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Chamber of Commerce holds annual banquet

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

One of the brightest times of the year for businesses in the city of Winters has come and passed with the conclusion of the Winters Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet and several well known individuals took home some of the big awards, including the prestigious citizen and business of year awards.

Those honored at the banquet included:

Man of the Year winner: John Long

The Gilmer, Texas native moved with his family to Midland where he was involved with the family dairy in his younger years. After high school, Long served in the United States Marines and then later went to work for Bell & Howell in Dallas and later worked in both Kansas City and Chicago.

John and his wife Janie later moved back to Midland where he worked

in a manufacturing plant supervising 40 ladies and was later involved with a craft store.

A little over two years ago, Janie and John found a place to park their travel trailer in Winters so they could go back and forth to their home in Midland, until the couple fell in love with the area and bought a home and started a family.

When Long arrived in Winters he needed something to pass the time. He ultimately volunteered to

oversee the Gus Pruser Ag Exhibit of the Z.I. Hale Museum where he later organized a group of "Friends of the Ag Museum" to work on the tractors and improved the exhibits. He eventually organized several activities and events at the museum, including the "Memories Day" Spring Festival.

According to his family, they have kidded with John about taking up a collection to send him back to Midland because he's about to work the family to death.

Woman of the Year winner: Bobbie Collom

Bobbie Collom's life began with a boom when she was born in the back of an ambulance near Marfa, Texas.

She later moved to Winters in 1981 with her daughter to help her Aunt LaRue Harrison at the family store Harrison Auto Parts.

Collom later went on to receive her EMT certification in the mid 1980's and then worked for the Winters EMS before starting her career at North Runnels Hospital as one of the original nurse's aids and EMT in 1990. She worked



PHOTOS:
JOE GERHART
(Left) Man and Woman of the Year award winners John Long and Bobbie Collom show off their hardware at this year's Winters Chamber of Commerce Banquet. (Below) The business that took home the Business of the Year award from the Winters Chamber of Commerce was Bee's Quilting and Gifts. The store is run by Melinda (right) and her daughter Megan Schwartz.



her way up and eventually took over the EMS Director position and even taught several vital EMT courses.

As her career furthered, she became a paramedic and eventually become a teacher at TSTC instructing EMT and paramedic classes while continuing to work full time as the director at the hospital. Her hard work eventually led her to garner the titles of QA Director at North Runnels Hospital in 2004 and after becoming a registered nurse in 2008, she was named the Director of Nurses, as well as the EMS Director where she continues to work today alongside her husband Larry.

Colombo not only serves on the front line of the medical field, but she is one of the first to serve other needs in the community as well. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church,

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The Colburn family was named the Ag Family of the Year award winners. Phil Colburn grew up farming the land around Winters and has passed on the tradition to his two sons Shane and Aaron.



(Left to Right) Directors and officers were also honored by the Winters Chamber of Commerce and those acknowledged included Kim Jackson, Brandon Davis, Megan Schwartz, Jordan Sanchez, Allison Sanchez, Christina Davis, Donna Guy, Julie Frierson, Sandy Mese, Belinda Schwartz, Arthur Taylor, Will Ahrens.

Quilt of Valor presented to Withrow at Rock Hotel

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During the set up for the traveling memorial wall "Remembering Our Fallen" from Texas at the Rock Hotel in Winters, Tuesday, (February 27), Bobby Withrow, of the Austin area, was surprisingly honored with the presentation of his Quilt of Valor by QOV member Sandra Behne.

His personalized quilt label states the appreciation for his service and that of his late father, Donald G Withrow.

Bobby had served in the Navy for 12 years before his honorable discharge and has also served with the Texas National Guard. He continues to help fellow veterans and other families with various fundraisers, organizing work days on their homes and yards, as well as community activities that better lives. He is truly one who believes in "paying it forward."

Quilt of Valor Foundation (QOVF.org) was started by Catherine Roberts, a Blue Star mom from Seaford, Delaware,

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PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED
Bobby Withrow poses with his customized Quilt of Valor, which states the appreciation for his service and that also of his late father in the Navy.

Winters receives historical marker



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Pictured is the newly unveiled historical marker recognizing the 125th anniversary of Winters. A crowd consisting of Winters residents, Runnels County Historical Commission members and even a direct descendent of an original settler were in attendance.

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Betty John Curry Byrns has a long standing memory of Winters, Texas.

Her grandfather, C.N. Curry, migrated from Illinois to Winters in the early 1880's and was one of two settlers to stake a claim in the land that would become one of

the proud Runnels County towns.

With such close ties to the area and to her family it only made sense that Byrns play a prime part in the unveiling of the historical marker Sunday, recognizing the 125th anniversary of the town.

Joining Betty Byrns in the ceremony were several of

her family members and also members of the Runnels County Historical Commission and Winters residents.

Winters has stood the test of time in west Texas evolving from its early days as a retail support center for the agricultural individuals to a small railroad town for oil, gas and manufacturing.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Kathy Irene Flores

Kathy Irene Flores, 45, of Winters, passed away Wednesday, February 25, 2015. Kathy was born July 12, 1969 in Santa Anna, Texas to Fidencio and Julia Gonzales. She was married to Luis Flores on October 6, 1984. Kathy was employed at the United States Agriculture for 24 years and during this time she made long lasting friendships with many of her co-workers.



Her father, Fidencio Gonzales and her husband, Luis Flores preceded her in death. Kathy is survived by a daughter, Veronica Cantu and her husband, Theo Cantu; a son Luis Adrian Flores, Jr; her mother, Julia Gonzales; two sisters, Nancy Ramos and Sylvia Gonzales; two brothers, James and Arnold Gonzales; several aunts and uncles; as well as, a niece, nephews and extended family.

Kathy was a devoted wife, a thoughtful friend and most of all a loving mother. She enjoyed taking care of animals, reading, watching movies and spending time with her loved ones. Her presence will forever be missed.

Funeral Arrangements were made through Heritage Family Funeral Home in Ballinger.

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Lyndon "Huck" Huckaby

Lyndon "Huck" Huckaby lost his battle with cancer on February 23, 2015.

Lyndon was born in Winters on April 24, 1943 to Floyd Z. and Pauline Huckaby. He was a veteran and License and Weight Trooper for the Department of Public Safety for 31 years, serving the panhandle from Pampa to Muleshoe. Family was his priority and he loved to hunt and train dogs.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Linda; two daughters, Zanna and husband Damon Jordan, Holly and husband Mark Bills; grandchildren, Kobie and LynZee Jordan, Reagan and Kyla Bills; brothers Darr and Randy Huckaby.

Services were held Friday, February 27, 2015 at the North Main Church of Christ in Winters. Private burial was held at Shep.

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Carol Logan Wilson

Carol Logan Wilson, 74, of Winters, died February 25, 2015. He was born January 5, 1941 in Oakhurst, Texas and grew up in Pasadena, Texas.

He graduated from the University of Houston with an associates degree. He worked for Foleys in Pasadena in the furniture department. He moved to Winters in 1994 and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

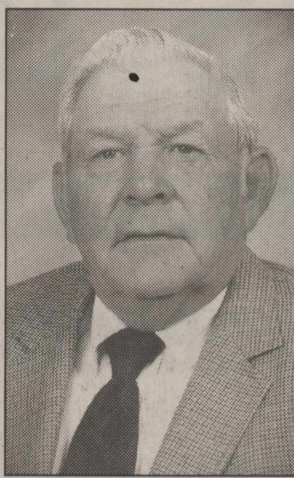
Carol is survived by one brother, Joe L. Wilson and wife Sylvia of Winters; one uncle, Melvin Cowart of Pasadena, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday, February 28, 2015 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery.

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C.F. 'Bud' Busher

C.F. 'Bud' Busher, Jr, 76, of Winters, passed away Monday, March 2, 2015 at the North Runnels Hospital after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was born December 20, 1938 in Winters to Cullen Frank and Dorothea Bredemeyer Busher.



Bud graduated from Winters High School in 1957 where he played football. He received a full scholarship to play football at McMurry University in Abilene where he graduated in 1964. He coached and taught school in Cameron and Rotan before returning to Winters in 1966 to the farm where he grew up. He coached and taught school in Winters for thirteen years while farming the home place. In 1979 he started a fertilizer and feed business and in 1990 started farming and ranching full time, retiring in 2013.

He served on the Runnels County FSA Committee and the Runnels County Appraisal District Board of directors for several years. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Bud married Kay England Busher, his high school sweetheart, February 6, 1959. Bud and Kay celebrated 56 years of marriage on February 6, 2015.

Bud is survived by his wife, Kay, of Winters; daughter, Kelli Perez of San Angelo; son, Kevin and wife, Jonna, of Winters; grandchildren Justin Davis and Melissa Nettles; J.T. Davis and wife Melissa; Kaci Huggins and James Head; Courtney and Champ Hardesty; Cassidy Huggins; and Jordan, Bailee, Karlee and Jon Kullen Busher; great-grandchildren Joslyn, Jose, Joseph, Jayson and Cera; sister and brother-in-law Naomi and Milton Gerhart. He is also survived by nephews, nieces, numerous friends and the WHS class of 1957.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cullen and Dora Busher and sister, Janie Mabry.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at the First Baptist Church in Winters. Private family burial service will be at a later time.

Memorials may be made to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

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Jennifer Geraldine Collins

Jennifer Geraldine Collins, 56, of Winters, died February 20, 2015. She was born December 15, 1958 in Winters.

She married Frankie Kirkland in 1975 in Hamlin, Texas. Then later she married Andy Lee New on November 27, 1978 in Winters.

Jennifer was a packer for County Moving in Abilene for a number of years and lived most of her life in the Abilene and Winters area. She was a Baptist.

Jennifer is survived by three children, Scott New, Angela New and Amanda Geraldine New all of Winters; three sisters, Linda Goodson of Dangerfield, ViSue Grice and Janine Collins, both of Abilene; three brothers, Willie Collins, Jr, Mark Collins and Lucas Collins all of Winters; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the First Baptist Church.

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NEWS NOTES

Historic exhibit at the Public Library

A Historic Winters Exhibit is currently open at the Winters Public Library. The exhibit features items of local historical interest, highlighting pictures and artifacts from the 1890s through the current time. This exhibit commemorates Winters 125th year as an established Texas city. The library is open Monday through Thursday from noon until 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. through noon. The Historic Winters Exhibit will be available for viewing during regular library hours through Saturday, February 28, 2015.

Texas heroes fallen in the War on Terror

Remembering the heroes of Texas fallen in the war on Terror, the Rock Hotel is hosting a wall of photographs, memorabilia, and stories spanning 100 feet. This wall will be open for visitation from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Saturday, and 1-4 on Sundays. Dates are February 28 thru March 9.

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 Linda at 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.

Carnegie Library new hours

Starting on Tuesday, March 3, the Carnegie Library in Ballinger will be opening from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Thursday until the position of librarian is filled. Once it is filled the library's hours will return to normal. We are sorry for any inconvenience this might bring, but it will be on a temporary basis only.

MWTAG to celebrate 15th anniversary at the Carnegie Library

The Mid-West Texas Artists Guild will present "Celebrating 15 years" at the Carnegie Library in the Shakespeare Room from March 3-13, 2015. The exhibit will feature paintings by several guild members for this event. Paintings to be shown will be in variety of media including watercolor, oil, and collage. A guild member or members will also be present each day to answer questions. Everyone is invited to come to a reception Saturday, March 7, 2015 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. to meet the artists and see their work.

Olfen KOC barbecue chicken sale

The Olfen St. Boniface Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters will be having a drive-thru barbecue chicken sale on Sunday, March 15 from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the St. Boniface Parish Hall. Potato salad and beans will also be sold. To pre-order, please call Marty Frey at 365-6618 or David Rohmfeld at 442-3331.

Operation Dessert Storm Ceremony

The Rowena VFW Post 9196 will hold a ceremony to commemorate Operation Desert Storm at its regular meeting on Wednesday March 11 at 7:30 PM at the Post Home in Rowena. All Desert Storm veterans are invited and will be recognized. It is open to the public.

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Local students win SWCD poster and essay contest

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The Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) recently awarded several local students for its big Conservation Poster and Essay Contest.

The theme for the poster contest was 'Dig Deeper: Mysteries in the Soil' and the SWCD received 72 entries from students in the Ballinger and Winters school districts.

Ribbons were awarded for first, second and third place in each grade level at each school district. Posters from both school districts were later combined and judged to select overall area winners.

This year's first overall area poster winner was Shelby Santos from Winters ISD. She will represent the Runnels SWCD at the Area Awards Banquet to be held on March 26. Santos also received a \$25 cash prize and an engraved plaque signifying her accomplishments in conservation education and her poster will be forwarded to compete in regional competition. Her teachers include Mrs. Tandy Briley and Teresa Luna.

The second place award was presented to Esly Chavez from Ballinger ISD and third place was awarded to Scarlett Grimes.

The Runnels SWCD thanks the many administrators, teachers and students who helped make this year's poster contest educational and fun for all those who took part.

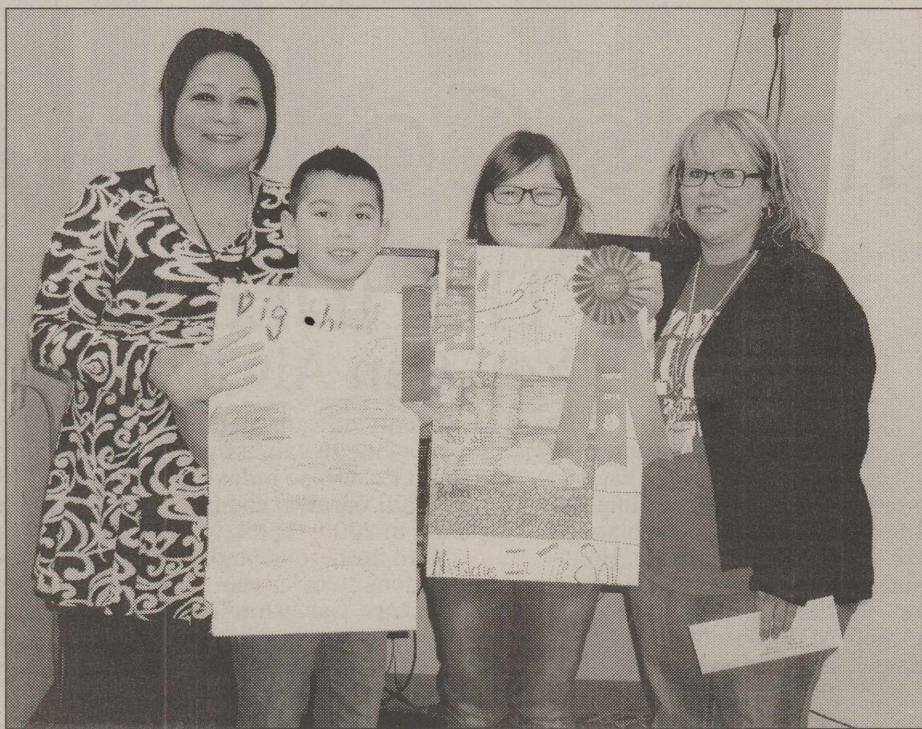


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Winters ISD fourth grade teachers Mrs. Teresa Luna (left) and Mrs. Tandy Briley (right) stand with Jayden Santos who placed second in the fourth grade competition at Winters ISD and Shelby Santos who placed first in the fourth grade competition and also received the top poster award in the area for the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District Poster and Essay contest.

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who was inspired by the deployment of her own son to Iraq. The idea of the foundation is to link quilt toppers with machine quilters in a national effort to cover all returning service men and women touched by war.

Withrow's quilt was one of over 70 pieced together by multiple quilters from the U.S., Canada and Australia, who were involved in a nine patch quilt block drive by the Facebook group, "Just Us Quilters." The nine patch blocks were then quartered, points were sewn in each corner, then stitched back together into a newly transformed block, representing a star.

CHAMBER

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serves as a key player on the Dove Fest committee among many other things.

Ag Family of the Year: winner: The Colburn Family

This year's Ag Family father developed a love for the outdoors and farming at the ripe age of 2-years-old when his family lived in Winters close to the John Deere store and he came walking home covered in oil and grease and said he had been working on tractors all day.

The rest just came natural. Phil Colburn always helped on the family farm starting by hoeing cotton and spraying weeds. He worked the family farm when he came home from Texas Tech in the summers and as soon as he graduated in the early 1980's he moved back to Winters to farm with his wife Karen and the two have been here ever since.

Clobber was the youngest of four who were raised by Betty and the late WT Colburn. Phil and his wife have three children, Kayla and her husband Joe of Abilene, Shane and Allison of Winters and Aaron and Alicia also of Winters.

Currently, Phil works beside his two sons farming

Runnels County. When he isn't working hard he is a member and elder at the Church of Christ in Winters where he leads with great passion, mercy and grace.

Business of the Year winner: Bee's Quilting and Gifts

This year's business of the year sews many fruitful seeds here in the Winters area.

Bee's Quilting and Gifts, owned by Belinda Schwartz and operated by herself, daughter Meagan and her best friend Erika, have been supplying the townsfolk with some of the most trendy items in the area.

Open in Winters since 2011, they recently added several new components which allow you to drop laundry off, pick out the latest and most fashionable fabric, grab a gift, attend a sewing class and even create your own monogrammed shirts and hats.

The Bee's Quilting and Gifts doesn't just offer great shopping options, but they also are always open to helping out the community as they often take part and donate items to local auctions and benefits.

The Winters Chamber of Commerce will meet next on Thursday, March 5 at the Wabic Office at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

CAFETERIA MENU

Subject to Change*

Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Winters ISD Lunch Menu

Monday

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

Tuesday

Chef Salad or Meatball Sub or Chicken Nuggets, Corn, Cheesy Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Chef Salad or Chicken Pattie/Bun or Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Breadstick, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Choice of Milk.

Friday

Chef Salad or Hamburger or Chicken Bites, Curly Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Applesauce, Choice of Milk.

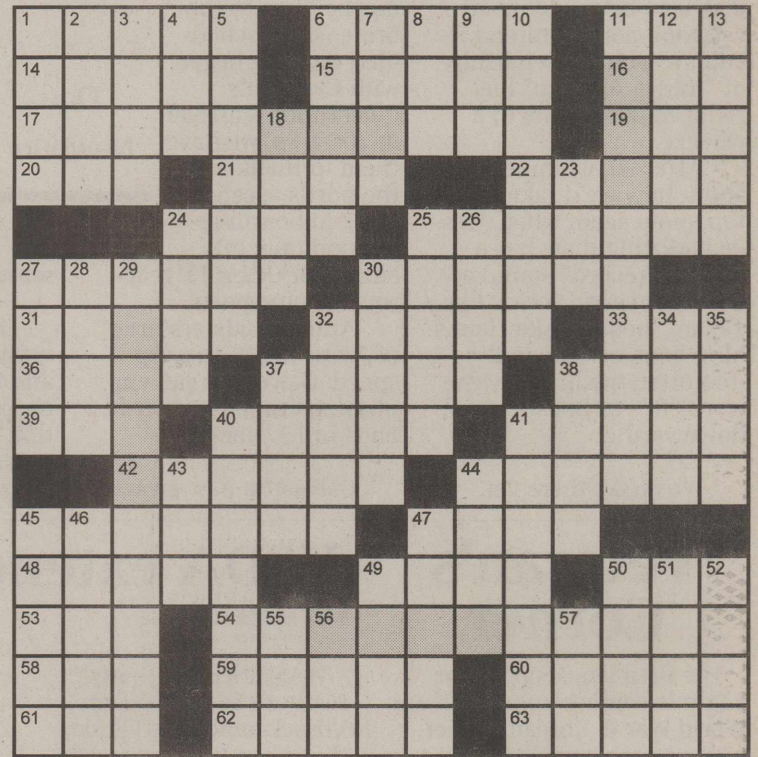
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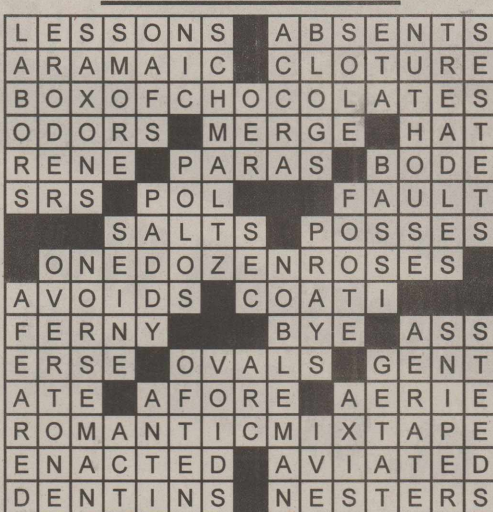
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Q: Sleet is in the forecast. Is there any difference between sleet and freezing rain?

A: The major difference is how they are formed in the atmosphere, explains Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Freezing rain is rain that freezes when it comes into contact with other surfaces, such as pavement or cars. "Freezing rain forms when warm, moist air moves over cold air near the surface," McRoberts says. "Freezing rain is very dangerous because it tends to coat roadway surfaces. When surface temperatures are at or below 32 degrees, rain will quickly freeze on contact, and if the ice accumulates, it can shut down an entire city very quickly. Sleet is often confused with freezing rain, but sleet hits the ground already frozen, often forming in advance of a warm front. Sleet falls as ice pellets that make a familiar crackle sound as they hit the ground, trees or cars."

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THE IDLE AMERICAN You Can Always Tell a Texan...

Commentary by
Dr. Don Newbury

Who could have guessed that cruise ships might be largely responsible for restoring Texans' longstanding boasts? Our superiority claims haven't been the same since Alaska became a state in 1959.

Upon becoming the 49th state, Alaskans seized "bragging rights" on biggest/tallest/grandest topics formerly claimed by Texans. We may also have been loudest, too—some contend we still are—but the enormity of "things Alaskan" has reduced our boasts to a wheeze.

After all, whimpering about how we'd take over top spots again when Alaska had a big thaw has a "broken record" sound after a few years. Seems like Texans' post-Alaska claims have been ever-dwindling—too often qualified by the word "if"—as boasts spiral downward....

We aren't there yet,

but advancing to a number two position means we're back in the race. We should think like Avis Rent-A-Car, which says as #2, it tries harder. How about Pet Milk's claim that their cows are NOT contented but always "striving to do better?" (Carnation says its milk is from contented cows.)

Galvestonians have had pedal to the metal—uh, maybe prop to the brine—since scheduled cruising began with Carnival's Celebration's arrival in 2000. So, we have them to thank for the port's ascent to #2 in boardings—second only to Miami—of CCL's 11 year-round home ports.

Auto speedsters brag of "zero to 60" in warp speed; Galveston can emphasize Carnival's "zero to 2nd" in 15 years!...

Galveston has always

had plenty of water, but it took a while to gain a foothold in the cruise industry—until Carnival came calling in 2000, that is.

With numerous land attractions to offer visitors, Galveston has multiple reasons for storybook success, and has set new boarding records set annually.

Thanks to the arrival of the Freedom this month, Galveston is now home to a trio of Carnival vessels, including the Magic and the Triumph. More than 600,000 cruise vacationers will board CCL vessels in Galveston this year—more than five times the 2000 number....

The Freedom's maiden voyage was a red, white and blue extravaganza. In cooperation with "Operation Homefront," Carnival welcomed several hundred military personnel

and their families for an overnight event on board the vessel which has undergone a \$70 million upgrade. Featured were numerous activities, including a performance by country music superstar Martina McBride.

At concert's end, CCL presented a \$100,000 check to "Operation Homefront," a volunteer organization that aids military families.

While cruise ships offer wall-to-wall entertainment and activities, I'm always intrigued by "regular people" with stories to tell and/or talents to share....

I was struck by a Washington state party of 12. Of the dozen, 10 were family, including two sisters, three brothers and their spouses. Several of them hung out many afternoons to play their ukuleles.

They claim to be "ordinary" musicians who simply love to play. Still, folks stopped by—some requesting songs from a

small hymnal.

It was their second cruise to bring ukuleles along for impromptu sessions....

A new initiative—Camp Ocean—is offered for children ages 2-11, and trappings of Dr. Seuss abound. A parade featured several dozen pre-schoolers marching the length of the ship with assorted bells and whistles.

Parents who might have snagged the "instruments" from them at home eagerly watched, offering, "That's my boy," or "That's my girl" brags.

On the final sea day, they joined 300 children for breakfasts of green eggs and ham, ordered from clever menus written rhyme-like by an aficionado of the good doctor. Throughout the week, Seuss characters—The Cat in the Hat, Sam I Am, Thing One and Thing Two—were on hand for photographs. The Cat had the hardest time. His hat spanned nearly half of the

character's almost 10-foot height, necessitating knee-bending through most doorways....

Always welcome are the smiles and helpful countenance of ship personnel who hail from throughout the world. They are genuinely happy to be there, and so are we.

City leaders claim Galveston to be in its "second golden era."

We should be grateful that the horrific flood of 1900 and the ravages of Hurricane Ike in 2008 didn't cause them to throw in towels. And that Carnival took a chance on Texans....

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Inquiries/comments to: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Web site: www.speakerdoc.com. Archived at venturegalleries.com.

Veteran's Corner

The Permian Basin Honor Flight is coming up soon. If any World War II, Korean or Vietnam veterans would like to take part in the flight to Washington D.C. to see the Memorial's please contact Sandra G. Van Zant.

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For more information, contact Sandra 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.

USDA extends deadline to update base acres, yield history

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced Friday that a one-time extension will be provided to producers for the new safety-net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC). The final day to update yield history or reallocate base acres has been extended one additional month, from Feb. 27 until March 31.

The final day for farm owners and producers to choose ARC or PLC coverage remains March 31, 2015.

"This is an important decision for producers, because these programs provide financial protection against unexpected changes in the marketplace. Producers are working to make the best decision they can. And we're working to ensure that they've got the time, the information, and the opportunities to have those final conversations, review

their data, and to visit the Farm Service Agency to make those decisions," said Vilsack.

If no changes are made to yield history or base acres by March 31, the farm's current yield and base will be used. A program choice of ARC or PLC coverage also must be made by March 3, or there will be no 2014 payments for the farm and the farm will default to PLC cover-

age through the 2018 crop year.

Nationwide, more than 2.9 million educational postcards, in English and Spanish, have been sent to producers, and more than 4,100 training sessions have been conducted on the new safety-net programs. The online tools, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc, allow producers to explore projections on how ARC or PLC

coverage will affect their operation under possible future scenarios.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crumbe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

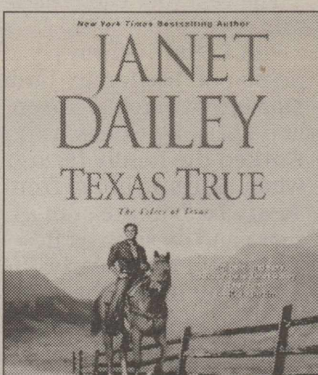
Winters Public Library March book review

'Texas True' by Janet Dailey

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WINTERS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Beau Tyler left the family ranch in the Panhandle and Natalie, the girl he loved, vowing to never return to his father's ranch

again. After a tour of duty in Iraq, he took a job in D.C. with the DEA as an agent. A decade had passed when he returned home for his father's funeral. Sky Flecher, came to the ranch just as a young



boy, dirty and starving and plead for a job and became part of the Tyler family. Sky's half white and half Comanche with sharp blue eyes and known as the horse whisper on the ranch. The ponies he selects with his training help pay the bills.

Beau saw Natalie, the girl he left behind, but never forgot, despite his battled-scarred soul. Now, Natalie was married to the sheriff, due to no word from Beau after he left. Will Beau stay on at the ranch like his brother, Will, asked him?

This story has it all...family feud, romance, murder, politics. Once you read the first chapter...you won't put this book down.

Janet Dailey has written over 50 best sellers and over 100 novels. She is one of the top selling female authors in the world. Janet Dailey is known for her strong, decisive characters, her extraordinary ability to create a time and place and her courage to confront important, controversial issues in her stories.

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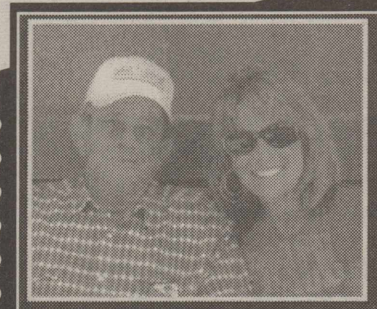
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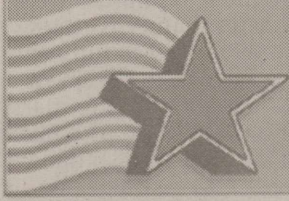
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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR APPLICATION RUNNELS COUNTY DEPOSITORY CONTRACT For contract

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Private Club Registration Permit, Beverage Cartage Permit, and Food and Beverage Certificate by Eighth & Hutchins Club, Inc., dba, Eighth & Hutchins Club, to be located at 115 N. 8th Street, Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas. Officers of said corporation are Larry

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Lange, President; Mike Hoten, Vice President; David Cowart, Secretary/Treasurer; Steve Routh, Membership Chairman.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AGENCY PLANS TAKE NOTICE THAT THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WINTERS, TEXAS WILL BE HELD AT THE WINTERS HOUSING AUTHORITY 300 NORTH GRANT WINTERS, TEXAS 79567

Commencing at 1:00 o'clock p.m. on the 11th day of March, 2015 to receive comments on the Housing Authority's Five Year Plan and Annual Plan. The meeting will take place in the community room at 300 N. Grant, Winters, TX. The draft plans and all supporting documentation are available to the public for viewing at the administration office of the Housing Authority located at 300 N. Grant, Winters, TX.

Exact specifications for this application bid may be obtained from Ann Strube, Runnels County Treasurer, 613 Hutchings Ave., Room 304, Ballinger, Texas.

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Notice is hereby given that as provided by Chapters 116 and 117 of the Texas Local Government Code Annotated, as amended, the Runnels County Commissioners' Court of Runnels to reject any or all County, Texas applications. will receive sealed applications until 10:00 a.m. March 24, 2015 to 1) enter into a contract with any banking corporation or association in this county for the deposit of the County's public funds including all accounts using Runnels County Tax ID number and for the deposit of registry funds held by the County and District Clerks, and 2) enter into a contract with any banking corporation or association in this county for a sub-depository for the deposit of the County's public funds.

Sealed applications must be received in the County Judge's Office, 613 Hutchings Ave., Room 103, Ballinger, Texas.

Exact specifications for this application bid may be obtained from Ann Strube, Runnels County Treasurer, 613 Hutchings Ave., Room 304, Ballinger, Texas.

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Runnels County Treasurer, 613 Hutchings Ave., Room 304, Runnels County Courthouse, Ballinger, Texas, 325-365-2428 or from the Runnels Local Government Website, www.co.runnels.tx.us. Runnels County reserves the right to reject any or all applications.

Honorable Barry Hilliard Judge March 3, 2015

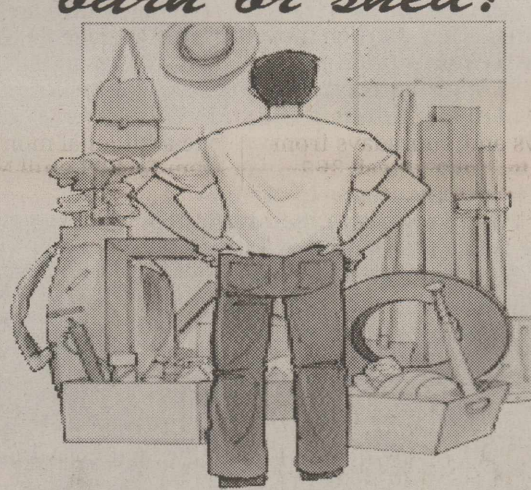
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Now, during the quasiquicentennial (125th) of the foundation of the city, we found it more than adequate to bring that publication back to life, edited and updated, to honor those families who helped set the foundation and develop the thriving community that Winters is today



Rainey Collinsworth

Rainey Isaac Collinsworth married Mary Launa Rampy on May 1, 1904 in Hunt County, Texas. They came to Runnels County by train in 1911 and farmed at Pumphrey. They were members of the Methodist Church.

Wylie Cooper

Wylie Farnsworth Cooper was born February 14, 1848, in Union County, South Carolina. He married Frances Hubbard in Morgan County, Alabama. She died shortly after her children were born. His grandparents William and Annie Cooper came from South Carolina to Alabama to help Wylie care for his

children. They all then moved to Hill County, Texas.

In 1885 Wylie married Mary Venable. They had nine children. Wylie suffered with chronic bronchitis and was advised by his doctor to move to a dryer climate. In 1904 the family came by train to Talpa, then by wagon to their farm they bought at Crews, where they farmed for many years. They are buried at Crews.

Jasper Drake



Jasper H. Drake moved to Norton from Marlin, Texas as a boy. He served in the Army in France in World War I. He returned to Norton to marry Edith Taff of the Mann community. They farmed at Wilmeth until 1940 when they moved 3 miles northwest of Winters, where they lived until his death in 1965. Mrs. Drake moved her house into Winters where she lived until her death in 1980.

George Garrett

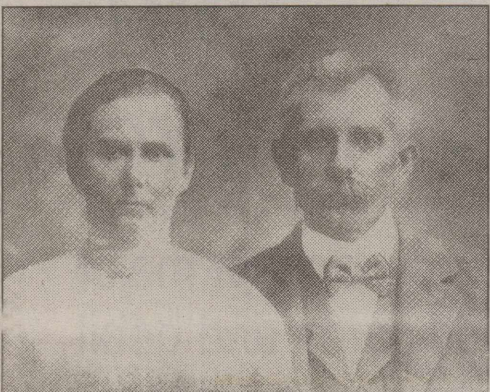
W.P. Garrett, father of George Garrett, came to Garretts Bluff, Texas from Fort Smith, Arkansas about the turn of the century. There he ran Garretts Mercantile and a farm, he moved into Paris, Texas in the 20s.

George graduated from A&M in 1924 as a Civil Engineer and started his career with the Texas State Highway Department in the mid 20s, moving to Ballinger as Resident Engineer in 1928.

He married Lura Lee Tinkle in July 1931.

Upon retiring he and his wife chose to come home to Runnels County, built a home in Winters in 1966, next door to the home of Mrs. Fred Tinkle.

Edward Gerhart



Edward Fredrick Gerhart was born in Germany in 1852, coming to America at the age of two years and two months with his mother, Lena Schneider Gerhart.

Landing in Galveston they traveled to San Antonio where Edward's father had purchased property. The family received reports on economical prices of land in Runnels County, so they sold their property in San Antonio and purchased 1,200 acres in the Crews area, moving to Runnels County in 1901.

Jacob Goetz



Jacob Gerhard Goetz came to Runnels County in 1902 and located in the community of Hatchel.

Jacob Goetz was born January 1, 1868 in Tanne Hausen, Germany. He married Antje (Annie) Wessels on December 7, 1893 in Copeland, Texas. Antje Wessels was born March 13, 1876 in Norden Ostfriesland, Germany.

He bought 800 acres of farmland near Hatchel before 1902, but brought his family on the train in November of 1902. The family attended the Lutheran Church.

Charles Graham



Charles (Charlie) Luther Graham came to Runnels County May 1915 and settled in Winters.

Charlie and Eula Mae Cooke were married August 12, 1908 in North Park, Abilene at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Cooke. Charlie was farming with his father in Jones County that year.

Their first home was on a farm in Clyde. Following a hailstorm in 1911 and several years of drought, the family moved to Winters in May on 1915.

Jess Harris

Jess Robert Harris came to Texas from Alabama in 1898. He worked for W. W. Wilkerson at Yarrelton, Texas. In 1901 he married Massie Myrtle Wilkerson and they moved to Runnels County in 1907. They settled in the Dale community.

In 1910 Mr. and Mrs. Harris purchased a stock farm in the Hatchel area and added to their property holdings in 1923. Jess introduced the registered Brown Swiss Cattle to Runnels County having a contact with the government of Venezuela to furnish a number of cattle each year.

Jess and Massie had five children. Jess was the son of a Civil War veteran. His son Jack served as a pilot of a B17 bomber during World War I

and was shot down and killed over Kassel, Germany in 1943.

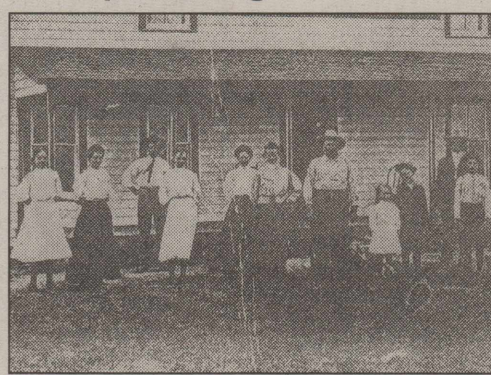
His daughter Lillie Harris served as Captain and Chief Nurse of the 127th General Hospital (the overseas unit of the University of Texas) during World War II. Jess died in 1960 and Massie in 1968.

Stanley Harter

Stanley Harter and family moved to Runnels County from Dallas County settling on a farm in the Wingate community. Besides farming Stanley also did custom machine work.

He met and married Ethel Renshaw in May 1910. They had five children and they all grew up in the Wingate area.

Henry Henniger



Henry W. Henniger and Lena Wagner were married in 1883 in the Lutheran Church in Round Top, Texas.

They lived in Shelby where he owned a leather shop. He made saddles and boots until 1895 when they moved to Milam County where they farmed until 1904.

In 1904 they moved to Runnels County in a covered wagon with their nine children. They first settled in the Hatchel community in 1907 then moved to the Dale community and farmed. In 1928 they retired and moved to Winters.

Carl Henslee

Carl Henslee and Margaret Butchree were married in Buffalo Gap where Carl was employed in the bank.

They moved to Hawley, Texas and he was in the banking field. Their children were born there.

In 1919 they moved to Winters from Hawley and Carl worked in the Winters State Bank until he retired.

A.J. Holshauser



A.J. Holshauser landed on Galveston Island in 1845 and moved to Runnels County in 1903, settling on a farm seven miles north of Winters in the Baldwin community. He died in 1909.

Fritz Kraatz

Fritz and Annie (Koch) Kraatz came to Runnels County from Port Arthur, Texas, settling first at Olfen then in Winters, where they remained until death.

Mr. Kraatz was a farmer and they were lifetime members of the Lutheran Church.

Charles Kruse



Charles Kruse, Sr. was born in Fayette County, Texas, on October 13, 1872. Dorothea Schroeder Kruse, whose father was a tailor, was born in Hanover, Germany, on April 22, 1872. She came to America with her parents in 1878, settling at Industry community near Fayetteville, Texas. Later they moved to Gonzales County.

On December 4, 1896, Charles and Dorothea married at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Nickolaus Schroeder by the Rev. Wolf-dorf. They lived on their farm at Cheapside, a small community near Gonzales, until 1942. At that time they moved to Winters. Runnels County, Texas settling

on their farm one and one-half miles east of town.

Johan (Dick) Kruse

Mr. Dick Kruse moved from Cheapside (near Gonzales) Texas to Winters in 1921 and settled on a farm in the Dale community. He moved all his possessions, including livestock by train and the move was delayed due to an impending strike by railroad employees.

Mr. Kruse married Johanna Pauline (Lena) Wessels on August 16, 1922. Lena came to Winters with her family (John P. Wessels) from Illinois. The Kruses reared their family of six children on the Kruse farm in the Dale community.

W.P. Lloyd

A native of Texas, Will Lloyd was born at Rockdale in 1875. He married Mary Ella Pumphrey in Milam County in 1896, and the couple moved to Runnels County in 1900 settling in the Pumphrey community.

As in 1916 that they established the home two miles west of Winters. Mr. Lloyd was a devout Christian, a prominent landowner and was associated with his sons Ralph and Raymond as owners of the Main Drug Store.

Jeff Miller

Jeff and Rebecca past through Runnels County on their way to Arizona in a covered wagon, Jeff worked as a drover on cattle drives. When he wasn't on the cattle trail he searched for maverick cattle.

An Indian squaw helped with the delivery of a child while they were living in Arizona.

The Millers came back to Texas, settling on a ranch in northeast Runnels County (Content community) in 1917.

William Minzenmayer

William Minzenmayer was born in 1870 in Toledo, Ohio. He met Wilhemina Caroline Ernst while the two families were living in Williamson County, Texas.

The Ernst family moved to Runnels County in 1898, later in the year William came to Runnels County to marry his sweetheart in 1898. Two of William's brothers, John and Henry, also moved to Runnels County.

The family farmed north of Winters. William and Minnie were charter members of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Martin Mitchell



Martin Luther Mitchell was born in 1878 in Coryell County, Texas. He married Nancy Elizabeth Yancy in 1900 at Killeen, Texas. The couple came to Runnels County in a covered wagon in 1904 and farmed in the Pumphrey community.

The town of Winters was very young so they traveled to buy their household goods, groceries and clothing, this was a two day trip usually. Later the Pumphrey community developed two general stores, a drug store, a doctor, barber shop, blacksmith shop, a school and two churches (Baptist and Methodist).

J.S. Neely



J. S. Neely, family came to Runnels County in the fall of 1902, from Williamson County. They first lone a one-half miles west of Draseo. In 1903 moved to what is now L.C. Hill place. Then they moved to the old Neely place 7 miles North of Winters. His occupation was farming and carpenter work.

Robert O'Dell



Robert Mack O'Dell, born February 9, 1985 in Springfield, Missouri, married Sarah Frances Gibbins (born August 30, 1857 in Izard County, Arizona). About 1900 they lived for a short time at Wingate and did not return to Runnels County until 1915, where they farmed in the Crews community.

More on the first settlers next week in The Winters Enterprise.