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Forgotten gun puts Darby in jail

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Texas Representative Drew Darby is trying to leave behind an incident occurring in Austin, Texas, after being arrested and booked into Travis County Jail for carrying a handgun in the secured area of the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

According to a statement by Darby he forgot to remove his gun from a carry-on bag before going through security for a morning flight on Thursday, November 14, 2013 when he was on his way to a water conference in California.

Federal and state laws prohibit a concealed handgun license carrier from taking a firearm into the secured area of an airport.

"First, I want to compliment security personnel and law enforcement. All procedures by airport security were followed with professionalism and courtesy, as were procedures by Travis County officials," said Darby in the statement.

"Our airport security laws are good laws with the important purpose of protecting the public. I regret my carelessness in preparing for the flight. I accept full responsibility for my failure to fully examine my luggage when packing," he added.

Darby said that he didn't seek or receive special treatment. "I will cooperate with everyone involved in this process to have it resolved in full compliance with all laws and regulations."

Darby is a licensed gun owner, and was carrying a small handgun that was found by Transportation Security Administration personnel in his carry-on luggage.

According to Gus Clemens, a spokesman for Darby, law enforcement officers had to follow procedures arresting Darby and booking him into Travis County Jail.

"Airport security found the gun, it is a federal offense and they seize the weapon, however in Texas, if you carry a gun (in an airport) it becomes a state criminal matter, and the law requires that the person is arrested and put in jail."

According to Clemens guns on passengers are frequently found in airports in the United States. Almost 900 cases have been reported in this year only. Thirty of those cases have been reported at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

Darby represents District 72 in the Texas Legislature which includes the counties of Runnels, Coke, Concho, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Reagan, Sterling and Tom Green.

Ironically, this year Darby co-authored H.B. No. 553 advocating for gun rights and relating to firearms and the preservation of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.



Sharing the joy of the season

Sunday, November 17 the Winters 4-H Club decorated a Christmas tree for the Rock Hotel exhibit and filled shoeboxes with gifts for Operation Christmas Child. National collection week for the shoeboxes is November 18-25. Pictured here are: Ethan Bredemeyer, Brooklyn Anderson, Sam Woodall, Kara Heathcott.

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Winter Wonderland

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The annual tree extravaganza Rock Hotel Winter Wonderland will be holding its grand opening on Monday, December 2, 2013. Churches, non-profits, individuals and businesses will be showing their originally decorated trees and enjoying the Christmas spirit at the Rock Hotel Museum.

This year's exhibit will be featuring new and traditional trees by organizations and individuals.

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.

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

Tree extravaganza

2013 Winter Wonderland schedule of events	
December 2 Grand Opening, Lutheran Choir	December 13 Kay Colburn
December 5 TEEA Texas Extension Education Agency Marianne Ray	December 14 Christmas parade. The Cowboy Church Band will perform directly after the parade at the Rock Hotel and following that will be the Crowning of the Sno-Queen, Sno-Princess and the Sno-Flake.
December 6 First United Methodist Church	December 19 North Runnels County Hospital Elaine Miller
December 7 Joyce Broadstreet and Friends	December 20 Blizzard Babe Red Hatters
December 12 REASON Animal Rescue	December 21 Grand Finale

Registrations open Dec. 2 for 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 Department 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.



Blizzard Football Sweetheart

Senior Lauren Bredemeyer was crowned Winters High School Football Sweetheart last Friday, November 8, at the game the Blizzards held against Forsan. Lauren is the daughter of Malcolm (WHS '77) and Sharen Bredemeyer. Lauren is active in Student Council and serves as treasurer of the National Honor Society. As a Lady Blizzard basketball player she has been named First Team All-District, First Team All-West Texas, and Second Team All-Big Country. She has also participated in softball, golf, UIL and was a member of the Pride of West Texas Blizzard Marching Band. In her spare time she enjoys playing basketball, hunting, fishing, shopping and spending time with family and friends.

PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Winners announced for the WHS Hunger Game Food Drive

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The winners of the Hunger Game Food Drive Competition are Corey Pritchard and Courtney Wyatt. The WHS Student Council food drive started two weeks ago. Students were asked to bring food items to nominate tributes to represent their class in The Hunger Games Food Drive competition. For one week nominations were accepted based on food items donated. Every item donated represented one vote for a tribute. Individuals with the

most items donated in their name would be the class tributes. Tributes were announced last Tuesday morning during the school breakfast time. At that time the tributes were given flag football belts to wear throughout the school day. Tributes tried to steal other tributes' flags. Once a tribute lost all of their flags they were eliminated from the game. Classes could keep their tributes in the game by bringing items to give their tributes extra flags. Every three items donated gave one flag to a tribute. As long

as tributes had flags they were in the game. The competition ended at lunch on Friday.

The competition started off slow, but as students got involved in the competition the donations took off. Thank you to all students and faculty of Winters High School for making the food drive a success! The food drive and competition was sponsored by the Winters High School Student Council.

The food drive donations will be given to our local Samaritan House.



Pictured are the tributes representing each grade level of Winters High School. From left to right: Seniors: Corey Pritchard and Courtney Wyatt. Juniors: Jake Brock and Vicki Madrid; Sophomores: Mikey Martinez and Magan Ballard; Freshmen: Efron Rodriguez and Grace Bryan.

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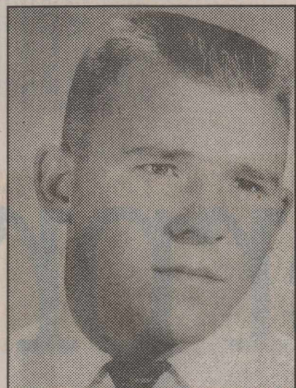
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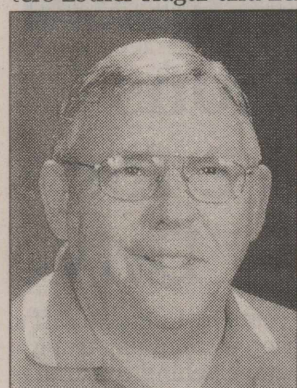
FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

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.

Winters Enterprise, November 28, 2013

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The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce would like to remind everyone to shop locally this holiday season. We would like to give special thanks to all the businesses that continued their support for the Chamber in 2013. Please read the list. These businesses have made an effort to support their local community.

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Hatler Insurance	North Runnels Hospital	Ripple Air
Walmart Ballinger	Senior Citizens Nursing	7-Eleven
Lone Star Video and Diner	Home	Winters Enterprise
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NEWS NOTES

Winters Public Library Christmas stories

Saturday December 7, 2013, 2 to 3:30 p.m. children are invited to hear Christmas stories, make decorations and decorate a children's Holiday tree at the Winters Public Library. Refreshments will be served. Come join the fun at your public library.

Immunization clinics

Texas Department of State Health Services will have two immunization clinics in Runnels County. Thursday, December 5 the clinic will be held 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108 Winters, Texas. For your convenience please use rear entrance (Grant Street).

The clinic in Ballinger, Texas will be 10 a.m. to 12 and 1:30 to 3 p.m., at 600 Strong (new address/same street), at the corner of Sixth Street and Strong Avenue.

Please bring child's immunization record. If child has Medicaid, please bring card. For more information, call (325) 754 4945. You may schedule an appointment, if no answer leave a message.

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 Elementary Honor Roll

Second Six Weeks 2013-2014	Marissa Inglet Hunter Jackson Marissa Jimenez Janie Lara Xavier Lujano Traegan Majalca Bryanna Martin Christopher Moreno Aven Ochoa Alexander Pena Jeremy Prater Jasmin Reyna Kaelin Roman Jayleigh Underwood Braiden Williams Luzion Woods	Payton Cortez Shelby Duggan Shelby Martinez Aislynn Nalley Cera Reyna Fabio Reyna Morgan Yanez	Alexus Grenwelge Alexus Hubach Kacie Lindley Makayla Luz Christopher Martinez Ciro Martinez Stephanie Montoya Olivia Nava Nicholas Ovalles Jacob Perez Carlos Reyna Adam Rocha Adrian Rocha Martin Rodriguez Charisma Rodriguez Amaya Sanchez Ishmael Sanchez Jesse Sanchez Xavier Speir Xavier Trevino Janel Vega Jose Vega Sommir Viduarri Payton Walker Damarious Woodruff	Kolton Briley Kira Collins Raven Collins David Hollis Hunter Lara Johnny Liggins Anthony Llanas Serenity Luera Krisol Reyna Maddox Rodriguez James Speir Wyatt Staggs Matthew Weaver	Isaiah Lara Michael Luna Marcos Moreno Dayvin Oats Chantel Reyna Millie Arely Rios Alyssara Rodriguez Blanca Sanchez McKenzie Ventress
First Grade "A"	Addison Anderson Weston Beuschel Baylie Bryant Sahaylee Curry Elijah Drake Erin Esquivel Kaelynn Hoelscher Guillermo Levario Atilla Lujano Bailey Martinez Dakota Morris Diego Rodriguez Raimey Walker	"A-B" Felicity Agüero Presley Cotter Skila Hagle	"A-B" Marisol Aguayo Malichi Alvarado Kyle Bullard Malachi Burlison Simon Castor Nicholas Cruz McKenzie Curry Jasmin Edwards Ernest Escobar Gabriel Espino Alejandro Garcia Calvin Gardner Abigail Glascock Jozlynn Gonzales	Fourth Grade "A" McCaelyn Beuschel Drake Bryant Jon Busher Destiny Chausse Charles Childress Connor Garcia James Killough Myra Ochoa	Fifth Grade "A" Kristina Correa Jayden Galvan Seth Gerhart Querstin Lara Logan Schneider Magan Tarr Avery Wheat Zachary Wheat
"A-B"	Mikaela Agüero Mercedes Aleman Aidan Bryant Rylee Calcote	"A-B" Cristina Aragon Teresa Cabrera Simon Camacho Cordell Carry Cannon Collins Anastasia Delacruz Rider Duggan Houston Esquivel Hayden Forder Monica Garcia Saleen Jalomo	"A-B" Joseph Escalona Kaitlyn Fuentes Jaron Garcia Christopher Gray Cleopatra Hunter Matt Jacob Evelyn King Natalie Lara Autumn McKellar Dayton Nava Madison Poe Hailey Renfro Arazeli Reyes Marc Sanchez Olivia Smith	"A-B"	

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Rebuilding the beef herd in Texas

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STAFF REPORT

WACO- A two-part session on Rebuilding the Beef Herd in Texas is one of several program highlights at the 52nd Blackland Income Growth Conference scheduled Feb. 4-5 at the Extraco Events Center in Waco. "The Blackland Income Growth Conference has a long history of providing the latest research information and production management practices for farmers

and ranchers throughout the region," said Ronald Woolley, conference coordinator and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service regional program director at Stephenville. This year's conference has several experts in each commodity session. The annual conference is sponsored by AgriLife Extension and the Waco Chamber of Commerce. FMI contact the AgriLife Extension agent in your county or call 254-968-4144.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Chamber of Commerce memberships

The Chamber of Commerce recently received a letter from an individual refusing to join for reasons that she listed. The Chamber would like to address her reasons in order to clear up some confusion. Her first complaint was that individual/family membership was not given recognition on the form other than what it cost to join. The first sentence on the membership form is "Your Winters Area Chamber of Commerce serves as the 'welcome mat' for your community, providing a wide assortment of important information to new businesses as well as households." The end of the first paragraph states "... to make Winters a better place to live." Both sentences point to family and individuals. There has been discussion lately to have two separate forms; one generalized that we have used up to this point and one focused more on family/individual membership. When the new group took over at the beginning of the year the only thing we changed on the original form was pricing plans. I don't know how long this particular form has been circulated. Her second complaint in her own words is "...When have we ever had to APPLY for membership?"

All people are welcomed and encouraged to join. The form (or application) is nothing more than an object that people fill out to join. As far as I know, all members have had to complete this form in the past. It's not new to this particular group. Her third complaint is that the Chamber does not value its members. We value each member whether they are individuals, non-profit, locally owned, or large corporations. We have made it a point to buy gift certificates from local businesses to hand out as prizes at Chamber Events (which benefits the businesses and the individuals). I have built a website <http://www.winterschamber.us> to help promote local events and to give recognition to people who have done good things for this community. We post the Business of the Quarter (along with a link when possible). This year's Christmas Pageant will offer a \$500.00 scholarship, a \$250.00 Scholarship (thanks to Lloyd Farris) and a \$100.00 scholarship (thanks to the Winters Lions Club). These things would not be possible without the support of the local businesses and individuals who are members. I have spent many hours working on the website and writing newspaper articles giving credit to individuals and to businesses.

Everyone who took over the Chamber at the beginning of 2013 had no idea what to do. We learned, we made mistakes and will continue to make mistakes, but our goal remains the same - to make Winters a better place not only for businesses but for all people. Each and every person is a valuable asset to this community. To deny the Chamber and this community a much needed resource simply because a form is not worded perfectly is a great loss to this group and to this community.

Randall Barnes,
Winters Area Chamber of Commerce Treasurer

A&M program aims to save wild quail

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- The Texas A&M University System and Texas A&M AgriLife are on a mission to address the state's dwindling wild quail populations, and a recent \$2 million state-funded initiative reflects the importance of quail to the state of Texas.

The biennial exceptional item slated for fiscal years 2014-2015 was funded by

the state legislature and became effective Sept. 1. The initiative will support integrated approaches by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, collaborating with Texas A&M AgriLife Research, to marshal the resources of the A&M System to address quail decline.

John Sharp, Chancellor for Texas A&M University said, "Based on our AgriLife Extension studies, every time a pickup

and dog-trailer pull into a West Texas community, they're worth about \$8,500 to the state's economy, with about 60 percent of those dollars going to local coffers."

According to a recent study by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, quail are ranked third behind deer and dove as the state's most popular game species in an industry that exceeds \$1.5 billion annually. AgriLife Extension

studies show about 65 percent of Texas hunters come from urban areas. So dwindling bird numbers not only threaten rural economies, but also reduce hunting opportunities for many urban residents.

"Reversing quail decline in Texas is built around both education and research focused on landscape improvements to increase quail populations and investigations."

Veteran's Corner

Although the government shutdown is temporarily over and the debt ceiling deadline has been extended until February 7, 2014, sequestration cuts for the Department of Defense (mandated by the Budget Control Act of 2011) will continue to be implemented for 10 years unless alternative savings are found or Congress repeals the law. The agreement to end the government shutdown does not provide any additional flexibility for Defense regarding the \$52 billion in cuts slated for the second round of sequestration that will occur January 15, 2014. These scheduled cuts are creating pressure to offset sequestration reductions, including those related to personnel - smaller active duty/

Reserve pay increases, increasing TRICARE fees for retirees under age 65, reducing stateside housing allowances (BAH) and reducing future Cost of Living Adjustment increases for retirees. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm, or call 365-3612.

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Dec. 2 - 6

Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

- Monday**
Breakfast Taco or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Tuesday**
Pancake/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Wednesday**
Breakfast Burrito/Salsa or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Thursday**
Sausage Roll or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Friday**
Muffin or Cereal Toast w/Jelly, Choice of Milk.

Winters ISD Lunch Menu

- Monday**
Chef Salad (H.S. only) Sloppy Joe or Chicken Nuggets/Bread Stick (H.S.), Mac & Cheese, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Pear, Choice of Milk.
- Tuesday**
Chef Salad or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich or Steak Fingers/Gravy/Bread Stick, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Apple Juice (H.S. only) Choice of Milk.
- Wednesday**
Chef Salad or Nachos or Soft Tacos, Spanish Rice/Coleslaw, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Orange, Apple Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Thursday**
Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak, Bread Stick (Elem., J.H.)/Hot Roll (H.S. only), or Chicken Tenders/Bread Stick, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli Salad, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Peaches, Choice of Milk.
- Friday**
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Chicken Bites/Bread Stick, Black Eyed Peas, Oven Fries, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Apple Juice (H.S. only), Choice of Milk.

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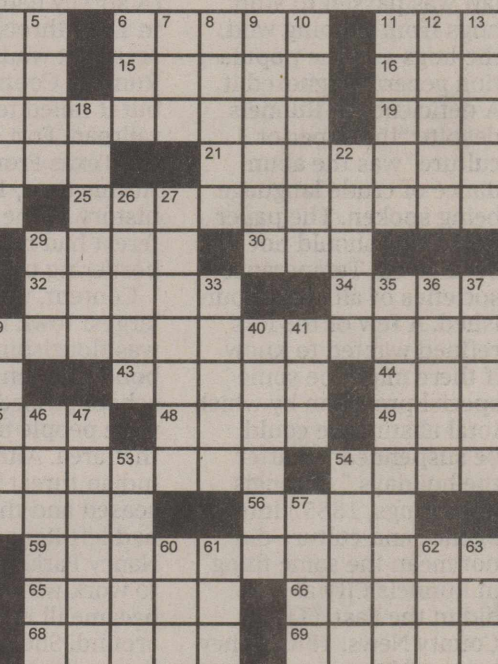
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1. Walk in the Wild West
6. Cleanup crew
11. "Great Expectations" hero
14. Aegean Sea island
15. Mr. Murphy
16. 873,254 self-divided
17. Without prior inspection
19. "Great job, Pablo!"
20. Picnic problem
21. Desk item
23. See 4-down
25. Cola wars "battles"
28. Scary-looking lady
29. Guthrie of folk
30. Debtor's ink color, traditionally
31. Financial planner's recommendation
32. African nation whose capital is Khartoum
34. Grate harshly
38. Parting words
42. Notion
43. Engages in rabble-rousing
44. Chorus syllable
45. Dance style
48. "What ___ is new?"
49. "For ___ a jolly..."
50. Phrase of suspicion
54. Boxer Riddick
55. 1982 Masters winner Craig
56. Eye askance
58. Bagel go-with
59. Right of the accused
64. Blow away

Down

5. Actor Davis of "Do the Right Thing"
66. Do the lace over
67. Club ___
68. Frail
69. Washington Post section
1. Hosts
2. "It must be him, ___ shall die" (song lyric)
3. Separate
4. With 23-across, co-director of "True Grit"
5. Himalayan beast of legend
6. Fellas
7. Word with want
8. Cato's clarification



9. One who wins by losing
10. House with 100 people in it
11. Diving places
12. Sea offshoot
13. Jury members
18. Like many rumors
22. Film director Almodóvar
23. Texas treat
24. Put the rowboat in motion
26. Tree of the birch family
27. More sudsy
29. Pop the question
33. ___ Wafers
35. Say-so
36. Tool box object
37. What a teen may go through
39. Satisfied
40. Get cozy
41. Mao ___-tung
46. Totally behind.
47. Beggar's cry
50. It was founded in the year 622
51. Harriet Beecher ___
52. Overused the credit card, with "out"
53. Come up
54. Basque cap
57. Eustachian tube homes
60. Free (of)
61. "___ Jude"
62. Nada
63. "Holy Toledo!"

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Weather Whys

Q: What exactly is acid rain?

A: Acid rain is rain that contains pollutants, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The term has been around a long time, having been coined by an English scientist in 1872," he reports. "Even then, scientists believed acid rain could lead to a natural destruction of many of Earth's resources, which many still believe today. Much of the acid rain today comes from products of burning coal or other fuels and from industrial sources. If there is a significant concentration of these products, chemical reactions with water molecules will lead to acid rain."

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Railroad becomes the dream of every small town

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WINTERS- By 1885, prosperity had returned, spirits were revived and immigration had resumed. Runnels County had a population of 4,000 and an assessed valuation of \$1,995,126. The population of the county seat was 400. The Commissioners' Court had voted to increase the county officials' wages and businessmen displayed smiles again. The Editor of The Runnels Record, January 10, 1885 resumed his long list of descriptions to entice more people to Runnels. Although the law was passed to stop hogs from running wild, the hogs and the population generally ignored it. A deficiency in Runnels despite "the superior culture" was the abundance of crude language being spoken. The paper noted this should not be allowed. Temperance societies of all sorts flourished. A few of the less refined wanted to know if there might be some special provision by which total abstinence could be suspended "til after the holidays." (Runnels Rumorings, 1885.) Intelligence and culture did not mean the same thing in Runnels City as they did in the East. (Taylor County News, 1885.) They believed "the young man who knows how to lay off corn rows is worth a cow-pen full of nice, kid-gloved, fancy coated fellows who may know how to dance and caper in a fashionable waltz". Knowledge of how to

set a plow correctly was worth a "thousand-fold" more than knowing how to pose in a parlor or adjust the shade of a cravat to the complexion of the wearer." Such niceties had little place in the lives of Runnels people.

When J.W. Winters wrote his glowing description of Runnels City in 1883, "railroad had already become the magic word. Aside from a few stage coach robberies, railroad had become the topic of discussion on all sides. The railroad had become the dream of every small town becoming established in the new county. (A survey had been made in 1853 through the area that would become Runnels County in 1880, but it failed to produce a railroad. Fort Concho and the Texas Frontier, Haley). At this time, 1885, in the history of the county, interest had reached a peak bordering on hysteria.

Content, the second largest town in the county was flourishing. Their bond election for the school passed, and there were people moving into that area. Although the Indian threat had nearly ceased and the Rangers had left Ranger Peak, Nancy Parker continued to work with those who became ill in the area all around. She continued to live in the log cabin the Rangers helped to build. She had mended their clothes and assisted when they became ill. She made the dress for Cynthia Parker when the Rangers brought her back after she was captured by the Indi-

ans. She would walk miles and miles over the rugged land to find the plants she needed and then prepare her teas in a large cast iron pot over an open fire. From her Mother, Nancy had learned to identify the medicinal plants and applied her knowledge with those growing all around in the area. She used the leaves of some and roots of others for the brews. The pokeweed leaves when boiled served as a green vegetable much like spinach and it was called "poke salet." The liquid from the leaves soothed skin irritations and rashes. The tea made from the redroot weed aided in stopping diarrhea, as did inner bark from the live oak tree. The coarse outer bark was removed giving access to the tender inner bark used for making tea. The hoar sugar weed, steeped, sugar added, boiled and strained made syrup to ease coughing, and when boiled long enough, it became candy. The potent tea made from the balmoney, a slender green plant, given in half cup doses usually caused the patient to remain in bed for a couple of days or so because of weakness.

Nancy knew these weeds and used them effectively with her patients. One of Nancy's patients was an 8-year-old boy with a severe throat infection that the doctor had failed to cure. The parents called for her to come when the doctor said he could do no more. She came with her poultices and teas. She stayed with

the boy, treating him for long hours, until his high fever broke, and she knew healing had taken place. She went as far as Brownwood, Texas to help when she was called. The Runnels County Commissioner's Court met in a Special Term March 9, A. D. 1885, at the Courthouse in Runnels. The officers present were the Judge C.H. Willingham, Commissioners: Job Davies, H.C. Wylie, Marvin Bright, Deputy Sheriff, H. C. Jordan and W.L. Towner, County Clerk. The court's first order was to have a meeting with the County Surveyor of Coleman set for April 8, A. D. 1885. The purpose was to meet in the NE area of Runnels County and the NW corner of Coleman County to establish the East line of Runnels County. This was pursuant of a notice from the Commissioner's Court of Coleman, County Texas, February 14, A. D., 1885. The request was to place a prominent stone on each mile and mark it R.C. The court requested a report of expenses, maps and a plat of the line.

Twenty-nine citizens of Runnels School District No. 1, petitioned for holding an election for the purpose of taxing themselves for building a school house and supplementing the State School Fund apportioned to that district. The court's response was to approve and set the election to be held on the second Saturday in April, the 11th day at the Courthouse in the Town of Runnels between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4

p.m. The tax would be for "20 cents on one-hundred dollars' worth of property." The order went out to post a notice for three weeks prior to the election.

The court also examined the petition from the Jail Contractors to receive the Jail in Runnels. The Commissioners' Court refused to receive the jail in the condition it was in at that time for the reasons listed: 1. The nails holding a plate in the ceiling of the cell room were not clenched as specified in the Contract. 2. The cap requires one more coat of paint. 3. The trap in town is not completed. 4. The tin on the wall was not soldered. 5. Two panels of glass were required in town. 6. Fixing pump in cistern and obtaining required length of pipe. 7. Roofing portico with tin. 8. A cap of rock on cistern was needed. 9. Wood work requires another coat of paint. 10. Sweeping and cleaning out the inside of jail. 11. Gathering up and carrying away all loose rock and debris on inside of jail. 12. Grating to windows wanted on second story in town. The court then released funds totaling \$715 for the purpose of meeting the interest accruing on the jail bonds. They paid each officer their wage and adjourned.

Other Resources:
Runnels County Historical Commission Histories
Runnels County Commissioners' Court Minutes, March 9, A. D. 1885.
Runnels County Clerk Records:

Farm Bill update to be held Dec. 5 in Abilene

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

ABILENE- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will hold a Farm Bill Update from 9 a.m.-noon Dec. 5 at the AgriLife Extension office in Taylor County, 1982 Lytle Way.

The update, which is free and open to the public, is being held in conjunction with the regular monthly meeting of the Taylor County Marketing Club, said Robert Pritz, AgriLife Extension agent in Taylor County.

"Dr. Joe Outlaw, co-director for the Agriculture and Food Policy Center and an AgriLife Extension economist at College Station, will discuss what is taking shape as a result of the House-Senate conference committee meetings," Pritz said.

"While they haven't reached a full agreement yet, there is more agreement than disagreement at this point," Outlaw said.

Other speakers are Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension state grain marketing specialist at College Station and William Thompson, AgriLife Extension economist at San Angelo. Welch will be discussing the differences in crop insurance coverage between yield protection and revenue protection policies, and how both policy types use the futures market to determine coverage levels.

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STAFF REPORT

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When something like this is put on, you need all the help you can get. Our thanks to Chief Randall Davis for bringing in Aaron "A.J." Smith, Mason Johnson, Brandon Reyna and Mikey Martinez, who did an outstanding job taking the money for the cards and making everyone feel welcome. Nathaniel Reyes was in charge of the drinks and desserts and did a great job. These young men do community service work, when their schedules allow, which credits them toward scholarships for college. Justice of the Peace Richard Hamilton



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Aaron "A.J." Smith, Brandon Reyna, Mason Johnson and Mikey Martinez did an outstanding job volunteering their time for the fundraiser.

did a good as the Bingo caller. Marianne Ray, Joyce Carbery and Joyce Broadstreet presented the prizes.

Wanda Brewer, Ruth Cooper, Elaine Miller and Dawn Bryan were in charge of the kitchen. The Board and Advisory Board members supplied the prizes. We appreciate

John Long helping with the tables. We thank everyone who attended and hope they had a good time.

All the money taken in will help with the repairs to the roof at the hotel and the Blue Gap Post Office, which is being reassembled next to the Winters Library.

Again thanks a million for supporting the Rock Hotel and Z.I. Hale Museum. You are invited to our Grand Opening at the hotel for the Christmas Trees, "Winter Wonderland." The Lutheran choir will be performing. Doors will be open 5 p.m till 8 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2013.

Rangel's Restaurant gets vandalized

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WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS— Rangel's Restaurant in Winters, Texas was vandalized Sunday night after unknown subjects broke in and caused extensive damages destroying furniture, dishes, refrigerators, windows and TV sets. The incident is escalating a recent burglary, when the burglars took the meat from the fridge. Sunday, November 24, 2013 the restaurant was found vandalized by owner Eva de la Rosa. The administration is offering a reward for information conducting to the arrest of any individuals involved in this incident. For information you can call Eva de la Rosa at 325 450 5673.

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Runnels County Jail Record, November 25		
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