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## Winters will have new park

**Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez**  
Winters Enterprise

**W**INTERS, Texas—The City of Winters received a Christmas present ahead of time, with the donation of a property at Parsonage Street that will become a new public park. The donation was accepted last Monday, at the regular City Council meeting.

After a first reading of the proposal, Alderman Jim Lincycomb visited with Randall Underwood, owner of five lots on Parsonage Street that will be donating the property to the City of Winters, conditioned to the property being kept as a park.

"The property doesn't represent that much in taxes for the city, and it's a very nice,

clean place with water and electricity," said Lincycomb at the meeting. The Council voted unanimously to accept the donation.

Among other items in the Monday meeting agenda, the construction company presented advances in the Water Treatment Plant rehab project. The project, scheduled to finish by mid December, is actually at an 85 percent.

The City Council approved to extend the lease of the Airport land to the present holder of the lease and agreed to review the Article IV of the Code of Ordinances on merchants and peddlers. Police Chief Nathan Johnson said that part of the city regulations needs to be updated, in order to prevent possible incidents with peddlers hav-

ing criminal records.

Chief Johnson also submitted and got approved a new Police Department Operations Manual, updating the old one that was created in 1985 with the last review made in 1993.

The new manual will regulate procedures and operations in the Police Department, and several copies will be distributed among Police and City officials.

The Council approved the conversion of a trailer, formerly used for recycling that will be designated for Code Enforcement use.

The Police Department requested budget amendments to start building the new lake gate. In October the City Council approved a new ordinance to regulate the



**ALDERMEN** Rene Woffenden, Jim Lincycomb, Rick Dry and Mayor Dawson McGuffin during the last Monday City council regular meeting. Photo: Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez

hunting at the Winters Lake but due to the lack of a gate the ordinance can't be enforced so far.

Alan Hollander, who will

be taking the Winters Manager's office on December 1, 2010, attended the meeting, seating with the public. Some of the duties for

the new manager such as the surplus merchandise listings to be auctioned were dealt with at the Monday Council meeting.

## Christmas spirit fills the Rock Hotel

**Winters Enterprise**  
Staff Report

**W**INTERS, Texas— Spoon angels, yo-yos, books and all kind of ornaments started to fill the Rock Hotel with a unique Christmas spirit, while the historic location gets ready for the second annual Magic Moments with Trees.

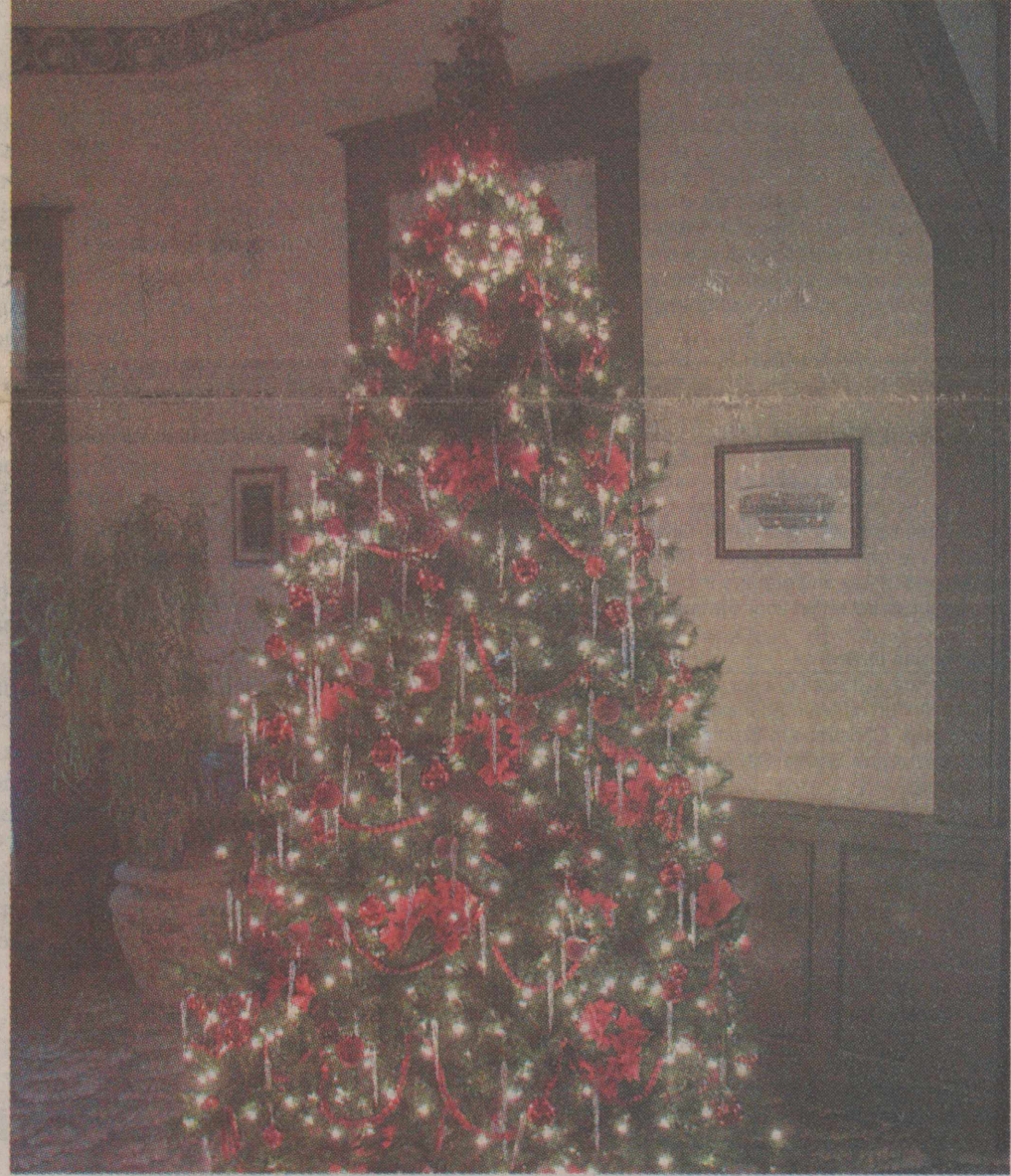
The 2010 grand opening will be held on Wednesday, December 1, at 5:30 p.m. with the Lutheran Choir singing at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Barbara Heathcott and her daughter, Kara, put up the Winters Activity Center's tree Sunday afternoon. The theme is "spoon angels". Barbara remembers making the yo-yo ornaments while she and Kara were at the yo-yos Waco Belt Buckle Stock show 10 years ago.

She said that the kids found the yo-yos interesting and wanted to help make them. She made the angels out of wooden spoons and fabric and the hearts are handmade. Barbara is the manager of the Activity Center and Kara attends Winters High and is a freshman.

Lone Star Book Club's tree is all about books, books and more books. Billie Alderman, Jane Bourdo, Ethel Biddix, Rhea Parramore, Linda Dry and Joyce Carbery had a great time creating the ornaments and hanging them on their tree. When the tree was completed, the members stood around the tree and each made a toast with a glass of wine or sparkling grape juice. After enjoying a salad and dessert dinner by candle light, Rhea gave a book review on Jane Austin's book "Persuasion". Wonderful friendships have grown within the club which started in 2005.

With the help of Diana Rozmen, Betty Thomason and Marianne Ray, Ruth Cooper put up the Historical Commission's old fashion tree in the Agriculture



**THE LOBBY TREE** will be greeting visitors from December 1, when the Rock Hotel opens its doors for the second annual Magic Moments with Trees. Photo: Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez

Museum. This tree is outstanding.

A hit with all the visitors last year has returned, the Hispanic tree is set up in the east dining room, the same as last year. Nadine DeLaCruz and Josie Lugo worked hard with all the handmade decorations, so the younger children and adults could see how the Christmas Hispanic trees were decades ago. "This just brings a little history to our hotel and that's what we are about," said Joyce Carbery, member of the Rock Hotel Board.

The grand opening for the Second Magic Moments with Trees at the Rock Hotel and Agriculture Museum will be on December 1. The event fills the hotel and museum

with the Christmas spirit.

Another new addition this year is the Sew and Sew Club creation. Joyce Broadstreet adorned this tree with hand made decorations. She topped their tree with a Santa she had made a few years ago. Virginia Schwartz, Sue Hukill and Marge Hollowell added their personal touches.

In the John Norman room you will find the "Farmers and Stockman's" trees created by Sylvia Schroeder Richie. This was a favorite last year and we are thankful she took her time and put them up this year for everyone to enjoy. Sylvia picked cotton from the fields to

make her tree look authentic and borrowed a cowboy rope from Jimmy Smith, old hats and her boots plus many other items shows the aspects of farming and ranching.

Magic Moments with Trees 2010 will feature with over 20 beautifully and creative Christmas trees at the hotel and Z. I. Hale Agricultural Museum.

The Board of Directors will be having a raffle for a Case knife and a beautiful winter floral arrangement. Drawing for the raffle will be on December 23. Chances are one for \$1, six for \$5 and 13 for \$10.

Proceeds will be for the hotel.



**Season is over**  
The Winters Blizzards ended last Friday a great 2010 season in Marble Falls, after being defeated by Ganado in the playoffs. Photo: Joe Gerhart

## Historical Commission meets at Crews cemetery

**Winters Enterprise**  
Staff Report

**W**INTERS, Texas— The Runnels County Historical Commission met November 13 at the Crews Cemetery. Gerron Hite of San Angelo, retired Cemetery Preservation Coordinator with the Texas Historical Commission brought the program. In the program Mr. Hite presented the steps to acquire Historic Cemetery Designations as well as markers for Historic Cemeteries. Runnels County currently has one cemetery designated and marked as historic. It is Hoffman Cemetery in Southeastern Runnels County.

The group then came into Winters to Casa Cabana to finish the meeting. Various items of business included plans for the annual commission Christmas party.

Mr. Hite and the following appointees attended the meeting: Diana Rozmen, Beverly Teplicek, Marianne Ray, Elaine Coleman, Selma Dietz, Linda Duggan, Alton O'Neal, Anthony Lange, Laverta Hubbard, Roy and Noleta Rice, Bertha Owens, Ruth Cooper, Mark Miller, Bobbie Campbell, John Hancock.



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## FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

### Lillian Clark

Lillian Vandevanter Clark, 95, of Ballinger passed away Saturday, November 20, 2010 at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas.

She was born July 8, 1915 in Runnels County to Henry V. and Gertrude S. (Wood) Vandevanter, a Runnels County pioneer family. By way of horseback she attended Benoit School and later went to school in Ballinger. Lillian and William Brawner Clark were married August 11, 1935 in Ballinger. Bill preceded her in death December 12, 1988.

Lillian was a devoted homemaker who diligently nurtured and cared for her family, but she also contributed to many church and community activities. She was a faithful, long-time member of the Ballinger First United Methodist Church. She was extremely active in the Garden Club and Know Your Neighbor Sewing Club, and numerous young people benefited from her leadership in the scouting program.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and two brothers, Henry and Tom Vandevanter.

Lillian is survived by a daughter, Lucia Smith, and son, Bill L. Clark and wife, Susan, all of San Angelo. Also surviving are grandchildren, Cynthia Shores, Sonya Kay Burkholder, David Henry Smith, Tom W. Clark, and Lucia Clark Harris.

Funeral services for Lillian Clark were Tuesday, November 23 at 10:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Ballinger with Rev. Buddy Moore officiating. Burial followed in Old Runnels Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 525, Ballinger, Texas 76821, Old Runnels Cemetery, or a favorite charity.

Services were under the direction of Lange Funeral Home. Guests may register online at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

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### Retha Mozell Long

Retha Mozell Long, from Goldthwaite, Texas, passed away on Friday, November 19, 2010 at Hamilton General Hospital, Hamilton, Texas, she was 88.

Retha was born on May 29, 1922 in Crews, Texas. She was the daughter of Clyde Tippet and Fannie Ella Casey.

On November 15, 1941, Retha married to Edward Wardell

Long in San Angelo, Texas. In 2002 she moved to Goldthwaite, from Comanche, Texas. She attended the Goldthwaite First Baptist Church and was a beauty operator/homemaker.

Visitation was on Monday, November 22, 2010, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Stacy-Wilkins Funeral Home. Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, November 23, at 10 a.m. at Goldthwaite First Baptist Church, with Brother Doug Holtzclaw officiating.

Graveside interment was at 3 p.m. at Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, Texas.

Retha is survived by her son Danny Long and wife Becky Long; three granddaughters and spouses Tassie and Tim Spradley, from Goldthwaite, Texas, Mindy and Craig Hopper, from Priddy, Texas and Jenny Carnes from Brownwood, Texas; six grandchildren Ashley and Bailey Spradley, Kendel, Allison and Mitchel Hopper and Mackenzie Carnes; one brother, Bernice Tippet from Odessa, Texas; one brother in law Alvis Waldrop from Winters, Texas, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Retha is preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Fannie Tippet, her husband, Edward Wardell Long, five sisters, Lola Brooker, Marjorie Brooker, Janie Aly, Jo Wilson and Nita Steadham, one brother, Avery Tippet and a grandson in law, B.J. Carnes.

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### Bernice Stanford

Bernice Stanford, 81 years old, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, in Lubbock. She attended the Lutheran Church. Graveside services were held in Lubbock.

She was born in Runnels County to Pete and Helga Wessels. She married Allen Stanford in Tulia, Texas. They later moved to Lubbock.

She is survived by one son, Lanny Stanford of Lubbock; one brother, Clarence Wessels and wife Bette of Drasco; one sister Clara Bell Whittenberg of Winters; one sister-in-law, Helen Wessels of Midland; and a host of nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sister, Vera Mae Whittenberg of Winters and Evelyn Roth of Arizona; and one brother, Ervin Ray Wessels of Winters.

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## Police report

BY NATHAN T. JOHNSON  
WINTERS POLICE CHIEF

### HIGH RISK OFFENDERS - Part I

One of my duties as Chief of Police is to oversee our local sex offender registry. Last year I ran a series of articles on high-risk offenders in an effort to educate the public and reduce incidents of sexual assault in our community. Recent events have brought the issue of local sex offenders back into the news and I felt it would be beneficial to touch on the issue again and educate our community.

When someone says "SEX OFFENDER", for many it conjures up images of a freakish looking sex fiend, a dirty old man, or a mentally deranged individual, but in fact the issue is not that simple.

In a general sense, most sex offenders fall in four categories.

1. Rapist
2. Status Sex Offender
3. Regressed Pedophile
4. Preferential Pedophile

A "rapist" is someone who engages in unwanted sexual contact with a non-consenting adult. These offenses usually are not motivated by actual desires for sex, but instead their aggression arises from a need for power, issues of deep anger, or a dark need for control.

A "status sex offender" is someone over the age of 17 who engages in unlawful contact with a person who is under age (or a child) by the definition of the law and who may want to participate but legally cannot give consent. Therefore, the older person commits the offense because they participated in unlawful contact with someone who "did not give consent - legally". If a child is fourteen or under they cannot legally participate in sexually activity. If a child is under seventeen, they cannot participate in sexually activity with anyone who is three or more years older than they are.

A "regressed pedophile" is a person who engages in sexual activity with an underage child (17 years old or younger) but the child has reached puberty. These individuals may have sexual relationships with adults their own age, but "regress" back and participate in a relationship with someone much younger (usually around the same age of the first person they were sexually attracted to). This usually happens during periods of emotional tension, depression, emotional or mental anxiety. Usually the individual is seeking validation by participating with someone who is substantially younger than they are.

A "preferential pedophile" is a person who PREFERS to have sexual contact with a prepubescent child, generally 13 years of age or younger. Although they may have relationships of a sexual nature with mature adults, they specifically prefer children who have not reached puberty.

Despite our mental stereotypes, in actuality, all kinds of people commit sex crimes. The behavior is not unique to any one social, economic, or racial group. They are both male and female. Sex offenders often look very "ordinary", have stable employment, are involved in a social group of family and friends, and usually have no previous criminal record. Statistics show us that some

offenders are prominent members of their community, successful business owners, or active in community and charity organizations.

However, underneath, individuals who commit deviant sexual acts do so because of a complex set of factors, damaged personality and emotional traits, and numerous environmental conditions. Therefore, there is no single "profile" of a sex offender. What we do know is there are certain characteristics and behavioral patterns associated with many sex offenders.

Most of the registered sex offenders in Winters are classified as "status" offenders and are at minimum risk for reoffending. However, there are those who are at moderate or higher risk level and some of which are pedophiles and rapists. The Winters Police Department will do our best to monitor each offender's status and activities to protect our community, but I want to encourage parents to take an active role in the protection of their children.

Semper Fi,  
Chief Johnson

### Winters Public Library donations

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## JANE WYATT

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Jane has served as Director of Library Services for the past seven and a half years. She has resigned to move to Midland. Please join us to honor Jane and wish her well. Cookies and punch will be served.

## News

### notes

Send your news at news@wintersenterprise.com

#### Sno-Royalty wanted

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce would like to invite all ex Sno-Royalty, Miss Winters and Runnels County titles to participate in their 2010 Christmas Cheer. There will be arts and crafts downtown and the parade will begin at 3 p.m. Toys will be collected during the parade for local families in need. The famous Sno-Queen, Princess and Flake pageant will also be on December 4. Interviews begin at 9 a.m. and the candidates will participate in the parade. Forms for the pageant and the parade may be picked up at the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce office. Forms must be turned in complete and on time to be eligible. For more information on booths contact Shannon Daniel. For more information on the parade contact Raymond Lindsey or Craig Gehrels. For more information on the pageant contact Vanessa Esquivel, Brandy Woodard or Amanda Collom. Pictures with Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves will be available from 12:30-2:30 on December 4 in the Gehrels building. Pictures will be taken by Gore Photography.

#### Moro Fire Dept open house

The Moro Fire Department wishes to invite the community to an Open House on Saturday, December 4, 2010, beginning at 10 a.m. at 2718 CR 184. Refreshments will be served come by to see our new fire truck.

#### American Heart Association Fundraiser

The Winters Elementary students participated in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. The students collected \$2,000.64 for the American Heart Association. The top three students were MaKayla Speir (\$125.00), Hailye Santoya (\$104.70), and Querstin Lara (\$102.25).

The elementary would like to say thanks to the community for making this possible.

#### Winters on Wednesday

Sylvia Richie and the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce would like to remind you how important it is to shop at home. Winters on Wednesday should serve to all of us as a reminder to do just that.

Every Wednesday plan on doing all of your shopping, errands, appointments for hair or nails or tanning, doctor and dentistry appointments, grocery shopping, feed and seed needs, filling up your gas tank and more all right here at home, in Winters.

Even if we start with one day a week making conscience decisions to take care of all of our needs at home, that is a start. Every dollar spent at home counts! Start now and mark your calendars with a big W on Wednesdays.

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce appreciates your daily choices for Winters, TX.

#### Keep Winters beautiful

Welcome to the Fall Weather! As the weather cools down and the leaves begin their descent our lovely yards begin to fill with the products of our trees and need fewer mows. We at City Hall ask that you continue to maintain your yards. Give them one last good mow and trim before the green turns to gold. Make your neighbors happy and trim down your grass and prepare it for the coming winter. Keeping Winters Beautiful starts within your own property. Thank you! City Hall

#### Christmas in Bronte

Booths are still available for Christmas in Bronte. The arts and crafts will be set up on Main St. inside a large open building with heating and restrooms. Christmas in Bronte will be held on Dec. 4, for more information call the Bronte City Hall (325) 473-3501 or visit www.bronte-texas.org.

#### VFW meetings

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 meet the second Monday night of each month at 6 p.m. in the Rock Hotel. All eligible veterans of the United States military are invited to attend.

#### CDC used book sale

Winters CDC is having a used book sale and home-made goodies and home-made burrito sale on Saturday, December 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 119 South Main St. Would appreciate any donations! All proceeds will be used to purchase a changing table and vanity for an additional infant room at the center. For more information call the center at 754-4871 or bring books to 500 North Heights.

#### Co-Dependant Recovery Group

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ANDY GARCIA stops the Indians carry, Cristian Sandoval arrives to support. Photos: Joe Gerhart



RUNNING BACK EJ HENDRICKS carries the ball in the Blizzards game held at Marble Falls.

## Ganado ends Blizzards' season

Charles Murphy  
Enterprise Contributor

WINTERS, Texas—The Blizzards would run into a buzz saw on Friday night in the Area Round of the playoffs in the form of the Ganado Indians. The Indians scored the first five times they had the ball leaving the Blizzards to try and keep up. It was not to be with the Indians taking a 41-6 victory into the next round of the playoffs in a week.

It all got started as Noe Sanchez took the opening kickoff and returned it to the

Blizzard 40, giving the visitors good field position. Two plays later Riley Ripley's pass would be tipped and land in the hands of a Ganado defender who returned it to the 35 after a penalty for a late hit out of bounds. It would not take long for the Indians to reach the end zone. The Indians only snapped the ball three times and ended the drive with a 9 yard run for the score with 10:19 left in the first quarter. The extra point proved true for a 7-0 Ganado lead.

EJ Hendricks would return the ensuing kick off to the 31 to get the drive started. Two

runs for no gain left the Blizzards facing 3-10 and the interception bug hit again leaving the Indians with a short field at the Blizzard 34. Eight plays later the Blizzards were looking straight down the barrel of a 14-0 deficit with 5 minutes still left in the first quarter and wondering what they had gotten into.

Setting up at their own 25 the Blizzard offense seemed to have figured it all out as they put together a 8 play drive that covered the distance in just under 5 minutes. The drive was highlighted by Angel Barron's 43 yard rumble to the five yard line. Two

plays later Ripley would find Strait Daniels in the end zone for the touchdown and cut the lead to 14-6 as the extra point was missed.

As the first quarter ended the Indians were engaged in a 10 play drive that would end with a 3 yard run for the touchdown with 8 minutes left in the half. The extra point was good for a 21-6 Ganado lead. Things would only get worse as the half wore on and the Indians held a 35-6 lead going into the locker room.

The second half began with the Ganado Indians setting up at their own 16 after the kickoff and return. After

one first down the BBWC turned the ball over on downs at the Blizzard 45 and gave Blizzard offense a short field. It was to be to no avail as the snap from center was mishandled and the Indians set up again at the Blizzard 45. Three plays later the Indians held a 41-6 lead that would hold up for the remainder of the contest. The Blizzards put together a 9 play drive that would end with the visitors facing 4th and 16 and forced to punt putting the ball at the Indian 13. The BBWC would force a three and out and facing 4th and 5 the Indians would punt and the

third quarter came to an end. The Blizzards set up at their own 42 facing a 41-6 deficit and giving it their best to get back into the contest. Again the drive would end in punt formation facing 4th and 10. The Blizzard offense would not see the ball again as the punt would set the Indians up at their own 31 with 10:06 left in the game. The Indians would proceed to put together a 16 play drive that would eat up the last of the clock and take a knee inside the 10 yard line to end the contest to bring the curtain down on a great season of Blizzard football.

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**Thursday**  
Sausage Roll or Cereal or Breakfast Burrito, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.  
**Friday**  
Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Cinnamon Roll/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Note: Menus subject to change without notice. Students may purchase extras: Entree got \$1.00, Milk for \$.30, Sides for \$.50.

**WINTERS ISD LUNCH MENU**  
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**Tuesday**  
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**Wednesday**  
Nachos or Soft Taco, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Cole Slaw, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Peaches Cups, Cornbread/Jep. Che. Bread, Choice of Milk.  
**Thursday**  
Turkey & Dressing or Corndog, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cup, Cake, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.  
**Friday**  
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WINTERS STUDENTS competed in the Big Country District FFA Leadership Development Contests. Photo: Contributed

## FFA'ers advance to State in Leadership competition

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas— This past Monday November 15, several Winters FFA members competed in the Big Country District FFA Leadership Development Contests. The

contests included all 19 area schools that make up our Big Country FFA District, which goes from Miles to Merkel and from Bangs to Cisco and everyone in-between. The events were held at Cisco Junior College in Cisco. These contests all aim at

developing students' leadership and public speaking skills. From Winters in the FFA Job Interview Event Shelby Gehrels won first place. The Winters FFA Radio team, consisting of Abby Guy, Crystal Sanchez, and Jack Pritchard placed sixth. And in Senior Creed Speaking, Hannah Franklin finished seventh.

After winning district in the Job Interview Event, Shelby Gehrels advanced to the Area competition held in the past Saturday November 20 at Stephenville. The competition requires students to turn in a cover letter, resume, and letters of recommendation, complete a job application, and go through a phone and personal interview in front of a panel of judges. After it was all finished, Shelby won the second place spot which advances her to the state FFA competition to be held at Huntsville in December. Congratulations to all our Winters FFA Leadership Teams.

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## USDA turns the page with Pigford settlement

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WASHINGTON— Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack issued the following statement on Pigford settlement agreement funding today approved by the U.S. Senate:

"President Obama and I pledged not only to treat all farmers fairly and equally, but to right the wrongs of the past for farmers who faced discrimination. Today, the Senate took a bold step and provided the funding to give relief to black farmers who have suffered from discrimination that is well-documented and has been affirmed by the courts. I want to commend Senator Reid, Senator Grassley, and the bipartisan coalition of Senators for their leadership in working to right these wrongs.

"This announcement marks a major milestone in USDA's efforts to turn the page on a sad chapter in our history. Civil rights is a top priority of mine, and since coming to USDA, I have implemented a comprehensive program to correct past errors, learn from mistakes, and take definitive action to ensure that all of our customers are treated fairly. This announcement is yet another step to help move us forward into a new era as a model employer and premier service provider."

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### Public Record

#### Civil cases

Diversicare Ballinger LLC Healthcare vs. Richard Thorpe Contract

#### Crime and misdemeanor

Name	Charge
Marien L. Munoz	DWI subsequent offense
Dean Ortiz	DWI

#### Jail Record

Name	Age	Agency	Charge
Randy Islas	31	MPD	Miles Municipal warrant
Juan Guerrero	22	BPD	Ballinger Municipal warrant
Stephanie Stepherson	22	DPS	DWI I
Eddie Quintero	19	BPD	Municipal warrant

## Bullying cited in Paint Rock transfer

High School student leaves district and moves away from the city after a series of incidents

Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez  
Winters Enterprise

**W**INTERS, Texas—A 14 year old student was pulled out of the Paint Rock High School in the middle of a complain of being bullied because of her physical appearance and health condition.

According to the family, the problem got so bad that the student started to lose the willing to live. The family moved last week out of Paint Rock in order to have the student transferred to a different school system.

According to the mother of the student, the problem started about 18 months ago, but recently escalated so bad that they took the decision to stop sending her daughter to school, concerned about her self esteem.

"I can't allow her to go back to school because I can't let her self esteem get down so low that she wants to hurt herself," the mother said.

"I just don't want to see another child go through what my child just went through, it's not right, nobody seems to think that bullying is a big thing when it comes to school but it is, and if parents don't want to put a stop to it, the who's going to stop it... it is a very big deal."

Ron Cline, Paint Rock School Principal said that a bullying complain was thor-

oughly investigated, but his office ruled that there was no bullying in the case.

"There is a procedure for parents to follow if they don't agree with a decision," said Cline. The Principal said that a formal complain was never presented to the Superintendent's office.

Cline refused furthermore comments on the case, on regards of the student privacy policy.

The family took the case to the Concho County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Richard Doane confirmed that until last Monday the investigation remained open.

"Bullying is an issue because now that my child is not at school who's child is going to be next," asked the mother of the student who refused to take her child back to the same school.

## Well adapted, gorgeous roses

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COLLEGE STATION, Texas— If you're the type who likes to spend hours in the garden spraying and watering finicky roses, go ahead.

But if you're like most who want to plant them and walk away yet get prolific, colorful, delicious blooms all season, look to the Texas AgriLife Research rose breeding program.

"There are people who will take care of their roses and spray every week, religiously, but I think the majority don't want to do that," said Dr. David Byrne, AgriLife Research rose breeder. "And landscapers want to plant it and let it take care of itself. The whole rose industry is beginning to realize that this is where they need to go, so that is what our emphasis is going to be."

## On the Level

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

BY CHARLES FRIERICH

The last two readings of "On the Level" we heard about the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Today I will explain the program, the NRCS obligation and the producer's responsibility.

The EQIP program was started to take the place of the Great Plains Conservation Program which was started when the Dust Bowl was wreaking havoc across the Midwest. EQIP assists farmers and ranchers in putting conservation on the ground by cost sharing conservation practices. Cost shared practices are terraces, grassed waterways, diversion terraces and ponds for the treatment of

soil erosion and saving water. Livestock watering facilities such as wells, pumps, water storage, pipelines, troughs and fences are practices to promote better livestock distribution. Brush management includes the removal of unwanted brush species by mechanical methods, IPT or individual plant treatment and prickly pear spraying. Cost shares are also available for planting cropland to grass and if the rangeland is in poor condition, planting new grass in the pastures. Producers applying for the EQIP money are competing for the money appropriated to Runnels County. Just because you have an application does not mean you will get funded. We have producers who have waited several years to get funded.

The EQIP process begins by what is called the Local Work Group meeting which is usually held in the fall of the year. This meeting is set up to provide an opportunity for local producers to give their input as to how the federal money is to be distributed and which local concerns will be targeted. Local concerns are chosen from a list sent

down from the national office and they include water quality, water quantity, soil condition, plant health and fish and wildlife concerns. Letters are mailed out to producers, articles put in the local papers and spots are on the radio announcing the work group meeting and inviting producers to attend. This year the group chose water quality for rangeland and soil condition for cropland. The money will be split between rangeland, cropland and pastureland with each getting a portion of the funding.

Applications are taken throughout the year, and kept until a funding period has been announced. The NRCS office will then meet with the producer to look at the property to determine eligibility and then plan the practice to determine how much funding will be needed for the process. A ranking and screening tool was developed and each application will be given a ranking score. This score is then sent to "Washington" to be given a tracking code. This is done by computer at the national level to take the pressure off the local office and favoritism will be eliminated. The applications will be funded starting at the highest tracking number and will continue until the money runs

out. If the next contract's funding requirement is higher than the funds remaining, this money will be rolled over. This is called slippage money. When all funding has been completed in the county the slippage money from the NRCS team, which consists of Runnels and Concho counties is combined. The next application that has the higher tracking code for the team in line will be funded. Then any slippage money from the team will be combined with the Zone and the process continues. This will continue up to the national level. So it could be months down the road before the final funding is complete.

The process seems drawn out and seems like typical government bureaucracy at work, but it is a good process. It does not make any difference if you are a large producer or small, have a lot of work or just a small concern, the funding is fair and does not discriminate. Next time we will discuss the process if your application is funded.

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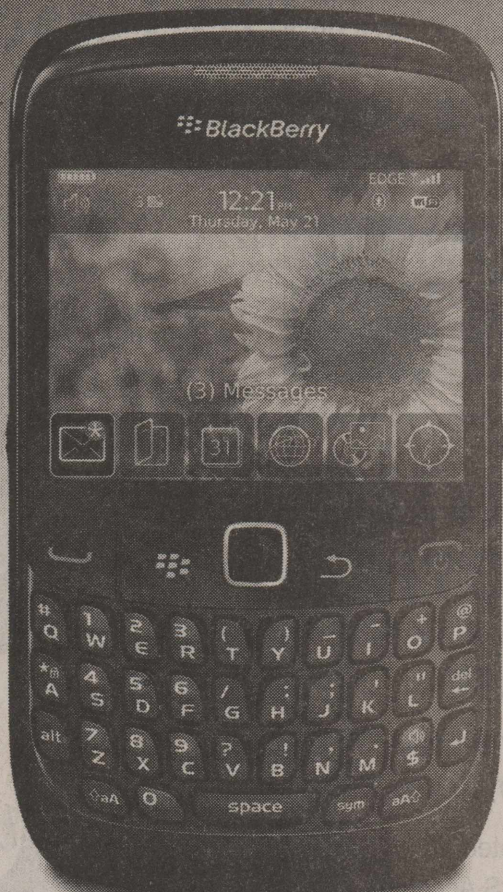
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GRINDSTAFF & GRINDSTAFF Attorneys at Law 707 Hutchings Avenue P.O. Box 269 Ballinger, Texas 76821 325-365-3515 Fax No. 325-365-5263 Everett J. Grindstaff State Bar No. 08501000 Attorney for Applicant

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# Winters Activity Center acknowledges donations

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas— The Winters Activity Center thanked for all donations received and the help to buy new equipment. These generous gifts will help the center through the holiday season and the rest of the year to offer a better service for the Winters community.

We are so thankful for all our dear friends that have supported our program and center. The love and kindness shown has been overwhelming. God truly inspired you.

A special "thank you" for the monetary and food donations from Wingate Sew and Sew Club, Nina and Martha Hale, Paul and Lavera Tharp, Bill and Joyce Suggs, Jerry Lloyd, Jane Bourdo, Darlene Sims, Walmart, Penny Pritchard, Betty Pinkerton, Barbie Bishop, Richard Hamilton, Mary Kurtz, Betty Colburn, Mr. and Mrs. Layton, Sue Hukell, Jennifer Bean, Frances Bredemeyer, Karen McGallion, Stephanie Comasko, Marie Allen and daughters Joy and Sandra, Susan Overgard, Barbara Gray, Charollette and Bill Baker, Debbie Bowen, Pyburn and Virginia Brown, Juanita and David Wilson, Jackie Murray, Citi Bank, Bill LaFair, Larry and Deborah Bilbrey, Soon Lee, Rebekka Sunday School Class, Cheryl Bryan, Juanita Bredemeyer, Sarah Craig, Betty Gray, Bryan and Marcie Webb, Keith and Lawana Martin, Orita Smith, Canasta and Bunko Ladies.

For several months, the Center was without a big refrigerator, but "thanks" to Friends of Seniors they purchased one for us. We sure are enjoying it and we really needed it for the holiday season. Thanks also to Kay Colburn for the chest freezer donated to the Center. We are so proud of both of them.

Thank you to Ronald Presley and the "country boys" for moving appliances for us.

Donations have been made for our Thanksgiving Dinner. A special "thank you" to the Citi Bank for providing the turkeys, Friends of Seniors, Joy Brandon and Ollie Webb's family, Terri and John Bencze, Perry, Barbara and Charlie.

We have been blessed and we thank God for all your friendships. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

## Magic Moments with Trees

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Above: Barbara Heathcott and her daughter Kara put up the Winters Activity Center tree. Right: The Lone Star Book Club chose the theme "A Good Time With Reading" for their Christmas tree.



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT Alexis Briley, Jenessa Wade and Kaitlyn Fuentes.

## London bound in 2012

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas— Dance Limited School of Dance in Abilene has been invited to perform on stage in downtown London, England, during the Summer Olympics in 2012. They will stay six nights with a fully day of sight seeing and view the Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus, Big Ben, Houses of Parliament and St. Paul's Cathedral. Also, they will cruise the Thames River by boat from Westminster Pier to Greenwich and then by coach to view the Olympic Park. They will have performance participation in the largest summer performing series in England.

Jenessa Wade attends classes at Dance, Ltd. and her teacher, Cindy Mundschien, is very excited about the invitation and she is proud of the fact her dance studio will be the only performance from Texas.

Kaitlyn Fuentes and Alexis Briley attend classes at Ms.

Shay's Dance Studio in Winters and will perform along with the students from Dance Ltd.

Jace and Shay Wade, Melanie Wade, Mandi Briley and Kelsea Garcia will be accompanying the girls. In effort to finance the trip there are several fundraisers the girls will participate in - such as Coca Cola Sales and the World's Finest Chocolate Bars. On December 4, 2010, during the parade will be serving pulled pork and coleslaw sandwiches and drinks. Serving will start at 11:30 a.m. at the lot next to the Post Office. Come and enjoy lunch, see the parade and help these girls on their exciting journey to London.

Jenessa will be performing in the Nutcracker, at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. December 18, in Abilene at the Behrens Hall on Hardin Simmons Campus. Her family will also be performing as extras.

Kaitlyn and Alexis will be performing in their recital on December 11, in the Winters School Cafeteria at 7 p.m.

## Local resident graduates from Belmont University

NASHVILLE, Tennessee— Gloria Isaacks of Winters, Texas, graduated from Belmont University with a Master of Science in occupational therapy on August 13, 2010, during the Nashville school's summer commencement ceremony.

Gloria Isaacks, daughter of Peggy Powers, graduated with honors. She served as vice-president of Pi Theta Epsilon, the occupational therapy honor society in 2009-10. Ms. Isaacks resides in Franklin, Tennessee, where she works as music therapist and an occupational therapist.



## Headed to the "Superbowl"

The Y.M.C.A. fifth and sixth grade players and parents would like to thank Bodie and Stephanie Collins, and Collins Roustabout for sponsoring the Y.M.C.A. football team.

Top row left to right: Josiah Hernandez, Pete Ochoa, Hunter Denton, Billy Ochoa.

Middle row left to right: Devin Compton, Geno Rodriguez, Christian Garcia Nicholas Marin, Chris Diaz-Trevino. Bottom row left to right: Rolando Rodriguez, Jaeggar Collins, Tristan Benstrup, Caleb Oneal. Not pictured: Nathan Benstrup.

Coach, Bodie Collins; assistant coach, Paul Trevino.

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**WEDNESDAY**  
Salmon, Pork n Beans, Tomato Salad, Cornbread, Lemon Cookies  
**THURSDAY**  
Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Cake  
**FRIDAY**  
Hamburgers, Pea Salad, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, French Fries Dessert  
Meals are served 11:30 a.m. daily. Anyone who does not take the meals regularly is asked to reserve a lunch by contacting the Activity Center at 754-4205 by 1 a.m.