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## Council approves police car, city election details

By FLOYD INGRAM  
Winters Enterprise Editor

Winters needs new police vehicles, but will settle for a used one. The Winters City Council voted to allow Winters Police Chief Nathan Johnson to spend up to \$14,000 on a used cruiser and trade in two old 2003 Impalas. "I've tried to be a good steward of the city's money and have ser-

vised and maintained what I've got the best I could," Johnson told the board Monday night. "I am keenly aware of the financial situation the city faces, but we could end up putting good money in bad vehicles." Johnson gave the board seven options on what they might do from purchasing new vehicles to maintaining the current fleet.

On a motion by Councilman Rene Woffenden and a second by Rick Dry, the council gave Johnson the authority to buy a used police car and get two of the older vehicles off the city inventory. "I don't need high speed pursuit vehicles," said Johnson. "I need good, solid, reliable transportation. I have detractors that say we don't do enough traffic patrol, but

the way I work, we don't need those high powered cars," Johnson added. "And we don't beat up your cars." The city's last vehicles were purchased with grant money and Johnson said he had been unable to locate a grant this year. Johnson did point out he got a 3 percent loan for the purchase from a local bank.

The council agreed the police department needed new vehicles. "Those police cars are a lot like fire trucks," said Woffenden in making his motion. "They need to start up, run right and go where you want them to go." In other business: The board was approached by

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## Input sought at Natural Resource Conservation meeting

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Runnels County Soil and Water Conservation District invite the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues to participate in a Local Work Group meeting to be held at Ballinger Community Center in Ballinger.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive input from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs in Runnels County.

The meeting will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3.

Input received will allow the local work group to make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed for county-based funding.

These recommendations will be used in implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other conservation programs offered by NRCS.

The 2008 Farm Bill stipulates that conservation programs must continue to be locally led. Through stakeholder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities.

These meetings are open to the public.

For more information, call the USDA Service Center office in Ballinger at 325-365-3415.

Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov).



## Drilling day and night

Ringo Drilling LLP has erected a rig in the 1000 block of Novice Road north of Winters. The spud date or, date drilling started, was just before Christmas and the rig continues to turn this week. The rig is just across the street from a residential neighborhood that has benefitted from the petroleum exploration.

## Deadline to register to vote in primary is 5 p.m. Monday

By FLOYD INGRAM  
Winters Enterprise Editor

In Runnels County, 16 people have filed for election to eight local offices, but you won't have a say in any of it if you aren't registered to vote.

Texas Secretary of State Esperanza "Hope" Andrade and Runnels County officials are reminding Texans that Feb. 1 is the deadline to register to vote in the 2010 Primary Elections.

"Registering to vote is easy," said Andrade. "Texans may find a voter registration application at their county elections offices, some post offices and libraries, or online at: [www.votexas.org](http://www.votexas.org)."

Locally, Runnels County voters can pick up voter registration cards at the Runnels County Courthouse, Winters City Hall or Ballinger City Hall.

Individuals may also check online to determine if they are registered or update their registration information if they have moved throughout the state. Any changes to a voter's existing registration should be made by Feb. 1 to be applicable to the Primary

Elections this March.

"Voting is an important part of being a Texan and my office is committed to ensuring that every eligible voter understands their rights and can have confidence in the integrity of our elections process," said Andrade. "As we move forward into the New Year, I hope that my fellow Texans will join me in participating in this great democratic process."

**Locally, Runnels County voters can pick up voter registration cards at the Runnels County Courthouse, Winters City Hall or Ballinger City Hall.**

For further information or to request an application to vote early by mail, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 365-2720.

Sixteen people have filed to formally file Jan. 4 with their respective party chairs for a spot on primary election ballots in March.

Seven of those people filed for the post of Runnels County Judge. Three have filed for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2.

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## Countywide fundraiser set for Trent's Retreat

By FLOYD INGRAM  
Winters Enterprise Editor

Trent Ueckert was the best this county had to offer, but cancer took him at an early age.

Now businesses and individuals across Runnels County are being asked to offer their best in a fundraiser to help build Trent's Retreat this summer between Ballinger and Winters.

"One day our typically healthy 13-year-old son Trent was practicing junior high football and within a week, he was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of childhood cancer called intra-abdominal desmoplastic small round cell tumor," said Misty Ueckert, Trent's mother. "Trent was a fun-loving teenag-

er whose constant smile and desire to live life to the fullest was an inspiration to all who knew him."

A steak/shrimp dinner and live auction is planned for Feb. 20 at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Rowena to roundup the final dollars necessary to break ground on Trent's Retreat — a place where families undergoing the rigors of cancer treatment can go to rest and recuperate.

"Fortunately for us, we had insurance and a supportive community, friends and family that allowed us to concentrate on Trent and our family as well as take some fun weekend get-aways," said Ueckert. "We are thankful for the time we were able to spend together during these trips and we want

other families to share this same experience. This is the goal for Trent's Retreat."

The plan is to break ground on Trent's Retreat by June.

The retreat will be a two-bedroom, handicapped accessible cabin on Elm Creek between Ballinger and Winters that will be made available at no charge to pediatric cancer patients and their families.

"We hope to include activities such as a paddleboat, fishing, nature/bicycle trail, hillside slide and miniature golf," said Ueckert. "We want it to be a place for kids, a tranquil get-away for parents and most of all a place for families to

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Like any teenage boy, Trent Ueckert loved football, motorcycles and hanging out with friends. A special fundraiser to help build a cancer rest center in Runnels County in Trent's honor will be held in February.

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**WACC banquet set**

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce (WACC) will host their annual Chamber Banquet March 6 at Winters High School Cafeteria.

The event will feature an athletic speaker and tables are available for families or businesses.

WACC is currently taking nominations for man and woman of the year to be announced at the banquet.

For more information or to reserve a table call 325-754-5210.

**Account set up for DeBerry**

An account for Mildred DeBerry has been set up at The Security State Bank to help Mildred after her home was destroyed by a fire Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010.

Donations can be made to Mildred DeBerry and can be sent to, The Security State Bank, P O Box 156, Winters, TX 79567

Any and all donations will be very much appreciated.

**Foundation dinner is April 20**

The Winters Area Foundation will have its Annual Dinner on Tuesday, April 20, at the Winters Country Club.

This will be the first year for the Foundation to present a scholarship along with other grants.

Please mark your calendar so there will be a minimum number of conflicts with the date.

**Basketball free throw competition**

Ballinger Knight Columbus will sponsor a basketball free throw competition.

Free throw is open to all boys and girls ages 10-14, and age eligibility is determined as of Jan. 1. Proof of age for first time contestants required.

The competition will be held Sunday, Jan. 31 at the Joe Forester Gym at Ballinger High School. The event will begin at 1:30 p.m. with registration and the competition beginning at 2.

Same day registration will be accepted, entry forms will be available at place of competition.

Winning contestants of the local competition will advance to district competition, which will be held after the local competition.

For more information call 365-2476.

**Testing for Census jobs announced**

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting tests to select worker to conduct the census this spring.

The local census organization has been taking job applications and will conduct tests on the following days and times at Winters City Hall.

- Thursday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m.
- Monday, Feb. 1, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 9, 6 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 12, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m.

Tests will be given for workers in the Bronte area at the Robert Lee Library at 706 Austin, Street at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21.

Potential employees are urged to show up on time and bring a form of I.D.

For more information call the U.S. Census Bureau job line at 1-866-861-2010 or Tammy Curry at 365-2371.

**VA rep to assist vets with benefits**

A field representative for the VA Regional Office (VARO) will be located at the Big Spring V.A. Medical Center, to serve area veterans, service members, and their families.

Norm Jones will be at the West Texas Health Care System (WTVHCS) in Big Spring on Mondays and Tuesdays each week, to provide veterans' benefits information and assistance.

Jones will assist veterans with VA disability compensation and VA disability pension claims, vocational rehabilitation and employment claims and information about the full range of VA benefits. Other VA benefits include: education benefits, home loan guaranty, life insurance, burial benefits, survivor's benefits, and CHAMPVA. In addition, Jones will be able to respond to inquiries about pending claims for VA benefits.

Beginning Aug. 3, veterans, service members and their dependents may visit Jones in Room 414 of the West Texas VA Medical Center form 10 a.m. on Mondays and until 2 p.m. on Tuesdays of each week.

Veterans and their dependents may contact the Community Relations Office at the VA Medical Center to inquire about VBA's presence. The Community Relations Office telephone number is (432) 263-7361, ext. 7135, or 1-800-472-1365, ext. 7135. If you have additional questions, please contact Iva Jo Hanslik at the Community Relations Office.

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The Winters Enterprise will gladly run a community announcement for your church, civic club or non-profit organization. Please send a written notice of your event to the Enterprise office at 104 North Main Street or call the Enterprise at (325) 754-4958 at least two weeks prior to your event.

**Atmos ready to help with heating bills**

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

Atmos Energy says aid available to help pay for home heating

Gas company official encourages those who need help to call for assistance

With the recent extremely cold temperatures we have had across much of the United States, Atmos Energy advises its customers that energy assistance funds are available for those who need help paying for home heating.

"Like last winter, this heating season will be challenging for some customers, and Atmos Energy is ready to help connect our customers in need with energy assistance agencies," said John Paris, president of Atmos Energy's Mid-Tex Division. "Some agencies have a new supply of federal or state funds to help people pay their utility bills.

"Fortunately, too, natural gas prices this year are lower than gas prices were last winter," Paris said.

A recent survey by the National Energy Assistance

Director's Association found that the number of households receiving energy assistance funds reached record levels for the second year in a row. The survey showed 8.3 million American households received aid in 2009, up from 6.1 million the previous year.

Congress passed and President Obama signed legislation to provide \$5.1 billion in funds for low-income Americans who need help paying energy bills. This latest funding for the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP) includes \$4.5 billion in formula funds and \$590 million in contingency funds.

Atmos Energy customers can find a local energy assistance agency on the company's Web site at [www.atmosenergy.com](http://www.atmosenergy.com) by clicking on Home Service and on the link for energy assistance agencies. Customers also can call the company's customer contact center for assistance toll-free at 1-888-286-6700.

Because of high winter-call volumes, customers are encouraged to call during afternoon, evening or the weekend.

"Most important, customers who need help should contact one of these energy assistance agencies or call us early, rather than wait until the last minute, if they are having trouble paying their bills," said Jeff Hardgrave, Atmos Energy's vice president of customer service. "Often a payment problem can be resolved easily if a customer calls us early."

Last winter, Atmos Energy referred more than 55,000 customers to community energy assistance agencies, an increase of 48 percent from the previous winter. Atmos Energy customers received more than \$9 million in energy assistance funds last winter.

Atmos Energy, its customers and employees donated more than \$1.2 million in 2009 to help energy assistance agencies through the company's Sharing the Warmth pro-

gram. The funds were distributed to assistance agencies in the givers' local areas.

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**IRS urges Texans to e-file tax return**

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

More than three million Texans were still filing tax returns with paper forms last tax season.

"They are missing out on faster refunds and safer filing options," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas.

In the 20 years it has been available, IRS e-file has processed 800 million tax returns safely and securely. E-file, combined with direct deposit, means a refund in as few as 10 days.

"Your tax return will get handled much faster if you use e-file," Sanford added. "If there is an error on your return, it will be identified quickly and can be corrected right away."

E-file is much more secure than paper forms because there's nothing to expect in the mailbox as refunds can be electronically transferred directly into your checking or savings account. If you owe tax, the

same safety measure applies because there is no need to write a check. The program even allows taxpayers to file early and pay later by scheduling an electronic funds withdrawal to be debited on or before April 15.

Software greatly reduces the chance of making errors when you e-file your return. However, some people just print the computer generated return and mail it to the IRS instead of hitting the "Send" button. Still, by mailing a computer-printed return, taxpayers miss out on some important benefits, like the peace of mind of an official IRS acknowledgment that your return was received for processing.

Virtually everyone can prepare a return and file it for free. For the second year, the IRS and its partners are offering the option of Free File Fillable Forms. Another option is traditional Free File. About 98 million taxpayers - 70 percent of all taxpayers - are eligible for

traditional Free File. Traditional Free File is a service offered by software companies and the IRS in partnership to provide free tax preparation software and free filing.

E-file is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from the convenience of your own home. For more information about e-file, visit [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) and click on the blue e-file icon.

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**Respiratory Diseases**

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**Respiratory Infections**

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**Preventing Infections**

1. Take care of yourself every day, drink plenty of fluids, eat a nutritious well-balanced diet, sleep 7 to 8 hours every night, and learn to conserve energy.
2. Stay away from people who have colds and flu (if at all possible).
3. Take special precautions with your personal hygiene by using good handwashing techniques.
4. Ask you physician about flu and pneumonia vaccines.
5. Keep a positive attitude for a good winter.

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**Log for Jan. 28, 2010**

- Horton, Bradley W., 21, BPD, Purchase/make alcohol available
  - Cabrera, Tony Jr., 39, BPD, DWI w/ child under 15
  - Galen, Melissa, 38, RSCO, Possession Marijuana
  - Floyd, Robert R., 24, Coleman, Forgery X2, Theft by Check
  - Kelly, Alex M., 20, RSCO, Theft
  - Coon, Todd A., 37, RSCO, Sent 12 days on Possession of Marijuana
  - Rodriguez, Victor G., 20, Coke, Parole Violation
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# Old age is all about mind over matter

Keeping mind, soul and body together is a worthy lifetime goal.

A challenge in advancing years is to ignore age, when possible. (Love that welcome sign in Florida: "where mid-life begins at 70.")

To frame the moment, a few nights ago I was immersed in TV political analysis. A "talking head" described Martha Coakley's futile senatorial campaign: "I wouldn't call it a Hindenburg campaign or a Titanic campaign. It was more of a Hindenburg-crashing-into-the-Titanic campaign." Since the next light moment on the station might have been hours away, I decided to channel surf.

Next was a smiling Bob Barker. This 87-year-old host of The Price is Right set an American TV daytime game show record with his 35-year run.

A TV personality for more than 50 years, Barker "changed gears" in 2007 when he left the show in favor of writing and other pursuits.

An animal rights champion, Barker was on TV to promote his autobiography, Priceless Memories. "My body is still a deadly weapon," he joked. "In fact, it is killing me."

I pondered the importance of persevering.

Recalled were other notables choosing to wear out instead of rust out. Beloved Art Linkletter, now 97, continues to amuse and amaze. (Married to Lois for a Hollywood record of 75 years, he has chosen "high roads" despite much personal heartbreak. The Linkletters have lost three of their five children to death, two of them violently.)

And what about Mickey Rooney? In show business since age four, he turns 90 this fall and continues movie, stage and commercial appearances.

His marriage record varies greatly from Linkletter's, however; Mickey's been "hitched" eight times.

Two longtime friends, Dr. Robert Smith and businessman Al Lock, came to mind.

Dr. Smith, 85, was in pastoral ministry for 35 years before a 26-year stint teaching Bible at the collegiate level.

"He's flunked retirement three times," laughed Ethelyn, his wife of 62 years.

She is now a "team-teacher" with her hubby who is "holding his own" with macular degeneration. Ethelyn, "designated driver" for several years, has been more than a "right hand" along the way. She's a lifelong pianist, and in the years of Robert's failing eyesight has held up sermon and class cue cards, plus assisted with reading and grading.

He's been teaching an Old Testament class in retirement for several years, and this was the plan for the current spring semester at Howard Payne University.

However, his current teaching assignment has doubled. A class load of students signed up for "The Smiths and New Testament," even though it wasn't on the printed schedule. What to do? The Smiths are pulling a "double shift." (My wife and our three daughters were in Dr. Smith's classes, and all of them gave him an "A-plus.")

For the past several years, the Smiths have "team-taught" a Sunday school

class where 50 or so adults show up each week.

A Fort Worth entrepreneur, Lock, 82, continues to work full time at his office furniture business. He and Druena, his wife of 56 years, also have farming and ranching interests.

The Lock family has loved skiing for some 40 years. The couple still makes multiple ski trips annually. Next month they'll be in Park City, UT for their 27th consecutive year. For many years, Al was a familiar figure on the black diamond runs. (Druena put away her ski gear five years ago and now favors shopping.)

A while back, Lock underwent a thorough physical examination, laughing that he "had every test except waterboarding."

Such long, vibrant lives bring to mind the inimitable Dr. May Owen, who practiced pathology for some 70 years and was the first woman president of the Texas Medical Association in 1960.

She never took time to learn to drive a car, never married and lived some 60 years as a permanent guest in Fort Worth hotels. In later years, she lodged in the "honeymoon suite" of a neighborhood hotel, often joking that she "finally had two rooms." She practiced medicine throughout life, and was working in the lab on the day before her death at age 96 in 1988.

Though Dr. Owen never sought fame, it found its way to her. She inspired thousands of people, showing them how to serve and how to live.

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author in the Metroplex. Send inquiries and comments to newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Web site: www.speakerdoc.com.



**DON NEWBURY**  
TEXAS COLUMNIST

### Letters to the Editor

#### Thank you Olfen trustees

Dear Editor,  
January is school board appreciation month and we would like to thank our Board of Trustees for their continuing service to the school district.

Our Board Members work long and hard to make Olfen School an excellent place for children. Their tireless enthusiasm and hours of volunteer service have not gone unnoticed.

The Olfen Board consists of President Neal Niehues, Vice President JB Fuchs, Secretary Ethel Fuchs, Trustee Cornell Hoelscher,

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**David Velky**  
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#### Run your current car longer

Dear Editor,  
Many Americans with so called "clunkers" have considered the purchase of a new car, but the cost in today's economic climate may be prohibitive. The Engine Repower Council suggests that keeping your current vehicle running efficiently is a sensible alternative that can save big money in the long run.

Edmonds.com reports that the average car loan payment is \$479 per month over a four-year period. For the cost of an average down payment on a new car or truck, you can repower your vehicle's worn out engine with a remanufactured/rebuilt engine. Considering that nearly \$23,000 can be saved by skipping car loan payments

for the life of a four-year loan, installing a remanufactured/rebuilt engine is clearly a very sound and cost effective investment.

With repowering, a vehicle's engine or an identical one from another like-vehicle, is completely disassembled, cleaned, machined and remanufactured/rebuilt. Unlike used or junkyard engines with an unknown performance and maintenance history, remanufactured/rebuilt engines are dependable, reliable and backed by excellent warranty programs.

In addition to its financial benefits, remanufactured/rebuilt engines also save the tremendous amount of energy used in processing discarded engines and vehicles. It also saves an incredible amount of raw materials that would have been used in building a new engine.

To learn more about the benefits of installing a remanufactured/rebuilt engine, visit the Engine Repower Council's Website at www.enginepower.org.

**Dave Wooldridge,**  
Chairman Engine  
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Runnels County News

Retired teachers to meet

Runnels County Retired School Employees (Runnels County Retired Teachers) will meet in Winters, at 2 p.m., Feb. 1 at the First United Methodist Church.

Prior to the meeting, books will be given to the kindergarten classes in Winters as part of the Texas Retired Teachers Association Book Project.

Members will present books to each student and read to their classes. Members who want to take part in this need to meet at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger at 12:30 p.m. to carpool to the Winters Elementary School. For more information contact Mary Etta Kvapil.

Fort Worth Stock Show

The Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo is known year-after-year for staying true to the rich tradition and history of the western lifestyle.

Stock Show Goes Pink, Boy Scouts Day and Senior Citizens Day underscore week two of the Show, Jan. 25-31. The Cowboy Publishing Timed Event Challenge, "World's Original Indoor Rodeo" and various livestock shows, events and sales highlight this week of the Show. The WinStar Rodeo Roadhouse, unique daily shopping and various restaurants will also be in continual service for Show patrons.

The 114th edition of the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo runs through Feb. 7. Tickets can be purchased at the Stock Show Ticket Office or by calling 817-877-2420.

For more information on the Fort Worth Stock Show call 817-877-2400.

Meals on Wheels seeks volunteers

Meals on Wheels volunteers are needed for the Ballinger and Rowena area.

Meals on Wheels has several routes in Ballinger and an opening for the Rowena route on Friday. Most deliveries take less than an hour.

If you would like to volunteer please call 365-5027 between 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Home delivered meals are a much needed source of nutrition for our homebound and elderly.

Churches, Sunday School classes, clubs, civic groups and schools are urged to apply.

Hale Museum Resource Center

The Z.I. Hale Museum is in the process of establishing a Resource Center for local history buffs and genealogy seekers.

A separate room has been set aside containing a microfilm reader and films of early editions of The Winters Enterprise.

Information relative to the beginning of Runnels County, the naming and establishment of Winters and surrounding towns, cemetery records, obituaries, school and military records and varied other resources will be available.

The late Charlsie Poe, a Runnels County author and historian, has left much of her research and pictures to the museum and these are also included.

If you have a family genealogy records you would like to contribute, they will be preserved.

The Museum is open each Saturday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m., and the museum is located at 242 West Dale in downtown Winters.

Special openings can be arranged by contacting the Museum at 325-754-2036 or Chairman Wanda Brewer at 325-754-5313.

Masonic Lodge No. 643

The Masonic Lodge will hold a stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at 500 Broadway in Ballinger. For more information call 365-3202. The Masonic Lodge does not meet on Monday holidays.

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The Winters Enterprise will gladly run a community announcement for your church, civic club or non-profit organization. Please send a written notice of your event to the Enterprise office at 104 North Main Street or call the Enterprise at (325) 754-4958 at least two weeks prior to your event.

RCHC visits Paint Rock's pictographs

By BETTY THOMASON  
RCHC Reporter

It is one of the most historic and mysterious spots in Texas and it's in our own backyard.

One of the largest groups of Indian pictographs in Texas can be seen on limestone bluffs located on Kay and Fred Campbell's ranch, a few miles north of Paint Rock.

The drawings, primitive and crude, depict mostly symbols and geometric designs, but some represent people and animals. The site has been in the Campbell family since 1870. Some of the pictographs remain as much a mystery today as they did when the whiteman first glimpsed them.

On Saturday Jan. 9, eight members and one guest of the Runnels County Historical Commission enjoyed the Painted Rocks excursion. After presenting an informative history about the Indian artwork, Kay Campbell led the group to see the pictographs on limestone bluffs that overlooks an Indian hunting ground.

The drawings are thought to be up to 500 years old and some even older.

A short distance to the south of the site is the Concho River, which served as an important water source for the Indians. Most of the drawings are thought to have been drawn by nomadic Indians, but some Indians did stay for longer periods as evidenced by some ceremonial remnants that can be seen.

The color red, derived from oxides of iron, dominates in the drawings. White, black and yellow also appear as pictographs on the bluffs.

Graffiti defaced some of

the rocks and dates back to the 1800s. Now, Kay and Fred Campbell guard the site against vandals.

Comanches, Jumnos, Lipans, Tonkawas, Apaches and others left their mark at the painted rocks. It is not known why this spot was selected for these paintings, but several discoveries and observations over the years helped to solve a few of the mysteries.

One symbol, in particular, seen on the rocks depicts a shield.

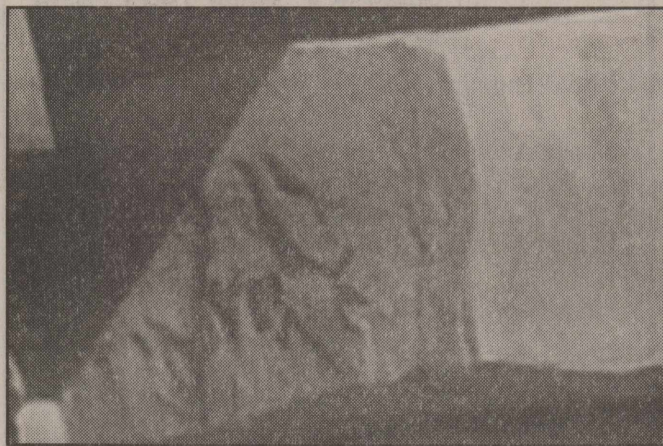
According to a brochure, on Dec. 21, 1996, a sun dagger of light was observed pointing to the center of this painting. Apparently, certain tribes celebrated the winter solstice when the ray of sunshine formed the "Sun Dagger" in the center of the drawing.

Another solar marker appears diagonally over one of the illustrations of a walking figure at each Equinox. It is thought to show an Indian ascending into the "Happy Hunting Grounds."

On June 21, 1998, Dr. Bob Robbins discovered lines of light pointing to the drawing of a turtle within a circle creating a summer solstice marker.

The morning of the RCHC tour started out at 17 degrees, but after a lunch at the Country Corner near Paint Rock the group was able to make the trip over to the painted rocks and enjoy the 50 degree weather on the warm, sunny side of the bluffs.

Next RCHC meeting will be March 13 with the time and place to be announced later. All meetings are open to the public.



A solar marker appears diagonally across the the figure at each Equinox. It is believed to show ascension of spirit to "Happy Hunting Grounds."



Each year at winter solace, Dec 21, a dagger-like ray of sunshine will point to the center of the shield. This pictograph at Paint Rock is appropriately named the "Sun Dagger."



Some figures were painted upside down indicating death. A bear track pictograph shown with robed and unrobed hourglass figures within the track.

Community Events

Texas Tech seeks subjects for Alzheimer's research

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Does someone you love suffer from Alzheimer's disease? Researchers at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center are seeking volunteers, age 50 years or older, who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, Mild Cognitive Impairment as well as individuals without memory problems to participate in the Texas Alzheimer's Research Consortium.

The research, which is a

part of the Texas Alzheimer's Research Consortium, is necessary to try to identify genetic and blood markers associated with Alzheimer's disease.

Sid O'Bryant, Ph.D., director of Rural Health research for the F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health, and assistant professor in the Department of Neurology, said it is exciting to be only one of five institutions in the state involved in the consor-

tium, but most importantly to contribute to the possible research that will find answers to Alzheimer's disease.

"Some of the nation's top Alzheimer's researchers, from our institution and the four other member institutions of the Texas Alzheimer's Research Consortium, will use participant's genetic and blood data to help answer research questions about onset, triggers and progression of Alzheimer's

disease," O'Bryant said.

Other member institutions of the Consortium are Baylor College of Medicine, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, University of North Texas Health Science Center, and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

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- Saintly glows
- May honorees
- down (frisks)
- Geneva's river
- Cast-of-thousands
- Oodles
- "It \_\_\_ been something I ate!"
- iPod selection
- Like reds or whites, say
- Rifle ejection
- Card player's cry
- Baja buck
- It's golden, in a saying
- Boxing champ dethroned by Braddock
- Kit \_\_\_ (candy brand)
- Cleveland hoopster, for short
- Key near the space bar
- Trident prongs
- Duck that's not a duck
- Features of bare-shoulder dresses
- Clean kind of energy
- \_\_\_ voice (quietly)
- \_\_\_ time (course slot)
- Phantom portrayer Herbert
- Museum-funding org.
- Mystery author John Dickson
- Transylvania's land
- Expected outcome
- NYSE debut
- Vigorous effort, while-lengthening
- Half-length dress
- Bit of birdbath gunk

**DOWN**

- Word before race or buildup
- "No way, José!"
- Potpourri bit
- Half a rack
- Circus horn-blowers
- Prefix with tarsal or physical
- Big work
- Revealing skirts
- Like many postcard photos
- Handle clumsily
- Set straight
- Common mixer
- "Funny Girl" composer Jule
- TV reporter Roberts
- "It'd be my pleasure"
- "Did you \_\_\_?"
- Low man in the choir
- Brand for Fido
- Sugar bowl raiders
- Grand \_\_\_
- (Wyoming peak)
- Sovereign's seat
- Webmaster's creation
- Twin-hulled boat
- Letters near "O" on a phone
- River of Flanders
- Big bash
- Berle sidekick Arnold \_\_\_
- Alyssa of "Who's the Boss?"
- Put together
- LeAnn of country
- Dizzying designs
- Nerve, in slang
- More talented
- Black and white predators
- Big brute
- Rolls of bills
- G's, in a C major scale
- "Legally Blonde" role
- Negative stat for a QB

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 Sugar Hunter  
 Micah Hutton  
 Matt Jacob  
 Cheyenne Johnson  
 Evelyn King  
 Natalie Lara  
 Querstin Lara  
 Alex Llanas  
 Mara Mostad  
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 Jacob Reyes  
 Marc Sanchez  
 Lorena Sarzosa  
 Logan Schneider  
 Megan Tarr  
 Jelcie Tubbs  
 Avery Wheat  
 Zachary Wheat  
 Adam Winn

**Second Grade**  
**Primary Grade Parade**  
 Mason Abernathie  
 Alexis Briley  
 Karlee Busher  
 Fabian Cabrera  
 Tara Campos  
 Chris Castillo  
 Christopher Craig  
 Gabriel Delacruz  
 Logan Donica  
 HuSkylar Lee  
 Briana Luera  
 Marco Luevano  
 Domylic Lujano  
 Tiffany Martinez  
 Isabella McMahan  
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Christian Ornelaz  
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 Miguel Rodriguez  
 Miranda Rodriguez  
 Ethan Sanchez  
 Jose Sanchez  
 Rico Sanchez  
 Brandon Sanders  
 Megan Smith  
 Makayla Speir  
 Santiago Trevino  
 Maggie Youngter Duggan  
 Felipe Erazo  
 Keagan Esquivel  
 Danyel Franco  
 Esmeralda Gallegos  
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 Cody Johnson  
 Joseph Johnson  
 Richard Landin  
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 Miguel Rodriguez  
 Miranda Rodriguez  
 Ethan Sanchez  
 Jose Sanchez  
 Rico Sanchez  
 Brandon Sanders  
 Megan Smith  
 Makayla Speir  
 Santiago Trevino  
 Maggie Young

**Third Grade**  
**"A" Honor Roll**  
 Brittany Blackshear  
 Chris Correa  
 Emily Espino  
 Priscilla Espino  
 Audie Goodwin  
 Logan Guerin  
 Holly Hutton  
 Gage McFadin  
 Alexis Silva  
 Jenessa Wade  
**"A-B" Honor Roll**  
 Xavier Barron  
 Logan Cook  
 Kassie Escobar  
 Kasandra Esquivel  
 Keith Fields  
 Taylor Gray  
 Zack Joeris  
 Slater Lindley  
 Haiyle Santoya Majalca  
 Omar Martinez  
 Orlando Ochoa  
 Patrick Reyes  
 Shiyann Reyna  
 Celeste Sanchez  
 Michaela Sanchez  
 Yvette Reyna  
 Summer Schneider

**Fourth Grade**  
**"A" Honor Roll**  
 Brooklynn Anderson  
 Joey Garcia  
 Aimee Green  
 Bronte Hermesmeyer  
 Megan Jacob  
 Brenna Knight  
**"A-B" Honor Roll**  
 Hunter Dennington  
 Jaylissa Diaz  
 Mason Donica  
 Hyla Forder  
 Macey Gerhart  
 Shelby Gray  
 Baily Knight  
 Brandon L'Abbe  
 Coya Martinez  
 Pete Ochoa  
 Caleb Ornelaz  
 Alia Renfro  
 Kelsey Riddle  
 Alyna Rodriguez

Zachary Rodriguez  
**"B" Honor Roll**  
 Jace Young  
**Fifth Grade**  
**"A" Honor Roll**  
 Grace Bryan  
 K'Lee Lindley  
 Kamri Soto  
**"A-B" Honor Roll**  
 Tia Campos  
 Ashlyn Collins  
 Jaeggar Collins  
 Micah Drake  
 Brooklyn Galloway  
 Justine Garcia  
 Mason Johnson  
 MacGuire Kruse  
 Scott Lange  
 Aaron Smith  
 Chase Towe  
 Samuel Woodall

**Sixth Grade**  
**"A" Honor Roll**  
 Bailee Busher  
 Brady Calcote  
 Joshua Coffman  
 Sierra Ellis  
 Daniel Gerhart  
 Daniel Hutton  
 Jonathan Sandoval  
**"A-B" Honor Roll**  
 Michael Chavis  
 Cameron Cooper  
 Chelsea Gray  
 Brendon Mikeska  
 Bailey Pierce  
 Samuel Reyes

**Winters Junior High**  
**Seventh Grade**  
**"A" Honor Roll**  
 William E. Bredemeyer  
 Jacob H. Brock  
 David L. Hutton  
 Rodolfo Lara  
 Christian D. Tamez  
**"A-B" Honor Roll**  
 Kimble R. Bridgeman  
 Daniel T. Cortez  
 Ashley K. Guy  
 Jordan C. Hamrick  
 Taylor J. Hooper  
 Gabriela Jimenez  
 Lukas M. Kraatz  
 Adreanna M. Lopez  
 Magally A. Mendoza  
 Raquel Nunez  
 Gabrianna M. Pena  
 Jennifer M. Rios  
 Victoria L. Sanchez  
 David B. Torres  
 Brandi N. Wright  
 Casey L. Wright

**Eighth Grade**  
**"A" Honor Roll**  
 Melissa K. Calcote  
 Christopher A. Gerhart  
 Kara L. Heathcott  
 Corey J. Pritchard  
**"A-B" Honor Roll**  
 Ty D. Black  
 Lauren T. Bredemeyer  
 Destiny J. Chavis  
 Alanna L. Cooper  
 Daniel N. Diaz  
 Stormy R. Diaz  
 Kalyn R. Drake  
 Cheyenne R. Ellis  
 Austen C. Green  
 Kara L. Kraatz  
 Jonathon S. Salas  
 Teren P. Shandor  
 Sadie R. Smith  
 Hannah E. Weaver

**Winters High School**  
**Ninth Grade**  
**"A" Honor Roll**  
 Jordan L. Busher  
 McKenzie F. Hooper

Hannah C. Johnson  
**"A-B" Honor Roll**  
 Gaudencio J. Espino  
 Berenice L. Garcia  
 William L. Gibbs  
 Brittany N. Gray  
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 Allison K. Horton  
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 Bryce J. Mikeska  
 Sabrina R. Oswalt  
 Alicia N. Reyes  
 John W. Rose  
 Graciela Soto  
 Hannah K. Wade  
 Randa D. Watson

**Tenth Grade**  
**"A" Honor Roll**  
 Andy L. Garcia  
 Caitlin J. Kurtz  
 Camille J. Kurtz  
 Sarah B. Lara  
 Archibald D. Mills  
 Harrison Q. Roberts  
 Cristian Sandoval  
 Agapito C. Tamez  
**"A-B" Honor Roll**  
 Cannon W. Bryan  
 Rebecca C. Coffman  
 Strait C. Daniel  
 Roman R. Delacruz  
 Fabian R. Esquivel  
 Hannah L. Franklin  
 Nikolas O. Kraatz  
 Michelle A. Kruse  
 Fernando A. Perez  
 Sara M. Perez  
 Riley D. Ripley  
 Angelica L. Taylor  
 Jace M. Thoma  
 Allie C. Towe  
 Hailey R. Wilson

**Eleventh Grade**  
**"A" Honor Roll**  
 Jose E. Llanas  
 Devin W. Martinez  
 Dustin S. Oswalt  
 Cody E. Riddle  
 Alexandra J. Slimp  
 Deven W. Towe  
**"A-B" Honor Roll**  
 Kelton S. Bredemeyer  
 Clint W. Bryan  
 Shelby K. Gehrels  
 Abby D. Guy  
 Wesley S. Hagle  
 Jonathan J. Herrera  
 Kimberly A. Jackson  
 Haley J. Kaczynk  
 Dillion W. Lindley  
 Bibiana A. Mendoza  
 Estavan R. Nava

**Twelfth Grade**  
**"A" Honor Roll**  
 Kathleen E. Mills  
 Armando Tamez  
 Joby A. Winfrey  
**"A-B" Honor Roll**  
 Hayden W. Bergman  
 Justin E. Childers  
 Tana C. Gibbs  
 Jeffery A. Henderson  
 Jacinto F. Hernandez  
 James L. Hoyle  
 Kevin W. Jackson  
 Marlandy D. Luna  
 Braden J. Mikeska  
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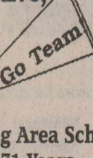
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 Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Choice of Milk.  
**Wednesday**  
 Sausage on a Stick, Juice, Choice of Milk.  
**Thursday**  
 Biscuit, Sausage, Juice, Choice of Milk.  
**Friday**  
 Sausage Roll, Juice, Choice of Milk.

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 Scrambled Eggs or Breakfast Pocket, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.  
**Tuesday**  
 Cereal or Breakfast Taco, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Choice of Milk.  
**Wednesday**  
 Pancake w/Ham or Breakfast Pizza, Toast W. Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.  
**Thursday**  
 Biscuit w/Gravy Sausage or Cereal, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.  
**Friday**  
 Breakfast Burrito or Cinnamon Roll w/Ham, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

**WINTERS ISD MENU**  
 Note: At lunch all students have to take a minimum of 3 items and a maximum of 5 items. Entree has to be one of the items.  
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 Chicken Sticks w/Gravy or Peanut Butter Sandwich, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Apple Wedges, Sugar Cookie, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.  
**Tuesday**  
 Spaghetti w/Cheese Stick or Chicken Nuggets, Baked Potatoes, Cookies Carrots, Tossed Salad, Rosy Salad, Rosy Pears, Pudding, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.  
**Wednesday**  
 Frito Pie or Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Colelaw, Fruit Salad, Combread, Bread Pudding, Choice of Milk.  
**Thursday**  
 Turkey/Gravy/Rice or Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Broccoli w/Cheese, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.  
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**WISD mentors program**

Winters Elementary will be starting is mentor program and needs volunteers who are interested in coming to school once a week for about an hour and helping a student with whatever is needed. The district needs mentors for several students. "The commitment could be as little as 30 minutes a week or as much as you wish," said Charles Murphy, WISD Counselor. "We will try to tailor it to your free time as much as possible. If you are interested please

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go by the administration office and fill out the necessary paperwork, which does include a background check. For more detailed information please call Murphy at 325-754-5577 ext 126.

**WISD Gifted & Talented**  
 Nominations are being accepted for the Winters Elementary Gifted/Talented program, Kindergarten only. If you believe your child might benefit from a gifted/talented program, we welcome your nomination. Nomination and parent-

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permission-for-testing forms may be obtained at the Elementary Principal's office during normal working hours. All forms must be completed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by Jan. 29.

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**Winters Civic News**

**AA Meetings**

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, at 117 West Dale Street. As always, all meetings are confidential and everyone remains anonymous. For more information call 754-5839 or 325-315-6564.

**Ministerial Alliance**

Winters Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month at 9 a.m. at Samaritans House on the corner of E. Dale and Grant.

**Chamber of Commerce**

Chamber of Commerce meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month, at 100 West Dale Street.

**City Council Meetings**

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. last Monday of the month at 310 North Main. The council has a regularly scheduled meeting slated for Feb. 22. All city council meetings are open to the public, but speakers must register with the city secretary prior to the meeting. Persons seeking to be placed on the agenda must contact the city in advance.

**School Board Meetings**

Winters ISD School Board meets at 6:30 p.m. every second Monday of the month at 603 Heights Street. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Feb. 8. All school board meetings are open to the public, but speakers must register with the WISD secretary prior to the meeting.

**Hospital Board Meetings**

The North Runnels Hospital Board meet at 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month. Their next regular meeting is Feb. 15. All NRHB meetings are open to the public, but speakers must register with the hospital secretary prior to the meeting.

**Literary Service Club Meetings**

Literary Service Club meets at 6 p.m. third Monday of the month. Their next regular meeting is Feb. 15.

**WISD Athletic Report**

**Junior High Basketball Results**  
**7th Grade Girls:**  
 (Coach Villarreal)  
 Winters 8, 20, 28, 36 = 36  
 Bronte 4, 6, 11, 11 = 11  
 Nina Mooney 18 pts,  
 Casey Wright 8 pts

**JH Boys**  
 (Coach Bates and Spivey)  
 This is Monday the Breezes hosted the rival Bronte Shorthorns. The 7th grade boys got some revenge this time with a slashing of the Shorthorns with a score of 38-17.

The Breezes were lead by Jimmy John Ripley scoring 12 points and 6 steals. The Breezes improve to 6-2 in district play. The 8th boys put up a fight to the tough Shorthorn team, but came up just short with a 34-31 loss. Corey Pritchard lead the Breezes with 14 points and 7 rebounds, Christopher Gerhart had 12 points in the loss. That was the Breezes first loss in district. The Breezes will be in action this coming Monday the 25th, in Wall with the first game beginning at 5:30 and the second game following after. Be there and be loud to support your Breezes on to victory!

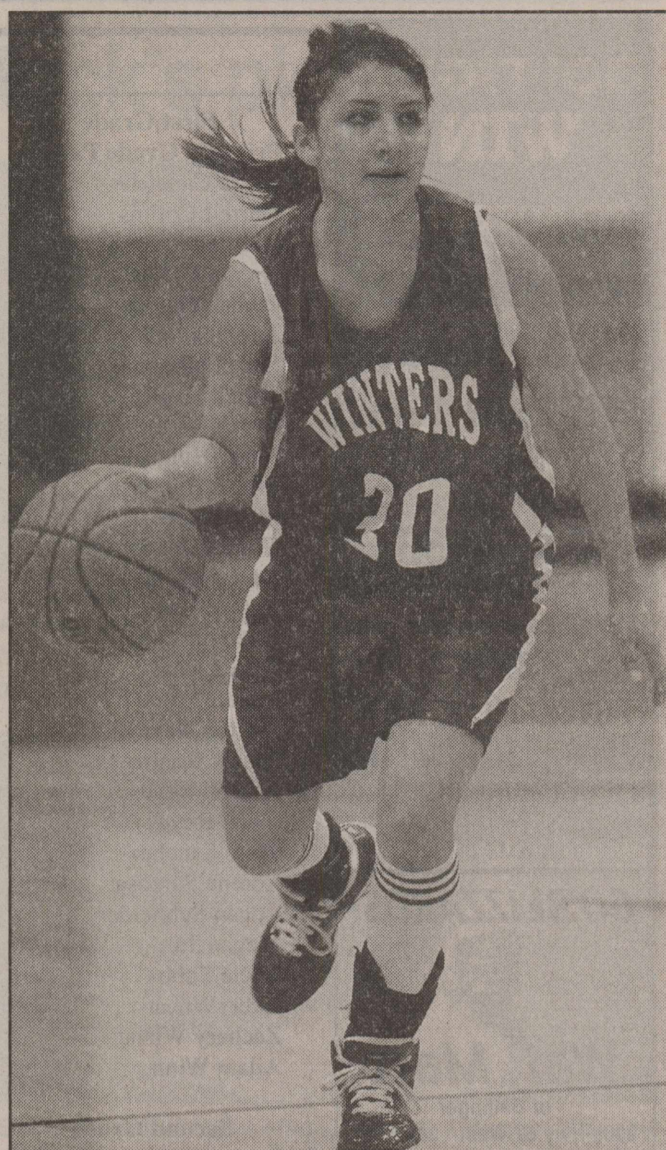
**8th Grade Girls**  
 (Coach Airhart)  
**Winters 21 Bronte 18**  
 This game was very rewarding for the coaches as well as the players. It remained close the entire game. The final minutes saw the Lady Breezes down by 3. They continued to work hard and with the help of free throws were able to take the win.  
 Leading scorers:  
 Sadie Smith - 9  
 Tamron Tamez - 5  
 Winters 8th "A" Jan. 11

Winters 18 Eula 20  
 The Lady Breezes played well and were able to execute their offense. The Lady Breezes led until the 3rd quarter when Eula outscored us 9-5 to take the lead. The biggest difference here was that the Winters team were assessed 10 fouls to the opponents 2.

**High School Basketball JV Girls**  
 (Coach Venekamp)  
 No game materials were available at press time.

**JV Boys**  
 (Coach Livingston)  
 The JV Boys took on the Eula Pirates this past Tuesday at Blizzard gymnasium. After a hard fought game, the Blizzards came up a little short. C.J. Johnson was the leading scorer with 8 points. The Blizzards will continue their season on Tuesday against Roscoe at 5 pm in Blizzard gym. We will travel to Bronte on Friday to take on the Longhorns. This game is set for 5 p.m. as well.

**Varsity Girls**  
 (Coach Motheral)  
 On Tuesday, January 19th, the Lady Blizzards played one of the best games of the season against Eula who is undefeated in district. It was an exciting night where the kids played with intensity and the crowd followed suit with constant excitement and support for the girls. The Lady Blizzards lost 49-61, but consider this to be a big turning point in their season as they realized how intensity and teamwork really pay off. Bianca Carrillo led the way with 15 points, all from 3 pointers in the second quarter. Abby Guy contributed 13 and Allie Yates



Winters Lady Blizzard sophomore Sara Perez comes up the floor in recent hoop action.

had 11.  
 On Friday, January 22nd, the Lady Blizzards lost to Baird 26-36. LeeAnn Taylor had 12.

**Varsity Boys**  
 (Coach McGuire)  
**Winters 57 Eula 62**  
 Leading Scores: Cristian Sandoval 16, Devin Martinez 14, AJ Tamez 11  
 Leading Rebounders: Hayden Bergman 8, Braden Mikeska 6

**Winters 58 Baird 18**  
 Leading Scorers: Devin Martinez 14, Riley Ripley 13, Braden Mikeska 10  
 Record 13-11, 3-3 District

**District 11 A Standings**  
 Eula 6-0  
 Bronte 5-1  
 Albany 4-2  
 Winters 3-3  
 Roscoe 2-4  
 Cross Plains 1-5  
 Baird 0-6

**DPS warns parents:**

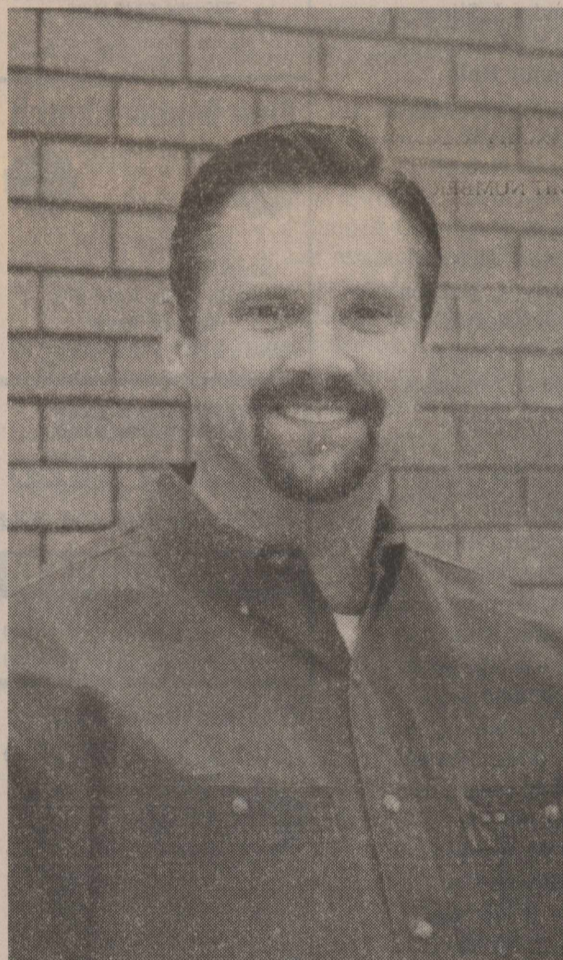
**Mexican cartels and gangs recruiting in Texas schools**

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

The Texas Department of Public Safety is warning parents across the state to be aware of efforts by Mexican cartels and transnational gangs to recruit Texas youth in our schools and communities. These violent organizations are luring teens with the prospect of cars, money and notoriety, promising them if they get caught, they will receive a minimal sentence. The Mexican cartels constantly seek new ways to smuggle drugs and humans into Texas are now using state based gangs and our youth to support their operations on both sides of the border. For example, Laredo natives Gabriel Cardona and Rosalio Reta were recruited in

their teens to be hit men for the Zetas. The Zetas, composed primarily of former Mexican military commandos, originally served as the enforcement arm of the Gulf Cartel, but have since become their own cartel. El Paso teens have been recruited to smuggle drugs across the border, many with the packs taped to their bodies. While such recruitment is growing across Texas, juveniles along the Texas-Mexico border are particularly susceptible. In 2008, young people from the counties along the Texas-Mexico border accounted for just 9 percent of the population in Texas, but 18 percent of the felony drug charges and gang-related arrests.

"As these dangerous organizations seek to co-opt our children to support their criminal operations, it is more important than ever that parents be aware of these risks, talk to their children and pay attention to any signs that they may have become involved in illegal activities," said Steven C. McCraw, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety. To protect our communities and our children from these powerful and ruthless criminal organizations, local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and the District Attorneys in Texas border counties are working together to detect, disrupt and deter Mexican cartel-related crime along the Texas-Mexico border.



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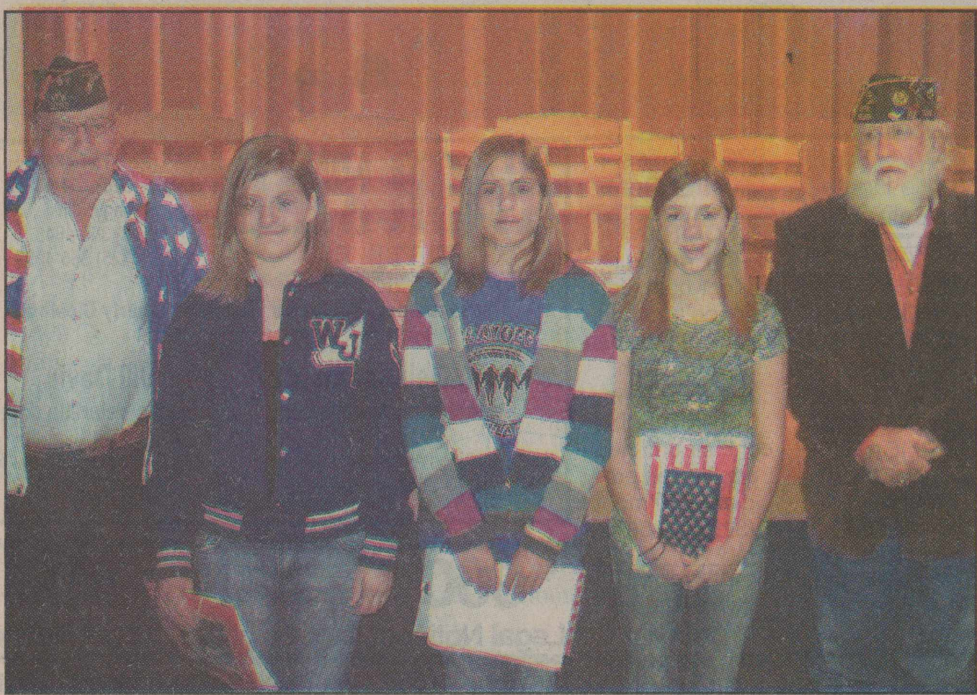
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### VFW Patriot's Pen Top 3

Winters VFW Patriot's Pen Essay top three winners and Winters VFW Patriot's Pen contest administrators are R. C. Kurtz, from left, Brandi Wright, Lauren Bredemeyer, Missy Calcote and Pete Gray.

## City

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Robert Aguilar, of the U.S. Census Bureau, who pointed out the city of Winters and Runnels County have fared well from federal dollars allocated using 2000 Census numbers.

"Runnels County received \$37 million in federal dollars in 2008," Aguilar said. "Roughly \$3 million was for crop disaster programs, \$526,000 was for school lunches and approximately \$8.9 million was spent on highway programs"

Aguilar also pointed out both state and federal representation was based on U.S. Census numbers.

"April 1 is rapidly approaching and we want to make sure everyone is

counted," said Aguilar. "We are asking 10 questions, the census requires 10 minutes to take and it will last for 10 years."

The board accepted the fiscal year 2008-09 audit report.

"I'm pretty well satisfied," said Mayor Dawson McGuffin.

"It looks good to me," said Councilman Rick Dry, who then made the motion to accept the audit.

In a series of votes the council also set up the regular procedure to hold city elections this spring.

The council voted to hold city elections on Saturday, May 8.

Up for election this spring are the unexpired term of former Alderman Bob Shields and the regular election of Place 2 Councilman Chris Bahlman, Place 4

Councilman Brenda Clough and Place 5 Councilman Dry.

The city voted to enter a joint election agreement with Winters ISD and North Runnels Hospital District, who will also be electing trustees this spring.

The city also named Wanda Brewer as election judge. Brewer will be paid \$20 an hour to conduct the election and election clerks will be paid \$10 an hour.

The city voted to tear out a speed bump on State Street.

The city rezoned property around Dollar General on Main Street from Single Family 1 residential to Commercial 1 property. The council also agreed to give Dollar General a quit-claim deed for a lane next to the property so the business can expand.

## Vote

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Offices of Commissioner Precinct 2, Commissioner Precinct 4, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Treasurer and Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 are uncontested with only one person formally filing at this time.

Write-in-candidates can still file for a spot on the ballot.

Candidates who have formally filed to run as a Democrat or Republican are:

- County Judge**
  - Raymond Anderson, of Ballinger has filed as a Democrat.
  - Mark Baird, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.
  - Clay Bullock, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.
  - Janna Knight Foster, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.
  - Barry Hilliard, of the Norton area has filed as a Republican.
  - Nathan T. Johnson, of Winters has filed as a Republican.
  - Elizabeth O'Conner, of

Ballinger has filed as a Republican.

**Commissioner Precinct 2**

- Ronald Presley, of Winters has filed as a Republican.

**Commissioner Precinct 4**

- Richard W. Strube, of Rowena has filed as a Republican.

**District Clerk**

- Tammy Burselson, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.

**County Clerk**

- Elesa Ocker, of Winters has filed as a Republican.

**County Treasurer**

- Ann M. Strube, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.

**Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1**

- Glenda Wood, of Ballinger has filed as a Republican.

**Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2**

- Richard Hamilton, of Winters has filed as a Republican.

**County Clerk**

- Louise Summers, of Wingate has filed as a Democrat.

**County Treasurer**

- Joyce Weems, of Winters has filed as a Democrat.

County party primary elections will be held March 2, and the General Election is the first Tuesday in

November. Candidates had from Dec. 3 to Jan. 4 to formally file papers with the county and state.

State law requires a candidate to appoint a campaign treasurer before accepting or expending campaign contributions.

For more information about local election filing procedures or to request a candidates packet, contact the Runnels County Clerk's Office at 365-2720.

While Runnels County Clerk Elesa Ocker is charged by the county with the mechanics of the election and can answer most voting questions, she is not the final authority on election policy and procedure.

Questions regarding reporting procedures, contributions or expenditures of any candidate or political action committee can be directed to the Texas Ethics Commission at 1-800-325-8506. Questions regarding election law can be directed to the Secretary of State at 1-800-252-8683.

For more voting information, visit: [www.votexas.org](http://www.votexas.org) or call the Secretary of State's voter hotline at 1-800-252-VOTE (8683).

## Trent

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spend quality time together."

All of which are the focus of the fundraiser dinner and auction in February.

There are several ways to help.

"We would appreciate your donation of an auction item and your attendance at our steak and shrimp dinner and auction," said Ueckert. "Volunteers will build Trent's Retreat and we are asking for donations of labor, materials, landscaping, furnishings, fixtures, linens and activity/entertainment items."

Diane Michalewicz at 718-9395 or Jodie Kalina at 895-1581 with auction item donations and they will be happy to pick it up. Items may also be dropped off at Main Street Soda Fountain at 701 Hutchins in Ballinger.

Trent's Retreat is a 501c3 non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible.

For more information about Trent's Retreat go to [www.trentsretreat.org](http://www.trentsretreat.org).

To make a donation call Ueckert at 325-718-9340 or contact any Trent's Retreat board member.

The Board of Directors for Trent's Retreat is made

up of Misty Ueckert, David Ueckert, Suzann Riley, Rodney Gordon, Dr. Scott Flanagan, Kristen Studer, Debbie Gordon and Rebecca Ueckert.

"You never dream that your child will be diagnosed with cancer," said Ueckert. "It is unimaginable, but it happens to many families every day. It is a horrible disease that took our precious son and left a hole in our hearts that can never be filled."

"So many families have helped us during and after Trent's illness," she added. "We want to help other families who are hurting. Please join us in making the dream of Trent's Retreat a reality."

## Rowena book benefit is Sunday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The history of Rowena and the community that makes up this town west of Ballinger will be presented at a benefit luncheon at 1 p.m. Jan. 31, at the S.P.J.S.T Hall in Rowena.

Author Art Mavrode and Pat Vancil are writing a book about Rowena and they need the community's help in gathering stories and financing the publication of their book.

In the new book the storyteller is anonymous, but represents the pride of many of the present day residents of Rowena.

Biscuits (Rev. Monte Jones) will also be preaching at Zoar Community Church during its morning worship service which begins at 9 a.m.

Attendees are urged to RSVP at 325-234-8545 so organizers can obtain a food count.

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The 2010 Runnels County Ag Seniors had Ag projects in the Runnels County Livestock Show and enjoyed it at the end of Saturday's event. Show on, from left to right: Justin Hansen, Shigen Hsu, Jeffrey Henderson, Shigen Hsu, Chelsea Zapata, Jocelyn Weisrock and Sarah Estess. Back row from left to right: R. J. Amos, Garrett Heard, Colby Pittard, Guyman Richards and Kelly Murray.



Senior Showmanship



Junior Showmanship

2010 Runnels County Livestock Show Senior Showmanship winners were City Kiffin, Tori Payne, Kristina Steffy and Cleoanna Holliman. 2010 Runnels County Livestock Show Junior Showmanship winners were Rusty Fischer, Casey Dyer, Jessica Kaino, Sarah Weid and Merril Kaino.

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