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Left to right are commissioners Bobby Moore and Ricky Strube, RCHC board members Beverly Teplicek and former County Judge Marilyn Egan, RCHC Chairperson Ruth Cooper being presented the award by County Judge Barry Hilliard, and commissioners Sam Scott and Ronald Presley.

Historical Commission recognized Distinguished Service Award

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- The Runnels County Commissioners Court presented the Distinguished Service Award to the Runnels County Historical Commission, a recognition made by the Texas Historical Commission for the 2013 year of service.

The Distinguished Service Award is presented each year to county historical commissions that demonstrate concerted efforts to preserve the history and character of Texas. This award acknowledges the county historical commission's stewardship of the state's cultural and historic sites.

According to a release by the Texas Historical Commission, Texas county historical commissions reported more than 3,500 appointees for the 2013 year of service who contributed more than 441,000 volunteer hours; this in-kind donation to the state of Texas carries a monetary value of more than \$10 million. THC empowers county historical commissions across the state through programs and services that preserve Texas' heritage for the education, enjoyment, and economic benefit of present and future generations. THC's advisory role to county historical commissions is outlined in the Texas Local Government Code, the statute that allows county commissioners courts to establish county historical commissions. These unpaid appointees, as directed by county officials, initiate and conduct programs that preserve historic and cultural resources. CHC achievements include the preservation of countless historic buildings, artifacts, and other cultural icons of Texas history. Eighty-seven Texas counties of the 254 received the prestigious award. The Runnels County Historical Commission's projects included restoring historical markers, working with organizations for historical markers and their dedications as well as documenting history for preservation purposes.

Gerhart, Pritchard to Baseball Academic All-State team



Two Winters High School graduating seniors were named to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association Academic All-State 1A team. Chris Gerhart (left) and Corey Pritchard (below). Honorees must be seniors who maintained an overall grade-point average of 93 or above for their four years of high school, were members in good standing of their team at the time of nomination and be of good moral character.



Runnels Co 4-H building leaders from the ground up

Local 4-Hers earn spot in National competition with a perfect score in State

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- The Runnels County 4-H Club Leaders for Life program was recognized last Tuesday morning, July 8, 2014 at the Commissioners Court, for scoring a perfect score and earning first and eighth places at the State Skillathon held in June in College Station, Texas.

A combination of both Runnels County 4-H Club teams conducted a meeting at the Runnels County Courthouse, demonstrating their skills in public speaking and parliamentary procedures. The meeting is also part of their preparation for the National competition, which will be held in January in Denver, Colorado.

"The program was created approximately five years ago," said co-coach of the team Bill Bredemeyer. "We aiming to instruct 4-Hers in the areas of public speaking, parliamentary procedures and community service," he added.

The program is for students from 9-years-of-age to graduating seniors. It helps them to develop skills in public speaking and government rules ranging from presenting awards to the rules of parliamentary procedures, how to properly conduct a meeting, and more.

"Our goal is to give these kids some inside in everything from introducing a speaker, giving a short public relations speech, to conducting a meeting," Bredemeyer added.

At the district competition Runnels County 4-H club participated with two teams placing first and third among teams from 23 counties in this area. Each team is comprised from four to six members and each club can take as many teams as they want. Only



Left to right: Adam Multer, Hannah Pinckney, Sam Woodall, Jennifer Castleberry, Ethan Bredemeyer, Davis Matschek and Rachel Gibbs conducting a meeting at the Runnels County Courthouse.

the best three qualify for state.

The state competition was held in June in College Station, with 18 teams. Runnels County teams placed first and eighth.

The state contest consists of parliamentary procedure meeting along with a community service project that they must have written up in a sheet of paper, and seven questions randomly chosen that are given to team members.

The first place team, comprised of Brylee Matschek, Alyssa Flanagan, Ethan Bredemeyer, Rachel Gibbs, Jennifer Castleberry and Hannah Pinckney scored a perfect score. The contest was judged by judges from the Leadership and Development Dept. of Texas A&M.

The team will be competing in the National contest in Denver, Colorado in January of 2015.

Taking eighth place was the team comprised by Adam Multer, Kolton Looka, Sam Woodall, Davis Matschek, McKenzie Arrott and Cole Cave.

"I think this is a great group of kids and Runnels County has a lot to be proud of," said co-coach Toby Virden.



Earning first place honors left to right: Coach Toby Virden, Brylee Matschek, Alyssa Flanagan, Ethan Bredemeyer, Rachel Gibbs, Jennifer Castleberry, Hannah Pinckney and Coach Bill Bredemeyer.



Placing eighth in the State competition are Adam Multer, Kolton Looka, Sam Woodall, Davis Matschek, McKenzie Arrott and Cole Cave.

Immigration crisis addressed in Winters

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The immigration crisis occurring in the southern border of the United States took center stage at the U.S. Rep. Michael Conaway legislative update held last Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at the Winters Public Library in Winters, Texas.

Attendants to the meeting questioned Conaway regarding federal government efforts to better border security, and the role of federal agencies to stop the problem.

Recent media reports broke the story of this problem affecting the south border states, were thousands of unaccompa-



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

U.S. Rep. Michael Conaway speaks during his visit to the Winters Public Library on Wednesday, July 2, 2014.

ned children coming from Central America illegally cross into U.S. soil under the belief that they will

not be deported. "This problem on the border is a humanitarian disaster by the administra-

tion, they need to enforce the rules, the message they just sent south as to what is happening it's just awful," Conaway said. The U.S. Representative said that the problem needs to be split into two pieces, one being how to stop and send back home all the children coming to the United States, and the second part is what to do with the children that already are in U.S. soil.

"They are here and we need to decide what we are going to do with them, it's a federal taxpayer issue, not just an issue of the state of Texas or California," he added. Conaway stated that

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Melba Gerlach Emmert

Melba Gerlach Emmert, 89, of Houston, formerly of Winters, died July 6, 2014. She was born July 14, 1924 in Bradshaw and grew up there graduating from Bradshaw High School May 26, 1943. She attended Hardin Simmons University. She married Billy Joe Emmert December 8, 1943 in Winters. She owned and operated Melba's Arts, Crafts and Gifts in Winters. She was a member of the Eastern Star and American Legion Auxiliary. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two daughters: Theresa Rushing of Houston, and Sherron Wilson of Corpus Christi. Three sisters: Ann Baldwin of Winters, Carolyn Davis of Clyde and Darla Kruse of Florida. Three grandchildren: Wayne Collins and wife Stephanie, Billy Collins and wife Caroline and Lori Wilson and fiancé Howard. Five great-grandchildren: Kevin, Mia, Madyson, Jon and Ashlyn Collins. She was preceded in death by her husband: Joe Emmert, her parents, Paul and Minnie Gerlach and sister, Ruth Williams.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday July 9, 2014 at Lakeview Cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Winters Enterprise, July 10, 2014

From the Chief's Desk

Small town living

Randall Davis
Winters Chief of Police

One of the noticeable things about living in a small town is change is almost immediately noticeable and news travels fast. When someone new comes into town, everybody wants to know who they are and why they are here.

This has been the case here in Winters this week as several shining white vans packed with teenagers descended on Winters. At first glance when the group looked as if a sports team had come for some neutral location for a playoff game, but after a second look I find these kids are a combined Methodist Youth group from Bethesda, and Weatherford, Texas, on a mission trip.

Each young adult worked and paid their own way to participate in the mission group and are traveling with goals of building moral character, learning from others, helping others and leaving a swath of Texas better than they found it. The City of Winters has found its place in the path of these young people.

The group consisting of approximately 45 youth and 20 adults who have elected to spend their summer vacations, with some taking leave of absence from work, are spending a great portion of their summer months fixing, repairing and improving the homes of less fortunate individuals and persons who are unable to take on some of the tasks themselves. While driving around town, one could not help but see great piles of brush and refuse gathering along the side of residential streets being prepared to be hauled off. A great deal of this is the work of these busy little bees this week.

Their timing could only be described as a "God Send" with the local cleanup efforts in Winters well underway. The City of Winters has prepared a facility for the removal of dilapidated and substandard structures and securing a contract with a contractor for the removal of those structures.

When you see these young people laboring in the near 100 degree heat, please remember to stop by and say thanks or maybe give a kind word of encouragement, after all they have recognized something in our town they liked. Something made us worthy and worthwhile of their visit. Should we not return the kindness with maybe... at least a cold glass of ice tea and a warm welcome. My hope is you might take the opportunity to meet some of these dedicated young people. I have got to speak with a few of them myself and found them to be outstanding examples of the "Youth of Today."

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NEWS NOTES

Efrain Esquivel scholarship established

A scholarship fund in Efrain Esquivel's name has been started by family and friends. Contributions may be made to Rhonda Neal at Winters ISD administration office.

Night time golf tournament

The Winters Country Club is having a night time golf tournament this Saturday, July 12. The tournament will start at 5 p.m. with nine holes. A hamburger cook will follow and the remaining nine holes will be played when it gets dark. The fee will include your night ball. Bring your flashlights. For more information call the Winters Country Club at (325) 754 4679.

Summer reading program

Stories and Ice Cream for kids of all ages at the Winters Public Library on July 15, 2014, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Read 12 books this summer and get a t-shirt!

Blizzard basketball camp

The Blizzard basketball camp will be held July 15-18. Session 1 will be for boys and girls entering grades third through fifth. Session 1 will go from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The first session will concentrate on learning the game and perfecting fundamentals. Session 2 will be for boys and girls entering grades sixth through ninth and will last from 10 to 12 p.m. The second session will include team play as well as work on fundamentals. Registration will be the morning of the camp.

Runnels Co Historical Commission meeting

The Runnels County Historical Commission will meet briefly Saturday, July 19, 2014 at 10:30 a.m., at 208 N. Penny Lane, Winters, Texas, then go to Casa Cabana for the regular scheduled meeting.

All meetings of the Runnels County Historical Commission are open to the public.

Blizzard speed camp

The Blizzard Speed Camp will be held July 28-31. This camp will be for boys entering grades second through eighth and will be held from 6 to 8 in the afternoon. The camp will focus on developing speed while working on football skills like throwing, kicking, catching, punting, and snapping. Campers can register the day of the camp.

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'

USDA authorizes emergency haying of CRP acres

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- Runnels County USDA Farm Service Agency Executive Director, Byron Bauerlein announced that Runnels County is authorized for emergency haying use of Conservation Reserve Program acres for fiscal year 2014. FSA's fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30.

Unlike previous years, counties are not automatically approved for CRP emergency haying when they reach the D2 (severe drought) level on the U.S. Drought Monitor - www.droughtmonitor.unl.edu. If there is a need for emergency haying, each

local FSA Office must request approval from the Texas FSA State Committee. Currently, 40 counties have received emergency haying approval. The 60-day emergency haying period for these counties will end August 31, 2014.

Based on a revised policy decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP acres hayed or grazed during fiscal year 2012 or 2013 will be considered eligible for emergency haying if the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) verifies, on a case-by-case basis, that the conservation cover will sustain haying.

"Eligible producers

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.

WIC open to many incomes and families

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

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

Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting

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

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

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

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge meetings

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

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens made 58 boating under the influence arrests and contacted some 30,000 recreational boaters over the July Fourth weekend.

Earlier, TPWD's Law

Enforcement division participated in Operation Dry Water June 27-29 as part of a nationally coordinated boating under the influence (BUI) awareness and enforcement campaign. Game wardens continued their enhanced patrol efforts through the holiday as boaters enjoyed area

waterways.

Over the three-day Operation Dry Water weekend, game wardens made contact with 22,732 recreational boaters, issued 1,147 citations and safety warnings and made 17 BUI arrests in an effort to raise awareness of the dangers of boating under the influence of

drugs or alcohol. During the July Fourth holiday, game wardens made contact with roughly 30,000 recreational boaters and arrested 58 operators for boating under the influence. In addition, game wardens filed 39 minor in possession of alcohol cases and eight drug related offenses.

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U.S. Rep. Michael Conaway: Washington searching for funds to reimburse communities

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starting this week Washington would start looking for the resources to reimburse the communities for the expenses they have incurred in while taking care of these children.

"The President has sent an ambiguous message, he's got to start deporting people, and stop fueling the idea that if they get here they won't be sent back home, he's got to send a big, broad message that's widely communicated and I don't have a lot of hope that he will," Conaway said.

Some of the possible solutions to the problem, he said, could be a guest worker program and enhanced border security, always in the interest to

know what is coming and going and who is coming and going.

Conaway touched several other subjects during his visit, one of them being the IRS scandal involving former Director of Exempt Organizations of the Internal Revenue Service Lois Lerner.

"I can't believe the audacity of someone to stand up and say 'all of these computers crashed at the same time, all of the archives are gone, all of the second copies are gone' and expect us to believe that is rational," he said.

"If this was the Justice Department and was a criminal investigation, they could go to the lowest link of the food-chain and press in exchange

for immunity, move up the food-chain and find the people who made that happen."

The House, he said, does not have that kind of power, because any criminal activity needs to be turned in to General Attorney Eric Holder.

"From an investigation standpoint we don't have the same kind of tools an investigator would have, hence we are demanding a special prosecutor."

Regardless of being a Republican or Democrat, he said, this is a federal agency who took it upon themselves to go after the people in ways that shouldn't have done it. "Going after a group that we don't agree with is not the law," he added.

Nominations open for Distinguished Alumni award

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Winters High School is looking for nominations for the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award.

The award was created by the Winters High School Alumni Committee,

comprised of school and community members, to honor outstanding alumni, teachers or staff members who have maintained a high standard of excellence and have earned significant distinctions and achievements. Eligibility requirements

include: 1. Must have graduated from high school at least 10 years prior to the year of the nomination. 2. Should be/have been a leader in his/her field or have made a significant contribution to their field of endeavor. 3. Must demonstrate an outstanding career that has brought exceptional distinction to the individual, institution, or community. 4. Must be of good character and have earned a high level of respect within their community.

Requirements for nomination are verifiable documentation of accomplishments and a letter of nomination which includes the name and contact information of the person making the nomination, the name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of the nominee, the year the nominee graduated from WHS, and the relevant reasons why the nominee has distinguished themselves.

Nominations must be submitted by Thursday, July 10, 2014 to: Bruce Davis, Superintendent WISD, 603 North Heights Street, Winters, Texas 79567. A committee of former WHS graduates and current and former school personnel will evaluate the nominations and make a selection of the WHS Distinguished Alumni for 2014. The awardees will be recognized during Homecoming on September 26-27, 2014.

All About Water workshop slated for July 31

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

MENARD- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the All About Water

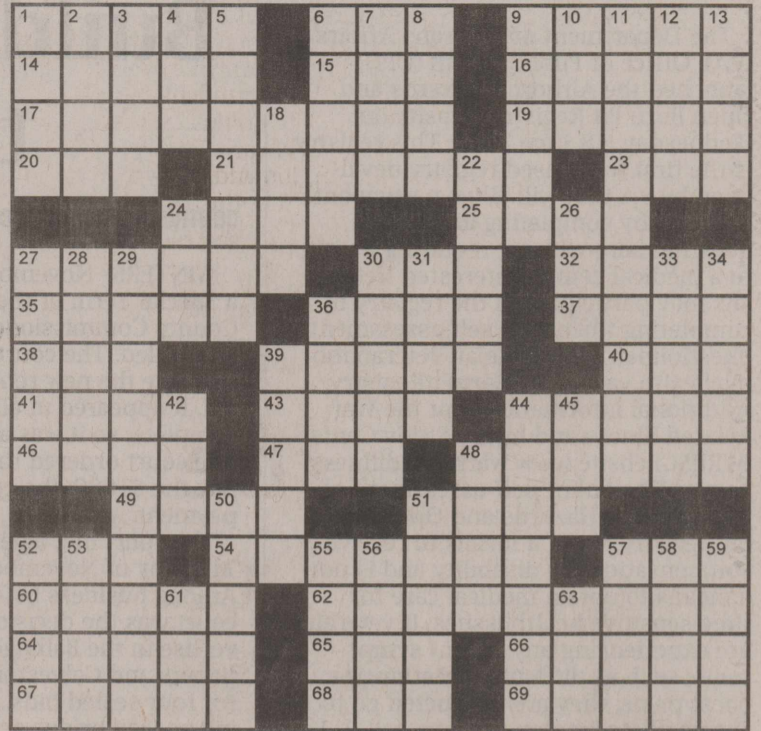
Workshop July 31 at the Murchison/Whitehead Memorial Youth Complex, located at U.S. Highway 190 and U.S. Highway 83 at Menard.

Registration will be from 8:30-9:15 a.m. followed by the program from 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m., said Lisa Brown, AgriLife Extension agent in Menard.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

"Keep It Clean"

- Across**
- 1 English muffin alternative
 - 6 iPhone download
 - 9 Palin or Hyland
 - 14 Public persona
 - 15 ___ tai (drink)
 - 16 Not these
 - 17 Pound cake addition, sometimes
 - 19 Sean of "The Lord of the Rings"
 - 20 Compass point away from WSW
 - 21 "Let's talk about something else"
 - 23 Donkey's cousin
 - 24 Watch the bar or the goal
 - 25 Rip
 - 27 Whole
 - 30 Pie ___ mode
 - 32 Use a keyboard
 - 35 All ___ Day (Nov. 2)
 - 36 Engage in recreation
 - 37 Biblical paradise
 - 38 Not madam
 - 39 Each of this puzzle's four long theme entries ends with a brand of these
 - 40 State between Illinois and Ohio: abbr.
 - 41 Concerning
 - 43 Places to stay for the night
 - 44 War's opposite
 - 46 Scream
 - 47 Street crossers: abbr.
 - 48 Protected, like some old cities
 - 49 Border
 - 51 Prepare for a trip
 - 52 Writing tablet
 - 54 Prepared
 - 57 Fuel for a Ford
 - 60 "Gotta go!"
 - 62 Where Los Angeles and Seattle are
- Down**
- 1 Spleen stuff
 - 2 "So be it!"
 - 3 Chess or checkers
 - 4 Driving force
 - 5 They charge interest
 - 6 Make changes to, as the Constitution
 - 7 History
 - 8 Greek bread
 - 9 Vampire killer
 - 10 Relaxed sounds



- 11 Feature of older phones
- 12 Conditions of sale, sometimes
- 13 They lay eggs
- 18 Area
- 22 Doesn't leave
- 24 ___ the cows come home
- 26 Devoured
- 27 Writing on a certain subject
- 28 Irritating sound
- 29 Bird that's a symbol of love
- 30 Ladd and Alda
- 31 Times around the track
- 33 Parts of an English pound sterling
- 34 Came to a conclusion
- 36 Lake's little cousin
- 39 Police car roof feature
- 42 Ancient
- 44 Indy 500 vehicle
- 45 Big game
- 48 Skin growth
- 50 Presents
- 51 Mugged for the camera
- 52 Photos
- 53 Run ___ (go wild)
- 55 Enjoy the pool
- 56 Actress Garr or Hatcher
- 57 Holes
- 58 Arthur of tennis fame
- 59 RBI or ERA
- 61 Not many
- 63 "Bravo!"

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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Weather Whys

Q: You sometimes hear of contrails. What are they?

A: Contrails are what appear to be long lines of clouds high in the sky and they are formed from jet aircraft exhaust, explains Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Contrails are created when very cold air freezes the warm and humid engine exhaust," he says. "Air temperatures where contrails are formed are usually minus 40 degrees or colder. Contrails could be compared to exhaling in winter and seeing your breath because it's so cold. When water vapor from the exhaust hits the cold air, ice crystals develop and they produce a contrail."

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The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Public Health (OPH) launched the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry website on Wednesday, 18 June 2014. This registry is the first web-based registry developed by VA that will allow participants to enroll by completing an online questionnaire without requiring a visit to a medical center. Interested Veterans may participate in the registry by completing the online self-assessment questionnaire available at: veteran.mobilhealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry/. Additional information is at the War Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC) ebsite: www.warrelatedillness.va.gov. The online self-assessment of the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry is not a means to receive compensation for disability and is not a means to obtain medical care for time-sensitive health issues. If veterans are experiencing any urgent symptoms, such as difficulty breathing or chest pains, they are instructed to go to the nearest emergency room, call 911, or contact a primary care provider. Gulf War era Veterans are still eligible to register in the Gulf War Registry. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 365 3612.

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Building bridges, and the gun fight that took place in Wingate

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WINTERS- November 1, 1889 a Special Term of the Runnels County Commissioners' Court was called. The court met to examine the new roof for the jail. It appeared in all ways complete, so it was accepted. The court ordered the clerk to pay the \$1800, the complete payment.

The court met again the 11th day of November, 1889. Among business before the court was the decision to advertise in the Ballinger newspapers and Galveston News for four sealed bids, for building an iron bridge across Elm Creek near Ballinger; a bridge across Oak Creek in the western part of Runnels County at the crossing of the county road from Ballinger to Hayrick; and a bridge across Valley Creek. Also an iron and wood fence around the Court House square. Bids would be opened and awarded December 16, 1889 with the Commissioners' Court reserving the right to reject any and all bids submitted. During the same session, the court ordered Runnels County Judge Wm. A. Proctor map out and re-district the county to the best advantage and interest to the public. He could also employ a suitable person to assist in the task.

The Honorable Court met for the December Term of Court on the 16th day of the month. The court proceeded to investigate the ground to measure as would be necessary to enable the bidders. Eventually, the bid of Hall and Clappitt-Company of Springfield, Ohio was accepted to build the iron fence around the Court House. The fence would be 1,600 feet at \$1.70 per linear foot, to be

constructed as per respect to contract. The fence was to be constructed by April 1, 1890.

The Court examined the bids for the iron bridges across Elm Creek, Valley Creek and Oak Creek. The contract was awarded to Milwaukee Iron Bridge Company for a total of \$19,900. The Court also approved the making of curtains for the Court House at a cost of \$8.25.

The area of Wingate, in the northwestern part of Runnels County was initially settled by several pioneer families in the early 1890s. A school opened in 1891 with 16 pupils. The post office was established March 14, 1892. The community was named for a Ballinger attorney, W.J. Wingate. (The Handbook of Texas Online, TSHA.)

In the 1920s, there were 20 businesses including a bank, and two gins, (a gin is in operation today), a telephone system, a drugstore, grocery store and a beef market. It was during this period in time, several churches were erected.

A new school was constructed around the same time. In 1940, Wingate had an estimated population of 250. The population in 1990 was around 200. July 1, 1991, the Wingate Independent School District was annexed into Winters Independent school District. By 2000, approximately 132 residents were living in Wingate. The town never incorporated as a city. They have an active fire department that serves the surrounding community. (Runnels County A Look Back, RCHC 2010.)

The death of a resident prompted the purchase of land for a cemetery for the town. The lady's burial was

delayed until the land was purchased. The cemetery is located just south of the town. At the time, occupants of the second house south of the cemetery found mounds and relics where the Indians had camped.

Churches were organized early in Wingate. The Methodist Church was erected in 1901 and had four buildings through the years. The last church was the homemaking cottage bought from the Wingate School in 1965. Beginning in 1908 the Baptist worshipped in a white frame building. February 23, 1960, they dedicated a new red brick building. Wingate also had two churches of Christ, one remains active.

From the early 1870s to the current date, Runnels County has always placed education of the children in the fore front. Buildings were erected in settlements all over the county. Walking distance or travel by horse back and by buggy were the methods by which they could get to school. The buildings were also used as the town's church. Some of the communities' churches met, alternating in the school house with other churches on different Sundays each month.

The first bank was owned by a man from Abilene. The Security Bank was organized in 1917 as a private bank. The first building burned. A building was erected across the street in 1924. Two men bought and operated the bank, Duncan Hensley and Jno. Q. McAdams, as a private bank until a state charter was secured in 1958. The bank was purchased later by Bobby Airhart and operated in Wingate then closed and moved to

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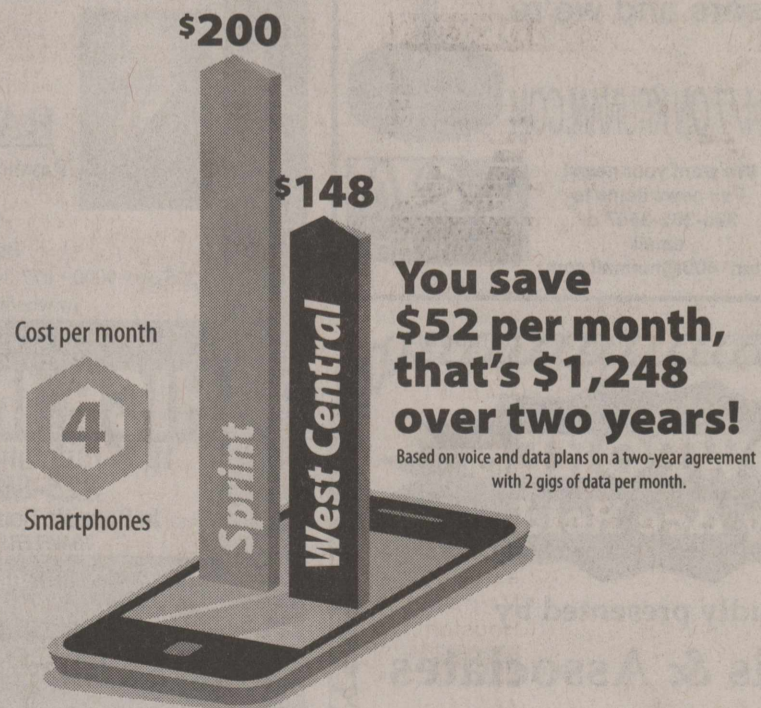
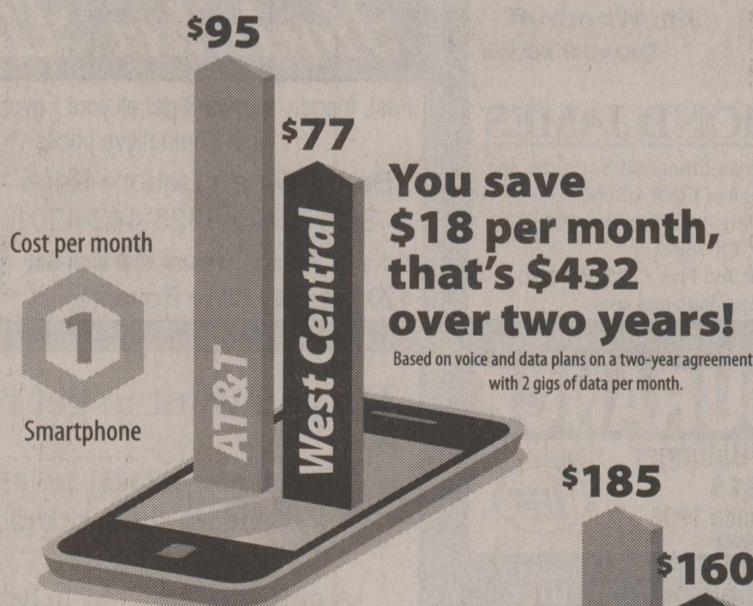
The bank and Dunn's store had the distinction of being the most often burglarized in the county. In one year, the Dunn Store was entered seven times. The biggest loss was always cigarettes and meat. With his wife's help, Dunn improvised a burglar alarm and the attempts after that proved unsuccessful. Two men were killed in a December 24, 1932 bank robbery. The robbers tried to escape after taking \$1,700. A court of inquiry was called and held at Wingate in connection with the gun battle waged there the previous week. The inquiry was a formality. One of the young men, age 24 was killed instantly and buried on Christmas Day. The younger man made two futile attempts after being shot once to get away by automobile. He was taken to a local house; then moved to a sanitarium in Ballinger, Texas where he died. The parents came for his body and buried their son in the cemetery in Olden in Eastland County. A reward had been established but the person(s) final shot was not determined for either of the men, only they died of shotgun wounds. The two had three guns between them, but failed to hit any of the citizens pursuing the two.

Resources:

Runnels County Historical Commission Histories
Runnels County Commissioners' Court Minutes, November 1889, December 1889
Runnels County Clerk's Records
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1	4385	The County of Runnels, Texas v Ferrell Dean Hamner et al	East part of Lot 55, Block 12, College Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 535, Page 167 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas), 509 East Pierce, Winters, Texas 79567-4518. Account #R000011930
2	4486	The County of Runnels, Texas v Lessie Marie Luna et al	Lots 2 & 3, Block 10, Guion Subdivision, City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 303, Page 697 (Contract Deed)). Account #R000022383
3	4489	The County of Runnels, Texas v Alejandro Ochoa et al	The North 67-1/2' of the East 1/2 of Lot 1, Block D, Murray East Addition, City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 107, Page 519). Account #R000012553
4	4489	The County of Runnels, Texas v Alejandro Ochoa et al	The East 112' of Lot 2, Block D, Murray East Addition, City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 107, Page 519). Account #R000012557
5	4499	The County of Runnels, Texas v Charles Lee Herdridge et al	Lot 8, Block 22, West End Addition to the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 203, Page 255). Account #R000014127
6	4511	The County of Runnels, Texas v Joe Lee Taylor et al	The East 30' of Lot 4 & all of Lot 5, Block 7, Southside Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 219, Page 545, Official Public Records). Account #R000012878
7	4520	The County of Runnels, Texas v K.L. Neal	Lot 1, Block 1, Gerlach Addition, City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 71, Page 631, Official Public Records). Account #R000012355
8	4528	The County of Runnels, Texas v C. L. Morris	The West 1/2 of Block 2, Original Townsite of the Town of Wingate, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 436, Page 532). Account #R000021173
9	4525	The County of Runnels, Texas v Mrs. Zeithor Ables et al	North 1/2 of Lot 3, Block 6, Boykin Addition, City of Miles, Runnels County (Volume 216, Page 420). Account #R000010734
10	4534	The County of Runnels, Texas v Rodney Holmstrom	Lot 10, Block 15, Original Townsite of the Town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 239, Page 246). Account #R000008853
11	4537	The County of Runnels, Texas v Amalia Escamilla	Lots 17 and 18, Block 5, Subdivision Quality Heights Addition, City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 190, Page 148, Official Public Records). Account #R000012680
12	4541	The County of Runnels, Texas v Elvira Longoria et al	Part of Lot 12, Block 6, College Heights, City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 253, Page 67, Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas). Account #R00001268
13	4556	The County of Runnels, Texas v Jimmy Dane Bishop	Part of Lots 8 & 9, Spill 3, City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 72, Page 259, Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas), Account #R000013072
14	4562	The County of Runnels, Texas v Darlene Ortiz et al	Lot 7, Block 6, Southside Addition, City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 336, Page 506, Official Public Records). Account #R000012869

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WINTERS- Benny Mayo, a 1953 WHS graduate will be reviving old glories on Friday, July 18, 2014 at the Coleman County Electric Co-op annual meeting in Winters, Texas, when he sings the same song that helped him win the first prize of the 1954 talent show sponsored by the cooperative.

In 1954, the Rural Electric Association in Texas asked each area to have a talent contest. The Coleman County Electric Cooperative sponsored the contest and Mayo was honored first place. The State of Texas committee selected four talent acts to represent them and Mayo once again was honored. He went to Austin and traveled by boat on Lake Austin to the event place for the contest finals.

Mayo claimed first place playing his guitar and singing Ray Price's "I'll Be There." His prize, a hi-fi record player.

Friday, July 18, 2014 Mayo will be singing the popular hit that took him to the highest place of the podium, this time at the Winters High School gymnasium.

The meeting is usually held in Coleman, but this year it will be held in Winters.

Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the business meeting starting at 7 p.m.

Along with the election of three directors, the members will be asked to vote on changing the articles of incorporation.

Tour across America touches Winters

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The 4K for Cancer Bike Across the Country Baltimore to San Diego bicycle tour touched base last Tuesday and Wednesday in Winters, Texas, enjoying the hospitality of the Chamber of Commerce and the Rock Hotel while raising funds for the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults.

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce received 27 riders who spent the night in houses provided through the chamber, and fed them at Lone Star Video and Dinner on Tuesday night. Wednesday morning the riders attended a breakfast provided by the Rock Hotel, before taking the road again en route to San Diego. The riders came to Winters from Brownwood and headed out to Sweetwater.

The 4K for Cancer is a



Riding 4,000 miles from Baltimore to San Diego, a group of bikers made a brief stop last Tuesday and Wednesday in Winters, Texas.

program of the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults, a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing lives by supporting, educating and connecting young adults, and their loved ones, affected by cancer.

In 2013, 127 4K for Cancer participants traveled across America and were able to raise nearly \$775,000 to support young adults affected by cancer.

This year the program is in their 13th edition of the 4K across the country.

The program is currently in their second year of the Baltimore to San Diego tour. Other routes include Baltimore to Portland, Baltimore to San Francisco, Baltimore to Seattle, and the running team from San Francisco to Baltimore.

Proposed Change in Articles of Incorporation

This year's Annual Meeting will be held at the Winters School Cafeteria and Gym on July 18th. Registration will begin at 5:30 pm with the Business Meeting starting on 7:00 pm. Along with the election of three directors, the members will be asked to vote on changing the Articles of Incorporation. The proposed change will allow the Board of Directors to be made up of "not more than nine Directors or less than seven." The idea of this change is to eventually reduce the board to seven Directors. The majority of electric cooperatives in Texas are governed by seven Directors. This reduction in Directors will help the cooperative to reduce overall expenses. When you receive the ballot for the Annual Meeting, you will find a place to vote For or Against this proposed change in the Articles of Incorporation. Your Board of Directors encourages you to vote for this change to help improve efficiency of your cooperative.

Below is the resolution that was adopted by the Board of Directors at the regular Board Meeting on March 25, 2014 -

CHANGE THE
NUMBER OF DIRECTORS TO SERVE ON THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
COLEMAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

At the Annual Meeting of the membership of Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc. held on July 18, 2014, and after having received prior notice by the membership as provided by Texas Business Organizations Code, the following resolution was proposed to the membership by the Board of Directors of the Cooperative proposing to change the number of members to serve on Board of Directors of the Cooperative as follows:

"The Board of Directors of the Cooperative is hereby authorized and directed to file an Amendment to the Cooperative's Articles of Incorporation with the Office of the Secretary of the State of Texas requesting a change in the number of the members to serve on the Board of Directors of the Cooperative from nine (9) members to not more than nine (9) members nor less than seven (7) members."

A quorum being present, the resolution was adopted upon presentation, seconding with a 2/3 majority vote of the membership present or voting by mail in the manner required by the Texas Business Organization Code and the governing documents of the Cooperative.

See Texas Business Organization Code Sub-Chapter B
Section 251.052 Notice
See Texas Utilities Code Sub-Chapter D Sections 161.151 & 161.152
Authority

I, **Helen Bragg**, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc., do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on the **25th** day of **March**, 2014 at which meeting a quorum was present and that the above portion of the minutes has not been modified or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Coleman county Electric Cooperative, Inc. this **25th** day of **March**, 2014.



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7:00 - 8:00 P.M.
Business Meeting

Adult and Kids Door Prizes

Plus attendance gifts for members and kids!

Come out and enjoy the homemade ice cream, cookies, punch and good fellowship!

