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### Briefly

#### Sales tax down in Winters

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced Jan. 8 he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$617.2 million in local sales tax allocations for January, 0.1 percent less than in January 2015. These allocations are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly. Sales tax receipts were \$46,168.37 in Ballinger, down 8.06 percent from the same time last year when \$50,217.21 was distributed. Sales tax receipts were also down in Winters, with \$16,145.70 reported for November, down 16.17 percent from 2014, when \$19,261.96 in sales tax was received. Miles received \$4,321.69 for November, down 10.24 percent from last year when \$4,824.70 was received.

Sales tax receipts were up for Runnels County with \$31,202.27 received in November an increase of 4.29 percent over last year when \$29,917.62 was received.

ON THE NET:  
<http://comptroller.texas.gov/>

#### Tree disposal

Residents wishing to dispose of Christmas trees may call Winters City Hall to have the 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 to dispose of the tree.

ON THE NET:  
[www.winters-texas.us](http://www.winters-texas.us)

#### The last drop

A warming trend is expected for Runnels County over the next several days the National Weather Service in San Angelo reports.

Highs are expected to be in the low and upper 60s through Friday, with a cold front coming through Saturday, with highs only expected to reach the mid to upper 50s.

Low temperatures are not expected to go below freezing during the front, forecasters say.

No precipitation is expected during the cold front, the NWS reports. Only a trace of rain was recorded for the area from Jan. 7-12. No official rainfall has been reported so far this year.

The official rainfall for 2015 was 28.87 inches for Ballinger, 33.24 inches for Wingate and 26.78 inches reported in San Angelo.

ON THE NET:  
<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/sjt/>

## Meth lab discovered

### Suspect identified, arrest pending

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Runnels County authorities located a methamphetamine lab in the garage of a home in Winters Friday, reports indicate.

Sgt. Carl Squyres reported that information was received of a possible lab in the 100 block of Jones Street in Winters Friday. Squyres and Winters Police Chief Randall Davis headed to the location

and immediately noticed a chemical odor emanating from an unattached garage at the residence, reports show.

Squyres and Davis received permission to search the property and upon entering the garage, they discovered a Crock Pot which was on and apparently in the middle of the cooking process.

"The chemical odor was determined to be coming from this Crock Pot, a

'sludge' was present inside the Crock Pot and several pills, believed to be cold medications, commonly used for the Manufacture of Methamphetamine were seen within the sludge," Squyres reported.

Other discarded packages of cold medications and other products commonly used in the manufacture of methamphetamine were also located in the garage, as well as in the bedroom

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A suspected methamphetamine lab was discovered in the detached garage of a home in Winters Friday, reported Sgt. Carl Squyres of the Runnels County Sheriff's Department. Items used in the manufacture of the substance were found near where the "cook" was occurring.

# It's all about THE SHOW

### Winters students prepare for livestock show

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Every morning at 6:30 a.m. Winters High School sophomore Kristan Seaney makes her way over to the livestock barns in Winters to feed her pig and every night, she goes back to hand feed him again.

Classmate Bryce "Tree" Lamphear, a junior at Winters High School, does the same, feeding three pigs, one of which he has entered in the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show, which gets underway today and runs through Saturday at the Ballinger Community Center.

Seaney and her sisters will be showing this year. She has been involved in FFA and raising livestock since the 5th grade.

"My mom did it when she was younger," Seaney said. "I've just been raised around this."

Seaney and Lamphear are among a number of



Bryce "Tree" Lamphear, a junior at Winters High School and sophomore Kristan Seaney, were busy Friday getting their pigs ready for show at the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show which will run through Saturday at the Ballinger Community Center.

CELINDA HAWKINS | ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Winters students who will be showing animals at the stock show.

On this day, Lamphear, was busy feeding his pig "Lollypop" some marshmallows, something he delights in doing.

He also gets some time in playing with Lollypop

and his other pig "Bubblegum" who he says his sister Karmen named.

The students have been preparing for the show for weeks and months and hope to win top honors.

But there is a more serious side to the stock show, which is the dedica-

tion to the animals and the process, which begins this weekend and continues with stock shows slated from San Angelo to Austin in coming months.

"It has taught me responsibility," Seaney said. Trevor Brawley, Winters' Ag teacher, is in his first

year and has been helping the students leading up to the show. He knows, because he raised livestock when he was young.

"I know the work and the time that goes in to this - and the

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## Cotton is still king

### 2015 was a year of ups and downs in Runnels County

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The 2015 cotton crop was a little better than expected, producers in Runnels County say, but yields were down significantly this year with ups and downs in terms of rain and drought affecting the county's most bountiful crop.

Each year, between 50,000 and 60,000 acres of cotton is typically planted in Runnels County and about 200 pounds per acre is produced.

Hopes were high for the

crops as rains in May put much needed moisture on the fields. But a severe drought in July and August parched the fields. This was followed by significant rains in September, which delayed the harvest.

"Most of the producers planted what they thought was the best cotton crop ever but when the rains shut off in July and August that affected the yields," said Dr. David Drake, agronomist with the Texas AgriLife Extension Office in San Angelo. "In general



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Kevin Book, who runs the Elm Creek Gin in Ballinger, said he processed about half the cotton he processed last year. He said he is done ginning cotton for this year and hopes to attract more customers next year.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

## Richard W. Bradshaw

Richard W. Bradshaw, 84, of Winters, died Jan. 9, 2016. He was born Aug. 19, 1931 in Robert Lee. The family received friends at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 at Winters Funeral Home. Funeral service were at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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## Geneva Bradford Cook

SAN ANGELO — Geneva (Bradford) Cook peacefully passed away on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015. In celebration of her full life, there will be a memorial service at 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 18, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church in Winters with a graveside service immediately following at the Wingate Cemetery. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.



Geneva was born in Alvarado on Sept. 17, 1926 to Charlie and Beulah Bradford. When she was just two months old, her family moved to the plains of Texas and she grew up near Floydada. Geneva met Kenneth William (K.W.) Cook, her best friend and love of her life, in Lockney, Texas when she was eighteen years old and they were married three weeks later. K.W. and Geneva settled and raised their family in Winters. They were married (four days shy) of sixty-six years. Geneva was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Winters.

K.W. preceded her in death on Dec. 31, 2011. She was also preceded in death by her parents and eight siblings, Virgil, Myrtle, Mable, Delzie, Robert, Tennie, Houston, Floyd, and a very special grandson-in-law, Ben Bythewood.

Geneva, or Gran as she was known by so many, was known for her outgoing personality and zeal for life. She and Mr. Cook (Cookie) welcomed countless friends and family to their lakehouse and into their home in Winters. She always made sure there was enough food and fresh brewed tea. She loved being actively involved in her community and helping others. She loved to cook and sew but not more than she loved to ski. She rightly earned bragging rights in her ability to solom ski without getting her beautiful red hair wet all over Oak Creek Lake. Everyone enjoyed visiting and staying with Gran. While she wasn't in her sewing room, kitchen or at the lake, you could find her at an Eastern Star meeting or event as she was an outstanding member and officer. She blessed numerous women and men in that busy and fun season of her life.

Geneva is survived by two sisters, Jean Logan and husband Bob, and Marcellita. She is also survived by her two sons, Richard Cook and wife Barbara and Larry Cook and wife Debbie. In addition, Geneva is survived by grandchildren, Amy Bythewood, Kaci Follis and husband Lynn, Molly Powell and husband Kris, Morgan Cook, Nicole Smith and husband Robbie, Josh Cook, and Ryan Cook. She is also survived by great grandchildren, Benjamin Bythewood, Bryanna Flournoy and husband Chris, Kacelyn Follis, Kolson Follis, and Karter Follis. She is also survived by her great-great grandson, Braden Flournoy as well as numerous, very special nieces and nephews that she considered her own.

A very special thank you to the staff at Bronte Health and Rehab Center. Your support, love and care for Gran was matchless and you all were such a blessing to her.

Online condolences may be made at [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com)

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## Ollie Lou Cole

Ollie Lou Cole, 89, of Ballinger passed away Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015, in San Angelo.

On Nov. 16, 1926, she was born at her grandmother's house in Bronte, to James and Angie (Johnson) Glenn. After graduating from Bronte High School in 1944, she attended Texas Women's University in Denton. She soon realized her passion was in the cotton ginning business with her father in Winters. She made her home for many years in Winters, where she raised her four daughters. She was the Winters Public Librarian for several years and made many great friends there. She later pursued a teaching career at the Abilene State School until her health began to fail. She was always an active member of the Methodist Church both in Winters and Ballinger. Upon moving to Ballinger, she became a member of the Sunshine Circle where she



made some wonderful friends that she truly enjoyed. But her true love was for all seven of her grandchildren. She loved spending time with them and watching them grow up.

Ollie was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Cecil Jim Glenn.

She is survived by her four daughters, Glenda Flatt and husband Lonnie, of Ovalo, Emaleta Mooney and husband Asa, of Albuquerque, NM, Lou Ann Hatler and husband Jim, of Winters, and Robbie Fuchs and husband Doug, of Ballinger. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Lindsey Flatt, Mitzi Nelson, Jamie Alderman, Kirby Zett, Katherine Hatler, D.J. Fuchs, and Derrick Fuchs; 11 great-grandchildren; and two nephews, James Glenn and Jeff Glenn.

Visitation for family and friends were held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 1, 2016 at Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. Services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger with Rev. Buddy Moore officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

Arrangements are with Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. Guests may register online at [ballingerfuneralhome.com](http://ballingerfuneralhome.com).

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Business Brown Bag

SAN ANGELO - The ASU Small Business Development Center, Chamber of Commerce, and The Business Factory (part of the Concho Valley Center for Entrepreneurial Development) have teamed up to provide entrepreneurs and business owners an informative speaker series called the Business Brown Bag Series.

The next Business Brown Bag series be from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 19 at the Chamber Riverview Room (418 W. Ave. B.) and the topic is "Affordable Care Act Update for Small Business."

This event is free and open to the public with an RSVP Box lunches are available for a nominal \$7 fee. To find out more about this seminar or to RSVP please call (325) 655-4136. More information about the Business Brown Bag series can be found on the following website: [www.angelo.edu/bbb](http://www.angelo.edu/bbb).

### Forage seminar

A special 5-hour CEU Forage Seminar is set for January 26 at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. Registration is at 8 a.m. and programs begin at 9 a.m. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies. The cost of the seminar and accompanying meal is \$20 to those that pre-register by January 19, thereafter a \$25 fee may be paid at the door. This program is presented by the AgriLife Extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, and Eastland Counties. For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

### 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 Ballinger will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. today, 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 Head Start applications

Winters Head Start is always accepting applications. Call Ursula Estrada at 325-754-5577 ext. 3127 to set up an application appointment. Head Start serves children 3-4 years old. Children with disabilities are welcome.

### Hone your computer skills

A Basic Computer Skills course will be held Thursday's through Feb. 11 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. 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. Monday, January 25 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.

# November unemployment up in Runnels County Follows statewide trend

### STAFF REPORT

Runnels County's unemployment rate was 3.7 percent in November up from 3.6 percent in October according to the TWC.

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.6 percent in November, up from 4.4 percent in October, and remained below the national average of 5.0 percent.

"I'm pleased to see that the construction industry continued to see growth in Texas in November," said TWC Com-

missioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "This is a good indicator that the state's economy is growing and that job opportunities will continue to increase."

Texas employers expanded their payrolls in November with the addition 16,300 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, marking the ninth month of job increases for Texas in 2015.

"Texas employers added 179,300 jobs over the past year, highlighting the diversity of the Texas economy and job market," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Job seekers are encouraged to pursue these opportunities with employers by contacting their local Workforce Solutions office for assistance."

The construction industry accounted for more than half of November's net job gains with the addition of 9,000 jobs, marking that industry's fourth straight month of growth. The professional and business service industry also added jobs for the fourth month in a row, adding 5,500 positions in November.

"Texas employers continue to lead the good economic news for our state," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. "The fact that our state has added jobs for nine of the 11 months of 2015 is a credit to the diversity and resilience of employers in Texas."

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.2 percent, followed by the Austin-Round Rock and Lubbock MSAs with rates of 3.3 and 3.4 percent, respectively, in November.

The West Central Texas area, showed a 4.1 percent unemployment rate for November, no change from the October rate for the area.

We would like to let everyone know how much we appreciate your kindness during this long goodbye of our mother, Ollie Lou Cole. Thank you so much for the phone calls, cards, flowers, food and most of all the prayers. You have made our loss a little easier to grasp, thank you so much.

*The daughters of Ollie Lou Cole*

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TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE

Patman a legendary legislator

American History is filled with stories of men and women who stepped in at the right time. U. S. Rep. Wright Patman was one such figure.



Dr. Ken Bridges

wage, and the 40-hour work week. In 1936, his bonus bill for World War I veterans finally passed.

He remained an active legislator in the years after World War II. To help the economy return to peacetime activity, he pushed the Full Employment Act of 1946 as well as four housing acts between 1946 and 1965 that helped the average American afford a good home.

His years in Congress had earned him tremendous respect among his colleagues. In January 1973, he became the Dean of the House of Representatives, an honorary title for the longest-serving member of the House of Representatives, one of only five Texans to ever hold the title.

By 1975, however, his health and career had begun to decline. A new group of congressmen had been swept into office in the 1974 mid-term elections angry over the Watergate scandal as well as the old seniority system that only allowed older members of Congress to chair important committees.

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

John William Wright Patman was born outside Hughes Springs in Cass County in 1893. After graduating high school, he enrolled at Cumberland University in Tennessee.

In 1920, he was elected to the first of two terms in the state legislature before becoming the district attorney for Northeast Texas. In 1928, Patman challenged U. S. Rep. Eugene Black of Clarksville for his seat in Congress.

Not long after his election, the Great Depression struck. In 1932, a growing number of unemployed veterans, desperate for any money to support their families, began demanding the immediate payment of a special monetary bonus that Congress had enacted for veterans in 1920.

After the inauguration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933, Patman was an outspoken supporter of his New Deal reforms designed to combat the depression and reform the shattered economy.

Seven Fall graduates from ASU

STAFF REPORT

Angelo State University conferred 440 undergraduate and graduate degrees upon 436 graduates during 2015 fall commencement exercises Dec. 12 in San Angelo, Texas.

Areas of undergraduate academic study at ASU lead to the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Border Security (B.B.S.), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Cultural Competence and Security Studies (B.C.C.S.S.), Bachelor of Cultural Fluency and Security Studies (B.C.F.S.S.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.), Bachelor of Intelligence, Security Studies, and Analysis (B.I.S.S.A.), Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (B.I.S.), Bachelor of Music (B.M.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of

Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), Bachelor of Security Studies (B.S.S.), Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.), Associate / Bachelor of Science in Nursing (A.B.S.N.) and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.).

Students receiving degrees in Runnels County include:

Ballerger

Whitney M. Gilbert, B.S.; and Courtney D. Leverett, B.S.

Miles

Sarah A. Estevis, B.S.; Caden J. Glass, B.A., magna cum laude; and Bradley R. Rodriguez, B.A.

Winters

Clent W. Bryan, B.S.; and Jose E. Llanas, B.S.

Man killed, another shot by officer

STAFF REPORT

MARYNEAL - A man was shot and killed in the small community of Maryneal, just a few miles south of Sweetwater, the Department of Public Safety reported Monday, Jan. 4.

Lonnie Odell Sturdivant, 59, of Maryneal, was reportedly shot at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2.

Following the shooting, the suspect reportedly fled in a vehicle. Lance Light, 54, was pursued by DPS, Sweetwater Police and officers from the Nolan County Sheriff's Office.

Light was reportedly shot by a Sweetwater officer after he produced a gun and pointed it at officers. The pursuit ended at U.S. Interstate 20 and State Highway 70.

Light is in critical condition in a Sweetwater hospital.

The officer who fired at him is on paid administrative leave. The case is currently under investigation by the local agencies as well as the Texas Rangers.

January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month

BY GOV. GREG ABBOTT

As Americans, we enjoy an extraordinary amount of freedom, and our opportunities for success are abundant. Unfortunately, even amidst a nation such as ours, there are individuals whose freedom, liberty and dignity have been stripped from them without their consent.

The thought of this injustice, especially the coercion of children, is difficult to comprehend and demands an immediate and powerful response. As Texans, we will not stand for such inhumane practices, and the State of Texas will deal harshly with those responsible for trafficking.

Texas is a national leader in the fight to end human trafficking, and in 2003, was one of the first states to pass anti-trafficking laws. Most recently, I was proud to sign House Bill 10, passed

during the 84th Legislative Session, establishing a Child Sex Trafficking Prevention Unit within my office's Criminal Justice Division and providing increased penalties for human traffickers. However, there is still much work to be done, and I commend our state's law enforcement officers for their dedication to stopping this atrocious crime.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about the dangers and signs of human trafficking and to do their part in supporting efforts to end trafficking at home and abroad. With a more informed public, Texas and our nation will be even better equipped to help those in need.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim January 2016, to be Human Trafficking Prevention Month in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof. In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature

School menus for Jan. 15-21

Breakfast

- Jan. 15 Cinnamon roll, cereal w/ grahams, peaches, Fruit juice, choice of milk
Jan. 18 Biscuit & sausage gravy, pop tart, cereal grahams Pineapple, fruit juice, choice of milk

- Jan. 19 Breakfast pizza, cereal w/ grahams, raisins, and fruit Juice, choice of milk

- Jan. 20 Sausage roll, cereal w/ grahams, orange slices, Fruit juice, choice of milk

- Jan. 21 Pancakes, cereal w/ grahams, tropical fruit Fruit juice, choice of milk

Lunch

- Jan. 15 Chef salad, cheese sticks, cheese burger, Baked chips, salad/carrot sticks, pears, choice of milk

- Jan. 18 Chef salad, Choice of pizza, corn,

- Black eyed peas, salad/ carrot sticks, and apple-sauce Choice of Milk

- Jan. 19 Chef salad, grilled chicken on bun Burrito, broccoli w/ cheese, mashed sweet potatoes Salad/carrot sticks, pine-apple, choice of milk

- Jan. 20

- Chef salad, meatball sub, grilled cheese sandwich Italian green beans, gold-fish, salad/broccoli, pears Choice of Milk

- Jan. 21 Chef salad, chicken tenders, steak fingers, sliced bread Mashed potatoes, gravy, salad/carrots sticks, fruit cup Choice of Milk

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

Grid for last week's crossword puzzle answers: ANEW, GELS, GIFT, TOXIC, ISEE, ERIE, EMAIL, BANC, OKRA, SAMUEL, BUTLER, TDS, RIO, URGES, MINNIE, DRIVER, MISA, CT, VEE, ADO, ASHES, GIL, BANGS, LAA, SUE, TOSSES, TIMOTHY, DCOOK, DUBAI, OFT, ELK, JOHN, HOU, SE, ELN, SAFE, TEAK, UNITE, OPEC, ZITI, POLKA, STET, ULEE, SEED

Weather Whys

Q: What causes frost to form? A: Frost forms when the temperature at the ground reaches freezing, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Very often on calm, clear nights, the temperature near the ground can be several degrees cooler than temperatures above the ground," he explains. "The thermometer might read 34 degrees on top of a roof, but at the ground, it might read 32 degrees. This is because the ground loses heat quickly. So water vapor in the air, because it is so cool, condenses as supercooled dew and then turns to frost and maybe ice. Frost tends to form on glass, such as car windshields or windows, metal or rock surfaces first because these tend to lose more heat quicker. So usually, a car windshield will frost over before vegetation does."

# Runnels County ROLL-UP

## Public Record

### Runnels County Jail Record January 14, 2016

Name	Age	Agency
Delbert J. Strength	62	Coleman DPS
	DWL 1ST	
Shane L. Lawson	32	RCSO
	Bench warrant - CPS	
Derek D. Thomas	44	Coke
	Sentenced 2 years DWI 3rd or more	
Ashley N. Haggard	23	DPS Runnels
	Poss. controlled substance	
Dwayne E. Wilson	28	DPS Concho
	Poss. controlled substance	
Ryan Garza	28	DPS Runnels
	Evading arrest w/ motor vehicle	
Tamara N. Seidman	35	TX DPS
	Man/delivery controlled substance	
Brandon S. Fisher	33	RCSO
	Forgery financial instrument	
Raymond W. McDaniel	60	RCSO
	MTR - aggravated assault	
Tradonna L. Slidell	46	Menard
	MTR - Forgery of financial instrument	
Jose A. Barconas	33	Concho
	Travis County warrant assault family violence	

## VETERAN'S CORNER



Sandra G. Van Zant

This year, VA will pay \$88.1 million in annual dividends to approximately 430,000 veterans who served before 1956 and hold qualifying life insurance policies. The dividends come from the earnings of trust funds that veterans have paid insurance premiums into over the years, and are linked to returns on investments in U.S. government securities. The VA will pay the following dividends: \$53.5 million - anticipated total amount of dividends to qualifying veterans of World War II holding National Service Life Insurance policies that begin with the letter "V," \$2.3 million - Anticipated total amount of dividends to be paid to qualifying World War II-era Veterans holding Veterans Reopened Insurance policies that begin with the letters "J," "JR" or "JS", \$32.2 million - anticipated total amount of dividends to be paid to qualifying Korean Conflict-era veterans holding Veterans Special Life Insurance policies that begin with the letters "RS" or "W," \$105,000 - anticipated total amount of dividends to be paid to qualifying veterans who served after World War I

until 1940 and hold U.S. Government Life Insurance policies that begin with the letter "K". No action is required on the part of the veteran receiving dividends. VA will automatically pay the dividend on the anniversary date of the policy by sending it to the insured veteran. The amounts will vary based on the age of the veteran, the type of insurance and the length of time the Veteran has had the policy in force. Veterans eligible for the dividends must have had these VA life insurance policies in effect since they left the military and would have received annual notifications about their policies. VA operates one of the nation's largest life insurance programs, providing more than \$1.2 trillion in coverage to 6.3 million service members, veterans, and family members. Veterans who have questions about their policies should contact the VA insurance toll-free number at 1-800-669-8477 or send an email to VAinsurance@va.gov. For more information, 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

## Runnels County investigation uncovers stolen property

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The Runnels County Sheriff's Office recovered more than \$17,000 in property stolen from Robert Lee in in Coke County, reports indicate.

Sgt. Carl Squyres said the RCSO received a call from the Coke County Sheriff's Office indicating the property may be at a mechanic's shop in Winters.

Squyres followed up on the call and was able to locate the property, which also included a trailer reported stolen from Crockett, which was reportedly used to haul the stolen property from Coke County to Runnels County. The property and the

trailer were located at a mechanic shop in the 200 block of South Main in Winters on Dec. 30, Squyres reported. More stolen property was located at a home in the 500 block of South Arlington St. in Winters, the same day, including a golf cart and golf clubs.

Property located at the mechanic shop included a second golf cart and a Yamaha U-Max ATV and a welder reported stolen from a home outside of Winters, Squyres said. "All of that property including the golf clubs totaled \$17,000," Squyres said.

The property has been turned over to Coke County S.O. which is the



lead agency in the investigation.

No arrests were made in Winters, but four suspects have been identified Squyres said. Coke County has also identified an unknown number of suspects.

No arrests were made in Winters as a result of the investigation, which remains active with the Coke County S.O.

The Winters Police Department assisted in the recovery of the stolen items.

## Runnels County clerk's office accepting vote by mail applications Deadline to apply is Feb. 19

### STAFF REPORT

The Runnels County Clerk's office is now accepting applications for early voting by mail for the March 1 Democratic and Republican Primary election. A voter has the option of voting in either the Democratic Primary or the Republican Primary.

A qualified voter is eligible to vote by mail if the voter:

1. Expects to be absent from the county of residency on election day AND during the regular hours for early voting by personal appearance;
2. Is disabled;
3. Will be 65 years of age or older on

election day; or

4. Is confined in jail but eligible to vote. The last day for the county clerk's office to receive an application to vote by mail is February 19. Any qualified voter will be eligible for early voting by personal appearance at the Runnels County Election Office (courthouse annex) in Ballinger, beginning Tuesday, February 16 and ending Friday, February 26. Office hours: 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Sample ballots will be available February 1 at the County Clerk's office in Ballinger, the Tax Branch office in Winters and the City Hall in Miles. For additional information or to request an application to vote early by mail, please contact the County Clerk's office at 365-2720.

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Bryce "Tree" Lamphear, a junior at Winters High School, feeds his pig "Lollypop" Friday at the ag barns at Winters ISD. He will be showing the pig during the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show that runs through Saturday in Ballinger.

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**SHOW,**  
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responsibility," Brawley said. "It helps them grow up."  
The Runnels County Junior Livestock Show is in its 15th year and over 130 4-H and FFA members from Runnels County will feature 400 livestock projects from the Winters, Ballinger and Miles school districts.  
The event is sponsored by the Runnels County Junior Livestock Association. The board of the RCJLA includes President Cecil Kalina of Miles, Vice President Curt Skelton of Ballinger, Secretary Robert Langston of Ballinger, Treasurer Jason Battle of Ballinger and Past President Bill Bredemeyer of Winters. Directors of the RCJLA include Michael Woodall of Winters, Bill Belew of Winters, David Estevis of Miles, Janett Dankworth of Ballinger, Wade Halfmann of Miles, Sammy Edwards of Winters and Dusty Allen of Miles.  
"It has gotten bigger and better every year," said Kalina. "It brings the whole county together."  
All livestock will arrive at the Ballinger Community Center for weigh in from 5 to 7 p.m. The shows will begin at 9 a.m. Friday morning, with the swine show. The Friday noon meal which consists of hamburgers and all the fixings, provided by the Ballinger Young Farmers. After lunch, the show will resume with the rabbit show followed by the meat goat show Friday afternoon. The lamb show begins at 8 a.m. Saturday followed by the cattle at 10:30 a.m.  
The Runnels County Premium Sale will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday in the show ring with every youth having the opportunity to sell a project. The premium sale is the largest single event in Runnels County that supports youth projects and helps 4-H and FFA members gain scholarship funds and funds for future projects.  
Last year over \$90,000 was distributed to all of the youth who participated, thanks to a number of major sponsors across the county.

Runnels County Extension Agent Garrett Cline said the show is always well supported by the communities.  
"This will be great this year and it always is very well supported by local business," Cline said.  
A noon buyers meal will be held Saturday in the community center for all sponsors, contributors and buyers. Local and area businesses are invited to attend the premium sale and help support the youth of Runnels County. All funds generated in the premium sale go to the 4-H and FFA youth.  
The Runnels County Junior Livestock Show Association invites everyone to come out and support the youth of Runnels County. Concessions and meals are available during the show. For more information, contact the Runnels County Extension office at (325)365-2219.

**COTTON,**  
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our yields are slightly off in irrigated and dry land."  
In general, the quality of the crop that was planted early, stayed pretty good, Drake said.  
"The crop was set early and had plenty of time to mature," Drake explained. "We ran in to trouble when we harvested the late crop. The rain (in September October) wasn't soon enough to change the yield and made it more difficult to get the crop in."

Karin Kuykendall, executive director of the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association, agreed saying that the crop was good, until July.

"It was really average," Kuykendall said. "But coming off last year (2014) when we had a great crop, that was hard to beat."

About 213,000 acres of cotton is planted in the 12-county region, which includes Runnels, Concho, Coke, Coleman, Brown, McCulloch, Mason, Menard, and Irion, Schleicher, Tom Green and southern Taylor counties. The southern region is expected to produce 145 bales, Kuykendall said.

Cotton farmer Billy Halfmann, was not so optimistic in October, when he was about half way through the harvest.

"We did have a very good start," Halfmann said. "We had moisture and then it stopped raining and it got dry and hot."

After predicting the overall yield of the 300 acres that he farms around Norton in North Runnels County, was going to be "fair," in the end, he did better than expected.

"Overall we were pleasantly surprised," said Halfmann who has been farming for 43 years. "It made more than we thought it would make. We had about 85 percent of what we had last year - it could've been a lot worse."

When the harvest began,

Bill Belew, who grows about 1,500 acres of cotton in northern Runnels County, said the crop was so - so.

"We don't have a bumper and we don't have a failure," Belew said. "It will be an average yield this year."

The Miles Cooperative Gin, is currently processing the last of the cotton crop, said Manager Ron Niehues, who has been running the gin since 2006.

"We are not through yet, we still have a few acres on the ground," said Niehues, who gins cotton for farmers in Coke, Coleman, Concho, Runnels Schleicher and Tom Green counties.

He expects to gin about 25,000 bales of cotton by the end of the season, which is down about 30 percent from last year when about 35,000 bales were ginned at the Miles Coop.

Niehues said early on, the outlook was good, but the weather drug out the process in terms of the harvest and ginning.

"We needed one more rain," he said. "The quality (of the cotton) was off too."

Niehues said he expects next year's crop to be about the same as it was this year.

"I think the acreage planted will be about the same," he said.

But he said, with \$.60 per pound, the prices could get better.

"In a good year, we get \$.70 to \$.80 per pound," he said. "A dollar a pound would be awesome."

Kevin Book, who runs Elm Creek Gin in Ballinger, said he ginned about half of the cotton he ginned last year. Book runs the gin for his parents, owners Charles and Mary Book. He and his college friend Revis Mikeska have been operating the gin this season, which for the most part is over.

"Let's call me through," Book said Monday. "It (the season) started off very promising but a stereotypical Texas summer hurt our grades a little bit. Plus the moneys to the farmers were a little less because of the



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Runnels County cotton producers say the harvest this year was better than expected, but the ups and downs of the crop this year were due to rains in May, a drought in July and August and then rains again in September and October.

water during the harvest." Now that the ginning is complete, Book said he is looking forward May when wheat season begins.

"We are all about growth and we hope to pick up more business next year," Books said. "We want people to know we are in business."

Drake said predictions from economists next year are good in terms of prices.

"National predictions say we'll stay the same in terms of acreage and perhaps

even increase," Drake said. "They are hoping for a slight bump in prices."

And, more varieties of cotton that are herbicide tolerant, some of which were released this year, will be available.

"We saw the extended flex cotton varieties come in to the market and for the most part they looked pretty good," Drake said. "We may see more 2,4-D varieties come out, but any time there is something new there is a cost there."



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# THE IDLE AMERICAN

## A Sporting Scout...

One doesn't hear much about dares anymore, and rarer still are "double dog dares." Well, Stephenville's Debbie Beverly issued dares to members of Cub Scout Pack 18 in both 2014 and 2015.

They've responded, easily topping the goals she set for annual popcorn sales. The proceeds cushion costs of meetings, outings, awards and such. In '14, Debbie willingly took 19 pies in the face when the 35 members' sales reached \$18,000, easily surpassing the \$15,000 challenge.

In 2015, she upped the goal to \$25,000. It was met midway in the four-month campaign, and early in November, she faced the music again. To honor her promise, she handed hair clippers to hubby Michael—also a scout leader—to render her hairless. During the 10-minute "shearing/cheering session," Michael manned the clippers; the

youngsters gleefully "back-slapped and high-fived." Debbie smiled through it all, remembering popcorn sales netted just \$4,000 when the fund-raiser began several years ago.

Two cubs led the way in '15—each with sales of about \$3,500. The campaign netted almost \$29,000, and folks are wondering how she'll challenge the now 85-member pack come August....

Life has been much about scouting for the couple since their son, now 24, was a first-grader. And their daughter, 20, fell right in at age 6 as well.

Cheering the scout leaders on are grateful parents, as well as members of the sponsoring Kiwanis Club and the United Electric Cooperative, whose community room the pack uses monthly.

With five state football championships since

1993, the community is accustomed to backing the Stephenville High School Yellow Jackets on Friday nights. These days, however, Stephenville is abuzz with excitement about youngsters in grades 1-5 "bulldog-determined" to meet sales challenges. Would that such community spirit and generous support of worthy causes rub off on the rest of us....

Debbie and Michael see scouting as growth opportunities for youngsters, and they willingly commit a total of almost 100 hours monthly to their joint passion. It is noted that 19 of their youngsters have gone on to become Eagle Scouts. (Only about 1% of scouts do so.)

"The challenge I made last August came easily," she said. "I know it isn't for everyone, but it was a 'fit' for me. It may seem bizarre to some, and that's



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okay. I'm careful to emphasize that I mean no disrespect to others, particularly those who are enduring diseases accompanied by loss of hair." She also figured she could wear a toboggan to conceal her bare noggin, but until recent weeks, it was simply too hot to do so. One of her scout moms gave her a toboggan now that the weather has turned colder. "When I get repeat 'looks' at the grocery store, I usually get the opportunity to tell my story and the good news of scouting..."

Scouting programs have

long since been corner posts in the fence rows of life. They give youngsters reason to be excited, despite significant cultural competition. Scouting programs accomplish much "without batteries or gadgets that plug in." (It has been said that in these days, lots of folks wouldn't become excited to see Niagara Falls run backwards.) Debbie says some parents look to scouting with "I can't do a thing with them" futility. "In a joking manner, I tell them gray hair usually comes along with parenting, and that each of my gray strands is well-earned."

But she also adds that bringing up children in the ways they should go takes time. Clearly, she and her husband are committed to giving big chunks of time to help children find their way....

Hair grows back, of

course. And Debbie's hair already is more than stubble, exceeding an inch in growth. She's now got less than three inches to go before desired length is reached.

Of paramount importance to these scout leaders—and to others across the land—is that youngsters grow, too. Life is about growing.

Such growth depends greatly on the oft-repeated Scout Oath: "On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

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### BROTHER J

## Balancing the books

Every year about this time my wife and I close out our books for the year. There are usually papers scattered all over and we are busy helping each other to get everything added up. I always hold my breath to see if we have given enough to the Lord. It is our goal or we try to give at least a tenth of our income. (Psalm 76:11). Several years ago we were real busy and I didn't watch our giving and when we totaled our giving we found out we had given very little that year. I felt so ashamed and I purposed in my heart I didn't want that to happen again. God has been so good to us and we want to thank Him and honor Him with our giving. It could even be a way of saying thanks. We try to tithe to our local church, (Malachi 3:10) and we also give to other special needs if we can, (Psalm 41:1). We have given when it was difficult and we have given when we had a little extra and God blessed both. Attitude plays an important part in our giving, (2 Corinthians 9:6-11). You can sure look at someone's checkbooks and see where there heart is, (Matthew 6:19-21). God loves a cheerful giver not a stingy one, (2 Corinthians 9:6&7). Be sure the books balance. See You in church Next Sunday.

Brother J

# THE MARKET PERSPECTIVE

## It's official, the Bear Market gets underway

The Big Picture for new readers I suspect the column will be attracting more new readers as all our projections for the last year are now coming true. So for starters here is the Big Picture.

A 40-year cycle exists in market trading. After two generations, the stock market violently corrects giving back much of the gains from the previous bull market. The 1929-1932 collapse saw a 90 percent decline in the Dow Industrials. The 1973-74 collapse was about 50 percent. The low on July 8, 1932 at 40.56 while the December 1974 low was 577. Forty years from the low of 1932 put the Dow Industrials at a new high in January 1972. Forty years from the low of December 1974 puts the Transports at a new all time high in November 1974. All in all this is an incredible symmetry, well past the point of coincidence.

Markets are not driven by the financial ratios and fundamentals one can learn in a University Finance or Accounting class. Rather markets are driven by internally generated changes in social mood. Positive mood formed the bull market of 1982-2000. All sorts of reasons were generated to buy the dot.coms only to have those reasons destroyed in the next couple of years.

Last Thursday, 'analysts' on CNBC were wondering if it was time to buy Apple. One after another listed reasons that Apple is one of the most wildly successful companies ever. Lots of cash, 40 percent margins, a



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loyal fan base, great innovation, and on and on they went. However on the long term chart Apple has completed a final (Elliott Wave) pattern. It is already down 23 percent and is probably headed lower. Like The Force in the latest Star Wars movie, the Forty Year cycle of emotion and correction will dictate that the strongest stocks will simply be the last to fall.

As an investor prepare yourself for repeating stair step patterns to the down side. The decline in oil prices is a perfect example. The Transports have fallen from 9,250 to 7,000, a 25 percent decline. The price of oil is down 70 percent in the same period. If oil can fall that far so can the rest of the market. Each rebound to the upside has been met with more selling just as the markets

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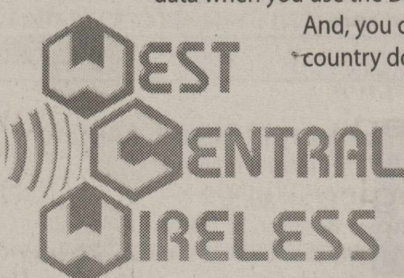


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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CITY OF BALLINGER, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION**

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Ballinger, Texas, shall convene at 6:00 o'clock P.M. on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016, at the City Hall, 700 Railroad Avenue, Ballinger, Texas, and, during such meeting, the City Council will consider the passage of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of certificates of obligation in an amount not to exceed \$1,050,000 for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for (i) constructing, acquiring, purchasing, renovating, enlarging, equipping, and improving water system proper-

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**City of Ballinger REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

THE CITY OF BALLINGER, TEXAS, HENCEFORTH KNOWN AS OWNER, IS ACCEPTING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (PROPOSAL) FOR THE ITEMS AND SERVICES LISTED IN THIS PACKAGE FOR COMPLETION OF AN AUTOMATED METER READING SYSTEM PROJECT FOR THE CITY'S WATER UTILITY. PROPOSALS WILL BE OPENED ON THE DATE AND AT THE TIME AND LOCATION AS INDICATED. ALL PROPOSALS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE INVITATION BY THIS REFERENCE. SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS INVITATION AND THE CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS ATTACHED HERETO. THE MASTER PROJECT AGREEMENT, WITH SELECTED ATTACHMENTS, SHALL BE IN EFFECT AT THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT FOR BEST PROPOSAL AS DETERMINED BY THE OWNER.

**PROPOSAL OPENING DATE: January 19, 2015**

**PROPOSAL OPENING TIME: 10:30 AM**

**PROPOSAL OPENING PLACE: 700 Railroad Ave, Ballinger, Texas 76821**

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**ABOVE:** Christy Kruse drives in for a shot during the game with Hamlin Monday. **RIGHT:** ChaCha Lovelace dribbles past her opponent during the game last week with Hamlin. The Lady Blizzards were defeated 52-36.

# Lady Blizzards suffer tough losses at home and on road

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Winters traveled to Anson and allowed the Lady Tigers to jump out to a 19-0 lead before finally settling in and getting some point on the board. Winters would eventually lose the contest 59-30. Aimee Green and Monique Carrillo had 7 points a piece. Monique also had 8 rebounds. Micaela Ochoa also chipped in with 6

points.

The Lady Blizzards also hosted Hamlin last week and despite having some very good play they were defeated 52-36. Green had 10 points, while Christy Kruse had 7.

With the two losses the Lady Blizzards are now 2-3 in district play. Winters will play host to Albany on January 15 and Hawley on January 19.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A suspected meth lab was discovered at a residence Friday in Winters. After obtaining permission for a search, officers from the Runnels County Sheriff's Department discovered a Crock Pot filled with "sludge," which had apparent pills used in the manufacture of the illegal substance, floating at the top.

## METH,

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of the suspect inside the residence, reports indicate.

Sqyres contacted Texas Ranger Jason Shea and requested assistance from the Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory for assistance in collection and analysis of the toxic substances. DPS crime lab technicians arrived on the scene and assisted in the collection of the items for further examination.

Investigators determined that the persons at the residence at the time the alleged methamphetamine lab was discovered, were not responsible for the lab so no arrests were immediately made.

The suspect however is known to law enforcement and after laboratory analysis of the evidence collected is returned, charges, dependent on the analysis, will be filed on the individual at a later date, Sqyres said.

Sqyres was also assisted at the scene by Winters P.D. Officer C.J. Just and Runnels County Deputy Steven Gray.

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demonstrated in the last six straight days of decline.

The money will be made on the short side, betting on lower not higher prices. Yesterday on CNBC only Marc Faber realized what is happening. Asked if the US might enter a recession, he replied many sectors are already in recession (energy services is a great example).

**Energy Markets**  
We have steadfastly maintained that a low would be set in oil prices in this December-January period. As price was not able to get above \$40 in January it is re testing the previous low set in February, 2009 in the \$33. Area. This is exactly where oil fell yesterday and is trading today. Analysts of course are saying there is no end in sight for falling prices. Saudi Arabia executed some 47 individuals this past weekend and lowered oil prices to further harm Iran's income stream. Executions in Saudi consist of severing the head of the convicted with a sword, picture that for a view of that society. Diplomatic relations have been severed between several Sunni nations and Shiite Iran. That is usually the final precursor to war between nations.

There are at least ten nations now fighting various wars in Syria. So this simply confirms what is already underway. That kind of violence in an oil producing area is likely to eventually raise not lower prices.

One way to gauge an extreme is to price oil in real money or gold. Currently one ounce of gold will purchase 33.5 barrels of oil. This is a new low for the ratio, lower than the extremes set in 1999 and 2009. And oil and silver have apparently just put in their low. Gold jumped over \$30 in one day finally closing over \$1088. I suspect the oil market will follow. In a recent column we mentioned the same percentage decline of 2008-09 could see a brief drop to \$28. I would not rule that out. One columnist in the Wall Street Journal recently referred to gold as no more than a 'pet rock.' That again is the sort of negative mood that occasions a market bottom.

I am attempting to warn all of a forthcoming vicious bear cycle that will likely decimate lifetime savings parked in the stock market. Dow 18,000 is NOT the new normal.

Stocks are re-bouncing Friday morning and oil is still holding \$33. Volatility reigns.

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