



The Winters Brewers secured one of the two places to participate in the 9U State tournament to be held next week in Eastland, Texas.

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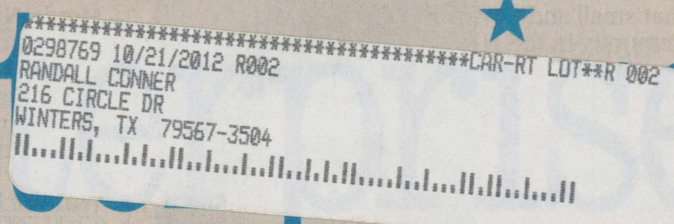


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# The Winters Enterprise



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## Early voting starts on July 23

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WINTERS- Early voting by personal appearance for the July 31, 2012 Democratic and Republican primary runoff election will be conducted July 23 through July 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the County Clerk's Office at the Courthouse in Ballinger.

Any qualified voter is eligible to vote early in person. Voters are reminded to please bring their voter registration card when voting. Sample ballots are available at the County Clerk's Office in Ballinger and at the Tax Branch Office in Winters.

No local elections will be held in the July 31 runoff in Runnels County. The election in Runnels County will be only for state and federal officials.

For the Republican Party Ted Cruz and David Dewhurst will be facing off looking to be elected the GOP's candidate to the U.S. Senate.

Warren Chisum and Christi Craddock are running for Railroad Commissioner, while Barry Sitherman and Greg Parker are running for the unexpired Railroad Commissioner term.

The last Republican runoff election on the July 31 ballot is the Justice of the Supreme Court, Place 4, between David Medina and John Devine.

The Democratic Party runoff will have only one election on the ballot. Paul Sadler and Grady Yarbrough face off for the opportunity to run against either David Dewhurst or Ted Cruz, in November. The candidate voted in the November election will succeed Kay Bailey Hutchison, who has been a Senator since 1993 and is no longer looking for re-election.

Voters can also submit an application to vote by mail. To be eligible to vote by mail a voter must expect to be absent from the county of residency on election day and during the regular hours for early voting by personal appearance; requirements also include being disabled, being 65 years of age or older on election day; or to be confined in jail but eligible to vote.

The last day to receive an application to vote by mail is July 24, 2012.

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

## Two businesses burglarized in Winters

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ WINTERS ENTERPRISE

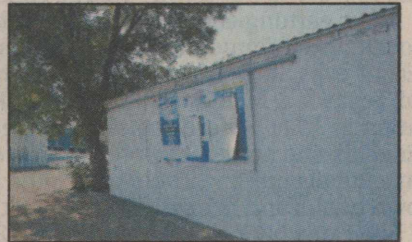
WINTERS- The Winters City Police is investigating two separate burglaries occurring last week at the baseball field and the other one at the dollar store. On Wednesday night or early Thursday morning unknown subjects burglarized the concession stand at the baseball fields.

According to the Winters Police investigation the burglars took only snacks and drinks from that place. This was the third incident reported to the Winters Police Department at

that place. There was no arrest made at press time, but the Police Department had some leads and it was investigating the case.

The other burglary incident also occurred between the night hours of Wednesday, July 11, and Thursday, July 12, 2012. The Dollar General store, located on Main Street reported an attempted burglary.

Unknown subjects caused damages to the main entrance breaking one of the glasses of the front door. According to the Police Department the store was not broken into, and apparently



PHOTOS: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Unknown subjects burglarized the Dollar General store and the concession stand at the baseball fields in Winters last week.

nothing was missing. The City Police has identified three suspects and is investigating.

According to Sergeant Juan Parra it is believed that this

incidents are not related, and two separate groups are responsible for each one of them. The cases are pending and the Police is investigating.



## Winters FFA students attend State Convention

The 84th Annual Texas FFA Convention was held this past week at the city by the bay, Corpus Christi. Winters FFA was proudly represented by 10 local members; Hannah Franklin, Michelle Kruse, Jordan Busher, Daisy Martinez, Shelly Soto, Jaymee Pritchard, Brenna Edwards, Bryce Mikeska, Corey Pritchard, and Ethan Bredemeyer.

Traveling in from all across the state were over 10,000 FFA members dressed in their blue corduroy jackets. The week was filled with concerts, speaking competitions, talent shows, guess speakers, state officer elections, award presentations, and a convention dance. It was a great week for students to participate in leadership development, community relations, and social outreach. Opening session keynote speaker Chad Hymas left the entire stadium with moist eyes and an inspiration to live life with a new found purpose. Special thanks go out to Mr. Rocky and Sammy Edwards for helping out with this year's trip!

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## Reaching out local history

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Celebrating the Historical Week, recently designated by the Commissioners Court, the Runnels County Historical Commission will be sharing the local history and heritage with local clubs, associations and organizations.

The Runnels County Historical Commission met last Saturday, July 14, 2012 at a restaurant in Winters.

Surveyor Maxey Sheppard presented the program about the evolution of surveying, passing from a crew going on foot and carrying a chain to the current GPS technology.

Sheppard also presented the history of surveying in Runnels County and how the land was surveyed after the founding of the county.

Ruth Cooper, Runnels County Historical Commission Chairperson presented the notification of the Distinguished Service Award for 2011, attendance at the Lubbock Workshop, and THC and updates.

Attending members discussed plans to celebrate the Commission's 50th anniversary and plans for the week of August 26-31, 2012 designated by the Commissioners Court as Historical Commission Week.

Ruth Cooper and Diana Rozman volunteered to attend to clubs and associations and make presentations pertaining the history of Runnels County.

Plans are underway at the Historical Commission to start a restoration program in several historical markers in the county.

Ruth Cooper also presented an update of the Great Western Cattle Trail Association meet held in Coleman, Texas, on June 6. Those in attendance were Wanda Brewer, Betty Thomason, Anthony Lange, Randall Conner, and Ruth Cooper.

The next meeting of the Runnels County Historical Commission will be held on September 8, 2012 at a place to be announced.



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Ruth Cooper and Bobbie Campbell listen to the presentation of surveyor Maxey Sheppard.



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Back row left to right are: Agent Ben Jacklin, Jeffrey Swapp, Brady Calcote, Isaiah Romo, Mason Johnson, Chief Nathan Johnson. Front row: Brandon Mikeska, Jonathan Scott, A.J. Smith, Matt Taylor, and not pictured Elaine Schlicking.

## Winters youth takes on 'wilderness challenge'

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WINTERS- Winters youth group Paladin Community Services led by City Chief of Police Nathan Johnson held last week an adventure trip to the Colorado mountains, north of Chama, New Mexico.

The group, comprised of kids ages 13 thru 18 traveled to hold a big adventure on the mountains. Chief Johnson and Agent Ben Jacklin provided hands-on training to the kids on several subjects, including backpacking, hiking, camping, river crossing, climbing and cliff jumping. A total of nine kids participated in this unique experience from July 8 thru 14.

Those participating in the trip were Jeffrey Swapp, Brady Calcote, Isaiah Romo, Mason Johnson, Brandon Mikeska, Jonathan Scott, A.J. Smith, Matt Taylor, and Elaine Schlicking.

Among other challenges the kids climbed up to a



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Chief Nathan Johnson and Winters Lions Club President Sidney Tucker at the Lions Club meeting in Winters.

600 foot water fall and saw places where very few people have ever been, played "push-up poker" and walked on elk and deer trails for several miles.

After they left the mountains, they enjoyed swimming and jumping into the cold water at Navajo Lake. "These kids had the strength and determination to accomplish things that few of their peers will ever do," said Chief Johnson.

On Tuesday, July 17, Chief Johnson made a presentation to the Winters Lions Club, one of the sponsors of Paladin Community Services. After the regular meeting and presentation club members toured the camp site, located north of town, where the group have a climbing tower, rock wall, zip lines, and several other challenges that will help them to develop their skills and improve in their survival abilities.

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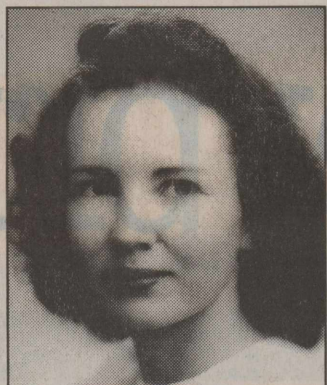
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**FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES**

**Elma Lois Swatchesue**

Elma Lois Swatchesue, 93, of Winters, died Saturday July 14, 2012. She was born July 31, 1918 in Helm's Bend, Tenn., which is close to Carthage, Tenn. She was born to Alvin and Sadie Sullivan, who was prominent farmer and commissioner in that area. Both her parents were active in the Baptist church and almost all of the activities in that small and close knit community in the hills of the beautiful Tennessee valley. She had two brothers, Elbert and Carl Oscar who preceded her in death. Her mother passed away when she was 10 years old and her father remarried several years later. She helped raise her two brothers as well as doing chores on the farm. After walking to school 3-4 miles away, she graduated in 1937 from High School. She then moved to Ashville, North Carolina to work and take care of small children, while trying to earn money for her college education.



After earning enough money to move to Texas, she relocated to Commerce, Texas where she went to school at East Texas State Teachers College, which is now a branch of Texas A & M and is listed in the "Roster". Upon graduation in 1941, where she earned a teachers degree in English, she moved back to Tennessee and taught school in a small country school where the kids had to buy their own books and bring their own sack lunches.

She came back to Texas in late 1942 and then earned her Masters Degree at Commerce. Her mothers sister, Mrs. Lula Belle Leaman, of Winters, Texas had a daughter, Ann, who also attended college in Commerce, so she came back to Winters and started teaching in 1943. Shortly thereafter, she met and married John J. Swatchesue who had just begun farming with his father, John J. Swatchesue, Sr. They were farming on a small farm a mile south of Winters with two old mules and a plow, also raising cows and hogs.

She also worked part time at Camerons Lumber yard and Winn's variety store while they were getting established. Her husband continued farming part time while learning the electrical trade under Mr. George Taft, a local electrician. When the "oil fields" began to open in the late 40's and early 50's, Mr. Swatchesue opened his own business known as Swatchesue Electric and continued this business until his death. Mrs. Swatchesue continued to teach until the mid 60's at which time she retired. She was a very professional teacher while teaching the third grade and most of the local people who went to the Winters Elementary School still remember her as being one of their favorite teacher.

Mrs. Swatchesue has no surviving relatives and only close friends in the local community, which include Jerry and Joan Irvin of both Winters, Texas and Lilburn, Georgia.

There was a grave side service Monday July 16, 2012 in Fairview cemetery with Rev. Jayme Palady officiating directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605.

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**NEWS NOTES**

**Winters Rodeo Association playday**

The Winters Rodeo Association will host their July playday on Saturday, July 21st at the Winters Rodeo Arena. Sign up for events at 5 p.m. and ride at 6 p.m. We do have a concession stand open for your snacks, drinks or meal time needs. Call Melissa Gerhart for more information at (325) 754 5648.

**Movie Night at FUMC**

The First United Methodist Church in Winters will be having a Movie Night on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 starting at 6 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall.

The movie will be "We Bought a Zoo." This is a family movie and all will enjoy.

**Winters Brewers fundraisers**

The 9U Winters Brewers will be playing at the Baseball State Tournament on July 23 thru 27 in Eastland, Texas. The team will be holding a car wash on Saturday July 21, to help with travel expenses. The car wash will be starting at 8 a.m. on the corner U.S. Highway 83 and 153 at Collin's Roustabout and Well Service (across from the Old West T Go at the South end of town).

A barbecue sandwich lunch will be served at the Winters City Park from 11-2. Lunch will include a barbecue sandwich, chips and a drink. You may also purchase a raffle ticket for a \$50 Gas Card from Wheat Energy. Drawing will be held at noon on Saturday July 21. Donations are also being accepted and are greatly appreciated. For additional information you may contact Coach Louie Esquivel at (325) 365 1003.

**YMCA Fall Football and Cheerleader signups in Winters**

Boys and girls third through sixth grade. Registration and payment: Tuesday, July 31, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Scout Hut. Fees due at time of signups. Deadline is Friday August 3, 2012, season kick-off: September 15, 2012. For questions or forms please contact Ida (325) 669 4521 or Amy (325) 365 0993.

**Veteran's clinic in San Angelo**

Saturday, July 21, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas - San Angelo will be holding a Veteran's Clinic at the Stephens Central Library 33 W. Beauregard, third floor, San Angelo, Texas.

Veteran's can call at (325) 653-6982, ext 7000 for an appointment or walk-in. Appointment recommended.

Attorneys will be available to provide free legal service to income-eligible Veterans on: Bankruptcy, consumer protection, family law, probate law, property law, housing, disability and retirement benefits, discrimination, education, employment, landlord/tenant, health care, juvenile rights, public benefits and entitlements. For more information and to schedule an appointment call (325) 653-6982, ext 7000.

**SPJST annual Youth Achievement Day**

The SPJST District IV will have its annual Youth Achievement Day on Saturday, July 21, 2012 hosted by the SPJST Lodge 49 in Rowena. We are encouraging everyone to come by and see the many projects made by

our young members. This event is open to the public and doors will open to the public at 11 a.m. We will be selling hamburgers for lunch.

**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.

**Bronte 2012 golf calendar**

Bronte Longhorn Golf Club 2012 events: August 4, three-person 27 holes select shot; September 8, two-person 18 holes select shot; September 29 and 30, Coke Co. Tournament two-person 18 holes select shot each day; October 6, two-person 18 holes select shot; November 3, two-person 18 holes shots.

Carts are limited so sign up early if need carts. Bronte Longhorn Golf Club (325) 437-2156.

**Mentors needed**

Winters Elementary School is looking for volunteers to be a mentor on an elementary student. The volunteer would meet with the student once a week during school hours for approximately 30 minutes to help with homework, read a book, or just talk. Mentoring has shown to help build self-esteem, improve grades and in some cases improves test scores. Anyone interested may contact Charles Murphy, Elementary Counselor at 754 5577 ext. 1126.

**Cross Emmaus Community gatherings**

The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held first Thursday of each month at 6 at the United Methodist Church. For more information call (325) 365 2323.

**VFW meetings**

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 meet the second Monday night of each month at 6 p.m. in the Rock Hotel. All eligible veterans of the United States military are invited to attend.

**Band Boosters**

The Band Boosters meet every Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the Band Hall.

**Winters Women's Club**

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Marlene Smith at 754-4961 for additional information.

**AA Meetings**

AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

**Ballinger Al-Anon meetings**

Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

**City Council Meetings**

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

**Hank Williams to be remembered at West Texas Rehab benefit**



Featuring Jake Penrod the "Remembering When" event will be held at the Brownwood Coliseum in Brownwood, Texas.

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**BROWNWOOD-** For anyone wanting a great evening of entertainment and dining, be sure to mark your calendar for the August 4th "Remembering When" event performance of Hank Williams Remembered, starring Jake Penrod at the Brownwood Coliseum in Brownwood, Texas. As a benefit for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

If you are a true country music fan, this is a must see show. Jake Penrod will perform a heartfelt tribute to the music and life story of country music legend, Hank Williams. He presents a full set of Williams' hit songs and lesser-known numbers, along with an insightful first-person narrative. Clad in Hank's unmistakable white suit emblazoned with musical notes, Jake manipulates his voice to bear a striking resemblance to Williams' very distinct vocal stylings.

Penrod's resume includes a stint

as "Hank" in the Off-Broadway production of Lost Highway and has recently been on RFD-TV's TruCountry. He has performed in concerts with many well-known country stars, including Country Music Hall of Fame celebrity Ray Price, who said "Jake is as close to Hank as he's ever seen". Price should know because Hank actually lived with him for several months.

Jake's interest in Hank Williams began when he was around 8 years old and saw a TV commercial for a Williams' record. "It was just something different that got my attention" said Penrod. "Of course, my parents thought I was weird. That was around 1992 or 1993 when George Strait and Garth Brooks are huge and I'm listening to Hank Williams. My dad bought me a guitar when I was 10 and the first songs I tried to sing were Hank songs. I started emulating his style and ended up sounding like him."

It's not simply Williams' physical

and vocal mannerisms that Penrod attempts to emulate on stage, but the emotion and humanity felt by those who appreciate the journey Hank went through...personally and musically.

For more information call (325) 660-8338 or email mcloud@wtrc.com. General Admission tickets may also be purchased in Brownwood at Wendlee Broadcasting, KOXE or the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce, and in Abilene at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

The West Texas Rehabilitation Center is a well-known non-profit organization formed in 1953 which is dedicated to providing outpatient rehabilitative care to more than 500 children and adults each day, regardless of a patient's financial circumstance. Proceeds from events such as "Remembering When" support services which are aimed at improving the quality of life of all those served by the Rehab Center.

**Rural Electric Co-Ops to receive loan guarantees**

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT**

**TEMPLE-** Rural electric cooperatives and utilities in 15 states will receive loan guarantees to make improvements to generation and transmission facilities and implement smart grid technologies.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that "Maintaining and upgrading rural electric systems creates jobs and supports economic development. These loans I am announcing today will have a lasting impact on the rural landscape for generations to come. They will help ensure that rural areas can retain existing businesses, support new ones and have reliable, up-to-date infrastructure."

With this funding, USDA Rural Development moves closer to reaching Secretary Vilsack's goal to fund more than \$250 million for

smart grid technologies. The announcement includes support for more than \$10 million in smart grid technologies, which help utilities make efficiency improvements to the electric grid and help consumers lower their electric bills by reducing energy use in homes and businesses.

In Texas, Houston County Electric Cooperative was awarded almost \$9 million in funding through this announcement. Funds will be used to build and improve 421 miles of distribution line and make other system improvements, serving 2,000 customers. The loan includes \$670,000 in smart grid projects.

"Electric cooperatives provide a vital service to rural Texas communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director. "USDA Rural Development is pleased to assist Houston County Electric Cooperative, Inc., to improve the efficiency of valuable and reli-

able services to rural homeowners, farms and businesses."

The \$287 million in loan guarantees announced are provided by USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Service (RUS). The funding helps electric utilities upgrade, expand, maintain and replace rural America's electric infrastructure. USDA Rural Development also funds energy conservation and renewable energy projects.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure programs through a national network of state and local offices. Rural Development has an active portfolio of more than \$170 billion in loans and loan guarantees. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural areas.

**Applications for Homebuyer Assistance Program now available**

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT**

**COLEMAN-** Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. announced that applications to participate in the Homebuyer Assistance Program will be available to eligible applicants living in Ballinger and Winters among other locations.

Applications may be obtained and downloaded from CTO's web site at www.ctoinc.org, or may be picked-up from 601 West Pinedale, in Winters, Monday thru Wednesday, or 2302 Commercial Ave., in Coleman, Monday thru Friday.

The application process will begin on July 24, 2012 and end on August 17, 2012. Office hours for each location to receive and/or submit applications are listed above. For additional information, please contact the center that is closest to you. Please note the application deadline for each office is Friday, August 17, 2012.

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide affordable housing assistance and services to low-income families.

The Homebuyer Assistance Program (HBA) offers down payment and closing cost assistance for homebuyers; and rehabilitation for accessibility modifications of single family housing units. To qualify, eligible households must meet 1) specific income guidelines, 2) choose a single family property, 3) complete a homebuyer counseling class, and 4) occupy the assisted property as your primary residence.

For more information on schedules and picking up and application in Coleman please call at (325) 625-4167 or the Winters office at (325) 754-4443.

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HISTORICAL MARKERS AND THEIR HISTORIES IN RUNNELS CO

### The oldest Methodist Church site in the county

CONTRIBUTED BY RUTH COOPER  
RCHC CHAIRPERSON

**WINTERS-** The earliest record of Methodist property was 320 acres located a few miles southeast of Ballinger, Texas. The sale was to the First Methodist Episcopal Church (Northern) of Austin, Texas. The amount of the sale was for \$640. And the deed was dated June 17, 1878.

After several years, no building had been erected so the land was passed into private ownership. Near the town of Walthall, in the same area, a Methodist congregation was organized in 1879 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Hutchinson. Within a few years, the church and town were both memories.

With the organization of Runnels County, the first county seat was located at Runnels City about one-half the distance between Hatchel and Ballinger.

The Methodist organized a congregation in 1883. They met in a parsonage but did not build a church.

The Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad came through the area a few miles to the south and soon most all of Runnels City had moved to the City

of Ballinger.

The Methodist minutes record a Runnels Mission about 1880 in the Comanche District. It is not clear if it was named for Runnels County or Runnels City. The Ballinger Methodist Church was established about 1886. The property was given to them by the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad in 1888.

A Methodist church was established in 1892 at Valley View. It was named Valley Creek Methodist Church. They had purchased the site and the building was torn down by a storm in 1900. Valley View was located on the Bronte and Ballinger Highway.

A German congregation of the Southern Episcopal Church (Northern) acquired lots in Ballinger in 1893. The church was built of native stone. The congregation moved from there and the building was later known as Ballinger's First Fire Station. The building was later dedicated as a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark and is now a private residence just off Highway 67 in Ballinger.

Numerous other congregations were being established in Runnels County during

this time. The Winters Methodist Church began in 1891. The official organization date and election of officers is not known since early records were lost.

According to early settlers, a group of Methodists met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Yeats on a Sunday in August of 1891. The continuation of meetings of Methodist grew from that group.

The general understanding was that organization took place during the pastorate of Rev. George D. Wilson. He served the Ballinger Circuit from November 1890 to November 1891. He was then appointed to the Lampasas Circuit. The assumption was taken that the church was organized by the end of that conference year. The charter roll may have been left open even into 1892 for others to be included.

In 1891, at the conference, a full time appointment of the Ballinger Church was made and the Ballinger Mission was formed. This new charge included Winters and other churches but not Ballinger.

November 22, 1897, the Winters Mission was formed and was later called the Winters Circuit. November 1909, the Winters Methodist Church became a full time charge. In the fall of 1910, the conference was divided and Winters fell into the part named the Central Texas Conference. Other churches that have been on the Winters pastoral charges included: Crews, Wingate, Pumphrey, Norton, Baldwin, Center Point, Valley Creek, Maverick, Bowman, Truitt, Spring Creek, Barnett's Chapel, Fort Chadbourne, Norwood, and Marie.

Wingate was with Winters from early on until November 18, 1901. It became the head of the newly formed Wingate Circuit. They had a parsonage at Wingate. At the June 7, 1963 conference, Wingate was made a part of the extended parish ministry with Winters. The

#### The inscription

**First Methodist Church of Winters**  
Site of the first church building at Winters and oldest Methodist Church site in Runnels County. The congregation was organized in 1891, under George D. Wilson, Pastor. For eight years, they shared the local school building with other denominations. The first church building — a frame structure — was erected on this site in 1899 under the pastorate of John Wesley Bowden, Pioneer Circuit Rider. In 1911 a large tabernacle, also frame, was built near the first church, which was moved to Hatchel in 1912. The tabernacle was unique in that its sides could be opened to receive cool breezes in the summer.

It was used for services until the third church was erected, in 1913. Subsequently, it housed summer revivals and large community gatherings. It also substituted as a sanctuary at necessary times.

The third church — a steeped, red brick building — served for 11 years, until the present brick church was erected at a cost of \$40,000. In 1925 parishioners literally placed \$8,500.50 in cash on a barrelhead one Sunday to retire the church building debt and, incidentally, to act out the familiar saying.

A church building has stood on this corner — and worship has been held here — each Sunday since 1899.

1969

Pumphrey Church was organized under the name of the New Hope Methodist Church on March 17, 1901. The Rev. J.S. Moore, a local preacher whose membership was at Wingate organized the congregation with 21 charter members. It was part of the Winters Circuit until the conference in November when it was put in the newly formed Wingate Circuit. The name was changed to Pumphrey Methodist Church. In 1952, members went either to Winters or Wingate.

The Mazeland Church in the Wilmeth community was never on the Winters Circuit. The Drasco Church was not on the pastoral charge with Winters. June 4, 1961, the church conference of both Winters and Drasco voted unanimously to merge. After the process settled, the property became part of the First United Methodist Church of Winters.

Before the first Winters building, the congregation worshiped in the school house that was shared with other denominations. The deed to the lot where

the First United Methodist Church stands today was drawn up, signed and recorded October 11, 1899. It was one acre on the corner of Church and Parsonage Street.

It was purchased from J.W. (Walter) Murray. The quarterly conference held two months later, December 16, 1899 listed two churches on the circuit. These would be the Winters and Wingate churches. They were built simultaneously. By 1900, another church was underway near Norton. Wingate Church was dedicated September 18, 1901.

Four houses of worship have occupied the same site in Winters and it is at this time the oldest church site continuously occupied by a Methodist Church in Runnels County. All other Methodist buildings erected before 1899 have been removed, disbanded or moved to other locations.

Each building was used until the next was ready. There has not been a Sunday since 1899 when there was not a house of worship on this site and in

use by the congregation as a place of worship.

The second house of worship was a large tabernacle built just south of the first building on the same lot. The tabernacle was built so it could be closed and heated in winter and the sides open for ventilation in the summer.

The original frame building was sold to the Methodist Church at Hatchel and moved there. It was used there for several years.

The tabernacle was used for worship and Sunday School until the next church was built. It was also used for large meetings of various kinds. The third church was built on the corner of the lot in 1913. It was a red brick structure with a tall spire. By 1916, the church was paid in full and the tabernacle was still being used.

In 1922, plans were soon underway to build a more adequate building for the growing congregation. The three story church building occupied the site where the red brick church stood. The tabernacle was used during this time, but was removed after the congregation occupied the new church. The church has an annex that is used for additional class room facilities.

An official Texas Historical Marker was dedicated July 20, 1969 in connection with their homecoming. The historical marker designated the site of the first church located at the corner of Church and Parsonage Street and is the oldest Methodist Church site in Runnels County. This was the 16th Official Texas Historical Marker to be erected in Runnels County by the Runnels County Historical Commission. Approximately one-hundred persons attended the formal dedication ceremonies at the site.

**Resources:**  
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Re: Requests for Bids to enter into an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease (includes all hydrocarbon and non-hydrocarbon substances produced in association herewith) ("Lease") with the Ballinger Independent School District (the "District")

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NO. 6781

**IN COUNTY COURT OF RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS**

**ESTATE OF HERMAN HALLMARK, DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Herman Hallmark, Deceased, were issued on July 16, 2012, in Docket No. 6781, pending in the County Court of Runnels

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9U BASEBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT



The Winters Brewers placed second in the 9U District tournament held in Winters last week, and will be playing at the Baseball State Tournament on July 23 thru 27 in Eastland, Texas.



The Winters Bears, another local team participating in the District tournament held in Winters last week.

ALL PHOTOS BY: JOE GERHART

## It's baseball time in Winters

The 9U Baseball District Tournament was held last week in Winters. Two local teams participated along with other regional squads. The Winters Brewers, under the direction of Louie Esquivel placed second and will be traveling next week to participate in the State Tournament to be held in Eastland, Texas.



Seth Gerhart tags out a player of the Colts during the tournament.



J.P. Killough slides at home to score for the Winters Bears.



Jon Kullen Busher hits the ball at the Bears vs. Colts game.



Safel A player scores in the Brewers vs. Colts game.

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### Blizzards to host parent meeting and physicals

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Blizzards Football team will be unveiling their new look this fall on Friday night August 31 in Mason against the defending state champion Punchers. And while that is still six weeks away, your Blizzards have been working hard to ready themselves for the upcoming season. A tough summer program, a brief Seven on Seven season, and several camps this summer have prepared these Blizzards for a great season this year. The final two weeks of summer workouts are underway and have been a great success for those who were in attendance every day.

Some important dates to mark on your calendar were forwarded over by the coaching staff to make sure all athletes and their parents were aware of some upcoming events. On Thursday, July 26 at 7 p.m. in the classrooms within the new gym there will be a parent meeting for all parents of boys who will be playing football in grades 9-12 this year. All parents are asked to attend this brief meeting about the upcoming season hosted by the coaching staff.

On Thursday August 2 at 6 p.m., also in the new gym, physicals will be available for \$10 for all athletes entering the Seventh, Ninth, and Eleventh grades. Students not entering those grades are not required to get new physicals, however if you are new to athletics or Winters ISD this year your student will need to have a physical and medical history form on file with the district and should plan to attend this event. High School football players will also be checking out equipment after their physicals.

And finally, Monday morning August 6, the high school football team will begin fall camp and two days.

"I am excited about how this summer has gone. As a team we have gotten bigger, stronger, and faster through our summer workouts. The guys that have come in every day are seeing some personal bests in everything we do and can't wait to get this season started. Our parent meeting for all Winters High School football players' parents will be a great time to introduce our staff as well as go over a few things about this upcoming season. I hope that everyone is able to make it as we kick off this exciting new era in Blizzards Football. When Friday nights finally get here in the fall, I can't wait to see all of Winters come early, be loud, and wear BLUE" stated Head Football Coach Adam Bright.