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## 14th annual Jr. Livestock Show to be held next week

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WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The 14th Annual Runnels County Junior Livestock Show will be held on January 16-17, 2015 at the Ballinger Community Center, with over 130 4-H and FFA members from across the county.

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

"We are very excited, we expect many kids showing their projects this year," said Runnels County Jr. Livestock Show Association President Bill Bredemeyer.

The show will begin on Friday morning, January 16 at 9 a.m. with swines. After lunch, the show will resume with the rabbit show followed by the meat goats Friday afternoon. On Saturday, January 17, the lamb show will begin at 8 a.m. followed by the cattle show at approximately 10:30 a.m.

The Runnels County Premium Sale will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday in the show ring with every youth having the opportunity to sell a project.

The premium sale is the largest single event in Runnels County that supports youth projects and helps 4-H and FFA members gain scholarship funds and funds for future projects. A noon buyers meal will be held in the Community Center for all sponsors, contributors and buyers. Local and area businesses are invited to attend the premium sale and help support the youth of Runnels County. All funds generated in the premium sale go to the 4-H and FFA youth.

The Runnels County Junior Livestock Show Association invites everyone to come out and support the youth of Runnels County. Concessions and meals are available during the show.



The show is the county's largest single event supporting youth projects.



A thick sheet of ice covers Hwy 158, north of Ballinger, as Texas Department of Transportation crews work on making the roads safer by dropping sand and removing the ice.

# Winter weather blasts Runnels County

## New Arctic front expected by midweek, stay over the weekend

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WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- A winter storm with freezing drizzle, light rain and sleet slammed last week Runnels County, wrecking havoc and causing traffic jams through early New Year's day. According to the latest weather report, a new Arctic front will be affecting Ballinger, Winters and the surrounding area starting Wednesday and will remain in the area over the weekend.

The National Weather Service said that a new winter storm was expected for the middle of this week. This front was expected to drop the mercury down with afternoon highs in the 30 and overnight lows in the

mid teens. Wind chill could make the temperature drop to the 10 to 20 degree range. More wintry precipitation is possible for the weekend, as an approaching storm system brings a mix of rain, sleet, snow, and freezing rain to the area.

According to a special weather statement issued on Tuesday morning, January 6, "remains a great deal of uncertainty with the forecast at the end of this week and during the weekend. Additional changes will be likely as we get closer. A change of even a few degrees may make a significant difference in the forecast and what type of precipitation occurs. We encourage everyone to continue monitoring this developing weather situation."

Last week, ice accumulations on area roadways became a road hazard, especially on bridges and overpasses. The Texas De-

partment of Public Safety issued a warning to area residents and travelers, advising to limit driving to emergencies only.

According to the National Weather Service the winter storm or "Arctic blast" covered several area counties, including the cities of Rotan, Roby, Sweetwater, Sterling City, Robert Lee, Bronte, Ballinger and Winters.

Also included in the hazardous weather warning were the cities of Mertzon, San Angelo, Eden, Ozona, Haskell, Throckmorton, Woodson, Stamford, Anson, Hamlin, Albany, Abilene, Clyde, Baird, Cross Plains and Coleman.

The weather caused dangerous driving conditions and ice accumulations of up to one quarter of an inch through Thursday, January 1.

Texas Department of Transportation crews in the San Angelo District treated bridges and roadways with sand to im-

### If you need to travel

Winter weather driving tips by the TxDOT.

- Reduce speed
- Increase following distance
- Use extra caution on bridges, ramps, overpasses
- Stay back at least 200 feet from vehicles treating roadways
- If you start to slide, ease off the gas pedal or brakes and steer in to direction of skid
- Avoid unnecessary travel

prove driving conditions. Counties reporting the most sleet and ice included Glasscock, Sterling, Runnels and Tom Green.

Travel in these areas was highly discouraged as multiple crashes and cars going out of the road were reported.

Most Texas DPS Driver License offices closed on December 31, due to the inclement weather. Counties affected include Scurry, Mitchell, Stone-wall, Fisher, Nolan, Knox,

Haskell, Jones, Taylor, Throckmorton, Shackelford and Callahan.

In Far West Texas, the winter storm caused approximately 5,400 power outages, mostly in Alpine and Marathon, according to AEP Texas. Most of the outages were resolved by Monday morning.

During winter weather conditions, TxDOT strongly encourages drivers to check road conditions before deciding to travel. Road conditions can be found by calling TxDOT's toll-free highway condition line at (800) 452-9292, TxDOT's Facebook page or TxDOT's Twitter account.

According to TxDOT sleet, ice and freezing rain can create extremely dangerous driving conditions, which is why the Texas Department of Transportation strongly advises drivers to stay off the roads as much as possible.

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## Leaders for Life to compete in Western National Roundup

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
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WINTERS- The Runnels County Leaders for Life team will be traveling this week to Denver, Colorado, to compete in the 4-H Western National Roundup. Teams from all over the country will be participating in the round-up, in disciplines ranging from Public Speaking to Hippology, Horse Judging, Livestock Quiz Bowl, Parliamentary Procedures, and more.

The events will be held at the Renaissance Hotel,

in Denver, Colorado. The Parliamentary Procedures contest will be held on Saturday morning.

The Runnels County Leaders for Life team, under the direction of co-coaches Bill Bredemeyer and Toby Virden earned a spot in the national contest in June. The team scored a perfect score and earned first and eighth places at the State Skillathon held in College Station, Texas.

The program is for students from 9-years-of-age to graduating seniors.

It helps them to develop skills in public speaking and government rules ranging from presenting awards to the rules of parliamentary procedures, how to properly conduct a meeting, and more.

Earlier, during the district competition, the Runnels County 4-H Club participated with two teams placing first and third among 23 counties. Each team is comprised from four to six members.

The state competition was held in June in

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**FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES**

**Leandro Luna**

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

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

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

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**Betty Jo Gideon Sanders**

Betty Jo Gideon Sanders, 84, of Weinert, Texas, was called home to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, December 27, 2014.

Betty Jo Gideon was born on February 4, 1930, to Ras and Katie Cannon Gideon in Winters, Texas. She attended Winters High School and graduated in 1947. In 1948, Betty met and fell in love with the love of her life, R.S. Sanders. They wed on March 25, 1948, at her home near Winters, Texas, after three months of dating. R.S. and Betty moved to Weinert, Texas, in 1951. They were blessed with two children: Larry Dwaine and Janice Elaine. Betty and R.S. were privileged to spend the next sixty years together.



After her children started to school, Betty attended Hardin-Simmons University and earned a degree in Elementary Education. She taught 20 years at Weinert ISD, retiring in 1981.

In the years that followed, Betty and R.S. traveled to Europe, the Middle East, Canada, Nova Scotia, Hawaii, and many of the eastern states where R.S. researched his family. With R.S. doing the research, Betty wrote Just Passing Through Weinert, The Alexanders of Plum Creek, Cowpokes and Sod Busters, and Gideons From Europe to America. In 2003, she edited R.S.'s biography that he had written in 1998. She added pictures and had it bound to give to her children and grandchildren.

Betty loved her church and was a faithful member for sixty-three years. She joined the Weinert Baptist Church in 1951, and served her Lord in numerous ways. She served on committees, taught the Friendship Sunday School Class, and assisted in Vacation Bible School. With her beautiful voice, Betty sang many solos and duets, and she also played the church organ for more than 30 years.

Betty loved to work in her yard and flower garden. She was also a professional artist working with oil paints, water colors, and chalks. Betty loved to sew, crochet, and helped her friends make several quilts to sell at the Rehab Auction. She was a member of several clubs such as the Brazos West Art Club, Extension Homemakers, Delta Kappa Gamma, Texas Retired Teachers Association, and Burger Buddies. Always active, kind, and thoughtful, Betty will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Jan Boatright and husband Randal of Brady, Texas; daughter-in-law, Linda Sanders of Los Alamos, New Mexico; sister, Virginia Gideon Black of Winters, Texas; sister-in-law, Betty Ann Sanders of Austin, Texas; two grandchildren, Robert Sanders and wife Claire of Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Lynette Kennard of Santa Fe, New Mexico; four great-grandchildren, Chase Kennard of Santa Fe, New Mexico; David, Sarah, and Emily Sanders of Los Alamos, New Mexico. She also had many loving nieces and nephews who were always willing to help Aunt Betty with anything that she needed. Her pastor, Dan Bullock, was very special to Betty, and she treasured his friendship and the love that he showed to her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, R.S., and son, Larry.

Funeral services were Monday, December 29, 2014, at the First Baptist Church in Weinert with Rev. Dan Bullock and Rev. Terry Sanders officiating. Interment was held immediately following the services at Weinert Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. Visitation was Sunday evening, December 28 at the funeral home located at 304 N. 2nd Street Haskell, Texas.

Memorials can be given in Betty's name to First Baptist Church, Weinert, Texas.

Online condolences can be shared at [www.smithfamilyfh.com](http://www.smithfamilyfh.com).

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**NEWS NOTES**

**Runnels Co Historical Commission meeting**

The Runnels County Historical Commission will meet January 10, 2015 at Los Carlos Restaurant in Miles, Texas. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. An overview of 2014 and plans for 2015 will be discussed. All meetings of the Runnels County Historical Commission are open to the public.

**Abilene Area Aggie Mom's Club meeting**

Tuesday, January 20, 2015, the Abilene Area Aggie Mom's Club will be meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Coldwell Banker Panian and Mash Building, 2500 S. Willis, Abilene, Texas. Please join us for a light meal. You will get to meet other Aggie Moms and learn a little more about Texas A&M and all of its traditions.

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

**Immunization clinic in Ballinger**

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

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

**Volunteers needed at Winters Elem**

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

**Historical marker project in need of donations**

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

**Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings**

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 p.m. first Monday of the month at Lone Star Video, 200 Tinkle Street.

**TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'**

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Winters and Ballinger area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening and arts and crafts to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during summer) at 2 p.m. at the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of South Seventh and Sealy Ave in Ballinger.

If you are interested and like to find out more about us, call Nancy at 325 5042 or Linda 754 5385.

**AA Meetings**

AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

**Ballinger Al-Anon meetings**

Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

**City Council Meetings**

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

**WIC open to many incomes and families**

Women Infants and Children, located at 706 Strong Ave in Ballinger is open Monday thru Wednesday 7 a.m. till noon and 1 p.m. till 6 p.m.

Closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone (325) 365 5925. WIC is open to many incomes and all kinds of families.

**Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting**

Masonic Lodge No. 643, 500 N Broadway, Ballinger, Texas. Stated meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month except for holidays if it falls on that Monday. For more information call (325) 365 3202.

**Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings**

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

**Paint Rock Masonic Lodge meetings**

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge No. 613 meets the first Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. Supper will be provided after the meeting. The location is the Masonic Lodge building located at 360 South Roberts on Highway 83 South.

**Gardening seminars to be held in San Angelo**

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT**

SAN ANGELO - The People/Plant Connection, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to build an educational garden at the Southside Recreation Center in San Angelo, will be offering two gardening seminars in January.

Friday, January 9, the first Lunch 'n' Learn seminar of the year will be held. This seminar is taught by Allison Watkins, Agrilife Extension Horticulturist. She will be talking about composting and

vermiculture. Organic matter is the best thing for healthy soil and happy plants. Those in attendance will learn about two different methods to create a great source of organic matter for the yard — traditional compost, and earth-worm composting.

The seminar will be from noon to 1 p.m. at the Edd B. Keys Building at 113 W. Beauregard in downtown San Angelo, Commissioner's Court, second floor.

On Saturday, January 10, Ron Knight, Master Gar-

dener and certified Square Foot Gardening teacher, will be talking about how to grow enough vegetables to feed your family in small spaces.

The Square Foot Garden technique uses less water and is a great way to garden during drought times. The seminar will be held at the San Angelo Fine Arts Museum, 1 Loye Street, in San Angelo from 9-11 a.m. Refreshments will be served and a door prize will be given away. A small fee will be charged to those in attendance to

each one of the seminars. Preregistration is required to assure materials. For more information and to register call at (325) 656 3104.

The People/Plant Connection has started the construction on the Children's Adventure Garden, their goal is to open in June. Proceeds of the seminars will be destined to the project.

For information about The People/Plant Connection, see their website at: [www.peopleplantconnection.org](http://www.peopleplantconnection.org).

**Coleman Fine Arts Leage to hold pastel workshop**

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT**

COLEMAN- The Fine Arts League of Coleman County will be holding a pastel workshop on Saturday, January 17, 2015. Instructor Ruthann Taylor will be at Heritage Hall, 400 College Ave., Coleman, Texas. The workshops is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Attendants are required to bring their own pastels and lunch. Ruthann will furnish proper paper.

Ruthann majored in Fine Art Education and Commercial Art at Baylor University, and graduated in 1963. She has taught public school Jr. High Art in Dallas; Elementary and Jr. High Art in Coleman Independent School District. She also taught privately in Cuero, Texas Jr. High and San Perlita, Texas all



Art teacher and instructor Ruthann Taylor.

levels Kindergarten through High School. Ruthann taught Summer Art in Raymondville for two summers and adult classes for 10 years

at Raymondville Art League. Ruthann gave in-service programs for art teachers from all state areas at Rockport, Texas and was the featured art instructor at Region I Education Center Art Exhibit. She has won several awards including the McAllen International Art Show.

Ruthann has judged various art shows in the valley including the Harlingen Junior League Festival and the Rio Grande Valley Stock Show in Mercedes, Texas.

Her students are winners throughout the valley in student shows.

For more information call Kathy Andrews, Fine Arts League President at (325) 624 5544 or email [ckandrews@web-access.net](mailto:ckandrews@web-access.net), or Marian Johnson, Publicity Chairman at (325) 214 7036 [mlj@web-access.net](mailto:mlj@web-access.net).

**Glenn Hegar sworn in as new Texas Comptroller**

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT**

AUSTIN- Glenn Hegar was sworn last week as Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts by Gov.-elect Greg Abbott in a ceremony in the Senate Chamber. In his inaugural speech, Hegar said he could assure Texans he would do everything in his power to keep the Texas economy on track.

"Texas is a land of economic opportunity with no equal, where private property rights are respected, where people can raise families in safety," he said.

Funerals and obituaries are also online, visit [MyRunnelsCounty.com](http://MyRunnelsCounty.com)

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# FSA announces new yield data for safety net calculations

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WASHINGTON, D.C.- U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency Administrator Val Dolcini offered farmers new information to update program payment yields that will help them better select protections offered by the Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs. The new programs, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, are cornerstones of the commodity farm safety, offering farmers protection when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices and revenues.

"The Farm Bill provided landowners with the option of updating their farm program payment yields. This is the first time that many producers have been able to update yields since 1986," said Dolcini. "We've worked with the Risk Management Agency to make available certified yield data that producers can use to better calculate how the new safety net programs can offer the best protection against market swings."

Producers can check with their local FSA county office to see if data is available for them.

This data belongs to the producer and only the producer associated with the crop insurance records will be provided this service. Updating yield history or re-allocating base acres can occur until February 27, 2015.

FSA also issued a reminder that from Nov. 17, 2014, to March 31, 2015, producers will make a one-time election of either ARC or PLC for

the 2014 through 2018 crop years. For more information, producers are encouraged to make an appointment to go into their local FSA county office. To find a local FSA county office, visit [www.offices.usda.gov](http://www.offices.usda.gov). Additional information on the new programs is available at [www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc).

These programs were made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/farmbill](http://www.usda.gov/farmbill).

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# Game wardens investigating death of whooping crane

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- Texas game wardens in Aransas County are awaiting necropsy results on a state and federally protected whooping crane found dead Sunday near a duck blind located in the Aransas Bay system close to Sand Lake.

The bird was partially decomposed when recovered by Texas Parks and Wildlife game wardens who had been contacted Sunday morning by a local hunting guide who had originally discovered

the crane. Whoopers are the tallest birds in North America, standing nearly five feet. The cranes are solid white except for black wingtips that are visible only in flight. They fly with necks and legs outstretched. Each fall, they make a 2,400-mile migratory journey from Canada to the Texas coast. In the spring, they return north.

TPWD game wardens and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are jointly investigating this incident.

# EPA to hold public hearing on proposed smog standards

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

DALLAS- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public hearing on the proposed updates to the national air quality standards for ground-level ozone, also known as smog on Thursday, January 29 at the Arlington City Hall in Arlington, Texas.

EPA has proposed to strengthen the standards to a level within a range of 65 to 70 parts per billion. According to the agency this measure would better protect

Americans' health and the environment, while taking comment on a level down to 60 parts per billion.

The agency estimates that the benefits of meeting the proposed standards will significantly outweigh the costs, preventing asthma attacks, heart attacks, missed school days and premature deaths, among other health effects.

The public hearing will be open on January 29, 2015, 9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. at 101 W. Abram St. Arlington, Texas, 76010.

## CAFETERIA MENU

Subject to Change\*

Jan. 12 - 16

### Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

**Monday**  
Breakfast Taco or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Pineapple, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Tuesday**  
Pancakes or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Mixed Fruit, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast Burrito or Cereal w/ Graham Cracker, Mandarin Oranges, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Thursday**  
Sausage Roll or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Friday**  
Blueberry Muffin or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Diced Pears, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

### Winters ISD Lunch Menu

**Monday**  
Chef Salad or Spaghetti/Breadstick or Chicken Tenders, Italian Green Beans, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Apple, Choice of Milk.

**Tuesday**  
Chef Salad or Grilled Chicken/Bun or Meatloaf/Sliced Bread, Mac-N-Cheese, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Blue Bell Bar, Choice of Milk.

**Wednesday**  
Chef Salad or Soft Taco or Frito Pie, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Colelaw, Peaches, Choice of Milk.

**Thursday**  
Chef Salad or Ham & Cheese Sandwich or Chicken Bites, Breadstick, Mashed Potatoes, Black Eyed Peas, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Diced Pears, Choice of Milk.

**Friday**  
Chef Salad or Hamburger or Chicken Fries, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Applesauce, Choice of Milk.

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- 34 Gummy substances
- 37 By a narrow margin
- 38 Sound on the air
- 40 Hose down
- 41 Short life story
- 44 "Marty's" Borgnine
- 46 "I haven't a \_\_\_ to wear!"
- 47 Ersatz
- 49 Think-tank product
- 51 Speeder's risk
- 52 Execs who make trades
- 53 "Balderdash!"
- 54 First name at Notre Dame
- 55 Go bad
- 56 Whale's domain
- 58 12/31, initially, or what is in the middle of each of the long answers in this puzzle

# Leaders for Life: Runnels County 4 Hers to continue making history

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College Station, with 18 teams. Runnels County teams placed first and eighth.

The state contest consists of parliamentary procedure meeting along with a community service project that they must have written up in a sheet of paper, and seven questions randomly chosen that are given to team members.

The first place team, comprised of Brylee Matschek, Alyssa Flanagan, Ethan Bredemeyer,

Rachel Gibbs, Jennifer Castleberry and Hannah Pinckney scored a perfect score. The contest was judged by judges from the Leadership and Development Department of Texas A&M.

The team will be competing in the National contest in Denver, Colorado in January of 2015.

Taking eighth place was the team comprised by Adam Mulder, Kolton Looka, Sam Woodall, Davis Matschek, McKenzie Arrott and Cole Cave.

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# ROLL-UP

## Runnels County

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Thursday, January 08, 2015

### THE IDLE AMERICAN Mother Hubbard flies again...

Commetary by  
Dr. Don Newbury

The calendar — unwrapped to allow rays of sunlight to warm the prospects of a brand new year — has replaced last year's model. Alas, it included potential column "tidbits" that never saw the light of day.

For most folks, 2014 calendars now are in the trash heap of "finished business." Writers can, however, turn back the clock — like legislators do — to squeeze a few more items from the old year.

Some of the topics were treated "once over lightly"—or perhaps not at all. We are permitted "re-visitation rights" by what we call "Mother Hubbard" columns. (Oh, I know she's much maligned; one wonders why she is central to a rhyme at all, what with her inability to scrounge from her cupboard a bone for her poor

dog.) Columns bearing her name are closely akin to ministers' Mother Hubbard sermons which, like Mother Hubbard dresses, cover almost everything but touch almost nothing....

First off, a seasonal observation: Christmas decorations are coming down, only to go into the attic for 11 months of hibernation. Two-dozen candy canes — deliberately placed on lowest limbs within easy reach of grandchildren — have gone 100 percent "unreached."

My take: Unlike conditions a few generations ago — when Christmas gifts consisted mainly of fruit and nuts — candy canes were reminders of the special day to come. For hurried and harried children these days, there are more

desirable treats that taste better and can be gobbled more quickly. Back when, we eagerly competed to see who could lick canes longest. Sucking them hastily brought quick delight, but also guaranteed a last-place finish in the "who-can-make-candy-canes-last-the-longest" contest. Given to multi-tasking, today's children are reluctant to mess with candy canes. Licking or sucking sugary treats while they're immersed in technology seems hardly worth the effort.

Prediction: Two-dozen candy canes will be hung again next year, with the same results anticipated. Eventually, the pennies will go the way of gum balls. We used to drop pennies in gum ball machines, eagerly awaiting the treat

— maybe even the color we'd hoped for — to drop out. Such machines have gone the way of the wild geese. Alas, such coins have limited use now, except perhaps to adorn penny loafers....

Old duffers — a term often used to describe golfers — also "fits" folks who've spent much of their lives wallowing in words, spoken or written. I find it applicable to retired preachers, some more than others. (I heard of a preacher's wife who said her hubby's sermons were morphing from "rumbling" to "rambling.")

Anyway, two retired ministers who have been friends across the decades are Larry Heard of Pampa and Roy Kornegay of Amarillo. They began long tenures as area directors of missions on the same date — January 1, 1987.

In banter begun early on — and exchanged as

recently as a few weeks ago — Heard maintained his claim of "seniority." His reasoning: "Sunrise in Pampa occurs six seconds earlier than in Amarillo...."

As the Super Bowl draws nigh, let us recall the chagrin of a church youth minister who feared there might not be enough food for youth expected to crowd fellowship hall to watch the game following church services.

You recall, perhaps, that the churchman scrawled a message atop the sign on the sandwich table. It read "Please take just two sandwiches. Remember, God is watching you."

A junior high guy, noticing the warning, scrawled a more hopeful message for placement on the cookie table. "Take all you want; God is watching the sandwiches..."

To face the New Year's challenges head-on, let's

shoot for reality, hopeful that little of it will be regrettable and/or call for apologies. More desirable, it seems, is to claim personal memories, whether fashioned by high drama or perhaps no drama at all. Maybe everything doesn't have to be "awesome" or "surreal." Won't "real" suffice?

Reality should trump pretense, which continues to run amuck in our culture, where so much seems to be so "virtual." The other day, someone cited a grand example of pretense: the plastic smile plastered on the face of the runner-up in a beauty contest.

Happy New Year!...

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### Runnels Review

Let's get started

Rubén Cantú

Along with the first winter storm of the year, resolutions made themselves present last week: start on a diet, make more exercise, get a new job — or simply get a job — be nicer to your neighbors and the list goes on.

Some of the most popular resolutions include losing weight, getting organized, save money, the always popular quit smoking — the later one I find very easy to accomplish, during my smoking years I used to quit at least three times a week; Seriously, in May I will be reaching a landmark, 18 years of being tobacco-free. It wasn't easy, it took a lot of effort but once I started for real, I felt the benefits almost immediately. Good luck to all who decide to live a healthier life and start on a new regime.

Persevere, and don't quit your goals. It is amazing the number of people who quit their resolutions within the first days, weeks or even months of the year. Studies published by Forbes show that up to 40 percent of Americans make a new year's resolution, out of those only 8 percent actually succeed.

The lack of willingness is not always culprit, sometimes there are other reasons involved. We might fall victims of temptation, forget our goals or simply think that next year will be a better time to start.

But don't let the days passing by kill your good intentions. Think of ways to help you stay on track. For some the economic reasons may do the trick, others may think that the challenge is a good incentive. Think of alternatives that help you reach the same goal.

A good way to stay in track is to make partners, someone who shares your

goals and can compare progress and results. Also keep in mind that tripping or even falling along the way not necessarily means that you are done, you can always restart even if you broke your resolutions. The best moment to start with something new is always this very moment.

Enough with the motivational speech, now is time to talk a little politics. The 2015 Texas Inauguration will be held in Austin, Texas starting on Monday, January 19 with a host of events including the Young Texas Celebration: 40 and under at the Moody Theater, the Oath of Office ceremony to be held at the Texas State Capitol at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20, followed by the Inauguration Barbecue, Parade, and Future of Texas Ball.

Gov.-elect and former Attorney General Greg Abbott will be taking over the seat left by Rick Perry, who has been leading the state as Governor since 2000. Perry is the longest serving governor in Texas state history. Abbott will be swearing in as the 48th Governor of Texas.

For the full schedule and more on the 2015 Texas Inauguration visit [www.2015texasinauguration.com](http://www.2015texasinauguration.com)

Despite the winter season the Capitol in Austin will be warming up with the 84th Legislative Session starting on the second Tuesday in January. During the regular meeting session, which runs through May of every odd-numbered year, legislators work to pass legislation and determine the state budget for the next biennium.

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WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- January 2015 is School Board Recognition Month, a time to thank the more than 7,300 locally elected leaders who deeply care about the success of all Texas children. These dedicated men and women serve without pay on local school boards. Each year the Texas Association of School Boards encourages education and community leaders to show appreciation to these people for their unfailing commitment to the students in their charge.

"Please join me in recognizing the service of local boards as they strive for excellence in our public schools," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director. "The long hours and enormous responsibilities of school board service often are invisible to those who may not fully understand the challenges facing public education. Yet, these local trustees embrace hard work as they demonstrate compassion and concern for the success and well-being of every Texas student. They work closely with parents and educators to develop sound education policies in their districts and set high standards for student success.

"In communities across the state, school board members willingly step forward to tackle serious issues, deal with financial uncertainties, and still provide excellent educational experiences for all of our children. Join us in applauding them for their diligent attention to the future of Texas schoolchildren, their local communities, and this state," he said.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve approximately 5 million public school students.

### Be prepared for winter weather, experts recommend

According to the National Weather Service, extreme cold and winter storms in 2013 resulted in 46 deaths and extensive disruptions for thousands of families. As the winter weather is taking over in West Texas, the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes, a nonprofit organization, offers some tips to keep families safe and warm.

1. Insulate pipes exposed to the elements or cold drafts.

2. Place an insulating dome or other covering on outdoor faucets and spigots.

3. Drip faucets to reduce the build-up of pressure in the pipes. Even if the pipes freeze, you have released the pressure from the water system.

4. Check for air leaks around windows and doors using a lit incense stick.

5. Keep a supply of flashlights, batteries and a battery-powered radio on hand. Do not use candles as they pose a fire hazard.

6. After the power goes out, make sure to turn off all lights but one, to alert you when power resumes.

7. Resist the temptation to call 911 for information during power outages if it is not absolutely necessary. Use a battery-powered radio for information.

8. Keep your car fuel tank at least half full as gas stations rely on electricity to operate.

9. Keep extra cash on hand since an extended power outage may prevent you from withdrawing money from ATMs.

10. Be a snow angel. Volunteer to check on elderly neighbors, friends, or relatives who may need assistance.

11. Wear layers of loose fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. Never burn charcoal for heating or cooking indoors.

12. If you are using a gas heater or fireplace to stay warm, be sure the area is properly ventilated.

13. Arrange ahead of time with family, friends, or neighbors for a place to go if you have an extended outage. If you have nowhere to go, head to a designated public shelter. Text SHELTER + your ZIP code to 43362 (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area.

14. Keep a supply of non-perishable foods, medicine, baby supplies, and pet food on hand, and have at least one gallon of water per person per day.

15. Avoid opening the fridge or freezer. Food should be safe as long as the outage lasts no more than four hours.

16. Do not run a generator inside a home or garage.

17. Follow manufacturer's instructions such as only connect individual appliances to generators.

18. Don't plug emergency generators into electric outlets or hook them directly to your home's electrical system.

19. Consider purchasing and installing a permanent home generator with an automatic on switch.

20. When power comes back on, it may come back with "spikes" that can damage equipment. Install a system of surge protection.

21. When power is restored, wait a few minutes before turning on major appliances to help eliminate potential problems caused from sharp increases in demand.



Stephon Cleghorn driving in for a basket during the Varsity vs Roby game.



Jake Brock shooting a three point shot during Winters vs Christoval.

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# Blizzards make a statement in district opener

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- As cold as the weather and the Arctic blast the Winters Blizzards froze Roscoe 53-29 in a rescheduled district opener, on Saturday, January 3, 2015. The game, originally scheduled for January 2, was rescheduled due to the bad weather affecting West Texas.

Winters opened district play with a convincing win over the Roscoe Plowboys. The Blizzards led from start to finish, using full court defensive pressure to take an 18-2 lead at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter Winters outscored Roscoe 12-3 to take a 30-5 halftime lead. In the second half, the Blizzards stopped pressing and emptied the bench and were outscored 24-23 by the Plowboys for the final margin. Luke Kraatz led all scorers with 18 points, while Stephon Cleghorn and Daryl Hagle had eight apiece. Daniel Gerhart added seven points to go along with a team high eight rebounds.

The Blizzards will host Anson on Tuesday and travel to Hamlin on Friday as district play continues.

Winters played in the Anson Tournament December 29-30

The Winters Blizzards finished the 2014 calendar year playing in the Anson Tournament on December 29-30.

On game one, the Blizzards fell to Christoval by a score of 60-43. Winters led the game 9-6 at the end of the first quarter, but Christoval shook off the holiday rust and outscore the Blizzards 27-14 in the second quarter to take a 33-23 halftime lead and never looked back. Luke Kraatz led the Blizzards with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

On game two, Winters defeated Roby 37-18. As Roby likes to play a slow down game, the Blizzards picked up full court and forced a lot of turnovers, converting them into scores, to take a 17-6 first quarter lead. In the second quarter Winters allowed Roby only two points to extend their lead to 24-8 at halftime. The second half saw lots of long possessions and not much scoring. Winters outscored Roby 13-10 in the second half for the final margin. Luke Kraatz had 10 points, while Jake Brock and Daryl Hagle added nine and eight respectively.

For game three, the consolation championship, Winters fell to Anson 30-29. In a matchup of district opponents, the game was about as even as you can get, tied 11-11 at halftime. There were five lead changes in the fourth quarter, before Anson was able to edge out the one point win. Daryl Hagle lead the Blizzards with 9 points and 6 rebounds.



Daryl Hagle scores on fast break During the Varsity vs Roby game.



Kimble Bridgeman shooting free throws during Winters vs Christoval game.

## Lady Blizzards improve district record to 2-1

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Lady Blizzard varsity girls improved their district record to 2-1 after defeating Roscoe last week by a

score of 43-32. Ashley Guy led the way for the Lady Blizzards with 21 points, followed by Megan Jacob with 6, Bailee Busher had 5, Cedie Taylor scored 3 points, while each one of

Christy Kruse, Athena Mata, K'Lee Lindley and Nina Mooney contributed to the victory with 2 points.

As of press time, Tuesday night, the Lady Bliz-

zards were playing the Anson Lady Tigers in Winters. Friday night, January 9, the Lady Blizzards will be taking the road to face the Hamlin Lady Pied Pipers.

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A string of over 30 vehicles backed up waiting for the road to be cleared. TxDOT arrived and worked on clearing the road by scraping off ice and putting down sand.

## Winter weather: Accidents and road closures

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On Thursday, a semi truck slid off the roadway and started a chain reaction on Highway 158, north of Ballinger. The sheet of ice started east of FM 382 to just west of Maverick.

A second semi truck jackknifed avoiding the first vehicle, but was struck by another truck. County and state law

enforcement officials had to shut down Hwy 158 in Ballinger and Bronte for a few hours.

If you need to be on the road, remember:  
- Reduce speed  
- Increase following distance  
- Use extra caution on bridges, ramps, overpasses  
- Stay back at least 200

feet from vehicles treating roadways

- If you start to slide, ease off the gas pedal or brakes and steer in to direction of skid  
- Avoid unnecessary travel

Drivers are urged to follow these precautions:

- Reduce speed. Speed limits are based on normal road and weather conditions, not winter road conditions. Do not use cruise control.  
- Maintain at least three

times the normal following distance on snow or ice.

- Watch carefully for personnel and equipment treating roadways, and stay at least 200 feet back from road crews.

- Use extra caution on bridges, ramps, overpasses and shaded areas as they tend to freeze first.

- Carry extra warm coats, gloves and boots in case you get stranded.

- If you start to slide, ease off the gas pedal or brakes. Steer into the direction of the skid until you regained traction.