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## CARNIVAL FUN



A young girl enjoys a ride in the roller coaster at the carnival which was at Lone Star Video. The carnival entertained local residents from Thursday-Sunday of last week.

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## Signs of Spring

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
 STAFF REPORT

There's signs of spring at the Winters Public Library. Lupe and Shelly Guevera decorated the window with spring flowers and bunny rabbits to bring in the new Spring season.

The Guevera's own the shop on main street "Imagine the Possibilities," which Lupe manages and Shelly serves as the City Secretary at city hall.

Lupe has a magic touch when it comes to decorating and many citizens know and have used of his talent.

By observing decorators in Fredericksburg and also being mentored and watching works of others, he help Lupe with his God given talent.

Shelly and Lupe engage in many functions throughout Winters and the public library says the city is fortunate to have this couple in the area.



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED  
 Lupe Guevera decorates the window of the Winters Public Library.

## North Runnels Hospital welcomes new doctor

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
 STAFF REPORT

A community may not think about the profile of their doctors day-to-day, but when there's an emergency it's always a good thing to know that you're in good hands when you have to take someone to the emergency room.

Enter Dr. Kenneth Winton, the latest hire at the North Runnels Hospital and he is looking forward to treating those in Runnels County.

"Winters seems like an excellent place to practice medicine and I'm really looking forward to my time there," said Winton about accepting the position.

When he comes on staff, Winton will specialize in family practice and also emergency medicine, both fields that he has 30 years of experience in.

"I've practiced at the Brownwood Medical Center and have been in the Midland and Odessa area for the past eight years," he said. "The North Runnels Hospital has a very talented staff and I'm really excited about joining their team."

After practicing in bigger areas and at bigger hospitals, Winton says the move was more about getting back close to his Brownwood, his hometown.

"I have a home in Brownwood, but eventually I'll find a place in the Winters area," he said. "The whole Winters, Ballinger and Coleman area is a great ranching community and I'm active with my own horses and cattle so I should fit right in. It's just a great area and community overall."

As to what Dr. Winton can add to what he calls, "an already great hospital", he says he's just looking forward to joining the team.

"Really I'm just hoping to add to the services that the hospital already has," he said. "They have an excellent physician and two mid levels already on staff and I'm just hoping to add some support to that."

Some of the qualities he listed the hospital as having included top notch care, great attentiveness to the patients and an excellent nursing staff in both the clinic and the hospital.

The North Runnels Hospital will be hosting a welcome reception for Dr. Winton on his first day at the clinic, April 1. The reception will go from 10-11 a.m. and the entire community is invited to attend.



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED  
 The North Runnels Hospital and clinic will be welcoming its newest addition to the staff on April 1.

## WINTERS BLIZZARDS DEFEAT MAY



PHOTOS BY JOE GERHART  
 The Winters Blizzards started district off with a gem Monday night as they romped on the May Tigers defeating them 10-0. The Blizzards were led by excellent pitching, including a big outing from Daniel Gerhart who registered 13 strikeouts and only allowed one hit and gave up no walks. The Blizzards next district game, according to the Winters ISD website, will be Friday night vs. Miles.



Above: Blizzards pitcher Daniel Gerhart pitched a win against May. He struck out 13 batters while only allowing one hit and no walks. Right: Hitter Ty Cortez makes solid contact.

## Locals attend Texas Midwest Day at the Capitol in Austin

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
 STAFF REPORT

More than 100 people representing rural cities in the Texas Midwest region were in Austin on February 3 and participated in "Texas Midwest Day at the Capitol." Participating from Bronte were City Manager Bryan Grimes, Ballinger Area Chamber of Commerce President/Ballinger Community Development Director Tammie Virden, Mayor Sam Mallory, Mayor Pro-Tem Darlene Kelly and Councilmember Phillip Arp.

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) sponsored its eleventh biennial visit to the State Capitol during the Legislative Session. Highlights of the day included briefings by Jon Schnautz, Deputy General Counsel/Senior Policy Adviser and Brady Frank, Senior Budget and Policy Advisor with Speaker Joe Straus' Office and Drew DeBerry, Policy Director for Governor Greg Abbott. The delegation participated in a photo session on the floor of the House of Representatives, visited TMCN's lawmaker offices, and attended an evening reception at the Austin Club sponsored jointly by

TMCN, the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce and the Abilene Chamber of Commerce.

"Texas Midwest Day at the Capitol provides an opportunity for community leaders from our region to meet face-to-face contact with the lawmakers and their staff who represent us in Austin," says TMCN President Tammie Virden (Ballinger). "Our presence provides a unified voice of the issues and challenges facing our rural West Central Texas communities - specifically water and transportation."

Texas Midwest Community Network is a 51 community regional organization covering 31 counties which represents 12% of all the counties in the state and a population of more than a half million people, equal to the 7th largest city in the state.

State Senators for TMCN include Troy Fraser-Dist. 24, Charles Perry-Dist. 28 and Craig Estes-Dist. 30. State Representatives include Andrew Murr-Dist. 53, J.D. Sheffield-Dist. 59, Jim Keffer-Dist. 60, Drew Springer-Dist. 68, James Frank-Dist. 69, Susan King-Dist. 71, Drew Darby-Dist. 72, and Dustin Burrows-Dist. 83.

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## FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

## Mark Briley

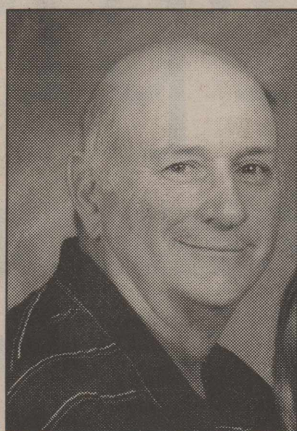
Mark Briley, 63, of Winters, died March 22, 2015. He was born September 27, 1951 in Ballinger and lived in Winters all his life.

He graduated from Winters High School in 1971 and attended Western Texas College in Snyder. He married Brenda Smith on March 17, 1973 in Winters. He was the transportation director for the Winters I.S.D. Mark was a former member of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the International Hot Rod Association and the Academy of Model Aeronautics and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Mark is survived by his wife, Brenda Briley of Winters; two children, Angela Patton and husband Jimmy of Clyde and Brian Briley and wife Mendy of O'Donnell; three brothers, Mike Briley and Max Briley of Winters and Monty Briley of Wingate; five grandchildren, Colbin Briley, Kadin Patton, Brylee Patton, Logan Briley and Brianna Briley.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, March 24 at Winters Funeral Home.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 am Wednesday, March 25 at the First Baptist Church. Burial followed at Lakeview Cemetery



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## Milton Gerhart

Milton Gerhart, 79, of Winters, died March 23, 2015. He was born July 18, 1935 in Winters and was a lifelong resident. He graduated from Winters High School and attended Draughons Business School. He served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957. He married Naomi Busher June 20, 1959 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters where he was a lifelong member. He and his wife owned and operated Milton's Auto Supply and he was a business entrepreneur for most of his life.

He is survived by his wife Naomi Gerhart of Winters; three sons, Terry Gerhart and wife Libby of The Woodlands, Toby Gerhart and wife Melinda of Allen and Joe Gerhart and wife Theresa of Winters; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Wednesday, March 25 at Winters Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am Thursday, March 26 at St. John's Lutheran Church with burial in the Lutheran cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home

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## NEWS NOTES

## Benefit for Mandi Briley Hasty

Sunday, March 29, 2015 from 11:00-2:00 in the Winters School Cafeteria. Fajita Luncheon, Quilt Raffle, Silent and Live Auction.

For more information call Sandy Mesey 365-1807 or Kim Jackson 365-6657

## Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Knights of Columbus Council#10985 2nd annual 2nd time around Fish Fry. Friday, March 27, 2015 5:30-7:00pm at St. Mary's Parish Center in Ballinger, Texas.

Plates include fish, fries, hushpuppies, cole slaw, beans and dessert. Dine in or take out.

For more information call Cindy at St. Mary's Catholic Church 365-2687 or Joseph Toliver at 365-2552

## Winters Public Library Amenities available for you

There are six computers with internet. Also have headphones available. The Winters Public Library is a Wi-fi hot spot. E-Books - free download service available. Conference Room available for meetings with attached kitchen area...just make your reservation to hold the room.. We have over 100 Audio Book CD's...Large Print Books...Aladdin Reader, which is helpful if you require visual help. This machine was donated by Bary Taylor. The Winters Enterprise Newspaper is always available - hot off the press! Look for our Face Book site very soon. Also watch for Special Programs each month - held in the library. We are certainly open for ideas for new programs. Stop by for a visit.

## Future of Winters Club

The Winters Area Foundation "Future of Winters Club" will have their annual dinner on April 7 at the High School cafeteria. The speaker for the event is Bill Little, former WHS student and distinguished alumni. Bill has had an illustrious career with the University of Texas and their athletic department.

Membership in the Future of Winters Club is open to any area resident. Annual dues are \$120 and include a steak dinner for two catered by West Texas Rehab's main cook, Archie Jobe. Through the Winters Area Foundation, local organizations have received financial help. Last year, \$5250 was given through scholarships and grants to Winters Child Development, Winters Fire Department, Z.I. Hale Museum, Ministerial Alliance and Winters Public Library. Dues may be sent to Winters Area Foundation, PO Box 211, or by contacting any director. President Gene Wheat, Mike Bedford, Charles Bahlman, Susan Conner, Jill Davis, George Mostad, Jordan Sanchez, Nancy Spill or Armando Tamez.

## Rowena VFW Sausage Sale

Rowena VFW Sausage Sale will be April 10. To order, Contact: Maynard Schwertner at 442-4771, Daniel Redman at 468-3194, Harold Franke at 442-3721.

Order deadline is April 8 and buyers can pickup sausage at the VFW Hall on April 10 between 5:00-6:00 p.m. \$5.00 per pound

## Winters Public Library

Our next program at the library will be "Landscaping with Flowers" presented by Scott Warren of ACU. Date and time not scheduled yet. We will let you know. Thanks for all the feed back on the last program. Come visit us!

## 4-H Club Rabies Clinic

The Rowena 4-H Club will be hosting their annual Rabies Clinic on Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the Rowena Fire Hall in Rowena.

Dr. Matt Belden will be administering the vaccinations. Thank you for supporting the Rowena 4-H Club!

## Historical Commission to publish book

The Runnels County Historical Commission is planning to publish a book about the many schools and post offices that have served the county. Over one hundred schools and twenty-eight post offices have been identified in the county.

The information is being compiled with plans to have the book published in the fall of 2015. Much more information is needed about the older, rural schools. School histories are needed for the current schools - Ballinger, Winters, Miles, and Olfen - as well as Wingate, Rowena, and Norton. Pictures are needed, especially from the 1940s to present.

Much information is found in the Rural View published in 1920, but that only covers a short period of

school history. Anyone having histories of schools, pictures, or other historical information about Runnels County schools or post offices is encouraged to send the information to Ruth Cooper at jrc@abilene.com or Randall Conner at rconner@wtxs.net or mail to PO Box 211, Winters 79567. The information must be received by June 1, 2015 in order to be included in the book.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Alanon meetings

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church on Monday and Wednesday night at 7 p.m. Enter on Ave A and Seventh St. side.

Alanon is open to all - for family, friends of alcoholics or drugs including relationship issues and all other forms of addiction. For more info call (325) 365 2323.

## Sobriety First AA Group

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous Group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, Ballinger, every Monday and Friday at 7 p.m. Please use the Ave. A and Seventh St. entrance. For more information please contact the church at (325) 365 2323.

## Runnels Co Alzheimer Support Group

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer Support Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and care giver perspective.

There is no charge and this is a public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer Association.

## 40th annual Colorado River Bikefest

The Ballinger Noon Lions Club 40th Colorado River Bike Fest is coming up on April 25. Categories for the annual ride are 100K, 60K, and 30K. A fun run/walk/ride 5K will be held also. Entry forms can be found at www.ballingernoonlions.org. Free T-shirts to the first 100 entrants. This event is held during our annual Ethnic Festival each year. Come and enjoy Ballinger for a day.

Proceeds benefit blindness programs worldwide. We also support the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville for diabetic and handicapped children also know worldwide, eyeglass recycling which is done here in Texas and many other projects. We thank you for your past support and hope to see you again this year.

## Woman claims late stepfather's unearthed Purple Heart

DONNA BRYSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER (AP) — A Purple Heart unearthed in a Denver backyard will soon be back with the family of the man who earned it, and his stepdaughter said the story of its loss and return brings back memories of the only father she ever knew.

After trying unsuccessfully to find relatives, Purple Hearts Reunited held a ceremony Sunday at the Denver grave of Korean War veteran Richmond L.

Litman. Leatra Plick told The Associated Press on Monday that a neighbor watching a news report about the ceremony called to alert her. Plick called the organization founded in 2012 to unite lost military medals with veterans or their families, and started looking through her late mother's cedar chest for photographs and documents. She was able to provide Purple Hearts United with Litman's discharge papers.

A decade ago, the dog

belonging to Steve Jankousky and his partner, Tom Unterwagner, dug up the medal behind the house they bought in 1994. They were unable to locate Litman or his relatives. Years later, they contacted the group.

Plick said she called Litman "Daddy" and her two older brothers, Gregory Jones and David Jones, called him "Little Dad" — he was short but strongly built. Their mother divorced their biological father shortly before Plick, the youngest, was born and soon after that married Litman, her husband of 34 years.

"He raised us all," Plick said.

Plick's own daughter, Shonta Trotman, spent much of her childhood in her grandparents' home after her mother's divorce.

"She's very excited" about the Purple Heart's return, Plick said. "He was her papa."

Plick remembered her father as a hard-working, devoted family man and sharp dresser who held civil service jobs in Texas and Colorado after serving in Korea. He told his stepchildren war stories, but Plick said she was too young then to pay much attention.

Litman was born in San

Angelo, Texas, in 1926 and was wounded in action in South Korea in 1950, earning his Purple Heart. He moved his family in the 1950s from Texas to Denver, where he died in 1990. He and his wife, Ida, who died in 1995, are buried at Denver's Fort Logan National Cemetery.

After his wife died, Plick and her brothers, who all still live in Denver, sold the home in which they were raised, not far from the home where the medal was found. Plick said she had no idea how the medal ended up buried down the street. She always assumed one of her brothers had the Purple Heart, and they each likely assumed one of their siblings had it, she said.

Now, "I'll probably keep it, since I'm the baby," Plick said, adding it would have a place "somewhere safe in the house."

Zachariah Fike, a Vermont National Guardsman who founded Purple Hearts Reunited, came to Denver for Sunday's graveside ceremony and flew home with the medal early Monday before he could make arrangements to return it to Plick. He said he would be back in Denver next Sunday for a handover ceremony.

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## Homeschooling forum offered

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Runnels County residents who are interested in the topic of homeschooling will have the opportunity to receive all the information they need in an upcoming informative meeting being held in the area.

"Homeschooling is exactly what it sounds like - school at home - but it's much more than that," said event contact Christina Davis in a flyer sent by email. "Homeschooling is organic. It's stepping out of the traditional, classroom box of 30 children all learning at the same rate into a one-on-one, flexible, home individually paced education tailored to a child's learning style."

According to the email from Davis, those who attend can expect to learn how to get started, share resources, be informed about Texas state laws for homeschooling and also receive exact information parents need to bring their kids home.

"The parents are unique and so are their children," added Davis in the email. "Homeschooling lets your child thrive in the environment that's best suited to him or her."

The Homeschool Now USA informative meeting will take place on Monday, April 6 at the Winters Housing Authority from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

For those with questions, contact Christina Davis at 325-977-0958 or by email at christinaperrie@gmail.com.

## Winters track competes in Irion County Relays

The Winters High School and Junior High School track teams competed in the Irion County Relays just before spring break and put in a good showing.

### HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

Stephon Cleghorn - 100m Dash (2nd); 200m Dash (2nd)  
Long Jump (4th); 4x200m Relay (6th)  
Troy Hernandez - 4x200m Relay (6th)  
Brandon Reyna - 4x200m Relay (6th)  
Kyler Richards - 300m Hurdles (4th)  
Jonathan Sandoval - 4x200m Relay (6th)

### HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

Carrie Davis - 4x400m Relay (6th)  
Macey Gerhart - 4x400m Relay (6th)  
Baily Knight - 400m Dash (2nd); 100m Hurdles (6th);  
4x200m Relay (6th)  
Brenna Knight - 4x400m Relay (6th)  
K'Lee Lindley - 4x400m Relay (6th)  
Cha-Cha Lovelace - 4x200m Relay (6th)  
Athena Mata - 100m Dash (6th); 200m Dash (6th); 4x200m Relay (6th)  
Miceala Ochoa - 4x200m Relay (6th)

### JUNIOR HIGH 7th Grade Girls

Mackenzie Ballard - 800m Run (5th)  
Karlee Busher - 200m Dash (1st); 4x200m relay (1st); 100m Dash (3rd); Long Jump (5th)  
Skylar Lee - Discus (4th)  
Marcelina Lopez - 300m Hurdles (6th)  
Gracie Reyes - 4x200m Relay (1st); 300m Hurdles (3rd); 100m Hurdles (5th)  
Shyann Reyna - 4x200m Relay (1st); 300m Hurdles (4th); 100m Hurdles (6th)  
Janessa Wade - 4x200m Relay (1st); 400m dash (3rd); 100m Dash (5th); Triple Jump (5th)

### 7th Grade Boys

Keagan Esquivel - 200m Dash (3rd); 400m Dash (3rd); 4x400m Relay (6th)  
McGuire Hooper - 4x400m Relay (6th)  
Sema'Jae Jackson - 110 Hurdles (2nd); 100m Dash (6th)  
Miguel Rodriguez - 400m Dash (5th); 4x400m Relay (6th)  
Ethan Sanchez - 100m Dash (4th)  
Jose Sanchez - 4x400m Relay (6th)

### 8th Grade Boys

Mikey Diaz - 4x400m Relay (5th)  
David Fernandez - 4x400m Relay (5th); Triple Jump (6th); 4x200m Relay (6th)  
Taylor Gray - 4x200m relay (6th)  
Slater Lindley - 110m Hurdles (2nd); 300m Hurdles (2nd); Pole Vault (2nd); Triple Jump (3rd); 4x400m Relay (5th)  
Omar Martinez - 4x200m Relay (6th)  
Gage McFadden - Triple Jump (5th); 4x200m Relay (6th)  
Patrick Reyes - Shot Put (2nd); 200m Dash (4th); 4x400m Relay (5th); 100m Dash (5th); Discus (5th)

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# Daughter-in-law needs message

**DEAR ABBY:** My fiance, "Jerry," has a daughter-in-law who flashes both of us intimate parts of her body. At a recent gathering, she went down to the floor 2 feet away from where Jerry was sitting and gave us both a full view up her dress. Abby, she did it deliberately!

I thought the time one of her breasts popped out of her blouse was a "wardrobe malfunction." I no longer feel that way.

Jerry is a pushover. He doesn't say anything; he just runs away from it. I'm afraid things will only get worse. She must be trying to run me off. I can't think of any other reason for her behavior.

We have decided to not go on vacation with them this year because of this. Jerry is doing what he can for us to avoid being around her, but he has his 1-year-old granddaughter he adores to consider. What do you think is going on? -- COVERING MY EYES IN TEXAS

**DEAR COVERING:** I think the daughter-in-law either has no sense of modesty or she's an exhibitionist who enjoys shocking people. Because it bothers you and embarrasses your fiance, he should tell his son and explain how it makes the both of you feel. If the son delivers the message to his wife, it shouldn't cause a family rift.

**DEAR ABBY:** A few years ago, I broke up with a guy who was emotionally and sexually abusive. We had been seeing each other for eight months. We weren't living together, but I still was scared to break up with him because of what he might do to me. He would often call me bad names if I disagreed with what he wanted to do, and have angry outbursts during which he would throw things.

I have looked up how to safely exit an abusive relationship, but everything I find deals with what to do if

you are living with the abuser. They don't teach us in high school how to safely drop an abuser; they just tell us to drop him. How do you safely break up with an abuser when moving to the other side of the country is impractical? -- RECOVERING IN THE USA

**DEAR RECOVERING:** Here is what I recommend: If you have mutual friends, tell them why you ended the relationship with him. In addition, stop going places where you know he hangs out.

If he continues to call you, tell him to stop and hang up. Then screen your calls. If he emails, delete his messages without looking at them. However, if he follows or continues to pursue you, make a police report.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## CAFETERIA MENU Subject to Change\*

### March 30 - April 3 Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

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

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

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

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

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

### Winters ISD Lunch Menu

**Monday**  
Chef Salad or Turkey/Sliced Bread or Grilled Cheese, Mashed Potatoes, Italian Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Pineapple, Choice of Milk.

**Tuesday**  
Chef Salad or Pizza/Graham Cracker or Steak Fingers w/Breadstick, Broccoli w/Cheese, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

**Wednesday**  
Chef Salad or Nachos or Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Choice of Milk.

**Thursday**  
Chef Salad or BBQ Rib/Bun or Chicken Nugget/Graham Cracker (Elem., JH) (HS) Breadstick, Baked Beans, Pease & Carrots, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Applesauce, Choice of Milk.

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### Across

- 1 Wall painting
- 6 Brimming
- 11 To's opposite
- 14 Video game pioneer
- 15 One-named Italian model
- 16 Alley-\_\_\_ (court play)
- 17 Quality-check broadcast
- 19 Adventurer's aversion
- 20 Viper type
- 21 Harte of fiction
- 22 More than fubsy
- 24 Beast's hideout
- 25 Took Carnival
- 27 "Brrr!"
- 30 Christie detective
- 31 Biblical prophet
- 32 Feudal folks
- 33 Anti-stick spray
- 36 Fed lines to
- 37 Parade figure, informally, hidden in each of the long answers
- 38 Birthday order
- 39 The classifieds
- 40 Opening pitch
- 41 Knock across, as a run
- 42 Wrecks (a car)
- 44 Hindu deity
- 45 Utmost
- 47 It may need air
- 48 Scarlett of "Gone With the Wind"
- 49 \_\_\_ up (lay off the fastballs)
- 50 Light start?
- 53 However
- 54 2008 Brad-Thor bestseller, with "The"
- 59 Semicircle path
- 59 "Macbeth" title
- 60 Aquaria
- 61 "Well, la-di-\_\_\_!"
- 62 Cartoon Viking
- 63 All atwitter

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### Down

- 1 \_\_\_ Hari (spy)
- 2 Members of the Shoshonean people
- 3 Rough file
- 4 MOMA display
- 5 Relief for chaps
- 6 On the tail of
- 7 Light bulb unit
- 8 \$5 bill, in slang
- 9 General, to a colonel
- 10 Order of the British Empire and others
- 11 Way through the woods
- 12 Fire up
- 13 Elected (to)
- 18 In a drought
- 23 Life cut short?
- 24 Deafening
- 25 Word with reef or snake
- 26 Narrow fissure
- 27 Peruvian ancestor
- 28 Tenyson poem
- 29 Jersey decoration
- 30 Le Pew and Le Moko
- 32 Scaler's steps
- 34 Alike
- 35 Hash house handout
- 37 Canned meat name
- 38 Argument
- 40 Type of bomber
- 41 Church hat
- 43 Legendary iceman
- 44 Passport permit
- 45 Not \_\_\_ (fair)
- 46 Capt. Kirk bridgmate
- 47 Come to the point
- 49 Lab burner
- 50 Salon job
- 51 "Iron Chef" props
- 52 "\_\_\_ Bitsy Spider," children's song
- 55 "I got you!"
- 56 Give a little, in a way
- 57 Headed for the hills

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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## Weather Whys

**Q:** So far this spring, it seems like everyone's allergies are a big problem. Is the weather contributing to this?

**A:** Very much so, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Springtime in Texas means allergy season is here, but that is especially the case this year. "Pollen counts have been very high, higher than usual," he notes. "The high amounts of winter rain have allowed flowers and trees to develop large amounts of pollen, and this has been enhanced by the fact that much of Texas was coming out of a severe drought. The much wetter than normal weather has been a boom for all kinds of flowers and plants, and this means an explosion in the pollen count. As a result, many people - even pets - are suffering right now."

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### Foreign persons must report U.S. agricultural land holdings

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

(WINTERS, Texas) -March 23, 2015-- The Executive Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Runnels County, Byron Bauerlein, reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

"Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, including leaseholds of 10 years or more, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the trans-

action," said Bauerlein.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

"Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land," said Bauerlein.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are

required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as the owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Runnels County FSA office at 325-365-5757 or visit the USDA website at <http://www.usda.gov>.

### The San Angelo Area Foundation announces San Angelo Gives

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO — The San Angelo Area Foundation announces San Angelo Gives, a day of local giving. Set to launch at midnight on May 5, 2015, this event will strengthen the foundation of our community through a 24-hour online fundraising effort that will provide critical funding for and celebrate the work of our community partners across the Concho Valley. On May 5, 2015, San Angelo Gives is aiming to raise more than a half-million dollars with help from supporters across the Concho Valley by uniting our community around causes that matter. This event gives every person, every company, and every nonprofit the opportunity to join in the collective fight to improve the long-term outlook of our area.

The San Angelo Area Foundation is partnering with local nonprofits, connecting donors to high-impact organizations that enrich our local culture and solve the most critical community challenges. "We truly believe that every donation, no matter how large or small,

makes a difference in our area," said Matt Lewis, President & CEO of the San Angelo Area Foundation. "San Angelo Gives is a way to support nonprofit organizations who work tirelessly and selflessly to keep communities across the Concho Valley vital and strong."

Donations made through the San Angelo Gives website ([www.sanangelogives.org](http://www.sanangelogives.org)) will be amplified by more than \$100 thousand dollars already raised by the San Angelo Area Foundation, increasing each gift made on May 5th. Nonprofits will be eligible to win cash prizes throughout the day making San Angelo Gives a fun and exciting way to raise money in our community. The San Angelo Area Foundation is encouraging everyone in the community to be a philanthropist by giving to their favorite charities on May 5th and be part of the largest day of giving in the San Angelo area.

Nonprofit organizations who wish to participate in San Angelo Gives must complete an online profile at [www.sanangelogives.org](http://www.sanangelogives.org) by April 1, 2015.

### On the Level

by Charles Frerich

#### What If?

These two words can open a world of thought provoking conversation. What if, followed by pronouns like I, you, and we, can solve problems, discover solutions, and resolve conflicts by opening up discussions and thought processes. One's mind can get bogged by the many directions you can take.

What if we as a population ignored the warning signs of wide scale destruction of our natural resources, could we survive as a planet. But what if you or me on our small scale, realize what needs to be done and begin to do the things on our own land to conserve our resources. Whether its farms, ranches or homes in the city. Compared to the world we are a very small part of the big picture but without our individual conservation the natural resources will continue to be depleted. What if I, as a landowner, insured that my own

situations did what was necessary to keep the soil in place or water on the land, would my neighbors take notice?

What if I as a citizen of this community did what I could to make things better for those around me? What if I took the time to vote in the elections, will I really make a difference? You have to believe you did because patriots have died for us to have this privilege. What if we did not have men and women willing to risk their lives to keep us safe? Just listen to the news and hear of the unrest happening in other parts of the world. What if these radical extremist's begin their onslaught to our country, how much things will change for us. Our relative easy way of life will be disrupted. But what if you and I take an active part in doing what we can to support our troops, police officers and firemen.

What if I became a better Christian, prayed more, gave more and helped

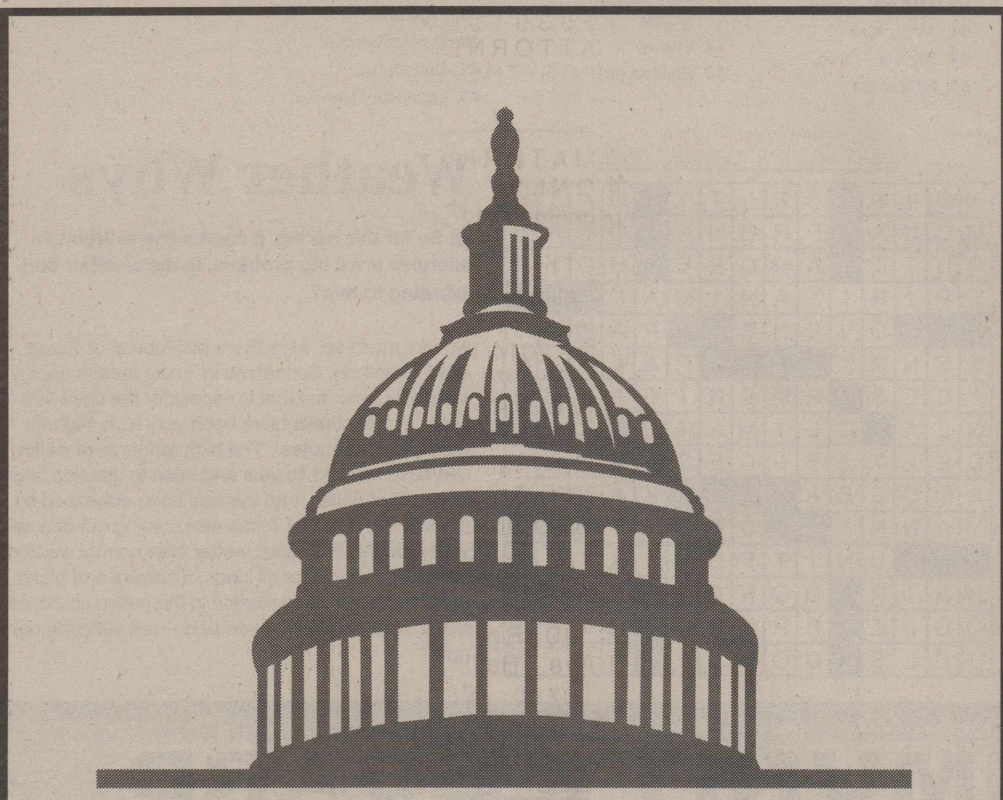
more. What if you did the same? Could you and I make a difference? On a small scale, yes! But others can benefit from what we do and just maybe it will inspire them to do more. We should be open to the needs of others and be willing to give a part of yourself to make a difference.

What if I smiled more? Would people think you were just happy, guilty or, had gas. A smile is a whole lot more fun to look at and keep on your face than a scowl. I have an uncle whose nickname is "Smiley". What an awesome thing to know for. He was a delivery person and all his clients called him this. I have always been very impressed by this and I would hope that people will remember me as a positive person.

When I farmed full time and my kids were in school there were times when I skipped their school functions and worked on Sundays because there was just so much that needed to get done. What if I had parked the tractor and went to be there with them? The work was always there but the kids graduated and the opportunities to share activities with them were gone. Now I can look back and see that the "What if" question is, what if I had been there to see the interception, to see the dance, to see the play? My point is, make sure there are few regrettable what if moments in your life.

What if there were no what if's in the world. All of life was perfect. Every need was taken care of. If that were the case, would life really be good? We are given the gift to make choices. What we do or what we choose are what makes the "what if's" so important in our life.

So what if I end this article with "What if", what will you end you're "what if" with. Until next time see you "On the Level". You can contact me at the Natural Resources Conservation Service or contact me at [charles.frerich@tx.usda.gov](mailto:charles.frerich@tx.usda.gov). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



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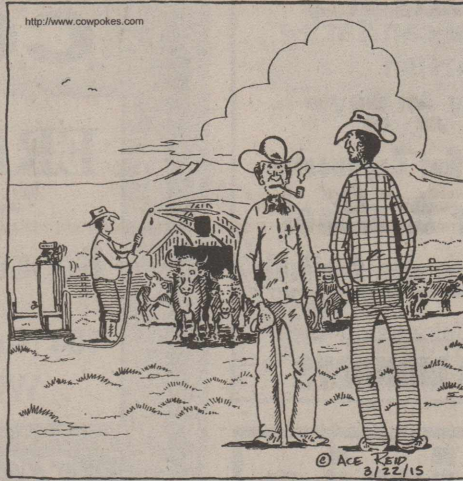
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## Discover unexpected ways to drink more water

(BPT) - A whopping 96 percent of Americans believe that they should be drinking more water, according to a International Bottled Water Association survey. Celebrity health and wellness coach Kathy Kaehler agrees, because she encounters hydration issues all the time with her clients.

"I've heard so many excuses about why people don't drink enough water," Kaehler says. "Yet hydration is so important for managing calorie intake, keeping skin bright and clear, and maintaining overall health and wellness goals."

Luckily, increasing your water intake is not as difficult as you may think. Here are a few of Kaehler's easy and unexpected ways to drink more water:

Bubbles make water exciting. A sparkling water maker transforms ordinary water into sparkling water in seconds, making it more fun to drink and helping to boost water intake. An anecdotal study Kaehler conducted revealed that consumers increased their water consumption by 46 percent when they had a SodaStream Sparkling Water Maker in their home. Reinforcing this result, a recent survey by Toluna Research showed that those with a sparkling water maker

at home consume 43 percent more water (three more glasses of water and water-based drinks per day), as well as 54 percent less sugary soda, than those without one.

Spruce it up. Add some flavor to your flat or sparkling water with fresh fruit or veggies, like lemon, cucumber or berries. Kaehler loves adding grapefruit juice and fresh grapefruit to her sparkling water for a delicious, water-based beverage with an added boost of Vitamin C.

Balance out your happy hour. If you enjoy drinks after work, be smart about it. Swap every other drink for a glass of flat or carbonated water to keep hydration levels up.

Accomplish the task with tech. There are plenty of apps available that track health and fitness goals - from steps trackers to sleep monitors. Hydration apps can help remind you to consume water throughout the day and track your consumption. Not up for an app? Set an hourly alarm on your phone as a reminder to refill.

Drinking water shouldn't be a chore. With these easy-to-apply tips, you will guzzle more H<sub>2</sub>O, enjoy doing so, and reap water's many benefits for a healthier, more hydrated you.

## Artists to display work through Friday

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

The Mid-West Texas Artist Guild is continuing its 15 year celebration by continuing to feature a different member's art work each month.

This month's featured artist is Phyllis Poe, a Bronte, Texas resident, whose paintings will be at the 1st National Bank from March 17-27.

Poe's artwork consists of works done in oil paints and also pastel chalks.

Painting is a hobby and is done for fun and is something that she enjoys very much.

The Mid-West Texas Artist Guild invites the public to come and view each artists work.



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED  
Phyllis Poe, of Bronte, is the Mid-West Texas Artist guild featured artist of the month. Poe's paintings will be displayed at the 1st National Bank through Friday.

## Former Gov. Perry ignores questions about Cruz

HOUSTON (AP) — A day after Sen. Ted Cruz announced he's seeking the Republican presidential nomination, former Gov. Rick Perry on Tuesday refused any discussion of how his fellow Texan's move affects his own anticipated White House run.

Perry spoke at a Bloomberg-sponsored breakfast in Houston where he was asked about broad topics, including some politics. But Cruz's name never surfaced, and he ignored questions from reporters afterward about his potential GOP rival.

Perry, who left office in January after a record-long 14 years as

Texas governor, ran unsuccessfully for president in 2012 but is expected to announce a 2016 bid in May or June.

"I think elections are interesting processes," he said during the more formal part of the program where he was asked about a possible Jeb Bush-Hillary Clinton 2016 matchup.

"Key at this particular juncture is the familiarity with the names," he said. "Having a name that's been a president of the United States and being kin to that name is probably a good thing."

He said he trusted Americans

would be engaged and pay attention to the process, look at candidates' records and policies and make a choice that's based on a candidate's vision and experience and not so much on name or gender.

He also reminded the audience that at this point in 2007, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani was the presidential favorite and top money raiser.

Asked for his opinion of the best president since Ronald Reagan, Perry said George W. Bush, his predecessor as Texas governor, should get credit for keeping Americans safe.



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED  
Representatives from area cities, including Ballinger, Winters and Coleman, attend 'Texas Midwest Day at the Capitol' February 3 in Austin.

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