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Packaging materials and drug paraphernalia were found by the Runnels County Sheriff's Department after serving a search warrant in a house in Winters.

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PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Both vehicles rolled over and ended up in the southeast corner of the intersection of FM 2133 and FM 1678.

## Two Ballinger men injured in crash in Rowena

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Two Ballinger men were injured in a two-vehicle wreck, occurring Monday afternoon, nearly at 3 p.m. at the intersection of FM 2133 and FM 1678 in Rowena, Texas. One of the drivers was airlifted to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas, the other one was transported by ambulance.

Robert Virden, of Ballinger, was driving a four-door pickup truck southbound, on FM 1678 hauling a utility trailer. Michael Murchison, of Ballinger, was driving a Chevrolet HHR eastbound on FM 2133.

After the collision both vehicles ended up in the southeast corner of the intersection, knocking a stop sign down. The pickup truck rolled over

and ended up laying on its left side, catching on fire. According to a witness before the flames engulfed the truck Virden was able to crawl out of the vehicle.

A utility trailer being hauled by the pickup kept on going south on FM 1678, and finally came to a stop on the ditch, some 200 feet from the place of the wreck.

The Chevrolet HHR ended up on its roof.

First responders with the Runnels County Sheriff's Department, Ballinger EMT, Ballinger Fire Department, Rowena Fire Department, Texas Parks and Wildlife and Texas Department of Public Safety responded to the accident.

Virden was airlifted by the Shannon Medical Center personnel, in San Angelo, Texas. Murchison was transported by ambulance.

## WISD earns top financial rating

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Independent School District was recently awarded the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Superior Achievement rating from the Texas Education Agency for the 2011-12 school year, accruing an exemplary score of 68 out of 70.

Each year, public school districts are evaluated by the Texas Education Agency on 20 financial management performance indicators that comprise the rating scale. WISD received the maximum points al-

lowed in the system with the exception of indicator number 17, which pertains to the district's staff to student ratio.

The district exceeded the maximum allowed in this category, receiving three out of five points. According to the TEA website, "the purpose of the financial accountability rating system is to ensure that school districts and open-enrollment charter schools are held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices and achieve improved performance in the management of

their financial resources for direct instructional purposes.

Superintendent Don Kuempel stated, "I am very pleased with the near perfect score and the auspicious Superior Achievement rating for our school district and community. This district has a long-standing tradition of effective management of tax-payer dollars and that is a tribute to current and past school board members and school administrators. The district remains in good shape financially and the board has taken proactive

steps to ensure our administrators and teachers uphold the district's high educational standards and teachers have the necessary tools and supplies for instruction.

"It is equally important we continue to use our financial resources prudently so that the facilities are well cared for and maintained. The district has made great strides in the advancement of instructional technology with the roll out of one-to-one iPad initiative, along with the improvement of the track and baseball/softball complex," Kuempel added.



PHOTO: FILE/JOE GERHART

Jaymee Pritchard will be traveling to Australia in the summer of 2014.

## WHS athlete to compete 'Down Under'

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Jaymee Pritchard, a Winters High School student, has been invited to participate in the Down Under Sports Tournaments, hosted on the Gold Coast of Australia. During the summer of 2014 she will be an ambassador not only of the Winters community, but also of her state and country.

Jaymee is the daughter of the Steve and Penny Pritchard she is the granddaughter of Jack Pritchard and the late Lucille Pritchard of Wingate. She has participated in basketball and track. She was a regional qualifier in both the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles last spring.

She is a member of the Pride of West Texas Blizzards Marching Band and she serves as Captain of the Flag Corps. Jaymee was part of the Winters Flag Corp that performed in the 2012 Cotton Bowl. Jaymee is the Treasurer for the Winters FFA Chapter and has held various offices in the Winters 4-H Club.

She is a member of the WHS Student Council and was also crowned the 2013 Glacier Queen and Homecoming Candidate for 2013. Jaymee is a barrel racer and member of both Winters and Texas High School Rodeo Associations.

Jaymee is excited about the opportunity to travel to Australia during the Summer of 2014 to represent Winters High School, Winters, Runnels County and Texas as a member of the North Central Conference Team.

The 2014 Down Under Sports program will include competition in track and field, cross country, wrestling, football, volleyball and basketball. Down Under Sports' goal is to continue to provide athletes who excel in their sport the opportunity to experience the culture, beauty and grandeur of the land Down Under, all within the framework of spirited and intense competition.

Down Under Sports was founded in February of 1989 upon the dream of George O'Scanlon, a New Zealander who wanted to promote football not only in New Zealand, but also in Australia where he lived for many years. O'Scanlon started the Down Under Bowl which eventually led to the establishment of the Down Under Hoops Classic and the Down Under International Games. Athletes from around the globe compete head-to-head in the sport they love.

During the past 20 years Down Under has had the opportunity to share the land Down Under with tens of thousands of individuals from across the United States, including standouts such as Jake "The Snake" Plummer, past quarterback of the Denver Broncos; Ahman Green, running back for the Green Bay Packers, and Rob Morris, 2007 Super Bowl champion with the Indianapolis Colts.

## Winters downed by state ranked Tigers

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Winters played back-to-back games with state ranked teams and last Friday, October 18, 2013 suffered its second district defeat, this time to the Anson Tigers by a score of 62-22.

Quarterback Chris Gerhart found his way into the endzone twice in the game, adding the two-point conversions, and Julian Soto returned a kickoff 97 yards for the Blizzards.

Winters dropped to 0-2 in district games and shares the bottom of the Conference 4-1A Division I standing with Haskell. Anson, with one district game played remains undefeated and is second to Stamford (2-0) in the district standing.

This week Winters will be open, and will have some time to heal injuries and sprained ankles before continuing with the district schedule traveling to Haskell and hosting Forsan for the last two district games of the 2013 season.



PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Jimmy John Ripley blocks an extra point attempt at the Varsity Winters vs. Anson game.

Quarterback Chris Gerhart didn't have much luck passing and went 0-8. Rushing the ball Gerhart led the Blizzards with 87 yards in 15 carries, followed by Stephon Cleghorn, who racked 78 yards in 16 rushes, and Cameron Cooper, who totaled 5 yards in three rushes.

Conf. 4-1A Div. I					Standing			
	1	2	3	4	T	W-L	District W-L	Overall
Anson	15	33	14	0	62	Stamford	2-0 (5-1)	7-1
Winters	8	8	6	0	22	Anson	1-0 (6-0)	6-0
						Forsan	1-0 (2-4)	3-4
						Haskell	0-2 (2-4)	2-6
						Winters	0-2 (1-5)	1-7
Week 7, Oct. 18					Week 8, Oct. 25			
Stamford	53-7					Haskell	at	Anson
Anson	62-22					Forsan	at	Stamford
						Winters	is open	

## WISD Employees of the Month

Winters Independent School District Employees of the Month for the month of October 2013 are Mrs. Dottie Loudermilk and Mrs. Tilly Gutierrez. They are pictured here with Winters ISD Superintendent Mr. Don Kuempel, Jr.



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**FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES**

**Noleta Rice**

Noleta Rice 74 of Winters passed away Wednesday October 16, 2013 at a local nursing home. She was born May 22, 1939 in Moro, in South Taylor County to Virgil and Lola Shaffer James and lived in the Winters area most of her life. She graduated from Winters High School in 1957. She married Roy Rice on July 11, 1964 at First Baptist Church in Winters. She was a bookkeeper and was active in real estate, was the owner/manager of Our House assisted living and was active in Southside Baptist Church.

Survivors are her husband Roy Rice of Winters, son Charles Wayne Rice of Ballinger, daughter Lana Rice Martin of San Angelo, sister Virgie Wade of Winters, four grandchildren Christopher James Rice, Caylene LaRee Rice, Madison DeAnn Martin and Mason James Scott Martin; granddaughter Callie Sue Rice preceded her in death.

Survivors also include her niece Dana Wade and several other nieces and nephews, brother-in-law Lee Roy Muller, four sisters-in-law: Naomi Terrell, Mary Ellen Rice, Mildred Caudle and Mary Ruth Rice.

The family received friends on Thursday, October 17, at the Winters Funeral Home. Services were held Friday October 18, 2013 at First Baptist Church in Winters with burial in Lakeview Cemetery.

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**Esther Ramirez Sanchez**

Funeral services for Esther Ramirez Sanchez, 89, of Brownwood, Texas were held 10 a.m. Monday, October 14, 2013 at the Heartland Funeral Home. Interment followed in Eastlawn Memorial Park.

Esther Ramirez Sanchez was born and raised in Guatemala and came to America in the 1950s. She resided in Wingate, Texas for a few years before moving to Winters where she operated a small restaurant, Sanchez Food Stand, from 1972 to 1975. She was a great cook. Besides cooking, her interests included sewing, gardening, and spending lots of time with her family. She was a strong minded woman.

Mrs. Sanchez passed from this life on Thursday, October 10, 2013 in Brownwood. Heartland Funeral Home is in charge of arrangement.

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**Lonnie Gerald Patton**

Our father, Lonnie Gerald Patton, age 72, was called to rest with his Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, October 20, 2013, after a short battle with cancer. He was born February 21, 1941 to Audie Clifford Patton and Lola Fagly Patton.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Paula Burns Patton of Winters, one daughter, Dena Santoya and husband Victor of Winters, two sons, Michael Patton and wife Melissa of Ballinger, Jerry Don Patton and wife Maggie of Winters and one brother Audie Eugene Patton of Mansfield. He had eight grand-children and nine great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Tuesday October 22, 2013 at Winters Funeral Home. Graveside services were held at Lakeview cemetery at 11 a.m. Wednesday October 23, 2013 directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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The family of **Noleta Rice** would like to thank everyone who has assisted in helping all of us through this difficult time. The cards, calls, food, visits and prayers are greatly appreciated. *God bless each and every one of you.*



**NEWS NOTES**

**Fundraiser for Cheryl Sneed**

A barbecue fundraiser meal will be held Sunday October 27, 2013 for Cheryl Sneed who is battling breast cancer. The meal will be held at the Winters School Cafeteria 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Silent auction items can be bid on beginning at 11 a.m. and will close at the end of the live auction.

The live auction will begin at 1 p.m. Cheryl and her husband Randall are long time citizens of the Winters community where she retired as a first grade teacher. Their three children Steven, Susan, and Stacy are all graduates of WISD. Cheryl was instrumental in getting the Winters Child Development Center up and running which gave the Winters community much needed day care. Cheryl is undergoing chemo at this time and makes frequent trips to Abilene, Texas and MD Anderson in Houston, Texas. Cheryl is a take charge person and always ready to help anyone in need. She has a strong faith that the Lord will see her thru this stumbling block in her life. Please come out and support Cheryl as she has support many people in the past.

**Veterans' Day worship service**

Veterans' Day worship service to be held at Winters First United Methodist Church at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, November 10. All veterans in our community are invited and will be recognized during this special worship service. Patriotic music throughout the service is also planned. All are welcome.

**Octoberfest at the Rock Hotel**

An Octoberfest lunch will be served at the Rock Hotel on Wednesday October 30, 2013. We will be serving sausage, German potato salad, red cabbage, apple crisp, and a drink. Donations are welcome.

The monthly meeting of the Z. I. Hale Museum and Rock Hotel will be Thursday, October 31 at 5 p.m. All directors and associate directors need to attend.

**Chick Inn Marker Dedication video**

The DVD Video of the Chick Inn Marker Dedication will be available through Friday, October 25. The company producing the video has done a remarkable job of capturing the essence of the celebration and of the Chick Inn Day. The filming, the editing, and the narration by the four interviewees really make the DVD a keepsake of the occasion. It is 6 and one-half minutes long and is really a professional product. Orders can be placed with the Z. I. Hale Museum, PO Box 211, Winters 79567.

**Senior Citizen Nursing Home taking candy donations**

It's October again. Senior Citizen Nursing Home is asking for donations of Halloween candy to be given out on Halloween night to all children who come by trick-or-

treating. Trick or treat is Thursday, October 31, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Veteran's Day ceremony and parade**

The VFW Post 9196 will host the Ceremony on Monday, November 11 at 10 a.m. at the Memorial on the Courthouse Square. The parade will start at the conclusion of the ceremony. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will provide cookies, water and coffee at the ceremony. Plan to bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the parade. If you would like to enter the parade, just call Sandra at the Veteran's Service Office at 365 3612.

**Winters Athletic Booster Club raffling a Kawasaki Mule**

The Winters Athletic Booster Club is raffling off a 2014 Kawasaki Mule. Drawing will be held at the November 8, 2013 Winters vs. Forsan football game. Tickets are available with the Booster Club members. All proceeds benefit student/athletes at Winters High School.

**Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings**

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 p.m., first Thursday of the month at the Lone Star Video, 200 Tinkle Street.

**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.

**Winters Women's Club**

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Sylvia Wilson 754 4992 for additional information.

**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.

**Agricultural exhibit gathering 'Friends of Gus Pruser'**

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STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Z.I. Hale Museum is in the process of starting an organization called "The Friends of the 'Gus' Pruser Agricultural Exhibit." Their first meeting will be Monday, October 28 at 6 p.m. at the Pruser Agricultural Exhibit, 219 West Dale. The goal of this group will be to improve the quality of the exhibit and prepare some vehicles for more predominate display. Contact the mu-

seum for more information.

If you have fond memories of your early years on the farm then you may want to be a member of the "Friends of the 'Gus' Pruser Agricultural Exhibit." They are a group of volunteers that will be working to improve the appearance and quality of the Pruser Exhibit. It is the intent of this group to make the exhibit more appealing to the general public and those with farm related memories.

One of the projects "The Friends" will be working on is to get more of the vehicles and tractors in running order. With these vehicles in working order and their flats fixed, they will be ready for proper display whether it be in a parade or just parked on the street, to be admired.

The "Friends of the 'Gus' Pruser Agricultural Exhibit" will be meeting on Monday at the exhibit at 6 p.m. In the "Friends" organization there will be a place for all talents. "Friends" will need mechanics, sweepers, artists, writers, and just some friends.

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# Drug paraphernalia found in house in Winters

**RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ**  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Packaging materials and drug paraphernalia was seized by the Runnels County Sheriff's Department, after serving a search warrant last Friday, October 18, 2013 in Winters, Texas. The warrant was served at a house located at the corner of East Truett and North Rogers in Winters.

Officers with the Sheriff's Department, Texas Rangers, Texas Department of Public Safety, and Winters Police Department arrived at a house located on 501 E. Truett Street at approximately 12:15 p.m.

The Sheriff's Department K-9 unit made numerous positives in and around the house.

Packaging materials and drug paraphernalia were found inside the residence.

Residents of the house Wanda Kathy Pringle, 66 years of age, and Cory Tyler Pringle, 25, were not at the house at that time. Prior to the search warrant Cory Tyler Pringle had been sentenced to 180 days in a state penitentiary.

Charges in this case are still pending since this is an ongoing investigation under the Sheriff's Dept.

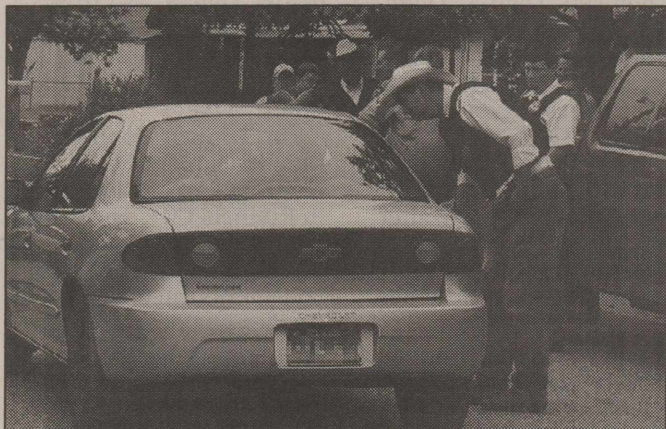


PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Winters PD officers questioning neighbors during the search warrant served on 501 East Truett Street, in Winters, Texas.

## CAFETERIA MENU

Subject to Change\*

**Oct. 28-Nov. 1**

### Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

**Monday**  
Biscuit/Sausage/Gravy or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Tuesday**  
French Toast/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Wednesday**  
Sausage on Stick/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Thursday**  
Breakfast Pizza or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Friday**  
Cinnamon Roll or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

### Winters ISD Lunch Menu

**Monday**  
Chef Salad or Grilled Cheese Sandwich/Fish Bread (Elem., J.H.) or Chicken Pot Pie/Bread Stick (H.S.), Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Stick, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Rosy Applesauce, Choice of Milk.

**Tuesday**  
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or BBQ Rib/Bun or Chicken Bites/Gravy/Bread Stick, Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

**Wednesday**  
Chef Salad or Taco Salad or Bean Chalupa, Corn, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Coleslaw, Orange, Choice of Milk.

**Thursday**  
Chef Salad or Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy/Breadstick or Chicken Pattie/Fish Bread (Elem., J.H.) Bun (H.S.)/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.) Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Mixed Fruit, Choice of Milk.

**Friday**  
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Chicken Fritter/Gravy/Bread Stick, Curly Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Lettuce/Pickles, Pears, Choice of Milk.

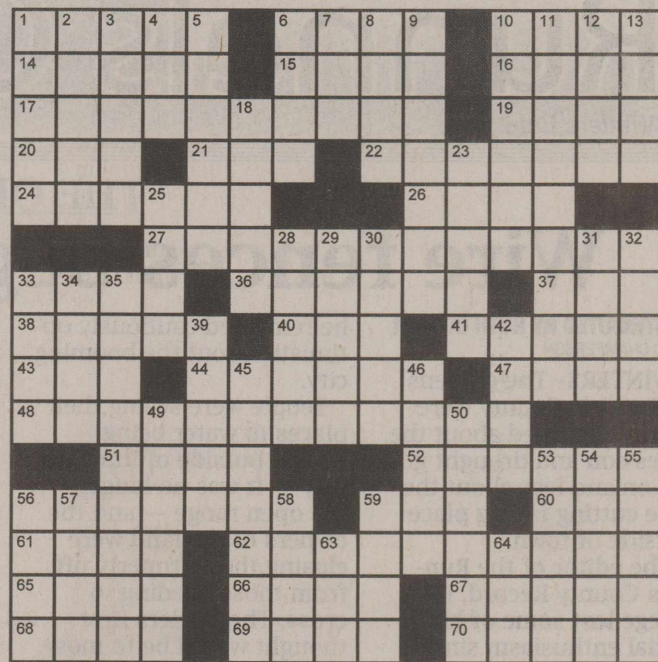
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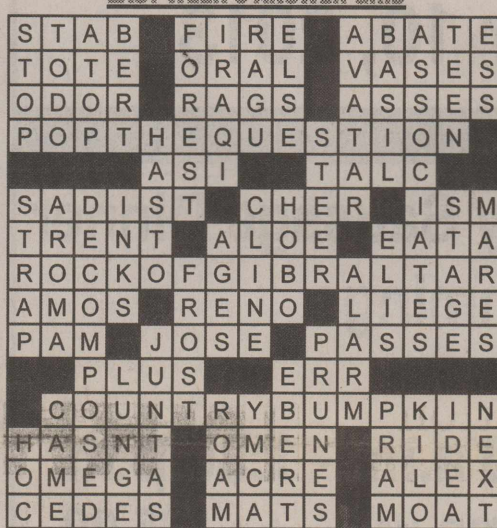
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- Whimsical mission
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- Will-o'-the-
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- Muslim holy book
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### LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



## Weather Whys

**Q: Why do some clouds appear to look white in color, while others are gray, black or other colors?**

**A:** The color of a cloud depends primarily on the thickness of the cloud, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "As sunlight passes through a cloud, tiny water droplets that make up the cloud scatter all colors of the light in the same manner, producing a white color. As the cloud gets thicker, less light can pass through to the base of the cloud and it appears darker. Where you are when you're looking at a cloud can also affect what color it will appear to you. If you're standing underneath the base of a tall cloud, it will appear gray because little light can get through the cloud. If you are standing farther away from the same cloud and viewing it from the side, it will appear white because the light is not passing through the cloud before it reaches your eye."

## Public Record

Runnels Co. Jail Record  
October 21, 2013

Name	Age	Agency
Oscar Maldonado	47	Concho
Contempt of Court		
Pedro Estrada	25	Schleicher
Burglary of habitation		
Leandro Alfaro	23	Schleicher
Assault		
Simon Castor	52	RCSO
Sentenced 30 days jail		
Corey Pringle	25	RCSO
Sentenced 180 days State jail		
Michael Smith	22	BDP
Forgery to defraud		
Anne M. Eady	63	Concho
Possession of marijuana		
Saussen Halym	21	Concho
Manufacture/delivery controlled substance		
Elizabeth M. Zastrow	21	Concho
Possession of Marijuana, possession of controlled substance		
Misty D. Anderson	29	Concho
Burglary of habitation		

## Higginbotham Brothers Salutes the Player of the Week



Despite missing several games Ty Cortez has an average of 6.78 yards per carry, and is one of the most complete players in Blizzard football racking 23 tackles for an average of 7.3 per game.

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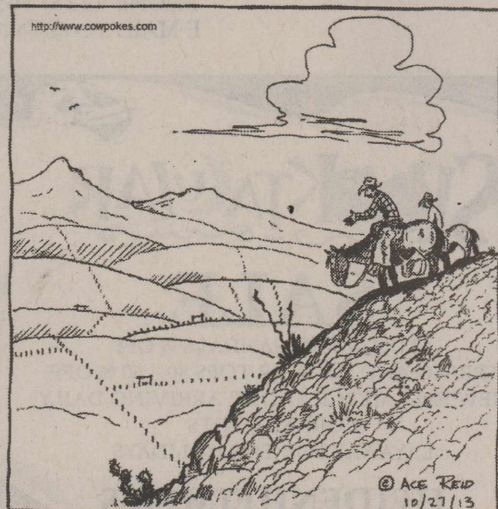
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# Runnels County ROLL-UP

Winters Enterprise

Thursday, October 24, 2013

## THE ORGANIZATION OF RUNNELS COUNTY

### Wire fences begin shaping the land, the people

CONTRIBUTED BY RUTH COOPER  
RCHC CHAIRPERSON

WINTERS- The citizens of Runnels County were more concerned about the recession and drought going on and less about the wire cutting taking place outside of town.

The editor of the Runnels County Record, I.C. Huege lost some of his initial enthusiasm since the adverse conditions were continuing. The former articles describing Runnels City as a new found paradise ceased but

he remained cautiously optimistic about the booming city.

People were seeing their places to water being fenced outside of Runnels City — it was no longer the open range — and the owners of the land were closing their property off from those needing to cross. The settlers first thought would be to move west but soon realized the days of open range were going to change.

Fortunately, the recession was short-lived and

everything would be turning around according to the Runnels County Record.

Although the idea of selling and moving due to the harsh conditions, he wrote "we are a permanent fixture in Runnels County and we shall make our paper a welcome visitor at every fireside in the county."

The trail drivers were still moving their cattle wherever they could. When cooperation was mentioned, it was de-

scribed as fun, excitement, good fellowship, honest of purpose and love for our fellow-man for good measure. According to notes from Jim Johnson, "so far as I have been able to discover by association or observation, such a demonstration of all of these virtues as existed were "round the herd and campfire at a round-up."

"Well, we stayed together in that organization working tooth and toenail as much for one as the other, until wire fences began limiting our range and cutting off our grass and water, so that it was impossible to run big herds of cattle without owning or controlling fenced pastures" Jim continued.

This was becoming the era of a change in the making. It was hard for the little cowmen to adjust to because of a lack of funds to buy up and fence sufficient land to run their stock.

Eventually the decision was made to disband the company. When that happened, according to Jim Johnson's notes, "most of us went broke. I don't mean that we lost out financially or in the raising of our cattle, but we scattered so far from each other here, there and yonder, seldom hearing anything about how one or the other of us was doing, or how we were making it, we just naturally went bankrupt in friendship and kindred association and that is the worst thing in the world to happen to a fellow." Other important ranchers of the era around Runnels City were James Harrison Parramore, George Wash-

ington Clayton, Sr., Hazel Edward Dickinson, William Levi McAulay, John Walker Clampitt, John R. Key, Andrew Jackson Nichols, Samuel Randolph Muncy, Job Davis, Nathan J. Allen, Hector Stuart Murphy, James Cicero Swift, William Riley Nunn, Charles Forest Dickinson, Robert Arthur Dickinson, James Jefferson Erwin, Horace A. Thomson, Thad A. Thomson, Dudley Tom, Frank Chriesman, John R. Blocker, Jacob Stubblefield, Green Berry Nixon, John Gilliam, Thomas Dodson, John McEwen Formwalt, James Monroe Hallcomb, David Ransbarger, Walter Mullins, Heston Wood Vandervanter, Ross A. Smith, and Henry Conner.

During this time, the Town of Content was continuing to grow; it had a good school for that day, some stores, two gins, a lime kiln and a blacksmith shop.

The date was June 30, 1884 when the Honorable County Commissioners' Court met for a regular term to examine tax rolls at the courthouse in Runnels City.

After going over the information submitted for the tax rolls, the court adjourned to meet later to examine and approve for the record. After a long day, the court adjourned after the tax rolls were examined and approved on Tuesday July 1, 1884.

August 11, 1884, the next regular term, the court met in the Town of Runnels City in the Courthouse. The Justice of the Peace reports for all four precincts were turned

in. They were heard, examined and approved. A payment of \$15 was approved for a desk for the District Clerk's Office and a payment of \$10 for a table and desk for the Surveyor's Office was also approved. Overseers of roads from Abilene to San Angelo in the area from Valley Creek to the county line in the direction of San Angelo, and from Runnels City to Maverick Road from the area of Valley Creek to Tom Green County Line.

The Runnels County Commissioners Court continued to sell town lots in Runnels City. The notes were made to Runnels County with interest. The court adjourned with no further business until the next regular term.

The Runnels County Record noted in the June 6 edition an increase in scholastic population, a circumstance clearly demonstrating "a degree of intelligence and culture far above the ordinary average."

With the drought and economic conditions improving slowly, the newspaper printed an article prompting "to those indebted to us, we say, come, pay us up."

Resources:  
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"A little planning goes a long way when it comes to reducing winter heating bills," said Shelley Burnett, Manager of Public Affairs. "We believe our customers will see affordable prices again this winter thanks to the abundance of natural gas, but there are even more ways to save."

Using energy wisely and making a few household changes can create substantial savings for customers, said Burnett.

Some of the energy saving tips include: Changing or cleaning furnace filters today and then

### Planning ahead helps reduce winter heating bills, expert says

once again each month during the heating season. Furnaces consume less energy if they "breathe" more easily; set your water heater's temperature at 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Lowering the water heater's setting could cut your water-heating costs by 20 percent; during the winter, set your thermostat to 70 degrees Fahrenheit during the day and 58 degrees when away from home for more than a few hours; close vents and doors in unused rooms and close cabinet and closet doors on outside walls, which can leak a great deal of air.

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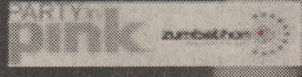
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**WHS class of 1958**



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**From the Chief's Desk**  
**Red Ribbon Week**

*By Randall Davis  
Winters Chief of Police*

This is the 28th year of this nation's Red Ribbon Week beginning Monday, October 21, bringing attention to drug awareness and prevention to our communities. The Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country and focuses on the prevention of drug use and abuse with a goal of a drug free America.

The Red Ribbon Week also commemorates the service and death of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a former marine, police officer and DEA officer who was working to prevent drug trafficking between Mexico and the U.S.

Enrique Camarena was raised in a dirt floor home with few if any advantages our society now takes for granted. Enrique grew to have strong ethics and a dream of changing the way of life he had experienced. Enrique Camarena became very well admired and respected man working hard to put himself through college, served his country as a marine, and then chose to continue his service as a police officer, eventually joining the Drug Enforcement Agency.

Camarena was working undercover in Mexico, investigating a drug cartel believed to have infiltrated the Mexican Army, Mexican law enforcement and other government entities.

On February 7, 1985, Enrique Camarena was en route to meet his wife for lunch when he was kidnapped, forced into a car and then forced to endure extreme torture until he died. His remains were found a month later buried in a shallow grave. Camarena touched many lives in a positive way, and then paid the ultimate price and sacrifice for his country. Many of the people who knew and admired Enrique Camarena vowed to honor his efforts and sacrifice by pledging themselves to a drug free life and carrying on the efforts of preventing drug abuse in our communities. This movement quickly evolved into the red ribbon campaign we know today.

Enrique Camarena's life, service to our country and sacrifice should serve an inspiration and reminder to the rest of us as to what difficulties we can overcome, goals we can accomplish and the ultimate sacrifice others have made for us. Many young people today lack true role models and rely on cartoon super heroes, and fictitious characters to fulfill needs. Enrique Camarena is one of those real person, super heroes, who fought for a healthy drug free America.

I would like to encourage and invite all of our community to take part in and participate in the Red Ribbon Week to not only commemorate the efforts and sacrifice of Camarena, but to take a stand in protecting our children and make a commitment to the realization of a drug free community and a drug free America.

You can make a difference in the lives of your children by talking to your child about drugs. According to information received from the Red Ribbon Campaign, parents who talk to their children about drugs are 42 percent less likely to use drugs. Unfortunately only about one-fourth of teens report having those conversations with their parents or guardians.



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