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Briefly

Eight file in Republican Primary

Several Runnels County candidates have filed for election in primary slated March 1, 2016, for a place on the Republican ballot in the general elections to be held in November of 2016 according to Runnels County Republican Party Chair Charles Hensley. Incumbent Wayne Poehls has filed for Precinct 1 constable and incumbent Archie Jobe has filed for Precinct 2 constable. Incumbent Robert Moore has filed for Precinct 1 commissioner. Incumbent Sam Scott has filed for commissioner Precinct 3 and has been challenged by Roy Mints. Deputy Carl Squyers has filed to run for sheriff, currently held by Sheriff Bill Baird. Incumbent Robin Burgess has filed for tax assessor collector and incumbent Kenneth Slimp has filed for county attorney.

The deadline to file for the primary is 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14. Those wishing to make arrangements to file in the Republican primary, may contact Hensley at 325-365-8262. For more information on filing in the Democratic primary, contact County Clerk Julia Miller at 325-365-2720.

RCSO Toy Drive

The Runnels County Sheriff's Office will be taking names of children to be recipients from the annual Toy Drive through Dec. 22. The names of children and their parents are required to be eligible to receive the toys and other items. Donations of new toys, clothes and other items may be dropped off at the Runnels County Sheriff's Office at 612 Strong Ave. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Monetary donations will also be accepted. The toys and Christmas items will be distributed on Dec. 22.

Call 325-365-2121 to submit names or for more information on the annual Christmas Toy Drive.

The last drop

Runnels County received a slight amount of rain Nov. 31, but no precipitation has been tallied since, according to the National Weather Service in San Angelo.

Ballinger received .29 inches of rain while San Angelo received .52 inches and Wingate received .19 inches of rain.

High temperatures are expected to reach the upper 70s today and the low 80s Friday bringing unseasonably warm weather to the area.

Then a cold front is expected to move through Saturday bringing a 20 percent chance of rainfall. The front will move out Sunday morning, but will leave behind cooler temperatures with the high Sunday reaching the mid 50s and lows dipping in to the 30s.

Dry weather will be the norm for the remainder of the week, forecasters say. Winter weather returns, with low temperatures expected to be in the 30s and 40s and high temperatures reaching 60 degrees.

Winters Area Foundation releases new guidelines

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

Winters ISD transferred four scholarship funds to the Winters Area Foundation for administration and investing this past year. In agreement with the families of the honorees, the Floy Hood Hodge Scholarship, Pearl Jackson Scholarship, Eula Mae

Kruse Scholarship, and Don Kvapil Scholarship were invested in endowed funds through the Community Foundation of Abilene, which manages the Winters Area Foundation assets. Recently, the Winters Area Red Raiders set up funds to provide two \$1,000 scholarships each year to WHS gradu-

ates who will be attending Texas Tech University. These funds bring the total scholarship investments with the Winters Area Foundation to over \$92,000.

The Winters Area Foundation set a goal of providing significant scholarships to Winters High School seniors and

graduates to encourage the pursuit of advanced programs. These scholarships shall be provided in an adequate and sustainable manner.

Winters Area Foundation will establish three types of future scholarships. One-time scholarships can be memorial, honorary or special purpose (specific

college, etc.) and need to be an aggregate amount of at least \$1,000 to be named for an honoree. If less than \$1,000 is received, the donation will be acknowledged to the family and donor, but will not be a named scholarship.

Limited-Term Scholarships are for donations of an aggregate amount of \$10,000 or more in memory or in honor of someone or for a specific purpose and may be set up for up to 10 years. The funds will be invested for growth, but will not

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PHOTOS COURTESY JOE GERHART
Above: The Snow Queen was crowned following the annual Christmas Parade in Winters Saturday, Dec. 5. Pictured from left to right are second runner up MacKenzie Ballard, Snow Queen 2015-16 Brooklyn Gallaway and first runner up Grace Bryan. **Right:** The Snow Princes was crowned following the Christmas Parade Dec. 5 in Winters. Pictured from left to right are first runner up Shelby Jo Martinez, Princess Querstin Lara and second runner up Ashlyn Richards.

Winters Wonderland royalty crowned

STAFF REPORT

The Winters Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Christmas Parade in downtown Winters on December 5. This year's theme, "A Country Christmas" was brought to life by the various antique tractors and classic cars, beautiful horses and buggies, and a motorcycle brigade. The Master of Ceremonies, newly-elected Mayor Lisa Yates, opened

the parade, followed by beautiful and uniquely decorated floats occupied by various organizations from the community and the Snow Queen contestants.

Santa Claus in his sleigh concluded the festivities to the music of the Winters High School Marching Band.

The 2015-2016 Sno-Queens were crowned at the Rock Hotel following the parade.



Commissioners approve Historical Marker Program

STAFF REPORT

The Runnels County Commissioners Court approved a County Historical Marker Program as proposed by the Runnels County Historical Commission at the Commissioners' Meeting on Tuesday, November 10. Randall Conner, vice-chair made the presentation with other appointees, Beverly Teplicek, Diana Rozmen and Roy Rice also attending the meeting.

The Texas Historical Commission has sponsored a Texas Historical Marker Program since 1962 and the State of Texas has marked state historical sites since 1856. Runnels County currently has 45 Texas Historical Markers and 14 Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks.

The Runnels County Historical Commission is awaiting final approval for a Texas Historical Marker for the Town of Rowena.

In 2016, only 160 Texas markers will be approved by the Texas Historical Commission due to funding cuts and staff limitations. That results in less than one per county per year. The Runnels County Historical Commission requested that the Commissioners allow the Historical Commission to establish the Runnels County Historical Marker Program to supplement the markers which are being approved by the state. The program will be initiated January 1, 2016 and the markers will resemble the state markers with a Runnels County Seal

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FILE PHOTO

The Runnels County Historical Commission has worked tirelessly to preserve the history of county. Here they are shown unveiling historical marker for Winters Historic Park in Winters on its 125th anniversary in March. Shown in the picture are Betty John Byrns and her daughter Brenda Byrns Bahman, residents of Winters who are descendants of some of the first settlers there.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Paul Alexander Stoecker

Paul Alexander Stoecker, 83, of Winters died Nov. 30, 2015. He was born Feb. 20, 1932 to Carroll and Mamie Stoecker in Winters, Texas and grew up there. He was in the National Guard and served in the United States Army. He married Antoinette Mattiuzzo on Dec. 4, 1954 in Lockport, New York. They were married for 19 years and had 4 children. He later married Jo Karr on July 2, 1977 in Abilene, Texas. He worked for Merchants Fast Motor Lines for 37 years retiring in 1995. He then was a stock farmer. He loved football, to fish, hunt and tend to his cows better known as his pets. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and was a longtime choir member.

He is survived by his wife: Jo Stoecker of Winters. 6 children: Sharon Ellis and husband John of Dublin, Michael Stoecker of Abilene, Tom Stoecker and Kelly Melton of Winters, Mike Karr and Wife Cindy of Abilene, Marty Karr and wife Patty of Port Aransas and Suzanne Karr of Abilene. 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren plus 1 on the way. He was preceded in death by 1 daughter: Linda Gail.

The family received friends at 5:00 P.M. Thursday Dec. 3, 2015 at Winters Funeral Home.

Services were 2:00 P.M. Friday, Dec. 4, 2015 at St. John's Lutheran Church. Burial followed in the Lutheran cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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

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Obama should support ending the oil export ban

BY DREW JOHNSON

After the House of Representatives' recent vote to lift a 40-year-old ban on exporting domestically drilled oil, Obama promised a veto. He claimed that "Congress should be focusing its efforts on supporting our transition to a low-carbon economy."

The president's veto threat is clearly designed to please environmental extremists who oppose energy production. But allowing the United States to sell oil to foreign markets would have a negligible environmental impact. Meanwhile, retaining the ban denies our economy the chance to grow.

Instead of bowing to the demands of a few green radicals, President Obama should do what's in the best interest of the nation: support lifting the oil export ban.

The ban has its origins in the oil crises of the 1970s. In 1975, following the Arab Oil Embargo, President Gerald Ford signed the Environmental Policy and Conservation Act. The law was designed to ensure a stable oil supply and banned the export of unrefined domestic oil.

Banning exports in the 70s didn't make sense -- economics 101 should have been enough to convince lawmakers that it was a terrible idea. It's an even worse idea now.

America has become an energy giant. New technologies such as hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling have boosted domestic production, long believed to be in terminal decline. In fact, the United States has passed Saudi Arabia as the world's top oil producer.

The rapid expansion of domestic oil supplies has dramatically driven down prices. Crude oil in the United States is now about 10 percent below the global average. This means less revenue for every barrel sold, leading some domestic producers to cap wells that would otherwise be profitable.

Lifting the oil export ban would deliver huge benefits. A repeal would boost domestic oil production by 1.2 million barrels per day and create about 400,000 new jobs per year between now and 2030 -- with a peak of 1,000,000 new jobs in 2018. Gas prices would

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Christine Faye (Bryan) Barker

Christine Faye (Bryan) Barker was born on the farm near Norton, Sept. 5, 1923.

She passed away early Friday morning Dec. 4, 2015. She was the daughter of O.F. and Edith Devore Bryan. Christine attended schools in Norton, Wingate, and Bradshaw before her marriage on March 31, 1939 to Ernest M. Barker.

The young couple soon traveled to California to find work. Christine worked in numerous jobs during her life, lastly with Western Electric, from which she retired after 30 years of service. Christine was a loving daughter, wife, sister, aunt and friend. She and Ernest hosted many service men that were located in the Alameda, Calif. area, and from this, many lasting friendships developed. The focus of their marriage was serving Christ and bringing as many as possible to Him. Christine had fond memories of the year she and Ernest spent on Saipan helping rebuild the area after World War II. Her nieces and nephews thought she made the best macaroni and cheese of anyone. It was a staple at all family dinners. Christine was a member of the North Fifth and Grape St. Church of Christ in Abilene.

She is survived by her brother, Joe Bryan and wife Glenda of Winters; sister-in-law, Doris Armstrong and husband Don; brother-in-law Albert Barker and wife Margie, all of Modesto, Calif.; nephew, Douglas Bryan and wife Debbie of Winters; nieces, Rebecca Airhart and husband Paul of Winters, Lisa Blake and husband Charles of Norco, Calif., Cindy Stuart and husband Russ of Clinton, Ill.,



Connie Bozarth and husband Tim of San Angelo, Cathy DiMaria and husband Tony of Anchorage, AK; 14 great-nieces and nephews, all who thought she was the fun aunt to visit. She always had ice cream and Hershey's chocolate syrup to go with it and fun stuff to watch on TV.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Barker; her parents, Edith and O.F. Bryan; one son, Michael Barker at birth; three brothers, Allen Eugene

Bryan in Anchorage AK, Floyd Wayne and Travis Fred, in infancy; nephew, Mark Allen Bryan and niece, Sheila Rene Bryan.

Services were held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015 at the 9th Street Church of Christ in Ballinger. Burial followed at Wilmeth Cemetery

Arrangements are with Lange Funeral Home of Ballinger. Guests may register online at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

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Rosalie Helen Ernst Simpson

Rosalie Helen Ernst Simpson went to her heavenly home on Nov. 9, 2015 at age 95. At the time of her death she was a resident of the Sterling County Nursing Home in Sterling City. Rosalie was born at Winters, Texas March 16, 1920, and was also confirmed at St. John's. Rosalie was married to Robert Charles (Bobby) Simpson on Dec. 15, 1938, at St. John's. She was active in church activities, taking food for dinners, participating in Ladies Aid, and later in life visiting shut-ins within the congregation.

Rosalie is survived by her four children: Charles Simpson and wife Lynann of Stephenville, Texas, Donald Simpson and wife Ann of Spring, Texas, Helen Henrichs and husband Larry of McGregor, Texas and Karen Musick and husband Wes of Sterling City, Texas. Rosalie is also survived nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and two step great-grandchildren. Survivors also include numerous nieces; nephews, two sisters-in-law and many friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and two sisters, Lorena Gerhart Anthony and Leona Jacob and their husbands.

During World War II Rosalie and her son Charles lived with her parents while Bobby served in the Navy in the Philippines. After the war she and Bobby moved to Wilmeth. In 1957 they moved to the Smith Ranch on the Colorado River South of Norton, but they moved back



to Wilmeth in 1959. After Bobby's death in 1971, Rosalie continued to farm and raise cattle on the home-place. At age 62 her son taught her how to drive a tractor, and she did most of the summer plowing in a wheat farming operation until 1992. Rosalie was active in a Wilmeth community ladies club for many years. She always had a nice garden and flower beds; her iris bed is still a thing of beauty each spring but her pride and joy were those grand and great-grandchildren. She was an excellent cook and made the best chocolate chip cookies.

Funeral service will be 10:30 A.M. Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015 at St. John's Lutheran Church. Burial will follow in the Lutheran Cemetery.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Hot Tamale!

Get ready for some tamales Saturday at the Rock Hotel when Abilene DJ Rudy Fernandez and friends will be judging the Tamale Contest, which will be followed by a tamale dinner. Judging starts at 5 p.m. and dinner follows at 5:30 p.m. Contestants will be donating tamales for judging and for dinner. Plus, they will have extra for sale, so visitors can stock up for the holidays.

Children's Christmas at the library

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

Christmas Concert at FBC

The First Baptist Church of Winters is hosting a Christmas concert with Erica Lane at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the church. The concert is free and open to the public. There is no cost for this event, but a love offering will be taken for Erica Lane's ministry. For more information call 325-977-4077.

"Oil About Ranching" book signing

The recently published book, "Oil About Ranching" will be available for purchase at the Rock Hotel fundraiser Saturday. Author, Dennis McBeth will be available to sign books. Five dollars from the sale of each book will be donated to the Rock Hotel fund. The book is comprised of two years of columns that Dennis

has written for the Livestock Weekly which is published in San Angelo and distributed nationally. "Oil About Ranching" is also available at Amazon.com.

Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit meeting

The Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit will hold their monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Monday. The meeting will be held at the Gus Pruser Agriculture Exhibit at 219 W. Dale in Winters. During the meeting, the members will view the wall and get acquainted. For additional information contact John Long at 325-754-5389 or zihalemuseum@wtxs.net.

City Council meetings

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

AA meets in Winters

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

Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group

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

Sobriety First AA Group

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

Alanon meetings

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

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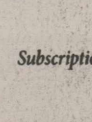
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Maurine Davis

The family of Maurine Davis would like to

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the community of Winters for their continued love and support of Maurine and her family through the years.

A joyous celebration of Maurine's life was held on November 19th, 2015 at Winters First United Methodist Church. The community and fellowship of the church was the cornerstone of her life and she enjoyed being with her church family.

In her later years, Wisteria Place was where she called home and appreciated the care and love she received there. She looked forward to all the visitors she had over the years.

TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE

Gonzalez - the first Hispanic from Texas elected to Congress

Henry B. Gonzalez had a long and controversial career as a Texas politician. He was the first Hispanic elected to Congress from Texas and was never afraid to speak his mind on the issues.

Gonzalez was born to immigrant parents in San Antonio in 1916. His parents arrived in Texas, fleeing the violence of the Mexican Revolution. His father rose to become an editor of a local Spanish-language newspaper and started a successful translation service.

Gonzalez graduated from San Antonio Junior College in 1937 and briefly attended the University of Texas. However, he completed his bachelors degree at St. Mary's University in Austin where he also earned a law degree by 1943.

After graduation, he briefly worked as a probation officer, quickly rising to lead the Bexar County office. He also worked as a teacher for a short period. In 1952, he was elected to the San Antonio city council.

He soon aimed for higher office. In 1956, he was elected to the state senate. While a state senator, he became an outspoken defender of civil rights

as he filibustered a bill that would have allowed the state to close schools that faced any disturbances related to racial integration and defeated other bills attempting to enforce segregation. In 1958, Gonzalez ran for governor, losing the primary but winning re-election

to the state senate in 1960. In 1961, after Lyndon B. Johnson became vice-president, Gonzalez ran for his open U.S. Senate seat. In a field of fifty candidates, he placed sixth statewide with 9% of the vote, carrying Bexar County.

Later that year, San Antonio's long-time congressman, Paul Kilday, resigned in order to take a position on the Court of Military Appeals. Gonzalez quickly jumped into the race to fill the remainder of the term. In a hard-fought race, Gonzalez prevailed with 55% of the vote.

He went to work immediately. On the same day he was sworn into office, he filed a bill banning the poll tax,

through which many states required citizens to pay to exercise their right to vote. The poll tax was banned by the Twenty-Fourth Amendment, which was ratified in 1964.

One of his most well-publicized actions was his service as chairman of the Select Committee on Assassination in 1977. This committee was pushed by Gonzalez in 1976 to study the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Behind the scenes, the committee quickly erupted into acrimony over disputes stemming from investigative techniques, committee procedures, and even the budget. Gonzalez resigned from the committee within a few months, while the committee ultimately concluded that no conspiracy was apparent with the murders.

His harsh criticisms of political opponents did not win him many allies at the Capitol, but he eventually became the chairman of the House Banking,

Finance, and Urban Affairs Committee in 1989. Here, he advocated banking reforms to make it easier for the working poor to afford their own homes. He criticized deregulation attempts that resulted in the collapse of the savings and loan industry in the late

1980s which ultimately cost taxpayers more than \$1 trillion. He chaired the committee until 1994.

In 1998, as his health failed, he announced his retirement. His son, Charlie Gonzalez, won the race to succeed him. He died on November 8, 2000, but has since been widely honored for his service to Texas and the nation as the convention center in San Antonio was named for him in addition to three different schools across the state.

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



Dr. Ken Bridges

One of his most well-publicized actions was his service as chairman of the Select Committee on Assassination in 1977.

Winters honor roll second six weeks

Winters Elementary

First Grade "A"

Nehemiah Alvarado
Talina Castillo
Araceli Costa
Ariah Fenwick
Cora Leigh Hatter
Joshua Powers
Martin Reyna

"A-B"

Marley Cook
Zayda De La Cruz
Chloe Edwards
Colton Kraatz
Katara Pena
Joseph Scott
Vivian Smith
Giselle Soto
Galihja Stambaugh

Second Grade "A"

Nikole Bowen
Shayla Camacho
Genesis Garcia
Montgomery Hatter
Caden Vasquez

"A-B"

Ashleigh Barnes
Corley Belew
Hannah Casey
Madyson Curry
Wayne Davis
Serenity Delacruz
Lianna Esquivel
Ebony Manley
Christopher Moreno
Mark Moreno
Morgan Mostad
Sandro Perez
Sebastian Reyna
Rico Rodriguez
Jade Romero
Angel Sanchez
Jonah Whitaker

Third Grade "A"

Addison Anderson
Sahaylee Curry
Kaelynn Hoelscher
Hunter Jackson
Guillermo Levaro
Avison Lin
Bailey Martinez
Jayleigh Underwood

"A-B"

Felicity Aguero
Adrian Beazley
Weston Beuschel
Baylie Bryant
Zachary Ceballos-Oliver
Janie Lara
Diego Rodriguez
Jaleena Romero
Raimy Walker
Braiden Williams

Fourth Grade "A"

Rylee Calcote
Payton Cortez
Justin Gomez
Winni Lin
Jesse Sanchez

"A-B"

Mikaela Aguero
Malichi Alvarado
Aidan Bryant
Malachi Burlison
Nicholas Cruz
McKenzie Curry
Payton Duggan
Ernest Escobar
Alejandro Garcia
Maelynn Gonzales
Kacie Lindley
Makayla Luz
Christopher Martinez
Ciro Martinez
Shelby Martinez
Aislynn Nalley
Olivia Nava
Hannah Powers
Carlos Reyna
Fabio Reyna
Adrian Rocha
Jazelyn Rodriguez
Ishmael Sanchez
Xavier Speir
Janel Vega
Damarious Woodruff

Fifth Grade "A"

Kaden Ballard
Jesenia Corral
Abanea Cortez
Valentina Costa
Nicholas Trevino
Tammie Zachary

"A-B"

Alexyss Bigham
Courtney Chausse
Kira Collins
Raven Collins
Alexandra Estrada
James Galvan

Zander Hadlock
Johnny Liggins
Anthony Llanas
Keleigh Ramirez
Mary Renfro
Felix Reyna
Ashlyn Richards
Shelby Santos
Charlotte Seaney
James Speir

Winters Junior High School

Sixth Grade "A"

Jon Busher
Charles Childress
James Killough

"A-B"

Christina Aragon
Chaney Bahlman
McCaelyn Beuschel
Kregg Bilbrey
Cannon Collins
Anastasia Delacruz
Rider Duggan
Emanuel Espino
Connor Garcia
Monica Garcia
Saleen Jalomo
Marcus Moreno
Dayvin Oats
Alyssara Rodriguez
Emmett Rodriguez
McKenzie Ventress
Landon Whitten
Keeley Zachary

Seventh Grade "A"

Querstin Lara
Megan Tarr
Zachary Wheat

"A-B"

Joseph Escalona
Jayden Galvan
Seth Gerhart
Christopher Gray
Cecille Hunter
Matt Jacob
Malayke Kelly
Natalie Lara
Kenneth Mason
Dayton Nava
Alexander Salas Denley
Alexia Smith
Avery Wheat

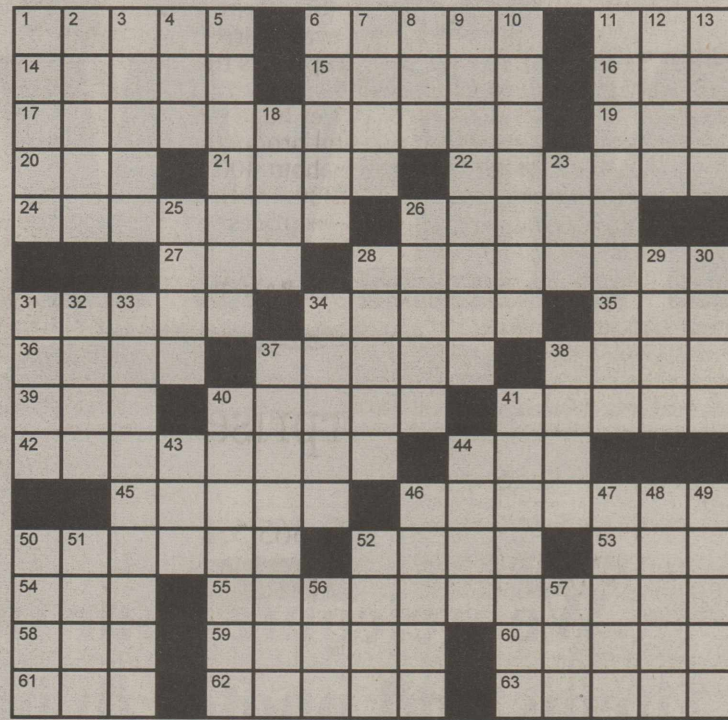
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

"The Eyes Have It"

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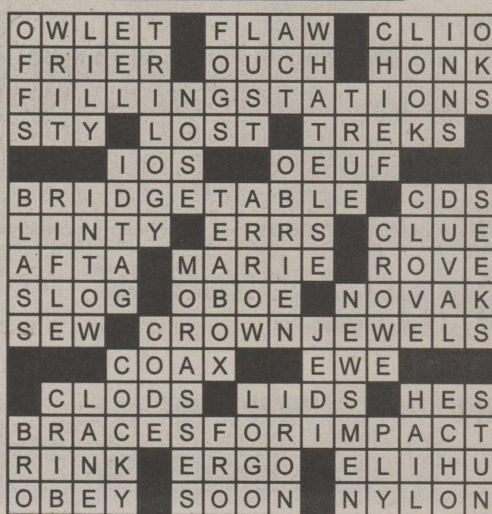
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- 20 Young fellow
- 21 Dirty coat
- 22 Writer Hemingway
- 24 Ten-gallon hat
- 26 "That tastes awful!"
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- 37 Like a well-fitting suit
- 38 Poet Angelou
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- 56 Outrage
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Q: Does the weather service still use weather balloons?

A: Yes it does, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Many of the uses of weather balloons can now be utilized by weather satellites, which orbit hundreds of miles above the Earth. "But weather balloons are still used regularly by several agencies," McRoberts reports. "In fact, there are dozens of weather balloons released every day in the United States. Weather balloons carry sensors that measure specific readings, such as temperature, humidity, wind speed and even air pollution. This information is relayed back to a sensor on the ground. There are two types of weather balloons - free-flying and tethered. The free-flying balloons often reach 90,000 feet or more into the atmosphere."

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|--|-----|----------|
| Lidsey D. Salas | 32 | Concho |
| Criminal trespass | | |
| Michael J. Luna | 24 | RCSO |
| Taylor County felony MTR – theft | | |
| Clifton R. McIntire | 30 | Coke DPS |
| Warrants – larceny | | |
| David L. Lozano | 27 | BPD |
| Possession controlled substance | | |
| Jose Damian | 33 | Coke DPS |
| DWLI | | |
| Timothy Hamilton | 45 | Concho |
| Agg assault w/ deadly weapon | | |
| Monica Y. Johnson | 20 | RCSO |
| Credit card/debit card abuse | | |
| Jordan I. Luera | 25 | BPD |
| Possession drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest or detention | | |
| Mason L. Jean | 21 | RCSO |
| MTR – Burglary | | |
| Daryl J. Jackson | 21 | BPD |
| Possession or drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana | | |
| Adrian Rios | 18 | BPD |
| Possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana | | |
| Jennifer J. Martinez | 40 | BPD |
| Possession of drug paraphernalia | | |
| Michael C. Luna | 26 | BPD |
| Possession of marijuana | | |
| Justin T. Jackson | 22 | Concho |
| FTA – possession of marijuana | | |
| Jason D. Aureate | 36 | Concho |
| Terroristic threat / Harassment | | |
| Travis D. Phillips | 51 | Coke |
| DWLI | | |

VETERAN'S CORNER



Sandra G. Van Zant

The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced that it will start a program that may permit some veterans to receive disability compensation if they fell ill from drinking contaminated water at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. The VA has provided health care expenses for veterans and their family members with 15 illnesses related to exposure to contaminated drinking water, but it has not given "presumptive status" in order to render them eligible for disability compensation. However, veterans may receive disability compensation if they have one of three illnesses; kidney cancer, angiosarcoma of the liver and acute myelogenous leukemia, and served at Camp Lejeune between 1953 and 1987. The drinking water, which has presumed to affect more than 750,000 people on the Marine Corps base, was suspected to contain volatile organic compounds such as benzene and vinyl chloride. The Marine Corps first acknowledged the problem in 1985 when they found

traces of toxins in their water, which they suspected to be the result of illegal dumping by an off-base dry cleaner. Further discussions regarding establishing "presumptive status" for those affected will begin on August 19, 2016 between the VA and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. The VA will consider all public statements accepted when determining the final scope of any presumptions. Veterans who believe they may have health problems related to contaminated water exposure at Camp Lejeune may file a claim for disability compensation online at <http://ebenefits.va.gov> or come to my office and let me help you file. 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.

-Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer

Runnels County 4-H earns multiple awards in livestock judging contest

STAFF REPORT

On Wednesday, December 2, 19 local 4-Hers represented Runnels County at the District 7 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in San Angelo. The contest consisted of eight classes. Each class had four animals of a certain species and the team members were required to rank them from best to worst, and later provide a brief set of spoken reasons to justify their rankings in certain classes. District 7 is annually one of the strongest districts in the state in this event.

The Senior Division (9th-12th grade) team members included Jett Byler, Kennedy Byler, Rusty Fischer, Shane Flanagan, Macy Lange, Macey Gerhart, and Sam Woodall. The Intermediate Division (6th-8th grade) team members were: Lane Busenlehner, Mason Cave, Cash

Drennan, Avery Flanagan, Trevor Gibbs, Allie Kalina, and Regan Smithwick. The Junior Division (3rd-5th grade) team was: Keni Jo Drennan, Ben Flanagan, Tucker Halfmann, Kytlin Peterson and Storm Skelton. Team members were from all over Runnels County including Ballinger, Winters, Miles and Rowena.

The 2nd High Team qualified for the State Livestock Judging Contest that will be held in June of 2016 in College Station at State 4-H Roundup.

"Overall, it was a very successful day for the Runnels County 4-H Livestock Judging Team, and something that these 19 individuals and all those who support them should be extremely proud of," said Runnels County Extension Agent Garrett Cline.

The Runnels County team was very competitive and brought home an

impressive set of awards including:

Junior Division
 ■ 10th High Ind. in Swine & 3rd High Ind. in Sheep & Goats – Ben Flanagan
 ■ 9th High Ind. in Sheep & Goats & 8th High Ind. Overall – Kytlin Peterson
 ■ 7th High Ind. in Sheep & Goats – Tucker Halfmann
 ■ 6th High Ind. in Sheep & Goats & 4th High Ind. Overall – Storm Skelton
 ■ 2nd High Team in Swine
 ■ 2nd High Team in Sheep & Goats
 ■ 3rd High Team Overall

Intermediate Division
 ■ 1st High Ind. in Cattle & 9th High Ind. in Reasons – Trevor Gibbs
 ■ 6th High Ind. in Sheep & Goats – Avery Flanagan
 ■ 5th High Ind. in Sheep & Goats – Regan Smithwick
 ■ 6th High Team in

Cattle
 ■ 4th High Team in Swine
 ■ 1st High Team in Sheep & Goats
 ■ 4th High Team Overall

Senior Division
 ■ 2nd High Ind. in Cattle, 7th High Ind. in Sheep & Goats & 4th High Ind. Overall – Shane Flanagan
 ■ 4th High Ind. in Swine, 10th High Ind. in Sheep & Goats & 10th High Ind. Overall – Rusty Fischer
 ■ 4th High Ind. in Sheep & Goats & 8th High Ind. Overall – Macey Gerhart
 ■ 9th High Ind. in Sheep & Goats – Macy Lange
 ■ 2nd and 5th High Team in Cattle
 ■ 2nd and 6th High Team in Hogs
 ■ 2nd and 5th High Team in Sheep & Goats
 ■ 3rd and 6th High Team in Reasons
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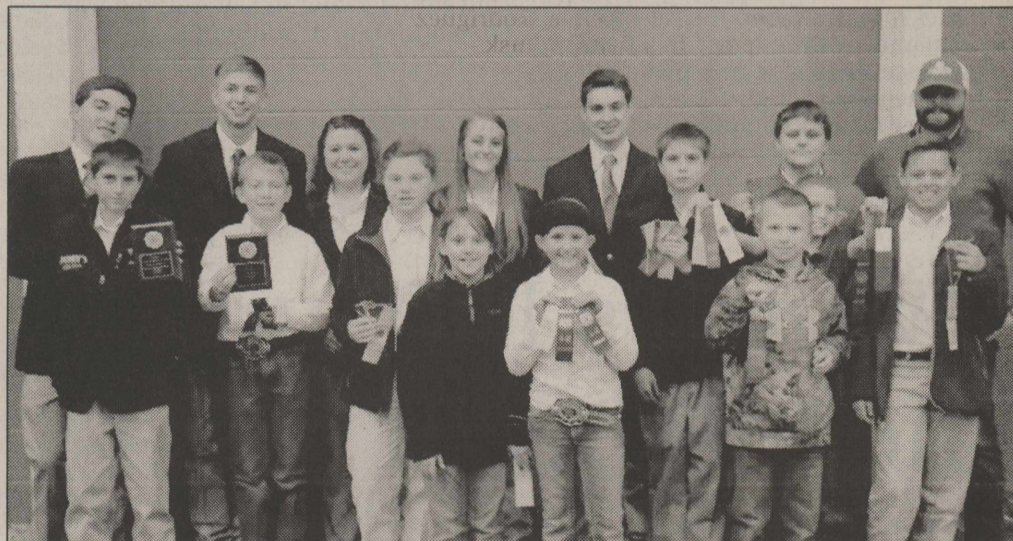
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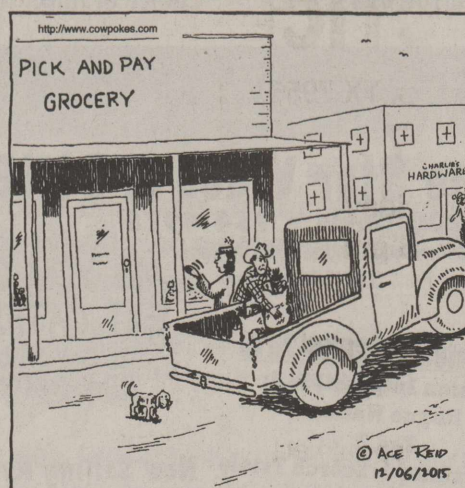


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 The Runnels County 4-H team brought home numerous awards following the District 7 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held Dec. 2 in San Angelo. Pictured in the back row from left to right are Shane Flanagan, Rusty Fischer, Macy Lange, Macey Gerhart, Sam Woodall, Cash Drennan and Runnels County Extension Agent Garrett Cline. Middle row: Jett Byler, Trevor Gibbs, Avery Flanagan, Kennedy Byler, Storm Skelton and Lane Busenlehner. In the front row from left to right are Keni Jo Drennan, Kytlin Peterson and Tucker Halfmann. Not pictured are Allie Kalina, Regan Smithwick, Ben Flanagan and Mason Cave.

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Blizzards named to All-District Team

BY CHAD MCDUFFEE
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Winters had a sizeable number of players selected to the District 6-2A All-District Team and many will return next year. The All-District Team was selected by the coaches within the district.

Winters All-District Players

- Julian Soto-1st Team Running Back, Honorable Mention Inside Linebacker
- Chris Diaz-1st team Fullback, 2nd Team Cornerback
- Xavier Villareal-1st Team Tight End, 2nd Team Defensive End
- Andrew Sanchez-1st Team Offensive Lineman, 1st Team Defensive Lineman
- Cameron Cooper-1st Team Defensive End Academic All District
- AJ Smith-1st Team Outside Linebacker, Academic All District
- Tyler Richards-1st Team Safety, 2nd Team Quarterback
- Troy Hernandez-1st Team Utility Player
- Alonso Mendoza-2nd Team Tight End, Academic All District
- Brendon Mikeska-2nd Team Offensive Lineman, Academic All District
- Joey Garcia-2nd Team Safety, Academic All District
- Rolando Rodriguez-Honorable Mention Inside Linebacker
- Angel Escamias-Honorable Mention Defensive Lineman
- Scott Lange- Honorable Mention Offensive Lineman, Academic All District
- Jonathan Sandoval-Honorable Mention Outside Linebacker, Academic All District
- Tony Sanchez- Academic All District
- Brandon Reyna- Academic All District
- Michael Aleman- Academic All District
- Sam Reyes- Academic All District
- Mason Payne- Academic All District
- Ashton Hadlock- Academic All District
- Patrick Reyes- Academic All District
- Zach Roriguez- Academic All District

SAYING 'THANKS' WITH COOKIES



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



The ladies of Hopewell Baptist Church sent over 3,000 homemade cookies to troops serving overseas as a way to say thanks for their service and to give them a taste of home. The troops are under the command of Major Wylie Clough of Winters who is on his fifth tour of duty.

HONOR ROLL

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- Eighth Grade "A"**
- Domynic Alvarado
 - Karlee Busher
 - Christopher Craig
 - Hunter Duggan
 - Skylar Lee
 - Isabella McMahan
 - Miranda Rodriguez
- "A-B"**
- Peyton Anderson

- Isabella Costa**
Audrey Glascock
Tiffany Martinez
Christian Ornelaz
Miguel Rodriguez
Arron Rusk
Joe Sanchez
Rico Sanchez
Daniel Torres
- Winters High School**
- Ninth Grade "A"**
- Mackenzie Ballard

- Abigail Killough**
"A-B"
- Priscila Espino
 - McKenlyn Mason
 - Patrick Reyes
 - Celeste Sanchez
 - Michaela Sanchez
 - Summer Schneider
 - Alexis Silva
 - Chloe Underwood
 - Jenessa Wade
- Tenth Grade "A"**
- Macey Gerhart

- Megan Jacob**
Brandon L'Abbe
"A-B"
- Brooklynn Anderson
 - Brenna Edwards
 - Jose Garcia
 - Aimee Green
 - Brenna Knight
 - Charcyona Lovelace
 - Alonzo Mendoza
 - Miranda Patton
 - Matthew Wenzel
- Eleventh Grade "A"**

- Grace Bryan**
"A-B"
- Brooklyn Gallaway
 - Justine Garcia
 - Mikayla Hernandez
 - Christy Kruse
 - K'Lee Lindley
 - Efran Rodriguez
 - Aaron Jacob Smith
 - Kamri Soto
 - Samuel Woodall
- Twelfth Grade "A"**
- Magan Ballard

- Bailee Busher**
Brady Calcote
Daniel Gerhart
Brendon Mikeska
Samuel Reyes
"A-B"
- Michael Aleman
 - Cameron Cooper
 - Mason Payne
 - Brandon Reyna
 - Michaela Rodriguez
 - Alfredo Sanchez
 - Caitlyn Shew
 - Shelbie Stokes
 - Daniel Vasquez

BAN

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drop by up to 12 cents per gallon, saving U.S. motorists \$265 billion over the next 15 years.

Repealing the ban would also add between \$600 billion and \$1.8 trillion to GDP through 2039. Even Obama's former economic advisor Steve Rattner noted that oil exports mean "more production, more jobs, and less reliance on imports and an improvement in our trade balance."

Global security will also improve. There will be a more stable oil supply for our allies and a reduced dependency on hostile nations. Eastern European NATO states import 80 percent or more of their

natural gas from Russia. Similarly, our Southeast Asian allies rely on fuel shipped via contested South China Sea routes.

Imagine how a consistent American supply could lessen tensions in these regions. President Obama's own former Undersecretary of Defense Michele Flournoy told Congress, "Enabling U.S. oil exports would strengthen our geopolitical influence, leadership and leverage with allies and adversaries alike."

The case for lifting the ban is overwhelming. Not surprisingly, a recent poll shows three in four Americans supporting a repeal.

But radical environmentalists believe that anything that might lead to more oil extraction is wrong. And, just as he did with the

Keystone XL pipeline, the President has sided with the radicals.

With the Senate about

to put this decision on the president's desk, it's high time for the White House to ignore the radicals and

revoke the oil export ban.

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Farmers and ranchers focus on policy concerns

STAFF REPORT

Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) voting delegates addressed eminent domain, property rights, groundwater and drone use on farms and ranches during the policy session of the organization's 82nd annual meeting, which concluded Monday afternoon in Arlington.

Nearly 1,000 farmers and ranchers from across the state convened Dec. 5-7 at the Arlington Convention Center. There were 799 voting delegates from more than 150 counties participating in the policy session.

"The overall mood of the delegates was positive," TFB President Russell Boening said. "There are always areas of state and national policy that need our attention. I think those areas of concern were addressed in a way in which we can make a difference for rural Texas in the coming year."

Delegates voted to support that all entities with the power to obtain property by the right of eminent domain be required to have state and local permits before acquiring property. Delegates also opposed the use of eminent domain for recreational, environmental or private business, or any non-governmental purposes.

The TFB delegation voted to support groundwater conservation district rules that respect a landowner's right to a fair share. They also voted to support that landowners receive compensation for drainage of their brackish groundwater in regulated areas.

In national policy, delegates voted to support the inclusion of cottonseed as an oilseed crop for the purpose of government program determination. The policy resolution will now go to the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) annual meeting for consideration in January.

The issue of unmanned aircraft, or drones, was discussed.

"There's a lot of debate right now about the use of drones on farms and ranches. It's a production aid that we're seeing in our state," Boening said. "We want the landowner or tenant to give permission before a drone can be flown over private property, and we want to make sure there are no burdensome and unnecessary regulations for their use in agriculture."

Boening was reelected by voting delegates to a second term as TFB president. He is the 10th president of the statewide organization, which represents more than 518,000 member-families. He grows cotton, corn, grain sorghum, watermelons and wheat, as well as manages a beef cattle operation and a 450-cow dairy with his brother and father in Wilson County.

Michael White of Wilbarger County was elected vice president and Robert Gordon of Dallam County was reelected secretary-treasurer.

Two new directors were also elected.

Jessica Richmond of De Leon in Comanche County is the new District 7 state director. She raises replacement heifers, irrigated Bermuda hay, small grains and owns a farm and ranch real estate company. She and her husband, Cade, have three children. She was a co-applicant and winner of the 2014 TFB Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher Award. She replaces Dave Edmiston of McCulloch County, whose term as state director expired.

The new District 13 state director is Scott Frazier of Corpus Christi, former president of the Nueces County Farm Bureau. He raises cotton, grain sorghum, corn, wheat and beef cattle. He and his wife, Kay, have one daughter. He replaces Dale Murden of Hidalgo County, whose term as state director expired.

The following directors were reelected to two-year terms: Gordon of Dallam County, District 1; White of Wilbarger County, District 3; Mark Chamblee of Smith County, District 5; Larry Joiner of Angelina County, District 9; and Robert E. Reed of Matagorda County, District 11.

DECEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH



Homeowner Theresa Kennemer, left, was presented the Yard of the Month for December by the Winters Chamber of Commerce. She enjoys working with a variety of flowers in the yard. She has decorated the yard with and old bicycle and tricycle and a flamingo made of old tools. She is pictured here with her daughter, Maci Oliver.

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THE IDLE AMERICAN When Family Name Fits...

It's funny—in the real world, as well as cartoons—how names "catch on." Long-ago Roadrunner cartoons—perhaps unwittingly—popularized a business name: Acme. That was the name of companies making the products the coyote tried dozens of times to subdue the bird.

Several other companies have thrived in spite of their names. After all, didn't Jerome Monroe Smucker take considerable risks in 1897 when he first sold apple butter from a horse-drawn cart, calling it "Smucker's"?

He rode the "Johnny Appleseed" horse all around, bragging that the butter originated from cider made of apples grown on trees Johnny planted in the early 19th century. Jams, jellies and numerous other Smucker's products came later. Now, the century-old company has gobbled up numerous others, and the family name remains implanted. With fourth-generation management, the company is known for its most popular slogan: "With a name like Smucker's, it has to be good." Well, at least they stopped short of adding "James Monroe."

That would be far too many words to print on the label!...

This slogan stands out. Examples of some short-lived ones include "Smucker's will make you pucker" and "The only brand of jams that can make a piece of bread lively."



TEXAS
COLUMNIST
Don
Newbury

On the other hand, I have an acquaintance whose surname is extremely well suited for his remarkable talent. Bob Sitton's workaday world now centers on duck carving.

He's East Texan through and through, with loyalties equally yoked to his hometown of Cushing and to Stephen F. Austin State University. Though now "retired," he's got plenty of work to do, trying to keep up with orders for wooden ducks. They are, of course, "Sitton Ducks." Alas, except for him, other members of the Sitton family have come no closer to ducks than the ones on Thanksgiving tables or seen from duck blinds....

It all began as a hobby more than 40 years ago. He was a short-lived banker, then high school football coach for a dozen years

before serving 33 years as Executive Director of the SFA Alumni Association.

He was one of many youthful "whittlers" who had plenty of wood to whittle and the time to do so. Perhaps that's when he realized he had the patience required for wood-carving.

He's won all kinds of prizes for his work, and orders for his "Sitton Ducks" abound. His first significant recognition came in 1980 when the Houston Fellowship of Christian Athletes bought a duck for presentation to former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach. Art shows, folk life festivals and other events soon beckoned. Then came features in Southwest Airlines' Spirit Magazine, as well as exposure on TV's Eyes of Texas and Texas Country Reporter....

Claiming the oft-used expression of having "more time than money," Sitton remains "full-throttle passionate" about his later-in-life profession. Half of the proceeds go to the family's endowed scholarship fund at SFA, and the growing fund now stands at some \$30,000.

"It's a way to give back," the 77-year-old said. "And a way to use a simple talent the Lord gave me to help future students." Last fall, the SFA Alumni

Association inducted Sitton into its "Alumni Hall of Fame." This, of course, pleases him greatly, and he's on task now on wood carvings for members of the selection committee and board of directors....

A favorite yarn is set in New England, where a wood-carver has a small shop. In the front room are expensive carvings, and in the second, less "pricy" birds with slight carving flaws. In the back room are what the artisan calls "seconds." They have serious nicks and/or painting flaws, and are priced accordingly.

A visitor, noticing the wood-carver at work, asked what he was working on, fully expecting descriptions of drakes, mallards and the like. "Today, I'm working on 'seconds,'" he responded. "They're all that's moving."

Bob and Shirley, his wife of 49 years, enjoy the good life in Nacogdoches, where he'll always find plenty of wood. While he takes most of his "artistic aim" at ducks, he also turns out swans, quail, mockingbirds and one coot. You can ask him what a "coot" is—936-569-3256 or email at lumberjackforever.com. He and the SFA Alumni Association—hope you will!...

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PROGRAM,

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in the place of the Texas Seal. The Runnels County

program is patterned after several other county programs and is sanctioned by the Texas Historical Commission.

The application process for the Runnels County markers will be almost as stringent as the state program and will require extensive research and documentation. The historical significance of the topic must be established

and the topic must date back at least 50 years. The topics of consideration include institutions, structures, events, churches, cemeteries, sites, and individuals. Each proposed marker will need a sponsor who will be responsible for the application process and for the fees associated with the marker. The Runnels County

Historical Marker applications will be reviewed by a committee of the Runnels County Historical Commission which includes Beverly Tepliczek, Anthony Lange, Linda Duggan, and Randall Conner. The Commission and Commissioners Court will give final approval to the markers. The 28" high by 18" wide markers on a post will cost \$1,500 or if

it is attached to a building without a post, the cost is \$1,200.

To receive a Runnels County Historical Marker application or additional information on the program, please contact the Runnels County Historical Commission Chairperson Ruth Cooper at 325-754-5183 or jrc@abilene.com.

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GUIDELINES,

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be endowed. The named scholarship will be awarded annually and at the end of the designated period, the residual amount will be placed in the WAF Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Perpetual Endowed Scholarships are for donations of an aggregate total of \$25,000 or more in memory or in honor of someone or for a special purpose. The named scholarship will be awarded annually and will be perpetual.

Donations must be received by March 1 to be awarded that year. Donations received after that date will be awarded the following year. Donations may be made at the Winters ISD

Business Office, 603 North Heights Street, Winters 79567. Please specify the person to be honored or the designated scholarship fund. Checks should be made to Winters Area Foundation.

To set up a new scholarship fund, please contact Rhonda Neal at Winters ISD (325-754-5574) or Susan Conner with WAF (325-754-5760). All new scholarship funds must be approved by the Board of Directors of the Winters Area Foundation and the Community Foundation of Abilene.

Scholarship applicants should apply by March 16 each year through the Community Foundation of Abilene website (cfabilene.org). To be considered for any of the WHS scholarships, select "Winters High School Scholarships."

A committee consisting of representatives of Winters ISD and Winters Area Foundation will select the awardees and the scholarships will be presented at Awards Day at Winters High School each year in May. A representative of each named scholarship may also sit on the selection committee.

Memorial or honorary donations may be made at any time to one of the existing scholarship funds including the general WAF Endowed Scholarship Fund. This is a great way to honor someone at Christmas time or at the loss of a loved one. Donations can be sent to Winters Area Foundation, PO Box 211, Winters 79567. All donations are acknowledged through Community Foundation of Abilene.

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WINTERS BLIZZARDS BASKETBALL



ABOVE, LEFT: Marcus Mostad driving to the basket against Bronte, Dec. 1, 2015. ABOVE, RIGHT: Christy Kruse looking for an opening against Bronte, Dec. 1, 2015.



Winters competes in Robert Lee tournament

BY CHAD MCDUFFEE
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Winters Lady Blizzards look like they are getting closer and closer to breaking through. They were able to get their first win of the season during the tournament in a hard fought 46-45 victory over Water Valley. The Lady Blizzards came in fourth place overall after a 48-41 loss to Bronte after previously losing to Bronte at home 38-36 earlier in the week.

Monique Carillo was named to the All-Tournament team due to her outstanding play.

"Each time we go out there I'm seeing improvement," Coach Val Acree said. "We've just got to keep improving every game and we'll get to where we want to be."

The Winters Blizzard boys were also able to pick up their first win during the tournament. On Thursday the Blizzards did not play very well losing 73-21 to Texas Leadership Charter Academy (TCLA) and 46-18 against Water Valley. Things improved for Winters in their two games on Saturday.

"Overall, we Blizzards improved as a team on Day 2 of the tournament," Coach Chris McWilliams said. "Picking up our first win of the season was big, and we had a chance to win the second game vs. Cornerstone. This is a very young and inexperienced team. We have to improve in all aspects of the game, and with hard work, that will happen."

This weekend the Winters Blizzards and Lady Blizzards will be participating in the Zephyr tournament in Zephyr.

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LEFT: Winters Blizzard Brady Calcote shown on the tip off at the varsity basketball game between Winters and Bronte.

BELOW: Aimie Green brings the ball down the court during the varsity girls game against Bronte.



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