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Thursday, October 20, 2016

County shuts off utilities at Winters Senior Center

Action follows promise by county to continue utilities



CELINDA HAWKINS | LEDGER PHOTO

Runnels County officials confirmed that the electrical service was shut off at the Senior Activity Center in Winters last week. A private citizen had the power restored and the usual group of seniors who play Canasta each week were able to play on Monday.

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Several of the senior citizens who frequent the Winters Senior Citizen Activity Center, were up at arms this week, after Runnels County called for the termination of the utilities at the Center located on Wood Street.

The electrical service was reportedly shut off Thursday, Oct. 13. The service was restored the same day after a private citizen and member of the Friends of Seniors of Winters paid to

have the electricity turned back on.

Until now, electric and gas service has been paid by Runnels County, since the meal program operated out of the center, serving both congregant and home delivered meals. The county ended the meal service due to lack of funding on Oct. 1, but officials had promised to continue paying the utility and equipment costs, at senior centers in Winters and Ballinger.

Since Meals on Wheels Plus of Abilene took over the delivery meal service, seniors in Winters have con-

tinued to meet for brown bag lunches and games five days a week, with the pot luck dinner served on Friday nights at the Senior Citizens Center.

Last Thursday, as some of the seniors arrived for their Canasta game and were surprised to see an AEP truck at the center cutting off the electric power.

Dianne Davis said the seniors who frequent the center had placed food in the refrigerator and ice in the freezer. She said those who attend took Runnels

SENIORS, 8

Briefly

Friday Night Lights

The Winters Blizzards will take on the Bronte Longhorns at Blizzards Stadium at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The Blizzards are looking to improve their district stance after being defeated by the Miles Bulldogs last Friday 39-13.

ON THE NET:
www.wintersisd.org/

Early voting starts Oct. 24

Early voting for the November election will be held in Ballinger from Oct. 24-Nov. 4 at the election office at 600 Strong Ave. Voters may cast ballots from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Tuesday, Oct. 25 and Tuesday, Nov. 1 the office will have extended hours and will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week, a week set aside to raise awareness of the dangers of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse, gets underway at Winters ISD Monday, starting with Camo Day. Tuesday will be Crazy Hat Day and Wednesday is Crazy Sock Day. Thursday is Wear Red Day followed by Friday which is Team Jersey Day.

In 1988, the National Family Partnership sponsored the first National Red Ribbon Celebration. Today, the Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities.

ON THE NET:
<http://redribbon.org/about/>

The last drop

Parts of Runnels County received some precipitation last week according to the National Weather Service in San Angelo. Fall weather is returning this week accompanied by a chance of rain, forecasters say.

Last week, Ballinger received .02 inches of rain, while Wingate recorded 2.32 inches of rainfall while no rainfall was reported in San Angelo.

A cold front is expected to move through the area late Wednesday night, bringing high temperatures down to the 70s and lows in the mid 40s. A

The temperature is expected to be in the 70s by game time Friday, but it will get cool so jackets are in order for the duration of the game. Rain is not in the forecast for the coming week, but again warmer weather will prevail, bringing high temperatures down to the low 80s and lows in to the upper 40s and low 50s.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 23.93 inches of rainfall, with 29.31 inches reported in Wingate and 29.39 inches received in San Angelo.

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

PINK OUT

for Breast Cancer Awareness Month



JOE GERHART | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Winters Blizzards cheerleaders were in fine form on Friday, Oct. 14 during the Pink Out Pep Rally at the Winters High School gym. The cheerleaders put on a performance to honor October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Man claims county offered restitution

Turned it down, is seeking legal assistance

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The widow of the woman who died following an accident Sept. 11 in the Walmart parking lot in Ballinger claims that he has been offered \$100,000 by an agent of Runnels County but that he has turned it down.

Cecil Wyatt, whose wife Kelly Lynn Wyatt, 53, of Mereta, was killed after reportedly being struck in the parking lot of Walmart,

said the bills that have come in after his wife was on life support for eight days exceeded \$300,000.

Kelly Wyatt, 53, of Mereta, died following the Sept. 11 accident in which Precinct 4 Commissioner Richard Strube reportedly struck her with a county vehicle. She died a week after the accident at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

Wyatt claims to have been contacted by an agent of Runnels County who reportedly offered him \$100,000. County Attorney Ken Slimp said his office was not handling any negotiations in the Wyatt case. Calls to the county's legal counsel in San Angelo, were not returned by press time.

John Best, 119th District Attorney, said last week that he is currently reviewing all of the reports submitted by the Ballinger Police Department, Texas Rangers and the Department of Public

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Inmate dies from apparent heart attack

Man collapsed at Runnels County Jail, dies at Ballinger hospital

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A Coleman County man who had been in custody at the Runnels County Jail, died Monday at Ballinger Memorial Hospital after suffering an apparent heart attack.

Layton Lusk, 57, of Cole-

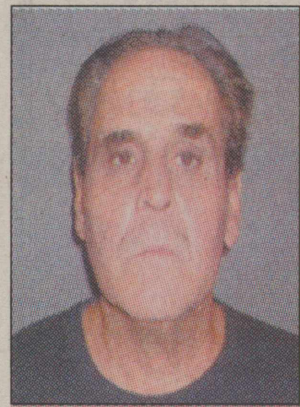
man, had been in custody at the jail since August 5 on charges of possession of a controlled substance. He was reportedly awaiting trial in Coleman County.

Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird said Lusk was a trusty and was reportedly about to clean the floors at the jail around 8 p.m. Monday night.

"The jailer saw him walking toward a broom and he stopped and fell back," Baird said. "They performed CPR on him right then and the ambulance picked him up and took him to the hospital."

Lusk was pronounced dead by Dr. Bradley Bundrant, chief of staff at

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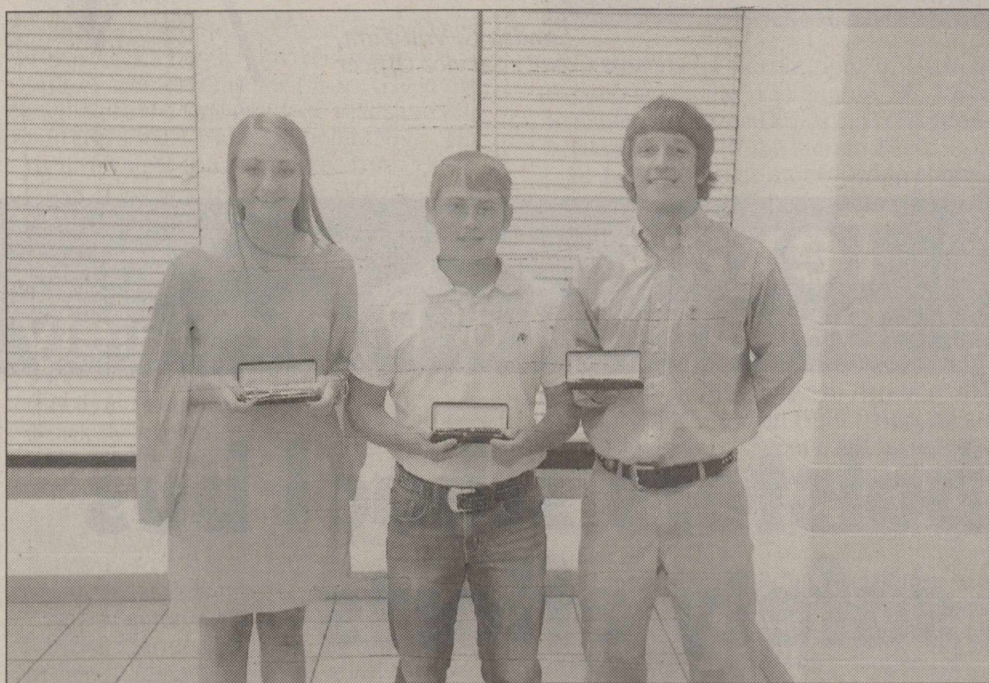
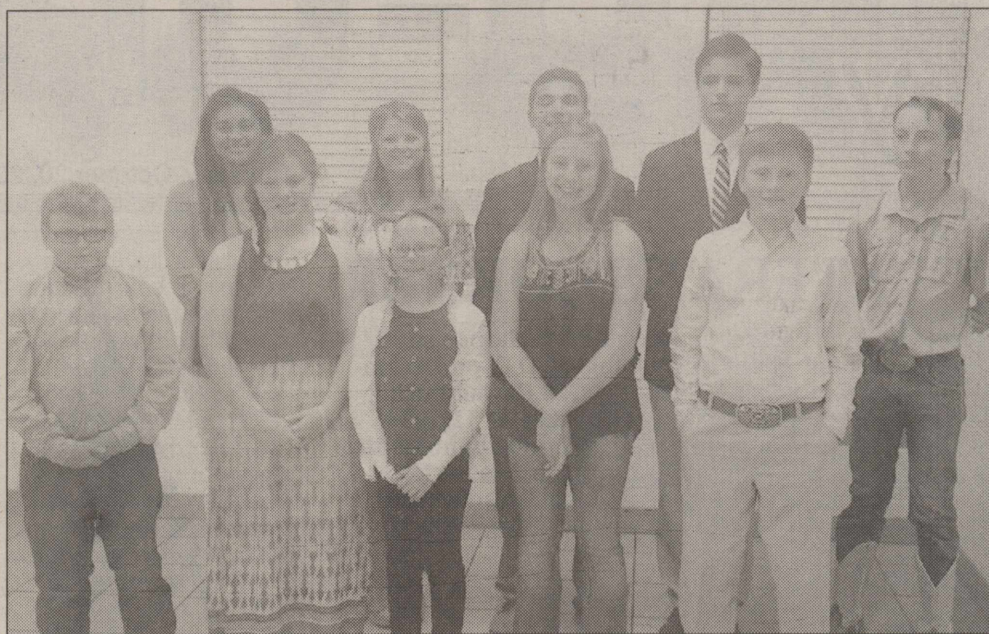
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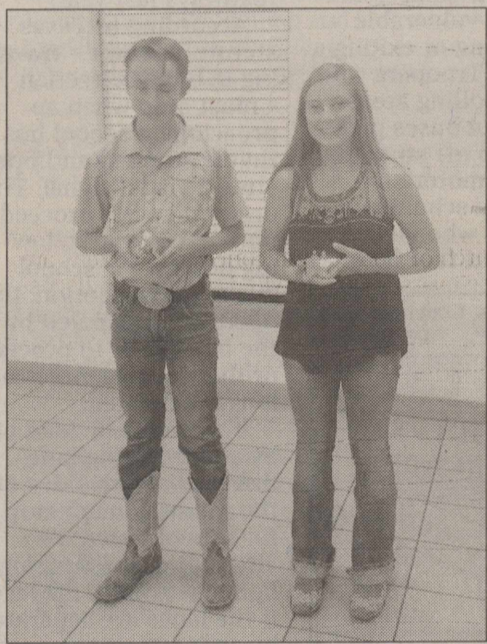
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RUNNELS COUNTY 4-H BANQUET HELD OCT. 8



TOP: The Annual Runnels County 4-H Banquet was held at the Winters ISD cafeteria on Saturday Oct. 8, 2016. The members who competed in the 4-H Record Books included, back row from left to right, Katelyn Dunn, McKenzie Arrott, Shane Flanagan, Paul McDaniel and Cameron Poteet. In the front row from left to right are Charlie Poteet, Avery Flanagan, Payton Branham, Allie Kalina and Ben Flanagan. **ABOVE:** The Outstanding Officer Team named during the Runnels County 4-H Banquet held Oct. 8 included from left to right, Macey Gerhart, Kolton Looka and Reid Matschek. **BELOW, LEFT:** The Silver Star awards were presented during the Runnels County 4-H Banquet held Oct. 8. The winners were Cameron Poteet, left, and Allie Kalina, right. **BELOW, RIGHT:** The Gold Star awards were presented during the Runnels County 4-H Banquet Oct. 8. The winners were Katelyn Dunn, left and McKenzie Arrott, right.



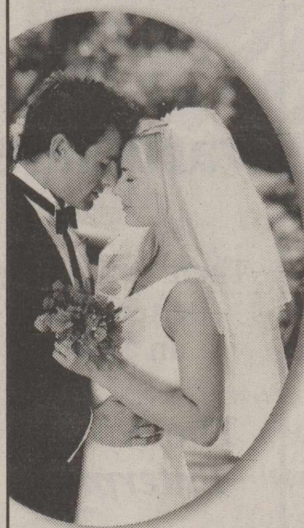
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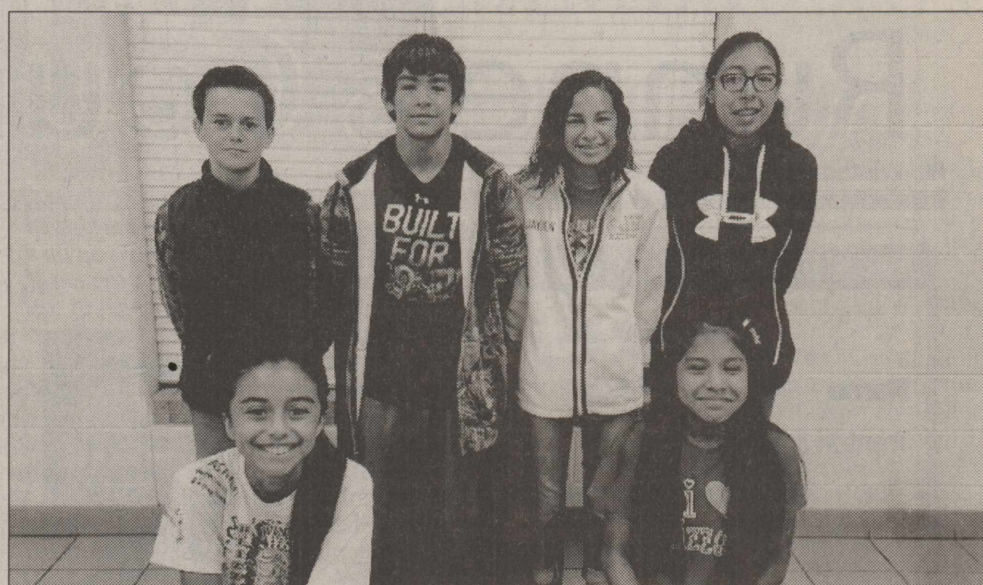
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WINTERS CROSS COUNTRY COMPETES IN ALBANY INVITATIONAL



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Pictured standing from left to right are Dayvin Oats, 7th Grade - 8th place; Houston Esquivel, 7th grade - 1st place; Hailey Renfro, 8th grade - 6th place and Natalie Lara, 8th grade - 10th place. Kneeling from left to right are Anastasia De La Cruz, 7th grade - 7th place and Millie Rios, 7th grade - 6th place.

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

The Winters High School and Junior High School cross country teams ran at the Albany Invitational Cross Country Meet last week, their final tune up for the district meet October 17. In the varsity girls division, Baily Knight placed 11th and Marley Smith placed 17th, as the Lady Blizzards placed fourth as a team. In the varsity boys division, Adrian Marrero placed 16th. In the 7th grade boys division, Houston Esquivel placed first overall, while Dayvin Oats placed eighth. The 7th grade Breezes placed second as a team. In the 7th grade girls division, Millie Rios placed sixth and

Anastasia De La Cruz placed seventh. The 7th grade Lady Breezes placed second as a team.

In the 8th grade girls division, Hailey Renfro placed sixth and Natalie Lara placed 10th. The 8th grade Lady Breezes placed fourth as a team.

The District 7-2A cross country meet will be held on Monday, October 17 at the San Angelo North Shore State Park. The varsity girls will run at 10:10 a.m. The varsity boys will run at 10:30 a.m. The 7th grade girls will run at 4 p.m. The 7th grade boys will run at 4:30 p.m. The 8th grade girls will run at 5 p.m.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS OCT. 21-27

Breakfast

Friday
Cinnamon roll or cereal, yogurt, applesauce, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Monday
Biscuit & sausage w/ gravy or cereal, pineapple, fruit juice, choice of milk, jelly.

Tuesday
Breakfast taco or real, hash brown, orange slices, fruit juice, choice of milk, salsa.

Wednesday
Breakfast pizza or cereal, egg pop, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday
Waffles or cereal oatmeal, banana, fruit juice, choice of milk, syrup.

Friday
Cheeseburger or hot dog, curly fries, lettuce/ tomato, carrots, watermelon, choice of milk.

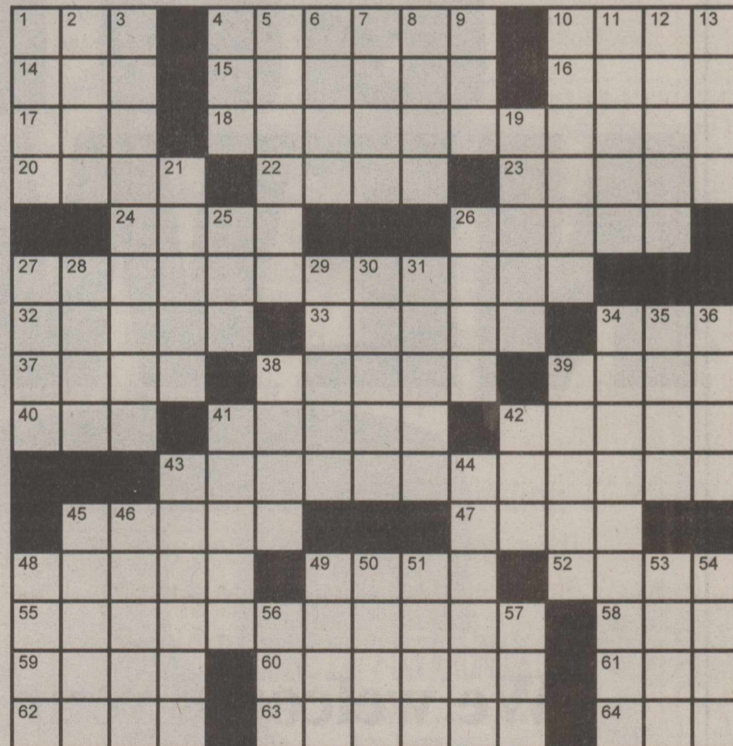
Monday
Chef salad or spaghetti or ravioli's, Texas toast, Italian green beans, salad, carrot sticks, applesauce, choice of milk.

Tuesday

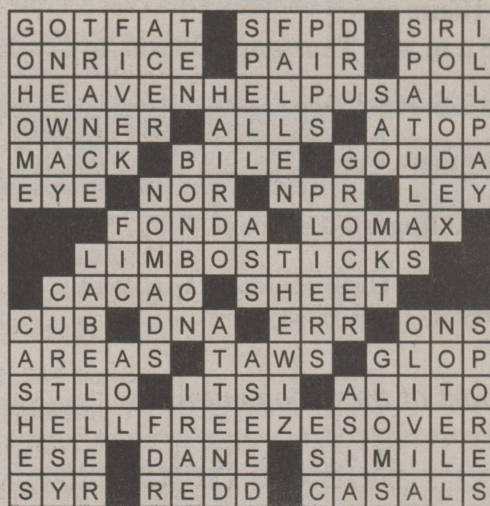
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

"Autumn Activity"

- Across**
- 1 Muhammad
 - 4 Fairy tale figure
 - 10 Culmination
 - 14 Hullabaloo
 - 15 Sites for fights
 - 16 Genesis genre
 - 17 Semicircle
 - 18 Autumn activity #1
 - 20 Stake driver
 - 22 Blackthorn fruit
 - 23 Kind of knife
 - 24 Dinghy or dory
 - 26 Soft to the touch
 - 27 Autumn activity #2
 - 32 Hit for "Weird Al"
 - 33 German wine valley
 - 34 Cotillion girl
 - 37 Fifty-fifty
 - 38 Chessman
 - 39 Short car?
 - 40 Bit
 - 41 "So I lied!"
 - 42 Playwright Chekhov
 - 43 Autumn activity #3
 - 45 Actor Leary
 - 47 Narcissist's love
 - 48 Frigid
 - 49 Home to Honolulu
 - 52 Continental coin
 - 55 Autumn activity #4
 - 58 Sprout
 - 59 Oppositionist
 - 60 Mythical flyer
 - 61 Alkaline liquid
 - 62 Observed
 - 63 Hate
 - 64 Sycophant's answer
- Down**
- 1 Garden figure
 - 2 Old Italian bread
 - 3 Developed, as in a lab
 - 4 Baseball's Maglie
 - 5 Magician's word
 - 6 Honest
 - 7 Scoop
 - 8 Scotch
 - 9 Vane dir.
 - 10 Revolt
 - 11 Pain in the neck
 - 12 Python
 - 13 Circular waffle
 - 19 Cast out
 - 21 Register
 - 25 Sternward
 - 26 All there
 - 27 Toe locales
 - 28 Molten spew
 - 29 Bay window
 - 30 School assignment
 - 31 Push up muscle
 - 34 In an obedient way
 - 35 English boys' school
 - 36 Bell sound
 - 38 Little labs
 - 39 Sprain site
 - 41 V.P. Agnew
 - 42 One-spot
 - 43 Alevé alternative
 - 44 Japanese cars
 - 45 "Lorna "
 - 46 Make giddy
 - 48 Handhelds
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 - 51 Jumper
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Runnels County Jail Record

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Name	Age	Agency
Trenton J. White	29	BPD
Possession of controlled substance, criminal trespass.		
Tyler F. Corley	30	Coke
Theft.		
Clifton D. Bohannon	33	Coke
Criminal trespass, theft, harassment.		
Quintin McCleery	33	Concho
Parole violation, assault family violence, assault w/bodily injury.		
Freddie P. Visil	42	Concho
Five warrants, DWLI, failure to change vehicle registration, unrestrained child/speeding.		
Santiago M. Quiroga	36	BPD
Driving with license suspended w/previous conviction/suspension.		
Clinton D. Bohannon	33	Coke
Disorderly conduct.		
Jose F. Dela Garza	57	RCSO
Parole violation.		
Mario A. Esquivel	29	RCSO
Burglary of habitation, criminal mischief, terrorist threat.		
Alejandro Pineda	30	Concho
Border patrol hold.		
Gorgonio Pineda	29	Concho
Border patrol hold.		
Jalina M. Stites	21	Coke
Assault family violence.		

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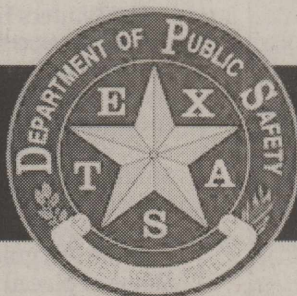


Sandra G. Van Zant

Honor Flight Austin is searching for all Pearl Harbor survivors for a special Honor Flight to Washington D.C. on December 6-7. If you know of anyone who served in Hawaii during the Pearl Harbor attack, please contact Tina Lee at 512-974-3306 or you can use their website contact@honorflightaustin.org. 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 325-365-3612.



— Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer



Texas Department of Public Safety

DPS bolsters school bus safety efforts

STAFF REPORT

In conjunction with National School Bus Safety Week (Oct. 17-21), the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging drivers to comply with laws prohibiting the passing of school buses. During this period, DPS Highway Patrol troopers will be watching for drivers who violate the law and taking the appropriate enforcement action. It is illegal to pass any school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal - either flashing red lights or a stop sign. "Any time a driver disregards a stopped school

bus, they put children's lives in danger, and DPS will not tolerate individuals who ignore the law, putting their own convenience before a child's safety," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "In order to help keep children safe, we urge drivers to always obey the law and remain alert when traveling near a school bus or bus stops where students gather." "The safety of our schoolchildren is always a priority at the Texas Education Agency. We appreciate the dedication by Texas Highway Patrol Troopers during National School Bus Safety week -

and throughout the entire year - to help ensure our students have a safe trip to and from school," said Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Morath. During National School Bus Safety Week, troopers in many areas will be riding on or following school buses to catch motorists who break the law. Because children are particularly vulnerable when entering or exiting a school bus, Troopers will also be patrolling areas where school buses pick up and drop off students, looking for motorists violating the school bus law. Drivers who violate the law could face fines as

much as \$1,250. In 2015 and year to date in 2016, Texas Highway Patrol troopers have issued 1,093 tickets for passing a stopped school bus. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, failure to stop for a school bus was a contributing factor in 45 traffic crashes on Texas roadways last year. According to Texas statute, a driver - traveling in either direction - must stop when approaching a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal. The driver may not proceed until one of the following occurs: the school bus resumes motion; the operator is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated.

If a road is divided only by a left-turning lane, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop for school buses with alternating red flashing lights activated. However, if the lanes are separated by an intervening space or physical barrier, only motorists going in the same direction as the bus are required to stop.

(As a reminder, school buses, by law, must stop at all railroad crossings.)

Here are several safety measures drivers can take to help keep children safer:

- When driving in school zones, watch out for student pedestrians.
- Slow down and watch for children congregating near bus stops.
- Look for children who might dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Know and obey the laws concerning traffic and school buses in Texas.

According to the Texas Education Agency, more than 42,000 school buses transport approximately 1.5 million Texas children every school day.

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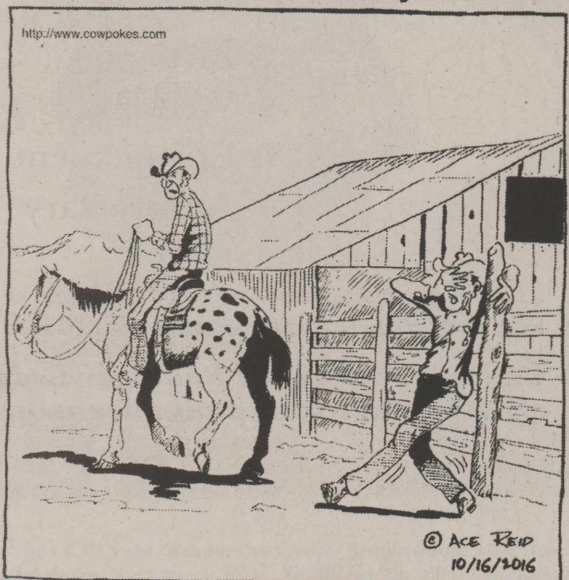
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TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE

Morris Sheppard helped shape Texas

For years, Morris Sheppard helped shape Texas and the nation. A man of hard work and careful discernment, Sheppard was a leader on issues of morality and defense and worked to improve the lives of ordinary Texans.

Sheppard was born into a political family in Morris County in May 1875. His father, John Levi Sheppard, was a respected attorney who would soon rise to become a judge and later a congressman. Interestingly, Morris Sheppard was related to Robert Morris, a Founding Father who signed the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution.

Sheppard attended schools across East Texas as the family moved often as his father expanded his law career. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1895 and from the UT Law School in 1897. He received a second law degree from Yale University Law School in 1898. Afterward, returned to Pittsburg to work in his father's law firm. They soon moved the firm to Texas.

John Levi Sheppard was elected to Congress in 1898 to a district that included most of East Texas and was re-elected in 1900. Morris Sheppard's father was on his way to a third term when he died of a heart attack in October 1902.

He quickly jumped into the race to succeed him and won easily. Sheppard rose swiftly in Congress, becoming chairman of the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings in 1911. In 1912, he was elected to the U.S. Senate as a Democrat.

As a Senator, he pushed for programs for indebted farmers and was an early supporter of giving women the right to vote. He fought to eliminate child labor. In 1921, he co-sponsored the Sheppard-Towner Act to help protect mothers and infants at childbirth. This act provided funding to help train midwives, funding for health clinics, and funding for public information on nutrition and hygiene. In 1934, with Texas congressman Wright Patman, he pushed through the Federal Credit Union Act, allowing the creation of credit unions.

But he became most connected with the fight to ban alcohol. Believing that alcohol was a danger to public health and morals, he supported Prohibition and led early efforts to restrict alcohol. In 1913, he pushed through one of the earliest interstate regula-



Dr. Ken Bridges



tions on alcohol distribution. In 1916, he banned alcohol in Washington, DC, through the Sheppard Bone-Dry Act. Prohibition became the law of the land in 1920.

He briefly became embroiled in controversy when an active moonshine still was found on a ranch he owned in the 1920s. However, there was never any evidence that he was active in illegal alcohol production or sales.

The repeal of Prohibition came up for a vote in Congress in 1933. Determined to the end, he attempted to filibuster the repeal. For more than eight hours, he stood on the floor of the Senate, railing against alcohol and defending the ban. When no one came to his defense, the exhausted Sheppard relented and allowed the repeal to proceed.

As chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee from 1933 to 1941, Sheppard agreed with President Franklin Roosevelt's assessment of the growing dangers of Adolf Hitler and the Nazis in Germany and the aggression of Japan toward the United States and supported expanding the nation's defenses.

He died suddenly on April 9, 1941, at the age of 65. His legacy in preparing the nation's defenses for the coming of war was cemented with the naming of a new air base for him shortly after his passing. Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls opened as an Army Air Corps training site just on the north end of the city in October 1941.

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

USDA supports rural cooperative businesses

STAFF REPORT

TEMPLE - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced Oct. 4 that USDA is awarding 29 grants totaling \$5.8 million to help rural cooperatives create jobs and support business expansion. The funds are being provided through the Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) program,

which helps fund non-profit groups, such as rural cooperative development centers and higher education institutions.

"America's rural communities have incredible potential to create jobs and expand economic opportunities," Vilsack said. "Many rural businesses and organizations are succeeding under the cooperative

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Safety. There was no word from Best on whether he plans to present the case to grand jury at press time. "I have had an opportunity to review those reports and it will be my responsibility to decide what to do with them," Best said last week.

If Best decides to go forward, the evidence will be presented to a grand jury in Runnels County.

Preliminary autopsy results from Tom Green County Justice of the Peace J.P. McGuire, indicate that Wyatt's cause of death was blunt force injuries to the head. The results deemed the manner of death an accident. The preliminary

INMATE

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Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

As a matter of protocol, Baird contacted Sgt. Jason Shea of the Texas Rangers office in Brownwood to will conduct an investigation.

Baird said Lusk's body was sent to Dallas for an autopsy. Preliminary results show he suffered a heart attack, Baird said.

Baird, who has been sheriff for more than 33 years, said this is the first death of a person who had been in custody in all of his years as sheriff.

"We have never had a death in the jail in all the years I've been here," Baird said.

Funeral services for Lusk are pending with Stevens Funeral Home in Coleman.

results also indicated that the case was pending investigation, which means further testing including toxicology and other studies, must be done before the final cause of death is determined. Officials with Tom Green County said the final results could take weeks or months, depending on the case load of the pathologist.

According to Sgt. Stanley Maresch of the Ballinger Police Department, Strube was in the pick-up area in front of the store, when the vehicle in front of him stopped in the garden area to load some items. Strube reportedly put his car in reverse to back up and go around the vehicle and when he did, he struck Wyatt, who was behind him.

Maresch said Wyatt was talkative at the scene following the crash. She was transported via ambulance to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo where she succumbed to her injuries on Monday, Sept. 19.

According to her husband Cecil Wyatt, Kelly fell into a coma about 15 minutes after arriving at Shannon and she never came out of it.

Cecil Wyatt said he and Kelly had only been married about two months at the time of her death. Wyatt said previously that his wife had suffered a "skull fracture, broken bones and many other injuries from the accident."

County officials confirmed that Strube was at Walmart that day conducting business on behalf of the county, filling coolers for his road crew for the next day.

THE IDLE AMERICAN
Hope for Days to Come...

I don't know who first said it; perhaps it was the late radio newsman Paul Harvey. Whatever, it wasn't dissected by WikiLeaks, a come-along lately "source" that sounds like a product "do-it-yourselfers" might use to repair automobile radiators in the comfort of their very own garages.

Anyways, Harvey occasionally used the admonition to encourage his millions of listeners from sea to shining sea. "In times like these, it is important to remember there have always been times like these."

Today, though, such claimants would be way out on limbs to make such declarations. Never-before-faced situations now bubble to the top regularly, causing us to wonder how many "new" ones a body can take. Breaking news—bending and warping, even if it fails to break—keeps the pressure on, ratcheting humanity downward by discernible notches....

Now, the weirdness crowding ordinary days is horning in on Halloween.



TEXAS COLUMNIST

Don Newbury

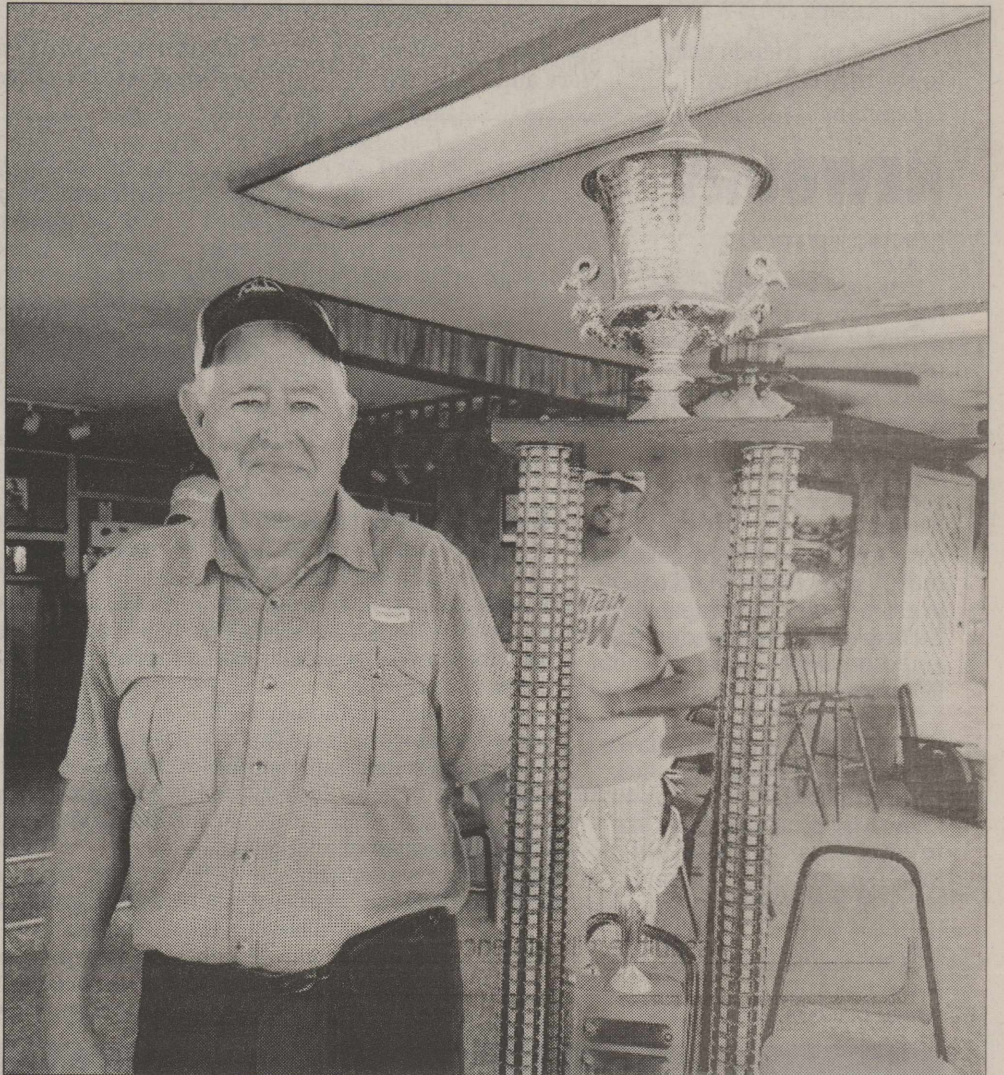
Without getting into the rightness or wrongness of this annual observance, I want to add a "what if" to the season.

Remember the guy who said his luck is so bad, if he invested everything he had in pumpkins, they'd outlaw Halloween? What if he decided this year to invest all of his money in the company that manufactures clown suits for "trick-or-treaters?"...

I admit probable enlightened self-interest. As we tippy-toed into retirement waters back in 2000, we couldn't put away the longtime practice of giving away bagged popcorn. It had become a calling card, so we decided to offer popcorn for "trick-or-treaters."

NEWBURY, 6

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Random thoughts: Bob Dylan Wins Nobel Prize for Literature

Bob Dylan, American folk rock musician, lyricist, and author, and generally kind of weird guy, has been named the first musician in the 115 year history to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. Please understand that neither Mark Twain nor Robert Frost ever won a Nobel. But now Dylan joins such luminaries as Wislawa Szymborska, Dario Fo, and Mo Yan. Or as Jeff Foxworthy puts it, I just can't make this stuff up.

Still I am encouraged. Yes in my most introspective moments, I have lain awake wondering if all these shared insights among newspaper columns, weblogs, academic papers, podcasts, not to mention television and radio interviews would go unnoticed. But if Dylan can break through, I suspect there is hope for the rest of us.

One of my friends used to say that Bob Dylan

was one of those guys that, if you didn't know who he was you wouldn't listen to him anyway. Clearly my friend would have never made the cut for the Nobel Committee. And what are some of the pithy thoughts that catapulted Bob to join this elite inner circle including Sir Vldiadhur Surajprasad Naipaul. Here is a sample.

*"Ah but I was so much older then
I'm younger than that now...
You don't need a weatherman
To know which way the wind blows
IN the jingle jangle morning
I'll com followin' you..."*

Yes words to live by indeed fit for the Nobel list of luminaries as well as your record album collection spanning Peter Paul and Mary and Donovan.



Dennis Elam

I can see I have been way too conventional. Dylan made it at age 75 so I have a few years to reset my course for the destiny

that is surely mine. Like Hedda Hopper, Bob seems to have an affinity for strange hats and unconventional garments. I guess my Haggar khakis have got to go along with the Ralph Lauren polos. And I suppose some sort of unusual moniker would help, hmm, how about digital futurist? Oh and what would be my contribution to the world of literature? How about:

Experience is what you get when you are expecting

*something else.
It is near impossible to stop a bad idea cloaked in good intentions.
Very few people are capable of making a short-term sacrifice to reach a long term goal.*

What, did you say, too Erma Bombeck and not enough Toni Morrison (1993 winner)? Well maybe, but after all I am just now transitioning to someone more in the Swedish caste of things, so give me time here. And clearly I need to begin planning some think-ins, introspective seminars, as well as seminars that challenge one to think organically. Yes we are speeding towards the digital confluence of human events now happening in nanoseconds rather than years, will we act or be acted upon? (Well hey, it's a start....)

Meanwhile we have yet another Too Big To Fail

(TBTF) corporate crisis jumping right off the front page. John Stumpf, CEO Wells Fargo, failed to see the growing sentiment against big banks, and their haughty TBTF attitude.

Bernie Sanders had made this a cornerstone of his campaign. Sanders had no idea how to break up the big banks but by golly he and his supporters were all for the idea.

Here is what the corporate bigwigs at WFC missed. Social mood motivates social actions, not the other way around.

Social mood is endogenously (internally) regulated, not prompted by outside forces.

Social mood is unconscious, unremembered, and constantly fluctuating. Waves of mood arise when humans interact. This is the herding impulse.

Now connect the dots. The so called recovery since 2009 has been for

those big companies who could borrow at zero rates, buy their own stock back, and reward themselves with options. Both parties are aware of this and hear it from constituents all the time. And so individuals began to react to outrageous fortunes awarded for little to no real accomplishment on the part of corporate executives. And this was happening at the very banks that had been part and parcel of the 2008 melt-down. Without realizing it, all the Democrats and Republicans felt the same way, their feelings being internally generated. Then the Senate and House members of both parties began herding towards an unconscious, shared belief. And that is how John Stumpf lost his job.

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NEWBURY

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News got around—or, perhaps more likely, aromas got around—and growing throngs of people now line up down the block annually for what we used to call "nickel bags" of popcorn. Last year, to fill almost 600 bags, more than 100 pounds of corn were popped for the four-hour giveaway.

Recipients are largely children, mostly preschoolers and others in early grades. Accompanying them are parents, grandparents and other adults, most of whom like popcorn, too....

Last year, a youngster, maybe 5, "dressed to the 9s" in a little clown suit, asked: "Mr., do you know why cannibals don't like to eat clowns?" It was an old joke, but the wide-eyed innocence of the questioner trumped popping, bagging and all else. "You've got me on that," I answered, hoping to avoid being nailed by someone with fact

checker in hand.

"They taste funny," the tike said, laughing riotously. I joined him in laughter, as other hearers nearby applauded lightly....

I doubt if there will be any youngsters in clown suits this year. Several jerks—probably seeking their 15 minutes of fame—are giving clowns a bad name.

These folks, some unwittingly, have joined a sordid list of people who are out to instill fear, hopeful of causing as many people as possible to abandon goodwill, seriously wondering if there have ever been times like these.

No matter what, though, we'll hand out popcorn come Oct. 31, with no regard for costume choices....

I am reminded of a long-ago story about a man who had ill-fitted dentures. His dentist advised the patient to bear up, and to seek diversions to get his mind off denture discomfort.

Heeding the advice, he

decided to go boating. He was fishing in the middle of the lake when a speed boat whizzed by. An errant hook from the speeding boater pierced his ear, and he was dragged 50 yards before the speeding boat stopped.

The speedster apologized profusely, but was interrupted by the "victim," who thanked him for the unexpected occurrence. "It was the first time in a month my mind has been off these blamed dentures," he explained....

We are at that place, fearful of the future, confident there have never been days quite like these.

What to do? For starters, let's behave and believe that the same God who has intervened in the affairs of mankind throughout history is still in charge....

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USDA

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business model, and with access to additional resources, they can boost job creation and create an environment where more products are made in rural America. The funding USDA is announcing today will provide the critical training and technical assistance rural cooperatives and non-profit groups need to help strengthen America's 'Main Street' businesses."

Development centers can use RCDG funds for feasibility studies, strategic planning, leadership and operations training, and business plan development. Recipients are required to contribute matching funds that equal 25 percent of total project costs.

The Texas Rural Cooperative Center (TRCC) at The University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley is receiving a \$199,393 grant to help start, expand and improve cooperatives and mutually-owned businesses in Texas and New Mexico. The Center is located in the South Texas city of Edinburg in Hidalgo County,

one of the poorest in the United States. It serves a 33-county region that contains more than 1 million poor people and the largest number of impoverished rural colonias in the nation. The area receives additional assistance through USDA's StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity initiative. Through StrikeForce, USDA staff work with state, local and community officials to increase awareness of USDA programs and help build program participation through intensive community outreach and technical assistance.

"USDA Rural Development's mission is to provide assistance that will increase the economic conditions of rural communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director. "By providing a grant like this one for The University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley, we increase the technical and educational assistance available to rural cooperatives and other business entities."

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STAFF REPORT

The crowd at Friday's league contest between the Miles Bulldogs (Miles, TX) and the visiting Winters Blizzards, observed Miles's football squad thwart Winters by a tally of 39-13.

The Bulldogs now possess a 4-3 record. They play next when they travel to Baird for a 2A-2 Region II District 6 contest on Friday, October 21. Miles will play a Bears

squad coming off a 60-13 league loss to Albany (Albany, TX). The Bears record now stands at 4-3.

Coming up next, the Blizzards play the Bronte Longhorns in a 2A-2 Region II District 6 contest, on Friday, October 21. Winters will attempt to advance on its 2-5 season record. The Longhorns go into the contest with a 4-3 record after their 13-10 league loss to Cross Plains.

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ABOVE: A.J. Smith runs with the ball during the Blizzards' game against the Miles Bulldogs Friday, Oct. 14, 2016.

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LEFT: Troy Hernandez took down a Miles runner during the game Friday, Oct. 14 in Miles. The Blizzards lost the contest 39-13.



ABOVE: Blizzard Hayden Kelly blocked during an offensive run the game against the Miles Bulldogs, Friday, Oct. 14, 2016. BELOW: Slater Lindley out maneuvered Miles during a kickoff during the game in which the Blizzards were defeated by the Bulldogs 39-13.



SENIORS

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County Judge Barry Hilliard on his word as a representa-

tive for the county when, during a meeting in early September, he pledged on behalf of commissioners and the county, to continue paying the utilities.

"We are not happy with commissioners and what they have done," Davis said Friday.

Davis said that their group is planning to work hard to see to it that elected officials who will be coming up for reelection are replaced.

Hilliard had planned to speak to the seniors at the center Friday, but could not get there.

On Tuesday, Hilliard, expressed extreme remorse over the situation but explained that County Auditor Cindy Winchester had pointed out that paying the utilities on that building, which is owned by the City of Winters, would be a liability for the county, so the utilities had to be terminated.

"During budget workshops we it was determined that it was a liability for the county," Hilliard explained.

Meanwhile, the county is paying the utilities at the Senior Citizens Center in Ballinger, which is owned by the county. Hilliard said while groups like the quilters will still be able to use the building, it will be turned over to Rannels County 4-H and the Extension Service for their use.

Hilliard said that the county has agreed to tally up all of the utility payments at the Winters center from last year and will make a one-time donation to the center to keep the utilities going. However, right now, there is no organization that can take the payment, Hilliard said.

According to the 2016-17 budget, Rannels County allocated about \$5,000 for utilities and expenses for both senior centers in Winters and Ballinger, which includes electricity, telephone, gas and water. In the 2015-16 budget the county allocated \$12,250 for the same utilities. A breakdown of exact electrical charges for the Winters center over the past fiscal year was un-

available at press time.

Hilliard said the City of Winters, which is paying for water, sewer and trash pickup at the center has not committed to paying the electricity.

"The policies and use guidelines regarding the property on Wood Street are currently under review," said Winters Mayor Lisa Yates. "The updated documents will be available soon."

Hilliard suggested that a non-profit take over the utilities at the Winters center, but so far, a non-profit has not been identified to take on the responsibility.

On Thursday, John Long, who has been chosen as the chairman of the newly formed Friends of Seniors of Winters, put the electric service in his name to keep the power on, in the interim. The Friends of Seniors of Winters does not currently have non-profit status.

"We generate enough revenue to keep this place open," Long said adding that the members who attend pay for each game they participate in and that the group holds fundraisers.

In fact, the power was turned back on, just in time for the seniors to host a Pancake Supper Wednesday with proceeds to benefit Meals on Wheels.

Long is calling on the county to provide a letter of intent or to put in writing, what they plan to provide.

"We want to know what they are going to do," Long said.

In May, Long wrote a letter to Hilliard citing the dwindling activities for seniors and urging the county to support the Winters center. The letter was written before the county officially announced the ending of the senior meals program.

"The Senior Citizen Activity Center is one of the amenities that senior citizens look forward to enjoying in their later years," Long wrote. "When services offered to any group, of a district, are reduced, the incentive for that group to remain in that district is reduced."

Attendees of Monday's Canasta game at the center agreed.

"This is our social life - our meeting place - our life blood," said Jane Long.

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