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Winters turns 125

Texas Historical Marker dedication in the heart of landmark anniversary of the foundation of the city

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Originally founded on land donated by land agent J.N. Winters in 1890, the city of Winters will be celebrating this weekend its first quasiquintennial with a dedication ceremony and Texas Historical Marker unveiling at the Winters Historic Park, on the 100 block of North Main Street.

A little over 125 years ago the first settlers found good grazing and water, which led to the development of large ranches and farms in the

1870s and 1880s. In the late 1880s, farmers began to work the fertile land and were rewarded with generous crops.

Settlement of the area began in the 1880s when two families, the Currys and the Bells took claim to the land one mile southeast of the present-day town.

By 1889, a general store and a post office were part of the landscape and a small school house was built on land also donated by Mr. Winters. One year later townspeople voted to name the town after Mr. Winters. The community continued to grow and thrive.

History recorded the organization of a brass band in 1901, which travelled around the area in a bandwagon drawn by four horses. The Abilene and Southern Railroad arrived in 1909 and the town started developing faster than ever, with a high speed connection to the

A town with history

LANDMARKS IN THE HISTORY OF WINTERS

1889	First Store and Post Office
1889	First School
1890	City Named after J. N. Winters
1896	MLB player Rogers Hornsby is born
1908	First running water in City
1909	A&S Railroad arrives in Town
1910	Electricity comes to Winters
1910	Cotton becomes the major industry
1918	First bank robbery in City
1923	Blizzard named school mascot
1925	Natural gas installed in Winters
1927	Current High School is build
1930	Winters 1st FFA Chapter in Texas
1932	1st Miss Winters Imogene Davis
1946	Manufacturing began in City
1949	Oil discovered in area
1954	Winters Public Library begins
1973	North Runnels Hospital is built
1978	Z.I. Hale Museum is organized
1990	Winters celebrates 100 years
2015	Winters celebrates 125 years

modern world. A volunteer fire department was organized in 1911.

The dedication ceremony will coincide with the Texas Independence weekend. The Runnels County Historical Commission, Z.I. Hale Museum

and Rock Hotel, Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, Winters Public Library and local veterans have worked in putting a weekend-long program together, to commemorate this historical landmark.

Saturday morning the dedication is scheduled at 10 a.m. with speaker Sarah McCleskey, Texas Historical Commission Historian. The Library will be open since 9 a.m. with a historical display and refreshments. The New Chick Inn, a reproduction of the diner

that marked the 1950s and 1960s in Winters, will be on site serving hamburgers and hotdogs. Frontier games, a blacksmithing demonstration, and a special stamp cancellation at the Blue Gap Post Office will be also part of the program.

The Rock Hotel will be open with a special exhibit Remember Our Fallen Heroes in the War on Terror February 28 through March 9. A grand opening for the exhibit is scheduled for Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet and awards ceremony, recognizing Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Ag Family of the Year and Business of the Year, will be held on Saturday, February 28 at the Winters ISD Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. Meal will be catered by The Shed and the keynote speaker will be Bill O'Neal.

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A special celebration

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 STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The dedication ceremony of an Official Texas Historical Marker for the Town of Winters, Texas will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday morning February, 28, 2015. The ceremony will be held in the Winters Historic Park at 120 N. Main Street along with the observance of Texas Independence Week-end. Songs for the event will be led by Gene Wheat; WHS Band Director Phillip Mooney, Karen Mooney and Nina Mooney will provide music. Others participating in the ceremony will be:

Rev. Heath Powers, Pastor of First Baptist Church; Lewis Bergman, Mayor of Winters; Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard; Betty John Curry Byrns, Brenda Byrns Bahlman, Susan Byrns Kiser, descendants of a First Family; Rev. Terry Loehman, Pastor of New Beginnings Church; Randall Conner; WABIC; Rev. Jack Lakey, Pastor of Pioneer Church of God; a Group of WHS Students and Ruth Cooper.

Sarah McCleskey, a historian with the Texas Historical Commission will be the speaker. She has been with the commission since 2005 and currently writes and edits inscriptions for historical markers, processes marker applications and orders and coordinates with county historical commissions and the general public on matters related to research and markers. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas and a Master of Liberal Arts with a concentration in History and Social Justice from St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. She resides in South Austin, Texas with her family.

The U.S. Postal Service has approved a special stamp cancellation to commemorate the Dedication of the Winters Historical Marker on Saturday, February 28, 2015. The cancellation features the Winters Quasiquintennial Logo and Historical Marker Dedication Station. The cancellation for the stamp will only be used on Saturday of the dedication. Winters Postmaster, Robert Duus will be available at the Blue Gap Post Office to cancel stamps from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You may bring your own envelope with current postage and it can be saved as a souvenir or he will accept addressed envelope/letters to friends and family. It must have correct postage for the postmaster to use the cancellation stamp. Special souvenir

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Chamber announces annual awards nominees

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WINTERS- The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual chamber banquet and awards ceremony on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Winters ISD Cafeteria. Awards will be presented to Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Agricultural Family of the Year, and Business of the Year.

Those being nominated for the 2014 Man of the Year honors are in alphabetical order by their last name: Mark Bridgeman, John Joeris, Raymond Lindsey, John Long, Jimmy Pumphrey.

Nominated for the 2014 Woman of the Year award are: Pam Barnes, Kay Colburn, Bobbie Collom, Mary Lynn Presley, Cheryl Sneed, Teresa Walden.

Candidates to the Ag Family of the Year award include the families of: Kevin Busher, Phil Colburn, Delbert Kruse, Jack Pritchard.

Business of the Year nominees were announced this week. Those being considered for the award are: Bees Quilting, J&T Hardware, Standard Pump, West Dale Grocery.

Each one of these individuals and families go above and beyond to serve our community. Tickets

US Postal Service will be on site with unique commemorative stamp

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Special souvenir stamped envelopes will be available for sale by the Z. I. Hale Museum. Unaddressed envelopes with correct postage will also be available.

Don't miss this one day opportunity to get a special souvenir of the Winters Historical Marker Dedication.

are still on sale at Bees Quilting, The Attic, J&T Hardware, Heidenheimer's.

Evening attire or Sunday's best. This is a great opportunity to celebrate,

honor members of the community and enjoy a good dinner.



Blizzards end basketball season

The Winters Blizzards basketball season ended last week, as they lost to the playoff bound Haskell Indians, 42-27. Daryl Hagle led the Blizzards with 8 points, while Luke Kraatz had 6 points and 8 rebounds. The Blizzards finish the season with 7 wins and 15 losses with 10 of their losses coming against team that made the playoffs.

Pictured LEFT is Kimble Brdgeman taking a shot. BELOW are LEFT: Jake Brock shooting a jump shot. And RIGHT: Daryl Hagle going up under the basket.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Randall Sudduth

Randall Sudduth, age 57 of Royse City, Texas, passed away Saturday, February 14, 2015. He was born January 29, 1958 in Winters, Texas, to Albert Sudduth and Dora (Watson) Sudduth. Randall married Debbie Lanter on July 30, 1983 in Winters, Texas. He worked as a machinist. Randall was a loving husband, father and grandpa who enjoyed spending time with his family, camping, fishing and drinking his Dr. Peppers. He was a member of Lake Pointe Church.



Randall is survived by his wife of 31 years: Debbie Sudduth of Royse City, Texas; son Cory Sudduth and wife Leah of Albuquerque, New Mexico; daughter Alecia Johnson and husband Scott of Princeton, Texas; granddaughter: Claire Johnson and granddaughter-on-the-way: Hailey; sisters: Doris Klein and husband Greg of Georgetown, Texas, and Neva Frydendall and husband Gary of Lebanon, Kansas; brother: Jerry Sudduth and wife Mary Ann of Sealy, Texas; sister-in-law: Velma Sudduth of Winters, Texas; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Cecil Sudduth.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Lake Pointe Church Chapel, 701 E. I-30, Rockwall, TX 75087 with Pastor Steve Radney officiating. There will be a reception following the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson's Voice Project, 646 N. Coit, Ste. 2250, Richardson, TX 75080 (www.parkinsonsvoiceproject.org) or the MSA Coalition at www.multiplesystematrophy.org.

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Jerre Sue Heathcoat

Jerre Sue Heathcoat, 71, of Winters, died February 13, 2015. She was born February 3, 1944 in Winters and graduated from Winters High School. She lived most of her life in and around Runnels County. She married Ray Heathcott June 3, 1975 in Oklahoma. As per her request, a private family service was held.

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Annual ram performance test field day and sale set for March 18 in San Angelo

STEVE BYRNS
SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

SAN ANGELO - The annual Ram Performance Test Field Day and Sale, conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife Research and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has been set for March 18 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at San Angelo. The center is located on U.S. Highway 87, just north of San Angelo.

Dr. Dan Waldron, AgriLife Research geneticist at San Angelo and the test's coordinator, said the purpose of the test remains the same, with the Rambouillet rams offered during the afternoon auction tested and ready to make a positive genetic influence on ewes managed by breeders working to improve their flocks.

"Another highlight will be the first official presentation by Dr. Reid Redden in his new role as the new AgriLife Extension state sheep and goat specialist headquartered at San Angelo," Waldron said.

Redden will present 'Genetic Improvement for the 21st Century Sheep Industry' during the event's educational sessions.

"Though Dr. Redden will not be in place until June, he is already becoming active in this key industry role that was formerly held by Dr. Frank Craddock, who retired last August," Waldron said.

Waldron said the rams on the performance test are the product of many generations of animals selected for growth rate and fleece value.

"The breeders involved with this program continue to concentrate on genetic improvement for the long term and consequently, have built uniform flocks with predictable performance," he said. "This program and subsequent sale offers sheep producers an increasingly rare opportunity to purchase the progress of generations of carefully selected genetics as evidenced in the rams being offered at the March 18 sale."

The day's events start with an informal morning inspection of the Rambouillet rams and their performance test data from 10-10:30 a.m., the educational program from 10:30 a.m.-noon, then lunch at noon and the auction of eligible rams at 1:30 p.m.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to everyone for all of the cards, flowers, prayers and hospital visits. Your outpouring of love, faith and friendship is humbling and greatly appreciated. Your continued prayers are coveted as I continue to heal and gain strength.

Sincerely, Marilyn Egan

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Historic exhibit at the Public Library

A Historic Winters Exhibit is currently open at the Winters Public Library. The exhibit features items of local historical interest, highlighting pictures and artifacts from the 1890s through the current time. This exhibit commemorates Winters 125th year as an established Texas city. The library is open Monday through Thursday from noon until 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. through noon. The Historic Winters Exhibit will be available for viewing during regular library hours through Saturday, February 28, 2015.

Public Library board of directors meeting

Winters Public Library Board of Directors meeting will be February 25, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. Meeting will be held at the library in the Lois West Conference Room. All board members: Rhonda Neal, Becky Hays, Jane Allcorn, Nancy Spill, Ouida Nichols, Rhea Parramore, Bettye Pinkerton, Sharon Rice, Sylvia Richie, Sally Spill, Amy Wheat, Cindy Curry, and librarian Jane Wyall to attend. Winters residents are welcome to attend. We appreciate the donation the library received from Paul and Lavera Tharp.

Texas heroes fallen in the War on Terror

Remembering the heroes of Texas fallen in the war on Terror, the Rock Hotel is hosting a wall of photographs, memorabilia, and stories spanning 100 feet. This wall will be open for visitation from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Saturday, and 1-4 on Sundays. Dates are February 28 thru March 9. A grand opening ceremony will be held on Sunday, March 1, at 2 p.m. In the event of inclement weather the grand opening ceremony will be held at the Methodist Church.

Historical marker project in need of donations

The Texas Historical Commission has approved a Texas historical marker for the community of Winters. The marker will have an inscription with a brief history of Winters and will be located between the Blue Gap Post Office and the Library. The marker will be the same size as the Chick-Inn Marker which was dedicated in 2013. The dedication of the marker is planned for Saturday, February 28, 2015, in conjunction with the Winters Quasiquicentennial Celebration (125th anniversary).

The Z. I. Hale Museum is the sponsor for the Winters marker. The cost of the project is \$1,900. A significant amount has been raised so far, but funds are still needed before the dedication. Donations may be made to the Z.I. Hale Museum (Marker Fund), PO Box 211, Winters 79567.

NEWS NOTES

TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Winters and Ballinger area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening and arts and crafts to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during summer) at 2 p.m. at the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of South Seventh and Sealy Ave in Ballinger.

If you are interested and like to find out more about us, call Nancy at 325 5042 or Linda 754 5385.

AA Meetings

AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Ballinger Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

City Council Meetings

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

WIC open to many incomes and families

Women Infants and Children, located at 706 Strong Ave in Ballinger is open Monday thru Wednesday 7 a.m. till noon and 1 p.m. till 6 p.m.

Closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone (325) 365 5925. WIC is open to many incomes and all kinds of families.

Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting

Masonic Lodge No. 643, 500 N Broadway, Ballinger, Texas. Stated meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month except for holidays if it falls on that Monday. For more information call (325) 365 3202.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meetings on fourth Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmeth, Texas Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754 2048.

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge meetings

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge No. 613 meets the first Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. Supper will be provided after the meeting. The location is the Masonic Lodge building located at 360 South Roberts on Highway 83 South.

DPS offers Spring Break safety tips

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STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans to drive responsibly and to take extra precautions as they make travel plans during Spring Break.

"With students and families out of school and off work, the weeks during Spring Break can result in an influx of traffic on Texas roadways," said DPS Director Steven McCraw.

"DPS urges all drivers to do their part to help keep the roads safe for all travelers by adhering to safe driving practices and

always driving sober."

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Spring Break holiday:

Slow down - especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.

Eliminate distractions while driving, including the usage of mobile devices.

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle - it's the law.

Don't drive fatigued, and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

Make sure your vehicle

is properly maintained before your trip begins.

Slow down or move over for tow trucks and police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated - it's the law.

DPS also urges Texans to avoid travel to Mexico. The Mexican government has made great strides battling the cartels, and the department commends their continued commitment to that effort. DPS also has a responsibility to inform the public about safety and travel

risks and threats, and based on the unpredictable nature of cartel violence and other criminal elements, the department urges individuals to avoid travel to Mexico at this time.

U.S. citizens who do travel to Mexico should always check the U.S. Department of State website for the latest information regarding security issues in Mexico, and they should register with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program by visiting <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country.html>.

Cattle prices steady and firm

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- For the week ending Feb. 21, 2015, Texas auctions quoted feeder cattle prices mostly steady and firm, ranging from \$2 to \$16 higher per hundredweight (cwt).

Texas weekly direct feeder cattle sales for head under 800 lbs. were \$2 to \$4 higher, and for head over 800 lbs., prices were \$3 to \$7 higher. Fed cattle weekly cash sales were lower at \$160 per cwt, but wholesale beef values were higher with Choice Grade increasing \$2.09 to \$240.31 per cwt and Select Grade rising \$4.75 to \$237.79.

Net export sales for Feb. 6-12 were down 22 percent from last week and nine percent from the weekly average.

Export shipments were consistent with last week.

Cotton cash prices were slightly higher for the fourth week in a row, now up to 61.38 cents per pound. March futures prices jumped

3.1 percent last week to settle at 64.67 cents per pound. The USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum projects all-cotton acreage to be at 9.7 million for 2015, down 12.1 percent from last year but up from the 9.4 million acre estimate by the National Cotton Council.

Net export cotton sales were at a marketing-year low. Sales were three times lower than last week. Shipments were on par with last week but up eight percent from the average.

Wheat fell 30 cents in both the cash and futures markets to close at \$4.98 per bushel and \$5.33 per bushel, respectively. The USDA NASS Texas field office reported that the Texas Winter Wheat crop is 99 percent emerged, up one point from last week, and consistent with this time last year. Forty-four percent of the wheat crop remains in excellent or good condition, same as last week. Net export sales for wheat were

down 35 percent from last week and 41 percent from the prior four-week average. Shipments were five percent higher than the previous week and nine percent higher than the weekly average.

Texas corn prices also were slightly lower with cash prices down to \$4.18 per bushel and futures prices down to \$3.85. The USDA Outlook estimates corn acreage for 2015 to be at 89 million acres. Texas corn seeding began in areas of the Blacklands, the Coastal Bend and the Lower Valley. Field preparations for planting sorghum began in the Upper Coast, the Coastal Bend and the Lower Valley. Corn export sales were down seven percent from last week and 25 percent from the four-week average. Export shipments were 13 percent higher than

last week but five percent lower than the average.

Most of the state recorded precipitation last week; however, only north and east Texas received a half-inch or more. Last week's U.S. Drought Monitor for Texas showed some worsening in drought conditions for the state with nearly 61 percent of the state still in some stage of drought intensity, up 4.1 percent points from last week. On the national level, drought conditions also worsened with nearly 55 percent of the U.S. experiencing abnormal dryness or some degree of drought, up over two percent points from last week.

Additional information on agricultural weather, crop progress and agricultural markets can be found on the TDA Market News page.

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Winters Ministerial Alliance to observe World Day of Prayer

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STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Friday, March 6, 2015, the Winters Ministerial Alliance will be holding a World Day of Prayer celebration, at the Pioneer Church of God, located on 158 N. Main Street, Winters, Texas.

The World Day of Prayer promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration, it is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service.

It is a movement initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions. The movement symbolized by and annual day of celebration - the first Friday of March - to which all people are welcome.

World Day of Prayer brings together women of various races, cultures and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world. The motto of the World Day of Prayer is "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action."

A salad luncheon will be provided.

Celebration: Stamped envelopes

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Stamped envelopes will be available for sale by the Z.I. Hale Museum for \$3.00. Unaddressed envelopes with correct postage will be available for \$1.00. The gift shop will be open in the Blue Gap Post Office and will have various items available for purchase.

The New Chick-Inn will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs near the Blue Gap Post Office.

Various exhibits will be located at the Winters Public Library, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. At 11:30 a.m., the Winters Public Library will be serving cupcakes and birthday cake.

The Rock Hotel will be open from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the exhibit, "Remembering Our Fallen". The exhibits Grand Opening will be Sunday March 1 at 2 p.m. and can be seen through March 9. It can also be seen Saturday March 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday March 8, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

\$5,000 reward offered for Most Wanted fugitive from Laredo

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- The Texas Department of Public Safety has added Iris Iliana Rodriguez, 25, to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitives list, and a cash reward up to \$5,000 is now being offered for information leading to her capture. Rodriguez is wanted for indecency with a child, harassment and unlawful restraint. All tips are guaranteed to be anonymous.

Rodriguez has strong ties to Laredo and Mexico. She has previously been employed as a counselor in the Laredo area. For more information and updates in the event of her arrest, please view her wanted bulletin at: <http://dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/fugitiveDetails.aspx?id=276>.



Rodriguez is 5 feet 2 inches tall and weighs approximately 150 pounds. She has a scar on her leg and shoulder.

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of the Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitives or sex offenders.

To be eligible for the cash rewards, there are five different ways to provide anonymous tips:

Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477). Text the letters DPS - followed by your tip - to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone. Submit a web tip through the DPS website by selecting the fugitive you have information about, and then clicking on the link under their picture.

Stripe and leaf rust infestation on wheat early and heavy

ROBERT BURNS
SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

COLLEGE STATION- There have been considerably more reports of both leaf and stripe rust on wheat than is normal for this time of year, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist.

"There's been a number of reports out of the Blacklands and Central Texas in general," said Dr. Clark Neely, AgriLife Extension small grains and oilseed specialist, College Station. "If conditions remain ideal for rust, we could see a pretty heavy rust year."

Wheat rusts are fungal diseases that affect wheat and other small grains, Neely said. Stripe rust prefers cool, moist weather, whereas leaf rust becomes more prevalent later in the spring when temperatures increase.

"Typically, we see leaf rust pressure increasing as stripe rust begins

to fade in fields," he said.

In recent years, fungicide trials in College Station showed leaf rust can reduce yields up to 50 percent on untreated check plots, and stripe rust can be just as devastating if not more so, Neely said.

There are a number of products that will effectively control rust on wheat, he said. Agronomists usually don't recommend spraying this early because rust pressure is usually too low for there to be an economic advantage.

"But in a number of cases this year, the rust has begun to spread not only in the lower leaves, but onto newer leaves as well," he said. "And we've seen some considerable yellowing of leaves, which means the plant is quite stressed. I think in these cases, spraying may be warranted."

Last week in West Central Texas most counties reported unseason-

ably warm, dry weather most of the week. The cotton harvest was completed. Gins were finishing up. Winter wheat was improving and in mostly good condition. Winter small grains looked the best they had in many years. Fieldwork was underway in preparation for spring planting. Stock-tank water levels continued to drop. Rangeland and pastures were holding up pretty well for late February. Warmer weather and recent moisture enhanced the growth of grasses, making for better grazing. Supplemental feeding of livestock continued. Cattle prices were still holding steady.

In the Rolling Plains temperatures were highly variable with limited moisture. Wheat remained in good condition, with most fields growing and greening. However, moisture will be needed soon to maintain good growth and color.

CAFETERIA MENU

Subject to Change*

March 2 - 6

Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

Monday

Green Eggs & Ham or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Pear, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Breakfast Pizza or Cereal w/ Graham, Apple, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Friday

Cinnamon Roll or Cereal w/ Graham Cracker, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Winters ISD Lunch Menu

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Chef Salad or Taco Salad or Bean & Cheese Burrito, Spanish Rice, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Choice of Milk.

Thursday

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

Friday

Chef Salad or Hamburger or Fish/Graham Cracker (HS), Curly Fries, Black Eyed Peas, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Coleslaw, Orange, Choice of Milk.

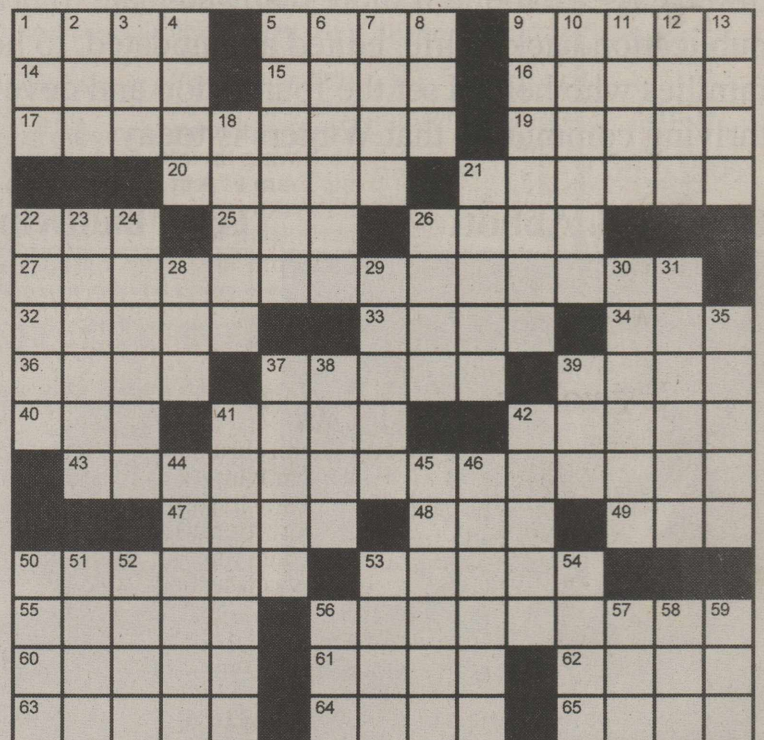
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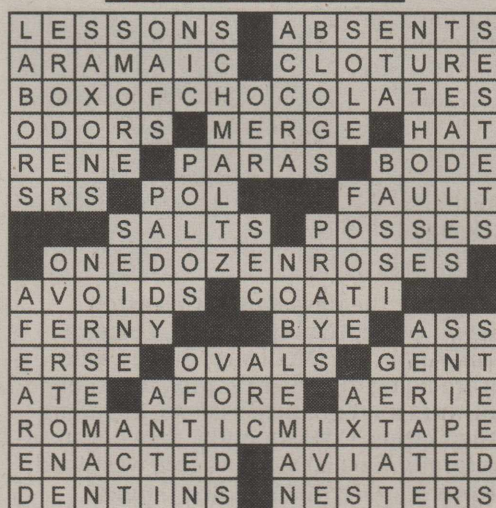
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- 9 Promotes aggressively
- 14 Comic strip possum
- 15 1040 preparers, maybe
- 16 Indian coin
- 17 Sister of Rose Red
- 19 Writer's rep
- 20 Hangouts
- 21 Rectifiers
- 22 Army rank: Abbr.
- 25 ___ Lanka
- 26 Abs are below them
- 27 President's "theme song"
- 32 Having good timing
- 33 Times past
- 34 Society page word
- 36 Ron Howard flick of 1999
- 37 Diminutive
- 39 Sail in a gale
- 40 ___ Na Na
- 41 Tailored, in a way
- 42 They might swing
- 43 Classic dessert with whipped cream
- 47 Sunday event
- 48 Hither's pal
- 49 Certain addition
- 50 Belong to
- 53 Erie Canal city
- 55 Ballet's Shearer
- 56 Illicit reserve
- 60 Extempore
- 61 Memo subject
- 62 India's locale
- 63 Pen pals' homes?
- 64 Glazier's fitting
- 65 Split into pieces



Down

- 1 Co. nicknamed "Brown"
- 2 Ship unit or shipping unit
- 3 Gone by
- 4 1956 Allen Ginsberg poem
- 5 Suzuki in the MLB
- 6 Pluck
- 7 Bodybuilder's pride
- 8 180° from WNW
- 9 Crème ___
- 10 Actor Bela
- 11 Columnists' page
- 12 There's one for curly hair
- 13 Full collections
- 18 Stuff to toss
- 21 Disparage
- 22 They go about two feet
- 23 India's Indira
- 24 Itty-bitty breath mint
- 26 Menial farmhand
- 28 Sweetie, to Brits
- 29 Laughing beast
- 30 Scramble a message
- 31 During the knight-time?
- 35 One in the Ford line
- 37 Not long-winded
- 11 Columnists' page
- 38 Shes who get sheared
- 39 Jesus, with "the"
- 41 Sacred bugs
- 42 Eat nachos, say
- 44 His catchphrase is "Bam!"
- 45 Eager player's cry
- 46 "Clearly"
- 50 Apple PC
- 51 Bump
- 52 Faith of Nashville
- 53 Arm bone
- 54 Quite a distance
- 56 Wine tasting
- 57 Put to a purpose
- 58 Writer Anaïs
- 59 Bill, to Chelsea

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Q: Lake Effect Snowfall over the Great Lakes. How does a large body of water affect the weather?

A: A large body of water directly affects weather patterns, such as rainfall and temperatures, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Consider Miami and Omaha. One is near a large body of water - Miami is by the Atlantic Ocean - and the other is at least a thousand miles away from a large area of water," he explains. "A large body of water has a higher heat capacity than land, meaning it takes more energy to warm and cool the temperature of water. Therefore, cities close to water tend to have a narrower range of temperatures throughout the year. For example, average July high temperatures in Miami and Omaha are both near 90 degrees, but average January highs are mild in Miami (70s) and frigid in Omaha (30s).

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Now, during the quasiquicentennial (125th) of the foundation of the city, we found it more than adequate to bring that publication back to life, edited and updated, to honor those families who helped set the foundation and develop the thriving community that Winters is today

Horace H. Abbott



The Abbotts moved from Williamson County around 1898, the Moody family moved from Correll County around the same time and settled at Guion, Texas (between Bradshaw and Ovalo). The Abbotts settled at Old Audra (later moved and named Bradshaw).

Horace Abbott and Pearl Moody married September 15, 1917 and lived in the area all their lives.

They were both workers in the Methodist Church, Horace holding the job as secretary treasurer for many years. Pearl taught a Sunday School Class and worked with the United Methodist Women.

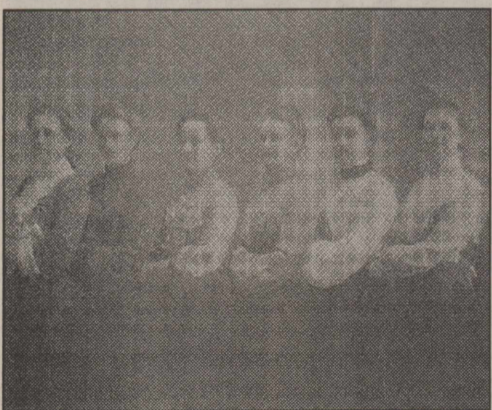
Horace farmed until retiring and moving into Winters in 1972. They lived in town until Horace died in 1979, Pearl died in 1983.

Frank Adami

Frank Charles Adami married Louise Schweihert in April 1879 in New York City. The family decided to leave New York and come to Texas by boat with a rest stop at Key West, Florida. The Key West city was under quarantine for Yellow Fever and the boat was not allowed to make the port. They arrived at Galveston on Labor Day in 1897 and settled in DeWitt County. They stayed there for approximately

seven years, and then the family moved by train in 1904 to Runnels County. They first settled in the Poe Community and later moved east of Winters in the Dale Community area.

Fritz Armbrecht



Frederich (Fritz) Armbrecht was born in 1840 in Hamburg, Germany and married Carline Henze at Christmas time in 1869 in Germany. They came to America in 1875 and settled at Seguin, from there they went to Comal County. Fritz wanted to raise cattle, but there was no land for sale in Comal County.

Fritz and August Spill came together to Runnels County without their families and purchased land before Winters was established.

Fritz moved his family to Runnels County in January 1890.

They came by wagon and trailed the cattle from Comal County. Mail and supplies had to be obtained from Old Runnels.

William Bahlman

William Bahlman was born in Germany in 1865. He married Marie Mader in Dewitt County, Texas in 1885. They came to Runnels County in 1904 settling in the Stone Community (7 miles west of Winters).

They formed and attended the Lutheran Church. Marie and William died during the influenza epidemic of 1919.

Isaac Baldwin



Isaac Sidney and Medora Ann Baldwin came to Runnels County from Bell County, Texas in 1890. They came in covered wagons pulled by horses and oxen, and settled in Content, where they farmed and ranched.

They attended the Midway Methodist Church. Isaac owned a grocery store and was the second postmaster at Crews. They had eight children. He moved to Ballinger and had a hardware store for several years; then he moved back to Winters and retired.

Leonard Barker



During the devastating Galveston Flood on September 6, 1900, Leonard and Annie Lee (McCleary) Barker, who were living in Waller County, lost most of their material possessions, including their crops. Consequently, they began to migrate, via a covered wagon, westward toward a safer habitat, Bell County.

After four years, they, together with their six children moved by covered wagon to Runnels County in 1904, settling on a farm eight miles east of Winters, in the Long community.

In 1912 the family relocated four miles east of Ballinger, where they lived until Mr. Barker retired in 1925.

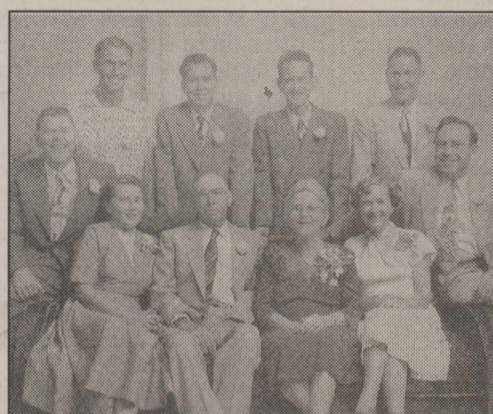
E.J. Barnes



E.J. Barnes and wife Margaret L. Barnes moved to Winters from Uvalde, Texas in 1937. E. J. was a long time employee of Higginbotham Dry Goods Store and later owned a grocery store on the Ballinger highway in the south part of Winters. He retired in 1956.

W.G. Bedford

The Bedfords originally came from Ireland in 1811 to Missouri. In 1848 sixteen families moved to Texas near Ft. Worth.



W.G. Bedford served in the Texas Rangers and the Confederate Service.

W. G. and Sarah Shaw had nine children, among them were their sons Fred, Jay and Lee.

Lee came to Winters in the early 1900s and had the first water system. It consisted of two dug wells on North Main Street.

Fred came to Winters in 1907 with his wife, Cordelia Thomasson, following a year later.

He and his brothers operated the Bedford and O'Dell Hardware store on North Main Street. Later he owned the Bedford Mule and Horse Barn, trading horses and mules until 1936 when he became a County Commissioner, an office he held for 20 years.

He served on the school board, being president many years. He was a Charter Member of the Winters Country Club, Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce.

Adolf Belitz



Adolf Belitz was born in Elenbruch, Germany in 1879. He was the only son and he had five sisters. He came to America with his parents and a friend, their port of entry was New York City, but they continued to Texas and settled in Dallas in 1891.

Adolf had a job as an apprentice in the Baker Hotel in Dallas. He enjoyed visiting his sister, Pauline, who had married Richard Gottschalk and lived on a farm in Runnels County. He decided to move to Winters in 1909 and opened the first bakery (Star Bakery) in Winters.

He married Minnie Sophia Bredemeyer and they continued to operate the bakery. During World War I they were unable to purchase flour so they closed the bakery and moved to a farm north of Winters. In 1923 they again re-opened the bakery, a panel truck was purchased and baked goods were delivered to Content, Bradshaw and Lawn.

Frederick Bredemeyer

Fritz and his brother left Hannover, Germany for America in approximately 1862. The brother served in the Civil War but Frederick was only 14 years old. In the fall of 1899, Augusta, his wife, and 10 children came to Runnels County from Williamson County, Texas in three covered wagons and a hack while Fritz rode the train with the livestock. They purchased several hundred acres of land two miles west of Winters for \$7 an acre. Some of the original land is still farmed by the Bredemeyers today.

John Brown



On January 14, 1923, Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Brown and their four sons along with their families (total of 33) chartered a pullman on the Santa Fe train and left Early, Georgia for Runnels County, Texas.

They had all of their household goods and livestock in box cars. John Francis brought his bird dogs. It took several days to make the trip, arriving in Ballinger.

It took a week to drive the stock to Winters. John Francis Brown was born December 21, 1896 at Floyd County, Georgia, he married Laura P. Smith December 15, 1915.

Bryan Family

The Bryan Family history has been thoroughly researched and many interesting facts uncovered. The Bryan family originated in Ireland with actual dates being traced as far back as 1490.

About the 1600s, Bryans began immigrating to America and settling in Virginia, Connecticut, and

Robert Hudson Bryan and his brother, Edward Floyd Bryan, with their then small families, about the year of 1903 moved from Osceola, Hill County, Texas to Runnels County, and acquired farm land about four or five miles north and east of Norton, Texas. Their farms were located about one mile from each other near where the Church of Christ now known as the Old Norton Church of Christ is situated. These two Bryan brothers resided with their families in these locations until their deaths.

Thomas Chapmond

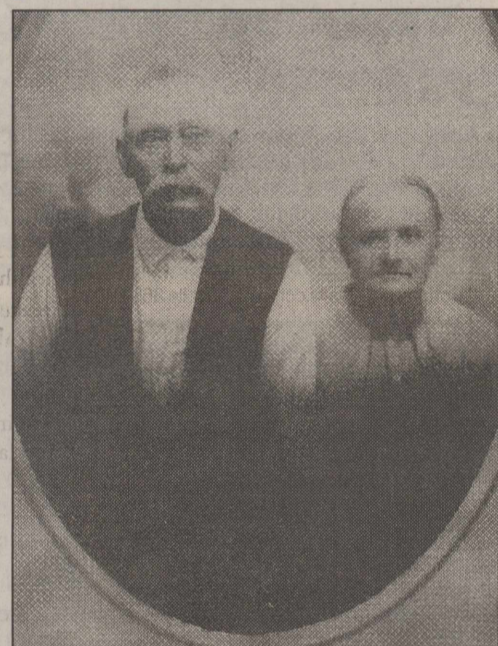
Thomas Earl Chapmond moved to Runnels County in 1906 from the state of Arkansas, purchasing a farm three miles west of Winters. Earl's father owned and operated a mercantile store in Winters during the early part of the Century.

Earl married Essie White in 1916 and they built their house on the farm. Earl and Essie farmed raising cotton, maize and wheat. They developed self-sufficient farming having a garden, chickens, milk cows, corn to make their own corn meal and wheat for flour. Earl loved to hunt and fish and kept his family

supplied with meat and fish. Raising watermelons for the entire neighborhood was one of his pet projects

also a week of fishing on the Colorado or Concho River always meant a "fish fry" for the neighborhood.

J.A. Chisum



James Anderson and Mary Emily Chisum came to Runnels County in 1916, settling on a farm one mile south of Pumphrey. Eleven children were born to this family.

Edward H. Colburn



Edward H. Colburn, born August 22, 1870 at Macon, Mississippi, married Octavia Lamb Secret, born March 19, 1880 in Milan County, Texas, at Yarrelton in Milan County.

They came by covered wagon to Ballinger in 1906 to establish a new home and farm. In 1918 they moved to a farm in the Dale Community, in 1923 they moved to the Baldwin Community, north of Winters. They attended the Baptist Church.

Wade Colburn

Wade Thornwell Colburn, born March 2 1898, in San Saba County, settled in the Pumphrey, Wingate communities in 1924.

He married Noreen Hogan on December 2, 1924 in Winters, they lived one mile south of Pumphrey during marriage. They attended the Baptist Church.

Wade was a farmer and one of his hobbies was tree budding. Wade died November 18, 1966, and

Noreen died August 4, 1948, both are buried in Pumphrey Cemetery.

Rainey Collinsworth



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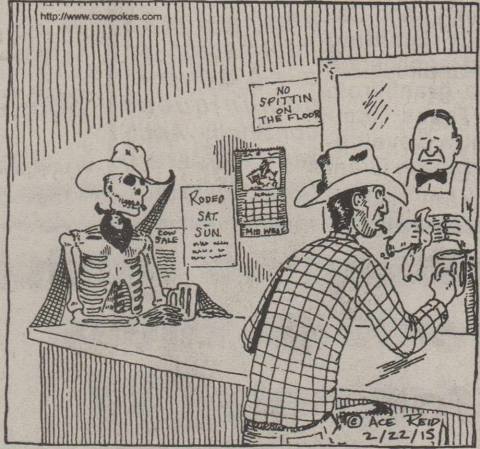
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Commentary by
Dr. Don Newbury

I am tempted to "wax Churchillian" in describing Jim Hogan. He's a man who raised eyebrows in Texas with his strong — albeit unconventional — campaign that resulted in a strong runner-up finish in the recent Commissioner of Agriculture election. Old Winston, in a 1939 radio address, said Russia was "a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma." If modified, it also fits Hogan — a Johnson County "good old boy" who defied political strategies of campaign experts far and wide in his first bid for public office. To Churchill's quote, I'd add "with pure heart, noble intentions, selfless spirit, pride in country and abiding good humor strong enough to propel him into a Will Rogers-like orbit." And when have we ever needed a Will Rogers more?...

The only "Hogans" I'd ever heard of included one with a fouled-up goat and another named Ben — Jim's kin who was mighty good at golf. When Jim surfaced politically, it was evident — as my old dad would say — he had "studied up" on what ag commissioners are 'sposed to do. He ponied up the \$3,750 filing fee, vowing he'd spend little more in a

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Jim Hogan: Election doesn't get his goat...

campaign that saw him defeat seasoned candidate Richard (Kinky) Friedman in the Democratic runoff, 105,887 to 91,282. Republicans ruled in the general election, where Jim claimed 1,697,083 votes to the winner's 2,698,094. Hogan got 36.8% of the popular vote; the democratic gubernatorial candidate — spending multi-millions — received just two points more. To use an old expression, gadzooks!...

Now 64 with 32 years of dairy farming behind him, he's a widower who tended his wife during her three-year cancer battle that ended with her death in 2010 at age 49. He got out of dairy-ing, bought a few head of cattle and goats, took on a part-time insurance job and resolved to finish rearing the couple's two daughters.

He made many promises — to them, to himself and to others — before entering politics. He would buy no ads, send no mailings and print no stickers/yard signs/cards/billboards. And he'd make no promises he didn't intend to keep. Most important, he vowed to take NO donations and if elected, to serve a single term....

He made good use of the Internet, email and telephone, providing his email address and phone number to all who asked. He was interviewed repeatedly by well-known media personalities from throughout the state, usually by phone. Some media reps interviewed him at Cleburne's Blue Star Grill and phone both-size Burger Bar. Oh, his appearance might remind one of Junior Sample on Hee-Haw or Colonel Klink of Hogan's Heroes. If you insist on completing a hayseed picture, stick a straw in his mouth.

Talk with him though — as I did a few weeks back — and you'll know he's crazy like a fox, passionate to serve, unapologetic for running and determined to enjoy the ride. He's absolutely in love with the country we used to know....

Talk about trusting. During our visit, he loaned me an armload of handwritten notes, scriptures, sayings, clippings and stacks of laudatory letters, asking only that I return them "one of these days." His plan, if elected, was to learn quickly on the job, surround himself with strong staffers and listen sincerely to the people. He was true to his campaign

pledge. Beyond the filing fee, he spent only a few hundred dollars — one motel night on an Austin visit and a few other campaign trips. Google him if you aren't aware of the press coverage he stirred up, even in well-known publications with statewide distribution. Much was written and broadcast by polished media folk. One interviewer asked if he believes in creation or evolution. His reply? "Both. Mankind was created, but some of 'em evolved into baboons!" ...

Alas, Republicans voting straight tickets did him in. What he accomplished, though, was monumental. While others spent multiple dollars per vote, his outlay was .02 CENTS each! He says he won't be a candidate for public office again. No regrets, though; he's now busy collecting song titles that "fit" his year-long campaign. One you'd expect is I Did It My Way. And he did. I wish he'd change his mind about making another run for public office....

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2013 BEST BROKERAGES

Wildlife program, tour slated for April 9 in Menard

STEVE BYRNS
SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

MENARD— The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the Multi-County Wildlife Program and Tour from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. April 9 at the Murchison/Whitehead Memorial Youth Complex in Menard. "Following registration, we will go to the Landers Ranch at 8:30 a.m. to

hear ranch owner Dr. Jake Landers, retired AgriLife Extension range specialist at San Angelo, talk and show how many years of proper range management can make wildlife and livestock compatible," said Cody Bridges, AgriLife Extension agent in Mason County. "We will then return to the youth complex building where Dr. Morgan

Russell, AgriLife Extension range specialist at San Angelo, will go into in-depth discussions about wildlife and livestock cohesion." Bridges said Dr. Dale Rollins, retired AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo, will speak on quail habitat. Individual registration is \$25 which will include the noon meal.

'In Memoriam'

Louis Gonzales 11/28/41 - 02/24/14

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to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that place at the close of the day.
If my passing has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.

Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WINTERS TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Winters is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Planning and Capacity Building Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. The bids will be presented on March 24, 2015 during the regular session of the Runnels County Commissioners in the Runnels County Courthouse, Room 103, Ballinger, Texas. The County also reserves the bid for one year, if the County and the vendor awarded the bid both agree. Information for

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Lawn care seminar to be held at the Public Library

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- March 4 at 1 p.m. the Winters Public Library will present a program at the library in the Lois West Conference Room on "West Texas Lawn Care."

Allison Watkins, County Extension Agent - Horticulture, from Tom Green County Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, will be the speaker. Allison graduated from Tarleton State University with a bachelor's degree in horticulture and earned master of science degree in horticulture from Texas Tech University. One of her main focus has been on earthkind landscaping principles, with a special emphasis on water conservation.

We're looking forward to some good advise as to what products to use and how to care for lawn to get rid of those ugly weeds that are popping up every where.

Mark your busy calendars for Wednesday, March 4. Bring your questions and hopefully Allison will be able to furnish you an answer that will help you have a beautiful lawn this summer.

City Council updates water conservation

MADELYN CINTRON
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Winters City Council met on Monday, February 23, 2015 to address their scheduled agenda. They voted and approved a number of pending issues.

The first three motions voted upon were approval to adopt an updated water conservation plan for the

City of Winters, a quote for calibration at the water plant, and an updated drought contingency plan. Each item was approved by the City Council members.

Next, the council reported status updates on various city-wide projects, which were all progressing as expected.

There was also a small

discussion and approval concerning the installation of a new transfer pump at the lake.

The Texas Community Development Block Grant program application required an authorization for submission to the Texas Department of Agriculture for planning, capacity and building.

Council members grant-

ed permission to continue the application process for the city.

Lastly, the Planning and Zoning Board recommended that Family Dollar reduce the rear yard setback to 11 feet and 7 inches instead of 20 feet; the motion was passed so long as the digital cap files are submitted to the council.

NRH Employee of the Quarter

Mary Smith was awarded North Runnels Hospital Employee of the Quarter for October-December 2014. Mary serves as Director of Home Health Services for the hospital and has been an RN for 25 years. Presenting the award to Mary is Judy Espitia, administrator.

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Horticulture program slated for March 3

STEVE BYRNS
SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

MARFA- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the Tri-County Horticulture Program from 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. March 3 in the Hotel Paisano Ballroom, 207 N. Highland St. in Marfa.

"With the temperatures bouncing from the 70s one day, then plunging into the 30s the next, even our landscape plants are having trouble deciding what season it is," said Jesse Lea Schneider, AgriLife Extension agent in Presidio County. "But as crazy as this winter has been weather-wise, one thing's for sure, and that's spring will be here before you know it.

With that in mind, the goal of this program is to ready our gardeners to take full advantage of what's shaping up to be a wonderful gardening year."

The tri-county effort is being conducted by the AgriLife Extension offices in Presidio and Brewster/Jeff Davis counties. Individual registration is \$10 due upon arrival. RSVP by Feb. 26 by calling either the AgriLife Extension office in Presidio County at 432-729-4746, or in Brewster/Jeff Davis counties at 432-837-6207. More information is also available by calling those numbers.

Topics and their presenters will include:

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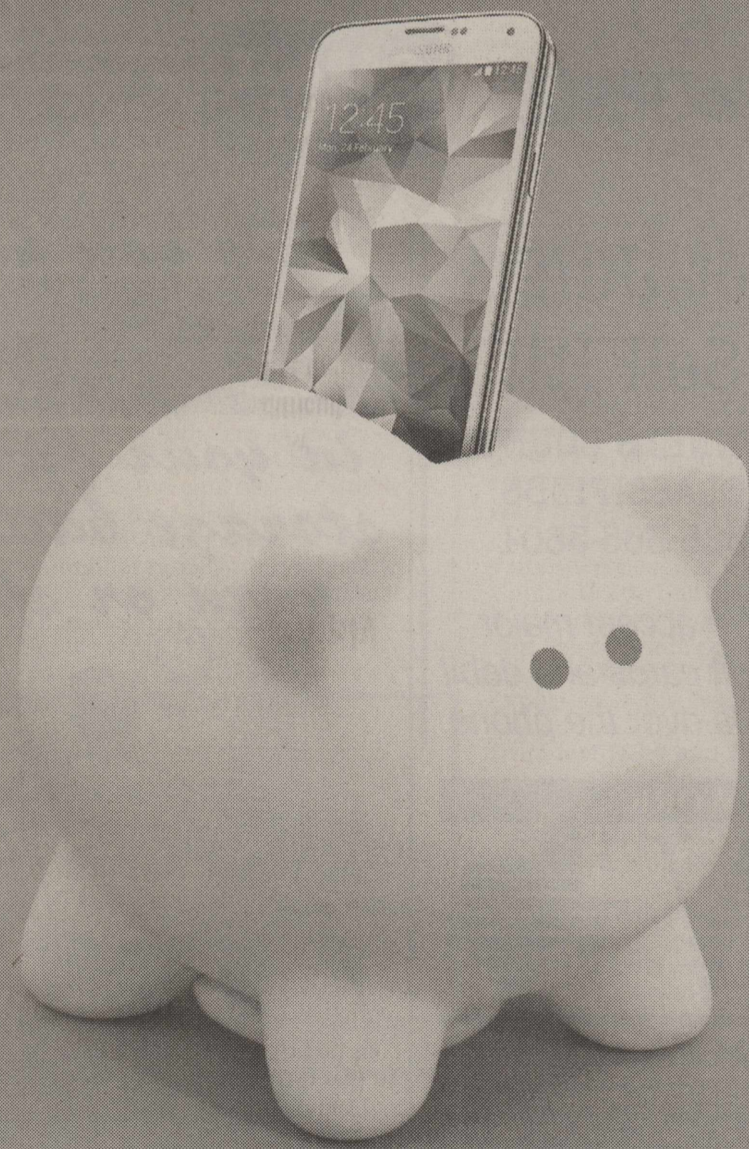
- Common Garden Pests: Whiteflies, Flea Beetles, Aphids, Earworms, OH MY!, Dr. Mark Muegge, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Fort Stockton.
- Tomato 101, Selection and Type, and Earth-Kind Practices, Denise Rodriguez, AgriLife Extension horticulturist, El Paso County.

- Ice Storm Tree Damage and Repair, and Trans Pecos Champion Trees, Oscar Mestas, Texas A&M Forest Service, regional

urban forester, El Paso.

- Marfa Rainfall Regime and Estimating Wetting Depth and Moisture for a Given Rainstorm, Dr. Alyson McDonald, AgriLife Extension range specialist, Fort Stockton.

"We'll end the day with an evaluation of the day's proceedings," Schneider said. "But for those who are interested, Oscar Mestas will present a live demonstration on how the Texas A&M Forest Service measures a champion tree, a practice they use when adding a tree to their Big Tree Registry program. The program locates and recognizes the largest known species of its kind that grows in Texas."



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