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The Winters ENTERPRISE

Thursday, December 29, 2016

Briefly

Livestock Show Jan. 12-14

The Runnels County Junior Livestock Show will be held Jan. 12-14 at the Ballinger Community Center. Over 70 youth from Runnels County will be competing this year, said Runnels County Extension Agent Garrett Cline.

The arrival of all livestock will take place from 1-6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, the weigh-ins will be from 5-7 p.m.

On Friday, the swine show kicks off events at 9 a.m. followed by the rabbit and meat goat shows.

The sheep show gets underway at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 followed by lambs, breeding and showmanship categories. The cattle show is next which will feature heifers and steers followed by showmanship. The Premium Sale will be held at 2 p.m.

Holiday closures

The City of Winters and Runnels County offices will be officially closed Monday, Jan. 2 in observance of the New Year holiday. The offices will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 3 for normal business hours.

Winters Independent School District is on Christmas break through Jan. 3. Classes will resume at the normal time on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017.



The last drop

The first Arctic blast converged on Runnels County last week, bringing freezing temperatures National Weather Service in San Angelo reported.

The first day of Winter was on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

As the Winters Solstice came and went, a warming trend emerged following the Arctic blast that occurred early last week.

A mild cold front is in the forecast to converge over the area Thursday bringing lows in the lower 30s and highs in the 50s and a slight chance of rain.

Last week, no rain was received in Ballinger, Wingate or San Angelo.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 37 inches of rainfall, with 38.15 inches reported in Wingate and 31.63 inches received in San Angelo.

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Winters takes down Ozona in a squeaker, 45-43

STAFF REPORT

The Winters Blizzards were victorious over Ozona taking the win on Tuesday, Dec. 20 with the final score of 45-43.

Ozona scored 11 points in the first quarter, eight points in the second quarter, 10 in the

third quarter and 12 in the final quarter.

Winters scored 10 in the first quarter, 18 in the second quarter, nine in the third quarter and eight in the final quarter.

Drey Patton had five rebounds, Zach Rodriguez came

away with four and Mendoza came away with three.

Rodriguez was the high scorer with 16 points, followed by Slater Lindley with 11, Mendoza with six, Marcus Mostad with four, Cameron Perkins with three and Patton with two.



Marcus Mostad goes in for a shot during the game with Ozona, Tuesday, Dec. 20.

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'Tis the season



Sheriff hands out toys to 400 Runnels County children

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ABOVE: Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird gives Samantha Lopez, who just moved back to Ballinger from Abilene following a bad accident, a watch that was donated for the Runnels County Toy Drive. **LEFT:** Dolores Duarte Guebara, right, her daughter Andrea, center and grandsons John and Ethan, helped fill the bags and distribute the toys during the Sheriff's Christmas Toy Drive. The items were distributed for more than 400 children on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

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Hundreds of Runnels County children will had smiles on their faces this Christmas after the Runnels County Sheriff's Office held their annual Christmas Toy Drive.

Sheriff Bill Baird, who is retiring this week, has been holding the toy drive for the past 33 years.

"It is just something that has always been important to me," Baird said. "This year we probably served 400 children."

Baird said hundreds of Runnels County residents, businesses and organizations donated cash, toys, clothing and other items for the drive.

"We really had a good year," Baird said.

The bags of goodies were passed out at the sheriff's office on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Sheriff Baird along with his wife Sharon, secretary Marie Hoffman and Sheriff-elect Carl Squyres were on hand to distribute the toys and clothing. Other volunteers included Dolores

TOYS, 3

Sales tax down in Runnels County

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$627.6 million in local sales tax allocations for December, 0.2 percent more than in December 2015. These allocations are based on sales made in October by monthly filers.



Glenn Hager

For the month of December, the City of Ballinger received \$46,535.18 which is down 5.27 percent from last year's take of \$49,125.17.

However, sales tax is up overall for the year with allinger receiving \$1,052,844.04 year to date which up from the same time in 2015 when the city had received \$926,016.52.

Sales tax in Winters was down more than 22 percent for December with receipts totaling \$16,511.01 down from \$21,286.58 during the same period last year. Year to date receipts are down 9.92 percent with \$235,512.83 received so far this year, down from \$261,472.60 received during the same time last year.

Receipts in Miles were down with \$4,370.74 received for December, which is 9.79 percent less than last year's take of \$4,845.14.

SALES TAX, 3



A New Year's Day tradition; Eat black eyed peas for luck

STAFF REPORT

It is a long standing tradition that black eyed peas are on the menu for New Year's Day. Cabbage or collared greens are also a favorite for luck and according to folklore and represent money and prosperity.

According to "Southern Living" this auspicious New Year's Day tradition dates back to the Civil War, when Union troops pillaged the land, leaving behind only black-eyed peas and greens as animal fodder.

Rich in nutrients, these were the humble foods that enabled Southerners to survive. Details of stories differ, but each celebrates a communion of family and friends bound by grateful hearts and renewed hope

for good things yet to come. Black eyed peas are definitely a New Year's Day "good luck" tradition.

And for Mel LeMane, the Southern staple is something more. Black eyed peas literally launched his family into the restaurant business, and they're the most requested side dish at Po' Melvin's, which serves up Southern comfort fare from an unassuming strip mall space in Irving.

The story began in the early '80's, when Mel's dad, the original "Po Melvin," entered his original black eyed pea recipe in the State Fair of Texas Cooking Competition. To his surprise, they won "Best in Show."

TRADITION, 6



Eating black eyed peas on New Year's Day has long been a superstition for luck in the impending year.

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Two ag producers elected to Farm Credit Bank of Texas board

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN — Texas Farm Credit District stockholders recently elected Linda C. Floerke of Lampasas, and re-elected Ralph W. "Buddy" Cortese of Fort Sumner, N.M., to the Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT) Board of Directors. The two farmer-ranchers will begin their three-year terms on the board on Jan. 1, 2017.

Floerke will succeed Jon M. "Mike" Garnett of Spearman, who is retiring from the board on Dec. 31 after serving 18 years as a director of the cooperatively owned bank.

Elected to the Texas Land Bank board in 2012, Floerke continued as a Lone Star Ag Credit director after the associations merged in 2014.

She and her husband raise cattle, white-tailed deer and hay in Lampasas County. She is also co-owner and secretary-treasurer of Agro-Tech Services Inc., a family business that provides liquid fertilizer, crop chemicals, custom application, cattle protein supplements, and other products and services to area farmers and ranchers.

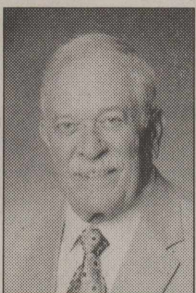
In addition, Floerke serves on the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Leadership Advisory Board for Lampasas County and is a committee member at her church. She is a former director or trustee of numerous organizations, including two district school boards and the Girl Scouts of Central Texas, and is a past president of the Lampasas County Chamber of Commerce.

Cortese has been a member of the seven-member FCBT board since 1995, and was board chairman from January 2000 to December 2011. A former chairman of the Production Credit Association of Eastern New Mexico, he serves on the boards of the Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation and the Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council.

Farm Credit Bank of Texas is a wholesale bank that funds 14 rural lending cooperatives in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. Those locally owned co-ops in turn provide financing and related services that support agriculture and rural communities. The \$21.3 billion bank is a part of the 100-year-old Farm Credit System.



Linda Floerke



Buddy Cortese



Mike Garnett

RCHC book available

The latest book titled "Volume III Historical Markers of Runnels County and Post Offices of Runnels County" is available at Ballinger Printing & Graphics and JK Hair Salon in Ballinger; The Attic, Bee's Quilting, and the Z. I. Hale Museum Gift Shop in Winters; Beverly Teplick in Rowena or from members of the Runnels County Historical Commission. The book can be ordered from Ballinger Printing & Graphics at ballingerprinting.com, Amazon.com, or by mailing payment to Runnels County Historical Commission, PO Box 211, Winters 79567. "Volume I The Organization of Runnels County" is also available for \$25 or \$31 if shipped, and "Volume II Schools of Runnels County" is available for \$30 or \$37 if shipped.

Immunization clinics for January

Texas Department of State Health Services will have immunization and flu clinics for children with Medicaid, no insurance, underinsured and adults with no insurance. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call 754-4945. If there is no answer, leave a message. The clinic in Winters will be from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Professional Building at 110 South Main Suite 108. The clinic in Ball-

inger will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017 at 600 Strong Ave. Please bring the child's immunization records and if the child has Medicaid, please bring the card.

CASA volunteers wanted

The Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County, Inc. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is seeking volunteers. Currently CASA serves 60 percent of the children in foster care. To sign up, call 325-653-4673 or email mblue@cactomgreen.org. CASA serves Tom Green, Runnels, Concho, Crockett, Coke, Irion, Reagan, Sutton, Sterling and Schleicher counties.

AA meeting

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

A Time for Freedom

A new addiction class is forming in Winters called "A Time for Freedom," and Pastor Tommy Akin, of the Pioneer Church

of God in Winters will be overseeing the program which will provide addiction education to addicts, family and loved ones. The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Pioneer Church of God at 158 North Main St. in Winters. For more information call 903-474-4740.

Visit Friendly Neighbors

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Runnels County area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening, arts and crafts and other useful subjects to meetings at 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during the summer). Meetings will alternate between the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of south 7th Street and Sealy Ave. in Ballinger and the Winters Public Library at 120 N. Main St. in Winters. If you are interested and would like to find out more about this group, call Martha at 365-3890 or Judy at 754-5386.

Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the

month from. All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and caregiver perspective. There is no charge for this public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer's Association.

Recycling Center Hours

The City of Ballinger's Recycling Center, located at South 7th Street and Sealy Avenue, is open from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday. The recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Saturday, the recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to noon.

WIC open to many incomes and families

Women Infants and Children, (WIC) located at 706 Strong Ave. in Ballinger is open from 7 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. WIC is closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone 325-365-5925.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

The Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month, at the Wingate Masonic Lodge in Wilmeth. For further information contact Brandon Poehls at 325-786-2125.

THE IDLE AMERICAN 'Mind's Eye' Vision 20/20

You may recall "been there/done that" experiences differently. If so, be my guest. Mine is a mundane wish that you close out the old year as you choose. It is, after all, your life, and only a few hours remain before peals of 2017 bells are heard.

During an aborted springtime trip to San Diego — one of the world's most beautiful cities — I beheld the grandeur with just one eye. It was a strange way to awaken that fateful morning. Loss of half my vision overnight was not anticipated.

Dashed were plans to explore a city where all seasons yield to spring. Taking priority were plans to change plane reservations for a return home to the Metroplex ASAP....

Back home, Dr. Parchue — an ophthalmologist whose name sounds like a sneeze — diagnosed a damaged and detached retina. Within hours, he had performed surgery, and my pilgrimage back to restored vision — albeit slower than preferred — was underway.

Caring friends asked if I'd been a wreck or sustained a blow to the head. "Can't anything be the result of high mileage?" I countered....

It's a plus that the "mind's eye" is 20-20. Heading the recall list is akin to "California dreaming." To some readers, my memories of a shortened trip may seem to be in an unlikely order.

We had spent our last "full vision" day at the San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld and beach walking near the San Diego Hilton Resort and Spa, where the grounds were awash in greenery, flowers and leisurely walkways.



TEXAS COLUMNIST
Don Newbury

What we most remember, however, were not "up close" visits to destinations featured in travel brochures. Instead, we recall the joy of children being children. Some busied themselves in simple joys of pursuing a mother duck with her ducklings. Others were enthralled by a collection of dogs, cats, birds and pigs. The "collection" — at least a large majority — has one thing in common. Before they were trained for "stardom," they were shelter-adopted animals....

The children seemed oblivious to promotions, particularly at SeaWorld, where Shamu's whale act is ending its long run this year. Of course, the youngsters joined adults in applauding Shamu.

Their prolonged clapping, however, was for the rescue animals. And why not? These "lesser stars" — devoid of pedigrees and portfolios — performed as if their lives depended on flawless performances. Maybe it is more likely they anticipated pet treats awaiting them at acts' end....

Back to the ducks. As the sun was in descent's final rays, I chose to "sit a spell" on a hotel bench. I marveled at my wife's careful inspection of numerous flowering plants. She even spelled their names so convincingly that I would have challenged anyone

suggesting corrections.

Soon to command my attention, however, were a couple of tykes, likely brother and sister. The older was perhaps six years of age; the other, around four. They fell behind a mother duck and her 10 trailing ducklings.

They mostly kept a safe distance a few paces behind. When the mother duck accelerated, her brood scampered to keep pace, and so did the children. I resisted the temptation to pick up a duckling for the children to feel their soft yellow down. I did, however, reseat myself several times as they paraded up and down walkways. As dusk drew in, the parents herded the children toward the restaurant. The youngsters looked back, however, for final glimpses of the little ducklings as they followed their mother, waddling away into the night....

I was grateful for my doctor's dismissal some three months later. Surgery had been successful, and vision in my damaged eye was at least 95 percent renewed. It's a grand feeling, at year's end, to enjoy reasonable vision and generally good health.

There's much for which to be thankful, including the "mind's eye," which seems never to age. I intend to depend on all three eyes in 2017, however, and wish for you and yours good health and much happiness....

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Inquiries/comments to: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Web site: www.speakerdoc.com.

Womack and Johnson headline Outlaws and Legends

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STAFF REPORT

ABILENE — Abilene's Outlaws & Legends Music Fest has announced that award-winning singer-songwriters Lee Ann Womack and Cody Johnson along with several other top names in country music will perform at this year's festival. The music-

filled weekend will take place at the Back Porch of Texas on March 31 and April 1.

The festival kicks off at 2:15 p.m. on March 31 with a performance by Jerrod Medulla, followed by wall-to-wall music until 9:30 p.m. that evening when headliner Cody Johnson takes the Big Country Chevy Stage.

The next day, the music begins with a performance by the winner of the songwriter competition at 12:30

p.m. and continues all day with headliner Lee Ann Womack taking the main stage at 9:30 p.m.

Since 2013, a portion of festival ticket proceeds has benefited the Ben Richey Boys Ranch. To date, the festival has raised more than \$200,000 for the Christian-based private, nonprofit child care facility. The Ranch provides a comfortable, safe home for its young residents, with a goal of developing confidence and responsibility in each boy through nurturing and guidance of the house parents and staff.

Grammy-winner Lee Ann Womack will headline this year's music festival.

Womack received two Country Music Association Awards for Single of the Year



Lee Ann Womack

for "I Hope You Dance" and "I Hate Myself in the Morning". Womack has won six Country Music Association Awards and five Academy of Country Music Awards and sold more than six million albums worldwide.

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for all the food cards, flowers, plants, phone calls and prayers that were sent during the loss of our wife and mother. If you did not receive a personal thank you it was because we failed to get addresses for everyone and we apologize. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

We would like to give a special thank you to the Church of Christ ladies for preparing our meal and to the Winters Funeral Home, Mike Meyers and Linda Dry and Lauren Garduno for the beautiful service.

May God bless you all.

THE FAMILY OF LOU SCATES

Just Around the Corner Changes and challenges in community news

The face of the newspaper industry across the country has completely changed in the 20 plus years that I have been a reporter and editor.

And, technology has been the driving force behind all of the changes that have occurred over the last two decades.

And even more changes are on the horizon in the coming new year. The Ballinger Ledger and the Winters Enterprise newspapers have been in existence in some form, for well over a century, and these two publications have a great, long history of serving their prospective communities. And as 2017 unfolds, there will be changes on the horizon, and it will all be to make the publications better for our readers and that is our New Year's resolution!

And as we move forward in another year, I cannot help but to look backover the past 20 years to marvel at the changes that have come about in the newspaper business.

The other day I saw a Facebook post that asked whether or not



Celinda Hawkins

I knew about this little item first hand because back in the day, during my first gig at the Monahans News, I spent many hours a week in a dark room, developing the film inside those canisters. It was a tedious process. First, you had to break the film out of its metal canister in complete darkness, roll it up and put it in another canister with chemicals — all in the dark. Once the film was safely in the sealed canister, the red light came on in the dark room and you could see what you were doing. Once the film developed, the photos were printed on black and

viewer knew what a little plastic canister with a black lid was. It was a film canister and this tells you everything you need to know about the gargantuan changes that have occurred in media and journalism.

white paper (in those days, we rarely used color). Then the photos are hung up to dry in the red light. A few hours later and voila! Photos for the weekly paper.

In those early days, very few folks had Internet. I remember the day in 1996 when the Brownwood Bulletin put Internet on one computer in the newsroom. There was always a line of reporters waiting to get on the Mac — and it was dial up — remember that? Slow as molasses.

And, by the time I got to the Bulletin, the standard was color film, which we had developed at a photo place. We had a negative scanner, which was at the time, state of the art — and thanks to Photoshop — we were able to make the photos look awesome.

But within a year, digital cameras were all the rage — and newspapers were enjoying not having to fork over mega bucks for film and developing supplies. Dark rooms became relics and were no longer used.

Meanwhile, newspapers across the country were in a race — to see who could have an online pres-

ence the quickest. In my opinion, the stamped to put newspapers online for free — was not very well thought out, a topic which has been debated for 20 years.

Some have referred to the aftermath as the demise of the newspaper industry. Many papers scampered to repair the financial damage to their bottom lines by putting up pay walls. When a reader goes to the news site, they are met with about three paragraphs from a story and when they click to read more, they are asked to pay for a subscription, for a day, a week, a month or a year. This process has deterred many readers, who just hunt for the rest of the story elsewhere.

Today, the industry is still struggling to make sure that community newspapers like the Ballinger Ledger and the Winters Enterprise, maintain a viable business. In 2014, GateHouse Media purchased the two papers along with other papers in Brownwood, Waxahachie, Midlothian and Glen Rose. GateHouse Media owns more newspapers than any company in the country and

so that shows that the company believes in community journalism.

And moving forward, we want to evolve and improve even more.

All of that said, it is very important that the community newspaper is supported by the community or communities it serves.

In 2017, we want to continue to provide more news with better content, more local sports and more opportunities to improve our readership.

And as we end 2016, I would like to thank all of the folks in both communities for helping me and my assistant Linda and our sales staff and page designers in Brownwood to make these publications what they are. We appreciate you all!

Here's to a wonderful and prosperous new year for everyone in Runnels County and beyond.

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CELINDA HAWKINS | GATEHOUSE MEDIA

Crystal Fernandez was one of the hundreds of Runnels County residents who signed up to receive toys in the Christmas Toy Drive. Here, she gets help from Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird and volunteer Ethan Havlak.

TOYS

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Guebara and her daughter Andrea Havlak and grandsons Ethan and John.

"We do this every year," said Andrea Havlak. "I think it is so important."

Constable Wayne Poehls and 16-year-old Jon Binder were also helping distribute the toys.

"My grandmother signed me up to do this," Binder said. "It feels really good to help others."

A steady stream of parents who had put their names on the list came in to pick up the toys and other items.

Chante Miree and her mother Diane Miree both of Ballinger stopped by to pick up their bags.

"This is wonderful, Chante said. "We have come every year."

Samantha Lopez, who just moved back to Ballinger following a bad car accident, said this was the first time she had reached out for help.

"This is really helping my family," Lopez said.

Samantha Van Storey agreed.

"I appreciate this," Van Storey said. "When you are struggling to support your children, it is really helpful."

Other recipients were thankful.

"I am very grateful for this," said Crystal Fernandez, of Ballinger.

Baird said there were recipients from all over Runnels County including Winters, Ballinger and Miles. He said at the end of the day, there are always a few who signed up who can't make it to the Sheriff's Office to pick up their bags of goodies.

"We know their addresses, so we take it to them and leave it on their doorstep," Baird said.

SALES TAX

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Year to date, sales tax is up 5.28 percent in Miles with \$64,690.99 received so far this year up from \$61,441.87 at the same time in 2015. Sales tax is down 20.45 percent in Runnels County with receipts totaling \$25,946.67 for December, down from \$32,618.95 in 2015. Year to date, sales tax is up in the county more than seven percent, with \$507,331.30 received so far this year over \$473,781.06 received the same in 2015.

"The cities of Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, El Paso and San Antonio continue to see significant increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of Houston, Sugar Land and Plano saw noticeable decreases in sales tax allocations."

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Name	Age	Agency
Juan Guerrero	28	Runnels
Sentenced to five days as condition of probation, theft.		
Leo Manley, Jr.	56	Coleman
MTR, assault family violence.		
Lindsay Salas	33	Concho
Assault causes bodily injury, family violence.		
Andrew Dean	25	Coleman
MTR, DWI.		
Arturo Moreno	33	Concho
Aggravated assault, DWI, resisting arrest, criminal mischief.		
Kolawale Olasupo	55	Concho
Hunting deer at night, hunting deer with artificial light.		
Norma Reyes	37	DPS
DWLI with previous conviction.		
Derek Arroyo	28	Concho
Possession of a controlled substance, FTA possession of a controlled substance.		
Abundio Coronado	35	BPD
Theft, parole violation, possession of a controlled substance.		
Reynaldo Torres	31	Runnels
Fraudulent use of identifying.		
Joe Gamez	40	DPS
MTR, FTA bail jumping, MTR, possession of a controlled substance.		
Edmund Tamez	48	WPD
Bond insufficient, DWI 3rd.		

VETERANS CORNER



Sandra G. Van Zant

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) recently announced a modest 0.3 percent increase in the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for calendar year 2017 for military and federal civilian retirees, survivor benefit annuitants, disabled veterans and Social Security recipients.

The new COLA rate went into effect Dec. 1, 2016 and the adjustment will appear in the Dec. 30, 2016 payment. By law, COLA is based upon the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), a broad measure of consumer prices generated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics from the third quarter

of the previous year to the third quarter of the current year. It measures price changes for food, housing, clothing, transportation, energy, medical care, recreation, and education. Since 2008, the annual COLA has been above 2 percent only once and has been zero three times.

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.

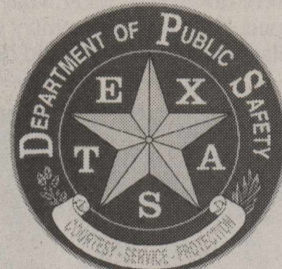
— Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer

DPS launches enhanced traffic enforcement for holidays

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging drivers to help make the holidays safer by driving sober and using extra caution. In an effort to protect travelers on our roadways, DPS Troopers, as well as local law enforcement across the state, will conduct traffic patrols throughout the holiday weekends of Dec. 23 - 26 and Dec. 31 - Jan. 1, looking for drunk drivers, speeders, seat belt violators and other dangerous drivers.

"Impaired driving or reckless behavior on the road can turn holiday celebrations into tragedies,



and these DPS patrols are designed to help save lives by identifying drivers who disregard the law and endanger others," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "By always driving sober, obeying traffic laws, and slowing down or moving over a lane when vehicles are stopped on the side of the road, Texans can help make our

roads safer for everyone."

During the eight-day Christmas/New Year holiday enforcement effort last year, DPS troopers made 466 DWI arrests. DPS enforcement efforts also resulted in 9,174 speeding citations, 893 seat belt/child safety seat citations, 320 fugitive arrests and 286 felony arrests during the enforcement period.

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

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

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

- Eliminate distractions,

including the use of mobile devices.

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

- Slow down or move over for police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of

- Transportation vehicles and tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated — it's the law. Also, show the same courtesy to fellow drivers stopped along the road.

- Don't drive fatigued.

- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained and check the weather forecast before your trip begins.

The Market Perspective: Wrapping Up the Year

I am filing the column early this week on Wednesday, Dec. 21, to allow our editors to meet Holiday deadlines. Let's look back and then a bit forward in the markets.

Since 2014 we had warned that there was no reason for crude oil to be trading over \$100. Indeed

with fracking and OPEC and Russian exports, supply was expanding but price was not dropping. That prediction or warning finally came true. West Texas Intermediate tumbled all the way to the mid 20s. Share prices of energy and service companies fell dramatically. Some had to take bankruptcy. Frantic headlines warned that the supply would likely never drop. Oil prices turned right around, and we caught that also, in February and marched right up to \$50. Since then it re-tested the \$40 level and is now attacking recent highs at \$53.

Prices firmed on the 'news' that OPEC would cut production and yes, even Russia would join in. In truth, Russia had been expanding output already. It simply agreed to keep output at the now expanded level. With no enforcement mechanism, we doubt there has been any real cut in production. Indeed, production here in the States is as strong as ever. And the long term U.S. rig count is turning back up.

Instead we sense a shift in social mood towards commodity prices throughout this past year. Gold and silver bottomed in December-January 2016 and had quite a run of 30 percent. Iron ore prices bottomed along with energy prices. And now we have a serious cold front across the northern U.S. No one wants to be short oil futures in a blizzard.

Heating oil nearly doubled from \$0.90 to \$1.70. Un-



Dennis Elam

led gasoline nearly matched the numbers running from \$0.90 to \$1.60 today. That kept sales of SUVs and pickups

expanding this year.

Natural gas had a great run. It just about doubled from the \$1.60 level of last March to near \$3.80 this month. Prices are now pulling back from an overbought condition. We suggest a spring target of \$4.50.

We suspect that commodity prices as an asset class bottomed in 2016.

We expect big advances in the future. That is reflected in rapidly increasing interest rates. The surprise on the upside, after endless dithering by the FED, may well be much higher rates much faster than our Central Planners expect.

Our calls on the stock market were not so successful. But then neither were the polls on the Presidential Election. The better view is that the Dow Transports peaked in November 2014. A correction then took place right into early 2016 dropping the index from 9,250 to its 50-month moving average around 7,000 at that time. The news of the election has resulted

in near all U.S. stock indexes soaring. The Transports have risen from 8,000 to 9,500 since the election. The promise of regulation roll back and a green light for U.S. Energy Production has prices and Trump's popularity on the upswing.

What is happening is that the markets are pricing in positive social mood for 2017. Historically, the seventh year of a decade has seen problems in the past.

The year 1957 ushered in a recession causing Ike's popularity to drop. The markets topped in 1966 and began falling in 1967. The 1970s were just lousy, period. Ask Jimmy Carter if you doubt me. October 1987 brought us a bear market that came and went in about four months time.

Interestingly, one can view John Templeton on Wall Street Week after that one day 20 percent drop on YouTube. He correctly observed that the crash might already be over.

Stocks advanced in 1997. But the market struck back, peaking in 2007 and then crashing in 2008. Markets are at new highs now, just as they were in 2007.

Readers can follow along in more detail on my free weblog at <http://www.themarketperspective.com>

Enjoy the Holidays and plan on a Happy New Year.

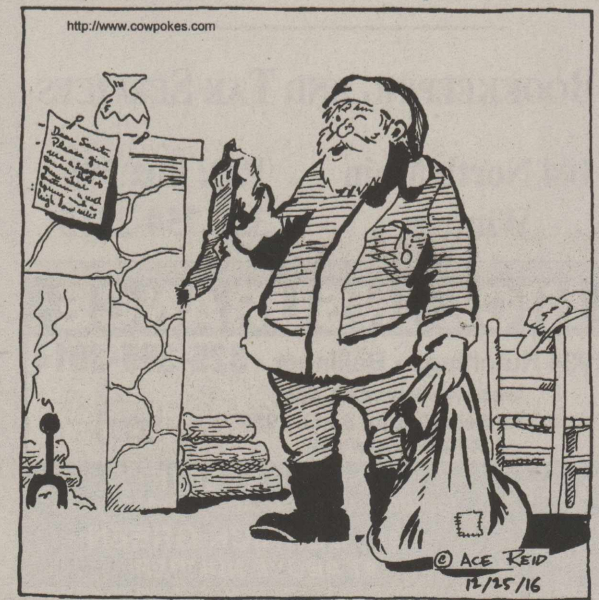
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Brandon Davis named Winters Volunteer Fireman of the Year

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Lady Blizzards return to tournament action this week

The Lady Blizzards were defeated by Ozarks 43-25 on Tuesday, Dec. 20. They will be participating in tournament play this week. Pictured are (clockwise from top left) are Karlee Busher fighting for a rebound, Aimee Green with a short jumper, Cha Cha Lovelace going against a taller Ozona player and K'Lee Lindley passing the ball.

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TRADITION

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Eventually, he would sell his black eyed peas to State Fair attendees, first from a concession truck and then from a booth.

Customers encouraged Melvin to open a restaurant, and the rest is history and now Po' Melvin's is one of the most popular down home eateries in the Metroplex.

Today, the younger Mel continues to cook up the black eyed peas for patrons who demand them regularly, not just on Jan. 1. Here is the recipe

for the black eyed peas served up every day at Po' Melvin's, and some say they do live up to the slogan on the sign which is "soooo good it'll make you wanna slap yo' mama."

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. hickory smoked bacon, chopped
- 1 bunch green onions, finely chopped
- 6 small cans of fresh shelled black eyed peas
- 3 cubes of beef bouillon
- Water
- 2 tsp freshly ground black pepper

■ Worcestershire sauce, Tabasco and salt to taste (optional)

Directions:

- Sauté the bacon until brown and crisp. Add the green onions and sauté.
- Add the black eyed peas and 2 to 3 cans of water, along with bouillon cubes and pepper. Bring mixture to a boil, then lower the heat, cover and let simmer for 20 - 30 minutes, enough to allow some of the water to evaporate.
- Taste and add salt if desired, and/or a dash of Worcestershire sauce or Tabasco.

Blizzards edge Ozona



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Zack Rodriguez gets a lay up during the Blizzards game with Ozona on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Game story on Page 1.

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