today by consumers who are generations removed from agriculture. Animal welfare, antibiotic resistance and environmental sustainability are buzzwords in the popular press daily, oftentimes without full understanding of these terms, forcing the cattle industry to deal with the repercussions.

For more information, call the department of animal science at 979-845-1543.

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# Memorial Day is a time to remember our soldiers who have passed away. Those men and women who chose to

give part of their lives to the service of our great country, and those who have died serving. All are heroes that should never be forgotten. I hope everyone reading this will take the time to reflect and give thanks to these men and women.

**Charles Frerich** 

Growing up with a dad who was a veteran, patriotic pride was instilled in me. The reverence shown when standing at attention for the Star Spangled Banner and truly Pledging Allegiance to the Flag is being lost to the younger generations. As a kid, I was able to be around the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Rowena when they had their fundraisers and socials. I even paid attention to the chili and stew cooking of these men and the stories they told. These were my associations with veterans who had served World War II, and Korean War. I saw these men having a good ole time and yet the seriousness of their love of country. This was passed down to their kids who were also my good friends. I hope that I gave my children a sense of patriotism as they grew up. It is up to the parents to be an example to their children, but I see many cases in which kids are talking, looking around or who keep their hats on their head when the National Anthem is played.

This year's Memorial Day is also one for the record books, with the beautiful rain that fell over the weekend. Three to eight inches of rain were reported. Ponds are mostly full and the lakes caught some great runoff. The many months of dry weather pushed us almost to the limit of water supplies. Many of us began to appreciate water for the life giving power it has. Looking on the dry hills and fields we realize how precious even the least drop of rain really is. And after so much water fell out of the sky which now is pretty and blue, the creeks and rivers are flowing, and the hearts of all people are made

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# **Memorial Day**

glad. Many prayer services were held and individual prayers were offered asking for rain but we also need to thank God for this blessing.

After this rain many farmers will be thinking about getting back in the field. Remember to make the best decisions for your land. A lot of the wheat was failed due to drought and the freeze and was baled for hay with some wheat harvested for grain. This rain will bring on the weeds. Conserving the residue from the small grain is so important to protecting the soil. This residue will keep the ground cool, keeping evaporation to a minimum and protect the soil surface from wind and rain. Pastures will be greening up, but ranchers, remember it takes leaf surface to grow roots to feed the plant to produce more leaf. You must allow pastures to recover from the drought before stocking.

Many lawns and gardens took a real beating from the drought with limited watering imposed on many resi-dents. This rain will bring a flush of new growth and many may be inspired to put out fertilizer to help bring their yards back to life. Please apply the rates recommended on the label so over fertilizing does not occur. The plants will only use what they need and the rest will leach down into the soil or be carried off by over watering lawns.

Remembering our veterans and the sacrifices they made should remind us of the sacrifices it takes to remain a free country. For more information you can contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service or contact me at charles.frerich@tx.usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



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# Thursday, June 26, 2014 Brice family holds 45th year reunion

# WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Brice reunion was held June 14 and 15, 2014, at the Winters Community Center. There were 123 relatives and 11 visitors present.

Those present were Earlene Moore of Cabet, AK; Sam and Steve Pierce of Deming, New Mexico; D'Lois Schuman of Roswell, New Mexico; Dana Wilson and son, Glenn of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; W.A. and Dorothy Henley of Kerrville; Juanita Bradley and Ben and Rita Blak eney of Leander; Stephen Blakeney of Pflugerville; Marvin and Fayrene Henager, Easton Ogas, Gary Brice and Kendall, Gloria and Bobby Smith, Marshall Smith and son, Caden of Belton; Janie Baker of Troy; Kenneth and Cynthia Henager and Sarah of Moody; Leon Brice, Taylor Brice, Debbie and Eddie Parker, and Ashley Parker and children of Comanche; Leslie Brice, Joyce Weidner, Ricky Weidner, Cody and Whitney Weidner and children, Michael Brice, Shellie Dominguez, Sandy Camp, Misty Orosco, Jacob and Desi, Cassie Hogdea and son, Heath Howell, Rusty Weidner and Alton Barron of San Angelo, Odell McGinnis, Sherrie and Greg Johnson, Scarlette Morgan and Kassidy, Johathan and Sara Mendez and children, Brandon and Brandy McGinnis

and children, Bodie and Kelly McGinnis of Mineral Wells; Ann and Eddie Bedrick, Beth Brice, Judy Snowden, Georgia Collier, Brandie Pando and Children of Odessa; Rocky and Donna Weidner and grandkids of Water Valley; Christina and Jason Bruck and boys of Fort Worth; Francis Faglie, Curtis and Katy Mitchell and Weston, Tina and Gaylord Mitchell and grandson, Keagen Hollis, Tracie and Joseph Saunders of Tuscola; Jim Bob and Laura Webb of Kopperl; Bryce Webb, Cameron Musilier, Justin and Katie Webb, twins Abby and Henry of Lewisville; Breanna Webb of Coppel; Vickie Watts, Amy Cominsky and Reese, and Shelli Watts of Temple; Darlene Kelly of Ballinger, Troy and Vickie Hensley of Wingate; Eva Lou Hoffman of Graham; Vonda and Dwayne Grun, Alicia and Travis Sims and Aubree, and Gena Wright of Lubbock; Brenda, Cory, and Brandy Braden of Carlsbad, Texas; Bobby Faglie ofr Blanket, Darrell and Tina Coffey of Sonora; Oleta Webb of Winters

Visitors present were Terri Meyer, Ramon Barron and Jerred Green of San Angelo, Allie Tingle of Belton, Cameron Fuilier of Lewisville; Kelly Wright of Tuscola; Shawn McDonald, Gary Gattis and granddaughter of Carlsbad, Texas, Jimmy and Becky Kresta of Ballinger.

## **Financial Focus** profits or prevent losses.)

Work toward financial Independence Day

It's almost the Fourth of July, the day when we celebrate our independence as a nation and the many liberties we enjoy as individuals. Still, we have to keep working to earn some freedoms — such as financial freedom. But by making the right moves, you may eventually enjoy your own **Financial Independence Day.** Here are a few such moves

to consider: Set free your vision. Your first step in moving toward financial independence is to establish a vision of what this freedom might look like. Ask yourself some key questions: When do I want to retire? What do I want to do during my retirement vears? How can I be confident that I won't outlive my financial resources? The answers can help you develop a clear picture of where you want to go - which will make it much easier to create a financial strategy for getting there.

Liberate your full investment capabilities. Right now, you may have good investment opportunities that you are not fully exploiting. For example, are

you contributing as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan? And when your income goes up, are you increasing your contributions to these accounts? Both an IRA and a 401(k) offer tax advantages and a variety of investment options, so try to get as much out of these plans as you can.

Avoid the "bondage" of a non-diversified portfolio. If you only own a few types of investments, you are restricting your opportunities and probably taking on too much risk. If a downturn primarily affects just one or two asset classes, and most of your investment dollars are tied up in those assets, your portfolio could take a big hit. But if you "free up" your holdings by diversifying across a range of investments - stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit and so on - you may give yourself more chances for success while reducing the effects of market volatility on your portfolio. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification cannot guarantee

Unshackle yourself from debt. It's not always easy to lower your debt burden, but it's worth the effort. The lower your monthly debt payments, the more money you will have available to invest for the future - and for your ultimate financial freedom. So look for ways to consolidate, and reduce, your debts.

Escape from disability and long-term care expenses. Few events can threaten your financial independence as much as a disability or the need for long-term care, such as a nursing home stay. Even a short disability and time away from work can wreak havoc on your financial situation. And an extended stay in a nursing home can be hugely expensive. In fact, the national average for a private room in a nursing home is nearly \$84,000 per year, according to a recent survey by Genworth, a financial security company. To defend yourself against the threat of disability or the expense of long-term care, you may want to consult with a financial advisor, who can recommend the appropriate protection vehicles.

The Fourth of July is a festive occasion. But you'll have

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## Game wardens enhance BWI enforcement efforts

AUSTIN- Law enforcement officers across the U.S. are gearing up for **Operation Dry Water - the** nation's boating while intoxicated (BWI) awareness

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and enforcement campaign. The nationwide event will take place June 27-29. Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in recreational

boater deaths in the US. 'We'll be on heightened alert," said Cody Jones, **TPWD Law Enforcement** Assistant Commander for Marine Enforcement.

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A: Most people aren't aware of the incredible energy and power of lightning, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "It's true that some bolts of lightning are much stronger than others,

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# THE ORGANIZATION OF RUNNELS COUNTY **Commissioners face tardiness issues;** Winters gears up for a great future

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Winters Enterprise

WINTERS- The Runnels County Commissioners' Court was very busy during this time continuing to re-direct the roads of Runnels County\*. As areas of the county were seeing settlers moving in, roads were being changed from the first county seat of Runnels City\* to Ballinger\*. Most all roads were considered wagon-ruts during this time. The Courthouse was still under construction and Ballinger was growing. The furniture was selected "in walnut wood" and was to be ready for use when it was shipped and the Courthouse was ready.

The Commissioners' Court met in regular term the 13th of May A. D., 1889 with the County Judge, W. A. Proctor presiding. Officers present were John McEwen Formwalt, Sheriff and W. L. Towner, County Clerk, and the commissioners. They continued to order supplies for the move into the Courthouse and they paid their bills. County Commissioner of Precinct 1, C.H. Willingham offered his resignation and the court accepted. They declared his office vacant until his successor would be appointed.

There was a special called term held June 10th A. D., 1889. All officers were present except C.H. Willingham. The first matter of business was to address the problem of commissioners being late to the Commissioners' Court meetings. That subject was put aside until later. The court then moved on to the rendition assessments of taxes and proceeded with equalization. The court met for three more days, then adjourned.

A special term was called July 8, A.D. 1889. The purpose was to continue work on the equalization. August 1889, the court would meet again to review all

of the road construction that was in progress over the entire county

Runnels County

To the north of Ballinger and Runnels City, settlers had moved into the area just Southeast of present day Winters, Texas. The C.N. Curry Family and C.E. Bell Family both staked claims to parcels of land in the area. A small schoolhouse was built in 1889 on land that was given by rancher and land agent, J.N. Winters. Mr. Winters had been a School Superintendent at Walthall\* in Southeast Runnels County; then he moved to Runnels City and taught school there. In 1886, he married his mail-order bride, Alice Bivins. When the schoolhouse was completed, the discussion about a name for the school arose. At the time a local cowboy, Jack Mackey, was given credit for suggesting "Winters," in honor of Mr. J.N. Winters who had given the land. In January of 1890, the little community came together in the school building and cast ballots for either Winters or Wintersville as the name of the town. Winters won on the first ballot. The first businesses, a cotton gin and mercantile building were in service before the end of 1890. March 22, 1890, a group of 18 people met to organize the Bethel Baptist Church and was called that until 1903 when it was changed to Bethel Baptist Church of Christ, then later to First Baptist Church. Services were held in the schoolhouse until 1906 when a frame building was constructed at Truitt and Main Street. The Methodist Church\* was organized August 2, 1891. For eight years they shared the local schoolhouse with other denominations. The Church of Christ was organized by John Eoff in 1898. They held

their services in their homes and the school until a church was. built in 1905. The Lutherans, St. John's Lutheran Church\* began meeting sometime before their organization in 1904 with 22 charter members. The new town's first Doctor, Robert Cooke\* had moved in and was living about one mile north of the schoolhouse building. Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Winters stayed in the area until 1894, when they moved to Fort Worth, Texas.

The post office for Winters was granted in 1891. At that time, the population of Winters was 163. The new town was chartered in 1894. The growing community organized a Brass Band\* in 1901

Following the Civil War, many buffaloes were hunted in the area for their hides.

"The third evening after leaving camp on Elm Creek some 10 miles above where the town of Ballinger now stands, buffaloes were discovered in abundance and the scout camped at once for the night as the spot was a beautiful place for camp purposes." (Captain Jeff: Or Frontier Life in Texas with the Texas Rangers: Some Unwritten History and Facts in the Thrilling Experiences of Frontier Life. By one of the Nine, a Member of Company "E" Texas Rangers 1906, Whipkey Printing Co., Colorado, Texas.)

Cattle had been introduced on open range and large ranches were established with the advent of barbed wire. During the 1890s, settlers from Central Texas purchased smaller tracts of land and began breaking ground to produce cotton and grain. The productions increased but unfortunately, the drought of 1916 resulted in a drop of production.

The Great Depression and

World War II took their toll on the agriculture and a lot of young men of the area answered the call. By the first decade of the 20th Century, Winters was a typical small town in a community that cropped up on the West Central Texas prairie now that the indigenous Native American tribes had been forced beyond the Red River. Settlements of Truitt, Crews, Drasco, Pumphrey, Wilmeth and Hatchel

were within a 20-mile radius. May 22, 1907, residents of Winters, Ballinger and Abilene met with Colonel Morgan Jones and successfully lobbied him to construct an approximate 55-mile long train track between Abilene and Ballinger. He immediately went to work. By July 1909, the railway reached Winters. Local businesses began to flourish. The passenger response to travel by train far exceeded the railroad owners expectations. With the railroad came the decline of the small communities circling Winters. The town newspaper, The Winters Enterprise, Spill Brothers Furniture and the Rock Hotel\* were all established. The Rock Hotel was established to house the railroad passengers stopping in Winters.

In 1910, Winters was the largest cotton shipping point in the United States.

The Winters Chapter of the Future Farmers\* was the first Chapter in Texas to receive a State Charter, April 10, 1932. The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce was established in 1932.

The oil and gas industry began in 1927 with the discovery of the MacMillan field near Ballinger. The discovery of oil continued with its contribution to the local economy and is recognized as a factor that stabilizes a population decline. The economy

of Winters benefited from the discovery of oil.

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Manufacturing supported the local economy when J.R. Dry and his four sons, Johnny, C.C. , Hal, and Charles began building evaporative air conditioners. The manufacturing of various products continued until 2009 when the plant closed. The C.L. Green Milling and Grain Co. was established in 1918 by C.L. Green and Son. The company continues but with the name A-C Nutrition with trucks taking feed from Texas to Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Winters has a very interesting history and is approaching its 125th anniversary with numerous events in the planning stages. The community is still progressive and economically viable. With an innovative school system, healthy hospital network and a modern high-tech library, Winters is prepared for a great future. The Z.I. Hale Museum, Inc. — Gus Pruser Ag Museum, Rock Hotel, the Drummer House, Blue Gap Post Office\* continues to support numerous historical preservation projects. The local infrastructure and business ventures are sustaining the economic climate. Winters will be celebrating and dedicating an Official Texas Historical Marker in early 2015. It will be located in the Historical Park on North Main Street, by the Winters Public Library.

\*Indicates an Official Texas Historical Marker, or 1936 Centennial Marker **Resources: Runnels County Historical Com**mission Histories **Runnels County Commissioners'** 

Court Minutes, May, June, July, August 1889.

Runnels County Clerk's Records Runnels Is My County, Charlsie Poe

Master Naturalists taking applications

for training class

## WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

ABILENE- The Big Country Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists is now taking applications for its next Master Naturalist volunteer training class. Naturalists are students

of natural science or natural history. If you are interested in the beneficial management and conservation of our natural resources such as land, minerals, plants, birds, animals, and insects and sharing that love with your community, then the Texas Master Naturalist program is for you.

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begins on August 14 and runs through October 28. Classes are held weekly, on Tuesday nights, with two Saturday excursions and two Thursday programs.

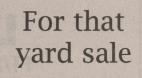
Those completing classroom training and passing the final exam will be required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service within a one year of training graduation.

Individuals completing the training become certified Master Naturalists, assisting both the Texas A&M Extension Service and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department through community education in natural resources.

The training is based upon Texas Master Naturalist state guidelines and has been focused to fit our region of the state. Teachers, ag producers, conservationists, environmental advocates and people simply interested in our natural treasures, have taken the course and remain active in the organization.

August 1 is the deadline to register for this year's class. The fee for the class is \$100.00 per person and includes resource books and material. Class size is limited to 20 people, and acceptance is based on applicants' willingness to volunteer.

Applications are available at the Big Country Master Naturalist Website at http://txmn.org/bc or call the Taylor County Extension Office at 672-6048 for more information.



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Winters Lions Club to celebrate 90th birthday WINTERS ENTERPRISE

### STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Lions Club was organized on May 23, 1924 by Vilas Johnson with 28 charter members. The organization will celebrate its 90th birthday with a Watermelon Supper on Saturday, June 28, 2014 at 6 p.m. at Ted Meyer (City) Park. Watermelons and drinks will be provided. The supper was postponed from last Saturday, due to the good rains.

All Lions Club members (past, present, and prospective) and their families are invited to attend and enjoy the fellowship. Anyone in the community is also invited to join the Lions for this celebration. Past presidents and former members will be rec-

ognized by the current Winters Lions Club President Lloyd Farris.

# Mosquito expert provides tips on abatement

## WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WACO- Mosquito bites can trigger more than just irritated, itchy skin. They can signal the beginning of potentially harmful diseases such as West Nile Virus. This week for National Mosquito Control Awareness Week, Richard Duhrkopf, Ph.D., biology professor in Baylor's College of Arts & Sciences, provides several tips on how to avoid being bitten and reduce the number of mosquitoes buzzing around.

"In any location, there are hundreds of different types of mosquitoes with different characteristics. Some are more likely than others to transmit diseases like the West Nile Virus. Mosquito populations are as-sociated with heat and rainfall. So, if we have regular rainfall, we will have mosquitoes," Duhrkopf said.

He said eliminating standing water is crucial in re-ducing mosquito populations that could be carriers of disease. "Any object that can hold water can become a mosquito breeding site. Five-gallon buckets have become popular to hold gardening materials and a variety of things in a yard," Duhrkopf said.



# Area students awarded 4-H **Opportunity Scholarships**

### WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Four area graduating seniors in Runnels County were recently awarded Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships. Each one of Ballinger High School senior Brylee Matschek, Winters High School senior Kara Hethcott, and Miles High School seniors Jessica Kalina and Sarah West, received a scholarship to help them continue their education through college.

All graduating seniors are members of the Runnels County 4-H Club.

Brylee Matschek of Rowena, won the \$4,000 Texas Farm Bureau scholarship. Matschek plans to attend Texas A&M University.

Kara Heathcott of Winters won the \$18,000 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo scholarship. Heathcott plans to attend Tarleton State University.

Jessica Kalina of Miles also won a \$18,000 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo scholarship. Kalina plans to attend Texas Tech University.

Another Miles High School senior, Sarah West, also won an \$18,000 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo scholarship. West plans to attend Texas A&M University.

More than 65,000 Texas youth are members of 4-H community clubs



Joel Cowley, Kara Hethcott and Jack Lyons.

in the state. The program, part of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, prepares youth to meet the challenges of childhood, adolescence and adult-

hood, through educational experiences in leadership, citizenship and life skills.

# Veteran's Corner

A nationwide audit of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) was released last week. It indicates that 57,000 veterans have waited more than 90 days for an appointment at VA medical facilities and 64,000 requested medical care but did not even get onto a waiting list. The audit also found that 13 percent of schedulers were told to falsify appointment requests to make the wait times appear to be shorter than they actually were. Sloan Gibson, acting VA secretary, said in re-sponse to the audit findings, "These problems demand immediate actions." The acting secretary said further that VA would spend additional \$300 million to pay for extra hours for VA medical staff and contract with private clinics to get veterans prompt medical care. Gibson also eliminated the 14-day scheduling goal for initial VA appointments by veterans, a policy that was unrealistic and caused persistent cheating among medical



bureaucrats whose annual bonuses where connected to reaching that goal. The House unanimously passed HR 4810 that requires VA to let veterans who have waited for an appointment to be sent to health care providers outside of the VA. The bill also prohibits bonuses for senior VA officials through FY 2016. The House had earlier passed a bill (H.R. 4310) that provides authority for the VA Secretary to discharge senior management staff for misconduct. Both bills are sponsored by House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Jeff Miller (Fla.). The Federal Bureau of Investigation is now investigating criminal misconduct at the VA. The amended bill intends to provide veterans with quicker access to health care by allowing VA-enrolled veterans who have been on waiting lists and enrolled veterans who live more than 40 miles from a VA facility to receive a "Choice Card" that allows them to go to Medicare providers, Military Treatment Facilities (MTF) and federally qualified health care centers. VA already spends about \$5 billion a year on private sector health providers. Eligibility for such care is complex and varies by veteran status and condition. For more information, contact Sandra at the Vet-erans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 365-3612.

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# **On man killed** in rollover in **Haskell County**

# WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- One person was killed during a onevehicle crash occurring Saturday night, June 21, 2014 northeast of Lueders, Texas. Texas Department of Public Safety identified the fatality as 26-yearold Leonardo Alejandro Camacho-Garcia, or Lueders, Texas.

According to DPS Camacho-Garcia was driving a 1998 Nissan Frontier northbound on Rockdale Road, 12 miles northeast of Lueders. The driver turned hard to the left and lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle went off of the road to the left, struck a barbed wire fence, and rolled multiple times.

The driver was ejected and died at the scene. The crash is under investigation by Trooper Larry Adams Jr., DPS Haskell.

Camacho-Garcia was pronounced dead by Judge Lynn Dodson. The body taken to Abilene Professional Services.