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Jessica Kalina showing the 2013 Grand Champion Steer at last year's Runnels Co. Junior Livestock Show.

13th annual Junior Livestock Show to start this Thursday

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- The 13th Annual Runnels County Junior Livestock Show will be held on January 9-11 at the Ballinger Community Center with over 130 4-H and FFA members from across the County participating. This year's show will feature approximately 400 livestock projects from youth participating in the 4-H and FFA programs in Ballinger, Miles, and Winters school districts.

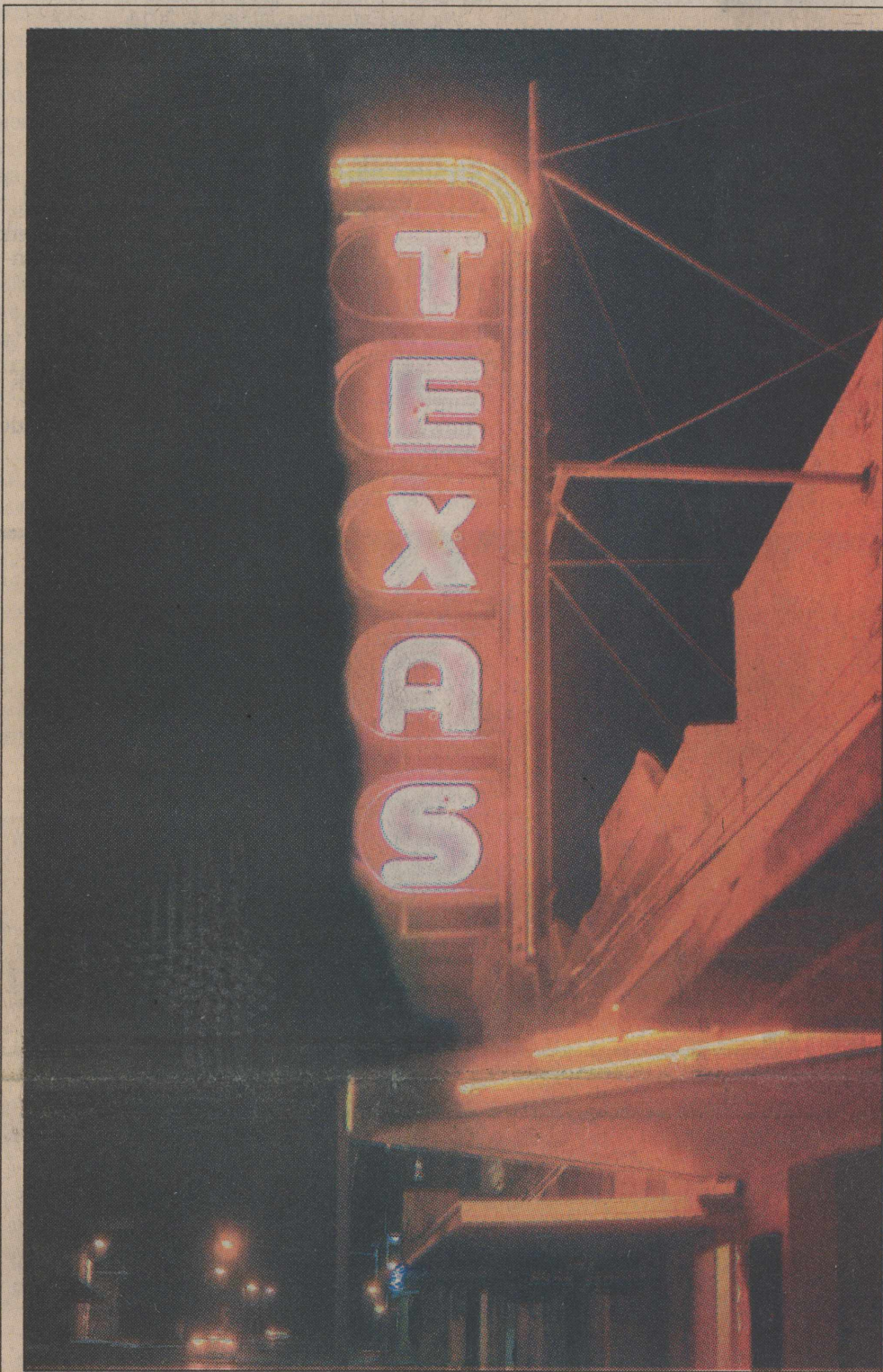
All livestock will arrive at the Community Center on Thursday, January 9 and weigh in from 5 to 7 p.m. The shows will begin on Friday morning, January 10 at 9 a.m. with the swine show. After lunch, the show will resume with the rabbit show followed by the meat goat show Friday afternoon. On Saturday, January 11, the lamb show will begin at 8 a.m. followed by the cattle show at approximately 10:30 a.m.

The Runnels County Premium Sale will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday in the show ring with every youth having 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 gain scholarship funds and funds for future projects. 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. All funds generated in the premium sale go to the 4-H and FFA youth.

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.

Coming back to life



After almost 40 years dormant, the Old Texas Theater will be re-opening its doors with a live show and grand opening on Friday January 17, 2014

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Friday, January 17, 2014 will be a historical date in Runnels County, as the Old Texas Theater in Ballinger will be coming back to life after spending the last four decades dormant. The place, originally built as the Palace Theater, has not been operational since the late 1970s, but has been completely renovated over the past 18 months.

"The theater was bought by its new owners in August of 2012, and the remodeling started right then," said General Manager Kael Denton.

Former Midland residents Paul and Katy Morrow moved to Ballinger, and decided to buy and remodel the theater.

"From the first moment they wanted to re-open the theater for business and started working in the seating, wiring, lighting, they put new tile in the lobby, they remodeled all the woodwork, it was a complete restoration," Denton said.

The place was also plaster-coated, and the walls were chipped off to reveal the stone underneath. The stage was extended and given a proscenium arch façade. An addition was made to the back of the building to accommodate storage, an office, dressing rooms and staff restrooms.

The "Texas" sign was also restored, and now shines announcing the re-opening of the place. According to local residents this sign originally sat across the street, in the original Texas Theater, but it was moved to the Palace when the Texas Theater burned down to the ground.

The new theater has a rated capacity between 150

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Historical venue

The Old Texas Theater closed in the late 1970s, one of the last movies shown was Star Wars.

The movie theater will be re-opening on Friday night, January 17 with the live featuring of comedian and juggler Mark Angelo. The grand opening will also include a ribbon cutting and skit by local teens. The theatre will be showing movies and open for events.



New year brings extreme cold to Runnels County

BALLINGER LEDGER
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- Ballinger and Runnels County started the year with extremely cold weather, following a national winter storm caused by the so-called "Polar Vortex" that affected every corner of the United States territory. Monday, January 6, 2014, the mercury plummeted to 15 degrees Fahrenheit, and the highest temperature recorded couldn't make it pass freezing.

According to the National Weather Service office in San Angelo, the maximum reached at 5:24 p.m.

was 32, while the lowest temperature recorded regionally was at 7:59 a.m. for a daily average of 24 degrees. No precipitation was recorded regionally along with this cold front.

Despite the extreme temperatures, they are far from the lowest on record for the day. According to the NWS archives the lowest on record for January 6 was recorded on 1947, when the mercury dropped to a chilly 5 degrees.

These cold temperatures are following a series of regional historical records, such as the

day record-setting 1-inch snowfall recorded in San Angelo on Friday, December 6, 2013. The snowfall broke the old record of trace set on December 6, 1969.

That same day, a record low maximum temperature of 31 degrees was set at Mathis Field, in San Angelo, which broke the previous record of 34 degrees set on this day in 1972.

A record low temperature of 25 degrees was also set on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at Mathis Field, breaking the 33 degree mark set

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WCW supporting booster clubs

West Central Wireless recently gave over \$30,000 to athletic and band booster clubs throughout West Central Texas. Pictured here is Amy Rodriguez of West Central Wireless presenting a \$1,240 check to Winters High School Band Director Phil Mooney.

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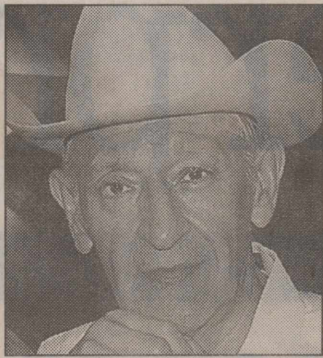
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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Gene Bernal

Gene Bernal, 72, of Winters, died December 31, 2013. He was born October 10, 1941 in Bluett, Texas to Eugenio and Bertha Lerma Bernal and was raised in Uvalde. He graduated from Uvalde High and attended Southwest Texas Jr. College in Uvalde. He married Dora Arredondo July 5, 1964 in Uvalde. He worked for Sam Cane in Corpus Christi and owned two restaurants in Uvalde and worked as a meat market manager for Safeway in Ft. Worth and while in Ft. Worth they had Bernal Real Estate Company. They moved to Winters in 1986 and opened Casa Cabana Restaurant and owned Bernal Meat Processing in Coleman. In 1989 they had Casa Cabana No. 2 in Ballinger for a short time. He was a big supporter of the Winters Public Library. He was a member of the Winters Chamber of Commerce and had served on the City Council. He was a Catholic.



He is survived by his wife: Dora Bernal of Winters. Four children: Elma Jean Bernal of Winters, Gene Bernal IV of Winters, Albert Bernal and wife Christy of Lubbock and Erik Bernal and wife Heidi of San Antonio. One sister: Minerva Bernal-Perez of Boerne. One brother: Richard Delgado of Greeley, Colorado. His grandchildren are: Riley Daniel Ripley, Jimmy John Ripley, Julie Lynn Reyna, Mercedes Rachia Bernal, Victoria Myrriah-Renee Bernal, Hunter Nicole Bernal, Nathaniel Bernal, Noah Gene Bernal, Chandler Kae Bernal, Alyah Katrina Sanchez, Tea Katrina Escareaga, Elle Katrina Escareaga, Kire Katrina Bernal, Bryn Katrina Bernal, Marcus C. Guerrero and Matthew C. Guerrero. The family received friends Wednesday, January 1, 2013 and recited a Rosary. Another Rosary was held Thursday January 2, 2013 at the funeral home. A memorial service was held January 3, 2013 at the North Main Church of Christ. Funeral service was Monday January 6, 2013 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Uvalde. Burial was at Hillcrest Cemetery in Uvalde. Local arrangements are with Winters Funeral Home. Arrangements are handled by Uvalde Funeral Home. The family request memorials be made to the Winters Public Library or Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.

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Mildred Vinate DeBerry

Mildred Vinate DeBerry 75 of Wingate passed away Thursday January 2, in Abilene. She was born May 9, 1938 to Mack and Ida Helen (Teague) Tabor in Wingate. She graduated from Winters High School where she participated in basketball. She married Jim DeBerry on November 15, 1958 in Wingate, he preceded in death in August 1972. She loved athletics and coached girls softball and basketball for fun. She farmed and ranched and also worked as an EMT for North Runnels Hospital. She was secretary and bookkeeper for McCabe Automotive and DeBerry Trucking. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Winters. She was a great mother, friend and mentored many boys and girls and was a stern disciplinarian but was loved by all.

Survivors are Jerry McCabe and sons: Douglas Mark DeBerry, Lance Brad DeBerry, Andrae Lee DeBerry and Alfred Eugene Yates of Winters. One grandson: Brad Douglas DeBerry, one sister: Sandra Hughes and two great nephews: Adam and Aaron Rusk of Wingate. The family received friends Saturday, January 4, at Winters Funeral Home. Services were held at Sunday January 5, 2014 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Heath Powers officiating. Burial was at Wingate Cemetery under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

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Jerry Wayne Lynn

Jerry Wayne Lynn, 71, of Farmers Branch, Texas died December 31, 2013. He was born December 4, 1942 in Odessa, Texas and worked for TD Industries in Dallas for 50 years. He married Teresa Bailey in 1977 in Dallas. He is survived by his wife: Teresa Lynn. Three children: Bobby Lynn, James Lynn and Jenny Lynn. His mom: Bonnie Lynn. Two sisters, two brothers and five grandchildren.

Graveside services were Saturday January 4, 2014 in the Shep cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home. The family received friends on Friday January 3, 2014 at Winters Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers the family request memorial be made to Kidney Cancer.Org

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NEWS NOTES

Area author to present her novel in Ballinger

Ballinger author Christine Kohler's publisher, Merit Press, has released her young adult novel "No Surrender Solider." The book is for ages 13 and up. It spins a tale of two unlikely characters who cross paths. A young man. An old solider. A terrible injustice. But should the price be death? Join us for a book launch 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, January 18, 2014, at the Carnegie Library. Refreshments will be served. Christine Kohler will talk about the history behind the book and answer questions.

Abilene Aggie Mom's Club monthly meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 6:45 p.m. at the Coldwell Banker Panian & Mash Building, located at 2500 South Willis (South 27th and Willis, one-half a block north on Willis). Please join us for a light meal. You will get to meet other Aggie Moms and learn a little more about Texas A&M and all of its traditions. We meet the third Tuesday of each month, at 6:45 p.m. for refreshments and fun. If you can't make the meeting but would like more information, please call or email President Venita Teal at 669 0886, vltmini5@gmail.com or Kathy Hocke (membership) 721 3131, hockeig@camalott.com

SAAF scholarship application now available

The San Angelo Area Foundation's 2014 scholarship application is now available through March 1, 2014, for students attending college in the fall of 2014. Interested students can apply at <http://www.aaafound.org>, by clicking on the "Scholarships" tab. The San Angelo Area Foundation manages over 80 scholarship funds, created by generous donors for the benefit of students. The student need only complete one online application and each scholarship is awarded based on a variety of qualifications unique to each scholarship fund. Scholarship awards are announced in early May. If you have any questions during the application process, please contact our office either by email at scholarship@aaafound.org or by calling (325) 947 7071.

Fundraiser for Chad McDuffee

An account has been established at the First National Bank of Ballinger to accept donations or sponsorships for Chad McDuffee. McDuffee is a Ballinger native and veteran of the Iraq War. Chad lost most of the use of his right foot after sustaining an injury while on deployment in Iraq in 2006. Chad earned a bronze medal in the 2013 Valor Games Midwest in powerlifting and is currently trying to earn a spot on the U.S. Paralympic Team in time for the 2016 World Games in Brazil. Donations to the account will be used to help defray his travel expenses and purchase special equipment for training.

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.

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Cold: Abilene also records historical lows

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in December 7, 1978. The record low of 19 degrees for the date was also set, breaking the old record of 21 degrees dating back to 2011. The National Weather Service station in Abilene has also been recording historical low temperatures. On Friday, December 6, 2013 the high temperature of 25 degrees at the Abilene Regional Airport

broke the previous record of 27 degrees, set on December 6, 1972. A record low of 14 degrees was set on Saturday, December 7, 2013, breaking the old record of 15 degrees dating back to 1950. The high temperature of 20 degrees at Abilene Regional Airport recorded on Saturday, December 7, 2013 was also a historical low, breaking the previous

record of 27 degrees, set in 2005. According to the forecast the cold weather will be giving regional residents a break during the next week, with lows in the mid 30s and highs in the upper 60s for the rest of the week. The National Weather Service is also forecasting 50 percent chances of rain for this Wednesday, January 8, and Thursday, January 9, 2014.

Theater: Box seats and general admission

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and 180, depending on the seating. The box seats are fixed to the floor but the general admission seats have the capacity to be moved around. On grand opening night Ohio juggler and comedian Mark Angelo will be featuring "Comedy in High Definition," a live variety act with the world class juggler and Guinness World Record holder. The event will also include a ribbon cutting, a skit by local teens, and a short film presented by Ballinger High School graduate Evan Wilson, who is now a videographer for Texas Tech University. Denton said that after the opening live show they will be a showing wide array of movies suited for everyone. "We'll be showing 15 movies in the first week only," Denton said. "Our

goal is to keep the cost affordable to allow everyone to come to the movies, we won't be selling \$6 hot-dogs or \$6 popcorn," he added. The theater will be having a wide variety of promotions such as double features, time-travel Tuesdays, classics, cult favorites, a dumb or dumber event, and blockbuster Saturdays with movies for kids, teenagers and more. Movies, live comedy and

variety acts are just the beginning of the new era at the Old Texas Theatre Denton said, the venue will be also available for social events such as birthday parties, wedding receptions, seminars and more. For more information about The Old Texas Theatre, call (325) 365 5100, visit www.oldtexastheater.com, or stop by at 115 North Eighth Street, in Ballinger, Texas.

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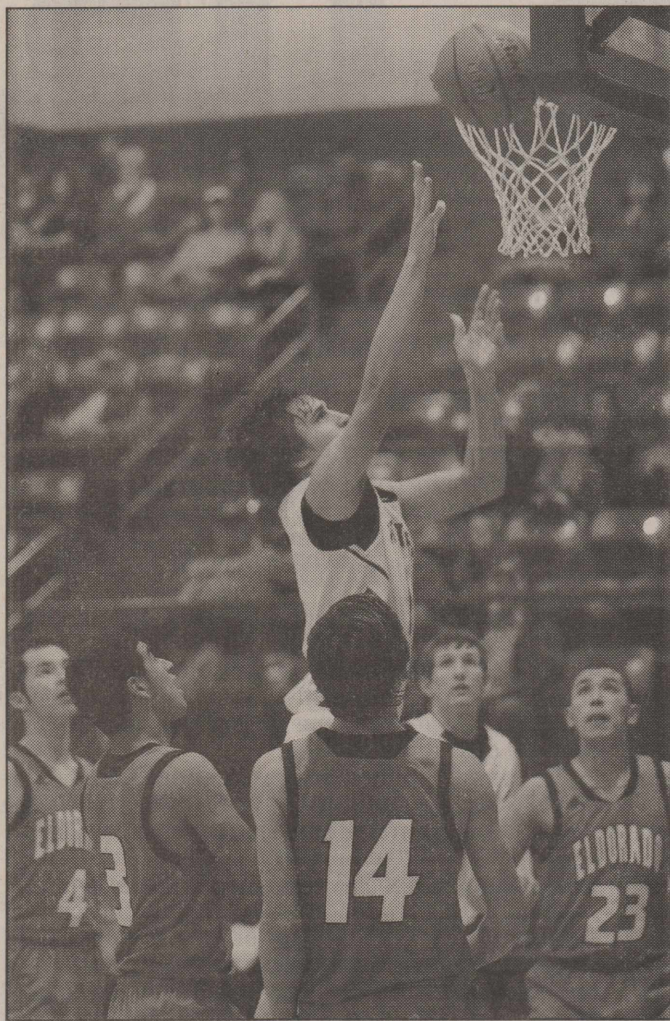


PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Daniel Gerhart going up for a shot during the Varsity vs Eldorado game.

Blizzards beat Eldorado in district basketball

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Blizzards defeated the Eldorado Eagles Friday night, January 3, 2014, to improve their district record to 2-1, and place third in the District 8-1A Division I basketball standing. Winters beat Eldorado by a score of 62-59.

Lead scorer for the Blizzards was Daryl Hagle with 18 points, followed by Jake Brock with 12, and Daniel Gerhart with 10 points.

Daniel Gerhart also had 5 rebounds, 7 blocks, 1 steal, and 2 assists; Chris Gerhart scored 8 points, had 7 rebounds, 1 block, 2 steals, and 8 assists; Julian Soto had 4 points, 1 steal; Lukas Kraatz - 8 points, 11 rebounds, 2 blocks, 1 steal, 3 assist; Hagle also got 3 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assist; Brock completed his numbers with 10 rebounds, 2 blocks, 3 steals, 1 assist, while Brady Calcote contributed with 2 rebounds, 1 block, and Kimble Bridgeman scored 2 points.

Tuesday the Blizzards had the day off, and Friday night will be coming back to the court as the travel to San Angelo to face TLCA Varsity Girls at 6:30 p.m. and Varsity Boys at 8 p.m.

District 8-1A Div. I

Standing Team	Dist.	All
TLCA	3-0	10-4
Christoval	2-0	7-7
Winters	2-1	4-7
Eldorado	1-1	2-10
Irion Co.	1-2	N/A
Miles	0-2	N/A
Ozona	0-3	2-11

Friday: Christoval 75, Irion County 34; TLCA 49, Ozona 29; Winters 62, Eldorado 59

Winters Public Library donations

Winters Public Library received donations from:

- Earl Edwards, memorial Babe and Polly Edwards.
- Granville Long, memorial Lois Oleta Long.
- Bill and Gayla Neal.
- Roscoe Morrison.
- Denny and Mary Aldridge, memorial Roy and Kat Young.
- Marilyn McGaff, memorial Edna Ruth Self.
- George and Tommy Yates.
- Truma Poe, memorial Fred Poe.
- Terry and Libby Gerhart.
- Ewing and Lamoyne Lovelady, memorial Ellis Zane Moore and Stella Moore.
- Richard Lee Griffith Investments, memorial Bluff Creek Ranch.
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- Juana and Charles Wenmohs, memorial Camille Wenmohs.
- Martha Hale.
- Kerr Broadstreet, memorial Gayland Broadstreet.
- Bailey Mayo.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harrison, memorial Leti-cia Crouch.
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- Barbara Lovett.

- Peighton and Cartar Glass in honor of Jane Allcorn.
- Eloise Brown, memorial Freddie Brede-meyer and Laticia Couch.
- Barbara Baldwin Pearce, memorial Buford and Margaret Baldwin.
- Marilena Spill Chappelle.
- Herman and Pat Smith, memorial Gene Bernal.
- Becky and Reggie Boles.
- Wingate Lions Club.
- Ronald Kraatz.
- Ronald J. Huddleston.
- Gene Griffin, memorial Betty Lou Holle Griffin.
- Rodney Lloyd.
- James H. Bryan.
- Kenneth H. Silmp.
- Kleta J. Gerhart.
- Jerry and Jan Sims, memorial Gene Bernal.
- Nancy Foreman, memorial Latisha Couch.

CAFETERIA MENU

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Jan. 13-17

Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

Monday
Breakfast Taco or Cereal/
Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice
of Milk.

Tuesday
Pancake/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/
Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast Burrito/Salsa or Cereal/
Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of
Milk.

Thursday
Sausage
Roll or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit
Juice, Choice of Milk.

Friday
Muffin or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly,
Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Winters ISD Lunch Menu

Monday
Chef Salad or Sloppy Joe or Chicken
Nuggets/Bread Stick (H.S.), Mac &
Cheese, Mashed Sweet Potatoes,
Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks,
Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Pear,
Choice of Milk.

Tuesday
Chef Salad or Turkey & Cheese
Sandwich or Steak Fingers/Gravy/
Bread Stick, Green Beans, Baked
Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot
Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Blue
Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday
Chef Salad or Nachos or Soft Taco,
Spanish Rice/Coleslaw, Pinto
Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks,
Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Orange,
Choice of Milk.

Thursday
Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak,
Bread Stick, Mashed Potatoes w/
Brown Gravy, Broccoli w/Cheese,
Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks,
Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Strawberry,
Choice of Milk.

Friday
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger,
Chicken Bites/Bread Stick, Black
Eyed Peas, Oven Fries, Tossed
Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry
Tomato, Apple, Choice of Milk.

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Across

- 1 Laughter's sound
- 5 Scary snake
- 10 Thicke or Alda of TV
- 14 Frosted the cake
- 15 Like a smooth operator
- 16 Six, turned upside-down
- 17 Amorous gaze
- 19 Complete
- 20 Huge crowds
- 21 Like some owls
- 23 They hold hands
- 24 Cod and Canaveral
- 25 Thrill
- 28 Some church ceremonies
- 31 Enjoys Mark Twain or John Grisham
- 32 Gandolfini or Garfield
- 33 "Whazzat?"
- 34 Pre-
- 35 Doesn't just sip
- 36 Cooper or Oldman of Hollywood
- 37 Ship's plea
- 38 Big name in Chicago politics
- 39 Aesop's lesson
- 40 Puts in the envelope
- 42 How lowlifes operate
- 43 Hotel offerings
- 44 Totals
- 45 It's in your blood
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- 51 Best Picture Nominee of 1981
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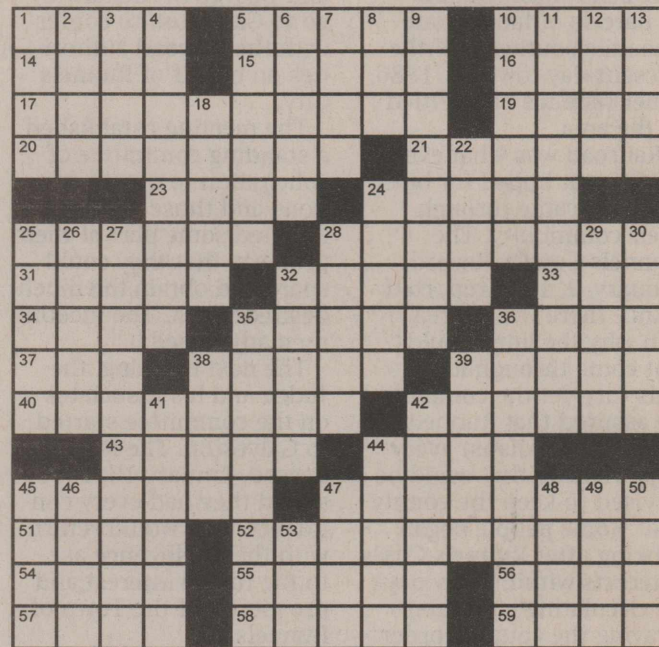
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- 57 Tavern ("The Simpsons" locale)
- 58 Use a broom
- 59 Moist and cold

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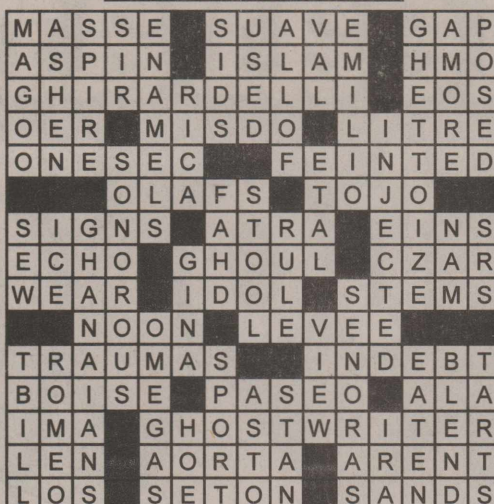
- 1 Boo's partner
- 2 Pain in the neck, maybe
- 3 End of a loaf of bread
- 4 Australian city that's also a woman's name
- 5 Take for granted
- 6 Some love songs
- 7 24-hour periods
- 8 The night before
- 9 Gives new form to
- 10 Former Soviet president Gromyko
- 11 Most of something

- 12 "Breathing Lessons" novelist Tyler
- 13 The Beatles' "I ___ You"
- 18 Cities on the water
- 22 Makes a choice
- 24 Showy on purpose
- 25 Delete
- 26 Element in air
- 27 Kurt Vonnegut novel
- 28 Hay amounts
- 29 Painting on a wall
- 30 In a reserved manner
- 32 "Around the World in Eighty Days" author ___ Verne
- 35 Riot police gear
- 36 Talked at the back fence
- 38 Goner's fate

- 39 Ladies of the house, informally
- 41 Defeats
- 42 Sack cloth
- 44 Secretly put alcohol in, as fruit punch
- 45 Occasion to use a limo
- 46 Building blocks name
- 47 Bank vault
- 48 Grandma
- 49 College course, casually
- 50 Office furniture
- 53 "Nope"



LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Q: Can you have freezing rain, snow and sleet at the same time?

A: Yes you can, says Brent McRoberts, of Texas AS&M University. "Winter storm systems frequently contain all three," he says. "Very often, you can have more than one precipitation type at the same time. All three types of precipitation begin falling from clouds as snow. If a snowflake doesn't encounter air warmer than 32 degrees as it falls to the surface, you will have snow. If the snowflake encounters warmer air beneath the cloud, it will melt. Sleet occurs when the melted snowflake has a chance to refreeze before reaching the ground, while freezing rain occurs when it doesn't freeze until contacting the surface. Forecasting the type of precipitation is difficult because just one or two degrees in temperature difference can change whether an area receives rain, snow, freezing rain or sleet."

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Railroad was what everyone hoped for

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WINTERS- While it seemed the major activity was in the center of Runnels County, settlement of the area immediately surrounding what would be the city of Winters began in the 1880s. Two families, the C.N. Curry's and the C.E. Bells staked claims to parcels of land about one mile southeast of the present-day town. By 1886, other families had settled in the area.

Railroad was what every settlement hoped for but only if it came through their community. The Runnels County Record, January, 2, 1886 reported: "since there was no reason why the line should not come through Runnels City, let the company be assured that Runnels City would exhaust every legal remedy that could be devised to keep the county seat. Some people began looking after Runnels City's interests within a few days by circulating a petition praying the court to order an election for county seat. If Runnels City were legally chosen, and it was a foregone conclusion that it would be since its opposition was an unknown desert spot near Valley Creek (Maverick), then the railroad would be more likely to come there. All of the speculating gave the Runnels City's leaders a job to make sure of their city's permanent position.

Early January, 1886, citizens of Runnels City, unable to stand the strain any longer, met at the Courthouse to devise ways and means of inducing if possible the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad to come to Runnels City.

Colonel McCord made an encouraging and pertinent talk in which he pointed out that Runnels City had a better chance of getting the railroad than Coleman City had had when they first commenced real, earnest action. The Runnels City's citizens appointed Judge C.H. Willingham, T.A. Thompson, Herber Stone and George D. Nichols to go to Galveston to confer with the railroad authorities on behalf of Runnels City.

The meeting established a standing committee of solicitation to obtain donations and those present donated some part of their property that they could spare and obtain the much desired result. The meeting then adjourned.

The next morning, the Judge and his associates on the committee started to Galveston. The Runnels Record, January 16, 1886 stated they had every confidence they would return with the intelligence as to the future interest and prosperity of the Town of Runnels.

As was reported in the Fort Worth Gazette a few days later, the article' headlines: "THE RUNNELS DELEGATION MAKES A TEN STRIKE FOR THAT ENTERPRISING CITY." By January 23, 1886, one of the directors of the company estimated the value of the Runnels City's offering at \$50,000, and spoke favorably of accepting the proposition. All seemed certain but there was hint of a conspiracy involving one member of the committee. The Fort Worth Gazette mentioned only three present. It could have been that George Nichols did not go. Of the three mentioned, only one lived

in Runnels City - Judge C. H. Willingham. Stone and Thompson lived outside the county but were on the committee because of their landholdings and possibly their contributions used to entice the railroad officials to Runnels City.

Some residents questioned the intentions of the County Judge, but the Runnels County Record came to his defense. "Although we know that he has interests down on the river, still we know of his sense of honor and sympathy with the people who were his neighbors and friends. He paid his own expenses for the trip." They did question - did he pay his own way so he could advance his interests down on the river while in Galveston?

The year of 1886 was starting out to be a very stressful and a very dry year. The drought had set in and was very devastating in all areas of the residents of the town and the surrounding areas.

The regular term of the New Year began with the Honorable Runnels County Commissioners Court meeting February 8, A.D. 1886 with Judge C.H. Willingham presiding. All four commissioners were present. They were Job Davies, H.H. Luckett, F.M. Bright and Henry Wylie. The Sheriff, John McEwen Formwalt and W.L. Towner, County Clerk were also present. The court among items addressed were the taxes for the year of 1886. State Ad Valorem Tax = 25 cents, School Tax = 12.5 cents, County Ad Valorem Tax = 25 cents, Road and Bridge = 7.5 cents, Occupation Tax= one half of the State Tax. In School District No. 1, Runnels Tax was 20 cents per \$100 value of

property. In Content, it was the same.

The court adjourned to meet the next day, February 9. They examined reports for all roads. The report of taxes collected for the Runnels School was \$74.03 and for Content, it was \$50.59.

The court examined a petition signed by residents and qualified voters asking that the court order an election for the purpose of deciding if hogs or swine should be permitted to run at large in the following territory. Beginning at the north corner of Runnels County; then south with the west boundary line to the Colorado River; then down the River to Valley Creek; then up Valley Creek to the north boundary of Runnels County; then west with the boundary to line of beginning.

The court continued with examining the road reports, appointing overseers and also road hands. They appointed the following presiding officers as managers of Elections for the Precincts of Runnels County for the year 1886. Precinct No. 1 - H.D. Pearce, Precinct No. 2 - Alfred A. Hanscomb, Precinct No. 3 - C.M. Teel, Precinct No. 4 - W. E. Allen, Precinct No. 5 - D.H. Cameron. The clerk recorded the meeting and decisions in the minutes, then the court adjourned for the February Term.

Resources:
Runnels County Historical Commission Histories
Runnels County Commissioners Court Minutes, February, 1886
Runnels County Clerk Records
A History of Runnels County, Texas 1683-1960, Leonard G. Smith, B. S.

AgriLife's 'Last Chance' course to be held in San Angelo

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SAN ANGELO- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Tom Green County will be offering their annual "Last Chance" continuing education unit course from 12:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center.

The center is located north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture credits will be available: one in the integrated pest management category, two general, one laws and regulations, and one drift minimization.

The course will include presentations on integrated pest management control of fire ants and forage pests, brush control strategies, pesticide laws and regulations, fruit and pecan tree management, and drift minimization and equipment calibration.

"The training is called the last chance course because it's the last time our office will offer Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units before the February 28 deadline," said Josh Blane, AgriLife Extension agent in Tom Green County. "All private applicator license holders must earn 15 continuing education units in specific categories over the five-year period the license is valid. Older licenses renew on February 28, though more recently issued licenses renew on the anniversary of the date they were originally issued."

Individual registration is due upon arrival. For more information and to RSVP, call the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County at (325) 659 6522 or (325) 659 6524.

Regional gardening seminars

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO- The People/Plant Connection will be holding two regional gardening seminars in San Angelo, for people interested in gardening in the Concho Valley area.

The People/Plant Connection is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to bring the joy of gardening to people of all ages and abilities.

"We are building an Educational Garden at the Southside Recreation Center in San Angelo that will be open to everyone in the Concho Valley. To earn fund for our projects, we sponsor two gardening seminars each month. Our January seminars are educational a great way to kick off the new year," stated the organization in a release.

Friday, January 10, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Horticulturist Allison Watkins will be presenting Lunch 'n' Learn Gardening Class. Saturday, January 11, the gardening seminar will be featuring Rain-water Harvesting. This class will also be taught by Ms. Watkins. Both seminars have a nominal fee. For more information call at (325) 656 3104.

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On matters of disagreement...

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A dozen people — maybe more — have laid claim to the admonition we've all heard many times. For all I know, it may have first been stated by Emily Post, Amy Vanderbilt, Miss Manners or Little Miss Muffett. Anyway, it is well-worn: "We can disagree without being disagreeable."

That's a possibility, of course, but there's a much greater probability that the opposite — disagreement WITH being disagreeable — seems to be a way of life. Firestorms of disagreement rage in our country. Combatants have fangs bared, teeth gritted, knuckles clenched and weapons at the ready. That was the AMERICAN WAY last year — and quite a few years before that. Little change is anticipated in this brand new one....

Much of the rancor erupts from individuals and groups who, quite

simply, have changed their minds, switching drastically from one extreme to the other.

Take some medical doctors, for example. Their current disagreement — with each other, it should be noted — centers on the optimum blood pressure level for older adults. They're lobbying research missiles at each other, leaving befuddled patients in limbo. And some poor souls don't have that much time left for the physicians to decide.

Their wrangling doesn't seem to affect my blood pressure — one way or the other. Some of my friends, though, feel abandoned, left out in the cold, their blood boiling....

Have we ever — as a society — been so combative? We don't know whether to buy whole foods or the fragmented

kind, organic or otherwise, natural or processed, fad-laden or fat-free, scented or unscented.

Now, they're at war about whether we should use bacterial soap or antibacterial. Families have been split over such dilemmas.



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Some of us, whimpering and ready to put this issue aside, aren't even sure of the best method for drying our hands. Paper? Cloth? Or maybe with new electronic hot-air hand dryers — the ones with tornadoic velocity that re-arrange the vein patterns on our hands....

Issues abound in all of life's walks, including politics, religion, business, education and industry.

A generation ago, we could declare our stances to be conservative, moderate or liberal. Not so clear-cut anymore.

A running joke claims parents of a college-bound youngster carefully scrutinized several institutions' rules, classifying them as being conservative, moderate or liberal. They found one where firearms on campus are strictly forbidden and another where guns are legal, but not encouraged. A third institution, REQUIRES students to own guns....

We're also in crossed-sword configurations with the governmental invention at play on several fronts. Many say long-held personal freedoms are at risk.

New revelations suggest that the coming and going of just about everyone are included in government surveillance, including our use of phones, emails and the Internet.

Someone said that with our exploding population and multiple phones in every household, the National Security Agency may soon need to increase

its budget. I mean, NSA folks can barely handle all the calls they're listening in on now....

On the sports front, fans line up in great numbers defending — and opposing — Dallas Cowboy Quarterback Tony Romo.

Fans in his camp point out that soon after the crushing loss to Green Bay, he showed up hours later at Children's Medical Center, ostensibly to bring cheer.

His critics don't buy this, however. They claim he was there to check in....

In collegiate circles, fans are buzzing about the football coaching search at the University of Texas — the nation's top revenue producer.

They're talking about a possible contract for \$10 million per year.

That figure is about 400 (yes, four hundred) times greater than legendary Coach Grant Teaff's pay at Baylor when he began his storied career there in

1975. Of course, he never had an agent. Neither did Texas A&M's R C Slocum, another class act.

The powerball lottery had its biggest pay-off to close out the year, with two winners claiming the \$636 million prize. The announced odds of winning were one in 259 million.

Such numbers boggle. Imagine this: Allow a soft drink can, 2.25" in diameter, to represent one ticket. Then, imagine standing up all 259 million — all of them touching. The line would stretch some 9,200 miles — the number needed to completely border the continental United States.

OK. Which can are you gonna pick?...

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Winters Chamber thanks support for the great year-end

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce wrapped up 2013 thanking everyone who participated in their year-end events, recognizing their commitment and dedication to better serve the community in Winters.

"We would like to thank Pamela Barnes for taking over as acting president in December and doing a great job with the Christmas Parade and Pageant. The Chamber would also like to say thanks to Sandy Messey, Jill Davis, Lupe Guevara, Theresa Prater, Chance Hogan, Tina Gray and everyone at the Rock Hotel for helping out so much with December's events," said the chamber in a statement.

"We could not have done it without you. The Rock Hotel was kind enough to give us a place to conduct interviews and to announce the winners of the pageant."

The chamber also encouraged everyone to visit and enjoy these places in Winters, where local history is preserved.

"If you haven't, you should visit the Z.I. Hale Museum and donate to their cause; it's a good way to learn a little about the history of Winters. We will be having several events coming up in 2014 and we invite all business owners and everyone in the community to attend," the chamber added.

"For business owners, these events are a way to get to know the local citizens and to promote your businesses. For local citizens, these events are a way to see what local businesses have to offer your community."



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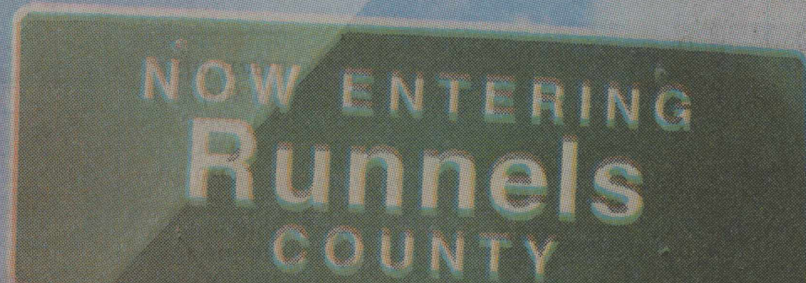
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