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# The Winters ENTERPRISE

Thursday, August 18, 2016

## Briefly

### WISD meal plan changes

The Winters Independent School District announced a change to its policy for serving meals to children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2016/2017 school year.

Schools qualifying to operate the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) provide breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

ON THE NET:  
<http://www.wintersisd.org/>

### Meet the Blizzards

Meet the Blizzards will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Blizzard Stadium. Join the Winters Athletic Booster Club at Blizzard Stadium for homemade ice cream and get to know your 2016-2017 Blizzards. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the booster club can sign up during the event.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase for \$1 each or six for \$5 for three prizes including a \$250 Visa gift card, \$50 Wheat Energy gift card or a 30 ounce Yeti tumbler.

The booster club will be taking pre-pay button orders this year at \$4 each. Buttons may be ordered on Aug. 18 during the meet the teacher event at Winters Elementary from booster members Kalene Lincycomb or Stephanie Hadlock or during the Meet the Blizzards event.

### The last drop

A cooling trend started last week as a cold front converged on Runnels County bringing some rain and cooler temperatures, according to the National Weather Service in San Angelo.

The NWS reported Ballinger received .18 inches of precipitation, while Wingate reported .77 inches and San Angelo reported 2.03 inches last week.

An upper level low is coming through that will increase the chances for rain starting today, with 50 percent chance of rain in the forecast. Rain chances continue through the weekend, with moving to a 30 percent chance of rain Saturday and a 40 percent chance Sunday, the NWS reported. Plus, cooler temperatures are in the forecast with highs reaching 87 on Friday and the upper 80s for Saturday and Sunday.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 17.74 inches of rainfall, with 17.48 inches reported in Wingate and 24.75 inches received in San Angelo.

ON THE NET:  
<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/sjt/>

## Cash Saver to close Sept. 11

### Pharmacy to remain open, store officials say

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It is the end of an era in Winters as Cash Saver, formerly known as Lawrence Brothers Grocery, will close, store officials confirmed Tuesday.

The decision to close the Winters store comes eight months after the plans to close the supermarket were quashed due to the closure of the Wal-Mart Express

stores. Cash Saver Manager Randy Couch said that Jay Lawrence, president and CEO of Lawrence Brothers based in Sweetwater, was in the store on Monday, informing the staff of the closure.

The store is set to close by Sept. 11, but the pharmacy will remain open at another location in Winters. Lawrence Brothers could not be reached for comment at press time.

The news of the closure comes two months after the announcement of the new Spring Market, which is set to open in mid-September by Brookshire's Grocery Company.

As with the announcement in January, Winters city officials were not happy about the closure of the business.

"We are very disappointed to lose Cash Saver as a part

STORE, 8



ENTERPRISE FILE PHOTO  
The Cash Saver grocery store in Winters is closing. Officials with the store's parent company, Lawrence Brothers based in Sweetwater, said the store will officially close Sept. 11.

## Winters citizens discuss future of senior meal program



CELINDA HAWKINS | ENTERPRISE PHOTO  
Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard took questions from attendees about the future of the senior meal program during a forum held Friday, Aug. 12, 2016 at the Winters Senior Center. Here he speaks to Winters resident Sylvia Richey.

## County funding stops Oct. 1

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**A**tight budget has forced the Runnels County commissioners and officials to make a tough decision - to cease almost all funding for the senior meals program as of Oct. 1.

In July, Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard announced that the programs would no longer be funded and would be turned over to the respective cities where they are administered which includes Ballinger, Miles and Winters.

The program, will no longer receive funding from the West Central Texas Council of Governments or the state. Four employees will lose their jobs as

of Oct. 1.

Currently, 150 meals are prepared five days a week at the Senior Citizens Center in Ballinger and then delivered to centers in Winters and Miles. Approximately 70 clients receive home delivered meals throughout Runnels County.

Last week, Hilliard visited senior centers in Miles and Winters to explain the options.

At least 50 concerned citizens and supporters and clients of the meals

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## Winters First United Methodist celebrates 125 years

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The Winters First United Methodist Church celebrated its 125th anniversary on Sunday, August 7.

Bishop J. Michael Lowry, resident bishop of the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Fort Worth Episcopal Area was the guest speaker. Over

150 former and current members attended the morning worship service and the day of praising God for His amazing grace.

Rev. Bob Murchison is pastor of the church and he said he was excited to be part of the 125th anniversary celebration.

"The First United



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Bishop J. Michael Lowry was the guest speaker during the Winters First United Methodist Church 125th Anniversary, held Aug. 7, 2016 at the church.

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ENTERPRISE FILE PHOTO  
The first day of school is Monday, Aug. 22 and officials at Winters ISD are looking forward to a successful year.

Winters ISD welcomes students to 2016-17 school year

Officials looking forward to special year

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Approximately 560 students are expected to enter the campuses of the Winters Independent School District on Monday as the 2016-17 school year gets underway.

Winters ISD Superintendent Bruce Davis said teachers and staff, which total 112 employees are ready and eager to get the year started.

"We are going to have a special year," Davis said. "We have a lot of pieces in place to be successful - a positive attitude and creating a family atmosphere for our students."

The school bell will ring Monday morning and every school day thereafter at 7:54 a.m. with the tardy bell ringing at 8 a.m. The school day has been extended and will end at 3:45 p.m. eight minutes later than last year, Davis said.

Buses will be at their designated stops from 7-7:15 a.m. daily, with students set to arrive on campus from 7:30-7:45 a.m. each morning. The afternoon buses will begin picking up students promptly after school ends at 3:45 p.m.

Davis said the buses will be dropping off elementary students in front of the cafeteria and all other traffic will be diverted to the elementary campus.

"This is for safety

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## Helen Wessels

Helen Wessels, 93, of Midland, formerly of Winters, died August 10, 2016. She was born April 6, 1923 in Winters and lived in Winters most of her life. She married Ervin Ray "Sonny" Wessels November 16, 1947 in Winters. They lived in Monahans for 20 years. She was a homemaker. She moved to Midland in 2005. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters.

She is survived by 3 children: Dennis Wessels and wife Ruth of Belen, New Mexico, Sherry Prescott of Midland and Kay Wessels of Midland. 2 sisters: Margaret Wessels of Bryan and Juanita Wilson of Winters. 1 brother: Bobby Bredemeyer of Austin. 6 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at 6:00 P.M. Saturday August 13, 2016 at Winters Funeral Home. Service will be 2:00 P.M. Sunday August 14, 2016 at St. John's Lutheran Church. Burial will follow at the Lutheran Cemetery.

The family request that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Winters Enterprise, August 18, 2016



CELINDA HAWKINS | ENTERPRISE PHOTO

A Texas Pacifico train derailed at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 10, 2016 sending 13 cars off the tracks located adjacent to U.S. Highway 67 two miles east of Valera in Coleman County. Officials with Texas Pacifico said a total of 15 cars were involved and no injuries were reported.

## Train derails 28 miles from Ballinger

*Texas Pacifico reports no injuries*

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**COLEMAN COUNTY**  
- A Texas Pacifico train derailed on Wednesday Aug. 10, sending 13 cars off the tracks adjacent to U.S. Highway 67, about two miles east of Valera in Coleman County.

The derailment, which included a total of 15 cars, two of which did not go off the tracks, occurred at 4:45 p.m. and was reported at 7:38 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10 according to the Coleman County Sheriff's Office.

The train was reportedly hauling milo and no injuries were reported as a result of the derailment, that occurred about 28 miles east of Ballinger.

As of Tuesday, there were still cars at the site, said Elizabeth Grindstaff, spokeswoman for Texas Pacifico Railroad. The owners of the cars must be contacted and there is a process to determine which cars must be scrapped and which cars can be repaired, Grindstaff said.

Grindstaff said that

700 feet of track has been repaired and that the tracks are open and trains were running as of Friday.

However, even though the track is in operation, Texas Pacifico has a "slow order" in place in the vicinity of the derailment.

"The slow order will remain in place until we can bring in the resurfacing equipment," Grindstaff said. "Once that work is done, we will be running trains at 25 miles per hour again through the area."

Grindstaff said authorities are trying to determine what caused the derailment of part of the 104-car train. She says the train was eastbound after loading at the Kasberg Grain Co. in Miles.

Grindstaff said that 700 feet of track has been repaired and that trains and that the tracks are open and trains are running.

There have been other derailments reported in recent years in the vicinity including on derailment November, 15, 2014, 20 miles east of Ballinger near Talpa reportedly caused by broken rails.

### Runnels County proposed tax hike

The Runnels County commissioners voted 3-2 Tuesday, Aug. 9 during the regularly scheduled meeting.

The proposed tax rate for the 2016-17 budget year will be \$.737215 per \$100 valuation up from \$.71 per \$100 valuation for the 2015-16 budget year. The commissioners will hold public hearing prior to the official adoption of the tax rate.

On the average home value of \$100,000, the tax payer will pay \$737.22 annually, which is a \$27.22 increase over last year.

### Ready for some football

Purchases for the season tickets and reserved seats for the 2016 Blizzard Football season may be made at the WISD Administration Office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Season tickets will be \$30 per seat this season. Season tickets and reserved seats are sold as one "Season Ticket" to be used for all six home games. Fans that did not have season tickets or reserved seats last year may purchase tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis. All senior citizens, 60 or older will receive free general admission. Senior citizen general admission passes are also available at the WISD administration office. General admission tickets may be purchased at the gate. No advance tickets are available. Admission to varsity games will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Junior varsity and junior high admission prices will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. The Blizzards will host the first home game on Friday August 26 at 7:30 p.m. against San Saba.

### Wingate Baptist Church Revival

The Wingate Baptist Church will hold a revival Aug. 21-24. Sunday services will be held at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Services Monday through Wednesday will be held at 7 p.m. Dr. D.L. Lowrie, former pastor of First Baptist Church in Lubbock, and former president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas will be the evangelist. The music will be provided by Brother Gerre Joiner of First Baptist Church in Decatur. The community is invited to attend.

### NRH board election

North Runnels County Hospital District will have three board of director positions open on the November 2016 ballot. Incumbents for the three seats are Sandra J. Hilliard, James T. Self, and Dewey Whitfield.

Filing began July 23 and will end at 5 p.m. Aug. 22. Please contact Teresa Walden at North Runnels Clinic 7571 State Hwy. 153 in Winters, between the hours of 8 a.m.

and noon and from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. for an application for a place on the ballot.

### Donate school supplies

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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Drop off donated school supplies for the upcoming school year at the Winters Public Library. This project is in coordinated by the Winters BEST organization, which will distribute the supplies once school begins. Backpacks of all sizes are requested, in addition to crayons, colored pencils, highlighters, pencils, and school boxes. A complete list of items is available at the library.

### Winner, winner brisket and chicken dinner

The Orlen St. Boniface Knights of Columbus will be selling BBQ briskets on Saturday, Aug. 20. The cost is \$8 per pound for the brisket and \$7 for each whole chicken, which can be picked up at the St. Boniface Parish hall at Orlen at 5 p.m. Please pre-order by calling Marty Frey at 325-365-6618 or David Rohmfeld 325-442-3331. The deadline for orders is August 17.

### What happens in Vegas...

ROWENA - Vegas Nights in Runnels County will get rolling Saturday, Aug. 27 at St. Joseph's Hall in Rowena. The event is sponsored by the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show Association with the Casino Night hosted by Casino Connection of Georgetown. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a steak dinner served at 6:45 p.m.

with the \$2,000 Grand Prize cash drawing to be held at 7:30 p.m. Casino Night will be held from 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per couple and \$60 per individual, which includes \$5,000 per person in Casino Night money.

There will be chances to win tickets for basket and prizes. No one under 18 will be admitted. The event is BYOB with setups available.

### CASA volunteers wanted

The Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County, Inc., CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is seeking volunteers. Currently CASA serves 60 percent of the children in foster care.

Training will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. July 11-14 and July 18-21. Dinner is provided. To sign up, call 325-653-4673 or email mblue@

cactomgreen.org. CASA serves Tom Green, Runnels, Concho, Crockett, Coke, Irion, Reagan, Sutton, Sterling and Schleicher counties.

### AA meeting

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, in Ballinger, at 7 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday. 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.

### A Time for Freedom

A new addiction class is forming in Winters called "A Time for Freedom," and Pastor Tommy Akin, of the Pioneer Church of God in Winters will be overseeing the program which will provide addiction education to addicts, family and loved ones. The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Pioneer Church of God at 158 North Main St. in Winters. For more information call 903-474-4740.

### Ballinger Farmers Market

There will be a Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday from June-September in downtown Ballinger. Fresh fruits, vegetables and eggs as well as other edible items such as canned goods, breads, jams, jellies and salsa - are welcome. Baked goods must be wrapped. Other items featured at the market will include plants, homemade lotions and soaps. Everyone from the area is invited to participate in the weekly event, which will not include arts and crafts at this time. Call Cody Rice at 316-549-2017 for information or stop by RM's Cositas 718 Hutchings or fill out the application online at <https://codyrice12.wufoo.com/forms/ballinger-farmers-market/>.

### Recycling Center Hours

The City of Ballinger's Recycling Center, located at South 7th Street and Sealy Avenue, is open from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday. The recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Saturday, the recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to noon.

### WIC open to many incomes and families

Women Infants and Children, (WIC) located at 706 Strong Ave. in Ballinger is open from 7 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. WIC is closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone 325-365-5925.

### Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

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

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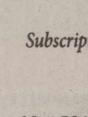
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# Winters student awarded Dove Fest Scholarship

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Winters High School senior Aaron "A.J." Smith was awarded the \$1,000 Dove Fest Scholarship. Smith submitted an 750-word essay as part of the requirement to be considered by the committee.

The following is the copy of the essay Smith submitted.

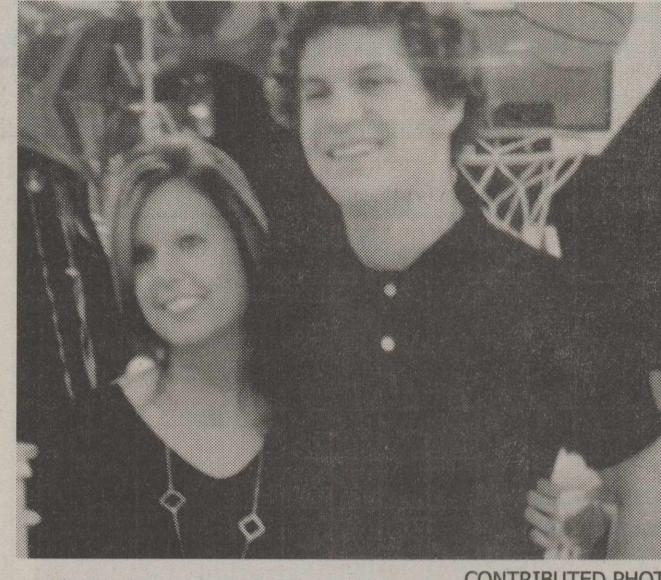
Hunting has always been not just a hobby, but a way of life here in Winters, Texas; shaping many of this small town's kids into who they are today. In many aspects, hunting is of utmost importance. For students like me, it has always represented a rite of passage to adulthood.

When I first moved here as a boy, the first thing I noticed was every day there was another picture of a kid and their first deer, or a kid and their first turkey, or doves, or whatever hunting season it was. Where I had come from, this was very abnormal. Never had I ever even heard of hunting until I moved here, but there it was every day right in my face. Every day another one of my friends was being praised for their "great shot". I thought people were insane! Constantly, people would ask if I had gotten my first kill yet and every time I said "no", people looked at me as if I were a child, even though I was their age. It occurred to me that hunting in this small county was a rite of passage, and city boy or not, I was going to complete this passage. I was convinced that I had to rise to this challenge that was so

foreign to me. I didn't know the first thing about a rifle and I definitely had absolutely zero clue how to hunt, but I was determined to become a man in not only my peers' eyes but to the county. I cried this determination with me all the way to the summer of my eighth grade year.

I finally had gotten my hunting license, and I was posted and ready in a deer blind with my best friend and a buck came around. At this point, I was giddy with excitement and took the shot. I had missed. My heart dropped, that was the second to last day of the hunting season and I'd be leaving in the morning. I'd wasted my perfect opportunity, but my friend and me woke up way before we were scheduled to set off and we got in a deer blind at 4:00 in the morning. There it was, my first deer was sitting 100 yards or so away. I took the shot and I watched that deer drop. I was ecstatic. We field dressed it there and the rest is history. I'd finally became a man. A weight I'd carried for years had dropped off of my shoulders.

After that experience, I still begged to go hunting. It's an exhilaration you want to get compared to doing anything else. I finally understand why hunting was so important to everyone in this county. It is your passage to adulthood. After experiencing all of this from a small town, I wasn't born in, I felt like I was inherited into a special kind of family in that moment. There is no doubt in my mind that my children and my children's children will have to take this rite head on. And, I do believe



Aaron "A.J." Smith was awarded the \$1,000 Dove Fest Scholarship for the essay he submitted as part of the requirement to apply. Smith is pictured here with his mother, Shanon Ripley.

hunting is a heritage that brings this entire county together and will do so for ages to come.

## TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE

### The legendary Doc Holliday

BY DR. KEN BRIDGES

The 1870s and 1880s on the western frontier were years filled with unforgettable characters who became legends. Tales of their exploits echoed across the empty plains into the American imagination. Doc Holliday became one of the most famous of these figures, and his journey into legend began in the Lone Star State.

John Henry "Doc" Holliday was born in central Georgia in 1851. His father was a veteran of the Mexican War and the Civil War. He became an expert shot while a youngster. When he was a teenager, his mother and stepbrother both died from tuberculosis, a widespread and deadly lung infection that was often called the "white plague."

Holliday was an ambitious young man with a brilliant mind. He reportedly absorbed languages such as Greek, Latin, and French. In 1870, he enrolled at the Pennsyl-

vania College of Dental Surgery, the most prestigious dental school in the country at the time, though few such schools were to be had. In just over a year, at the age of 20, he completed his doctorate.

He soon established a dental practice in Georgia and was on his way to a quiet, respectable career when he also came down with tuberculosis. While the disease is easily curable today, it was a death sentence in the 1870s. The common belief at the time was that the warm, dry climates of the West could slow the deterioration of the lungs. So with little left to lose, Holliday moved to Texas.

He established a successful dental practice in downtown Dallas in 1873. However, his coughing fits during examinations and news of his contagious illness frightened away many patients. As a result, the gambling he once enjoyed for recreation became an important source of income.

As Dallas leaders attempted to tame the wild frontier city, gambling became a crime. Well-known gamblers like Holliday were targeted, and he was indicted in 1874 for illegal gambling. The situation grew even worse in 1875 when he got into a shootout with a Dallas bartender. While he was acquitted in the incident, Holliday realized his days in Dallas were numbered.

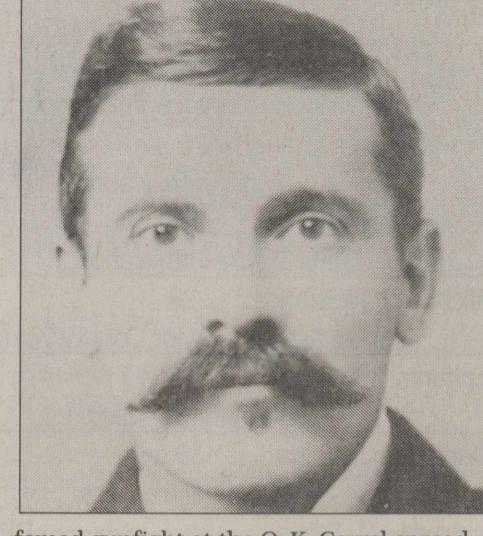
That year, he left Dallas and headed north to Denison. He attempted to restart his dental career in the small community, but his increasing complications from tuberculosis made it difficult to stay in business. Within a few months, he left for Fort Griffin, northeast of modern-day Abilene. His Grayson County office was the last known time he had a regular dental practice.

At Fort Griffin, Holliday began gambling full time and moving from place to place. For a time, he worked as a card dealer in Colorado. On a trip back to Fort Griffin, he met Wyatt Earp, who was then working as a Deputy U. S. Marshal in pursuit of a suspected train robber.

The two became close friends and that loyalty itself became a legend. Holliday saved Earp's life on several occasions and stood with him and his brothers at the notorious shootout at the O. K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona, in 1881.

Holliday found himself in several gunfights over the years but survived them all. He succumbed to his lingering illness at a sanatorium in Colorado in 1887.

Holliday's fame rose in the years after his death as tales of his exploits and the



famed gunfight at the O. K. Corral spread and eventually found their way into the movies. While many variations on the story have appeared, from such actors as Victor Mature, Kirk Douglas, and Dennis Quaid, many depictions gained acclaim for the portrayal of the legendary figure who was as quick with a one-liner as he was with his guns. Val Kilmer's performance as an unflappable and quick-witted Holliday in Tombstone (1993) has by itself won a legion of fans.

Arrested more than a dozen times and responsible for shooting an untold number of men, Holliday was never convicted of a crime. Each April, Denison celebrates the Doc Holliday Festival in honor of its one-time resident.

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# ROUND-UP

## Runnels County

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Thursday, August 18, 2016

### Runnels County Jail Record

August 18, 2016

Name	Age	Agency
Rontrol S. Young	22	BPD
Aggravated assault with bodily injury, possession of marijuana		
William A. Henly	40	BPD
Assault family violence		
Laura A. Pearson	43	BPD
Theft		
Latisha Bohannon		Coke
Burglary of habitation, possession of dangerous drug		
Fermin Rodriguez	26	RCSO
Aggravated assault with deadly weapon, endangering a child		
Justin R. Rodriguez	28	RCSO
Theft class A		
Cole E. Rinn	21	BPD
Motion to revoke, false report		
Douglas B. McGregor	36	Coke
Public intoxication		
Hollie L. Keith	22	Coke
Public intoxication		
Michael J. Hernandez	28	BPD
Sexual assault (Taylor County warrant)		
Epifanio J. Cortez	23	WPD
Burglary of building		
Danielle B. Suniga	33	Coke
Criminal trespass		
Kimberly M. Parks		DPS Runnels
Failure to report crash, property damage		

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Sandra G.  
Van Zant

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently issued a final ruling to increase VA health care eligibility for veterans affected by contaminated drinking water at the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune (MCBCL). Veterans and their family members may be eligible for VA health benefits if they served on active duty or resided at MCBCL for 30 days or more between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987. Eligible veterans will be able to receive VA health care. In addition, care for qualifying health conditions is provided at no cost to a veteran,

and eligible family members receive reimbursement for out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred from the treatment of qualifying health conditions after all other health insurance is applied. A Camp Lejeune veteran does not need to have one of the 15 health conditions to be eligible to receive VA health care,

### VETERANS CORNER

nor do they need a service-connected disability rating to be eligible as a Camp Lejeune veteran for VA health care. See more at: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/#sthash.FIcGwDlv.dpuf>. If you are already enrolled in VA health care, contact our local VA health care facility to receive care. Not yet enrolled? Apply online at: <http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/> or call 1-877-222-8387 for help. Inform VA staff that you served on active duty at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days during the covered time period. The final rule is a result of a bill that was signed into law in 2012, providing health benefits to Marines and family members exposed to the contaminated water from 1957 to 1987. 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 325-365-3612.

— Sandra G. Van Zant,  
Veterans County Service Officer

## Car stolen in Ballinger, suspect at large

BY CELINDA HAWKINS  
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BALLINGER - Ballinger police are searching for a man who reportedly stole a car from a convenience store and remains at large. Police Chief Mark McNulty reported that the suspect reportedly stole the car from the Short Stop convenience store at 1609 N. Broadway St. at 6:30 a.m. Thursday Aug. 11.

The owner of the red 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt reportedly went in to the store to get a drink and left the vehicle running, McNulty explained.

"And the suspect got in and drove away," he said. Police believe that the suspect, who has been

identified, drove to Abilene and is suspected of committing a robbery there. The vehicle was recovered in the parking lot of an Abilene apartment complex, McNulty said.

Officials were able to identify the suspect through video from a security camera at the store, he said.

McNulty said the suspect was a one day contractor at Ballinger High School and reportedly stole some small items from the school before allegedly taking the vehicle.

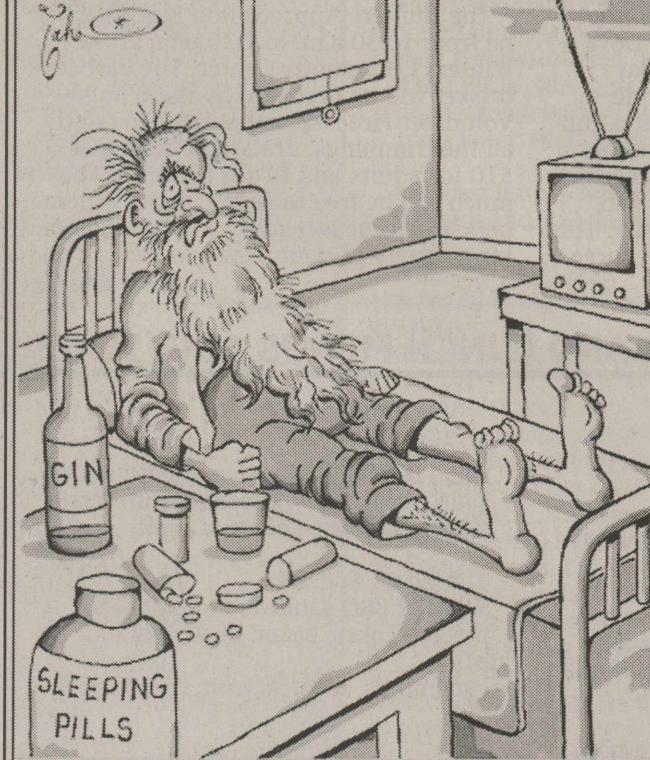
Anyone with information on the whereabouts of the suspect or has information on the reported crime, may call the Ballinger Police Department at 325-365-3591.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

These are shots from a store security camera of the suspect, who reportedly stole a car from the Short Stop convenience store at 6:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 11.

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Rip Van Winkle wakes up 100 years after his botched suicide attempt.

New  
Republican  
Party Chair  
named

STAFF REPORT

Runnels County Republican Party Chairman Charles Hensley has stepped down from the position, and local business woman Becky Ferguson has been appointed to fill his position.

Hensley announced Monday, Aug. 8 that he had resigned his position as Runnels County Republican Party chairman.

Ferguson, who with husband Robert owns and operates the Agriplex Flyer, has stepped up to fill the vacant position. Ferguson was born and raised in Odessa and moved to Ballinger 20 years ago. She has owned the Agriplex Flyer for the past 20 years. Ferguson has two children and three step-children.

She was appointed the new County Chairman at a Republican County Chairman's meeting in Austin the first week of August 6.

"I want to unite the Republican Party and to bring more people together," Ferguson said. "I want everyone to work together and vote together."

Ferguson said she is seeking volunteers to help with anything associated with the upcoming election. She started working for presidential candidate Ben Carson in 2015. She attended the State Republican Convention in Dallas in May.

Anyone who would like to contact Ferguson may call her at 325-365-4003 or via email by [bjf678@gmail.com](mailto:bjf678@gmail.com).

Hensley, who has been involved with local elections in Runnels County for the past 20 years, said it was time for a change.

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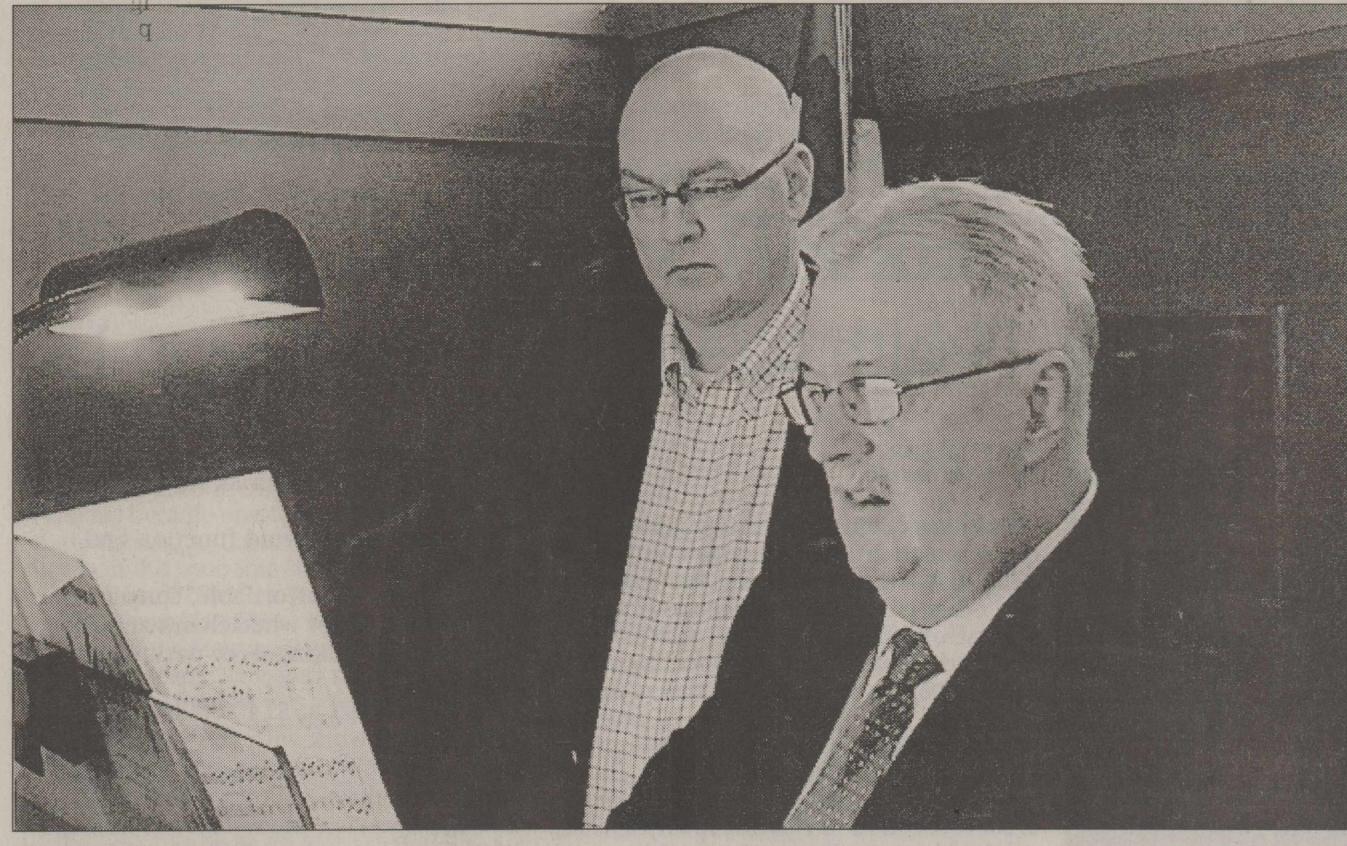
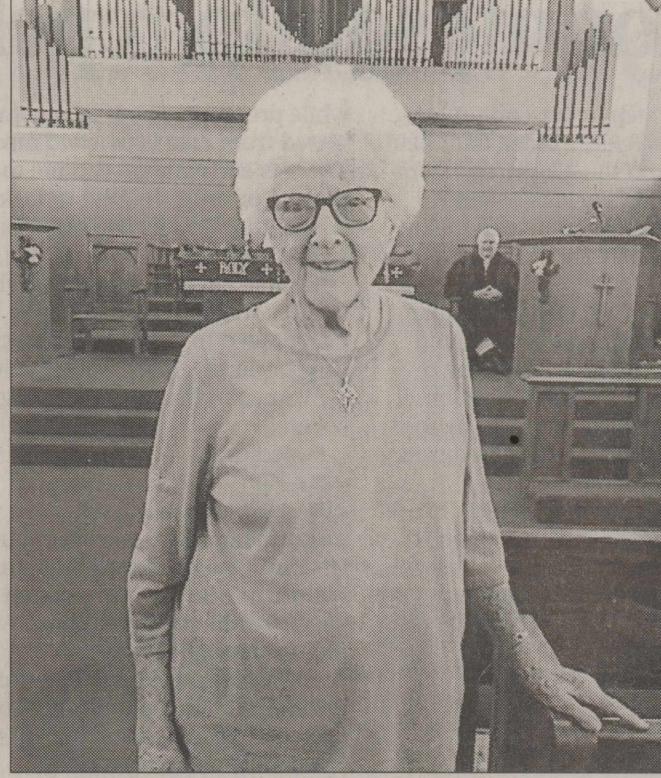
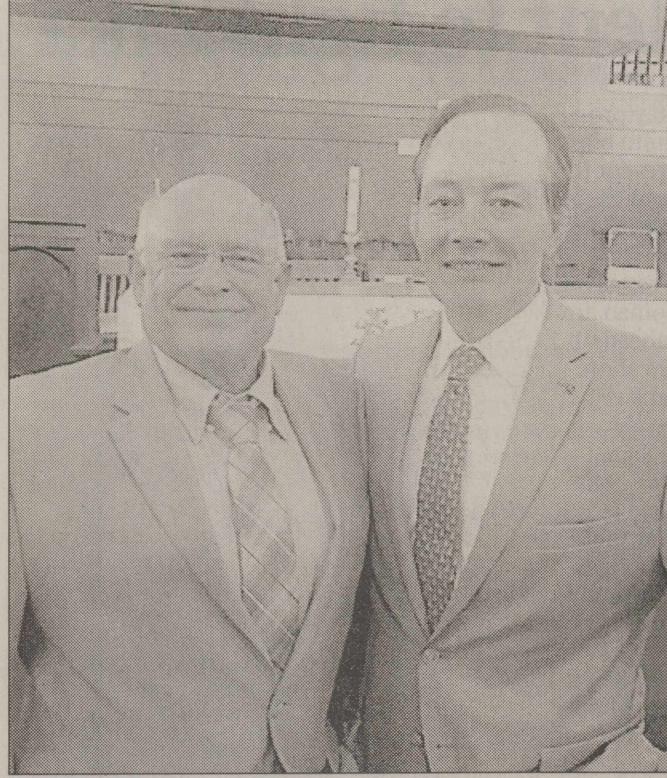
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## CELEBRATE

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Methodist Church's 125th anniversary celebration was a roaring success from start to finish!" Murchison said. "The Bishop of the Central Texas Conference, J. Michael Lowry, and our District Superintendent, Dr. Lisa Neslon, participated in the worship service, which included Holy Communion."

The church anniversary began with fellowship singing at 9:30 a.m. and the morning worship service at 10:45 a.m. Bishop Lowry's message was based on scripture Ephesians 2:1-10, sermon titled "Grace, Beyond Reason." The Sacrament of Holy Communion was observed during the service. A copyright, 1895 Bible used by charter member, Georgia Adams, was placed on the altar. The Bible was donated by Maudella Reeves, great-granddaughter of Georgia Adams.

Special guests were Bishop Lowry, Dr. Lisa Neslon, superintendent of the West District of the Central Texas Conference; former pastors Rev. Joe and Vickie Chamness, Reverend Georgia Orr, Rev. Michael and Margaret Patison; former church choir directors Kirke McKenzie and Randy Stevens; former church organists were also recognized as well as the special honoree, Lois Jones, the oldest member.

Oneta (Parks) McKnight, Marthiel (Middlebrook) Russell and Jean (Mayo) Gibbs were named as lifetime members of the church. Their mothers, all sisters, joined the church in 1922 with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Bailey.

The town of Winters was established in 1890 and Methodists did not wait long to become a part of the spiritual growth of the town. The Winters Methodist Church began on August 2, 1891. The organization took place under the pastorate of Rev. George D. Wilson, who served the Ballinger circuit. The deed to the lot where the church stands today was drawn up, signed and recorded on October 11, 1899, which included one acre on the corner of Church and Parsonage streets. The first church built on this lot was the first church building of any denomination in Winters. It is

today the oldest church site continuously occupied by a Methodist church in Runnels County.

The church received the "Texas Historical Marker" and was dedicated July 20, 1969. It was the 16th official Texas Historical Marker to be designated in Runnels County by the Runnels County Historical Commission. The church also received the "United Methodist Historic Site Marker" which was dedicated Sept. 22, 2002. The Winters First United Methodist Church is the 392nd Methodist Church in the United States and overseas to receive this United Methodist Historic Site Marker.

A "Music Celebration" was held at 2 p.m. and included praise to God via voice and instrumental performances. Kirk McKenzie, former choir director, vocalist and trumpeter, along with former organist, Randy Stevens were the featured guests. Church members also participating were Fran Kidwell, pianist; The Phil Mooney family, trumpets and trombone; the Jeff Mills family, vocal and instruments; Lane Gibbs, percussionist; and former pastor, Joe Chamness, trombone. A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall following the Music Celebration, over 180 persons attended.

The church has had a number of the membership called into the clergy and numerous other types of Christian ministry through the years. They have put their faith and love into action so Christ's work will be accomplished locally and around the world.

Winters First United Methodist Church has been a part of the Methodist Central Texas Conference since 1910 and on June 11, 2011, became a part of the West District of the Central Texas Conference. Reverend Bob Murchison is pastor of the church.

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Jean Gibbs, historian of the First United Methodist Church of Winters, compiled this report.

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# Texas issues order for mosquito repellent to fight Zika

## STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN - Eligible Texas women on Medicaid can go straight to their pharmacist to pick up mosquito repellent, Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner Charles Smith announced Monday. Texas Medicaid has issued a standing order for mosquito repellent prescriptions for women who are between the ages of 10 and 45 or pregnant.

Texas is the first state in the nation to implement such an order to slow the spread of the Zika virus. Eligible patients no longer need to call or visit their doctor for a prescription for mosquito repellent.

"This is another step in our comprehensive plan to protect Texas women and their unborn children from the Zika virus," Commissioner Smith said. "For this benefit to be truly effective, it is imperative to make insect repellent as easily and widely available as possible."

The standing order will ensure obtaining repellent is easier for eligible women and also allow Texas Medicaid to fulfill the requirement of a doctor's prescription for all over-the-counter products set forth by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Zika can cause severe birth defects in unborn children whose mothers are infected

while pregnant. The best way to stay protected from Zika is to avoid mosquito bites. There is currently no vaccine to prevent the disease or drugs to treat it, making it essential that Texans use mosquito repellent to prevent infection.

Eligible women can pick up the repellent from participating pharmacies. Women are encouraged to call the pharmacy ahead of time because supply will vary by location.

Women in the following programs are covered:

- Medicaid
- CHIP
- CHIP-Perinate

In addition, women covered under the Healthy Texas Women program no longer require a prescription to obtain repellent. Eligible women can get up to two cans per month through October.

HHSC has previously determined the following Zika-related items are covered under current Texas Medicaid benefits:

- Family planning services
- Contraceptives
- Diagnostic testing
- Targeted case management
- Physical therapy
- Long term services and support
- Acetaminophen and oral electrolytes for Zika symptoms
- Potential coverage for additional ultrasounds for pregnant women



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## Health screenings offered Sept. 15

### STAFF REPORT

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## Daily market news summary for Aug. 16

### Current Prices

■ Feeder cattle auctions reported prices steady to \$4 higher; Futures lower.

■ Fed cattle cash trade active; Formula trades lower; Futures lower; Beef prices mixed.

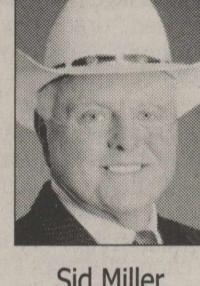
■ Cotton futures lower.

■ Grains and Soybeans mixed.

■ Milk futures lower.

■ Crude oil higher; Natural gas higher.

■ Stock markets lower.



Sid Miller

progress in the High Plains and many fields had reached cut-out stage. Dry land cotton remained greatly in need of moisture in the Edwards Plateau, while cotton harvest in the Coastal Bend and Upper Coast was progressing well due to hot, dry conditions. In South Texas, cotton was in the boll opening stage and ready for defoliation.

### Corn and Grain Sorghum:

Corn prices were mixed with cash prices remaining at \$3.20 per bushel and September corn futures gaining \$0.01 to close at \$3.28 per bushel. Grain Sorghum cash prices were steady to remain at \$4.68 per cwt. The USDA NASS Field Office reported that corn harvest continued in areas of the Blacklands, Edwards Plateau, and South Central Texas. Corn and sorghum harvest were in full swing in the Edwards Plateau and East Texas. Producers were bailing sorghum in some areas of the Blacklands

### Wheat:

Wheat prices were lower with cash and September wheat futures both losing \$0.01 to close at \$3.15 per bushel and \$4.11 per bushel, respectively. The USDA NASS Field Office reported that preparations continued for winter wheat and small grain seedlings across the state.

### Cotton:

Cotton prices were mixed with cash prices remaining at 65.37 cents per pound and October futures losing 0.08 cents to close at 68.01 cents per pound. The USDA NASS Field Office reported that irrigated cotton made

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## PROGRAM

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program attended the forum at the Winters Senior Center Friday.

Hilliard explained that last year, the county spent \$294,000 on the program. Added costs, a deficit budget and increasing requirements from state and area agencies forced the county look at other options.

Hilliard suggested working with community and church groups and particularly groups with 501 C-3, or non-profit status, would make them eligible for some funding through agencies like the United Way.

Hilliard said by not accepting funding from WCTCOG or the Department of Aging and Disability Services, the centers will be free to use food from the Food Pantry or Food Bank

and to host or cook their own meals, and won't be limited by dietary or state restrictions.

"Without regulations, we can accept other foods, like from gardens or the pantry," Hilliard said.

Hilliard said the county would still pay the utilities at the senior center and continue to allow the group to use all the equipment, but that would be the extent of the county's financial contribution.

Hilliard was joined by Pastor Al Brakke, the new minister at St. John's Lutheran Church who is leading the effort in Winters to place the program under the umbrella of the Ministerial Alliance, which has non-profit status.

Brakke told the group that he has been meeting with Winters ministers to come up with a viable plan to continue the meal program. He encouraged community involvement

with the program.

Brakke said the other ministers were on board with the effort.

"My plan is to have everything in place by mid-September," Brakke said. "We have to be working on this now. I want the community to be involved with this."

Joyce Carbery, who attended the meeting, spoke on behalf of the seniors, saying that in challenging times, Winters comes together.

"We are all for continuing this program," Carbery said. "The people, the fellowship and everyone who has worked here - it's always been fantastic."

Carbery and other members of the group thanked Barbara Heathcott, Lawana Martin and Herlinda Torres, who have worked tirelessly to make sure the meals were cooked, served and delivered to the homebound clients.

"The homebound need



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Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard, left, and Pastor Al Brakke of St. John's Lutheran Church, right, discussed plans to save the senior meals program during a forum held at the Winters Senior Center Friday, Aug. 12, 2016.

this the most," Carbery said. "It's not just the food, it's the visits. I am supportive of the Ministerial Alliance taking this on - they are our spiritual leaders and it is good that they want to be involved."

The community members

commented that Hilliard had been put in a tough position, to tell the communities that the program as they knew it, would no longer receive its primary funding from the county.

Hilliard, who has made the rounds talking to area

Lions and Rotary clubs, said it was a difficult decision.

Brakke told the group that planning was key, and he scheduled subsequent meetings in the coming weeks.

"I do not want to see this go away," Brakke said.

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## STORE

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of our business community," said Randall Conner, economic development director of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation.

In June, Brookshire's Grocery Company announced the purchase of 25 of the former Wal-Mart Express locations and the opening of the newly created store called Spring Market.

In January, Lawrence said the reason for the closure was that there was not enough business in Winters to support two grocery stores.

"It was a situation where we felt like there was not enough business to justify having two supermarkets in Winters," Lawrence said in January.

Lawrence could not be reached for comment by press time.

The Cash Saver store which was originally a Piggly Wiggly, opened in Winters in 1966,

after Jere Lawrence purchased the store. The location was called the Super Duper which was purchased from Furr's in 1990 and after that it was called Lawrence Brothers. It was renamed in 2014 and became the Cash Saver grocery store.

The addition of Wal-Mart in December of 2014 was a major competitor for Cash Saver. Other competitors include Family Dollar, which opened 20 years ago and opened a new store in October of 2015 and Dollar General, which opened in 2000 and opened a new store in 2010.

There are approximately 15-20 full and part-time employees at the Cash Saver, which is under the Cost Plus model of stores.

"Most small communities go through continual growing pains," Conner said. "As we see new businesses develop in town, others fade away. Fortunately, Winters has seen a small growth in business from year to year as evidenced by sales tax receipts and other statistics. We look forward to the new year with the potential and the challenges which all of our businesses face."

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