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Briefly

Holiday closures

Winters City Hall will be closed Friday, Jan. 1 in observance of New Year's Day. City offices will reopen Monday, Jan. 4 at 8 a.m.

Runnels County offices will be Friday for New Year's Day.

Winters ISD will be closed as well. Classes will resume at the normal time Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Tree disposal

If you want to be green this holiday season, call Winters City Hall to have your Christmas tree picked up. The city will pick up trees for a \$10 fee.

Residents may also dispose of the tree themselves at an approved city site for no fee. Call city hall at 325-754-4424 to make arrangements dispose of the tree.

ON THE NET:

www.winters-texas.us

Friends of Gus

The next Friends of the Gus Pruser Museum meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14 at the museum.

During last month's meeting, members agreed to focus on an a new display area for the museum to house the new display items to better depict the story of Gus Pruser.

The last drop



Another cold snap is in the forecast for Runnels County for the holiday weekend, according to the National Weather Service in San Angelo.

Forecasters say the cold front will blow in Thursday night bringing with it a chance of snow and sleet as temperatures dip in to the low 20s and only reach the mid 40s during the day today and Friday. A 30 percent chance of freezing precipitation continues through Saturday night.

During the snow event Dec. 27, four inches of snow was reported in Ballinger, while 2.5 inches of snow was reported in Winters. Wingate received one inch of snow.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 28.82 inches of rain while 31.80 inches has been reported in Wingate. The NWS reported 27.37 inches of rain has fallen in San Angelo.

ON THE NET:

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/sjt/>

Winter storm rips through Runnels County

Damage from winds, heavy snow reported

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The winter storm that ripped through the southwest Dec. 26, left a mix of good and bad - damage from winds and rain as well as a delightful winter white blanket of snow.

Effects from the storm began Saturday as it began to converge on Runnels County. The National Weather Service in San Angelo said winds in excess of 60 miles per hour were

reported Saturday night in areas near Ballinger, Winters, Wingate and San Angelo.

As a result, the roof to the Ballinger Elementary School gym was literally peeled off by the high winds. BISD Superintendent Jeff Butts said the damaged roof was reported Sunday, Dec. 27. The roof material was ripped off, leaving the decking in tact, Butts reported.

Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird reported that two utility poles were blown

down near Country Club Drive.

"The high winds blew them down," Baird explained. "We went over there and removed them from the roadway."

Baird said Verizon was contacted to repair the poles. No power outages were reported in Runnels County as a result of the downed poles. However, on Monday morning, American Electric Power (AEP) reported 12,500 customers



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Bluff Creek was steadily flowing over the road heading to Lake Winters. Dec. 28, 2015.

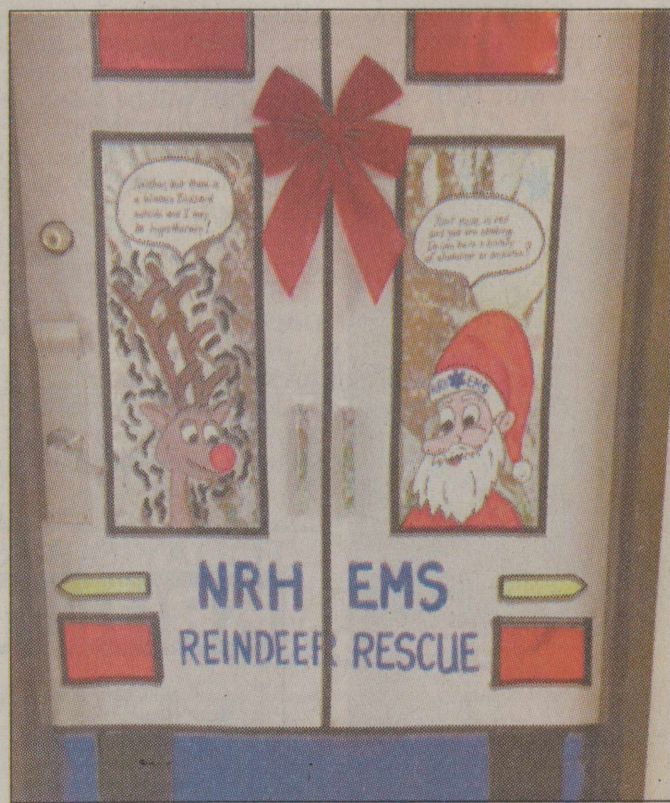
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SNOW, SNOW, SNOW



CHAD MCDUFFEE | ENTERPRISE PHOTO
Winters Park was covered with snow as residents couldn't help but enjoy it. Dec. 28, 2015.

NRH Christmas door contest winners



North Runnels Hospital in Winters held a Christmas Door Contest throughout the month of December. In all, 29 doors throughout the hospital were decorated by different departments. The Dietary Department won first place, right, with their double door entry depicting Santa, the Nativity scene and a Christmas tree. NRH EMS took second place honors with their door, left, which renamed the department "Reindeer Rescue."

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Bert Humble

Bert Humble, 89, of Winters passed away Monday, Dec. 28, 2015 in Winters.

He was born June 6, 1926 in Chattanooga, Okla. and came to Texas after high school graduation and settled in Coleman. He married Janie Goss on Feb. 25, 1953 in Coleman and she preceded him in death April 29, 1992. He then married Georgann Wright on Oct. 21, 1993 in Winters. He worked in the oilfield as a production superintendent. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Georgann Humble of Winters; three step children, Terri Bridges and husband Rodney of Waco, Tracy Clawson of Clovis, Calif., Ernest Gilbert Jr. and wife D'Lyn of Odessa; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren

The family received friends from 6 until 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Winters Funeral Home. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015 at First Baptist Church in Winters with Rev. Barry Taylor officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

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Santos Torres Sanchez

Santos Torres Sanchez, 96, of Winters, died Dec. 26, 2015.

She was born Oct. 7, 1919 in Poth and grew up in Crystal City. She married Margarito Sanchez on March 21, 1936 in Crystal City. They moved to a farm near Winters in 1945 and into Winters in 1957 and have lived there since. Her husband preceded her in death on Dec. 6, 1986. She was a homemaker and a member of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.

She is survived by seven children, Margarito Sanchez, Jr. and wife Liza of Abilene, Antonio Sanchez and wife Silvia of Abilene, Trinidad Campos of Winters, Minerva Martinez of Abilene, Maria Sanchez of Abilene, Esparanza Ochoa and husband Raul, Sr. of Winters and Yolanda Cavazos and husband Reynaldo of Winters; one brother, Jesse Torres of Ballinger; 26 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, 2015 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015 at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church with burial following in Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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Ewing D. Jr. 'Buz' Lovelady 1924 - 2015

Our beloved Ewing "Buz" Lovelady, age 91, resident of Georgetown, went peacefully to live eternally with his Heavenly Father on Friday, Dec. 25, 2015. He was a deeply religious man throughout his life, acknowledging always the overriding powers and love of his Lord.

Buz was born in Santa Anna on April 13, 1924, to Ewing D. and Agnes Center Lovelady. His early life was spent in Texas, graduating from Winters High School and enlisting in the US Army shortly thereafter to serve as a radio operator in France during WWII. In 1950 on the GI Bill he received a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Texas, where he also proudly played coronet in the Longhorn marching band. His careers included TV repair and installation of institutional time-keeping systems for IBM and Simplex.

Moving to Knoxville, Tenn. in 1964 to further his career and living there most of his long life, Buz served for many years as a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tenn. He was a 32nd degree Mason and was active in the Knoxville Shrine Temple. He also rendered community service through his local Optimist Club.

Buz was at all times an avid Longhorn and TN Volunteers sports fan. He gleefully pursued hobbies of photography, ham radio operating, flying, golfing, woodworking, traveling - especially on his Honda Goldwing trike into his 90s, and reading novels, mysteries, military history, and autobiographies. He kept abreast of state-of-the-art technologies, always wanting to explore the latest gadgets in photography, television, and computers. He actually built one of his airplanes, a computer, and a vacation home in Marbles Falls.

Always a kind and generous man, Buz will be remembered for his enduring love of family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and first wife Peggy Jean Wilmeth Lovelady, whom he tenderly cared for during her illness and passing. He is survived by his loving wife, La Moyne Kennedy Moore Lovelady; his children, Carol Anne and James Milliken, Zanette Hammonds, Sylvia Anne Moore and Patricia Blackwell, Robert Moore and Suzan Flanagan,



Mikeal and Donna Moore, and Marvin George and Sarah Moore; eight grandchildren, Scott Hampton, Shannon Hammonds, Susan Reid, Robert F. Moore, Kelsey Moore, Rachel Moore, Patrick Moore, and Erin Moore; four great grandchildren, Charles Reid, Kyla Reid, James Hampton, and Jonathan Hampton; and many cherished relatives and friends.

The family is most grateful for the compassionate care provided during this last year by loving members of

Georgetown Living Home Health - Melissa Cerereres and Rebecca Tipton; Annette Robinson's Private Home Care - Annette and Bill Robinson and Lisa and Mae Moore; and Texas Home Health and Hospice - Skye Bauer.

Graveside services will be conducted at Rockwood Cemetery near Whon at 3:30 p.m. today. Family received visitors from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015 at Cook Walden Davis Funeral Home, 2900 Williams Drive, Georgetown, TX, and the funeral service followed at 3:30 p.m. at the same site.

The Tribute webpage for Buz is <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Ewing-Lovelady&lc=4886&pid=177034476&mid=6730545&cid=em.legacy.dm.4886.6730545>.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either Shriners' Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa FL 33607 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1893 Memphis, TN 38101-9950 (1-800-785-5071, www.stjude.org).

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Laverta Marie Hubbard

Laverta M. Hubbard of Winters received her wings Dec. 16, 2015 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene surrounded by Family. A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 21, 2015 at The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road in Abilene. Entombment of remains followed at noon in the Texas State Veterans Cemetery Columbarium at Abilene.

Laverta Marie Brown-Hubbard was born March 2, 1945 to Mrs. Marietta Wilkins-Garner and the late Earnest Woodrow Brown Sr. in Little Rock, Ark. She was a graduate of Horace Mann Class of 1963. Upon graduating from high school she entered the United States Air Force. After four years of service she was discharged under honorable conditions. She married Samuel H. Hubbard in February 1965 in Little Rock, Ark.

Laverta was preceded in death by her Father Earnest W. Brown, Grandmother L.V. Moore, Niece Karmille L. Gregory, Great-niece Jasmine Chenel Hughes.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Spouse Samuel H. Hubbard of Winters; Children Cary L. Hubbard (Maria) of El Centro, Ca, Daryl L. Hubbard (Sherry) of Abilene; Siblings Linda F. Brown of Sherwood, Ark., Mary N. Lee of Little Rock, Ark., Thomas M. Wilkins and Jimmy L. Wilkins of Little Rock, Ark.; parent, Marietta Garner of Sherwood,



Ark.; grandchildren Hannah N. Hubbard, Laquey, Mo Paulina Moreno of El Centro, Calif., Jaylon Cobbs of Abilene, Samantha Hubbard of El Centro, Calif., Darius L. Hubbard of Abilene; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

The Hubbard, Garner, Brown and Lee families would like to sincerely thank everyone for all acts of kindness shown during our love one's illness. Whatever you did to console our hearts we thank you so much.

We would like to especially recognize the staff of Hendrick Hospice Unit, Dr. Templeton, Nurse Lecia Adams, All the friends and extended family in Winters.

Online condolences may be submitted at www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Shot clinics in January

Texas Department of State Health Services will have immunization/flu clinics for children with Medicaid, no insurance or underinsured and adults with no insurance. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call 754-4945. If no answer, leave a message. The clinic in Winters will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m., Thursday, January 7, 2016, at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience, please use rear entrance (Grant Street). The clinic in Ballinger will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, January 14, 2016, at 600 Strong Ave. Please bring the child's immunization records. If the child has Medicaid, please bring the card.

Visit Friendly Neighbors

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Runnels County area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening, arts and crafts and other useful subjects to meetings at 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during the summer). Meetings will alternate between the Runnels County Extension Office on

the corner of south 7th Street and Sealy Ave. in Ballinger and the Winters Public Library at 120 N. Main St. in Winters. If you are interested and would like to find out more about this group, call Martha at 365-3890 or Judy at 754-5386.

Winters Chamber officer election

The Winters Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual officer election meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, January 4, 2016 at the Winters Housing Authoring Building. The Chamber of Commerce is looking for directors and officers that can help Winters grow. A chamber is vital to the growth of a community. Please make plans to attend the meeting.

Hone your computer skills

A Basic Computer Skills will begin Thursday, Jan. 7 at the Winters Public Library. Reservations must be called in 325-754-4251 as there are only six computers. Attendees may bring lap tops, but no Macs please. However you must reserve a space for your lap top also. This will be a six week program. Sessions will be held Thursdays through Feb. 11. Participants are encouraged attend all sessions if possible. This is a free program provided by the Winters Public Library for the community.

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.

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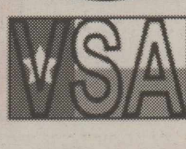
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Genevieve Welch Spill

Genevieve Welch Spill joined her beloved husband, son and grandson on Dec. 22, 2015.

Mrs. Spill was well known in her home community of Winters as a compassionate and caring woman.

Born on March 30, 1922 in Biloxi, Mississippi, her parents were Dr. Benton Zachariah Welch and Ella Grace Jordan Welch. Her family home faced the Mississippi Sound, and she had many fond memories of days sailing, swimming and enjoying the beach. Mrs. Spill graduated from Huntington College in Birmingham, Alabama with a degree in sociology and Spanish. She met a handsome soldier from Texas on a blind date and married Walter A. Spill on Sept. 1, 1945. After his discharge from the service, they moved to his home of Winters. She became a reluctant farm wife, quite a different life than she had in Biloxi. She came to enjoy her time in Texas as she was devoted to her husband and family. Mrs. Spill worked for many years as a social worker and administrator at several human service agencies in the area. She moved to Royal Estates in Abilene in 2013 when she chose to move off the family farm.

Mrs. Spill was preceded in death by her husband, Wal-

ter Arthur Spill; her youngest son, John August Spill; her grandson Kevin Benton Spill; her son-in-law, David Bradley; her brother, Carl Welch; and sisters, Helen Cavalier and Nell Vignes.

She is survived by a close-knit family of three children, Beth Bradley of Winters, Sally Spill of Winters and Walter (Butch) and Judy Spill of Winters; grandchildren, Barbie and Todd Chambers of Lubbock, Aaron Bradley of Winters, Walter (Clay) Spill of Winters, Marie and Billy Wayne Vestal of Ballinger and Judy and Travis Thornton of Austin; and six great-grandchildren.

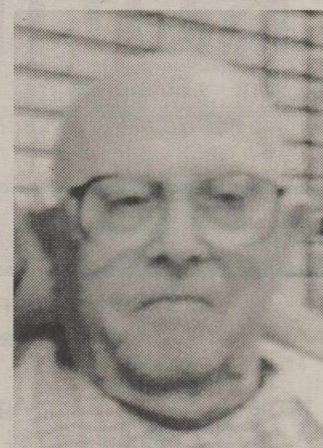
In lieu of flowers, Mrs. Spill requested memorials to the Winters Public Library, 120 N. Main Street, Winters, Texas or other local organizations.

The family received friends at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2015 at Winters Funeral Home. Funeral service was at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 24, 2015 at St. John's Lutheran Church. Burial followed in the Lutheran cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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Robert Clinton Wright

Robert Clinton Wright 84 of San Angelo went to be with his Lord on Dec. 22, 2015 at Shannon Medical Center. He was born Aug. 29, 1931 in Mullin to Ealum and Esther Wright. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He served in the U.S. Army as a Master Sgt. During the Korean War. He was retired from Dirt Contractor working in the oilfield mostly in Odessa and surrounding towns. He was kind to everyone and his prayers came from the heart.



Survivors are his wife, Ann Wright of San Angelo; four children, Rhonda Perkins (John) of Odessa, Monty Wright (Pat) of San Angelo, Frank White (Karen) of Huntsville, Alabama, Scott White of Odessa; one brother, James Wright of DeLand, Florida; five grandchildren, Michelle (Jed), Meagan, Eric (Jen), Ashley, and Picaboo; three great grandchildren: Nate, Noah, Nikole and Makinzie on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ealum and Esther Wright; six brothers, Doyle, George, C.D., Wilson "Pud", Max and Frank; and one sister, Juanita.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2015 at Lakeview Cemetery in Winters with Skip Hill officiating under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

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TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE

Frank Buck, exotic animal pioneer

In the early twentieth century, many city zoos did not have a significant number of animals to exhibit because of the difficulty in obtaining animals from the far corners of the globe. And fewer cities could establish zoos for that same reason. Frank Buck, an animal trapper and adventurer, helped bring countless specimens to zoos in the United States and inspired generations of Americans to appreciate wildlife, all the while thrilling the public with stories of his adventures. Because of Buck's early work with animals, he helped educate the public about wildlife and increased the popularity of zoos across the nation.

Frank Buck was born in the Cooke County community of Gainesville in 1884. He enjoyed collecting birds and other small animals throughout his childhood. His family soon moved to Dallas, where he attended the local schools. His most promising subject was geography, but he reported years later that the limited curriculum bored him, and he quite school in the seventh grade. After working a series of odd jobs, he eventually made his way to Chicago.

In 1911, he took an extended trip to Brazil and explored deep into the rain forests. Fascinated by the beauty and extensive wildlife he saw, Buck brought back dozens of exotic birds back to the United States with him. As he disembarked in New York, he found many people just as fascinated with the birds who then convinced Buck to sell them at a comfortable profit. Inspired, Buck then went to Asia to bring back more exotic animals to sell in the United States and began a life as an animal trapper.

For the next several years, he trapped and collected thousands of animals for zoos and private collectors. Over the course of his career, he captured snakes, birds, elephants, tigers, lions, kangaroos, camels, giraffes, crocodiles, and hyenas. Buck estimated

that his expeditions took as many as 100,000 animals altogether.

In 1923, he was hired to manage the new San Diego Zoo in California, with zoo directors impressed by his reputation and handling of animals. However, Buck reportedly had many disagreements with the board of directors and resigned after only a few months.

Buck developed a steady following thanks to his exploits. In 1932, he co-authored with journalist Edward Anthony his best-selling memoirs *Bring 'Em Back Alive*. The book's success and his dramatic storytelling led to a movie and radio program of the same name. Later that year, buoyed by their initial success, Buck and Anthony wrote a second collection of Buck's stories titled *Wild Cargo*.

Frank Buck appeared in seven more movies between 1934 and 1949 and co-authored seven more books on his experiences. At the Chicago World Fair in 1933 and the New York World Fair in 1939,

Buck created exhibits featuring thousands of animals that delighted audiences.

He was married three times. Shortly after his third marriage, he settled with his new wife and daughter in San An-



gelo. During World War II, he traveled extensively across the United States, speaking to different groups about his adventures. In March 1950, he died in Houston following a protracted fight with lung cancer.

In honor of his accomplishments, his home town of Gainesville in 1954 renamed the local zoo in his honor. The Frank Buck Zoo, which was originally founded in 1930, attracts thousands of visitors each year. In 2008, the zoo further commemorated Buck's impact by adding an exhibit detailing his life and adventures featuring memorabilia donated by his daughter.

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



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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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Weather Whys

Q: You never hear much about tornadoes happening in other countries. Do they occur all over the world?

A: The answer is yes, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The reason you hear so much about tornadoes in the United States is because we have so many, by far the most in the world," he points out. "Each year, there are about 1,200 tornadoes that form in the U.S., and a record 226 were reported last year in the Southeast in a 24-hour period alone. That compares with only about 80 per year in Canada and only about 20 per year in Australia. There are documented reports of tornadoes occurring in every continent except Antarctica.

Runnels County ROLL-UP

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Thursday, December 31, 2015

Public Record

Runnels County Jail Record December 31, 2015

Name	Age	Agency
Bobby D. Chamberlain	34	DPS
Assault that causes bodily injury		
Jesus T. Galvan	25	DPS
Warrant: theft of property		
Eric L. Tekall	35	WPD
Terroristic threat		
Grant V. Cuba	41	RCSO
MTR-DWI 2nd		
Debbie K. Blake	62	Concho
Public intoxication		
Saul J. Rojas	32	Coke County
DWI evading arrest / no drivers license		
Benjamin L. Foss	30	Concho
Possession of marijuana		

In 2015, the new Senate majority delivered for the nation

Congress is often characterized as a place of partisan bickering and gridlock—where debate and partisan rancor is widespread, but little is actually accomplished. Too often, this assessment has proven accurate. But last fall, the American people decided to change that, sending a Republican majority to the U.S. Senate. Since January, and under Republican leadership, the Senate has delivered on our promise to pass legislation to help American families, grow our economy, and keep us safe.

At the beginning of the 114th Congress, I introduced the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act—legislation aimed at defeating the scourge of human trafficking in this country. Human trafficking is a horrendous practice that, tragically, can be found in every state. Fortunately, members in both parties, and in both

Chambers, understood the great need to urgently fight this reprehensible practice.

Legislators from across the political spectrum united under a common cause: to help victims of modern-day slavery recover and rebuild their lives. In the spring, the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act passed with 99 votes in the Senate, and paved the way for these brave survivors—some young children—to find a path to healing. It's now the law of the land.

Congress also tackled major issues concerning our national security. This fall, both Chambers overwhelmingly passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The NDAA is integral to ensuring that our military is resourced, trained and ready for action when called upon.

And in the wake of several serious security breaches of federal government computer servers over the summer—and the brazen theft of the personal information of millions of Americans—the clear need for robust cyber security legislation became even more apparent. So, the Senate passed the Cyber Information Sharing Act to give the public and private sectors the tools to act more nimbly when attacks are detected.

We've also passed legislation to grow our economy

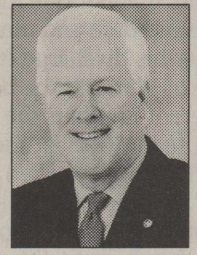
not just for today, but for years down the road. In June, Congress passed Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) legislation. TPA is a blueprint for pending and future trade negotiations—one that ensures that American farmers, ranchers, and manufacturers get the best deal possible. By setting the ground rules on agreements with countries in Asia, Latin America, and Europe, TPA opens doors of opportunity to our country's businesses around the world, and is essential to growing our economy.

But perhaps the most significant achievement was confronting entrenched policy problems that proved too divisive or complicated to tackle in the past.

In April, Congress came together to bring about much-needed reform to the payment system for doctors who treat Medicare patients. The legislation preserved seniors' access to care, and ended years of uncertainty for physicians.

Congress also passed the first significant education reform since 2001. The Every Student Succeeds Act ensures that parents, teachers, and local school boards will hold the reins to their children's education, not the federal government.

And for the first time in more than a decade, Congress passed a multi-year transportation bill—the



U.S. Senator John Cornyn

result of hard work across party lines over the course of this year. Passage of this bill marked an end to years of short-term exten-

sions, and will allow states the freedom and flexibility to plan for and deliver major transportation and infrastructure projects across the country. This will help make our nation's transportation system safer and more efficient, and lays the groundwork for even greater economic growth.

Last fall, Republicans set the bar high for the new Senate majority. We pledged to get back to work, and to create and pass substantive pieces of legislation. We did that, and proved that inaction didn't have to be the norm. Effective governance and principled leadership doesn't shy away from confronting long-standing, seemingly intractable policy problems head-on.

As we look to the year ahead, our work is far from over. But by keeping the American people in the drivers' seat, we will continue to deliver real solutions for our country.

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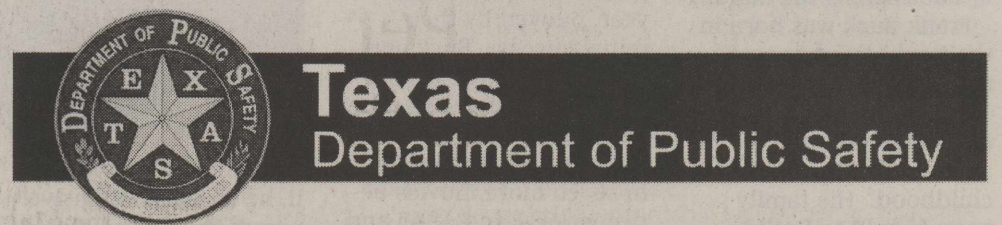
As a reminder, retirees who qualify for both Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP) and Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) can choose which compensation they prefer to receive during the CRDP/CRSC open season, which runs for the entire month of January 2016. According to federal law, retirees can receive either CRDP or CRSC, but not both. All eligible retirees should have received a CRDP/CRSC Open Season Election Form in the mail, which includes a comparison of the CRDP and CRSC entitlement amounts and information about tax



Sandra G. Van Zant

implications. Retirees should return the form only if they wish to make a change from CRDP to CRSC or vice versa. No action is required to keep things the way they are, in which case the current payment will continue uninterrupted. Forms must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2016, and the expected processing time for this change is 30 days. All choices remain in effect unless changed in a subsequent annual open season. For more information, go to: <http://www.dfas.mil/dfas/retiredmilitary/disability/comparison.html> or contact Sandra Van Zant at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 365-3612.

— Sandra G. Van Zant,
Veterans County Service Officer



DPS increases traffic enforcement during the holidays

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase patrols for an eight-day period that includes both the Christmas and New Year holidays. From Dec. 24 - 27 and Dec. 31 - Jan. 3, DPS troopers, as well as law enforcement across the state, will be patrolling roadways throughout the holiday weekends looking for drunk drivers, speeders, seat belt violators and other drivers who are endangering themselves and others.

"Drinking and driving is always a concern during the holidays, and these DPS patrols help by identifying impaired or reckless drivers who endanger the

safety of the traveling public," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "We urge Texans to do their part to save lives by always driving sober and adhering to all traffic laws."

During the Christmas/New Year holiday enforcement effort last year, DPS troopers made 403 DWI arrests. DPS enforcement efforts also resulted in 7,274 speeding citations, 724 seat belt/child safety seat citations, 292 fugitive arrests and 166 felony arrests during the enforcement period.

DPS offers the following additional tips for safe travel during the holidays:

- Don't drink and drive. Designate a driver or take a cab.
- Slow down - especially

in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

- Eliminate distractions, including the use of mobile devices.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle - it's the law.
- Slow down or move over for police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated - it's the law.
- Don't drive fatigued.
- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

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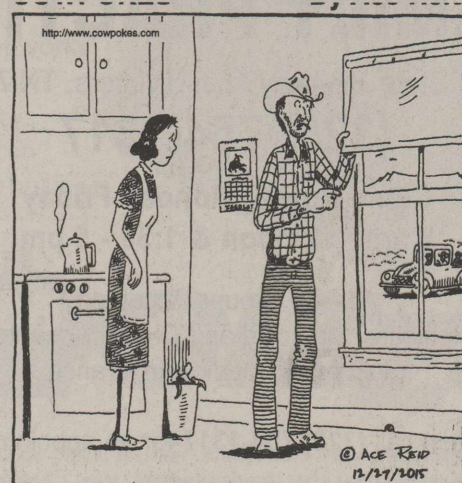
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A closer look at the Open Carry law, effective Jan. 1

BY RANDALL DAVIS
WINTERS POLICE DEPARTMENT

A new law in Texas is going into effect January 1, 2016 causing a lot of concern while generating a great deal of questions from citizens. As of January 01, 2016 Texas will have an open carry law, allowing for firearms to be carried in public view, for the first time in one over a hundred years.

At first glance it seems the Great State of Texas is regressing back to the Old Wild West we see so often depicted in our beloved John Wayne and Gary Cooper western movies. While looking at the new law we can easily envision everybody walking the streets with a six shooter strapped to our hips ready for a gunfight at the OK Corral, but we need to take a closer look at the law to fully understand it.

First off, don't panic. People have been carrying guns in Texas for the past couple of decades with no issues. They have just been allowed to do so in a concealed manner. Now we get to see who is carrying. As in the past, not everybody will be allowed to carry a gun, but only those able to obtain a permit from the state. Texas law has for years allowed responsible, licensed persons to carry a firearm, concealed, and this new law mainly allows for those same persons to now carry the firearm in plain view, in a shoulder holster or hip holster.

Persons choosing to carry a firearm still have to be free of criminal convictions, free of mental defect or illness and be at least 21 years of age. The open carry law allows for the guns to be carried only in the same places as allowed under the previous law and not just anywhere. The same restrictions on carrying firearms remain the same preventing the carrying of a firearm on school property, election sites, airports, court houses and other government facilities. The unlicensed carrying of a firearm on the premises of a convenient store selling beer and or alcohol is still a felony.

It was initially reported law enforcement officers would not be allowed to ask a per-



Randall Davis

son carrying a firearm, to confirm they were in fact licensed to do so and if a law enforcement officer asked, it would be a violation of the person's civil rights. This is a falsehood. If a person is suspected of committing a crime, say violating the open carry act, a law enforcement officer can indeed approach and ask for an open carry permit from a person observed to be displaying a firearm.

Private businesses not wanting firearms carried in their place of businesses have the option of posting the proper signage preventing open carry and concealed carry. The signs have to be posted at the entrances to the business, be clearly visible, using contrasting colors in letters at least an inch tall. The signs have to be written in English and Spanish consisting of the 38 word message described in Penal Code section 30.06 (preventing concealed carrying of a firearm) and Penal Code section 30.07 (preventing open carrying of a fire arm).

The new law pertains to the general public only and does not affect or restrict the carrying of firearms by licensed police officers.

As Chief of Police, I realize we live in a time when threats are more common than ever and we often experience the shock of the last mass shootings or severe incidences carried out by criminals in our communities and schools. These occurrences have become all too frequent. I hope the new open carry law will serve as a deterrent to further acts of aggression and proves itself to be an extra level of protection for our communities.

The open carry law is likely going to cause concern for the public and extra duties for the police but I believe in time, the open carry laws will be as accepted and commonplace as the concealed carry laws we have been living with for the past 20 years.

Access affordable health care and the insurance marketplace

BY RAY VIGIL
SOCIAL SECURITY PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST
IN EL PASO, TEXAS

erage include:

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) provides Americans with better health security by expanding coverage, lowering healthcare costs, guaranteeing more choice, and enhancing the quality of care for all Americans. Everyone is entitled to affordable healthcare.

Under the law, a new "Patient's Bill of Rights" gives the American people the stability and flexibility they need to make informed choices about their health. Some of the benefits of this cov-

Ending Pre-Existing Condition Exclusions for Children: Health plans can no longer limit or deny benefits to children under 19 due to a pre-existing condition.

Keeping Young Adults Covered: If you are under 26, you may be eligible to be covered under your parent's health plan.

Ending Arbitrary Withdrawals of

SEE INSURANCE, Page 6

The Market Perspective Social mood turns the oil market

Last week the Grinch was stealing Christmas in the Oil Patch. This week the Grinch is being chased out of town.

We have used this space to warn specifically of these matters.

A low in the price of oil was likely at hand.

The low would come amidst the worst possible news for oil.

Social mood not supply and demand determines the price of oil. And social mood would turn on a dime for no fathomable reason. That is because social mood is internally generated not caused by outside news.

Therefore it was not too early to start a shopping list for energy securities.

And it looks like that started happening yesterday. As I write Dec. 23, crude is up 2.79%, a huge reversal of the recent trend and is now at \$37.15.

The bull move is wide across all sectors. A bullish analysis of Master Limited Partnerships in Barrons this past weekend has that sector rising. Alerian MLP is up 2.94% today.

The energy ETF of XLE is up 1.83%. Energy service XES is up 3.29%.

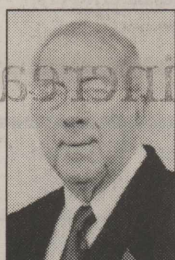
Even the energy trusts such as MV Oil Trust MVO are up 2.49%.

So what to do now? The week between Christmas and New Year's is usually the slowest trading week of the year. This should be no exception. It is near impossible to guess day to day stock market moves, notice the move up in energy the last two days. But next week should be good one to shop for oil bargains.

And there are other bargains as well. Frost Bank bought Western National Bank in the Basin. Frost may be the best managed bank in the state. It shares fell to \$59 and change monday and today are already \$61.39. The 52 week high was \$80.23.

We successfully warned starting last year of a lower oil price and that is what happened, to the astonishment of near everyone else.

We have been warning of a sooner than later bottom in energy prices. Two days does not turn the



Dennis Elam

trend but this certainly looks promising.

What a nice way to end our predictive efforts for the year.

Merry Christmas and best wishes hoping our forecasts

have been of value in your energy and financial planning.

Dr. Dennis Elam is an associate professor of accounting at Texas A & M University in San Antonio. Follow in at <http://www.themarketperspective.com>.

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Just Around the Corner

Holiday travel is grueling

Holiday travel is such a joy — not. It's just plain no fun — especially on Christmas day.

For the last several years, it has been pretty treacherous in Texas over the holidays. What with the recent snow and ice that and storms that swathed the state. Remember the Blizzard of 2009 that hit Abilene and parts east (a word not usually used around here) and made holiday travel impossible?

This year, fortunately, I drove to my Austin destination and it wasn't bad. But it hasn't been long since I lived in Odessa, and Austin is quite a long drive from there.

So for several years, I opted to fly to Austin, thinking that driving on the holidays would be a lot more stressful - wrong.

Let me tell you, the airports I visited during those years — Love Field in Dallas and the Austin airport — were packed with travelers. Some looked weary and tired like me, and others who were in a mad dash to make it to their Christmas destination, and still others who were heading home.

First word of advice? If you're flying from Austin to Odessa, try to get a straight shot. I wasn't so lucky a few years back and had to purchase a ticket with a

two-hour layover in Dallas. Round trip took about five hours, since you have to get to the airport an hour ahead of time.

I started getting worried when my brother-in-law showed me pictures of the white Christmas in DFW. Great, I thought, now there may be "something on the wing"... like ice.

When I arrived at the Austin airport, sure enough, there was a delay. The wind was clocked at upwards of 40 miles per hour and it was cold. And they were talking snow in Dallas.

I have made no secret that flying is just about my least favorite mode of travel. Until July 2011, I had not flown for 17 years after getting tossed around on a flight from Austin to Odessa in 1994 due to windy conditions. This prompted the prayer "Lord, if you get me outta this, I'll never fly again."

My favorite part of the whole air travel experience is the security check. yes, standing in a line reminiscent of Six Flags, taking off



Celinda Hawkins

your shoes and other stuff and putting it into a tub and then walking through the body scanner. I was one of the lucky ones who got stopped and they swabbed my hands for explosives before I could get through. The lady behind me got detained because of her hair, she said.

"The wind is blowing like crazy and they are scanning me because of my bad hair?" she asked. "This is crazy."

Once safely on board, the flight attendants were in a particular festive mood, especially Bill Adkins, who entertained us all as he went down the list of the usual "rules" on the flight, reminding folks that smoking is illegal on all airplanes.

"If I see smoke coming from the bathroom, you better be on fire," he quipped to the passengers.

I was seated next to a family on their way to Kansas City — the dad was just as nervous as I was about flying.

"I hate it," he said all the while keeping a brave face for his cute little wide-eyed daughter, who was apparently having a great time.

It was dark by the time we reached Dallas. Kimberly, a flight attendant who was traveling home for the holidays, was helpful when

I asked about the lightning outside near the wings.

"You don't fly much, do you?" she smiled. "Those are the lights flashing on the wings, not lightning." "Whew, that's a relief," I told her.

Next it was into Dallas Love Field for a layover and plane change.

On this leg of the flight there was so much turbulence that the flight attendants had to stay seated and buckled up for most of the hour-long flight.

While it was a grueling trip - memories spending time with my family were still fresh and wonderful.

More travel days are around the corner, with the New Year holiday coming up Friday.

Guess what? I'm staying home. Happy New Year!

As always, if you have a story to tell, want to visit or have some news, you can find me via email, phone or at the office where I will be just around the corner.

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ADAPT AND OVERCOME

Different, yet the same

"We go on and on about our differences. But, you know, our differences are less important than our similarities. People have a lot in common with one another, whether they see it or not."

- William Hall

Over the holiday I had an extremely interesting moment happen. I was making an adjustment to my prosthetic when I noticed a couple of my younger cousins were just staring at me. Jaslyn told me that she thought I was scaring them.

I thought, "Oh no." and covered up my prosthetic. After a few seconds I realized I was being irrational. If I treat it as weird and strange then that is how they will react to it. If I treat it as normal, it could greatly influence their reaction in the future to someone else with a visible disability.

In that moment I decided that I would talk to them about it. I showed it to them so they could ask questions. They were very receptive to everything. They even made me take my shoe off so they could see and feel the foot. It was great seeing their little eyes just light up in wonder as they were discovering something new and great.

In reality a prosthetic is no different than a cane or a walker, but nobody gets weirded out when they see someone walking with one of those. Although my leg looks different than most peoples' it's function and purpose is practically the same. The inquisitive nature of children can sometimes make us realize how irrational we can be as adults. Their reaction to something is completely predicated on how they see us react as adults. I think we all need to remember that different doesn't mean bad, it's just different and different is good. It's what makes us who we are.

Adapt and Overcome is a weekly article by Chad McDuffee, a veteran who served 11 years in the U.S. Army. The column will cover his experiences on his journey as an amputee as well as documenting the journeys of others.



Chad McDuffee

INSURANCE

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Insurance Coverage: Insurers can no longer cancel your coverage just because you made an honest mistake.

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You can access everything you need for Medicare, including online applications and publications, at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare.

Social Security and affordable healthcare go hand-in-hand. The Affordable Care Act and Medicare help ensure that you and your family are covered.

BROTHER J

It is wood burning season

We have a wood burning stove that we use for emergencies and heat for our all electric house. We love the stove and it does well but I found out there are some steps you need to know and follow if you want to get the full benefit from the stove. Getting the fire started is the hardest part. You need small dry sticks and sometimes even fire starting material. After it is started you must slowly add the right kind of wood to get a good fire going. Adding wood occasionally will keep a good fire going. Taking the ashes out is important also. Taking care of that stove reminds me of something in the Bible. Without Jesus Christ in our lives there is no fire or spiritual life and we are considered spiritually dead, (Ephesians 2:1-4). How do we get spiritual life or a fire going? By repenting or asking forgiveness for our sins and trusting fully and wholly on Jesus Christ and what He did on the cross, (John 3:3, Acts 2:37&38, 11:16, 26:16-18). Once we get it started we must keep it going. The way to do this is by reading, learning and applying God's Word and attending Church regularly, (Acts 2:42, 1:14). Do not let the fire go out, (1 Thessalonians 5:19)! Failing to read, learn and apply God's word quenches the fire, (Galatians 5:16-25). See you in church next Sunday.

Brother J

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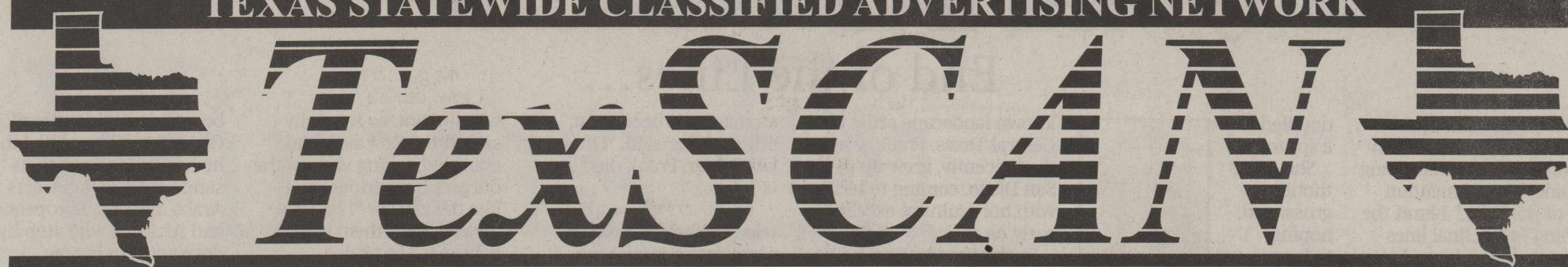
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THE IDLE AMERICAN

End of the Lines...

Before celebratory parades line up, I want to confess to framing a misleading headline. When I mention "end of the lines," I limit the meaning to the final lines written in this column for calendar 2015.

Wherewith, you may choose to respond with the same query the needle posed to the thread in the nudist colony: "Sew what?"

Featured in the year's final column are three sets of totally unrelated memories, none of which is likely ever to be forgotten by the folks who were there....

Best memories know no time boundaries, and an Ethelyn Smith favorite dating back some 75 years. At Christmas time, she and her family regularly visited Uncle Milburn. She remembers him in a rocking chair, ridding himself of snuff residue with dead-eye aim at an old vegetable can that

doubled as a spittoon.

She thought it gross, and, hoping to bring a smidgen of culture to the Ozarks, sent him a beautiful brass spittoon.

During the next Christmas visit, she expected to see it in use. No, it was dangling on a rope from the ceiling, accented by a large plastic flower. The old can was still in use. "I didn't want to dirty up such a pretty brass piece," the Arkansan explained....

"Little Brother" Richard Fuller recounted long-ago yesterdays about older brother Frank Fuller, a well-



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known landscape artist in Central Texas. Frank, who died recently, grew up in San Diego, coming to terms with horticultural excellence early on.

By the time he was 40, he operated his own nursery. One day, a persnickety customer said her interest was limited to plants that bloomed throughout the year, were hardy and required minimal water. "You're looking for oleander," Frank responded....

"I'll have nothing poisonous in my yard," she snapped. Richard says his brother plucked a couple of blossoms, swallowing them immediately. "Maybe the poison is in the stem," she countered. He broke off a stem and ate it. "OK, I guess it's the root," she observed.

Unflummoxed, Frank cut off a root, wiped off the soil and chowed down on it. "Finally, I guess the wom-

an may have been right," little brother said. "Fifty-one years later, Frank died...."

In Lubbock at a recent Christmas banquet for church staff members and spouses of the Lubbock Area Baptist Association, Vestal Blakely enlivened conversations with remembrances of several decades as a missionary in Tanzania. It was a whole new world for Blakely and wife Carol Jean, West Texans through and through. They struggled through language school and with many new customs. They witnessed to all-including lepers.

"We hunted our meat and the first time we served zebra burgers to stateside guests, it resulted in quite a stir," Blakely said. Explaining that zebra meat is white through and through, he offered the guests grilled zebra burgers. "The local charcoal chunks burned

way too hot, so we really seared the first side," he chuckled, telling visitors the burgers had stripes—just like the zebras. "I had no idea some of them would believe it," he added....

Another memory he'll always retain is that of Ali Sumaili, a leper who begged daily near the post office. He had no toes or fingers, and parts of his ears and nose were missing. Vestal explained the plan of salvation, marking John 3:16 in the Swahili bible he gave to Ali.

Ali accepted Christ, but continued his daily vigil, begging for alms. He needed help, not only for himself, but for a bed-ridden mother and mentally challenged sister whom he sustained in a mud and stick house. There, they all sleep on the ground. He was baptized, attending church services almost without fail, despite

being barely able to walk. Oh, it should be added that he has handed out thousands of Christian tracts to Arabs, Indians, Europeans and Africans who stop by to drop coins in his lap.

Another warm recollection of the missionary pictures Ali "scooting" through the pages of his Swahili bible with the palm of his hand. How could Blakely forget? What word pictures he painted, and as he spoke, others hushed, not wanting to miss a word. I won't expect such rapt attention with written words presented in this column next year!...

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It looks like a blizzard blew through Blizzard Stadium. Dec. 28, 2015.

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STORM,

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in and around Abilene were without power. Most of the outages were repaired by late Monday afternoon.

Numerous accidents and near accidents were reported as the roads iced over late Sunday and early Monday morning. Baird said he had received numerous calls of people slipping and sliding off the roads. Early Monday morning, a Ballinger woman on her way to work had a rollover accident in a Kia SUV as she was driving from Winters to Ballinger on the Hatchel Highway, Baird reported. Fortunately, she was not seriously injured.

The Texas Department of Transportation was in Runnels County to treat some roads and bridges with de-icing materials. But even so, Public Information Officer Karen Threlkeld cautioned motorists to avoid driving on the bridges, especially since they are under construction.

Winters Police Chief Randall Davis said no serious damage was reported in Winters as a result of the storm, other than downed tree limbs.

Officials at the National Weather Service said dime to quarter size hail was reported Friday and Saturday in Wingate.

Ballinger reportedly received four inches of snow, during the Sunday storm, while Winters received 2.5 inches, the NWS reported. San Angelo reported three inches of snow.

The good news is moisture translates into additional water in lakes and streams. As of Monday, Lake Ballinger was 8 percent full and the old lake was about 15 percent full, said Randy Everett the superintendent of the city's water plant. He said the water flow in some of the area creeks and streams is ramping up due to the rain and snow, but it is not near enough.

"We are seeing Valley Creek running at about 200 gallons per minute, where it was running about 50 gallons per minute," Everett said. Ballinger receives 80 percent of its water from Lake O.H. Ivie, which was 12.6 percent full Tuesday.

Winters lake on the other hand, is 96 percent full, according to Jack Davis, water and wastewater superintendent. He reported that the lake took on about 1.2 inches during the recent storms and more is expected from the area watershed which starts in Lawn.

"Every little bit helps," Davis said.

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