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14th annual Jr. Livestock Show starts this Thursday

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The 14th Annual Runnels County Junior Livestock Show will be kicking off this Thursday, with the arrival and weighing of the livestock at the Ballinger Community Center.

The actual shows will be held on January 16-17, with over 130 4-H and FFA members from across the county presenting their projects.

Approximately 400 livestock projects are expected in this year's show, from youth participating in the 4-H and FFA programs in Ballinger, Miles, and Winters school districts.

The show will begin on Friday morning, January 16 at 9 a.m. with swines. After a lunch, provided by the Young Farmers Association, the activities will resume with the rabbit show followed by the meat goats Friday afternoon. On Saturday, January 17, 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.



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Holding their trophy and blue ribbon are Runnels County 4-H Club members front row left to right: Alyssa Flanagan, Rachel Gibbs, Hannah Pinckney. Back row: co-coach Toby Virden, Jennifer Castleberry, Ethan Bredemeyer, and co-coach Bill Bredemeyer.

National champions

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- The Runnels County 4-H Club Leaders for Life team clinched first place in the Western National Roundup National Parliamentary Procedures contest held on Saturday, January 10, 2015 in Denver, Colorado.

Thirty-five states and Canada took part in the competition. The winners were announced in a ceremony on Sunday, January 11, 2015.

The team began its undefeated year with a win in the senior division at the District 7 Leaders for Life competition March, 28, 2014, which earned the team a spot at the state competition at Texas 4-H Roundup in June. The Runnels County team bested 18 other teams at the state competition, earning the opportunity to represent Texas at the national level.

The team conducted several fundraising events between June and December, 2014 to defray the expenses for the trip to the national contest. Numerous donations from individuals, civic organizations, and businesses funded the trip for the six team members, two coaches, and several parents that served as chaperones for the trip.

The team is comprised of 4-H youth from across Runnels County.

Team members include: Ethan Bredemeyer serves as the President on the team. Ethan is a senior at Winters High School. Ethan's parents

are Bill and Sharla Bredemeyer of Winters. Ethan is a member of the Winters 4-H Club.

Rachel Gibbs serves as the Vice-President on the team. Rachel is a senior at Ballinger High School. Rachel's father is Marty Gibbs of Ballinger. Rachel is a member of the Ballinger 4-H Club.

Jennifer Castleberry serves as the Secretary on the team. Jennifer is a senior at Ballinger High School. Jennifer's parents are Todd and Kim Castleberry of Ballinger. Jennifer is a member of the Ballinger 4-H Club.

Brylee Matschek serves as the Treasurer on the team. Brylee is a 2014 graduate of Ballinger High School and is currently a freshman student at Texas A & M University. Brylee is a former member of the Rowena 4-H Club. Her parents are Bruce and Kelly Matschek of Rowena.

Alyssa Flanagan serves as a member on the team. Alyssa is home schooled and is a senior. Alyssa is a member of the Ballinger 4-H Club. Alyssa's parents are Drs. Scott and Mylea Flanagan of Ballinger.

Hannah Pinckney serves as a member on the team. Hannah is a 2014 graduate of Ballinger High School and is currently a freshman student at Angelo State University. Hannah's parents are Lane and Martha Pinckney of Ballinger.

Coaches for the team are Bill Bredemeyer of Winters and Toby Virden of Ballinger.

WACC has new board of directors

Brandon Davis heads the recently elected governing body; chamber will be hosting its annual banquet in February

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce underwent a series of changes, and starting this week has a new board of directors replacing President Pam Barnes, Secretary Linda Arispe and Treasurer Randy Barnes. The new board of directors was elected Monday, January 12, 2015, and will be holding its first regular meeting on Monday, January 26, 2015.

The new board of directors is presided by Brandon Davis, a long time Cintas supervisor. Allison Calcote Sanchez was elected Secretary and Julie Frierson will be the new Treasurer.

The chamber will be meeting temporarily at the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation, on West Dale.

Outgoing President Pam Barnes, of Lone Star Video and Diner, took over the chamber in January of 2013, when she was appointed after Sandee Schneider stepped down.

Treasurer Randal Barnes thanked chamber members and businesses for their support throughout their term. "May the new Chamber of Commerce enjoy it as much as we did and have even more success," he said in a letter to the editor published in this week's edition of The Winters Enterprise (Page 3).

The new board of directors will be having its first big challenge on Saturday, February 28, 2015, with the Annual Chamber Banquet. The event is scheduled for the same day as the Winters 125th anniversary celebration and Quasiquicentennial Marker dedication.

As of press time, Tuesday night, the new chamber president didn't return messages left in his voice mail.

Iconic area theater shutting its doors

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Thursday, January 8, 2015, just nine days short of its first grand-opening anniversary, the Old Texas Theater, a movie theater, diner and special events center located on Eighth Street, in Ballinger, Texas, shut its doors. Even though the staff and management are no longer there, the facility will remain open for private and special events only.

Brian Hallmark, who is now in charge of managing the facility for Paul and Katy Morrow, said the closure was decided for financial reasons and other reasons as well.

"We closed down the schedule in the venue that we had, we are in the process of reorganizing, we are going to be available to book private and special events," Hallmark said.

"As of now the doors are closed, the only time when it'll be open is if somebody wants to lease the theater for private or special events. This is due to several things, but every business has to produce a profit, and that's part of the reason," he added.

Hallmark said that the management will be doing everything within their reach to open back up, but as of right now there is no time line for when the venue will be back in business.

"There is no time line set, but I'm hoping that is going to be hopefully within a couple of months or so. The owner didn't invest what he did just to close, so we are coming with a different game plan," Hallmark said.

On January 17, 2014 the Old Texas Theater re-opened its doors after four decades dormant. The place, originally named the Palace Theater, had not been operational since the late 1970s.

The place was completely renovated over an 18-month period of time, including plaster-coating, chipping of the walls to reveal the stone, the stage was extended and given a proscenium arch facade new tables and seats were installed, as well as a kitchen and more. An addition was made to the back of the building to accommodate storage, an office, dressing rooms and staff restrooms.

The "Texas" sign, which was originally placed across the street and moved when the original Texas Theater burned down to the ground, was also restored.

The theater has a rated capacity between 150 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. Some of the most significant events held in the venue during its first year operating were fundraisers for the Runnels County Child Welfare Board, stand up comedians and more.

Historical Commission holds first meeting of the year

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Runnels County Historical Commission held its first meeting of the year 2015 at Los Carlos Restaurant in Miles on Saturday, January 10, beginning at 10:40 a.m. Despite the inclement weather, there were nine appointees and two guests present.

Chairperson, Ruth Cooper called the meeting to order, with a prayer by Roy Rice. The minutes were read by Secretary, Alton O'Neal and the treasurer's report was given by Anthony Lange.

The RCHC's new book, "The Organization of Runnels County" sales

are doing well. All appointees were encouraged to help promote the book. If you are interested in purchasing the book, please call Ruth (325) 754 5183, Linda (325) 365 3145 or Beverly (325) 442 4841. Each of them has the books available for purchase. The Commission donated a copy of the book to The Winters Public Library in Winters, The Miles Library in Miles and the Carnegie Library in Ballinger. A copy of the book was also given to the Z.I. Hale Museum.

On February 28, 2015, the commission will be hosting the Official Texas Historical Marker Dedic-

ation for Winters, beginning at 10 a.m. This event will be in addition to the celebration of Texas Independence Day Weekend. The speaker has not been determined at this time. Also, on May 2, The Runnels County Historical Commission will host the meeting of the Edwards Plateau Historical Association at the Rock Hotel in Winters. Plans for this event have not been finalized.

The Nominating Committee submitted the names of appointees willing to serve as officers for the Runnels County Historical Commission for the term of 2015-2016. The names submitted

were: Chairperson, Ruth Cooper, Vice-Chairperson, Randall Conner, Secretary, Alton O'Neal, Treasurer, Anthony Lange, Reporter, Beverly Tepliecek.

The next meeting of the Runnels County Historical Commission will be on March 14, 2015 with time and place to be announced. All meetings of the Historical Commission are open to the public.

Chairperson, Ruth Cooper thanked everyone for coming, thereby showing an interest in the Commission and the history of Runnels County.

Submitted by Beverly Tepliecek

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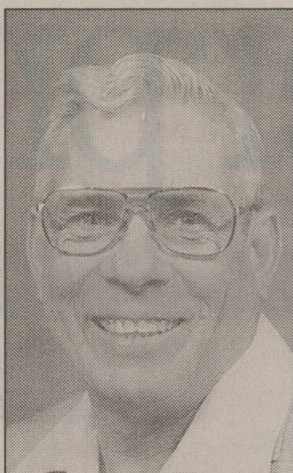
J.P. Drake, 90 of Winters died December 21, 2014. He was born June 20, 1924 near Wilmeth, Texas in Runnels County to Jasper and Edith Drake. He moved to the family farm with his parents in 1939. He graduated from Winters High School in 1941. He served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. He served in North Africa and in the Bermuda Islands. He was honorable discharged in 1946 and worked for International Harvester Company in Abilene before going to work in the oil fields as a Drilling Mud Engineer for 52 years.

He married Coleen Raper in 1948 and was divorced in 1960. He later married Susie Drake who died in 1964. He married Mary Beth Smith in 1984 and they lived in Winters for the next 30 years.

He is survived by his wife Mary Beth Drake of Winters, four sons, Terry and wife Mary of Houston, Tommy and wife Jodi of Seguin, Larry and wife Debbie of Blackwell and Edgar of Austin; two step-daughters, Pamela Miller and husband Hal and Phyllis Thompson and husband Mike of Abilene, two step-sons, Stephen Smith and wife Alice of Enterprise, Alabama and Mike Smith and wife Laura of Austin; one brother, Bob Drake and wife Pat of Richmond. He was preceded in death by his sister, Cleo Brown and one son and one daughter. A memorial service was held January 10, 2015 at the First Baptist Church of Winters directed by Winters Funeral Home.

A time of visitation and fellowship followed the service.

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Kerry James 'Pops' Hall

BRONTE- Kerry James "Pops" Hall, 57, of Bronte went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 26, 2014 while in Dallas. Services were held Monday, December 29, 2014 at First Baptist Church in Bronte, with Jeff Gilliam officiating. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

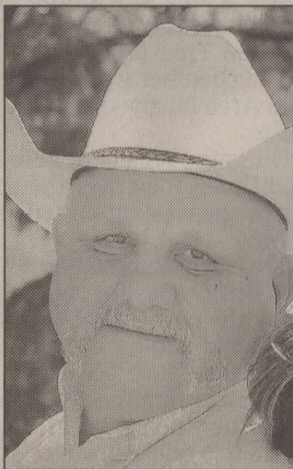
Kerry was born in San Pedro, California to Sonny and Jeanette (Holt) Hall. He attended Winters High School, and moved to Bronte in 1990 where he was owner and operator of Hall's Super Save. Later he and son, Brian, opened B&K Processing in 1994. Kerry and Shalon Cooper Gibbs married on May 22, 2010.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Jeanette, in 2006.

Kerry is survived by his wife Shalon Gibbs Hall of Bronte; loving children, Brian Hall of Bronte, Kim Hall Graves and husband, Jack of San Angelo, Brandon Hall and Chandra of San Angelo, Casey Gibbs and wife, Jackey of San Angelo, and Anthony Gibbs of Abilene; six grandchildren; father, Sonny Hall and wife, Nora; five brothers, Steve Hall and wife Cindy of Coleman; Freddy Hall and wife, Holly of Jacksboro, Kevin Hall and wife, Sherry of Kingsland, Jimmy Hall and wife, Jennifer of Liberty Hill and Eddie Hall and wife, Nancy of Flower Mound, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be made to www.shaffer-pioneer.com

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Ray Laughon

Ray Laughon, 86, of Winters died Thursday January 8, 2015. He was born June 5, 1928 in Joy, Texas and grew up there graduating from Midway High School. He married Dorothea Mae Tate on September 16, 1950 in Blue Grove, Texas. They moved to Henrietta, Texas where he worked in the oilfield and moved to Winters in 1957. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife: Dorothea Laughon of Winters, daughter Keri Lynn Burns and husband Tobin of Brownwood; three grandchildren, Tarra Whittenberg and husband Kenny, Tracey Burns and Jason Butler and Tory Burns and one great-grandchild, Mason Ray Whittenberg.

Funeral services were Saturday January 10, 2015 at the First Baptist Church. Burial followed in Wingate cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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Leandro Luna

Leandro Luna, 84, of Winters passed away December 31, 2014. He was born November 13, 1930 in Del Rio, Texas and was raised there, moving to San Angelo in 1957. He moved to Winters in 1972 where he worked for Dry Manufacturing for more than 20 years. He was a Catholic.

He is survived by eight children: Leonor Torres of Winters, Elvia Garza of Sonora, Fernando Luna of Beaumont, Margarita Kelly of Winters, Leandro Luna, Jr. of North Carolina, Norma Rincon of San Angelo, Leticia Valdez of Winters, and Sylvia Viveros of Winters; as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Rosary was recited on Friday, January 2, 2015 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass was on Saturday, January 3, 2015 at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church with burial following at Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

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Funerals and obituaries are also online, visit MyRunnelsCounty.com

NEWS NOTES

Immunization clinic in Ballinger

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be having an immunization/flu clinic for children with Medicaid, no insurance or underinsured, adults with no insurance. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call at 754 4945, if no answer leave a message.

The clinic will be held in Ballinger on Thursday, January 15, 10-12 and 1:30-3 p.m. at 600 Strong, Corner of Sixth and Strong Ave. Please bring child's immunization records if child has Medicaid please bring card.

Friends of the 'Gus' Pruser Exhibit to meet

The Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit will hold their monthly meeting Monday January 19, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be in the Gus Pruser Agriculture Exhibit at 219 W. Dale, Winters. Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit is a group interested in preserving the agriculture heritage of the Winters area. The group works on tractors and other displays in the museum. For additional information contact John Long at (325) 754 5389 or zihalemuseum@wtxs.net.

Abilene Area Aggie Mom's Club meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2015, the Abilene Area Aggie Mom's Club will be meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Coldwell Banker Panian and Mash Building, 2500 S. Willis, Abilene, Texas. 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.

The club meets the third Tuesday of each month, at 6:45 p.m. for refreshments and fun. For more information please call or email: Tammy Crowe at (325) 518 3464 tcrowe@suddenlink.net

Volunteers needed at Winters Elem

Winters Elementary School is looking for volunteers to serve as mentors. A mentor will need to have about an hour a week during school hours to give to a student. As a mentor you will do things like read with to a student as well as help with homework and just be a friend. As a school volunteer you will need to fill out a form and pass a background check. If you are interested in helping out a student in this way please call Charles Murphy at (325) 754 5577.

Historical marker project in need of donations

The Texas Historical Commission has approved a Texas historical marker for the community of Winters. The marker will have an inscription with a brief history of Winters and will be located between the Blue Gap Post Office and the Library. The marker will be the same size as the Chick-Inn Marker which was dedicated in 2013. The dedication of the marker is planned for Saturday, February 28, 2015, in conjunction with the Winters Quasiquincentennial Celebration (125th birthday).

The Z. I. Hale Museum is the sponsor for the Winters marker. The cost of the project is \$1,900. A signifi-

cant amount has been raised so far, but funds are still needed before the dedication. Donations may be made to the Z.I. Hale Museum (Marker Fund), PO Box 211, Winters 79567.

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.

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.

Texas Comptroller releases biennial estimate

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar released the state's Biennial Revenue Estimate, showing the state is projected to have approximately \$113 billion in revenue available for general-purpose spending during the 2016-2017 biennium.

"Texas recovered well from the recession of 2008-2009 and witnessed strong economic growth well ahead of the rest of the country. This recovery is perhaps most obviously illustrated in our tremendous job growth figures of 1.1 million since the recession, which far outpaced those of other large states," Hegar said. "This was partly attributable to the recent shale oil boom in Texas which helped counterbalance a sluggish national recovery and weakness in other sectors of the economy. Texas remains a leader on the national economic stage and while we anticipate the robust pattern of growth the state has seen in recent years to moderate, we do expect continued expansion of the overall Texas economy."

The state begins with a projected \$7.5 billion

ending balance from the current biennium. This amount is added to the estimated \$110.4 billion in projected General Revenue-related collections from taxes, fees and other income over the course of the 2016-17 biennium. From this amount about \$5 billion will be set aside for transfers to the Rainy Day Fund and State Highway Fund. The resulting \$113 billion represents the estimated revenue available to the Legislature for general purpose spending in the next biennium.

In fiscal years 2013 and 2014 the Texas economy saw inflation-adjusted growth rates of 4.3 and 3.7 percent, respectively. In fiscal 2015 the Texas economy is projected to grow by 3 percent. That growth rate increases slightly to 3.2 percent in fiscal 2016 and increases further to an estimated 4.1 percent in fiscal 2017. The state's unemployment rate, which has fallen significantly since the recession peak of 8.3 percent, is expected to remain around 5 percent over the coming biennium.

The state's largest tax revenue source is the sales tax, which accounts for more than half the state's general revenue. It is

expected to generate approximately \$61.2 billion in the 2016-17 biennium, an 8.9 percent increase over 2014-15 collections.

Among other large tax revenue sources:

Motor vehicle related taxes, including sales, rental and manufactured housing taxes, are expected to reach \$10 billion, up 14.6 percent from 2014-15.

Oil production and regulation taxes are projected to generate \$5.7 billion, a 14.3 percent decrease from the current biennium; natural gas production tax revenue is expected to be \$3.2 billion, an 8 percent decrease from the current biennium.

The state's franchise tax revenue for all funds is estimated at \$9.6 billion for 2016-17, a 3.7 percent increase.

"The significant drop in oil prices in recent months will likely lead to a marked slowdown in oil exploration and production. This slowdown will dampen overall economic growth in Texas," Hegar said. "However, in addition to the economic boost from a result of lower gasoline prices, there are industries in Texas' diverse economy

such as transportation and some manufacturing that will benefit from lower energy prices. This, coupled with continued strength in construction, professional services and other sectors of the broader economy, should somewhat counterbalance a slowdown in the energy sector."

At the end of the current biennium, the state's Rainy Day Fund will have a balance of \$8.5 billion, absent any additional appropriations that might be made by the Legislature. At the end of the 2016-17 biennium, the balance is projected to be approximately \$11.1 billion, absent any legislative appropriations.

State revenue from all sources is estimated at \$220.9 billion for the 2016-17 biennium, including approximately \$110.5 billion in federal receipts and other income.

The full Biennial Revenue Estimate is available on the Comptroller's website at www.Comptroller.Texas.Gov/finances/Biennial_Revenue_Estimate/. Visuals from today's press conference are also available on the Comptroller's website at www.Texas-Transparency.org/Biennial_Revenue_Estimate/.

Perry appoints Burnett as Judge of 50th Judicial District Court

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Bobby Burnett of Munday as judge of the 50th Judicial District Court in Baylor, Cottle, King and Knox counties for a term to expire at the 2016 general election.

Burnett is an attorney in private practice and president of Knox County Abstract Co. He is a past county attorney for Knox County and past district attorney for the 50th Judicial District. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas and Texas Land Title Association, and a past member of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association. He

is a member of the Munday Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, Knox County Visioning Committee, Knox County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors and First National Bank Board of Directors in Munday.

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From the Chief's Desk

Hug your police officer

By Randall Davis
Winters Chief of Police

Last Friday I received a strange call from a trusted friend and business man here in Winters asking if I had been hugged today. I found the call odd at first and then was asked if I had seen the illuminated sign at Security State Bank. When I said "no", my friend told me I should take a look. He offered no further explanation.

My duties had taken me out of town to meet with the District Attorneys office making it impossible to immediately view anything in Winters and so the task had to be postponed until later in the evening.

One of the draw backs to being a police officer is our having to look at the darker side of society on more occasions than we would prefer. This requirement often causes a police officer to look at the negative aspects in attempts to prepare him for the worst of situations. Law enforcement has certainly taking a beating recently in this country with a great amount of negative publicity causing me to consider, how would I have reacted in others situation.

Upon my return to town, I was greeted by a bright welcoming "HUG YOUR POLICE OFFICER" sign in great, neon splendor at our local bank.

I couldn't help the grins and smiles as well as the warm feeling that followed. I cannot express my gratitude and thanks to the City of Winters and its citizens for their support because the words simply do not exist to serve justice. Many times, we become embroiled in task at hand and often times we forget to say those all important two words.

So, from all the officers at the Winters Police Department, Thank You. Know we appreciate your welcoming us into your community and being part of your lives.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A message from the old Chamber

Two years ago the Chamber of Commerce was in danger of dissolving as an entity. A small group of people who knew absolutely nothing about being on a board of directors decided to step in when no one else would. We started with a positive attitude determined to make a difference. Our time with the chamber has been cut short, but we were able to see success. Did we make mistakes? Yes we did. We stumbled many times but saw it to the end. If my memory is correct, we started with around \$1,200 in the bank in 2013 and had around \$9,000 in 2015. Judge us for what we got right not for what we got wrong. We handled things with four or five people most of the year. That's way below what is supposed to be the required number. Did we have hardships? Yes. Now that its over, can we smile and say to each other, "good job"? Yes. A few people gave us advice when we got something wrong. True leaders not only tell you that you're doing it wrong, they tell you how to do it right. Thank you for your guidance. That was the thing we needed most these past two years. And now the old board of directors leave you with that same positive attitude and many, many thanks to all the people and businesses that have shown their support to us. We did our best to return the favor. May the new Chamber of Commerce enjoy it as much as we did and have even more success.

Sincerely,
Pamela Barnes, President; Randal Barnes, Treasurer;
Linda Arispe, Secretary; Matthew Price, Board Member.

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DPS recognizes national AMBER Alert Awareness Day

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STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- The Texas Department of Public Safety joined the nation in observing National AMBER Alert Awareness Day on Tuesday, January 13. AMBER stands for "America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response," and was named for of 9-year-old Amber Hagerman, who was kidnapped and murdered in 1996 in Arlington, Texas.

In the wake of Amber Hagerman's death, law enforcement and media representatives in the Dallas-Fort Worth area created the first AMBER Alert program, which served as a model nationwide for

alerting the public about abducted children. Every U.S. state has an AMBER Alert program, along with several other countries. This year marks the 19th anniversary of Amber Hagerman's abduction, which the U.S. Department of Justice designated as National AMBER Alert Awareness Day.

The Texas AMBER Alert Program was established by Gov. Rick Perry in 2002, complementing existing local AMBER Alert programs. DPS manages the statewide program and provides law enforcement a mechanism for rapid notification of the media and the public in these serious child abduction cases.

Activation of the Texas AMBER Alert Network involves resources from:

Texas Department of Public Safety, Office of the Governor, National Weather Service, Texas Department of Transportation, local, state and federal law enforcement, media, Texas Association of Broadcasters, Independent Bankers Association of Texas, Texas Lottery Commission, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which was added as a state partner in 2005, providing notification to the public through wireless carriers, content providers and major retailers.

If your child is missing:

Immediately call your local law enforcement agency to file a missing persons report.

Be prepared to provide law enforcement with the most recent photo of the child, a detailed description of what the child was wearing and any other information that could help identify the child or the abductor, such as vehicle and license plate information.

DPS offers an email notification that distributes AMBER Alert information at no cost to members of law enforcement, media and the public. Anyone wishing to become a subscriber can register online with a valid email address.

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Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

Monday

Biscuit/Sausage/Gravy or Cereal w/ Graham Cracker, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday

French Toast Sticks or Cereal w/ Graham Cracker, Orange, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

Pancake on a Stick or Cereal w/ Graham Cracker, Mandarin Orange, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday

Breakfast Pizza or Cereal w/ Graham Cracker, Apple, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Friday

Cinnamon Roll or Cereal w/ Graham Cracker, Mixed Fruit, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Winters ISD Lunch Menu

Monday

Chef Salad or Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy/Graham Cracker (Elem., JH) Breadstick (HS) or Chicken Pot Pie/Graham Cracker (Elem., JH) Breadstick (HS), Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Tropical Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday

Chef Salad or Meatball Sub or Chicken Nuggets, Corn, Cheesy Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks,

Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

Chef Salad or Nachos, Grilled Cheese, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Coleslaw, Pineapple, Choice of Milk.

Thursday

Chef Salad or Chicken Pattie/Bun or Steak Fingers w/Gravy/Breadstick, Mashed Potatoes, Black Eyed Peas, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Diced Pears, Choice of Milk.

Friday

Chef Salad nor Hamburger or Chicken Bites, Curly Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Applesauce, Choice of Milk.

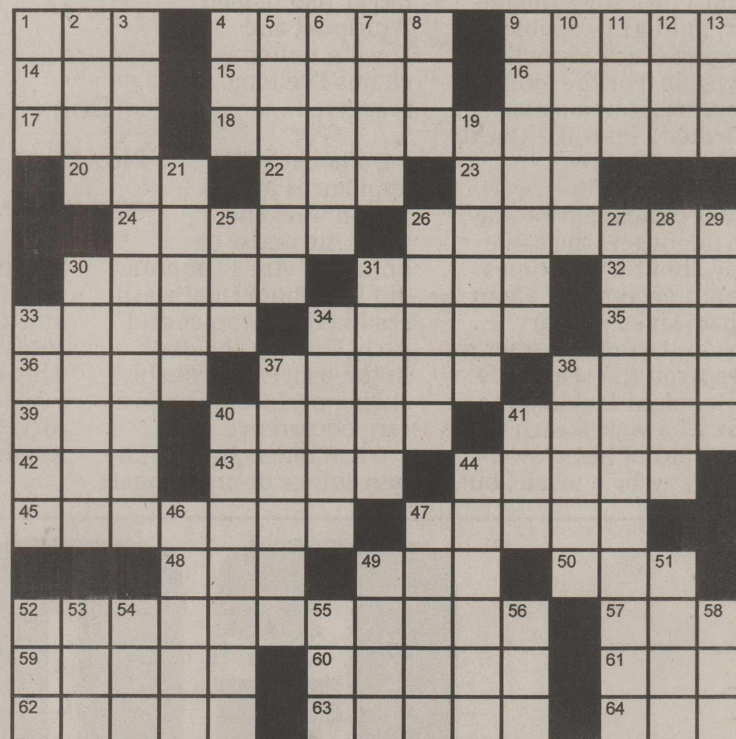
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Across

- 1 Mad or red follower
- 4 Happen
- 9 They're sniffed at
- 14 Family nickname
- 15 Tehran man
- 16 Beginner, colloquially
- 17 Heinous offense
- 18 Trix flavor
- 20 Salt agreement?
- 22 Jazz's Montgomery
- 23 "___ your heart out!"
- 24 More than suspend
- 26 Exteriors
- 30 Go on and on about
- 31 Put into pigeon holes
- 32 Logger's tool
- 33 Bay of Naples isle
- 34 Little ladies
- 35 ___ York Mets
- 36 Señorita's other
- 37 Sentimental soul
- 38 Opening bit
- 39 Celtic Neptune
- 40 Piece of fabric
- 41 One to beware?
- 42 "___ gratia artis"
- 43 Smack target
- 44 Duck down
- 45 IT guy's bailiwick
- 47 London ___
- 48 Falstaff's buddy
- 49 K+ or Na+
- 50 A bit amiss
- 52 Textured outlines in some Instagram pics
- 57 60 ticks: Abbr.
- 59 Early times
- 60 Find another role for
- 61 None in particular
- 62 Way out West?
- 63 Jamaican faith, briefly
- 64 Marriage-notice word



Down

- 1 NBC rival
- 2 Pons solo
- 3 Horseback post
- 4 Spill stuff
- 5 Mean-sounding yarn?
- 6 Sahara transport
- 7 Ones, in Madrid
- 8 ___ Tin Tin
- 9 Short plays
- 10 Southwest alternative
- 11 Night ___
- 12 Carnival city
- 13 Stitch (up)
- 19 Annual
- 21 Added
- 25 Islands food

- 26 Back's partner
- 27 Composer of "The Simpsons" theme
- 28 English prep school town
- 29 Drainage pipe
- 30 Place to get a bite
- 31 Sorts carefully
- 33 Rum mixers
- 34 Gummy substances
- 37 By a narrow margin
- 38 Sound on the air
- 40 Hose down
- 41 Short life story
- 44 "Marty's" Borgnine
- 46 "I haven't a ___ to wear!"
- 47 Ersatz
- 49 Think-tank product
- 51 Speeder's risk
- 52 Execs who make trades
- 53 "Balderdash!"
- 54 First name of Notre Dame
- 55 Go bad
- 56 Whale's domain
- 58 12/31, initially, or what is in the middle of each of the long answers in this puzzle

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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Weather Whys

Q: When did the worst period of cold weather occur in Texas?

A: The record was more than 100 years ago, says Texas A&M University's John Nielsen-Gammon, who also serves as the state climatologist. "On Feb. 12, 1899, both Texas and Oklahoma had its coldest weather ever," he reports. "On that day, all of Oklahoma was below -10 degrees, while one-half of Texas was below zero. Galveston Bay had areas of ice in it. Most cold waves in Texas aren't that bad because the cold air tends to move east quickly, but on this particular day the air mass was so cold and large that there was little that Mother Nature could do to prevent it."s

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THE IDLE AMERICAN

Wash day blues on black list...

Commetary by
Dr. Don Newbury

I would never knowingly trivialize, minimize or in any manner denigrate the "trying times" Thomas Paine wrote about in 1776. Americans understandably felt very much on trial. Our nation was wobbly at best, what with King George and his fellow Brits thinking ill of us. Symbolically, they were the cat, toying with a mouse. We were the latter, militarily capable of waging much more than a wiggle. For the Mother Country, it was a matter of when — not if — we'd wiggle no more....

Were Paine alive today, he might feel the same way about trying times — not necessarily about whale-sized military issues, but many other irritants in the sea of life. He might feel like the guy who wakes each day unafraid of being swallowed up by a whale, but

feels chances are good he'll be nibbled to death by a thousand minnows before sundown. This day, I feel limp — greatly diminished by three days of "nibblings." In retrospect, civil conversations are recalled; none seemed ill-spirited. Most folks on the other end of phone lines were workaday folks — front-line reps for larger fish named Whirlpool and Lowe's, national chains I've long respected....

Do household appliances always fail on weekends? Or in the midst of holidays? Are 11-month old Whirlpool Duet washers likely to stop at mid-cycle, locking the door in the process? Probably such a perfect storm is a rare occurrence.

When one is in that tiny percentage of unfortunate

households, however, it becomes personal. I smiled knowingly, realizing that the wheels of any "repair week" don't start until Monday morning, despite our crisis on a Friday night. Still, I was cautiously optimistic, having purchased maximum five-year warranty coverage.



TEXAS
COLUMNIST
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Like the feeble mouse cited earlier, I mustered enough energy to take on Lowe's — the company that trumpets eagerness to "help us build something together" — and Whirlpool, hopeful it would feel committed to "helping us repair something together." (And don't get me started on what constitutes a "timely manner." This depends greatly on whose soggy clothes are locked in a broken washing machine.)...

Now, quick gusts and "diss"-gusts: First, repeated Monday morning calls to Whirlpool (multiple prompts, re-dials, etc.)... Finally, live person promises to dispatch repair guy the very next day....Great, but hours later, received call from local repair place saying "no way Tuesday, how about NEXT Monday?"...Not acceptable.... More calls to Whirlpool... even lengthier delays, aggravated by canned message urging visits to Whirlpool OUTLET store for next appliance purchase (guess it doesn't matter this might be interpreted as attempt to undermine Lowe's Whirlpool sales).... This time, lady moves repair date up by one business day to Friday.... Still not acceptable.... Wife fears soggy clothes will be smelling soon....

Time to play "I'm-a-member-of-the-press" card....Calls to Lowe's and Whirlpool corporate wheels....No help....Friday still earliest. Whimpering,

I call Lowe's sales guy, who says removal of three screws will open door; he'd call back momentarily with more instructions....Never heard from him again....

One day later, Hope's soothing voice from Guinco Service in Fort Worth provides welcomed balm. When I sobbed through my story, I could imagine tears rolling down her face, never mind how many lights blink back at her, all foretelling stories that might be equally sad.

"I'm going to work you in Wednesday," she chirped. And she did. Samuel, showing up during the promised three-hour window, was courteous, knowledgeable, cordial, and....well, my wife says he's the best repair person ever....

I know. We've all been there. Things break. Holidays complicate things. Personnel are stretched. Firms can't always live up to their advertising "come-ons."

Story shortened, I did all I knew to do to get help — high places and otherwise. Some comfort in all of this is that 49 months remain on warranty coverage, and we'll request service from Guinco. There, Hope offered exactly that — "hope" — despite a schedule that called for her to work during a holiday week. And Samuel — toiling away on New Year's Eve — has a wife at home soon to deliver their third son. So I — toyed with by big fish — am rescued by fellow minnows who understand the need for clean underwear to begin the New Year. Had we been stuck with Whirlpool's proposed repair schedule, this treatise would not have a happy ending....

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WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT
 WINTERS- One person was killed in a one-vehicle crash on Friday morning, January 9, 2015 in Fisher County. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety a 1997 Ford F-250 pickup truck lost control of the vehicle on State Highway 70 at 7:11

a.m. slid off the roadway and went into the ditch rolling over.
 Nineteen-year-old Wilber Edgardo Ayala Hernandez, of Houston, Texas, was pronounced dead at the scene by Special Death Investigator Lance Clark. His body was taken to Adams Foster Ray Funeral Home in Hamlin, Texas.

One-hundred years young!

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Mrs. Alvina Gerhart is turning 100 years young on January 16, 2015. She was born in Winters, Texas in 1915 to Adolf and Minnie Bredemeyer Belitz. She grew up as a bakery's daughter and at the age of 14, she drove her father's delivery truck, taking bread to the small towns surrounding Winters.



Alvina Gerhart's family will be hosting a birthday party for her on Saturday, January 17 in Abilene, Texas.

and two great-great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Her hobby until her eyesight began to fail was sewing for her family. Alvina made many formal dresses and several wedding dresses. She was also a quilter, helping make hundreds of quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Alvina enjoyed preparing large meals during the holiday season for her family and was noted for her apricot pies. A visitor never came to her house that was not offered cookies and a soda pop!

Alvina's family will be hosting a birthday party for her on Saturday, January 17, 2015 from 2-4 p.m. at Silver Spring Retirement Home, 1690 N. Treadaway Blvd. Abilene, Texas. Please stop by and wish Alvina a happy birthday.

She was baptized as an infant at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters and has been an active member there to this date.
 She attended school in Winters and played baseball as a shortstop and was known as "Shorty." At the age of 17, Alvina was married to Walter Gerhart. They farmed and ranched in Winters their entire life. The couple had two daughters

and one son as well as 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren

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