

Fritz Armbrecht, accompanied by his friend August Spill, Sr., was reportedly the first Lutheran to arrive in this area. The men came from Comal County in the 1880s.

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Rock Hotel to host art exhibit

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Come enjoy the art exhibit by local artists, plus the Christmas trees decorated by various clubs, businesses, organizations and individuals November 24 at the Rock Hotel. New additions to our trees this year are the "Homer and Floy Hodges tree" featuring ornaments from their travels around the world. This tree is decorated by Betty Hood in honor of her aunt and uncle. Sharon



Maurine Davis, will exhibit her art along with paintings by her late husband, LaDell Davis.

Staires, owner of the "Upstairs/Downstairs Bed and Breakfast" in Ballinger will also feature a tree.

The West Dale Groceries' tree honors the cancer survivors as well as the memory of ones that have past away. Polished Nails, a new business in Winters, will enter a tree of unique design. These and

many more things will be featured. The hotel will be a festive place to share with your friends the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

One of the artists, Maurine Davis, will exhibit her art along with paintings by her late husband, LaDell Davis. Maurine and LaDell are native to Winters and both started painting while in grade school and continued throughout their lives. Maurine said painting makes her happy, relaxed and is an enjoyable pastime. She fondly remembers her art teacher, Mrs. Jones, from many years ago. Some of you may remember her also.

Another featured artist, Dorothy Dankworth, a native of Ballinger, started painting at an early age. Her unique style has evolved through the years through her interpretation of light, color, and perspective. After experimenting with several art forms, including china painting and lost wax jewelry design, Dorothy discovered her love for watercolor. The complexities of this medium have presented a constant and exciting challenge which keeps her style fresh and new. Her art always has a strong basis in design and realism.

Dorothy has exhibited many places and received awards for Best of Show, Artist of the Year, Purchase Awards and many others. Her Still Life's will be featured at the Rock Hotel.

Another artist of renown is Susan Mansell, a fourth generation Texan. While in college, she studied art at Southwest Texas and Angelo State University. In the mid 90s Susan took up watercolor painting with an emphasis on transparent watercolor. She is now working in the medium of oils as well as working on the construction of art books and bindings.

Susan has shown in numerous national and regional shows, and from 2000-2009 won more than 30 awards for her art. She is a past-president of the Creative Arts Club in Abilene, and an associate member of the American Watercolor Society, and many more art related organizations.

Susan is married to Chauncy Mansell and they share in many artistic endeavors together as well as art related works with their children.

The Rock Hotel is proud to exhibit these fine artists paintings for your viewing Saturday, November 24 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Rock Hotel on West Dale in Winters. Looking forward to seeing you and hope that you will also join us for lunch between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.



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Veterans, Cub Scouts Pack 249 and the Marine Corps color guard in a joint salute to the flag and to America's heroes at the Veterans' Day celebration last Monday, November 12.

Remembering and honoring America's heroes

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
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WINTERS- The Winters Independent School District hosted Monday, November 12, 2012 the Veteran's Day Program at the Special Events Center, in order to recognize veterans for their service and pay tribute to fallen warriors.

The ceremony started early, with the traditional pancake breakfast cooked and served by the Winters ISD Board of Trustees to area veterans.

Attending veterans were escorted

by the Winters Cub Scout Pack 249, which also sang Stars and Stripes Forever.

The program at the Gymnasium included the color guard by the Marine Corps, and patriotic songs led by the Winters Elementary Select Choir, under the direction of Fran Kidwell, and by the Winters High School band, under the direction of Phil and Karen Mooney.

Master of ceremonies Winters ISD Superintendent Don Kuempel, Jr. presented the First Annual Patriotic Award. The award was

presented to long time Patriotic Pen contest sponsor and VFW Post 9193 Ladies Auxiliary member Mary Kurtz.

The plaque was presented to Mrs. Kurtz's husband, R.C. Kurtz, since she was unable to attend due to health issues.

Band members wore shirts honoring every branch of the armed forces, and after singing the Battle Hymn, God Bless America, and Taps, everyone left in silence, remembering and honoring the America's heroes.



World War II heroes. C.R. Dean, retired Army Air Force member, H.M. "Jiggs" Nichols, Army Air Force member, and Keith Thomason, retired Navy member.



Winters ISD Superintendent Don Kuempel, Jr. presents the First Annual Patriotic Award to R.C. Kurtz. The plaque was awarded to Mary Kurtz who was unable to attend.

Winters season finishes early at Forsan

The Winters Blizzards fell 24-0 to Forsan in the last game of the season, last Friday, November 9, 2012. The Blizzards season came to an early end in the District 4-1A Division I high school football.

The Blizzards finished the season with an overall record of 2-8, and 1-3 in district games. District champion Stamford (4-0) will get a week bye, while Anson (3-1) will be facing Windthorst at Panther Stadium, in Seymour, in the Bi-District round of the playoffs. Pictured here is Jr Espino hanging on to Forsan runner while Kolton Alexander comes to help.

PHOTO: JOE GERHART



Winters 4-H holds business meeting

The Winters 4-H Club met on Tuesday, November 6 at the Show Barn in Winters. The business meeting was conducted by 4-H President Kara Heathcott. Club Manager Bill Bredemeyer told the members about their bulletin board project. A hot dog meal after the meeting was furnished by the Killough and Busher families. The next 4-H meeting will be on Tuesday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Show Barn. Pictured is Club Manager Bill Bredemeyer explaining the bulletin board project to the 4-H members.

SUBMITTED BY SETH GERHART, CLUB REPORTER

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Paul J. Jones

Paul J. Jones, 64, passed away Sunday, November 11, 2012, in Abilene, after a courageous battle with ALS.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at Westgate Church of Christ, 402 South Pioneer Drive, Abilene, with Rodney Ashlock and Steve Templeton officiating. Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery, Winters, Texas, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory, Abilene. The family will receive friends at a visitation 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Paul was born December 10, 1947 to James J. Jones and Margie Bateman Jones in Brownwood, Texas.

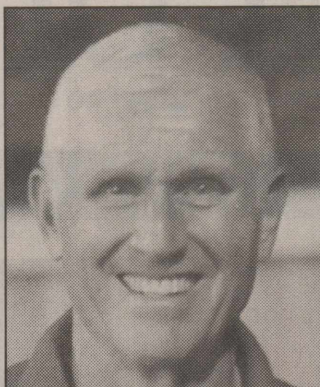
He married Linda and to this union, they had a son and a daughter. Paul was employed as an independent insurance agent. He enjoyed spending family vacations at the lake. Paul loved to attend his grandkids' sporting events. He was very talented in wood-working. Paul had a lot of fun working with his dog, Lee. He was always willing to help others. Paul was a member of Westgate Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Jones of Abilene; a son, Steve Jones and wife, Kristi, of Graham; a daughter, Sherry Gumm and husband, Eric, of Abilene; two brothers, Tommy Jones of Lubbock, Texas and Leroy Jones of Austin, Texas; a sister, Floretta Stirman of San Antonio, Texas; and five grandchildren, Joel Jones, Claire Jones, Lauren Gumm, John Paul Gumm, and Emily Gumm.

Memorials may be sent to Hendrick Hospice, 1682 Hickory Street, Abilene, Texas 79601.

You may view and sign the guestbook at <http://www.elliottthamilfuneralhome.com>



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Eva Elnora Green

Eva Elnora Green, born August 28, 1921, entered rest on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at the age of 91. Eva was preceded in death by her husband, Eddie E. Green and her daughter, Martha A. Green. She is survived by her sons, Ronnie, Lannie, John, Don and Tom. Also left to cherish her memory are her beloved grandchildren, great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at Sunset Funeral Home, 1701 Austin Highway, San Antonio, TX 78218. Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 12 p.m. at Sunset Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. You are invited to offer condolences at <http://www.sunsetfuneralhomesa.com>



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Jon K. McNeill

Jon K. McNeill, 85, of Wingate died November 11, 2012. He was born December 22, 1926 in Norton and grew up in the Norton and Wilmeth communities. He was in the United States Army during World War II serving in Japan. He married LaVoy King on June 2, 1948 in Winters. They lived in Wilmeth and Wingate. He was a farmer and a member of the Wingate Baptist Church.

He is survived by five children: Judy Scott and husband Sam of Wingate, Jan Oden and husband Joe Dan of Albany, Flent McNeill of Abilene, Kent McNeill and wife Cheryl of College Station and Jill McClellan and husband Les of Abilene. Eighteen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons: Dick and Zane.

Graveside service was Tuesday, November 13, 2012 in the Crews cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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Anita Sowders

Anita Ruth Cave Sowders, 79, died November 11, 2012. She was born September 7, 1933 in Wingate and grew up there and graduated from Winters High School. She was married to Bill Hamilton and later to Alvin Sowders. He preceded her in death in 1991.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday November 14, 2012 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Blackwell cemetery.

The family received friends at Winters Funeral Home on Tuesday November 13, 2012.

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Patsy Gray

Patsy Lois Gray, 65, of Winters, Texas passed away Thursday, November 8, 2012 at Ballinger Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born November 10, 1946 in Coleman County, Texas to Adolph and Minnie Ann (Brown) Phillips. Patsy and Bob Gray were married August 10, 1962 in Ballinger. She was a homemaker — a very busy one, who raised a family of nine children. After the children were grown, she worked at Buddy's Plant Plus for almost 20 years.

A graveside service was held Sunday, November 11 at Glen Cove Cemetery with Mike Riley officiating. Patsy's sons served as pallbearers.

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Alvin Doyle (Dick) Williams

Alvin Doyle (Dick) Williams died October 25, 2012, at the Winters Nursing Home. He was 89 years old. Doyle — or Dick, as he was known to many — was born September 6, 1923, on a farm, due north of Winters. He was the fourth and youngest son of Charles Wesley Williams and Mattie Adella (Lett) Williams. Doyle only recently returned to his birthplace to live out the remainder of his life, saying he wanted to be close to home. Dick always liked what another good Texan, Sam Rayburn, said, "Home is a place where people know it when you're sick, and where they care when you die." And indeed, West Texas continues to be is that sort of place.

Dick was only 10 years old when his father died. As the only child still at home, he stepped up to become the "man of the house," helping his mother with the Winters farm. They left Runnels County to move to Zephyr and Hamilton, continuing to farm. As his mother's health declined, they lived in Cleburne and finally Fort Worth, where he worked as a janitor to support the family.

After his mother's death in 1978, Doyle lived in New Mexico and Austin. As his own health declined, he relocated to Pilot Point, Texas, to be near his nephew, Durward Williams, his last male relative. When his nephew died in 2006, he chose to move to Abilene and then finally to Winters — his home.

Dick was known all his life for his bright red hair, his sense of humor, and his love for his family and his devotion to his mother. Though his education was limited by the times and circumstances, he enjoyed following politics and the news, and read the daily paper throughout his life. His mind was sharp until the end and he had a great memory for dates and events from his life.

Dick's razor-sharp memory made for eye-opening stories, including the one about an encounter with "outer space men" when he was working the all-night shift at a K-Mart in Burleson in the 1970s.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents Charlie and Mattie, and he has been laid to rest by them in the Northview Cemetery in Winters, Texas. He was also preceded by his older brothers Gladys Calvin, Andrew Lee Williams, and Rufus Pitt "Ted." He is survived by three nieces: Nancy Ruzinski of Abilene, Nidra Bailey of Los Angeles, and Leta Ellis of Austin, and two cousins: Edna England and Vera Lee Sneed of Winters.

His great-niece Janice Williams Hays would like to thank the caretakers of the Winters Nursing Home and the North Runnels Hospital for their care, attention, and communication, and the good people of Abilene Hospice who were with "Uncle Dick" in his final days.

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NEWS NOTES

Jr High and High School art exhibit

The Winters Public Library will be hosting an art exhibit for any junior high or high school artist. This will give students the opportunity to create art and exhibit in a professional setting for the community. All junior high or high school students interested in exhibiting their work please stop by the Winters Public Library or see Mandie England at the High School for more information. All exhibits must be

submitted no later than 5:30 p.m. on November 29. First viewing will be open to the public on December 1 at 120 N Main Street. You may also send emails to winters-spl@netscape.net

Bingo at the Winters Activity Center

Bingo will be after the noon meal, Tuesday, November 20, at the Winters Activity Center, 601 Wood St. Bingo is sponsored by Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation. Hope to see some new faces. Come enjoy a good meal and fellowship and win some great prizes.

Christmas for Kids looking for donations

The Children Advocacy Center's "Christmas for Kids" program is in need of sponsors for 16 children from Runnels County and seven children from Concho County. These children have either been removed from their homes due to documented child abuse or have been removed in order for early intervention services to be provided to them and their parent or guardian.

You can sponsor a child by obtaining their "Wish List" and purchasing the items or by making a monetary donation which will be used to purchase the items. Depending upon the age of the child, the total cost per child is \$50-80. To make a monetary donation, please note "RUNNELS/CONCHO" on your check and send it to: Monica Elrod, Community Resource Director, Children's Advocacy Center, P. O. Box 5195, San Angelo, TX 76902. To obtain a child's "Wish List", please contact Laura Malory, 365-1772.

Pray Until Something Happens

Every first Friday of the month the First United Methodist Church will be having PUSH "Pray Until Something Happens" everyone is invited to come and pray from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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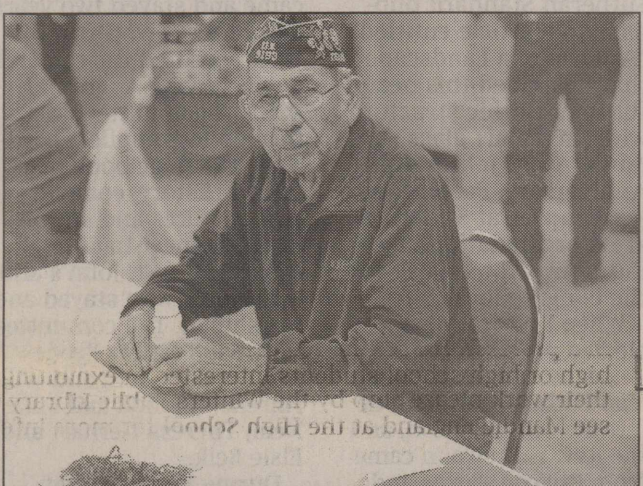
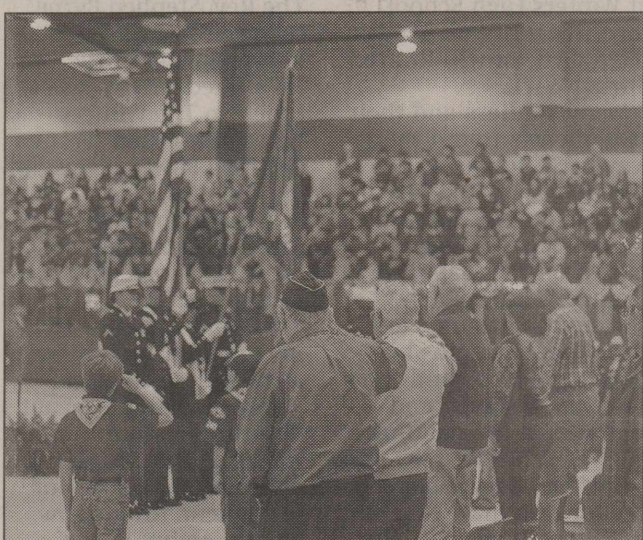
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WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Runnels County Historical Commission was featured in a Statewide Preservation Plan website, presented by the Texas Historical Commission.

Each day in November the Statewide Preservation Plan website will provide new information about County Historical Commission accomplishments. A project from the Runnels County Historical Commission

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Winters Haunted House a huge success

"Nightmare on Main Street" Haunted House in downtown Winters, proved to be a huge success. REASON Animal Rescue wishes to extend a hearty Thank You to all of the attendees, the Winters Area Business Community and Participants for a very "spirited" Halloween event.

On Saturday, October 27 and Wednesday, October 31 the Haunted House mysteriously appeared at 128 S. Main Street in downtown Winters. Many "strong of heart" folks came to make an appearance during this apparition helping to make this second annual event one to truly remember. Moment after moment, attendees experienced the scary thrills and surprises which progressed throughout the halls of horror.

The Second Annual Haunted House was conjured up to benefit REASON Animal Rescue, Inc. of the Runnels County area. As REASON's conjuring ability grows, spells are already in the works towards the third Annual Haunted House. No telling what new chills will spring forth for the "brave of heart" to find next year. You will just have to come and see. We are sure to have a Boo...tiful time again next year!!

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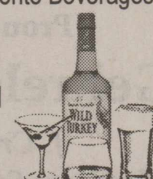
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Each selected project will be featured as a slider link on the site's main page for three additional days, and then remain as a Statewide Plan success story that can be accessed by the public at any time

for reference and for inspiration.

The Runnels County Historical Commission's project, entitled "Partners to Identify Historic Schools," is a partnership with the Winters ISD. Early in 2011, the commission was contacted by the Winters ISD about preservation of their earliest school records, dating back to 1914 and going to 1971. Later records had been preserved in another way.

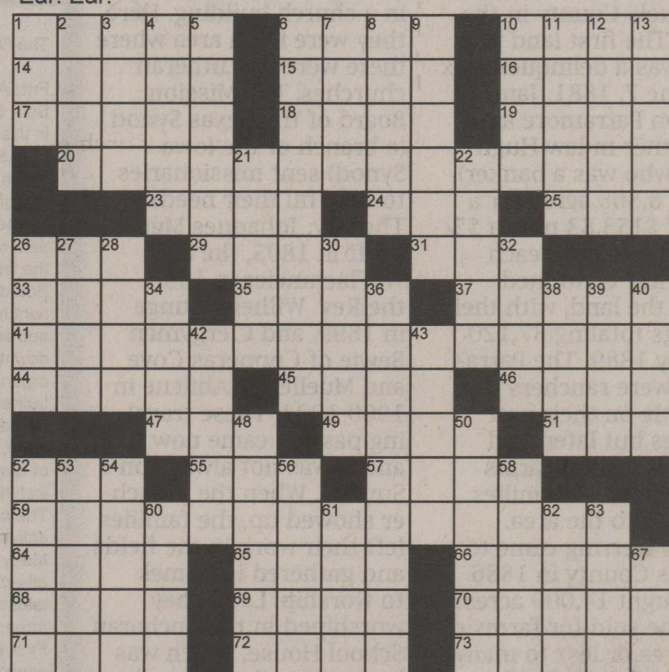
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recommended to get the records digitized, which the board unanimously voted to do.

To date, the Runnels County Historical Commission has identified 102 schools that existed at some point in time in Runnels County. The commission is also working to get pictures of each school. The Winters ISD, the WTC, some local residents, and the Runnels CHC have all been involved in the work on this very interesting project.

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Weather Whys

Q: What specific areas of water are warmer?

A: The Atlantic Ocean, says John Nielsen-Gammon, professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M University who also serves as State Climatologist, is scientifically proven to be warmer than normal. "Large areas of the Atlantic are at least one degree warmer than in years past, and this goes back to 1995," he points out. "So we have had a decade of warmer water there, and that's where hurricanes form. The long-range outlook tells us that this warming trend could continue another 5 to 20 years. Since warmer water means stronger storms and hurricanes, it could mean stronger storms in the future. Back in 2005, there were three hurricanes that reached category 5 status — the strongest level — but it remains to be seen if that will happen in the years to come."

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HISTORICAL MARKERS AND THEIR HISTORIES IN RUNNELS COUNTY

Arrival and development of the Lutheran Church in Winters

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WINTERS- Lutheran families started coming to Runnels County in the 1880s. The first land purchase was a delinquent tax sale June 7, 1881. James Harrison Parramore and his brother-in-law Hugh Lewis (who was a banker) bought 8,565 acres for a total of \$153.83 plus a \$5 fee for writing up each deed. They continued buying the land, with their holdings totaling 37,120 acres by 1889. The Parramores were ranchers and ran cattle on their vast holdings but later sold acres of land for farms to the Lutheran families moving into the area. Andrew Herring came to Runnels County in 1886 and bought 14,000 acres which he sold for farms of 640 acres or less to many of the Lutheran families. To turn this prairie grass-land into fertile farms took courage, a dynamic spirit and great physical effort on the part of the pioneers. This all begin to change the entire landscape, the community and the people.

Fritz Armbrecht and his friend August Spill, Sr. were the first Lutherans to come to the area. They rode by horseback from Comal County to buy land before moving their families to this new area. Mr. Armbrecht bought 320 acres where Winters is presently located (north and west of Dale Street. Mr. Spill bought the land south. They moved their families to Runnels County in January in 1890. By 1892, Fritz Armbrecht had sold 100 acres of his holdings to the City of Winters, which extended to the western edge of town then to the present First Baptist Church. When the baby of a Vancil family died, the town realized that it needed a cemetery. They approached Mr. Armbrecht, and he donated four acres, reserving one-half-acre for his family. The Armbrecht's daughter was the third grave in this new cemetery. Marie (Mary) Armbrecht died October 17, 1892 at the age of 18 from typhus fever. This cemetery would be named Northview. The landscape was changing fast as these pioneers of German heritage came to Runnels County, turning the prairie into fertile farms and home sites.

The community around the Winters area was changing too. More and more families were moving into the area. They

brought in a new culture and a new language. These Lutherans were accustomed to worshipping God in a church building. Here they were in an area where there were no Lutheran churches. The Mission Board of the Texas Synod (a branch of the Iowa Synod) sent missionaries to help fill their needs: The Rev. Johannes Mgebroff in 1895, the Rev. W. Flachmeier in 1898, the Rev. Wilhelm Bunge in 1899, and Clergymen Bewie of Copperas Cove and Mueller of Abilene in 1900-1903. These traveling pastors came now then and it was not always on a Sunday. When the preacher showed up, the families left their work in the fields and gathered in homes to worship. Later they worshiped in the Cocharan School House, which was located 3 miles west of Winters. This occasional-type worship of God just "didn't feel right", these pioneers desired their own church building and their own pastor!

In the fall of 1903, these Lutherans chose a committee made up of Fritz Armbrecht, Fritz Bredemeyer, and George Onken to obtain donations for a "German Church Building." This committee received \$400 and a lot donated by Walter Murray. This was sufficient to build a simple 24-foot by 36-foot wooden-type building because the labor was donated. This building was dedicated as St. John's Church October of 1904 with the Rev. G. Langner officiating, but on November 6, 1904, the Rev. P. Gogolin conducted the organizational meeting, which made this date the beginning of St. John's Lutheran Church. The Charter Members were: F. Andrae, F. Armbrecht, H. Armbrecht, F. Bredemeyer, Carl Ernst, C.F. Ernst, Otto Gans, Ed Gerhart, F. Gerhart, R. Gottschalk, J.D. Grewe, Fritz Heckler, W. Kiefer, Carl Meyer, H. Minzenmayer, Wm. Minzenmayer, George Onken, Gus Pruser, F. Ramsel, Wilhelm Redner, F. Voelker, and Carl Vogler. After its organization, the church still did not have a resident pastor, so services were usually held only once a month.

The Rev. W.F. Hertel came in September of 1905 which called for the adding of one room to the side of the Church for a parsonage. He received a salary of \$300 a year. He conducted services every second Sunday because he had to serve families at Norwood,

First Lutherans in Winters

The Official Texas Historical Marker Inscription reads:

Fritz Armbrecht, accompanied by his friend August Spill, Sr., was reportedly the first Lutherans to arrive in this area. The men came from Comal County in the 1880's and bought property, bringing their families in 1890. Armbrecht's land included the present site of the City of Winters. In 1892 he sold 100 acres for the city center and later donated two acres for use as a cemetery. As more Lutheran families arrived, the time was right to organize a church. The Mission Board of the Texas Synod of the Lutheran Church sent missionaries to lead services held in homes and schools. Families dedicated a sanctuary in the downtown Winters area in October 1904 and formally organized on November 6 of that year as St. John's Lutheran Church. Members learned the railroad line would run adjacent to their property when it arrived in 1909, so they built a new sanctuary on the west side of town. Facilities have expanded over the years and include the present sanctuary, constructed in 1930. The congregation grew, and its members participated actively in Winters' development and social activities. Many parishioners operated local businesses, and others entertained the community with their musical talents. Although church members served in the U.S. armed forces, local anti-German sentiment during the First World War led to the congregation minimizing its services, which were held in German; relations slowly mended following the war. During the Second World War, congregation members maintained their visible and patriotic role in support of U.S. involvement overseas. St. John's members continue to serve their local and global communities. The church remains a spiritual home for many in the Winters area.

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Brownwood, and Miles. He left after only one year due to poor health. In 1907, the Rev. G. Czerkus came with his family, which caused the congregation to add a second room to the parsonage.

In 1909, the Abilene Southern Railway Company planned a route through Winters that would come "too near the church". The church members were afraid that the train noises would interfere with services as well as frighten the horses outside. So they decided to move to the western edge of town. The town property was traded for enough materials to build a 36-foot by 46-foot wooden structure and a five-room parsonage. When Pastor Czerkus' wife died, he left Winters, and St. John's was out of a pastor. In 1912, the Rev. J. Woerth accepted the call and arrived on August 4, 1912 to serve the Winters and the Roscoe, Texas congregations. He stayed only one year, due to his wife's poor health. In 1914, the Rev. Eugene Meier was the next preacher. He not only acted as pastor, but was the choir director. In April of 1917, the United States declared war against Germany. This caused problems for these German-speaking Americans living in the Winters area. A law was passed that "The German language could not be spoken if you were a loyal American." St. John's Church services were conducted in the German language; the members were breaking the law. When Pastor Meier preached on Sunday mornings, he broke the law, so he was forced from the parsonage by local townspeople and threatened with tar and feathers. Now the Lutheran congregation was so frightened by this act, church services were

discontinued through 1918 and beyond. The pastor and his family left Winters just as soon as their new baby could travel. The pastor left without his pay. The members only went to town when it was absolutely necessary and always in a group.

These Lutherans were loyal Americans, not Germans in America! Nine of the young men from the congregation served in the military, seven returned home. It was difficult for these people to be accepted in the community because of suspicions caused

by the war. After the war, only 37 voting members and their children were attending worship. They called the Rev. E.O. Baach, who was a young bachelor. He arrived in July and married one of the local members, Alma Turk, by December. By 1920, there was such growth that the church needed enlarging by 1923. Pastor Baach left Winters in 1924. This "bachelor" now "family man" had three children. In February of 1924, the Rev. H.C. Wehnmeyer came to serve St. John's.

The congregation continued to grow as the year progressed. St. John's had outgrown its church building; so plans for a new building were in the "thinking" stage. A committee was appointed to collect money and pledges with a rule:

No building would begin until all money was guaranteed. Pledges of \$15,041 were made with \$700 collected in cash. Pastor Wehnmeyer left in March of 1929, and the congregation started tearing down the old church building in April so that the lumber could be used. When the Rev. H. Schliesser came in May, everything was ready to begin construction of the new church. The Presbyterian Church was vacant at that time, and it was offered to the members for worship. They had the new church finished in nine months. The new 35-foot by 82-foot church with basement and balcony that would hold 400 worshippers was dedicated on February 2, 1930. This was also the 25th Anniversary of St. John's. At that time, the Church had 210 communicant members.

The "Great Depression" was hurting the nation, but these frugal people just kept on praying and saving. They did have a debt of \$2,000 due to

upgrading the building. It took several years to pay off this debt. In July of 1930, English services were started, but German services continued until 1946. Pastor Schliesser remained until February of 1934. In May of 1934, the Rev. C.N. Roth became their new pastor. He came with his bride, Elnor. Pastor Roth endeared himself to the people of Winters. He was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department, and band director at Winters High School for three years when their band director was drafted during WWII.

Many soldiers and their sweethearts found their way to St. John's to be married by this kindly preacher while his wife played the wedding march on the piano. He changed the looks of the church grounds and the school grounds by planting shrubs and trees. He even designed and supervised the building of the beautiful story and a half brick parsonage (all for less than \$4,000). In February of 1940, the Lutheran Standard published an article entitled "A Jewel in a Landscape" that described this beautiful semi-Gothic structure with Jacobi art glass windows. At St. John's 40th Anniversary, Pastor Gogolin who was at St. John's at its organization meeting returned to speak to the congregation.

When Pastor Roth was elected president of the Texas District of the American Lutheran Church, he left the congregation, and the Rev. L. D. Braun came from Roscoe, Texas and served from 1946 until 1954. The Rev. H.K. Flathmann accepted the call in 1954. The community of Winters finally accepted these people with a German heritage and realized they were honest, hard-working people.

The Ladies Aid served many banquets for the Lion's Club and school functions. Pastor Henry Flathmann was at St. John's until 1962, the Rev. A.W. Holck came and served until 1966. He was followed by the Rev. Walter C. Probst, Sr.

After seven years, he retired from the ministry. Then the Rev. Melvin Swoyer came in 1973 and stayed until 1977. Pastor Mel Swoyer and his wife, Gaile, also endeared themselves to the community. Gaile started a pre-school that met once a week that invited the community to attend, and they did. This pre-school continued for over 20 years.

From the St. John's congregation, came five young men and women who went into the ministry. Walter Thormeyer was the first young man from St. John's to enter the ministry. He died after serving a congregation in Waller, Texas for several years. St. John's lost the Rev. A.R. Wolber who served the congregation from 1977-1979. The other young men who made ministers from St. John's were Joe Kraatz, John Jackson, and Larry Henrichs who continue to serve congregations

throughout the United States.

Virginia Spill Flathmann with her husband the Rev. A. Flathmann spent 20 years in New Guinea. They returned to the states, and both served various churches in Texas before their retirement. When St. John's celebrated its 75th anniversary, Pastor Larry Keene was serving St. John's. He was fascinated with the farmers and their big equipment — so they taught him to plow. The Rev. Stephen Byrne followed and was voted as Rural Minister of the Year. He started writing a weekly article in The Winters Enterprise called "From a Goldfish Bowl." It was during his tenure that a video was made about St. John's. The Rev. James Hanson was next and begin his service September 1, 1991.

St. John's celebrated its 90th anniversary with a two-day celebration, complete with a pageant depicting St. John's history. The Rev. Hanson left after Easter of 2000 for retirement. An interim pastor, Arthur Goetz, came and stayed two years before the Rev. Glenn Dittmer accepted the call and begin serving August 11, 2002. A committee was formed to compile a hard-back 148 page book of St. John's History, complete with pictures and stories of the pioneer families who started St. John's and the people who stayed and worshipped. The committee included Frances Bredemeyer, Mary Beth and Will Ahrens, Rhonda and Mike Neal, Theresa Gerhart and Elsie Belk.

During the tenure of Rev. Glenn Dittmer's service, the Celebration of St. John's Lutheran Church 100th anniversary and the dedication of the Official Texas Historical Marker were celebrated. December 4, 2005 was the date for the Official Texas Historical Marker dedication at the marker site at 3 p.m. in the afternoon. The Anniversary Committee lead by Frances Bredemeyer gave the introduction. Genevieve Spill gave the welcome and Rev. Glenn Dittmer gave the blessing of the marker and the closing prayer.

The Rev. Glenn Dittmer served until March 19, 2006. He was followed by the Rev. JoAnne Swehosky who begin serving September 23, 2007. She served until March 7, 2010. St. John's Lutheran was associated with the Iowa Synod until October 28, 2010 when it changed to the LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ). The Rev. Ansel Wenzel came to St. John's Feb. 1, 2011 and is currently serving as St. John's pastor.

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Please submit your proposal of services and statement of qualifications for these proposed services, per the proposal format available at City Hall, 310 South Main Street, Winters, Texas 79567, addressed to the City Secretary, City of Winters 310 South Main Street, Winters, Texas 79567.

The Contract Administrator must receive proposals no later than Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. to be considered. The Contract Administrator reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102.

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1	4377	The County of Runnels, Texas v W.N. Sellers et al	All of Lots 13 and 14, Block 5, Southside Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas, SAVE & EXCEPT a 60' by 80' tract, more or less, out of the North Part of said Lots, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 195, Page 529, SAVE & EXCEPT Vol. 250, Page 294, Deed Records), Account #R000012863
2	4390	The County of Runnels, Texas v Vincent James Goodman AKA Vincent Goodman AKA Vincent Goodman	Lot 14, Block 5, Quality Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 196, Page 650 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas), Account #R000012677/R000021338
3	4414	The County of Runnels, Texas v Dominga Manley et al	Lots 9 and 10, Block 57, Original Townsite of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 387, Page 329 and Vol. 434, Page 295, Deed Records), 706 Davis Street, Ballinger, Account #R000009161
4	4414	The County of Runnels, Texas v Dominga Manley et al	Lot 8, Block 57, Original Townsite of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 547, Page 584, Deed Records), Account #R000009160
5	4433	The County of Runnels, Texas v Julia Lujano et al	Lot 8, Block 7, Dale West Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas, located at 507 W. Quannah, Winters, Texas (Volume 95, Page 445 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas), Account #R000012179/R000021262
6	4436	The County of Runnels, Texas v Luther Herridge et al	the North 49' of the East 1/2 of Lot 2, Block D, Murray East End Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas located at 311 Fannin, Winters, Texas (Vol. 258, Page 434, Official Public Records), Account #R000022346
7	4437	The County of Runnels, Texas v Albert R. Pearce et al	Lot 7, Block 10, Woodward Heights Addition to the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas and a Manufactured Home, Label #DL50065237, Serial Number 902833, 1969 New Moon, 12' X 50', located at 904 N. 19th St., Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 568, Page 53 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas), Account #R000010458
8	4438	The County of Runnels, Texas v Christina Gonzales	Lot 15, Block 5, Quality Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 615, Page 126 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas), 706 West Alexander St., Winters, Texas 79567-4204, Account #R000012678
9	4439	The County of Runnels, Texas v Kari Leann Carreon	the West 1/2 of Lot 26, Block 40, Robinson 1st Addition to the City of Miles, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 259, Page 146), Account #R000021030/R000011141
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10	4459	The County of Runnels, Texas v Yvonne Thomas et al	Lot 11, Block 3, Sunlawm Addition, City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 55, Page 495 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas and Vol. 592, Page 32 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas), Account #R000013126
11	4470	The County of Runnels, Texas v F & S Petroleum, LLC	SCHWERTNER C.J (WELL 3) (200-013815); OPR: F & S PETROLEUM, LLC.; INTEREST: 0.750000000-W. EAKIN, J.J SURVEY A-141 ACRES-0.000 (Vol. 350, Page 182 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas), Account #N000003715
12	4470	The County of Runnels, Texas v F & S Petroleum, LLC	GOTTSCALK D #2 (200-014383); OPR: F & S PETROLEUM, LLC.; INTEREST: 0.750000000-W. AUSTIN & WILLIAMS SURVEY A-1 ACRES-0.000 (Vol. 350, Page 187 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas), Account #N000003735
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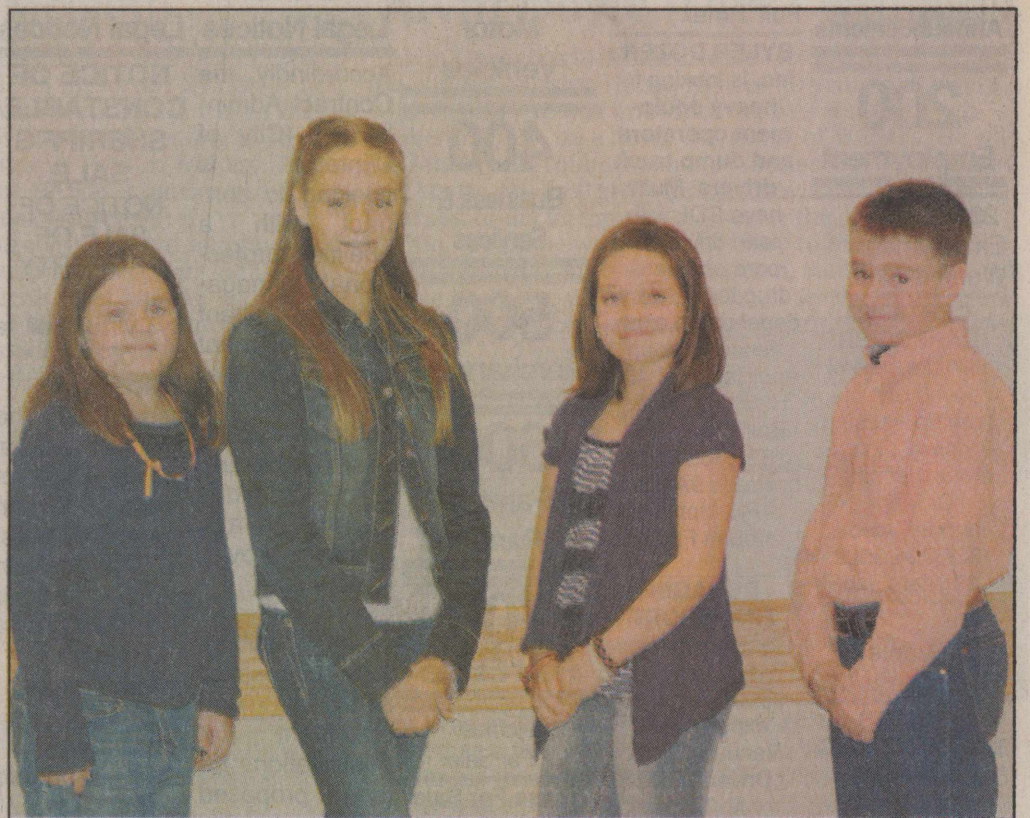
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