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Winters, Texas 75¢

## Registrations, donations open for the Sheriff's Toy Drive

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

**BALLINGER**— Monday, December 2, 2013 the Runnels County Sheriff's Office will be starting taking names for their Christmas toy drive. The drive has been bringing a little joy to the most needy homes in Runnels County for over 20 years, giving away nearly 400 toys each year. The Sheriff's Depart-

ment toy drive benefits children in need in Ballinger, Winters, Wingate, Miles, Norton, and many other places in Runnels County.

"We'll be giving toys to these children until we run out of toys or until we run out of money," said Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird.

Registration is open for any family in Runnels County. Parents just have

to come by to the Sheriff's Office, located on Strong Avenue, behind the Courthouse, or call at 365 2121 to drop their name and address as well as their children's age and gender at the Sheriff's Department.

The Sheriff's Department is also open for donations. Donations can be dropped during office hours, Monday through Friday and can also be picked up by

calling at 365 2121.

Donations can be made in the form of new, unwrapped toys, or in cash.

The drive's goal is to benefit needy families in Runnels County, as a way to help all community to enjoy the happiness of the Christmas season.

Sheriff Bill Baird urged those who are going to donate to make it with time and not to wait until the last minute.



PHOTO: FILE

Last year the annual toy drive distributed over 400 toys among Runnels County residents.



## Flames engulf pickup truck

A pickup truck was engulfed by fire last Wednesday noon, November 13, 2013 at 505 Fannin Street in Winters, Texas. The Winters Volunteer Fire Department successfully prevented the fire from affecting the house, but the flames caused extensive damages to the Dodge four-door pickup truck.

PHOTO: JOE GERHART



## LOCAL FARMERS PARTAKE IN YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM

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## Two Winters men busted with methamphetamine

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

**WINTERS**— Two Winters residents were arrested last Wednesday, November 13, 2013 on U.S. Highway 83, south of Winters, and are now facing charges for the illegal possession of controlled substances and the possession of a firearm.

Wednesday, the Runnels County Sheriff's Office received information a Ford Mustang, red in color, driven by a white male, had left Ballinger and could possibly be transporting illegal narcotics. Runnels County Sheriff's deputies found the vehicle in question and effected a traffic stop near the Winters Country Club, on U.S. Highway 83, south of Winters.

Deputies noted the smell of burning marijuana coming from the interior of the vehicle and a search of the vehicle began. Approximately 8.9 grams of a substance that field-tested positive for methamphetamine was located inside the vehicle, as well as a 45. cal. Glock handgun.

Gary "Mac" Macaulay Gibbons, Jr., 29-years-of-age, of Winters, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1, four grams or more but less than 200 grams, a second degree felony.

Regino Rodriguez, 40-years-of-age and also of Winters, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1, four grams or more but less than 200 grams, a second degree felony. The Runnels County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by Texas Parks and Wildlife officers as well as officers from the Winters Police Department. The vehicle was seized.

Bonds were set at \$50,000 on Thursday, November 14, 2013 for both Gibbons and Rodriguez, for the possession charges, and an additional \$5,000 bond was set on Gibbons for the unlawful possession of a firearm charge.

## 'Winter Wonderland' this year's theme for tree extravaganza

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

**WINTERS**— November is coming to an end and as the Christmas season approaches the Rock Hotel in Winters is gearing up for its annual Christmas tree extravaganza, this year under the theme "Winter Wonderland."

For the third year in a row the Lutheran Church will be performing on opening day on Monday, December 2, 2013.

This year's exhibit will be featuring new trees by organizations and individuals such as Jane Long, the Anson Park Seniors Apartment Community of Abilene, Texas, the Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors," Marianne Ray, Kay Colburn, the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce.

Some of the returning individuals and organizations will be the Winters Woman's Club, Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation, the Winters 4-H Club, Sew and Sew Club, Runnels County Historical Commission, Red Hatters Blizzard Babes, Winters Enterprise, the Winters Blizzard tree, REASON Animal Rescue, the Veterans tree, and the Charlie Brown tree by Betty Pinkerton.

Also returning will be the North Runnels Hospital tree, the Hispanic tree by Nadine Delacruz, and Wanda Brewer will be decorating the foyer tree



PHOTOS: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Joyce Carbery and Nadine Delacruz putting up the Hispanic tree.

in winter spirit.

The exhibit will be open until December 21 every Thursday, Friday and Saturday 5-8 p.m. Some of the businesses and organizations will be hosting each one of the nights with Christmas carols and refreshments.

"I would encourage everyone to attend and enjoy this wonderful and unique exhibit that gives us the opportunity to come together and enjoy the Christmas spirit in Winters," said Joyce Carbery.

Each one of the trees in the exhibit will be featuring a theme, with unique and special decorations.



Randa Watson, Rosie Watson and Michelle Garcia working on the Blizzard tree.



## Bank donates furniture to WPD

The Winters Police Department received a donation from Compass Bank Winters branch, in the form of furniture for the Police Department. Pictured here are officer Eric Samaniego, Chief Randall Davis and Sergeant Juan Parra hauling the desks to the Police Department. Compass Bank's branch in Winters, located at the 500 block of South Main Street, is shutting down and decided to donate part of its assets to the community benefiting the Winters Police Department.

PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

## County Judge files for re-election

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

**BALLINGER**— The name of County Judge Barry Hilliard has joined those of looking looking forward to participate in the Republican Party primary, to be held in March of 2014 as the incumbent filed for re-election last week.

Eight other candidates have filed for office with the Republican Party since the opening of the filing period, on November 9. So far nobody has filed for the Democratic Party primary in Runnels County. The filing period for the Republican Party and Democratic Party primary elections will remain open until December 9, 2013.

In the only contested race so far, two candidates are filing for the position of retiring County Clerk Elesa Ocker, those filing for the position are Amanda Collom and Julia Miller.

To file with the Republican Party, a candidate needs to contact Charles Hensley, Runnels County Republican Chairman at (325) 365 1082 to schedule an appointment.

To file with the Democratic Party a candidate will need to contact Jane Jeschke, Runnels County temporary chairman at (325) 234 7727. Deadline to file for the March 4 Primary Election is December 9.

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**FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES**

**Fredrick W. 'Freddie' Bredemeyer**

Fredrick W. (Freddie) Bredemeyer of Winters died on November 13, 2013 at the age of 87. A memorial service will be conducted at St. John's Lutheran Church, Winters, Texas, officiated by Pastor Alsen Wenzel on November 24, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. Freddie was born February 2, 1926 in Winters to Hermon (Slim) and Minnie Minzenmayer Bredemeyer and was married to Juanita Pruser on April 2, 1957. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He left school to serve in the Navy during World War II in California and the Asiatic Pacific Theater as a fireman/engineer. Under a special legislation bill for military personnel, he received his high school diploma on October 12, 2001, effective May 18, 1944.

He was a lifetime resident of Winters and was active in farming and livestock until his retirement. He was named Outstanding Association Member of the Winters Young Farmers in 1976 and Outstanding Association Farmer by the State Association in 1977. The Bredemeyer family was honored as Outstanding Wheat Producing family by the Ft. Worth Star Telegram in 1991 and Farm Family of the year in 1994 by the Winters Chamber of Commerce. He served on several Board of Directors in Runnels County and was a lifetime member of St. John's Lutheran Church where he served on several committees.

Survivors include his wife Juanita of 56 years, sons, Rodrick and wife, Donna, Malcolm and wife, Sharen, of Winters, Lindsey and wife, Sheila, of Bryan, grandchildren, John and Lori Bredemeyer Ryan of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Leah Bredemeyer of Boerne, Kevin, Kelton and Lauren Bredemeyer of Winters. Great-grandson Jacob Ryan of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Sisters, Helen Wessels of Midland, Juanita Wilson of Winters, Margaret Wessels of Bryan, brother, Bobby Bredemeyer of Austin, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Cemetery or a charity of your choice.

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**Donald N. Casey**

Donald N. Casey, born in Winters, Texas, April 16, 1939, passed away in his home in Houston, Texas on October 31, 2013. He graduated from Winters High School in 1957 and attended North Texas State College, San Angelo College and graduated with a BS from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. He continued his education and earned his Master in Education from Sam Houston State University. After graduation, he was a coach and teacher in the Houston area for many years.

Don was preceded in death by his father, O.H. Casey; mother, Ida Mae Haupt; brother, Daniel O. Casey; sisters Esther Hagar and Lenora Wood. He is survived by his wife and constant companion of 40 years, Coralee Casey and four children and six grandchildren; daughter, Connie McRee (spouse Ken) from Houston; son, Thomas Casey (spouse Jocelyn) from Georgetown, Texas; Michael Casey (spouse Jian) from Houston, Texas; Kelly Knox (spouse Matthew Heintzelman) from Lewisburg, Pennsylvania; grandchildren: William Nichols, Sean Nichols, Katrine Casey, Moli Casey, Henry Heintzelman and Ethan Casey. He is also survived by his sisters, Marguerite Russell of Brownwood, Bonnie Fairey of Winters, brother, David Casey (spouse Ketta) of Possum Kingdom sand many nieces and nephews.

Don donated his body to science, but sometime in early February or March, surrounded by loved ones, friends and family, there will be a memorial service to celebrate his life and spread his ashes in Winters, where his heart was so fond.

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**Erwin 'Bud' Henniger**

Erwin (Bud) Henniger, 91 years of age died at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo on November 18, 2013. He was born July 28, 1922 at Hatchell, Texas to Guido and Martha (Armbrrecht) Henniger. He was baptized in Hatchell and confirmed at the age of 13 at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Services will be at St. John's Lutheran Church on Wednesday November 20, 2013 at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Old Runnels cemetery.

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**Frank E. 'Ed' Eldred**

Frank E. "Ed" Eldred, 70, of Coleman, died Friday, November 15, 2013 at the VA Hospital in Temple. Graveside service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, November 23, 2013 at the Glen Cove Cemetery Pavilion with Rev. Dick Schultz officiating. Services are under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home, 400 West Pecan Street, Coleman.

Frank was born February 4, 1943 in Coleman to Frank Eugene Eldred and Ruby Samantha Brown. Ed grew up in Coleman and attended school at Talpa-Centennial. On July 20, 1977, Ed married Betty Hubach in Winters.

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**NEWS NOTES**

**Bingo night at the Rock Hotel**

The Rock Hotel and Z.I. Hale Museum will be hosting a Bingo night this Thursday, November 21, 2013 at the Winters Community Center, benefiting the Blue Gap Post Office rebuilding project.

Bingo will start at 6 p.m., there will be great prices, hot dogs, chips, drinks and deserts.

**Meet the Blizzards and Lady Blizzards**

Winters Athletic Booster Club will host Meet the Blizzards and Lady Blizzards on Monday, November 25, 2013 at the WISD Cafeteria. All Junior High and High School boys' and girls' basketball teams will be introduced.

From 7 to 7:30 p.m. the Booster Club will serve a free brown bag hot dog meal which will include a hot dog, chips and drink. Extra hot dogs will be available as long as they last. Instead of ice cream (like is served during football season) families are asked to bring a homemade dessert to share with all Blizzard and Lady Blizzard fans. At 7:30 p.m. the teams will be introduced in the WISD Gymnasium.

All WHS and WJHS basketball families and fans are encouraged to come out for the event and enjoy a hot dog supper while they meet this year's teams.

**Coleman Co. Electric Co-Op to refund capital credits**

Coleman County Electric Cooperative refunded \$1,183,164.95 in capital credits on June 19, 2013. A large amount of this money has still not been claimed. If you had service with the coop or are the beneficiary to a member that had service with the coop during 1967 to 1981, please check our website. You can view the members behind the "Unclaimed Capital Credit Checks" tab on the left side of our webpage. All unclaimed money will be turned over to the State of Texas after an allotted time if not claimed, so please help the coop find the proper members or heirs to this money. You can visit our website at: [www.colemanelectric.org](http://www.colemanelectric.org).

**Winters Area Chamber of Commerce News**

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that the Christmas Parade and Pageant will be coming December 14, 2013. Lineup is at 2 p.m. The parade will start at 3 p.m. This year Sno-Queen

will receive a \$500 scholarship donated by Lone Star Video and Diner, first runner up will get a \$250 scholarship donated by Lloyd Farris, and second runner up will get a \$100 scholarship donated by the Lion's Club. Sno-Princess and Sno-Flake will receive gift certificates. Deadline for entry is November 29, 2013. Forms can be picked up at Lone Star Video and Diner, City Hall and Winters ISD Offices, or go to <http://www.winterschamber.us> and download the form from our web site. Please contact Pam Barnes at 754-4978 for more information.

**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.

**Winters Jr. High Honor Roll**

<b>Second Six Weeks 2013-2014</b>	Brandon Bullard Graciela Corral Esmeralda Gallegos Audrey Glascock Sonnice Hagle Jayll Hood Graciela Jimenez Skylar Lee Isabella McMahan McKenzie McWhorta Shiyann Reyna Miguel Rodriguez Miranda Rodriguez Aaron Rusk Rico Sanchez	Makayla Speir <b>SEVENTH GRADE "A"</b> Mackenzie Ballard Christopher Correa Priscila Espino Abigail Killough Gage Mc Fadin Patrick Reyes Celeste Sanchez <b>"A-B"</b> Michael Diaz Emily Espino	Kasandra Esquivel Taylor Gray Skyla Lakey Summer Schneider Alexis Silva Chloe Underwood <b>EIGHTH GRADE "A"</b> Brenna Edwards Brandon L'Abbe <b>"A-B"</b> Brooklynn Anderson Christopher Diaz	Hyla Forder Jose Garcia Macey Gerhart Aimee Green Ashton Hadlock Joseph Hood Megan Jacob Baily Knight Brenna Knight Alonso Mendoza Zachary Rodriguez Lucero Vega Matthew Wenzel Jace Young
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**Winters High School Honor Roll**

<b>Second Six Weeks 2013-2014</b>	Desiree Wilson Samuel Woodall <b>NINTH GRADE "A"</b> Dylan Bryant Mason Johnson <b>"A-B"</b> Grace Bryan Jaeggag Collins Micah Drake Justine Garcia Christy Kruse James Lange K'Lee Lindley Kamri Soto	<b>TENTH GRADE "A"</b> Magan Ballard Bailee Busher Brady Calcote Daniel Gerhart Brendon Mikeska Jonathan Sandoval <b>"A-B"</b> Joshua Coffman Cameron Cooper Sierra Ellis Chelsea Gray	Marissa Gray Michael Martinez Samuel Reyes George Reyna Alfredo Sanchez Julian Soto Alexis Walker <b>ELEVENTH GRADE "A"</b> William Bredemeyer Karl Fink Vikki Munoz <b>"A-B"</b> Kimble Bridgeman	Jacob Brock Allison Crook Antonio Diaz Kendall Ferguson Ashley Guy Jordan Hamrick Lucas Kraatz Rodolfo Lara Adreanna Lopez Jennifer Rios Christian Tamez Elisabeth Wenzel <b>TWELFTH GRADE "A"</b> Ashlee Hollis	<b>"A-B"</b> Lauren Bredemeyer Melissa Calcote Alanna Cooper Sabrina Esquivel Christopher Gerhart Austen Green Kara Heathcott Dusty Hines Kara Kraatz Corey Pritchard Tamron Tamez Justine Ventress Kalli Wilson Courtney Wyatt
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**Two Winters grads enroll in McMurry's honors program**

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT**

ABILENE- McMurry University, in Abilene, Texas, announced last week its Honors Program Class for the 2013-14 academic year. Two Winters High School graduates are enrolled in honors courses at the university.

Evelyn Campos, a Freshman pursuing a degree in Accounting, and Kathleen Mills, a Senior in Music Ed / Choral, are enrolled in honors courses.

The McMurry University Honors Program is a four-year honors track designed to enrich the college experience of the most outstanding students. Honors courses are small, are taught by the best professors, and guarantee a stimulating intellectual challenge to the brightest students.

During the senior year, each honors student prepares a thesis that stands as the pinnacle of academic achievement on campus. The thesis is the product of the student's independent research conducted under the supervision of his or her major professors.

Honors theses at McMurry have won national and regional awards. Beginning in the freshman year, every honors student has the opportunity to travel to the Great Plains Regional Honors Conference to present an academic paper. Honors courses, thesis research, and conference participation help honors students develop the skills, creative independence, and confidence necessary for success in graduate training and professional life.

McMurry students have a proven track record of academic excellence. Recent graduates have been accepted for advanced study at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Duke, Rice, Carnegie-Mellon, the Mayo Clinic, Wake Forest, Vanderbilt, Notre Dame, Washington and Lee, Purdue, Emory, Baylor, SMU, TCU, Texas Tech, the Law, Medical, and Dental Schools of the University of Texas, and a number of other prestigious institutions.

McMurry University is committed to providing opportunities and experiences to ensure that every McMurry student achieves their maximum potential in their careers, their personal relationships, and in their roles as moral citizens and contributing members of society.

**Veteran's Corner**

Estimates from the Congressional Budget Office anticipate that veterans benefits will have a 1.5 percent Cost of Living Adjustment, effective December 1, 2013 and seen in the January payments. The cost estimate is in response to S.893, the Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2013. The bill authorizes COLA increases of 1.5 percent for veteran's disability, pension, and Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity payments. The bill has passed out of committee and awaits the vote of the entire Senate. Most experts agree that it is likely to pass, but we can never be sure. COLA increases are automatic for military retirement pay, and other federal benefits such as Social Security. However, VA benefits must be separately approved. FMI contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office 602 Strong Ave or call (325) 365 3612.

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# Gridiron effort gets recognized

Winters Blizzards' quarterback Chris Gerhart was recognized by Abilene's KTXS for his performance at the Winters vs. Haskell game naming him Big Country Player of the Week. KTXS sports reporter Lindsay Cash presented Chris with a plaque at the pep rally the Blizzards held on Friday, November 8, 2013. At the Haskell game Gerhart scored three touchdowns, as the Blizzards won their first district game of the season by a score of 61-26. After receiving the award Gerhart would repeat his previous week scoring, with three touchdowns at the game against Forsan.

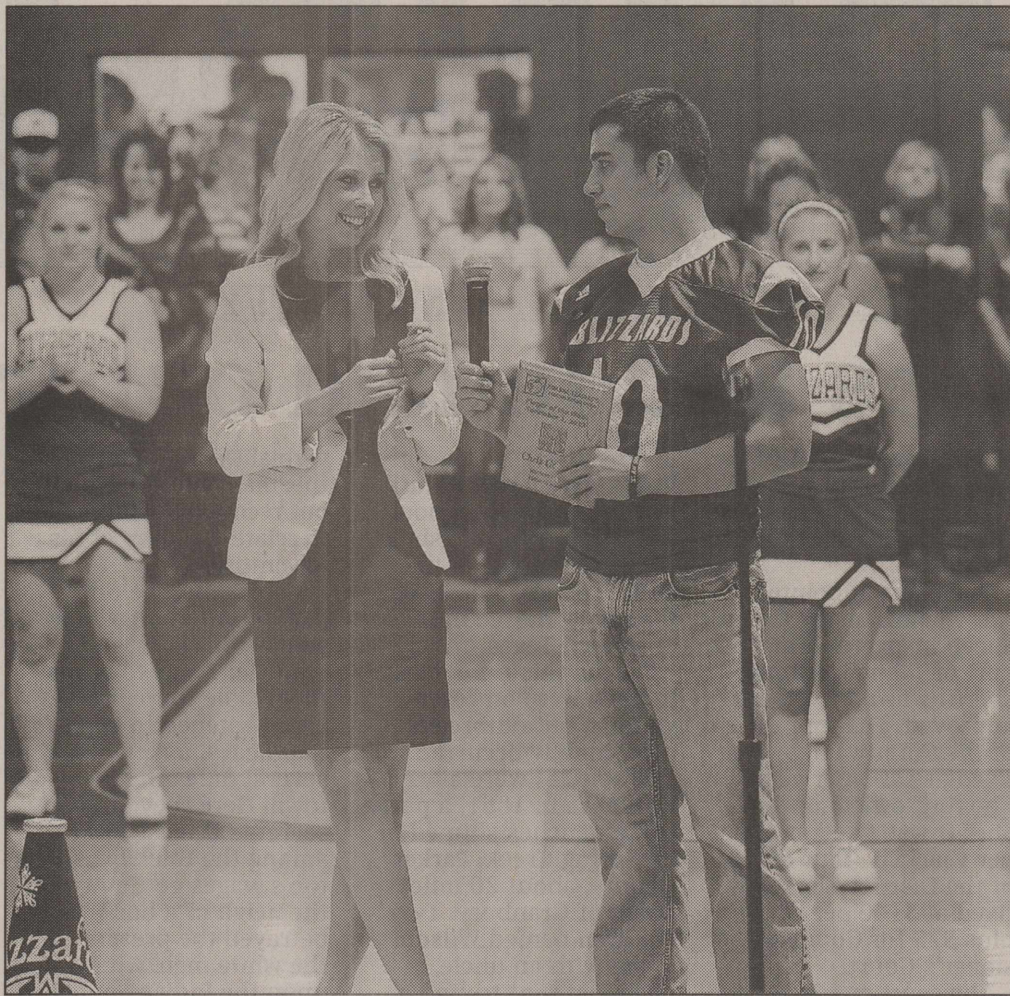


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## ATHLETIC REPORT

### Basketball

#### EIGHTH GRADE BREEZES

**Nov. 14, 2013**

Winters 47 Irion County 14  
Hood 13, Diaz 10, Mendoza 8

**Cross Plains Tournament**  
**Nov. 15-16, 2013**

Winters 42 Ranger 6  
Hood 15, Diaz 10, Garcia 6, Soto 4

Winters 44 Cross Plains 3  
Diaz 14, Garcia 6, Hood 6, Mendoza 6

Winters 29 Eula 27  
Hood 13, Diaz 6, Mendoza 6

Champions of Cross Plains Tournament

**Nov. 18**

Winters 44 TLCA 18  
Hood 19, Diaz 12, Mendoza 6, Garcia 4

Next game is Monday December 2, at Miles

## 4-H livestock, showmanship clinic set for December 21 in Lubbock

### WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

LUBBOCK- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will present the District 2 Livestock Ambassadors Steer, Swine, Lamb and Goat Showmanship/Feeding Clinic from 10 a.m.-noon December 21 at the Texas Tech Arena in Lubbock.

Admission is free to 4-H and FFA exhibitors who may bring their project lambs and goats only; no cattle or swine, according to organizers. For more information, contact Robert Scott AgriLife Extension agent in Lubbock County at 806-775-1680, rj-scott@tamu.edu.

"This is a chance for youth and their families to gain experience from older 4-H members who have 'been there, done that,'" Scott said.

The Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador program consists of high school-aged 4-H members who receive in-depth instruction and are selected to represent the agricultural industry in Texas, Scott said. They are required to commit at least 30 hours of service annually and in most cases, the service consists of helping novice 4-H families with their livestock projects.

"We've selected six of our top ambassadors to conduct this training," he said. "They are all 4-H veterans and know first-hand the ins and outs of competing in the show ring. This is a real opportunity for youngsters just getting started to hear from the 'old pros' in a hands-on setting. And this experience should help to get them ready for the upcoming stock show season."

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### CAFETERIA MENU

Subject to Change\*

#### Nov. 25 - 27 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**  
Holiday

**Thursday**  
Holiday

**Friday**  
Holiday

#### 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 Sticks, 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, Black Eyed Peas, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk. Early Release.

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Holiday

**Thursday**  
Holiday

**Friday**  
Holiday

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#### Across

- Sing the praises of
- Dentist's recommendation
- Ingrain, as into memory
- Prepare for a deal
- Second-grade sequence
- Poet Teasdale
- Philatelist's pride
- "...was this lousy"
- Luke's teacher in "Star Wars"
- Fire piece
- Dawn goddess
- French city on the Rhone
- Dog dodger, stereotypically
- Cook's wear
- Enthusiastic
- X-rated literature
- Lake formed by the Hoover Dam
- Worries
- Pete's is often cited
- Clinton cabinet member Federico
- Color from the French for "unbleached"
- Gave a hand
- 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, for example
- Blood variety
- Took control
- Tic-tac-toe victory
- Cold war rival of the USA
- Andes animals
- Exceed normal limits
- Neighborhood

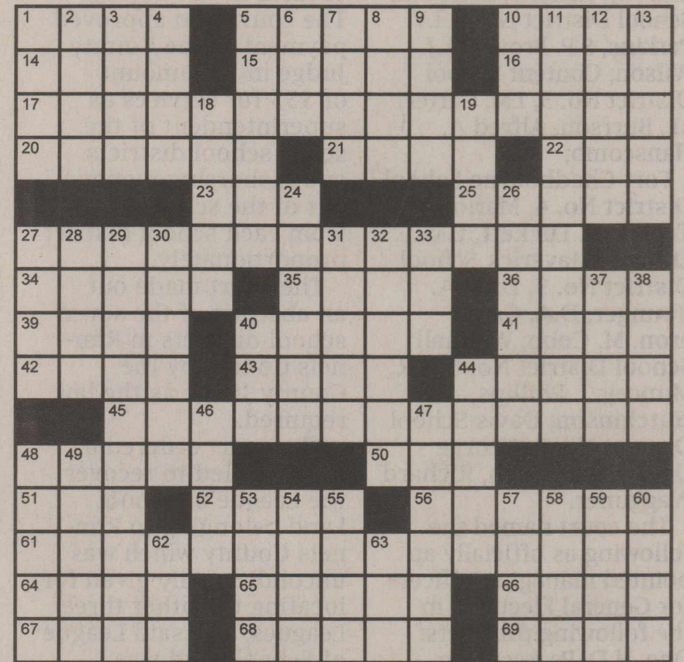
- Golden tune
- Ready to do business
- Vim
- Coin-hitting-water sounds
- Book's body

#### Down

- Way out of medal contention
- Aardvark's lunch
- Home to the Osmonds
- Moore of "Disclosure"
- Two or three, to six
- Summer sky sight
- Slick
- Prima donna's time to shine
- Looked for damages
- Superlative finale

- Fitting perfectly
- Sing sentimentally
- Stores a shirt, perhaps
- Primp
- Colombian city
- Tough to find
- Base words?
- Genie's home
- Olympic weapon
- Interchanges
- So far
- Turn away
- Ceremony
- Ave. cousins
- Hawaiian strings, for short
- Williams and Knight
- Charge
- Cause confusion

- Landslide
- Digs deeper
- Hitchcock classic
- "...not serious!?"
- Hit the mall
- Hawk
- Take another shot at
- Tons
- Engage in self-pity
- Top
- Dispatched
- It's usually over your head
- Tuck's go-with

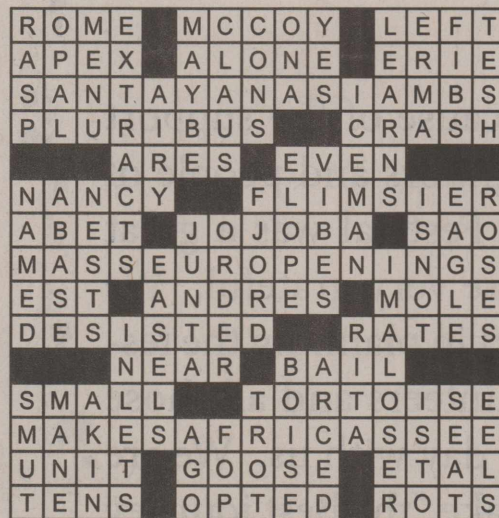


## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## Weather Whys

### Q: Does air quality affect the weather?

A: Air pollution is mainly caused by burning fossil fuels, such as gasoline or coal, but the weather can make a big difference in how fast pollution is dispersed, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "For example, when there are periods of high pressure during the summer months, the air can remain stable and not move much at all, causing some people to have severe breathing problems," he explains. "This is when ozone alerts are given. One recent study shows that kids who played outside when ozone levels were high had a higher rate of developing asthma."



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## Runnels County

Winters Enterprise

Thursday, November 21, 2013

### THE ORGANIZATION OF RUNNELS COUNTY

## School elections and Indian outbreaks

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**WINTERS-** The Commissioner's Court of Runnels County began their first meeting of the year February 9, A. D. 1885, being the second Monday in regular term. They met at the Courthouse in the town of Runnels. Those present were the Honorable Judge Charles H. Willingham, presiding with the following Commissioners, H.C. Wylie, M.F. Bright, Job Davis, Sheriff John M. Formwalt and County Clerk, W. L. Towner.

The court designated certain persons to act as officers to hold free school elections. In Runnels School District No. 1, I.C. Swift, H.D. Pearce and A.J. Nichols; Lone Star School District No. 2, I.V. Perkins, S.P. Brown, A.J. Wilson; Content School District No. 3, I.M. Carter, I.L. Burrison, Alfred A. Hanscomb;

Fort Chadbourne School District No. 4, Marion Teel, H.H. Luckett, L.M. Lindlay; Maverick School District No. 5, Dr. L.A. Younger, D.A. Cameron, M. Cobb; Walthall School District No. 6, S.R. Muncey, I. Phillips, A.B. Hutchinson; Davis School District No. 7, George Davis, R.A. Smith, Richard Waggoner.

The court named the following as officially appointed managing officers for General Elections in the following precincts: One, H.D. Pearce; Two, Alfred A. Hanscomb; Three, H.H. Luckett; Four, Dr. F. Clark; Five, Dr. L.A. Younger.

The County Judge,

Charles H. Willingham gave the report to date since November 11, 1884 when he took office. To: W.M. Eidson of Fort Chadbourne School for three months for a total of \$77.50. To: S.P. McLaughlin of Content School for three months for a total of \$146.50. To: A. J. Pou and Charles F. Dickinson both of Walthall School for a total of \$91. To: R.M. Fannin (assistant teacher) of Content School for a total of \$32. To: Miss Sallie B. Wilson (assistant teacher) of Runnels School for a total of \$54.75. To Professor I.L. Cannon of Runnels School a total of \$150. The Judges' report total was \$621.67. This was presented to the County Treasurer, I.B. Cotton. The court also approved payment to the County Judge in the amount of \$55 for services as superintendent of the seven school districts and disbursing money out of the school funds from each school district proportionately.

The court made out an abstract of the seven school districts in Runnels County by the County Judge as the law required.

The court ordered a suit be filled to recover the League of School Land belonging to Runnels County which was unconditionally given for locating the other three Leagues. The said League of School Land was located in Pecos County, Texas. The County Clerk was instructed to open communications immediately with members

of the legal fraternity in Runnels County and the court reserved the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

The court appointed A.L. Nichols as the County Sheep Inspector. The report of John M. Formwalt, Sheriff was received and approved. The four offices of the County Judge was fixed at \$400 per year. The four office of the Sheriff was fixed at \$300 per year. The four office of the District Clerk was fixed at \$100 per year plus \$75 for Commissioner's Court.

The court met in session until February 14, 1885, taking care of road reports among other items.

John Mc. Ewen Formwalt was born in 1848 at Pontotoc, Mississippi among the Choctaw Indians. His father, Major Formwalt, the first County Clerk of that county was later a Captain of Rangers on the Texas Frontier before the Civil War.

He served in Hood's Division and was wounded at the battle of Franklin, Tennessee, where General Granbury was killed. His maternal grandfather, McEwen, fought in the Revolution, also in the Creek and Indian Wars.

John McEwen Formwalt was a fighter, inheriting loyalty to a cause, contempt of danger and took pleasure in a genuine scrap. While a small child, the family came to Texas and in 1857, settled in Hood County, at that time part of Johnson County. The old Formwalt place was 2 miles northwest of Granbury, Texas on the

Brazos River. "Formwalt Rocks" was a rocky bluff overhanging a deep pool and was a favorite fishing resort for people of the entire country side. Later the family moved into Granbury, Texas.

During this time, most Indians were on reservations, but outbreaks occasionally occurred. The settlers were always watchful. In 1861, a party of Comanches slipped in on Spring Creek, Parker County, about 20 miles north of Granbury. Two children named Wilson, living with an uncle, had been sent to find a yoke of oxen. They were captured by the Comanches and carried to a cliff from which they could plainly see their uncle's home and watch the hunting party sent in search of them. Formwalt, who with others had taken shelter in a stone house at Thorp Springs, 3 miles from Granbury, joined in pursuit of the marauders, striking the trail at Elm Mott on the divide near Kickapoo. They rode in a gallop, reaching Berry's Creek about dusk and finding the water still muddy from the crossing of the Indians. Hoping to cut them off, the pursuers left the trail and rode west by south.

Next evening, having failed to find the trail, they stopped at Sunday Creek Spring, Twin Mountains in Erath County, and killed a beef. After their two days fast, they eagerly devoured the broiled steak, finding it delicious without bread or even salt — then with saddles for pillows and blankets for cover, they fearlessly lay down to sleep. At the beginning of the raid, the savages had wounded a man named Dennis. Unlike the pro-

verbial Dennis, however, this man not only escaped but recovered and lived to relate the story of his adventures.

Meanwhile, the other part found the trail and sent a courier on to Comanche, Texas to arouse the people there. Horsemen hastened to Logan's Gap near Blanket Creek, several miles west of town. Here they quickly secreted themselves among the thick brush. As the savages getting closer, the neigh of a horse betrayed the presence of the white men, whereupon the Indians bunched together and made a rush for the open country beyond the gap.

After the first volley of shots from the whites, the Wilson children cried out, "Don't shoot us — we are white!" Men rushed out and seized them as they slipped off the back of the swiftly moving Indian pony. Later they were restored to their joyful relatives.

In 1866, John Formwalt went with a herd of cattle to Vicksburg, Mississippi and the next year helped to drive a herd of his father's cattle through Indian Territory to Benton, Arkansas. Upon their return to Granbury, one Sunday morning in September, they found the whole village agog with news of an Indian raid. The Comanches had crept in from the west to steal horses. At the timber line in Erath County, a number of men started in pursuit and chased them several miles, but the Indians eluded them.

The Hood County men sent one of their own to re-connect. Returning, he led them to a place of ambush in Star Hollow, 10 miles west of Granbury. The

Indians were soon trapped and the men took a roll of buffalo hides.

In 1869, John Formwalt and 11 other men went into Mexico with cattle, delivered the herd and started homeward with their saddle horses, numbering about 100 head. The 18th of September they camped at Dagger's Bend, near where the city of Pecos now stands. Here they were attacked by 75 Indians from the Davis Mountains and all of their horses were taken from them. Six of the white men followed, coming upon the savages about 4 miles east of camp. After much thought, they left and did not challenge the Indians. Having no means of travel, save on foot and not daring to leave their supply wagon, the men remained at the camp for 5 days. One evening they had company, 3 men who had helped a Mr. Tankersley drive a herd of cattle to Santa Fe, New Mexico and were on their way home.

On the fifth day, an immigrant train came along. They were bound for Colorado and were led by Matt Tucker. Tucker sold them a yoke of oxen. These immigrants informed them the three Tankersley men had been attacked by Indians, one killed and another wounded. The immigrants had found them and sent the wounded man back to an intersection with the stage line to San Angelo. It was later learned he reached that place, only to die of his wounds. Coming on, Formwalt and his companions found one of the three who had been killed and scalped, his left foot cut off and that boot taken. Wolves had gnawed at the scalped spot on his head. To protect the body from further ravages, they buried it beneath a pile of stones.

Several months afterward, Tankersley sought out Formwalt to ask if he could locate the spot where the body had been buried. He said he owed the poor fellow more than \$700 and wanted to turn it over to his relatives but knew him only by his name of Bill. The way had been long and weary and the spot could not be located. Those bones were left to bleach on the "lone prairie", with the howl of the coyote and the hiss of the rattler for the only echoing reply to the wail of the night wind as it swept the fenceless spaces — and somewhere a yearning mother's heart grieved itself over the death of an absent boy!

Formwalt and his companions walked down the Pecos to Horsehead crossing at Castle Gap, and on and on over a span of 400 miles, arriving safely at Stephenville. Here they separated, with John Formwalt, Tom Rhodes and Tom Hightower coming on the Granbury.

In 1873, Formwalt married Miss Effie Waldon, a native of Texas. The next year, they moved with his cattle to what is now Runnels County. At the organization of the county March of 1880 in Walthall, Texas, John McEwen Formwalt was elected the first sheriff. He was a good shot, never known to miss his mark. Many desperate characters made the West their rendezvous, and in the performance of his official duty, he was forced to kill several men. The wild rough life of that era largely aided in the development of the sterling qualities—courage, determination, a promptness of action all of which were part of his heritage.

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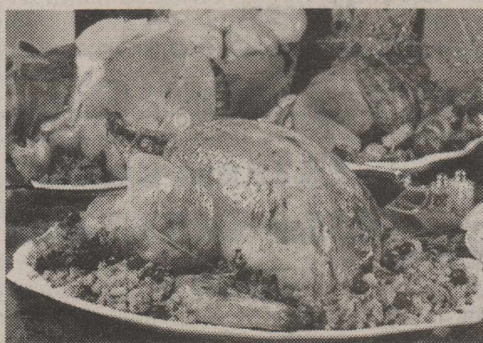
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## Local farmers partake in young leaders program

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

COLEMAN- Kevin and Jonna Busher of Winters, Texas, recently got an

inside look at how the Farm Credit System carries out its mission to provide dependable credit to agriculture and rural America. The Bushers, member-borrowers of Central Texas Farm Credit, were among 32 young agricultural producers selected to attend the 2013 Farm Credit Young Leaders Program.

Program participants first traveled to the New York City area, where they visited the Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation and a Wall Street brokerage firm. There they learned how Farm Credit securities are sold to investors, and how the proceeds are put to work for rural communities in the form of Farm Credit financing and related services.

The group then traveled to Washington, D.C., and met with congressional staff and Farm Credit Council leadership to discuss policy issues that affect rural families and businesses.

"We invited the Farm Credit lending cooperatives in our district to select young customers who are actively involved in the agriculture industry and their communities," said Stan Ray, president

of the Tenth District Farm Credit Council, which hosted the eighth annual Young Leaders Program. "We provide these current and future leaders insight into the ways that Farm Credit supports agriculture. In addition, we give them an opportunity to share their knowledge with policymakers who develop the legislation that affects farmers and ranchers."

The Bushers operate a diversified farm and ranch business, including cow-calf and stocker cattle operations. They also raise wheat and other crops on 4,500 acres. Active in the Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Jonna is a former teacher, and Kevin is vice president of the Winters school board. They have four children.

The Tenth District Farm Credit Council is the regional member of the national Farm Credit Council, the trade association representing the legislative and regulatory interests of the Farm Credit System. The System is a nationwide network of cooperatively owned rural lenders that have provided financing and related services for the agriculture industry since 1916.



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## Standoff in Winters ends with one in jail

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WINTERS- Monday, November 11, 2013 Runnels County Sheriff's Office deputies as well as officers with the Winters Police Department converged at 1029 N. Main Street in Winters, Texas, to execute an arrest warrant issued by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Parole Division, issued for 38-year-old Robert Braumley, of Winters, Texas.

Braumley was located hiding in the attic of the residence. A standoff began after it was discovered Braumley might have a shotgun with him inside the attic.

After approximately an hour and a half Braumley

voluntarily exited the attic. No weapon was found inside the attic, however a 12 gauge shotgun, which was later tied to Braumley, was located hidden inside the residence.

In addition to the warrant issued by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Parole Division, Braumley was also charged with possession of a firearm by a felon, which is a third degree felony.

On November 12, 2013, a bond was set on possession of a firearm by a felon at \$10,000, however Braumley will be held until his status with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Parole Division, is resolved.

## Meth lab raided, two arrested

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- One adult and one juvenile were detained with drug precursors as well as drug paraphernalia last Tuesday, October 29, 2013 in Winters, Texas, in the busting of a methamphetamine laboratory.

The lab was found based on information received by the Runnels County Sheriff's Office, as well as surveillance of a residence located at 207 West Truett Street, in Winters, Texas. The findings include a variety of drug paraphernalia, as well as precursors for and the remnants of a meth lab.

Scotty Dale Tubbs, 19, was arrested at the location and is facing charges for the possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor, and possession of a controlled substance less than a gram, a state jail felony.

A 16-year-old was also at the residence and will be filed on separately through the juvenile authorities.

## Range and forage management workshop to be held in Sonora

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

SONORA- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a multi-county Range and Forage Management Workshop December 10 at the Sutton County Civic Center in Sonora.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the program begins at 9 a.m. Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units, one in laws and regulations, two integrated pest management and two general, will be available. To preregister, call the AgriLife Extension office in Sutton County at (325) 387 3101.