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Starting in this edition, the Winters Public Library will be featuring a monthly book review with some of the books available at the library. This month featured book is Gray Mountain by John Grisham

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The trial of Eddie Ray Routh, alleged killer of "American Sniper" Chris Kyle, is set to begin on Wednesday, February 11 in Stephenville, Texas with jury selection. The Winters Enterprise will be bringing the most comprehensive coverage of the trial through our sister publication The Stephenville Empire-Tribune. Follow the latest developments of the trial including news stories, features, interviews and pictures of this trial that has garnered nationwide attention.



Erath County Sheriff Tommy Bryant

Trial raising security concerns

SARA VANDEN BERGE STEPHENVILLE EMPIRE-TRIBUNE

STEPHENVILLE- Erath County residents who have been summoned for jury duty in the trial of Eddie Routh have nothing to fear, Sheriff Tommy Bryant said last week.

"Jurors need to know that they will be absolutely safe," he said. "We have been

Nearly \$1 million spent in high profile trial

STEPHENVILLE EMPIRE TRIBUNE

fund.

STEPHENVILLE- The trial of Eddie Ray Routh, the accused killer of Chris Kyle and Chad Littlefield, is set to begin on February 11 and is budgeted for close to one million dollars. The trial is to be held at the Erath **County Courthouse and** is expected to last two weeks.

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JOSH HARVILLE

"It costs a lot of money to do a trial like this," said County Judge Tab Thompson. "We budgeted close to one million dollars for this trial. You never know when you start how much you need or will end up spending.

This budget is for all trial expenses including

completion of the trial, they will be refunded into the county's general Many people are concerned about the

threat of danger during the trial, but Thompson assured the community is in good hands. "Security is a part of it, but to put a dollar figure on it, we won't know until the completion of the trial," he said. "They've got it handled well, they're do-

ing a good job." The Erath County Sheriff's Office sent out a press release Thursday afternoon ensuring the safety of the trial after an unidentified person made a phone call to the **Empire-Tribune Monday** referencing a bomb; the

Department and Texas Department of Public Safety had been making security precautions,' stated the press release. "Explosive detecting ca-nines had been secured by law enforcement and numerous uniformed and plain-clothed officers will be in place for

security during the trial." Sheriff Tommy Bryant said they will be conducting searches throughout the courthouse sev eral days before the trial and that jurors will be escorted by security to and from the courthouse every day when the trial begins.

"Law enforcement does not believe there is a safety concern to citizens, the jury or par

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Historical proclamation issued

Quasquicentennial anniversary of the foundation of Winters brings history back to life

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

WINTERS- In preparation for the Quasquicentennial celebration -125th anniversary of the foundation of the city — the City of Winters issued a proclamation, declaring February 28, 2015, the official date of the celebration.

The proclamation was issued on Monday, January 26, 2015 at the City Council meeting, and signed by City Mayor Lewis Bergman.

Last year the Texas Historical Commission approved a 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 Winters Public Library on the 100 block of North Main Street. The Z.I. Hale Museum is the sponsor for the Winters marker.

The quasquicentennial celebration has sparked a number of events, including the marker dedication and the celebration of the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet, where the names of the Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Business of the Year and Agricultural Family of the Year will be announced. The banquet will be held on Feb. 28 at the Winters High School cafeteria.



working on security for months.

Some jurors have reportedly contacted the courthouse saying they are worried about their safety following a threatening phone call made to the Stephenville **Empire-Tribune** last week. Investigators subpoenaed the E-T's phone records and are trying to find out the source of the call.

Though county officials are treating it as a serious threat, they also say calls like this are not uncommon given the notoriety of the case.

Routh is accused of killing Chris Kyle and Chad Littlefield at a gun range at Rough Creek Lodge in February 2013. Jury selection is set to begin on February 9.

Bryant said bomb technicians, DPS troopers and Stephenville police will be on hand during the duration of the trial. There is also a command center with surveillance inside and outside the courthouse.

"Several days before the trial even begins we will be conducting searches throughout the courthouse looking for anything suspi-cious," Bryant said. Jurors who are se-

lected will be escorted by security to and from the courthouse every day once the trial begins.

court appointed attorneys, security, expert witnesses and any other expense needed to conduct the capital murder trial. If there are any funds left over after the

matter has been under investigation.

"Prior to the suspicious call made to the Empire-Tribune, the Erath County Sheriff's Office, Stephenville Police

ticipants of the trial," the press release read. "Every precaution is being taken to provide a safe environment to all concerned for the duration of the court proceedings.'

Local student wins at Ft Worth Stock Show

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

FORT WORTH- Sage Murray, an FFA member from Runnels County, exhibited the National **Regional Youth Reserve** Champion Ewe in the Junior Dorper Show at the 2015 Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo on January 25.

The 2015 show hosted over 11,000 junior exhibitors, representing 237 counties across the State of Texas, competing for prizes and \$126,970 in premiums.

Since 1896, the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo has remained a prominent event in the livestock industry. The nation's oldest livestock show will see approxi-mately 28,000 head of world-class livestock roll through "Cowtown" between January 16 through February 7. While the show is contin-ually looking ahead, the focus on the livestock industry and our youth is

unwavering. "One of the Show's main priorities is our commitment to the livestock industry and the agriculture leaders of tomorrow," said Bradford S. Barnes, President and



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

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General Manager of the Fort Worth Stock Show. 'Junior exhibitors learn many valuable life lessons during their years of showing livestock, which will serve them well throughout their lives. Our Show ensures a progressive future for agriculture by assisting in the development and education of 4-H and FFA

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students." The 119th edition of the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo offers visitors a chance to experience the unique western lifestyle along with a one-of-a-kind combination of history, tradition and Western heritage. For more information and results, visit www.fwssr.com.



Sidney Tucker, CEO of North Runnels Hospital retired December 31, 2014 after 41 years in the healthcare profession. Mr. Tucker was honored with a reception and a plaque from North Runnels Hospital District for his dedication to the district.

Pictured here is Tucker with members of the board of directors. Left to right: Lloyd Farris, Tucker, Dewey Whitfield, and Thurman Self. The Board of Directors and Staff of North Runnels Hospital wish Mr. Tucker well in his retirement. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED



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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Adalene Tomlinson

Adalene Olga Amanda "Tischler" Tomlinson, 76, of Llano (formerly of Coleman and Priddy) died January 6, 2015, after a lengthy illness.

She was born to Monroe W. and Annie (Rackrow) Tischler on March 31, 1938, in Hamilton, Texas.

She attended school in the Midland-Odessa area and in Winters. She was of the Lutheran faith.

On September 13, 1958, she married Elmer Lee Tom-

linson in Mexico. They lived in Llano more than 30 years where they owned and operated Tomlinson Boot Shop on East Main Street.

Adalene was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and all five brothers: Harvey, Homer, Edwin "Pip," Kenneth and Calvin.

She is survived by four sisters and their spouses: Serena and Gene Maas of Ballinger, Nelda and Mike Briley of Winters, Eva Hollis of Winters, Josie and Ray Henry of Ballinger; sisters-in law Patty Tischler of Winters and Wanda Flanagan of

Brownwood; her aunt Leona and Billie, along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. January 8, 2015, with David Hankins, minister of Llano Church of Christ officiating. Burial was at Llano City Cemetery. Pallbearers were Serena and Gene Maas, Nelda Briley, Eva Hollis, Josie Henry, David and Melissa Knight, and Courtney Isher.

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Randy B. Cotter

Randy B. Cotter, 34, of San Angelo, died January 23, 2015. He was born December 12, 1980 in San Angelo. He grew up in Wingate and attended school in Winters. He

had lived in Ballinger and San Angelo and was a truck driver. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his mother and step-father: Vickie and Paul Gomez of Wingate. Grandparents: Suvern and Martha O'Dell of Wingate. Two children: Zachary Cotter of Talpa and Presley Cotter of Winters. One sister: Amanda Molina and husband Scott of New Braunfels. Two nieces: Brittany and Jessica. Two aunts: Phyllis Rice of Abilene and Carolyn Parsons of Odessa.

Services were Wednesday, January 28, 2015 in the

Wingate Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Wilmeth cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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Charles Michael Gilles

Charles (Chuck) Michael Gilles, formerly of Abilene, passed away Monday, January 19, 2015 at North Runnels Hospital in Winters.

Chuck was born January 4, 1939 in Houston, Texas to Lawrence and Ernestine (Zigler). He served his country as a member of the United States Army. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sgt. After receiving his Associates Degree, he began a career as an Oilfield Production Foreman. He married Gigette Goertz Newbrough on April 21, 2000 in Abilene.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother and a sister.

Chuck is survived by his wife Gigette of Ballinger; his step-daughter Mylea Flanagan and husband Scott of Ballinger; four grandchildren; two nieces; and his special dog Pickles.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Dr. Kala, Dr. Mather, Dr. Ganesh, Dr. Patel, Winters Nursing Home, the staff of North Runnels Hospital in Winters, and Dr. McKinnon and his staff.

Arrangements are with Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. Guests may register online at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

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Gilbert Bean

Gilbert Lee "Beany" Bean, 61, of Stephenville, formerly of Winters, died January 26, 2015. He was born October 7, 1953 in Lockney, Texas. He graduated from Winters

High School in 1972 and attended Tyler Jr. College receiving an associates degree in gemology. He had lived in San Angelo since 1986 and worked for Legends Jewelers. He was a Methodist.

He is survived by one sister and one brother: Ann Calahan and husband John of Stephenville and Jackie "Butch" Bean of Wingate. Several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: Bill and Petie Bean.

Tuesday, January 27 at Winters Funeral Home. Services

28, 2015 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Wingate cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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Wanda R. Sides

Wanda R. Sides, of Round Rock, Texas passed away Sunday, January 25, 2015 at Hearthstone S N Health Center in Round Rock. She is survived by her sons Danny and Jimmy Sides; and a sister Billie Hartgrove. A graveside service was held Wednesday, January 28 at Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger.

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Social Security announces online SSA-1099 replacement service

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Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, announced

tholder who misplaces their original SSA-1099 will be able to request an instant replacement

or request to have a new one mailed to them — all online. my Social Security is a

ately get their SSA-1099 replaced without needing to call or visit an office and often wait for a replacement form in the

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LEVISIOTES

WACC meeting

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce will not be meeting on February 5. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the WABIC office on West Dale.

Immunization clinics

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

Clinic in Winters will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, February 5, 2015, at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience, please use rear entrance (Grant Street). Clinic in Ballinger will be from a.m. to 12 noon and

1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 600 Strong (corner of 6th and Strong).

Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid, please bring card.

WHS to crown 2015 Glacier King and Queen

Winters High School yearbook staff will hold their annual Glacier Ceremony to crown a king and queen of the school on Thursday, February 12, 2015 in the WHS Auditorium. Morning ceremonies will begin at 9 a.m. to introduce the king and queen candidates from each of the high school classes. Entertainment will be provided and high school class favorites will also be announced.

Evening ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m. in the audi-torium. In addition to the crowning of the Glacier King and Queen, Senior Class Honors will be announced and class favorites will be presented to the community. Entertainment will be provided. There is no charge for the festivities and the community is invited to attend.

Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club meeting

The Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club will be holding their February monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 6:45 p.m. at the Coldwell Banker Panian and Mash Building located at 2500 S. Willis, in 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 on 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: Tammy Crowe at (325) 518 3464 tcrowe@suddenlink.net

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 Quasquicentennial Celebration (125th birthday).

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



the agency is expanding the online services available at www.socialsecurity. gov. Social Security beneficiaries are now able to quickly and easily obtain a replacement SSA-1099 from the agency's website with a my Social Security account.

"I am proud of our continued efforts to make it even easier for people to do business with us in a way that's convenient for them, from the comfort of their home, office, or a library," Acting Commissioner Colvin said. "Beginning this tax season, any my Social Security accounfrom our menu of online services."

Social Security sends SSA-1099s each January to everyone who receives Social Security benefits. It shows the total amount of benefits paid in the previous year and is used for tax purposes. Previously, people who lost their SSA-1099 had to call or visit a Social Security office to get a replacement or request one be mailed to them. With this new online service, people now only need to create a my Social Security account, or log into their existing one. Once there, they can view and print their SSA-1099

secure, online account people use beginning in their working years and continuing throughout the time they receive Social Security benefits. Once the account is created, it is used by people who are working to keep track of their earnings and to get estimates of future benefits. People already receiving benefits manage them with their account—changing their address, starting or changing direct deposit, getting a benefit verification letter, and more. In addition to those existing services, beneficiaries will now be able to immedi-

mail

"Setting up a my Social Security account is quick, easy, and secure; plus it's a great way to do business with Social Security," Acting Commissioner Colvin said. "That's why more than 16 million people have already taken advantage of our award-winning online services and experienced the new features available with their own accounts.'

In fact, a new my Social Security account is created every six seconds. For more information, please go to www.socialsecurity. gov/myaccount

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.

AgriLife researcher awarded national stewardship honors

STEVE BYRNS SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

SACRAMENTO, Calif.-Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor has received the Society for Range Management's W.R. Chapline Land Stewardship Award.

Taylor, superintendent of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Station at Sonora, received the national honor Feb. 2 during the plenary session of the 2015 Society for Range Management Annual Meeting in Sacramento, Cali-

fornia

According to information distributed by the society, the W.R. Chapline Land Stewardship Award gives special recognition to members of the Society for "exceptional accom-plishments and contributions in the application of the art and science of range management to specific rangeland entities and to wildlife and domestic livestock on such lands.

The Society awards only

one of these honors in the stewardship category annually. W.R. Chapline, the awards namesake, was second chief of the Range Research Division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service. The award consists of an embossed certificate, plaque and honorarium from the fund established by Chapline in 1986.

The award was bestowed on Taylor for his years as superintendent at Sonora, a post he has held since

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1983. The nomination stated that Taylor has established himself as a leading authority in Texas on rangeland resource management, especially in the areas of prescribed fire, livestock grazing management and a combination of fire and goats to manage juniper and prickly pear cactus.

Through his leadership, the Sonora Research Station has become the premier location in the southwest.

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.





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Thursday, February 05, 2015 WINTERS PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW **Gray Mountain by John Grisham**

The new year is 2008 and Samantha's career at a Wall Street law firm is on the fast track-until the recession hits and she gets downsized, furloughed, escorted out of the building. Samantha is one of the lucky associates. She's offered an opportunity to work at a legal aid clinic for a year without pay, after which there would be a slim chance that she'll get her old job back.

She moves from Manhattan to Brady, Virginia, population 2,200.

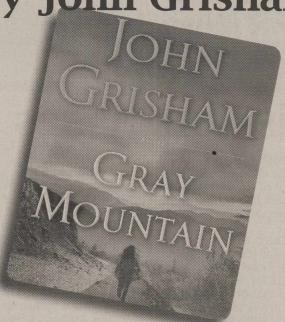
Mattie, lifelong resident and head of the town's legal aid clinic, is there to teach her to "help real people with real problems". This is Samantha's first time to prepare a lawsuit, see the inside of an actual courtroom, get scolded by a judge, and receives threats from locals who aren't so thrilled to have a big-city lawyer in town. She discovers that Brady harbors some big secrets.

Her new job takes her into the murky and dangerous world of coal mining, where laws are often broken, rules are ignored and communities are divided. Within weeks Samantha finds herself engulfed in litigation that turns deadly.

Texas Brigades youth camps begin summer registration now

SAN ANGELO- Registration has begun for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Texas Brigades sum-

camps, to give young people the confidence and skills



"Comic Books"

CAFETERIA MENU Subject to Change*

> Monday Cracker, Pineapple, Fruit Juice,

Tuesday Pancakes or Cereal w/Graham

Wednesday Cracker, Pear, Fruit Juice,

Thursday

Choice of Milk.

Cracker, Diced Pears, Fruit Juice,

Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Blue Bell Fruit Bar,

Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice,

Winters Enterprise 3 Wheat, small grains and canola, in fine shape

ROBERT BURNS

IAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

COLLEGE STATION- Thanks to good fall and spring rains throughout much of the state, most winter wheat and other small grains and cool-season oilseed crops like canola are in good shape, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist.

"I'm pleased to report that we are sitting on a pretty good crop right now," said Dr. Clark Neely, AgriLife Extension small grains and oilseed specialist, College Station.

Wheat was in considerably better condition for this time of year compared to last year, he said.

"Some stripe and leaf rust have been reported in winter wheat fields across the state, so inoculum (spores) is already present if weather conditions are favorable for rust development this spring," Neely noted.

The favorable outlook goes for most wheat and small grains, but particularly for canola, he said. "You can never tell 100 percent, because last year we

had pretty good fall moisture at about this time, and then the water shut off, and then we had a really dry spring," Neely said.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE





Historical Commission closes productive year

WINTERS ENTEPRISE STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- The Runnels County Historical Commission met with the **County Commissioner's** Court on Tuesday, January 27, 2015. Present were **Commissioners Bobby** Moore, Ronald Presley, Sam Scott and Richard Strube, County Judge Barry Hilliard, RCHC Chairperson Ruth Cooper and several of the RCHC members. Chairperson Ruth Cooper presented the Historical Commission annual report for the year 2014.

There were a total of 21 appointees at the beginning of 2014 that had been appointed in 2013 to serve on the Runnels County Historical Commission for the two-year term.

The commission meetings were held to coincide with the Texas State Historical Commission requirements. On March 8, 2013 Dale Herring presented a program about his ancestors and some history during that time. This meeting was held in Winters at the Casa Cabana. The May meeting was held at the restored Texas Theatre in Ballinger. In July the meeting was held at the home of Lloyd Farris in Winters. Mr. Farris presented a program of his travels and hunting trips to the continent of Africa. In September, our meeting began at the site of the first county seat, Runnels City. Rick and Pam Minzenmeyer explained what many of the remaining foundations represented. The meeting was then moved to the Beefmaster Steak House where discussion and the business meeting were held. The November meeting was held at the Lowake Steak House, with Dr. James Hays presenting the program. He related stories about his research in the Walthall and southeast Runnels County area. Our annual Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Bobbie Campbell. Each member brought a gift for the Sheriff's Toy Drive for Runnels County. The commission also "adopted" a foster child from the Concho Valley Area, for Christmas and filled

their wish list.

At the close of 2014, 100 percent of the commission members had completed the Open Meetings Training.

Research and work continues for the designation for the Texas Cemetery Markers for several cemeteries that prove eligible. There are several interested in applying for an Official Texas Historical Marker for various areas of the county.

In March, a re-dedication ceremony was celebrated for the Restored Blue Gap Post Office at the site of the Winters Historical Park.

On April 3, the Runnels County Historical Commission received the prestigious R.C. Crane Excellence in Heritage Award in Odessa, Texas at the West Texas Historical **Conference from Texas** Tech. This award is given to honor an outstanding non-profit organization for its work in preserving the history and legacy of West Texas. The award exemplifies the spirit of grass-roots citizen historians that accomplish great things with scarce resources — doing more with less. At the conference, Chairperson Ruth Cooper presented the History of the Chick Inn Diner and Historical Marker.

The May and October meetings of the Edwards Plateau Historical Association held in Kerrville and San Angelo, respectively, were attended by two appointees, Anthony Lange and Ruth Cooper. Election of Officers was held at the October meeting and the same officers were returned to serve for another two years. Ruth Cooper with the RCHC is serving as President for the second term.

The West Texas Collection requested a letter supporting the project of two professors in the History Department at Angelo State University was received in June. They were seeking a grant to begin a website, interviewing WWII Veterans as well as of Veterans of all wars in the Concho Valley. The Commission now has all of the Veterans Oral Histories for Runnels County digitized. The Runnels County

Historical Commission received the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission of Austin in July. All awards received by the Runnels County Historical Commission are displayed in the Runnels County Courthouse.

Ruth Cooper and Beverly Teplicek participated in two online classes with the Texas Historical Commission, a Marker Workshop and another that included cemeteries.

In response to a letter from TxDOT, Sally Spill, Linda Duggan and Ruth Cooper checked on a project in Runnels County, Fuzzy Creek Bridge.

The Runnels County Historical Commission released the publication, "The Organization of Runnels County," in December that was compiled by Ruth Cooper. Books were given to the libraries of Runnels County and the Z.I. Hale Museum. The book can be purchased in several different places in the county.

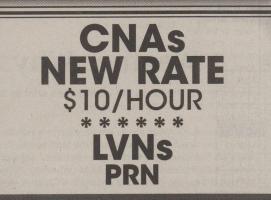
For the year 2014, the appointees have a total of 3,075 hours and have driven approximately 4,725 miles. This is all volunteer service! The commission continues to receive calls from individuals wanting information about ancestors having lived in Runnels County. The calls are researched and information given where any is found.

The commission presented to the Commissioner's Court the list of names for appointments for the term beginning 2015 through 2016: Wanda Brewer, Bobbie Campbell, Randall Con-ner, Ruth Cooper, Linda Duggan, John Hancock, Laverta Hubbard, Anthony Lange, Alton O'Neal, Marianne Ray, Roy Rice, Diana Rozmen, Sally Spill and Beverly Teplicek. These have all volunteered to serve on the commission and were so appointed by the Commissioners Court. Officers that will serve

for 2015-2016 will be: Ruth Cooper - Chairperson; Randall Conner - Vice Chairperson; Alton O'Neal - Secretary; Anthony Lange - Treasurer; Beverly Teplicek - Reporter.

All meetings of the Runnels County Historical Commission are posted in the Courthouse and are open to the public.

Public Record								
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John W. Matthews 50 BPD	Criminal mischief							
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Brian S. Kelly 36 Concho	Theft of merchandise							
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Carlos J. Cavazos BPD								
Parole violation possession of	I John D. Gauna 22 BPD							
marijuana	Assault, family violence							
Shane M. Sutton 37 Miles	Billy J. Black 40 Concho							
Terroristic threat	Public intoxication							



Financial Focus What do low oil prices mean for investors?

As you've no doubt noticed, your trips to the gas station have been a lot more pleasant these past several months. There's not much doubt that low oil prices have been welcome to you as a driver. But when oil is cheap, is that good for you as an investor?

There's no clear-cut answer. But consider the following effects of low oil prices:

Positive impact on economy — When you spend less at the gas pump, relative to recent years, what will you do with your savings? Like most people. you'll probably spend most of it on goods and services. If you multiply the amount of your increased spending by the millions of other Americans who are also saving money on gas, you can see that you and your fellow consumers are likely adding billions of dollars to the economy. Typically,

a strong economy is also good for the financial markets — and for the people who invest in them.

Different results for different sectors — Different sectors within the financial markets may respond in different ways to low oil prices, even if the overall effect is generally positive. For example, businesses such as consumer goods companies and auto manufacturers may respond favorably to cheaper oil and gas. But the picture might be quite a bit different for energy companies.

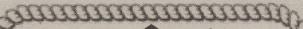
You could spend a lot of time and effort trying to adjust your investment portfolio in response to low oil prices. In fact, you may well want to consult with your financial professional to determine which moves might make sense for your individual situation. Yet there's actually a bigger lesson to be learned here: Don't overreact to temporary developments. The recent decline in oil prices has certainly had an economic impact, but no one can predict how long these prices will stay low or what other factors may arise that would affect the financial markets. That's why you can't reconfigure your portfolio based on particular events, whatever they may be — oil price drops, interest-rate fluctuations, political squabbles at home, natural disasters in faraway lands, and so on.

If you can keep from being overly influenced by specific events, you may be able to gain at least tw key benefits: First, by not making trades constantly in reaction to the headlines of the day, you can avoid piling up heavy fees and commissions -costs that can reduce the return rate on your investments. Second, you'll find that if you aren't always thinking about what's going on in the world today, you can

focus your investment efforts more intensely on where you want to be tomorrow. The most successful investors set longterm goals and don't focus on factors they cannot control, such as oil prices, interest-rate changes or other economic events. Instead, these investors make adjustments, as necessary, to accommodate changes in their goals as well as other changes, such as revisions in tax laws — but they basically stick to their same approach for the long term. So be aware of low oil

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prices, but don't get so "pumped" about them that you sludge up your consistent investment strategy — because that strategy has the energy to keep you moving toward your important objectives.

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Hunting real estate company open for area business WINTERS ENTEPRISE

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BALLINGER- Local real estate pro Robin Lowe doesn't handle transactions on residential houses in town. He doesn't concern himself with commercial buildings inside city limits. Lowe's specialty is hunting and ranch land – something local ranchers and landowners need to keep in mind.

"In today's world, we have specialists for everything. If you hurt your knee, you go to a knee doctor," says Lowe. "A land transaction is the largest financial transaction most people will ever make and choosing a real estate agent is like choosing a doctor – you need a specialist."

Lowe is a diehard hunter and outdoorsman. He says that landowners and realtors sometimes underestimate the true market value of property when outdoor recreational opportunities are involved.

Lowe's expertise in Texas land comes from working as a Land Specialist for Whitetail Properties Real Estate – the industry leaders in hunting, ranch and farm land.

According to Lowe, world-class hunting for whitetailed deer, waterfowl, hogs, turkeys, exotics and fishing attracts outdoor enthusiasts and investors from inside and outside Texas' borders.

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To contact Whitetail Properties Land Specialist Robin Lowe, call (325) 234 8173 or visit his agent page at WhitetailProperties.com.

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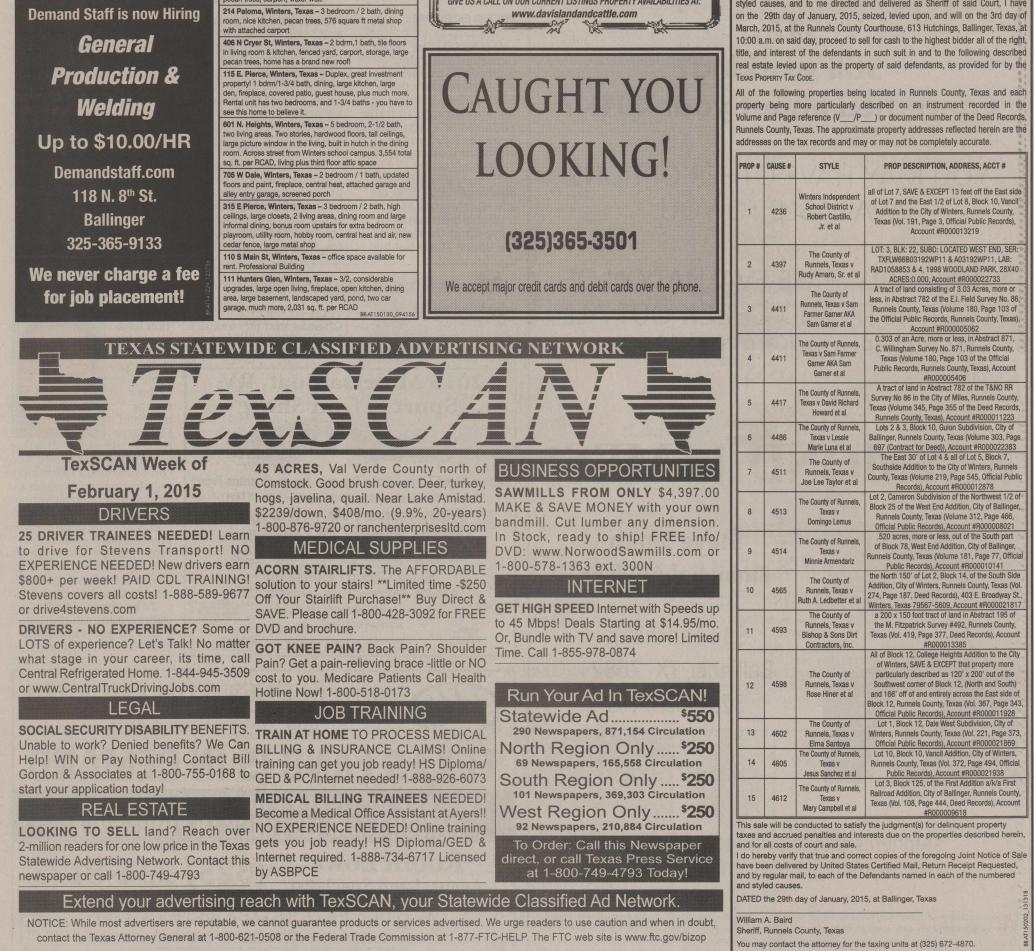
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Commetary by Dr. Don Newbury

Memories dating back to World War II include "tourist courts" — forerunners of motels — and first spins of Roger Miller's King of the Road — a 1965 song hit. The lyrics included the line, "rooms to let, fifty cents." (Three years earlier, Motel 6 had begun, so named for its \$6 nightly rate.)

During childhood, I thought my late Uncle Gene, a hotel bellman, looked like the guy shown on billboards peddling Phillip Morris cigarettes. Gene worked at the 12-story Hotel Brownwood, a now-vacant structure that still gives my hometown the hint of a skyline. "Big-eyed" at his piles of coins at shift's end, I was astounded so many people didn't choose to carry their own bags.

"When Crossbows are Outlawed, Only Outlaws will have Crossbows"

warned a lobby sign, or maybe this was in another hotel....

A half-century of travel vignettes push and shove forward in my mind's eye, as if vying for recollection.

They include: — Flying to the Permian Basin from Dallas on Muse Air's final trip there in the '80s. I thought it odd the boarding announcement offered "my choice of seating. Newbury Little wonder, since I was the sole pas-

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senger. Three flight attendants fawned over me, even inviting me to play cards. Alas, "Old Maid" was the only card game I knew, so they dealt a hand for their "phantom fourth player." That was OK by me; I wanted nothing to take my mind off

first-class seating for the only time in my life. (I'm sure Muse didn't make the flight to accommodate me; there were two-dozen people at Midland Air Terminal going to Dallas Love

Field, where the short-lived airline failed to make a dent in Southwest Airline's dominance.)

- Requesting a wake-up call at a small town "Mom and Pop' motel near Seattle. "Pop" handed me a wind-up alarm clock, mumbling something about the last Texas guest not knowing how to set it or wind it and preferred to miss

his flight than to learn how.

– Pleading for a room. I almost never make reservations in advance. With few hours to sleep before an early flight from Calgary, I heard "sorry, we're

hotels. My wife — with "I told you so" looks on her face — vigorously patted her foot for emphasis. Told that the nearest vacancies were 75 miles away, I asked, "Why?" The wise guy clerk questioned: "Ever heard of the Calgary Stampede?" How about meeting rooms? Yes, they had them for 40 up to 400 guests. Did any have sofas that make beds? One did. He rented us one at the single room rate and handed us bed sheets and pillows. A tearful wife sealed the deal....

Learning what

"quaint" means in London. Our hotel room was tiny, but did have electricity. Sadly, it was timed and coin-operated.

darkness during an early morning check-out. Not about to put in another coin and leave

We were plunged into

unused electricity behind, we finished packing by flashlight....

We have come to appreciate truly unique hotels with interesting histories and yesteryear charm that trump most big chain hostelries. Three visited recently — all more than a century old — are in San Diego's "garden spot" coastal communities — La Jolla and Coronado. La Jolla's Grande Colonial Hotel is known for its historic charm, heralded Nine-Ten Restaurant and strategic location. It's only a few steps from the beach, where guests throw down towels between seals that gather there for daily sunning.

The world-famous Del Coronado Hotel is the second-largest wooden structure in America and was once the largest resort hotel in the world. We weren't guests there, but

joined other visitors in absolute awe of this "must see" place.

We lodged across the street at Coronado's Glorietta Bay Inn, which originally was the home of then-owner of the Del. The boutique property has a marble staircase, brass amenities and perhaps the most accommodating staff ever. Won't soon forget the tray of cookies and pitcher of milk left in our room for nightly snacks. I heard distant calorie bells faintly clanging with each bite. My wife, however, heard the calorie bells more clearly. But hey, I couldn't let four fresh-baked cookies go to waste....

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Herd rebuilding gaining momentum

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COLLEGE STATION -U.S. beef cow inventory increased 2 percent from a year ago, signaling expansion among herds across the nation, according to the latest U.S. Department of Agriculture-National **Agricultural Statistics** Service cattle report.

"I thought the report showed more beef cows added than I expected," said Dr. David Anderson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service livestock specialist, College Station. "But record prices in the last half of 2014 will do that." Anderson said prior to the report, industry experts had the mindset the current rebuilding phase will be longer and slower. "It might have to be rethought," he said. Seven percent more

beef cows were reported in Texas on Jan. 1 compared to the same time last year. When the final numbers come in, Anderson said it could potentially be the largest year-over-year percentage increase in Texas beef cows since 1972-1973 when the cowherd grew 14 percent.

Cattle prices should remain historically high in 2015 as tight supplies of cattle continue. However, herd rebuilding is steadily increasing, according to the latest U.S. Department of Agriculture-National **Agricultural Statistics** Service cattle inventory report. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo by Blair Fannin)

The number of Texas beef cows remains the fewest since 1959 and 1962 for the entire U.S., not counting

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2014, Anderson said.

Texas has almost 4.2 million beef cows compared to 3.91 million in 2014 and 4.2 million in January 2013. Heifers retained for breeding cows have gradually begun increasing as Texas ranchers look to restock herds following devastating drought in 2011. That year, drought caused a record \$7.62 billion in agricultural drought losses, the costliest drought of all time for Texas. Livestock losses were \$3.23 billion resulting from feed expense and market losses.

"In absolute numbers, the 270,000 head cowherd increase this year is the largest since 1993-1994. Heifers held for beef cow replacements were also up, nationwide, 4 percent and 7.6 percent in Texas."

Blizzards drop overtime thriller to Roscoe

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Blizzards had a rough week, dropping two road games to fall to 3-6 in District 7-2A. On Tuesday, the Blizzards traveled to Roscoe and lost 41-38 in an exciting overtime game. The Blizzards jumped out to a 9-5 lead in the first quarter and led 19-15 at halftime. The

Plowboys cut the lead to 27-25 going into the final quarter and both teams were tied 34-34 at the end of regulation.

Roscoe outscored Winters 7-4 in overtime for the final, 41-38, margin. Jake Brock led the Blizzards with 13 point and 11 rebounds. Daniel Gerhart had seven point to go along with 11 rebounds. On Friday, the Blizzards

traveled to Anson and lost 48-34 to the Lions. Jake Brock led the Blizzards with 11 points, while Luke Kraatz had 10. Daniel Gerhart had 9 points to go along with 10 rebounds. As of press time the Blizzards were hosting Hamlin, Tuesday night, and will be taking the road again on Friday night, to play against the Stamford Bulldogs.

Lady Blizzards lose two on the road

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

The Winters Lady Blizzards dropped two games on the road last week, falling to the Roscoe Plow Girls and Anson Lady Tigers.

Tuesday, January 27, 2015 the Lady Blizzards fell by a score of 32-17. Leading scorers for the

Lady Blizzards were Christy Kruse and Athena Mata, each one of them with 3 points, followed by Bailee Busher, Ashley Guy, Cedie Taylor, K'Lee Lindley, and Nina Mooney, with two points apiece. Miciaela Ochoa contributed with one point.

Friday, January 30, the Lady Blizzards traveled to

Anson, to face the Lady **Tigers. The Lady Blizzards** were defeated by a score of 56-28. Leading the Lady Blizzards offense were Ashley Guy and Athena Mata, each one with 7 points, followed by Christy Kruse with 5, Cedie Taylor had 4, K'Lee Lindley 3 and Nina Mooney scored 2

points.

DPS seized \$33 million in drugs, cash in Panhandle

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AMARILLO- The Texas **Department of Public** Safety (DPS) troopers in 2014 seized more than \$33.3 million in drugs and currency during 219 traffic stops and investigations along the I-40 corridor and other roadways in the Texas panhandle.

"Drug traffickers who distribute drugs in Texas and use the state as a transshipment center to move drugs throughout the United States put our

communities in harm's way," said DPS Region 5 Commander Gary Albus. "DPS is committed to combatting these dangerous criminals; and in the Texas panhandle alone, we are proud to report that troopers have taken more than two tons of drugs off Texas roadways.'

The seizures included approximately 4,161 pounds of marijuana, 458 pounds of methamphetamine, 100 pounds of cocaine, 29 pounds of heroin, 27 pounds of hashish, more than half a pound of crack cocaine and over \$1.5 million in cash.

As a result of the 219 seizures by Texas state troopers, DPS Region 5 **Criminal Investigations** Division (CID) special agents also arrested eight suspects during follow-up investigations. In addition, CID special agents seized 22 pounds of methamphetamine and other illegal drugs, five weapons, one vehicle and more than \$341,000 in currency.

Reward increased for Most Wanted sex offender

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tion leading to his capture if the tip comes in during the month of February.



Holmes is wanted for failure to comply with sex offender registration requirements, assault and bond surrender forfeiture.

Holmes, whose last known address was in Pearland, has ties to several Texas cities, including Shepard, Livingston, Pasa-dena and Houston.

To be eligible for the cash rewards call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).

