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## Briefly

### Holiday closures

Winters City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Students were released Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Winters ISD. Students, teachers and staff will be off on Wednesday through Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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### Winters Christmas Parade

The Winters Christmas Parade gets underway at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 5 at 11 a.m. The theme for the parade is "Country Christmas." The community is encouraged to enter the parade with floats, ATVs, horses, bicycles, autos, walkers, etc. First place award will be \$100, second place will be \$75 and third place will be \$50. Contact Allie Sanchez, parade chairman at 325-439-9229 or stop by The Attic for parade forms and information. The annual Snow Queen will be crowned at the Rock Hotel after the parade. All girls in grades 8-12 are eligible for the contest. The queen will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of her choice upon entry to college. A Snow Princess will be crowned for girls in grades 5-7. The princess will receive \$100 in Blizzard Bucks. A minimum of five young ladies must register for each category for the contests to be held. Rules and applications for the queen and princess contests may be picked up at Bee's Quilting, Daisy Patch, Hatler Insurance and J & T Hardware or call Sandy Mesey, queen and princess chairman at 325-365-1807.

### The last drop

A strong cold front that moved through the area over the weekend bringing the first freeze to the area with temperatures dipping to the upper 20s, according to the National Weather Service in San Angelo. No significant rains were reported in Runnels County from Nov. 19-23. Increased cloudiness is expected to bring rain chances to Runnels County particularly on Thanksgiving Day when a 50 percent chance of rain is forecast. The rain chances increase to 70 percent Thursday night and Friday. Gusty winds could get up to 25 mph. The high for Thursday will be 71 and the low is expected to be in the mid 50s. The high Friday is only expected to reach 54 with lows for the rest of the weekend dipping in to the upper 30s and lower 40s. So far this year, Ballinger has received 25.91 inches of rain while 27.02 inches has been reported in Wingate. The NWS reported 23.54 inches of rain has fallen in San Angelo.

## NRH receives national recognition

STAFF REPORT  
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North Runnels Hospital was recently recognized by iVantage Health Analytics and the National Organization of State Office of Rural Health for overall excellence in outcomes and financial strength, reflect-

ing quartile performance among all acute care hospitals in the nation, according to a release from the NOSORH. The rankings have been designated by the Hospital Strength Index, the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of hospital performance.

In partnership with NOSORH, iVantage Health Analytics has developed a data-driven program designed to identify excellence across a broad spectrum of indicators relevant to hospital performance and patient care. The Hospital Strength Index captures performance metrics

for more than 4,000 acute care hospitals, including over 1,300 rural and critical access hospitals. "These top quartile performers should take great pride in this recognition," said Michael Topchik, senior vice president of iVantage Health Analytics. "It showcases their

commitment to continuous performance analysis and improvement. On this occasion of National Rural Health Day, it's an honor to celebrate their achievement as they continue to serve their communities despite the many market,

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## Two towns rally together



RUSSELL PEABLES | PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

The Menard Yellowjackets ran on to the field carrying the Winters Blizzards flag after rallying around the team following the death of #51 Scott Lange Nov. 15. The team traveled through Winters Friday on the way to the second round playoff game against Seymour in Abilene Friday, Nov. 20. Menard was defeated by Seymour 28-21.

## Student honored by Menard team in show of support

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The communities of Menard and Winters put rivalry aside as the Menard Yellowjackets rallied around the Blizzards following the loss of James Scott Lange, in an accident Nov. 15.

Supporters lined the streets Friday as the Menard Yellowjackets, who defeated Winters on their last game of the season, traveled through town to show their support for Winters Blizzards. Supporters and fans waved flags and cheered on the team, escorted through town by the Winters Volunteer Fire Department on their way to play Seymour in the

second round of the playoffs Friday, Nov. 20. The team also took time out of their playoff training schedule to attend Lange's funeral service Wednesday Nov. 18 in Winters. "Coach (Conon) Emmons and Menard ISD are class acts for everything that they did last week," said Winters Coach Matt McCarty. "It was a tough week for

all of Winters but the things that they did definitely helped to pick us back up again." During the service at First Baptist Church Wednesday, the Winters Volunteer Fire Department filed in followed by Winters Blizzards in support of their fallen teammate. In an incredible

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## A Day of Thanksgiving

The Winters Ministerial Alliance held their annual Community Thanksgiving Worship & Meal on Sunday November 22, 2015 at the WHS Special Events Center. This annual event is held to give thanks to God for all he has done for the Winters Community. The event benefits the local Samaritan House, which provides food and other support for the community. There were approximately 250 to 300 in attendance who enjoyed turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Everyone in attendance enjoyed a wonderful worship service provided by First Baptist Church's Praise Band.

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**FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES**

**Vera Rose Weatherford**

Vera Rose Weatherford 56 of Ballinger passed away on October 27, 2015. Vera was born in Bronte Texas, November 12, 1958 to Joseph Robbins and Sammie Wright. She was married to Billy Bob Weatherford on April 6, 1997 in Winters TX. Vera was a Homemaker, she enjoyed crocheting, or doing anything she put her mind to. She was a collector of many unique items. Vera brought joy to the world with her colorful personality. Vera was preceded in death by her mother, father John, uncle Buster, uncle Willie and granddaughter Amanda. She is survived by her husband her Daughters Judy (Travis) Thorton, Marie (Billy) Vestal. Son Billy John Weatherford (Christina Delgado). Grandchildren John Ray, Angel, Cindy, Gwenivere, Judy, Gabriel and Sarah, father Joseph Robbins. Sisters Frances (Mickel) McDonald, Glenda (Mack) Eldred. Brothers John (Lucindy) Wright, Doyle Wright and numerous Nieces and Nephews. Arrangements made through Rosewood Memorial Funeral Home in Ballinger.

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regulatory and financial pressures they face." The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) was established in 1995 to assist State Offices of Rural Health in their efforts to improve access to and the quality of, health care for America's 61 million rural citizens. NOSORH enhances the capacity of state rural health offices to do this by supporting the development of state and community rural health leaders, creating and facilitating state, regional and national partnerships that foster information sharing and spur rural health related programs and activities, and by enhancing access to quality healthcare services in rural communities.

**James Scott Lange**



James Scott Lange, 16, of Winters, died November 15, 2015 from injuries received in an automobile accident. He was born February 19, 1999 in Abilene and lived all his life in Winters. He was currently a junior in Winters High School where he participated in football, band and FFA. His favorite hobbies were hunting and fishing with his family and friends. He had dreamed of being a fireman since the age of 3. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. He is survived by his parents: James and Debbie Lange of Winters. His grand-

father, Richard Hamilton of Winters. 2 brothers, Justin Lange and wife Brandi of Aubrey and Trayson Lange of Winters. 2 nieces, Addyson and Kloie Lange. He was preceded in death by his grandparents; Weldon and Juanell Lange and Beth Hamilton and 1 uncle, David Lange. The family will receive friends from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Tuesday November 17, 2015 at Winters Funeral Home. Services will be 3:00 P.M. Wednesday November 18, 2015 at the First Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Lakeview cemetery. The family request memorials be made to the Winters Volunteer Fire Department.

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**Lynn Truett Billups**

Lynn Truett Billups, 78, of Winters, died November 12, 2015. He was born June 4, 1937 in Santa Anna and grew up in Runnels County. He graduated from Winters High School and attended Texas Tech and Texas A&I. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He married Diana Beaver on March 18, 1961 in Ballinger. He was a member of the Winters Little League Association and served as president, he was also a member of the Blizzard Athletic Booster Club, North Runnels Hospital Board, North Runnels Water Board, Runnels County Appraisal Board, Winters Squares and Winters Country Club. He was a member of the Lawn Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon. He is survived by his wife: Diana Billups of Winters. 4 children: Brett Billups and wife Crissi of Flower Mound, Scott Billups and wife Cindy of Dudley, Kentt Billups and

wife Nancy of Amarillo and Lynda Kizer and husband Mark of Lubbock. 9 grandchildren: Truett Billups, Sean Billups, Brianna Kaemmerling, Katherine Billups, Brandon Dry, Shannon Dry, Heath Billups, Brigitte Billups and Zachary Kizer. 3 Great-grandchildren: Braxton Dry, Kamryn Dry and Braden Hyatt. The family will receive friends at 4:00 P.M. Saturday November 14, 2015 at Winters Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 2:00 P.M. Sunday November 15, 2015 at the Lawn Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Counts cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home. The family request memorials be made to the Lawn Baptist Church.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Immunization, flu shot clinics slated**

Texas Department of State Health Services will have immunization/flu shot clinic for children with Medicaid, no insurance or underinsured and adults with no insurance. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call 325-754-4945. Leave a message if there is no answer. The clinic in Winters will be from 10 a.m. to 12 and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Professional Building, 110 South Main St, Suite 108. For your convenience, please use rear entrance (Grant Street). The clinic in Ballinger will be from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 600 Strong Ave. Please bring child's immunization records. If the child has Medicaid, please bring their card.

**Christmas decoration workshop**

Winters Public Library will host a Christmas decoration workshop at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1. Sally Spill will show participants how to make Christmas decorations using old and tattered books. The library will furnish supplies and materials needed for the project.

**Children's Christmas at the library**

The Winters Public Library will host children's Christmas at the Library from 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. There will be crafts, games, refreshments and goodies for all of the children. The event is free and open to the public.

**Cobblestone Christmas in Miles**

MILES - A Cobblestone Christmas will be held Nov. 28 in downtown Miles. Downtown merchants will have extended hours from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and sidewalk vendors will display arts and crafts, jewelry, Christmas items and more. Visitors can do a shop crawl and be entered in a drawing for a \$250 gift certificate, good at any of the participating businesses. Children's activities include Breakfast with Santa from 8-10 a.m. at Los Carlos Restaurant, and a Storytime at 10 a.m. in the Miles Opera House, followed by an ornament decorating craft at 11 a.m. The Lutheran Women will have a bake sale, featuring homemade Kolaches, coffee cake and cinnamon rolls in the Miles Opera House. Other activi-

ties include all-day entertainment, a sandwich luncheon, a classic car show from 2-4 p.m. and a family movie night at 6 p.m., featuring the film "Frozen." The Horny Toad Brewery will serve samples of its craft beers from 6-9 p.m. The Miles America Relay for Life Team will serve chili and cornbread from 6-9 p.m. for \$5 per bowl. Live music also will be available from 6-9 p.m. A Gingerbread House contest also will be held, with turn-in time from 5-7 p.m. Nov. 27. For more information, call 325-227-0013.

**Christmas in Olde Ballinger**

The Ballinger Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Merchant Association will host Christmas in Olde Ballinger from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28. Vendors will line downtown sidewalks showing off their wares from antiques to handmade and repurposed goodies. The Christmas Parade will be at 11 a.m. with line up at 6th Street and Railroad Ave. at 10 a.m. Santa will be walking up and down the streets taking down those Christmas lists. For more information call the Chamber on any of these events at 325-365-2333 or come by the office to pick up forms for the Christmas in Olde Ballinger events at 700 Railroad Ave, Ballinger.

**It's Pecan Show time**

The 51st Annual Concho Valley Pecan Show is slated for Thursday, Dec. 3 at the Tom Green County Extension Office at 113 W. Beauregard Ave. in San Angelo. Entries are due by noon Tuesday Dec. 1 and will judged Dec. 3 at the extension office, with results to follow. The contest is open to pecan growers in Tom Green, Coke, Concho, Irion, McCulloch, Runnels, Schleichter and Sterling counties. A minimum of 42 pecans is required for each entry. For more information call the Runnels County Extension Office at 325-365-2219 or the Tom Green County Extension Office at 325-659-6528.

**City Council meetings**

The Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the Monday, Dec. 21 in the council chambers at 310 North Main.

**AA meets in Winters**

Alcoholics Anonymous meets in Winters Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. at 204 W. Truett St. behind First Baptist Church in Winters.

**Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group**

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month from. All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and caregiver perspective. There is no charge for this public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer's Association.

**Sobriety First AA Group**

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

**Alanon meetings**

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger at 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday night. Enter on the Avenue A and Seventh Street side. Alanon is open to all family and friends of alcoholics or drug users. Child care is available. For more information call 325-365 2323.

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# Just Around the Corner

## What did the Pilgrims eat?

It is Thanksgiving Day — a day filled with traditions for families and friends. I will miss my family this holiday, but I intend to enjoy the day with others of my ilk, whose families are committed elsewhere and we will share traditions.

Most of us celebrate Thanksgiving with the traditional turkey and dressing, sweet potato pie, pumpkin pie, mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce.

This Thanksgiving marks the fourth holiday without my mother and the eighth without my dad. Both were connoisseurs of the meal and had honed their holiday meal skills to perfection.

For years, I begged for a change in the menu — I lobbied for lobster, because as I argued, the Pilgrims must've had lobster — and by the time Thanksgiving rolled around what with all the work dinners and special events ... well, I was sick of turkey.

But guess what? While turkey was probably on the first Thanksgiving menu, it wasn't all the pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians shared on that first occasion almost 400 years ago.

They had a feast alright, but much of our traditional menu items were probably not on the table in 1621. The Wampanoag liked venison, so legend has it they brought five deer to share. Indeed, wild turkey and pheasant were both plentiful in New England and were on the table along with lobster, seal and swans. It was basically a menu of meat, fish and corn.

Maybe that's what prompted comedian George Carlin to announce a menu change one year.

"We're having something a little different this year for Thanksgiving. Instead of a turkey, we're having a swan," Carlin quipped. "You get more stuffing."

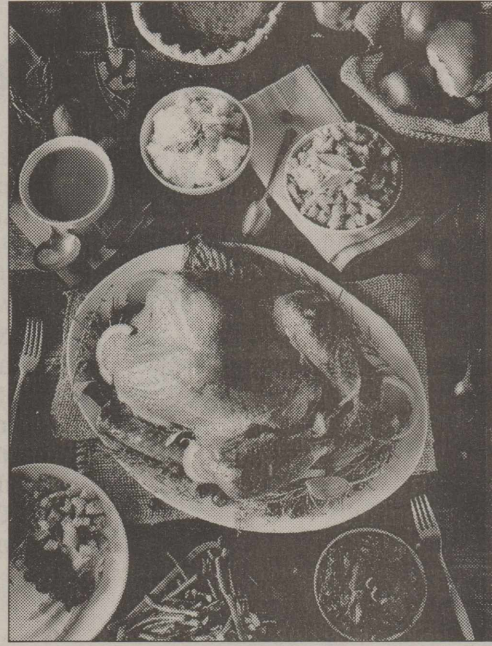
By the way, sweets were not a part of the first Thanksgiving meal either, because the Pilgrims had probably run out of sugar by that time. But they did have corn and plums, so they made do. They probably ate stewed pumpkins, too, and they had chestnuts as a treat.

Anyway, my lobster request was never granted. We always had turkey on Thanksgiving — always. And it was delicious and the tradition and a family affair.

Dad got up at the crack of dawn or before and buttered up and seasoned the turkey, put it in the pan and got the baster ready to squirt juice on the bird in the coming several hours.

Oh, and he always pulled out all the giblets and merrily began the most important job of all — the gravy. He had it down to a science and he babied it all day.

Dad was the pie-maker and the day before, he would make the crust like his mother made, also a science, and would fashion a pecan and an apple pie. Plus, while he was playing around with the



dough late at night or early in the morning, he was also known to whip up some homemade biscuits.

Meanwhile Mom was a Thanksgiving Day prepper extraordinaire — she prepared cornbread and cut up the veggies for the dressing the night before. We did have a little seafood in the mix, because Mom always made plain and oyster dressing. Wonder if the Pilgrims put oysters in their dressing?

Plus, she made yeast rolls from scratch and by 8 a.m. they were rising. Her favorite Jell-O salad (either orange or green) with pecans and cottage cheese was already jelling in the fridge along with the cranberry sauce.

Barring any disasters such as lumps in the gravy or burnt rolls (if that ever happened I blocked it), we ate promptly at 2 p.m. with a beautifully set table.

Mom required us to dress too — no jeans at the Thanksgiving table — we had to get dolled up. And before we all dug in, we joined hands and went around the table to say what we were thankful for.

This year, as I gather with friends we will do the same and carry on family traditions from my family and others. This year, I will be thankful for a year of healing, for my daughters and my sister and her family. Today, I'm thankful for those memories of Thanksgivings gone by - I miss you Mom and Dad.

And guess what? I'm having lobster! Happy Thanksgiving!

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Celinda Hawkins

### TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE

# Dr. Red Duke - A true Texas visionary

The television image of the man with the thick mustache and thick Texas drawl dispensing life-saving medical advice captivated the nation. Dr. Red Duke rose from modest Texas roots to becoming a respected surgeon and a beloved personality.

James Henry Duke was born in Ennis in 1928. The family moved to nearby Hillsboro a few years later. Duke grew up working a series of jobs such as digging ditches, picking cotton, and delivering newspapers before graduating from high school in 1946. Because of his red hair, he picked up the nickname "Red" along the way.

He earned a degree from Texas A&M University in 1950 and served in the U. S. Army working on tanks. Here, his interests began changing, coupled with his intense curiosity about the world. After his army service, he earned a divinity degree in 1955 at Southwestern Theological Seminary in Dallas. He later said that reading a book about the famous missionary and physician Albert Schweitzer inspired him to pursue medicine instead. He earned his medical degree from UT Southwestern in 1960. He then began his formal medical residency at Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

One of his earliest cases as a trauma surgeon was also one of his most tragic. He was working in the emergency room at Parkland on November 22, 1963, when President John F. Kennedy was rushed into the hospital. Duke was among the first to examine the fallen president, whose injuries were fatal. He was then ordered to tend to the other critically injured patient arriving with Kennedy, Gov. John Connally. Connally barely survived.

Duke left Parkland in 1965 and began serving as a surgical professor at UT Southwestern. He also became a professor at Columbia University Medical School in New York. His continuing concerns over the state of trauma care in the country led him to found the American Trauma Society with other trauma surgeons in 1968. In 1972, he returned

to Texas as part of the staff at Texas Medical Center in Houston.

In 1976, he created the Life Flight air ambulance system, creating a network of helicopters and paramedics who transported critical patients to Texas Medical Center. Duke would serve as medical director of the program from its inception for the rest of his years. The program was initially designed to fly patients from remote areas or from areas with insufficient medical care within a 150-mile radius of Houston. As the program grew, it expanded to providing airplane flights for patients across the globe into Houston.

While transporting patients to hospitals by helicopter had begun as early as the Korean War in the 1950s with the U. S. Army thus transporting patients to field hospitals, Life Flight was a new development in civilian medicine for the region. A similar system for North Texas-area hospitals outside Life Flight's 150-mile radius started in 1979. This organization, CareFlite, was established in no small part thanks to the success of Dr. Red Duke's Life Flight system.

Life Flight continues to fly more than 3,000 missions each year and has flown more than 140,000 patients in its 35-year history. In the 1980s, he began delivering regular reports on health issues on television stations across the country. His folksy, down-to-earth style, coupled with his encyclopedic knowledge of current health issues made him a household name. In 2014, the Alvin Independent School District named its new elementary school after him. In his later years, he continued to tour the country, talking about his career in medicine and offering health advice. Dr. Red Duke passed away on August 25 at age 86.

Dr. Bridges is a Texas native, writer, and history professor. He can be reached at drkenbridges.com.



Dr. Ken Bridges

*In 1976, he created the Life Flight air ambulance system, creating a network of helicopters and paramedics who transported critical patients to Texas Medical Center.*

## Winters ISD lunch menus

### Dec. 1 to Dec. 4

#### Breakfast

Dec. 1  
Donuts, Cereal w/grahams, raisins  
Fruit juice  
Choice of milk

Dec. 2  
Yogurt, bagels, cereal w/grahams, blizzards berries  
Fruit juice  
Choice of milk

Dec. 3  
French toast, cereal w/grahams, banana  
Fruit juice  
Choice of milk

Dec. 4  
Cinnamon roll, cereal w/grahams  
Mixed fruit  
Choice of milk

#### Lunch

Dec. 1  
Chef salad, frito pie, tacos, baked beans  
Salad/carrot sticks, applesauce  
Choice of milk

Dec. 2  
Chef salad, lasagna toast,

grilled cheese sandwich  
Broccoli w/ cheese, salad/carrots sticks,  
Choice of milk

Dec. 3  
Chef salad, steak fingers, chicken tenders, mashed Potatoes, salad/carrots sticks, fruit cup, raisins,

cinnamon grahams  
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Dec. 4  
Chef salad, cheese burger, hot dog, curly fries  
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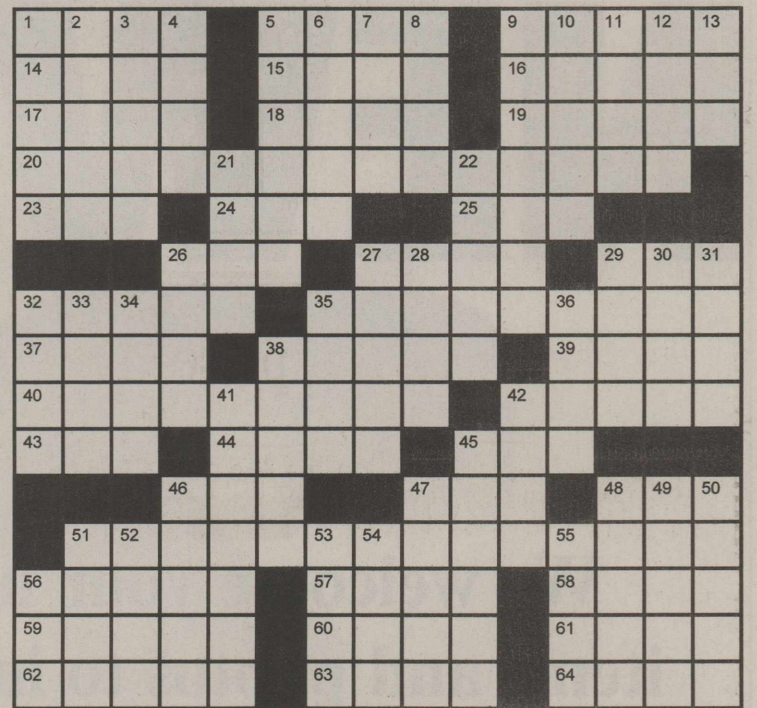
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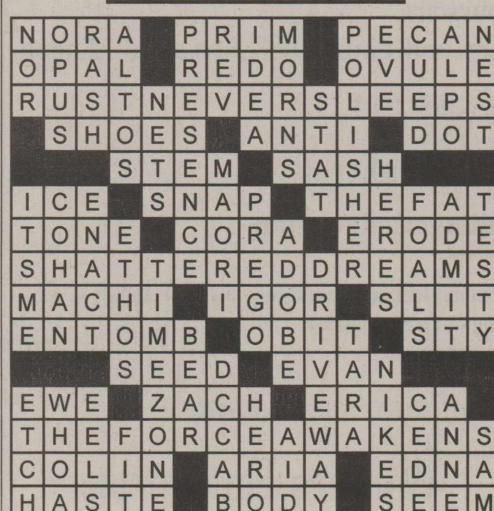
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### LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



### Weather Whys

Q: Can a blue sky appear to be darker in certain parts of the country?

A: The answer is yes, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The blue sky and white clouds we see are the result of light being scattered in all directions," he said. "We know that light is coming from the sun and this light contains all of the colors of the spectrum. The colors of light travel in waves of different lengths. We know that blue and violet travel at small wavelengths which get scattered by very small molecules across the sky, an effect called Rayleigh scattering, which makes the sky look blue. Humidity and other factors can cause the sky to appear a darker shade of blue in some locations. Desert areas and areas at a higher altitude tend to have lower humidity and these areas often appear more blue."

# Runnels County ROLL-UP

## Public Record

### Runnels County Jail Record November 26, 2015

Name	Age	Agency
Tevin Starley	20	RCSO
MTR - Burglary of habitation		
Ruben Ortiz	50	BPD
Public intoxication		
Andy Torres-Ramos	29	Concho County
Warrant contempt of child support		
Dennis L. McIntyre	17	Coke
Laura A. Smith	35	Concho County
Warrant - FTA- DWLI		
Felipe J. Garcia	27	Concho County
Warrants - Liability insurance - No drivers license		
Jonathon I. Lucia	29	RCSO
MTR - Out of state warrant dangerous drug		
Carlos M. Hernandez	29	RCSO
MTR - Possession of weapon, warrant		
Clinton R. Nagle	50	Coleman
Warrant x3 retaliation, burglary of a building, assault family violence		
Dedric Lockridge	37	RCSO
False alarm or report		
Blaine W. Chamberlain	36	Concho County
Warrant x 2, driving while commercial expired		
Michael E. Pullin	57	BPD
DWLI Obstruction or retaliation		
Juan P. Patlan - Gonzales	21	Concho County
Border Patrol hold		
Jose R. Patlan - Gonzales	20	Concho County
Border Patrol hold		
Jacob Torres	19	Coke County
Criminal trespass		
Cole Reyna	29	WPD
Parole violation		
Ray Vera	33	Coke County
DWLI w/ Previous conviction		
Michael E. Pullin	57	BPD
Aggravated Assault w/ deadly weapon warrant		
Phillip J. Valadez	23	Good fellow AFB
Military hold		
John R. Hodges	27	Coleman
Burglary of a building		
Amanda K. Hodges - Parks	25	Coleman
Burglary of building x2 burglary of habitation		

## VETERAN'S CORNER

The Texas General Land Office and Veterans Land Board are happy to announce changes to a handful of policies. The State Veterans Cemeteries are a special resting place for our veterans and their families, and now it will be easier than ever for those families to stay together. As of November 1 the GLO and VLB will be waiving all fees for the burial, ash spreading or columbarium interment of military spouses. The policy change means that military families across the state will no longer have to pay a \$745 fee to bury a serviceman or woman's spouse or eligible dependents. Fees will also be waived for ash spreading or interments of spouses.

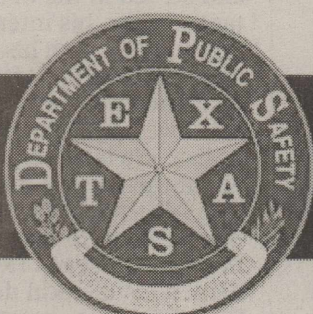
Over the last decade, about 320 spouses or dependents have been laid to rest in veterans' cemeteries every year. Texas is home to over 1.7 million veterans. The State Veterans Cemeteries will now also



Sandra G. Van Zant

have longer visiting hours and relaxed rules about flowers. Visiting hours will be extended to run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to better accommodate those wishing to visit the grounds. Artificial flowers may now be placed at grave sites year-round and flower pickups will now take place once a month instead of twice a month. All military veterans and spouses are eligible to be laid to rest at Texas State Veterans Cemeteries, regardless of their home state when joining the military. For more information, contact Sandra Van Zant at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 365-3612.

-Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer



## Texas Department of Public Safety

# DPS urges Texans to drive responsibly, sober during Thanksgiving holiday

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging Texans to always celebrate responsibly and to make safe driving habits a priority during the heavily travelled Thanksgiving holiday

weekend. "As Texans travel to be with family and friends this Thanksgiving season, we urge all drivers to use extra caution on roadways and always drive sober," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "The increased traffic and potential for inclement weather and impaired driving can make holiday travel especially challenging, and DPS troopers will be working nonstop to keep the roads safe for everyone."

DPS troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways throughout the holiday weekend looking for drunk drivers, speeders, seat belt violators and other drivers who are endangering themselves and others.

During the Thanksgiving weekend in 2014, DPS troopers arrested 242 individuals for driving while intoxicated, issued 5,223 speeding citations, 682 citations for no insurance and 599 seat belt/child safety seat citations. DPS patrols also resulted in 135 fugitive arrests and 97 felony arrests during the same time period.

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Thanksgiving holiday:

- Don't drink and drive. Designate a driver or take



a cab.

- Slow down - especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

- Eliminate distractions, including the use of mobile devices.

- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle - it's the law.

- Slow down or move

over for police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated - it's the law.

- Don't drive fatigued - get plenty of rest before trips or take breaks as needed.

- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
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**Left, top:** Angel Escamia #65 and Scott Lange #51 protect Kyler Richards #5 against Menard during the game Friday, Nov. 6, 2015.

**Above:** Jonathan Sandoval #12, Scott Lange #51 and Marcus Mostad #10 are greeted by their little fans as they enter the pep rally in the Special Events Center at Winters High School.

**Left, bottom:** The community lined the streets waving flags and holding signs as the Menard Yellowjackets traveled through town Friday on the way to their playoff game in Abilene against Seymour.

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show of sportsmanship, the Menard Yellowjackets filed in to the service, after defeating the Blizzards and knocking them out of the playoffs Nov. 6.

And at that time, it was announced that the Yellowjackets would be carrying the Winters flag out

of the tunnel during their playoff game against Seymour in Abilene, Friday, Nov. 20.

"It is always great when sports can bring together two small towns like it did this week," McCarty said. "All of our prayers are with the Lange and Cooper families."

The Menard Yellowjackets were escorted by the Winters Volunteer Fire Department and community lined the streets waving flags and thanking the Menard team for an outpouring of support for Lange and the Winters football team.

"This is a class act, it is wonderful what these kids did," said Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard Friday.

Members of the community, educators, family and friends packed the sanctuary of the church Wednesday for the service, and even into the overflow section of the building.

During the service, Winters administrators, educators and coaches were in attendance including former coaches Stan Caffey, Brent Rider and Corey Washington.

Chad McDuffee, former coach and science teacher

in Winters, also attended the service.

"Talking with members of the community seeing these people take their time to come meant a great deal," McDuffee said.

Lange, 17, a junior at Winters High School, was killed in a one-vehicle accident reported at 2:05 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 on Highway 83, according to the Department of Public Safety. The driver, Cameron Doyle Cooper, 18, was injured in the crash.

The community was in a state of shock Monday following news of the tragic accident that claimed Lange's life.

Lange, #51 was the starting center on the Winters Blizzards football team. He was also active in FFA and was a member of the marching band.

Superintendent Bruce Davis said Lange's death affected all 147 members of the high school.

Lange and Cooper, a senior at Winters High School, were reportedly going early to hunt hogs, the morning of the accident. Lange is the son of James and Debbie Lange of Winters.

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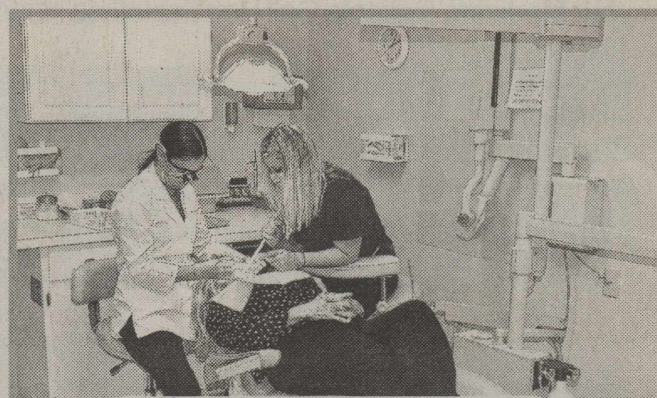
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